

## Chapter

# 17

## Sentence Improvement

The technique to attempt Sentence Improvement questions is a variation of Spotting errors. In this type of questions a sentence is given with a word or a phrase italicised, underlined or in bold letters. Under this sentence a number of substitutes are given as alternatives. An examinee is required to locate the error and find the correct answer from among the alternatives given. When the alternative has been substituted, the sentence becomes grammatically correct. If no other alternative is required, the answer is 'no improvement'.

However, this kind of questions can be attempted only if a student is comprehensively equipped with the knowledge of common errors, vocabular, correct use of phrases, and overall comprehension of rules of grammar e.g.

1. If *I am* present there now, I would help him.

(a) I was  
(b) I were  
(c) I have been  
(d) no improvement

As the sentence expresses regret for the present situation, subjunctive mood is required to be substituted for the italicised portion. Hence the correct answer is (b).

2. They told me that they *had already sold out* all their belongings.

(a) has sold already  
(b) have already been sold.  
(c) had already sold  
(d) no improvement.

Since the italicised portion requires no improvement, the correct answer is (d).

**Directions :** In the following questions you will find sentences, part of which are italicised. Compare the italicised part of each sentence with the expressions (a), (b) and (c) given below. Choose the expression which is an improvement upon the italicised part. If none of the three expressions improves the sentence, then your answer is (d).

### Revision Exercise (A)

1. I am tired as *I am working* since 7 O' clock in the morning.

(a) I was working  
(b) I had been working  
(c) I have been working  
(d) no improvement

2. *When it was dark* they decided to put at an inn.

(a) put off with  
(b) put up at  
(c) put out in  
(d) no improvement

3. *We should be bound* by a code of conduct, isn't it?

(a) Shouldn't we  
(b) is it  
(c) aren't we  
(d) no improvement

4. A *highly improved* variety of seeds is available to the farmer these days.

(a) are  
(b) will be  
(c) has been  
(d) no improvement

5. The boy *told his teacher* to explain the passage.  
(a) asked his teacher (b) said to his teacher  
(c) invited his teacher (d) no improvement
6. *What struck one most* was their kindness.  
(a) What stroke one most (b) What struck one more  
(c) What stroke one more (d) no improvement
7. You should *avoid to make* such trivial mistakes.  
(a) avoid making (b) avoid to have made  
(c) avoid make (d) no improvement
8. The teacher gave the students some *advice*.  
(a) advices (b) advise  
(c) advises (d) no improvement
9. If you come across my umbrella anywhere, bring it to me, *can you?*  
(a) isn't it (b) don't you  
(c) will you (d) no improvement
10. The floor of the hall was *covered by* a carpet.  
(a) covered in (b) covered with  
(c) covered upon (d) no improvement
11. The passengers *are waiting* for the bus outside the bus stand at the main gate for long.  
(a) were waited (b) were waiting  
(c) have been waiting (d) no improvement
12. Miss Pillai teaches very well, *isn't it?*  
(a) didn't she (b) doesn't she  
(c) wasn't it (d) no improvement
13. He has *fallen out* with the girl he wanted to marry.  
(a) fallen off (b) fallen in love  
(c) fallen for (d) no improvement
14. They are social insects, *living in communities*, regulated by definite laws, each member of society bearing a well-defined and separate part in the work of a colony.  
(a) who are living in communities (b) living among a community  
(c) who lives with a community (d) no improvement
15. *If the room had been brighter*, I would have been able to read for a while before bed time.  
(a) if the room was brighter (b) if rooms are brighter  
(c) had the room brighter (d) no improvement
16. I shall be grateful to you if you are *of help* to me now.  
(a) help (b) would help  
(c) helped (d) no improvement
17. The reason *why he wrote the letter was because* he could not contact him over the phone.  
(a) why he wrote the letter was since (b) for which he wrote the letter because  
(c) why he wrote the letter was that (d) no improvement
18. The right-to-work implies the obligation on the part of the government to give a job to *all the unemployed*.  
(a) any of the unemployed (b) every unemployed  
(c) each of the unemployed (d) no improvement

19. Most donors would seriously *protest* any effort to infer from such limited data.  
 (a) protest against (b) protest at  
 (c) protest to (d) no improvement
20. I hope you vividly remember the premier of the film when *I, my wife and you* were present in the hall.  
 (a) my wife, I and you (b) you, my wife and I  
 (c) my wife, you and I (d) no improvement
21. With a thundering roar the huge rocket *soared up* from the launching pad.  
 (a) flew up (b) went upwards  
 (c) took on (d) no improvement
22. My *opinion for* the film is that it will bag the national award.  
 (a) opinion to (b) opinion about  
 (c) opinion on (d) no improvement
23. He *sent a word* to me that he would be coming late.  
 (a) sent word (b) had sent a word  
 (c) sent words (d) no improvement
24. It became clear that the strangers were heading *into* a serious disaster.  
 (a) along (b) towards  
 (c) for (d) no improvement
25. Young men and women should get *habituated* to reading and writing about current affairs.  
 (a) used (b) prepared  
 (c) trained (d) no improvement
26. While crossing the highway a five-year-old child was *knocked out* by a passing car.  
 (a) away (b) up  
 (c) down (d) no improvement
27. When he heard the rhetorical speech of the leader, he was *carried along* by his enthusiasm.  
 (a) was carried aloft (b) was carried down  
 (c) was carried away (d) no improvement
28. After the heavy rains last week, the water in the lake *raised another two feet*.  
 (a) rose another two feet (b) rised another two feet  
 (c) would raise another two feet (d) no improvement
29. When we saw him last, he *ran* to catch a bus.  
 (a) has run (b) had run  
 (c) was running (d) no improvement
30. I would like to *avail* a fifteen day holiday this summer.  
 (a) to avail of (b) to avail myself of  
 (c) to avail myself (d) no improvement
31. Is your *brother yet* at the university?  
 (a) brother still at (b) brother continue at  
 (c) brother till at (d) no improvement
32. A bird in hand is worth *two in bush*.  
 (a) two on bush (b) two in the bush  
 (c) two at a bush (d) no improvement

33. The doctor said that there was no *cause of anxiety*.  
 (a) cause to (b) cause for  
 (c) cause with (d) no improvement
34. His brother is working in this factory since 1970.  
 (a) was working (b) worked  
 (c) has been working (d) no improvement
35. He cannot succeed in business because he works *by fits and starts*.  
 (a) with fits and starts (b) into fits and starts  
 (c) fit and start (d) no improvement
36. Eye-teasing is not only a moral offence *but* a crime punishable under law.  
 (a) as also a (b) as well as a  
 (c) but also a (d) no improvement
37. The detectives followed on several clues *but* failed to find the murderer.  
 (a) through (b) up  
 (c) by (d) no improvement
38. He stopped to work an hour ago.  
 (a) to working (b) to have worked  
 (c) working (d) no improvement
39. The summer has *set out*, and the days are getting warm.  
 (a) set off (b) set in  
 (c) set up (d) no improvement
40. *It was* a week since the exams began.  
 (a) It is a week (b) It has a week  
 (c) It had been a week (d) no improvement

## Revision Exercise (B)

1. An overdose of any medicine is *enough fatal* to a plant as to a man.  
 (a) too fatal (b) so fatal  
 (c) as fatal (d) no improvement
2. There is nothing *quite miserable* than illiteracy in youth.  
 (a) as miserable (b) very miserable  
 (c) more miserable (d) no improvement
3. My brother-in-law has a house *for letting*.  
 (a) for letting out (b) to rent our  
 (c) to let (d) no improvement
4. Netaji was by far a *great man* of India.  
 (a) a very great man (b) too great a man  
 (c) the greatest man (d) no improvement
5. Hardly had he finished his lunch *than* the phone rang.  
 (a) when (b) then  
 (c) while (d) no improvement
6. A very horrifying serial *was broadcasted* ten days ago.  
 (a) has broadcast (b) was broadcast  
 (c) was broadcasting (d) no improvement

