

AN ADVANCED APPROACH TO DATA INTERPRETATION

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For Bank P.O., S.B.I.P.O., R.B.I., M.B.A., Hotel Management, Railways, I. Tax and Central Excise, I.A.S. (Prelims & Mains), C.B.I., Asstt. Grade, U.D.C., L.I.C., G.I.C.A.A.O. etc.

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I. VOCABULARY USAGE

TYPE 1 : Selecting the appropriate word from five alternatives provided

PRACTICE SET 1

Directions : Pick out the most effective word from the given words to fill in the blank to make the sentence meaningfully complete.

1. These essays are intellectually and represent various levels of complexity.
(a) revealing (b) modern
(c) superior (d) demanding
(e) persistent (Bank P.O. 1995)
2. It was almost impossible for him to put out of his mind the words which he heard from his clever father-in-law.
(a) inspiring (b) witty
(c) sarcastic (d) soothing
(e) exhortative
3. Integrity of character, honesty, dependability and discipline with a genuine interest in your work will go a long way in the achievement of success in your professional life.
(a) coupled (b) adjoined (c) fixed
(d) attached (e) joined
4. The soldiers were instructed to restraint and handle the situation peacefully. (Bank P.O. 1993)
(a) exercise (b) control (c) prevent
(d) enforce (e) remain
5. Ishwar Chandra Vidyasagar was one of the chief of women's rights.
(a) promoters (b) facilitators
(c) instigators (d) organisers
(e) protagonists
6. The two sisters look so that it is difficult to tell one from the other.
(a) same (b) similar (c) identical
(d) alike (e) resembling
7. Since one cannot read every book, one should be content with making a selection. (Bank P.O. 1991)
(a) normal (b) standard (c) sample
(d) moderate (e) judicious
8. Success comes to those who are vigilant not to permit from the chosen path.
(a) diversion (b) deviation
(c) obstruction (d) alienation
(e) distraction
9. His actions had pain and suffering on thousands of people.
(a) deplored (b) eliminated
(c) affected (d) inflicted
(e) imposed
10. He has good over the famous world languages.
(a) authority (b) expertise (c) hold
(d) command (e) knowledge
11. Everyday, in the school, one period is to games, sports and physical exercise.
(a) entrusted (b) dedicated
(c) conceded (d) devoted
(e) conferred
12. What frustrates the opposition's effort of unity is the absence of a long term strategy.
(a) credible (b) contestable
(c) creditable (d) compatible
(e) conceivable
13. Some people themselves into believing that they are indispensable to the organisation they work for.
(a) keep (b) fool (c) force
(d) denigrate (e) delude (S.B.I.P.O. 1994)
14. The Government sought to set at speculation that there may be a shift in our nuclear policy.
(a) pace (b) rest (c) peace
(d) fire (e) right
15. How do you expect that country to progress when her government is corrupt, and still largely feudal?
(a) devalued (b) dwindling
(c) despotic (d) demeaning
(e) demobilised (Bank P.O. 1993)
16. The petition before the Court prayed for the appointment orders issued by the management.
(a) removing (b) granting
(c) posting (d) quashing
(e) dismissing
17. I have a profound respect for his political
(a) personality (b) ambition
(c) temperament (d) sagacity
(e) involvement
18. The truck was the traffic and the policeman asked the driver to move off.
(a) failing (b) obstructing
(c) obviating (d) hiding

19. The paternalistic attitude is so ingrained in the managements that they will have to try to change it.
(a) casually (b) slowly (c) subtly (d) inadvertently (e) conscientiously
20. For a few seconds, Madan was blinded by the powerful lights of the oncoming car.
(a) heavily (b) largely (c) greatly (d) powerfully (e) totally
21. His interest in the study of human behaviour is indeed very
(a) strong (b) large (c) broad (d) vast (e) deep (L.I.C. 1995)
22. The police have a complaint against four persons.
(a) entered (b) lodged (c) registered (d) noted (e) received
23. The improvement made by changes in the system was and did not warrant the large expenses. (R.B.I. 1991)
(a) large (b) small (c) minute (d) marginal (e) uncertain
24. The man who is hesitating which of the two things he will do first, will do neither.
(a) persistently (b) constantly (c) insistently (d) consistently (e) perpetually
25. He is too to be deceived easily.
(a) strong (b) modern (c) kind (d) honest (e) intelligent (B.S.R.B. 1992)
26. In of the recommendations the Board has established a counter to entertain the complaints from consumers.
(a) adherence (b) relation (c) pursuance (d) accordance (e) relevance
27. There has been a lack of efficiency in all the crucial areas of the working of Public Sector Undertakings.
(a) positive (b) surprising (c) conspicuous (d) stimulative (e) insignificant (Bank P.O. 1994