7. After a few hours he unconscious patient began to come out.  
 (a) round (b) on  
 (c) up (d) no improvement
8. As you are a born liar, I don't believe in what you say.  
 (a) I am not believing (b) I will not believe  
 (c) I will not be believing (d) no improvement
9. You must not forget to call me after you reach Delhi.  
 (a) will reach (b) will have reached  
 (c) have reached (d) no improvement
10. Rohan died of a wound and not from cancer.  
 (a) from a wound and not of cancer (b) of a wound and not of cancer  
 (c) from a wound and not from cancer (d) no improvement
11. All criminal attitudes must be nipped at the bud.  
 (a) nipped on the bud (b) nipped in the bud  
 (c) nipped off the bud (d) no improvement
12. Each village adopted by the club was provided by electric supply.  
 (a) provided with (b) provided for  
 (c) provided (d) no improvement
13. Every man must look up the future and find ways of providing for his needs.  
 (a) look for (b) look to  
 (c) look in (d) no improvement
14. When Seema was fourteen, she sat the entrance examination for Senior Secondary school.  
 (a) sat in (b) sat at  
 (c) sat for (d) no improvement
15. The mother could not help but cry at his behaviour.  
 (a) crying (b) cry  
 (c) but crying (d) no improvement
16. Galileo escaped burning for heresy because he apologized and withdrew his previous statements.  
 (a) from being burnt (b) being burnt  
 (c) from having been burnt (d) no improvement
17. Unless efforts are made and the population growth stabilised environmentalists predict a world-wide starvation by 2020 A.D.  
 (a) stabilises (b) will stabilise  
 (c) must stabilise (d) no improvement
18. It is the time the three years old is learning how to read and write.  
 (a) was learning (b) has learned  
 (c) learnt (d) no improvement
19. All the people are supposed to take out their shoes when they enter a place of worship.  
 (a) to take off (b) to put off  
 (c) to put away (d) no improvement
20. They served a summons on the Member of Parliament to appear in the court of law.  
 (a) a summon (b) the summon  
 (c) summons (d) no improvement

21. *If I had money*, I would send to you.  
(a) had had (b) have had  
(c) have (d) no improvement
22. This house is *belonging* to me for two years.  
(a) belongs (b) has been belonging  
(c) has belonged (d) no improvement
23. All my friends *are waiting* for me since morning.  
(a) have been waiting (b) were waiting  
(c) wait (d) no improvement
24. Amit is extraordinarily clever at *mimicking* his friends.  
(a) clever for mimicking (b) clever in mimicking  
(c) clever to mimick (d) no improvement
25. He has got many friends because he had got *much money*.  
(a) enough money (b) a lot of money  
(c) bags of money (d) no improvement
26. When the students *take their exams* they will have a holiday.  
(a) took their exams (b) had taken exams their  
(c) have taken their exams (d) no improvement
27. Shakespeare lived *for* the reigns of Elizabeth I and James I.  
(a) since (b) in  
(c) during (d) no improvement
28. She didn't believe in God *but* she went to temple regularly.  
(a) and (b) yet  
(c) however (d) no improvement
29. I think myself there is a third dimension which science has added to modern war.  
(a) I myself think (b) to myself I think  
(c) I to myself think (d) no improvement
30. Both Ramesh and his brother were invited but neither *accepted* our invitation.  
(a) had accepted (b) had accept  
(c) were accepted (d) no improvement
31. The thief must be hiding in the attic or he *must* run into the woods.  
(a) should (b) must have  
(c) might (d) no improvement
32. They both tried hard *though* the box could not be opened.  
(a) and (b) but  
(c) so (d) no improvement
33. Runu *has been ill* for a week when her parents arrived for a visit.  
(a) had been ill (b) was ill  
(c) might be ill (d) no improvement
34. We have no right to *take a claim* to the moon.  
(a) to make a claim on (b) to stake a claim to  
(c) to demand a claim for (d) no improvement
35. Human beings *are* in existence only for some three million years.  
(a) have been (b) has been  
(c) must be (d) no improvement

36. She behaved as though *she was* the principal.  
 (a) she were (b) had been  
 (c) she has been (d) no improvement
37. We had to move slowly and carefully to our seats *for avoiding* stepping on their toes.  
 (a) so that to avoid (b) in order to avoid  
 (c) because of (d) no improvement
38. It is *interesting for noting* that some of the villages have a telephone exchange but no drinking water.  
 (a) interesting to note (b) interested to note  
 (c) of interest for noting (d) no improvement
39. Man's first power source *of doing work* was his own body.  
 (a) in doing work (b) for doing work  
 (c) to do his work (d) no improvement
40. Life in the modern world *depended greatly* on transportation over long distances.  
 (a) will depend greatly (b) depends greatly  
 (c) should greatly depend (d) no improvement

### Revision Exercise (C)

1. If a person or an animal *eats* much his body changes the extra Carbohydrates and Proteins into fat and stores it.  
 (a) can eat (b) will eat  
 (c) eat (d) no improvement
2. Socrates was *one of the wisest man* that ever lived.  
 (a) one of the wisest men (b) one wise man  
 (c) one of the wise men (d) no improvement
3. We must not think that people belonging to *few castes* are superior to others.  
 (a) many castes (b) high castes  
 (c) some castes (d) no improvement
4. *If he studied more*, he would have been able to get a distinction.  
 (a) if he were studying more (b) if he had to study more  
 (c) if he had studied more (d) no improvement
5. He has very good command *on* English.  
 (a) over (b) in  
 (c) of (d) no improvement
6. The people in the village *are deprived* of essential commodities for the past two weeks.  
 (a) are being deprived (b) had been deprived  
 (c) have been deprived (d) no improvement
7. The farmer's way of life can be *contrasted* to that of the factory worker.  
 (a) contrasted with (b) contrasted against  
 (c) contrasted on (d) no improvement
8. The enthusiastic voters *were queuing up* outside the polling station since morning.  
 (a) queued up (b) had queued  
 (c) had been queuing up (d) no improvement

9. The brochure, which is being enclosed with the application form will give you *information* that you need.  
(a) the information  
(c) informations  
(b) an information  
(d) no improvement
10. Mr. Patel and the other dissident leaders *have taken shelter* at the Church last month after the authorities ordered their arrest.  
(a) took shelter  
(c) had taken shelter  
(b) are taking shelter  
(d) no improvement
11. He came to the cave uphill as the evening mist rose, and drew a deep breath and looked *up the valley*.  
(a) across the valley  
(c) down the valley  
(b) into the valley  
(d) no improvement
12. The child spent two mornings with his parents and on the third he insisted *for accompanying* his grand mother on her rounds in the city.  
(a) in accompanying  
(c) to accompanying  
(b) on accompanying  
(d) no improvement
13. With the hubble space telescope astronomers expect to learn the age and size of the universe and to *probe* its origin, evolution and ultimate fate.  
(a) probe for  
(c) probe after  
(b) probe in  
(d) no improvement
14. The police *are trying* to solve the mystery.  
(a) is  
(c) has been  
(b) was  
(d) no improvement
15. We have been caught in a *rat race*.  
(a) rat race  
(c) this rat race  
(b) the rat race  
(d) no improvement
16. Can I exchange *my book for yours*?  
(a) my book with you  
(c) our book with your  
(b) my book with yours  
(d) no improvement
17. He *shook hand with me* after receiving the prize.  
(a) shook my hand  
(c) shook my hands  
(b) shook hands with me  
(d) no improvement
18. I would like that you *finish the project on time*.  
(a) you finished the project on time  
(c) you finishing the project on time  
(b) that you would finish the project on time  
(d) no improvement
19. There are sufficient funds to meet the requirements of *the entire schools* in our zone.  
(a) schools  
(c) all the schools  
(b) all of the schools  
(d) no improvement
20. It is long since I saw you last.  
(a) long ago  
(c) long before  
(b) long time  
(d) no improvement
21. The angry boys *were arguing* with the Principal since morning.  
(a) have been  
(c) has been  
(b) was  
(d) no improvement

22. He has been absent *for* the past few months.  
 (a) since the past (b) since the last  
 (c) for past (d) no improvement
23. You will be punished *if you will come* to my class.  
 (a) if you come (b) if you shall come  
 (c) if you came (d) no improvement
24. The good fortune *of being your student* in my younger days had helped me greatly in my life.  
 (a) of my being your student (b) of my having been your student  
 (c) of myself being your student (d) no improvement
25. A good house has been *alloted* to him.  
 (a) aloted (b) allotted  
 (c) alotted (d) no improvement
26. Before I met her *I had had* a poor opinion of her.  
 (a) have had (b) had  
 (c) did have (d) no improvement
27. Kindly let us know the time of your arrival *by return of post*.  
 (a) by the return of post (b) on return of post  
 (c) in return post (d) no improvement
28. *I* elected him president of the society.  
 (a) We (b) She  
 (c) John (d) no improvement
29. The children *are playing* in the garden since ten O' clock this morning.  
 (a) have been playing (b) have playing  
 (c) were playing (d) no improvement
30. We had better *send for* a policeman.  
 (a) sent for (b) send off  
 (c) send in (d) no improvement
31. In spite of all these hurdles, my marriage *came of* in a few months.  
 (a) came off (b) came on  
 (c) came over (d) no improvement
32. The wedding *took place* last Saturday.  
 (a) was taken place (b) was took place  
 (c) did take place (d) no improvement
33. He has done nothing *from* yesterday.  
 (a) through (b) after  
 (c) since (d) no improvement
34. The teacher asked "*why you are late?*"  
 (a) why you were late. (b) why late you are?  
 (c) why are you late? (d) no improvement
35. He killed the enemy *by his sword*.  
 (a) with his sword. (b) by sword  
 (c) by a sword. (d) no improvement

36. He told us the story *in a nutshell*.  
 (a) in the nutshell.  
 (c) in nutshell. (b) putting it in a nut.  
 (d) no improvement
37. She is *having a lot of money*.  
 (a) has lot of (b) has a lot of  
 (c) is having lot of (d) no improvement
38. He shouted *that he may attract attention*.  
 (a) to attract attention (b) for attracting  
 (c) can attract attention (d) no improvement
39. You can mix it *with some sugar* and eat it.  
 (a) in some sugar (b) into some sugar  
 (c) any sugar (d) no improvement
40. I don't want to disturb you, please *get with* your work.  
 (a) get up with (b) get over with  
 (c) get on with (d) no improvement

## Revision Exercise (D)

1. There is plenty of time *to catch* the train.  
 (a) to get (b) to reach  
 (c) to hold (d) no improvement
2. Hundreds of people were killed *by the* earth quake.  
 (a) in (b) from  
 (c) of (d) no improvement
3. He *insisted* on he was innocent.  
 (a) insisted on that (b) insisted that  
 (c) insists that (d) no improvement
4. John, who *studies* medicine at present, hopes to go abroad after graduation.  
 (a) is studying (b) will study  
 (c) studied (d) no improvement
5. The forest is infested *of* snakes.  
 (a) by (b) with  
 (c) off (d) no improvement
6. He is *having* three cars.  
 (a) has (b) was  
 (c) got (d) no improvement
7. He goes to *cinema* every Sunday.  
 (a) a cinema (b) in cinema  
 (c) to the cinema (d) no improvement
8. *Would* you find me absent, please don't forget to leave a message behind.  
 (a) should (b) unless  
 (c) as (d) no improvement
9. My mother always *finds* fault with the maid servant.  
 (a) is finding faults (b) has found fault  
 (c) find faults (d) no improvement

10. You ought not to *have gone* there, but you did.  
 (a) to go (b) to have been  
 (c) to be going (d) no improvement
11. Mary met with an accident, she did not just twist her leg, She *has broken it*.  
 (a) had broken it (b) break it  
 (c) broke it too (d) no improvement
12. What is needed *are* not large houses but small cottages.  
 (a) was (b) were  
 (c) is (d) no improvement
13. It was hard to believe that he *was dead* for two years.  
 (a) has been dead (b) is dead  
 (c) had been dead (d) no improvement
14. Do not take another step, else your life *will face* great peril.  
 (a) might be thrown into (b) will be in  
 (c) would be placed in great (d) no improvement
15. I *would gladly accompany* your sister if you had asked me.  
 (a) would have gladly accompanied  
 (b) was to have gladly accompanied  
 (c) will gladly accompany  
 (d) no improvement
16. He was likely to win the elections by the *sweeping majority*.  
 (a) with the sweeping majority (b) by a sweeping majority  
 (c) with sweeping a majority (d) no improvement
17. It is sheer folly to believe that you can improve the situation by *doing away* people.  
 (a) doing with (b) doing away with  
 (c) doing it to (d) no improvement
18. Governments in developing countries are under increasing pressure *for the recruiting and training* teachers to meet the demands of their rapidly expanding systems of education.  
 (a) in the recruiting and training of  
 (b) to recruit and train  
 (c) so as to recruit and train  
 (d) no improvement
19. Last evening I went to the Optician and bought *spectacles*.  
 (a) a spectacle (b) two spectacles  
 (c) a pair of spectacle (d) no improvement
20. As John dived off the spring board, he was horrified to see that the water *was drained from* the pool the night before.  
 (a) was drained (b) had drained away  
 (c) had been drained off (d) no improvement
21. The situation remained the same, rather *got worse, all his efforts notwithstanding*.  
 (a) with all his efforts notwithstanding (b) in spite of all his efforts notwithstanding  
 (c) for all his efforts notwithstanding (d) no improvement

22. One can live and work in a town without being aware of the daily march of the sun across the sky without never seeing the moon and stars.  
(a) seldom (b) hardly  
(c) ever (d) no improvement
23. Being a handicapped youth, he was put hard to complete his military course.  
(a) was hard put to (b) was put to it hard  
(c) was hardly put to (d) no improvement
24. She cut a sad figure in her first performance on the stage.  
(a) made a sorry figure (b) cut a sorry face  
(c) cut a sorry figure (d) no improvement
25. No sooner I saw the tiger, than I ran away.  
(a) As soon as I saw (b) No sooner I had seen  
(c) No sooner did I see (d) no improvement
26. If a person studied this period of history, he would have wondered how such things had happened in India.  
(a) a person would study (b) a person had studied  
(c) a person could have studied (d) no improvement
27. According to the planning Commission estimates by the year 2020, India will have become self-sufficient in petroleum products.  
(a) should have become (b) shall have become  
(c) would have become (d) no improvement
28. All his answers were correct.  
(a) his all answers (b) his every answers  
(c) all of his answers (d) no improvement
29. It was quite clear that the runner could be able to improve upon his own record.  
(a) should be able (b) would be able  
(c) will be able (d) no improvement
30. Within the last few years most of the fertile land had undergone Indigo cultivation.  
(a) had underwent (b) has undergone  
(c) was undergone (d) no improvement
31. His powerful desire brought about his downfall.  
(a) his intense desire (b) his desire for power  
(c) his fatal desire (d) no improvement
32. If he had time he will call you.  
(a) would have (b) would have had  
(c) has (d) no improvement
33. More than one person was killed in the accident.  
(a) were killed (b) are killed  
(c) have been killed (d) no improvement
34. Not a word they spoke to the unfortunate wife about it.  
(a) did they speak (b) they will speak  
(c) they had spoken (d) no improvement
35. The poor villagers have waited in the bitter cold for more than four hours now.  
(a) have been waiting (b) had waited  
(c) has been waiting (d) no improvement

36. There is a dearth of *woman doctors* in our own state. We shall have to recruit some from the other state.  
 (a) womans doctors (b) women doctor  
 (c) women doctors (d) no improvement
37. It was indeed a shock for her but she has *later* recovered from it.  
 (a) since (b) then  
 (c) after wards (d) no improvement
38. I am used to *hard work*.  
 (a) work hard (b) work hardly  
 (c) hard working (d) no improvement
39. Twenty kilometres *are not a great distance* in these days of fast moving vehicles.  
 (a) is not a great distance (b) is not distance  
 (c) are not a great distance (d) no improvement
40. He should move to the next point, and not *harp one string only*.  
 (a) harp on string only (b) harp only one string  
 (c) harp upon one string only (d) no improvement

### Revision Exercise (E)

1. Hoping not to be disturbed, I sat down in my easy chair to read the book I won as a prize.  
 (a) I havd to win as a prize (b) I have won as prize  
 (c) I had won as a prize (d) no improvement
2. Practically *every part* of the banana tree is used by man.  
 (a) each part (b) any part  
 (c) most part (d) no improvement
3. If you are living near a market place you should be ready to *bear* the disturbance caused by traffic.  
 (a) to bear upon (b) to bear with  
 (c) to bear away (d) no improvement
4. Please remind me of *posting* these letters to my relatives.  
 (a) by posting (b) to post  
 (c) for posting (d) no improvement
5. Whenever my students come across new words, I ask them to *look for them* in the dictionary.  
 (a) to look it up (b) to look them up  
 (c) to look at them (d) no improvement
6. His father won't be able to leave for Varanasi *until they have arrived*.  
 (a) until they arrive (b) until they will have arrived  
 (c) until they will arrive (d) no improvement
7. The company goes to great length to ensure that employees *can be comfortable* in their work environment.  
 (a) are comfortable (b) will be comfortable  
 (c) should be comfortable (d) no improvement
8. I knew he could not be trusted, he *let off the cat from the bag*.  
 (a) let the cat out of the bag (b) let the cat from the bag  
 (c) let the cat jump out of the bag (d) no improvement

9. The mother has not seen the child for several months and now eagerly *looks forward to* seeing him.  
(a) look a head to (b) look for  
(c) looks into (d) no improvement
10. I am definitely late. The train *will have left* the station by the time I reach there.  
(a) will leave (b) will be leaving  
(c) would have left (d) no improvement
11. It is unreasonable to *distort* the statement of a man simply because he does not agree to your opinions.  
(a) bend (b) denounce  
(c) discourage (d) no improvement
12. Scarcely had he entered the room than the phone rang.  
(a) as (b) when  
(c) while (d) no improvement
13. *As soon as* I walked into the building, I could hear the sound of a celebration in progress.  
(a) no sooner had (b) sooner than  
(c) hardly (d) no improvement
14. The teacher *saw through the game* and punished him.  
(a) saw into the game (b) saw at the game  
(c) saw the game (d) no improvement
15. His is the *least expensive* of the two cars.  
(a) last expensive (b) less expensive  
(c) lessen expensive (d) no improvement
16. The train *left before* I reached the station.  
(a) will have left (b) leaves  
(c) had left (d) no improvement
17. I do not take any cognizance *on* what he says.  
(a) about (b) for  
(c) of (d) no improvement
18. In a few minutes time when the clock strikes six, I *shall* be waiting for her for three quarters of an hour.  
(a) I would have been waiting (b) I would have waiting  
(c) I shall have waited (d) no improvement
19. I *have been writing* ten letters since breakfast.  
(a) am writing (b) have written  
(c) wrote (d) no improvement
20. If you *call to him* to explain your problem he will help you.  
(a) call in him (b) call at him  
(c) call upon him (d) no improvement
21. He enjoys nothing more than *drawing* swords with others.  
(a) playing (b) crossing  
(c) clashing (d) no improvement
22. This beautiful shirt which I bought for my birthday *costed* only Rs. 150.  
(a) was costed (b) cost  
(c) wast cost (d) no improvement

23. I noticed that *the opposite man* was staring at me.  
 (a) the man opposite (b) the opposed man  
 (c) man opposite (d) no improvement
24. Do you think any man has a right to *break in* his neighbour's house ?  
 (a) to break through (b) to break into  
 (c) to break open (d) no improvement
25. They *are waiting* for her since morning.  
 (a) have been waiting (b) were waiting  
 (c) wait (d) no improvement
26. He asked me if I *can* help him to lift the box.  
 (a) will (b) could  
 (c) may (d) no improvement
27. This time my brother is coming to India for *an extending* stay.  
 (a) extensive (b) entension  
 (c) extended (d) no improvement
28. The man *who will score the maximum points* will carry the trophy.  
 (a) who would score the maximum points.  
 (b) who the maximum points scores  
 (c) who scores the maximum points  
 (d) no improvement
29. As soon as our plan is approved I shall favour *its* adoption.  
 (a) its' (b) our  
 (c) it's (d) no improvement
30. Our team is likely to lose unless all members learn to cooperate *with one other*.  
 (a) one other with (b) with one another  
 (c) with one and all (d) no improvement
31. The boy *which* came to see me this morning had come from Agra ?  
 (a) when (b) who  
 (c) that (d) no improvement
32. I gave him *the little* money I could spare then.  
 (a) a little (b) some little  
 (c) very little (d) no improvement
33. Education is a *strong* instrument for moulding the character of the young.  
 (a) potent (b) powerful  
 (c) striking (d) no improvement
34. I *have heard* the news an hour ago.  
 (a) was hearing (b) heard  
 (c) have been heaing (d) no improvement
35. I wish I *have* the time to do half the things you do.  
 (a) I am having (b) I will have  
 (c) I had (d) no improvement
36. I congratulate you *for* your success in the examinations.  
 (a) in (b) on  
 (c) at (d) no improvement

37. I have not written any letter to him since my father *had died*.  
 (a) has died (b) died  
 (c) was died (d) no improvement
38. My brother who *practises* law at present wishes for a change in his career.  
 (a) will practise (b) practised  
 (c) is practising (d) no improvement
39. This has been our practice *since immemorial* time.  
 (a) from immemorial (b) from time immemorial  
 (c) since time immemorial (d) no improvement
40. I would like to *enjoy* at some hill station this summer.  
 (a) enjoyed (b) enjoy of  
 (c) enjoy myself (d) no improvement

## Revision Exercise (F)

1. He plays cricket and tennis *also*.  
 (a) both (b) besides  
 (c) too (d) no improvement
2. The *need* of the hour was some fast action on the part of the leaders.  
 (a) needed (b) needing  
 (c) needs (d) no improvement
3. On seeing the lion she felt *too much* afraid.  
 (a) very much (b) excessively  
 (c) much (d) no improvement
4. No one *needs to worry* about me.  
 (a) will worry (b) need worry  
 (c) shall worry (d) no improvement
5. The teacher asked the intruder *who was he and why was he* occupying his chair.  
 (a) who he was and why he was  
 (b) who he was and why was he  
 (c) who he had been and why he had been  
 (d) no improvement
6. *It is no good to cry over* spilt milk.  
 (a) It is no good crying (b) It is of no good to cry  
 (c) It is of no good crying (d) no improvement
7. The actress said that it sometimes took her two hours *to put* her make-up.  
 (a) put over (b) put up  
 (c) put on (d) no improvement
8. He has been *working off and on* for several years to compile a dictionary  
 (a) on or off (b) on and off  
 (c) regularly (d) no improvement
9. He has been growing weaker and his life now *hangs like a thread*.  
 (a) hangs with threads (b) hangs by a thread  
 (c) hangs on a thread (d) no improvement

10. She did not ask *any question to him*.  
 (a) any question from him (b) him any question  
 (c) to him any question (d) no improvement
11. Rohit assured Sunita that he *would look at* her work while she was on leave.  
 (a) would overlook (b) would look after  
 (c) will look (d) no improvement
12. No sooner had the umpire given the batsman out *than the crowd* rushed into the field.  
 (a) but the people (b) when the crowds  
 (c) and the crowd (d) no improvement
13. Newton wanted to *know why did the apple fall* to the ground.  
 (a) know that why did the apple fall (b) know why the apple fell  
 (c) know that why the apple fell (d) no improvement
14. Having finished the book, *it was put away by him*.  
 (a) he put it away (b) it was being put away by him.  
 (c) it was putting away by him. (d) no improvement
15. He was extremely unhappy because of *the inordinate delay*.  
 (a) the inordinate delaying (b) the inordinate delay  
 (c) the inordinately delaying (d) no improvement
16. She says she's already paid me back but I can't remember, so I'll have *to take her word*.  
 (a) to take her word true. (b) to take her at her word.  
 (c) to take her word for it (d) no improvement
17. When the clock struck six I *was waiting here* for an hour.  
 (a) had waited (b) had been waiting  
 (c) shall have waited (d) no improvement
18. When the soldier returned home after the war was over, his wife received him *with open hands*.  
 (a) with open arms (b) with unfolded hands  
 (c) with an open heart (d) no improvement
19. By the end of this century, scientists surely *have discovered* a cure for cancer.  
 (a) are discovering (b) will have discovered  
 (c) must discover (d) no improvement
20. *There is no more room* for you in this compartment.  
 (a) There is no more accommodation (b) There is no more space  
 (c) There is no more seat (d) no improvement
21. It is time to *immediately put the work in hand*.  
 (a) to put the work immediately in hand.  
 (b) to put the work in hand immediately  
 (c) There is no more seat  
 (d) no improvement
22. When he arrived to attend the wedding of his brother, he *had been dressed* in dark suit.  
 (a) dressed (b) was dressed  
 (c) had dressed (d) no improvement
23. He gave *witness* at the sensational trial.  
 (a) evidence (b) proof  
 (c) advice (d) no improvement

24. As soon as our plan is approved I shall favour *its'* adoption.  
(a) our (b) it's  
(c) its (d) no improvement
25. I can always count on him in times of difficulty.  
(a) count at him (b) count on he  
(c) count him on (d) no improvement
26. The car's doors are loose.  
(a) car doors are loose (b) the doors of the car are loose  
(c) door of car are loose (d) no improvement
27. Sunita told me that she would not mind to stand and eating the lunch.  
(a) to stand and eat (b) standing and eating  
(c) standing and eat (d) no improvement
28. We did not see this movie yet.  
(a) had seen (b) have not seen  
(c) have seen (d) no improvement
29. In many parts of our country villagers don't get water to drink where many urban people have water even to waste.  
(a) besides (b) and  
(c) whereas (d) no improvement
30. How did one earn money is more important than how much did he earn ?  
(a) he earns (b) he has earned  
(c) one earn (d) no improvement
31. Modern industrialized communities have lost touch with the soil and do not experience that joy which nature gives and the rich glow of health that which comes from contact with mother earth.  
(a) which comes from contact with. (b) which comes out from contact with  
(c) which flows how from contact with (d) no improvement
32. He has been receiving no other message than an urgent telegram asking him to rush his village immediately.  
(a) asking him rushing at his village (b) asked him to rush his village.  
(c) asking him to rush to his village (d) no improvement
33. Ashutosh had occupying this house for over twenty-five years and has no intention of vacating it now.  
(a) is occupying (b) will occupy  
(c) has been occupying (d) no improvement
34. My elder brother was a British citizen since 1980 and is now living a retired life in London.  
(a) had been (b) has been  
(c) is (d) no improvement
35. During my school days I never had the courage to stand my own.  
(a) by my own (b) on my own  
(c) for my own (d) no improvement

## Revision Exercise (G)

1. Each of our *students pay their* tuition fee at the beginning of the month.  
 (a) student pay their (b) students pays their  
 (c) students pays his (d) no improvement
2. It is essential to *thoroughly clean* the machine after each use.  
 (a) to thorough clean (b) to clean thoroughly  
 (c) to clean thorough (d) no improvement
3. I told him clearly that he *hadn't ought to do* that to me.  
 (a) ought not to have done (b) ought not done  
 (c) ought not has done (d) no improvement
4. When a man has to give evidence he must *have a clean breast* of the whole matter,  
 (a) make a clean breast (b) obtain a clean breast  
 (c) possess a clean breast (d) no improvement
5. The fast train came a *halt to before* crossing the bridge.  
 (a) came before to a halt (b) came to a halt before  
 (c) came to halts before a (d) no improvement
6. Do you know *who she is going to marry*?  
 (a) who she is married? (b) who is she going to marry?  
 (c) whom she is going to marry? (d) no improvement
7. I took the cycle *which he has bought yesterday*.  
 (a) that he bought yesterday (b) that he had bought yesterday  
 (c) that which he had bought yesterday (d) no improvement
8. Even the people in authority agree that corruption has become *today's order*.  
 (a) the order of the day (b) the order of today  
 (c) the day's order (d) no improvement
9. Most of the employees from Rajan's factory were not *inclination to* using the new technology.  
 (a) inclined to be use (b) incline to use  
 (c) inclined to use (d) no improvement
10. All the allegations *levelled* against him were found to be baseless.  
 (a) levelled for (b) level with  
 (c) level against (d) no improvement
11. He *did many mischiefs*.  
 (a) made many a mischiefs. (b) made much mischief  
 (c) committed many mischiefs (d) no improvement
12. He has said so out of affection, do not take *it to heart*  
 (a) in heart (b) it in the heart  
 (c) by the heart (d) no improvement
13. What is needed *are not large houses but small cottages*.  
 (a) were (b) was  
 (c) is (d) no improvement
14. Sumit *would have been looked smart* in traditional dress.  
 (a) was looked (b) would have looked  
 (c) had looking (d) no improvement

15. People are *tiring* very soon in an activity which they don't like.  
 (a) tried (b) *tyring*  
 (c) tired (d) no improvement
16. Is there any *place* for me to sit ?  
 (a) space (b) room  
 (c) area (d) no improvement
17. They felt humiliated because they realized that they *had cheated*.  
 (a) had been cheated (b) have been cheated  
 (c) were to be cheated (d) no improvement
18. Sri Pashupatinath is *worth seeing* temple in Kathmandu.  
 (a) a temple worth seeing (b) a temple to see its worth.  
 (c) one of the worth seeing temples (d) no improvement
19. The practical importance of the role of the industrialist in the establishment of the new order is greater than the *economist and the politician*.  
 (a) of the economist and politicians (b) that of the economists and the politicians  
 (c) that of the economist and the politician (d) no improvement
20. Poor Tom *laid* in the shade of a tree before he could not walk further.  
 (a) lied (b) *lain*  
 (c) lay (d) no improvement
21. Tell your leader that I grant him permission *of stay* in my kingdom.  
 (a) about stay (b) to stay  
 (c) for stay (d) no improvement
22. He could not *cope up with* the heavy rush.  
 (a) cope upto (b) cope by  
 (c) cope with (d) no improvement
23. He opened the letter without *caring* to read the address on the envelope.  
 (a) thinking (b) bothering  
 (c) worrying (d) no improvement
24. We were still standing in the queue when the *film was beginning*.  
 (a) film begins (b) film had begun  
 (c) film began (d) no improvement
25. It was so hot during the school parade that several of the weaker pupils passed *by*.  
 (a) out (b) through  
 (c) over (d) no improvement
26. When the train finally *came into* the station, the lonely traveller seemed relieved.  
 (a) pulled in (b) will pull into  
 (c) have pulled into (d) no improvement
27. The poor villagers *have waited* in the bitter cold for more than four hours now.  
 (a) has been waiting (b) had waited  
 (c) have been waiting (d) no improvement
28. He was so rude that they were compelled *for asking him to leave*.  
 (a) ask him to leave (b) to ask him to leave  
 (c) him to ask to leave (d) no improvement
29. Many accidents can be avoided if we *be careful*.  
 (a) might be careful (b) are careful  
 (c) were careful (d) no improvement

30. After the communal frenzy, slogans now *occupy* the air, exhorting the people to promote peace, harmony and amity.  
 (a) thicken (b) fill  
 (c) infest (d) no improvement
31. They succeeded *without hardly making* any effort.  
 (a) hardly without making (b) with hardly making  
 (c) without making (d) no improvement
32. The quality of food served in this hotel is so poor that no respectable person would want to eat over here.  
 (a) will want to eat (b) will have wanted to eat  
 (c) will be wanting to eat (d) no improvement
33. *All but her*, had made an attempt.  
 (a) All, but she (b) All, but herself  
 (c) All, but she herself (d) no improvement
34. When you want to rent a house, you should look *out* at first.  
 (a) for (b) into  
 (c) around (d) no improvement
35. She *gave* most of her time to music.  
 (a) devoted (b) spent  
 (c) lent (d) no improvement

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**Revision Exercise (H)**

1. If *I was you*, I would not have joined the party.  
 (a) as you (b) were I you  
 (c) had I been you (d) no improvement
2. If you are absent for a week, you have to *catch with* the work when you return.  
 (a) catch up with (b) catch on with  
 (c) catch in with (d) no improvement
3. He was *urgently in need to get his eye operation*.  
 (a) of an eye operation (b) for operation on eye  
 (c) for eye to be operated (d) no improvement
4. It is easy for children than for adults to learn a new language.  
 (a) as easy as children (b) easy for children as  
 (c) easier for children than (d) no improvement
5. *By definition, make a map is* to select certain features as relevant and ignore others.  
 (a) To make a map by definition (b) In making a map, the definition  
 (c) Map making is defined as (d) no improvement
6. I have got some tea, but I do not have a sugar.  
 (a) some (b) any  
 (c) more (d) no improvement
7. I was delighted to see *him fully recover*.  
 (a) he full recovered (b) him fully recovered  
 (c) his full recovery (d) no improvement

8. Even more than my father was she intolerant of demonstrativeness and the wearing of one's heart *on his sleeve*.  
 (a) one the sleeve (b) on one's sleeve  
 (c) on her sleeve (d) no improvement
9. I suggest that he *study* medicine.  
 (a) will study (b) studies  
 (c) studied (d) no improvement
10. The baby was left *in charge of a neighbour*.  
 (a) to care of (b) to care for  
 (c) in the charge of (d) no improvement
11. An accident took place early *today morning*.  
 (a) this morning (b) morning today  
 (c) at the morning (d) no improvement
12. After a few minutes the unconscious boxer began to come *out*.  
 (a) up (b) round  
 (c) on (d) no improvement
13. The winter was *such severe* that even water in the taps was frozen.  
 (a) severe such (b) so severe  
 (c) severe so much (d) no improvement
14. To succeed in a difficult task, *persistent is needed*.  
 (a) persistence was needed (b) one needs to be persistent  
 (c) persistence should have needed (d) no improvement
15. We demonstrated to them how we *were prepared* the artistic patterns.  
 (a) are prepared (b) have prepared  
 (c) had prepared (d) no improvement
16. I *earnestly believe* that you will visit our relatives during your forthcoming trip to Mumbai.  
 (a) certainly believing that (b) could not believe  
 (c) had hardly believe (d) no improvement
17. In fact, if it hadn't been for his *invaluable advice* on so many occasions, I wouldn't have achieved anything in life.  
 (a) remarkable advice (b) valuable advices  
 (c) priceless suggestions (d) no improvement
18. By temperament *the English* are reserve, so they prefer to live in solitary houses.  
 (a) English (b) English people  
 (c) Some English (d) no improvement
19. My father agreed *with my going alone* for the examination.  
 (a) I go alone (b) to my going alone  
 (c) that I go alone (d) no improvement
20. Mala was *hurried* to reach the meeting when she slipped and fell down.  
 (a) is hurried (b) was being hurried  
 (c) was hurrying (d) no improvement
21. The parents became extremely *troubled* when their son did not return by midnight.  
 (a) anxious (b) depressed  
 (c) sad (d) no improvement

22. Are you *more clever than us* ?  
 (a) cleverer to us (b) more cleverer to us  
 (c) cleverer than we (d) no improvement
23. Your statement that you were *thorough ignorant* of the consequences cannot be trusted.  
 (a) thoroughly in ignorance (b) thoroughly ignorance  
 (c) thoroughly ignorant (d) no improvement
24. Asking me *why was I absent, I was punished by the Headmaster.*  
 (a) why was I absent, was I punished by the Headmaster  
 (b) why I was absent, was I punished by the Headmaster  
 (c) why I was absent, the Headmaster punished me  
 (d) no improvement
25. I am quite hopeful of *securing* very high marks in the examination.  
 (a) to secure (b) to having secured  
 (c) of having secured (d) no improvement
26. People are generally found *absorbing* in the activity which they like most.  
 (a) absorb (b) absorbed  
 (c) observe (d) no improvement
27. Nothing but books and magazines *pleases* her.  
 (a) were pleasing (b) please  
 (c) are pleasing (d) no improvement
28. If the pain is *returning*, you would better take another pill.  
 (a) has returned (b) should return  
 (c) returns (d) no improvement
29. Do you *remember to meet her* at my house last year?  
 (a) remember of meeting her (b) remember about meeting her  
 (c) remember having met her (d) no improvement
30. The greatest thing in style is to have a *use* of metaphor.  
 (a) command (b) knowledge  
 (c) need (d) no improvement
31. From next term we will go *all out* for sports.  
 (a) all go out (b) all be out  
 (c) be all out (d) no improvement
32. If you had attended the meeting, you *would have benefitted* a great deal.  
 (a) would benefit (b) could benefit  
 (c) benefitted (d) no improvement
33. *Not only did he criticise* the party's policies but also the leader's personal matters.  
 (a) He criticised not only (b) He not only criticised  
 (c) He did not criticise (d) no improvement
34. Though courageous, he could not *hold up* against the heavy odds.  
 (a) hold fast (b) hold out  
 (c) hold in (d) no improvement
35. The man *to who I sold* my house was a cheat.  
 (a) to whom I sell (b) to who I sell  
 (c) to whom I sold (d) no improvement

## Revision Exercise (I)

1. *Although partially destroyed, the experts were able to infer* from what remained that the treasure was buried in the cave.
  - (a) Although partially destroyed, the experts had inferred
  - (b) Destroyed partially, the experts were able to infer
  - (c) Although it had been partially destroyed, the experts were able to infer
  - (d) no improvement
2. He spent much time and energy over it, and lost a large sum *in the bargain*.
  - (a) into the bargain
  - (b) with the bargain
  - (c) off the bargain
  - (d) no improvement
3. The Principal lamented that though a detailed report was submitted to the management a month ago, *no action is being taken so far*.
  - (a) no action had taken
  - (b) no action has been taken
  - (c) any action had been taken
  - (d) no improvement
4. The old man felled some trees with *hardly no effort* at all.
  - (a) hard effort
  - (b) a hardly any effort
  - (c) hardly any effort
  - (d) no improvement
5. We *might not be* able to change the situation quickly but we should continue our efforts in that direction.
  - (a) could not be
  - (b) had not been
  - (c) would not be
  - (d) no improvement
6. The record for the biggest tiger hunt has not been *met* since 1911 when Lord harding then Viceroy of India shot a tiger that mesured eleven feet six and three fourth inches.
  - (a) bettered
  - (b) improved
  - (c) broken
  - (d) no improvement
7. He is called *as the founder of the school*.
  - (a) founder of the
  - (b) founder of
  - (c) the founder of the
  - (d) no improvement
8. Even if I had stood on a chair; I *would not have been able to reach* the light bulb.
  - (a) did not reach
  - (b) could not reach
  - (c) would not be reaching
  - (d) no improvement
9. My mother asked me when *would I have a* glass of milk.
  - (a) I shall
  - (b) I would
  - (c) I will
  - (d) no improvement
10. *As he was much hated* by his contemporaries, posterity praises his statesmanship.
  - (a) he was as much
  - (b) so much he was
  - (c) much as he was
  - (d) no improvement
1. It is a common belief that familiarity *dispenses with* the necessity of politeness.
  - (a) dispenses of
  - (b) dispenses without
  - (c) dispenses from
  - (d) no improvement
2. *On basis* this information the Deputy Collector took strong action.
  - (a) On basis of
  - (b) on the basis
  - (c) on the basis of
  - (d) no improvement

13. Certainly man must *look up* the future and find ways of providing for his needs.  
 (a) look for (b) look to  
 (c) look in (d) no improvement
14. When Shankar came home after a hard day in the office, he found his wife had slept.  
 (a) was sleeping (b) sleeping  
 (c) has been sleeping (d) no improvement
15. Had you helped me, I *shall not be miserable*.  
 (a) would not be (b) should not be  
 (c) would not have been (d) no improvement
16. Because of the patient's ill health *losing weight* was advised him by the doctor.  
 (a) lost weight was what the doctor advised  
 (b) to lose weight was advised to him by the doctor  
 (c) he was advised by the doctor to lose weight  
 (d) no improvement
17. The train will leave at 8.30 P.M., we *have been* ready by 7.30 P.M. so that we can reach the station in time.  
 (a) should have (b) must be  
 (c) were (d) no improvement
18. May I know *who did accompany* you to the bus station ?  
 (a) who accompanied you (b) whom you accompanying  
 (c) whom did you accompany (d) no improvement
19. Just *in a hour's time*, he could complete the work to my satisfaction.  
 (a) in a hour (b) in an hour's time  
 (c) in the time of an hour (d) no improvement
20. It is high time he *starts to look* into his own flaws before speaking ill of others.  
 (a) started to look (b) starts looking  
 (c) started looking (d) no improvement
21. *Leaving a little room for* misinterpretation, the senior politician offered clarification about his role in the past elections.  
 (a) Leaving less room for (b) Leaving little room for  
 (c) Having left less room for (d) no improvement
22. The workers are *hell bent at getting* what is due to them.  
 (a) hell bent for getting (b) hell bent on getting  
 (c) hell bent upon getting (d) no improvement
23. I would rather you *help* my brother.  
 (a) you helped (b) you will help  
 (c) you have helped (d) no improvement
24. We should take up the first item, let us *begin this song*.  
 (a) this song begin us (b) us begin with this song  
 (c) us beginning this song (d) no improvement
25. Any *able bodied* man is eligible for the job.  
 (a) Any able-bodied men are (b) Each-able-bodied man is  
 (c) Any able-bodied men have been (d) no improvement

26. When it was feared that the serfs might go too far and gain their freedom from serfdom, the Protestant leaders joined the princes *at crushing them*
- (a) into crushing (b) in crushing  
(c) without crushing (d) no improvement
27. He found the gold coin *as he cleans* the floor.
- (a) while he cleans (b) as he had cleaning  
(c) while cleaning (d) no improvement
28. *I, your brother and you* will be partners in the business.
- (a) I, you and your brother (b) You, your brother and I  
(c) You, I and your brother (d) no improvement
29. Each village adopted by the club was *provided by* electric supply.
- (a) provided (b) provided with  
(c) provided for (d) no improvement
30. He found it difficult *to cope along with his* work.
- (a) to cope also with his work (b) to cope with his work  
(c) to cope up with his work (d) no improvement
31. While we would like *that all Indian children* to go to school, we need to ponder why they do not.
- (a) all Indian children (b) that all the Indian children  
(c) if all the children of India (d) no improvement
32. The question is *how* the motive of the robber was in this particular case.
- (a) what (b) where was  
(c) when was (d) no improvement
33. Madan will not be *at home* until eight O'clock
- (a) in home (b) to home  
(c) home (d) no improvement
34. Why *did you not spoken* to me earlier ?
- (a) did you not spoke (b) you did not spoke  
(c) did you not speak (d) no improvement
35. *Although* you examine it carefully, you will notice some flaws in it.
- (a) Unless (b) If  
(c) Despite (d) no improvement

### Revision Exercise (J)

1. All of you are invited *to* the function
- (a) for (b) into  
(c) at (d) no improvement
2. The monograph which was published three years ago, *would suggest* that by 2010 there would be seventy three million T.V. sets in India.
- (a) has been suggesting (b) had suggested  
(c) would have suggested (d) no improvement
3. No one could explain how a calm and balanced person like him could *penetrate* such a mindless act on his friends.
- (a) perpetuate (b) perpetrate  
(c) precipitate (d) no improvement

4. If you have paid only twenty rupees for this purse, it *has really cheap*.  
 (a) has really cheapest (b) is really cheap  
 (c) is real cheap (d) no improvement
5. She had no difficulty to *settle down* to her new life in the city.  
 (a) in settling down (b) for settling down  
 (c) to settling down (d) no improvement
6. If I were a millionaire, I *would have helped* the poor.  
 (a) can help (b) could have helped  
 (c) would help (d) no improvement
7. Nelson Mandela struggled hard to get equality *from* the whites in South Africa.  
 (a) for (b) with  
 (c) at (d) no improvement
8. He is not *in the good books* of his master.  
 (a) in the good book (b) into the good books  
 (c) in the best book (d) no improvement
9. There is an endless *running* of traffic on Delhi-Jaipur road.  
 (a) heaviness (b) river  
 (c) stream (d) no improvement
10. The Chinese are said to have *invented* ice-cream almost three thousand years ago.  
 (a) are said that they (b) are saying to have  
 (c) had said to have (d) no improvement
11. I need not offer any explanation regarding this incident, my behaviour *is speaking himself*.  
 (a) speaks about itself (b) speaks for itself  
 (c) has been speaking (d) no improvement
12. Even though our team took the field with great confidence, the opposition made them eat *the humble pie*.  
 (a) a humble pie (b) humble pie  
 (c) humble pies (d) no improvement
13. *I think in my opinion* that all those who claim to be honest are not really so.  
 (a) In my opinion, (b) It seems to me  
 (c) It is my believing (d) no improvement
14. The officer *whom I went* reported that my case was pending.  
 (a) whom I went to (b) who I went  
 (c) that I went (d) no improvement
15. He found it difficult to *adapt to* the changed circumstances.  
 (a) adapt himself to (b) adapt with  
 (c) adapt according to (d) no improvement
16. Any order which *curbs* a police officer from doing his duty is itself unlawful and should not be obeyed.  
 (a) restricts (b) prevents  
 (c) stops (d) no improvement
17. After the successful performance of the great actor was over, there was *thunder struck* applause for a few minutes.  
 (a) fearful (b) cheerful  
 (c) thunderous (d) no improvement

18. He is so *handsome* man that people turn round to look at him.  
 (a) very handsome (b) such a handsome  
 (c) too handsome (d) no improvement
19. They continued to work in the field *despite* of the heavy rains.  
 (a) inspite of the heavy rains (b) although heavily rains  
 (c) even it rained heavily (d) no improvement
20. She has a passion of *music*.  
 (a) with (b) for  
 (c) in (d) no improvement
21. Wil you *lend* me few rupees in this hour of need.  
 (a) borrow me a few rupees (b) lend my any rupees  
 (c) lend me a few rupees (d) no improvement
22. To get one's name in the Rowland Ward's book of hunting records was the *hot* ambition of every serious hunter.  
 (a) burning (b) extreme  
 (c) high (d) no improvement
23. I spoke for *an hour*.  
 (a) one hour (b) one full hour  
 (c) an hour fully (d) no improvement
24. Hold *hands* of your child while crossing the road.  
 (a) your child's hands (b) you child's hand  
 (c) hand of your child (d) no improvement
25. Taxpayers *are* to be conscious of their privileges.  
 (a) need (b) have to  
 (c) ought to (d) no improvement
26. You can't go that way, I am afraid, as the road is *in repairs*.  
 (a) under repairs (b) under repair  
 (c) on repairs (d) no improvement
27. Our team lost the football match although the boys *put* in a very good performance.  
 (a) put on (b) put up  
 (c) put off (d) no improvement
28. *Have you not reached* in time, we would have lost our lives.  
 (a) had you not reach (b) if you have not reached  
 (c) Had you not reached (d) no improvement
29. *On some evenings*, I leave office as late as seven O'clock.  
 (a) In some evenings (b) Some evenings  
 (c) On some of the evenings (d) no improvement
30. It was quite clear that the runner *could be able* to improve upon his own record.  
 (a) will be able (b) should be able  
 (c) would be able (d) no improvement
31. What tribute shall we pay to Sardar Patel that he *would appreciate* ?  
 (a) would have appreciated (b) could have appreciated  
 (c) should appreciate (d) no improvement

32. The teacher was fed up *by* the boy's persistent misbehaviour.  
 (a) about (b) with  
 (c) from (d) no improvement
33. After taking tuition they are now *at the home in the Physics*.  
 (a) at home in the Physics (b) at home in Physics  
 (c) at the home in Physics (d) no improvement
34. You must *accustom yourself with* new ideas.  
 (a) accustomed with (b) accustom to  
 (c) accustom yourself to (d) no improvement
35. Your results depend not only on how much you have studied but how long you have read.  
 (a) but also how long (b) but also on how long  
 (c) but also on how much (d) no improvement

### Revision Exercise (K)

1. I told him that I *waited* for him for an hour the previous day.  
 (a) had waited (b) was waiting  
 (c) had been waiting (d) no improvement
2. As Suresh spoke about his achievements, his *high* claims amused us.  
 (a) big (b) tall  
 (c) huge (d) no improvement
3. We ought to *stand* for what is right.  
 (a) stand up for (b) stand on for  
 (c) stand at (d) no improvement
4. I walked away as calmly as I could, *or else* they would have thought I was the thief.  
 (a) otherwise (b) failing which  
 (c) in case (d) no improvement
5. A number of steps have been taken with a view to *improving* the conditions of the backward classes.  
 (a) to improve (b) for improving  
 (c) at improving (d) no improvement
6. By this time next year John *should have completed* his degree course at Mumbai University.  
 (a) will complete (b) would complete  
 (c) could have completed (d) no improvement
7. He will not risk *going for* business with you.  
 (a) to go for (b) going into for  
 (c) going in for (d) no improvement
8. It is *raining* havily all through this week.  
 (a) has rained (b) rains  
 (c) rained (d) no improvement
9. When Rip Van Winkle awoke from his long sleep, he asked *where I am*.  
 (a) I was (b) am I  
 (c) he was (d) no improvement

10. To write regularly *in pleasure* is what she wants to do now.  
 (a) for pleasure (b) for the pleasure  
 (c) with pleasure (d) no improvement
11. The alternative *of* my first suggestion is to resign.  
 (a) for (b) to  
 (c) with (d) no improvement
12. The sparrows took no *notice* about the bread.  
 (a) notice of (b) notice from  
 (c) notice to (d) no improvement
13. I had liked her since the first time I *had seen* her.  
 (a) have seen (b) saw  
 (c) did see (d) no improvement
14. Applications of those *who are graduates* will be considered.  
 (a) who are only graduates (b) only who are graduates  
 (c) who are graduates only (d) no improvement
15. After several years of silent suffering he finally decided to *put* himself against the manipulations of his political rivals.  
 (a) stand (b) fight  
 (c) set (d) no improvement
16. She tried to shake him *up* but he continued to pester her.  
 (a) away (b) of  
 (c) off (d) no improvement
17. Scarcely *had she left* the place than children arrived.  
 (a) had she left the place and (b) had she left the place when  
 (c) she had left the place than (d) no improvement
18. I dislike *him interrupting* me so rudely.  
 (a) his interrupting (b) he interrupting  
 (c) his interruption of (d) no improvement
19. I wonder whether *he has finished* the work still.  
 (a) he has yet finished the work (b) he has finished the work yet  
 (c) he has still finished the work (d) no improvement
20. *It being* bad weather, the repainting of the building was completed before the agreed date.  
 (a) it being a (b) in spite of being a  
 (c) in spite of the (d) no improvement
21. If this book is neither mine nor yours, it must be *somebody's else*.  
 (a) somebody's (b) somebody else  
 (c) somebody else's (d) no improvement
22. Anju is not so stupid as she looks, *she is*?  
 (a) isn't it? (b) does she?  
 (c) is she? (d) no improvement
23. To have *acquainted* with him, I could easily understand why he had done it.  
 (a) to be acquainted (b) having acquainted  
 (c) being acquainted (d) no improvement

24. With a view to *detect any weapon* carried by a passenger, sensitive machines are used at airports.
- (a) detect all weapons (b) detecting all Weapons  
(c) detecting any weapon (d) no improvement
25. If the school had been destroyed we *would have to go home*.
- (a) would go home (b) would have had to go home  
(c) should go home (d) no improvement
26. *When he left the house, it has not ceased raining*.
- (a) ever before (b) ever since  
(c) until (d) no improvement
27. While campaigning against child-labour the leader said that he *was feeling strongly* about children being made to work when they should be going to school.
- (a) was feeling strong (b) has been feeling strongly  
(c) felt strongly (d) no improvement
28. You would have succeeded if you *acted* upon my advice.
- (a) had acted (b) would have acted  
(c) have acted (d) no improvement
29. Don't hold this dirty insect in your hand; *throw it*.
- (a) throw it down (b) throw it out  
(c) throw it away (d) no improvement
30. The Principal asked me *that I should not enter* his office without permission.
- (a) don't enter (b) not to enter  
(c) not entering (d) no improvement
31. All that I wish to tell you is that you *better* revise this essay.
- (a) should better (b) could better  
(c) had better (d) no improvement
32. If it were possible to get near where one of the volcanic eruptions *took place*, we should see grand sight.
- (a) takes (b) was taking  
(c) is taking (d) no improvement
33. Whenever Suresh gets into trouble he *makes* a story to get out of it.
- (a) makes for (b) makes out  
(c) makes up (d) no improvement
34. We *could not help* admire his inventive genius.
- (a) could not but (b) could not help to  
(c) could not help but (d) no improvement
35. There is absolutely no reason to call his statement *in question*.
- (a) under question (b) out of question  
(c) into question (d) no improvement

## Revision Exercise (L)

1. I had given him a lot of money, but he *ran up* it in a couple of weeks.  
(a) ran into (b) ran down  
(c) ran through (d) no improvement
2. It is time you *start* earning your own living.  
(a) started (b) would start  
(c) may start (d) no improvement
3. The Sun *set* before we reached the village.  
(a) would have set (b) would set  
(c) had set (d) no improvement
4. He *evaded to pay* income tax.  
(a) from paying (b) against paying  
(c) paying (d) no improvement
5. The members swore *on* the constitution to uphold the integrity of the country.  
(a) by (b) at  
(c) upon (d) no improvement
6. *More he gets, more he wants*  
(a) The more he gets, the more (b) The more he gets, more  
(c) More gets, the more (d) no improvement
7. We had a grand party and *we enjoyed very much*.  
(a) enjoyed very much (b) we enjoyed ourselves very much  
(c) enjoyed much (d) no improvement
8. All this has been done with a view *to improve* the living conditions of the poor.  
(a) to improving (b) of improving  
(c) for improving (d) no improvement
9. Let's go for a picnic, *shouldn't we* ?  
(a) won't (b) shan't  
(c) shall (d) no improvement
10. If I *have* the money, I should have bought this house.  
(a) had had (b) would have  
(c) should have (d) no improvement
11. If you are told *of a downright lie* about goods to induce you to buy them, you may have a remedy.  
(a) about a downright lie (b) a downright lie  
(c) downright lie (d) no improvement
12. His father forbade him *about entering* politics.  
(a) from entering (b) on enter  
(c) to enter (d) no improvement
13. To some extent, every child takes *after* his father.  
(a) upon (b) for  
(c) off (d) no improvement

14. The boss said, "I shall look *at* the matter".  
 (a) about (b) in  
 (c) into (d) no improvement
15. I did nothing but *laughed*  
 (a) laughing (b) laugh  
 (c) laughed aloud (d) no improvement
16. The highest recorded speed of shorthand under championship conditions, is 300 words per minute.  
 (a) in (b) for  
 (c) with (d) no improvement
17. There were many petty Rajput Kingdoms in India *prior than* the coming of the Mohammadans.  
 (a) prior from (b) prior up to  
 (c) prior to (d) no improvement
18. *Until* the last twenty eight years he has been working in various units of this plant.  
 (a) for (b) since  
 (c) during (d) no improvement
19. I hope you will be able to *steer ahead* of the anti-social elements.  
 (a) steer out (b) steer free  
 (c) steer clear (d) no improvement
20. Had Alizee been well, she *could participate* in the competition.  
 (a) would participate (b) would have participated  
 (c) will have participated (d) no improvement
21. If you have *some* doubts, please let me know.  
 (a) a few (b) few  
 (c) any (d) no improvement
22. *Leave* my arm, please,  
 (a) give up (b) let go  
 (c) release (d) no improvement
23. May I request you to *see* my testimonials?  
 (a) look at (b) see through  
 (c) attend to (d) no improvement
24. Malaria, *being earlier confined* to a few pockets of migrant workers, is now spreading in the national capital.  
 (a) being confined (b) earlier having been confined  
 (c) earlier confined (d) no improvement
25. *Scarcely he entered* the room when the phone rang.  
 (a) scarcely had he entered (b) scarcely he had entered  
 (c) scarcely he was entering (d) no improvement
26. It was a drawn game; neither of the teams *were* able to score a goal.  
 (a) was (b) is  
 (c) are (d) no improvement
27. The death of his father was *prior than that* of his mother.  
 (a) from (b) to  
 (c) for (d) no improvement

28. I look forward to *meet* you during the coming festival.  
 (a) for meeting (b) at meeting  
 (c) to meeting (d) no improvement
29. No sooner he saw the Police Superintendent than he disappeared.  
 (a) no sooner did he see (b) no sooner he had seen  
 (c) as soon as he see (d) no improvement
30. If I were a king, I would have helped my subjects.  
 (a) did have helped (b) could help  
 (c) would help (d) no improvement
31. The criminal was ordered to be *hanged to death*.  
 (a) hung till death (b) hung to death  
 (c) hanged till death (d) no improvement
32. A bird in hand is better than *two in the bush*.  
 (a) two on bush (b) two in bush  
 (c) two at a bush (d) no improvement
33. Since I am not new to Mumbai, you *must not have* come to the Railway Station to receive me.  
 (a) should not have (b) need not have  
 (c) ought not to have (d) no improvement
34. She prefers coffee *to* tea.  
 (a) than (b) over  
 (c) for (d) no improvement
35. Our professor is an authority on the subject which he *had been teaching* since 1966.  
 (a) has been teaching (b) is teaching  
 (c) was teaching (d) no improvement

## Revision Exercise (M)

1. It is high time she *changes* her job.  
 (a) must change (b) had changed  
 (c) changed (d) no improvement
2. I am considering *to set up* a cyber cafe.  
 (a) setting (b) set up  
 (c) setting up (d) no improvement
3. Another question *we often ask* in those days was whether they believed in God.  
 (a) we will often ask (b) we are often asking  
 (c) we often asked (d) no improvement
4. Yes I would, if I *should*, rather be a sparrow than a snail.  
 (a) can (b) shall  
 (c) could (d) no improvement
5. Machines *turn* human society from an agrarian one into an industrial one.  
 (a) has turned (b) turned  
 (c) have turned (d) no improvement
6. I am afraid you two *are at cross-purpose*.  
 (a) are at cross-purpose (b) are in cross-purpose  
 (c) are at cross-purposes (d) no improvement

7. I am surprised that he *dares speak* in such a tone to his father.  
 (a) he dares to speak (b) he dare to speak  
 (c) he dare speak (d) no improvement
8. Take care *that you are not be cheated*.  
 (a) that you will not be cheated (b) you will not be cheated  
 (c) that you are not cheated (d) no improvement
9. He does not smoke, *nor he drinks*.  
 (a) nor he does drink. (b) neither he does drink.  
 (c) nor does he drink. (d) no improvement
10. The patient *could have been saved* if he had been taken to the hospital in time,  
 (a) could be saved (b) could save  
 (c) had been saved (d) no improvement
11. I must speak to the landlord about the people. They make *much noise*.  
 (a) much of noise. (b) very much noise  
 (c) too much noise (d) no improvement
12. When the bomb went off, it broke *all of our windows*.  
 (a) all our windows (b) all windows of us.  
 (c) our all windows. (d) no improvement
13. Knowing very little English, *it was difficult to converse* with the foreigners.  
 (a) I found it difficult to converse (b) to converse was difficult  
 (c) conversing was difficult (d) no improvement
14. He is quite well now, *a slight cold*.  
 (a) except with a slight cold (b) excepting a slight cold.  
 (c) except for a slight cold. (d) no improvement
15. He does not like me *coming so late*.  
 (a) my coming so late (b) I coming so late  
 (c) me come so late (d) no improvement
16. *I have to cut down* my expenses due to my falling income.  
 (a) I have to cut off (b) I have to cut out  
 (c) I have to cut of (d) no improvement
17. Of the two candidates, I think *he is the best suited*.  
 (a) he is suited best (b) he is the better suited  
 (c) he is best suited (d) no improvement
18. The climate of Delhi is somewhat *like Jaipur*.  
 (a) like Jaipur's (b) as jaipur's  
 (c) as Jaipur (d) no improvement
19. His brother *never has and never will be dependable*.  
 (a) never had (b) never has been  
 (c) was never being (d) no improvement
20. If you *would have remembered to bring the map*, we would not have lost our way.  
 (a) had remembered (b) were remembering  
 (c) remembered (d) no improvement
21. You must *carry on* my order.  
 (a) carry out my order (b) carry out my orders  
 (c) carry of (d) no improvement

22. The boat *was* drowned.  
(a) was drown  
(c) was sunk  
(b) was drowned  
(d) no improvement
23. Now I must *beg* leave of you.  
(a) beg your leave  
(c) beg off your leave  
(b) beg of your leave  
(d) no improvement
24. *When* describing the accident, he was in tears.  
(a) in describing  
(c) as describing  
(b) when he was describing  
(d) no improvement
25. The two thieves distributed the loot *between* themselves.  
(a) among themselves  
(c) with themselves  
(b) amongst themselves  
(d) no improvement
26. *The preservation of peace* is necessary.  
(a) maintenance of peace  
(c) persuasion of peace  
(b) establishment of peace  
(d) no improvement
27. The spirit of democracy had *sped into* our way of thinking.  
(a) leaked into  
(c) soaked into  
(b) permeated  
(d) no improvement
28. *The decent* from the mountain peak was slow and painful.  
(a) descent  
(c) decrease  
(b) decline  
(d) no improvement
29. *The building will redecorate* during the summer season.  
(a) will be redecorated  
(c) will be redecorate  
(b) will be redecorating  
(d) no improvement
30. The police are *looking* the robber.  
(a) looking to  
(c) looking for  
(b) looking out  
(d) no improvement
31. He came in looking as if he *sees* a ghost.  
(a) saw  
(c) had seen  
(b) will see  
(d) no improvement
32. Ancient India *must has* learned scholars.  
(a) must have  
(c) must had  
(b) must have had  
(d) no improvement
33. He *will have this book print* at my press.  
(a) have this book printed  
(c) has this book printed  
(b) this book printed  
(d) no improvement
34. He *is travelling all over the country by next year*.  
(a) has been travelling  
(c) will have travelled  
(b) will have been travelling  
(d) no improvement
35. *The Guptas are living* in the colony for two years now.  
(a) Guptas are living  
(c) The Guptas have been living  
(b) Guptas have been living  
(d) no improvement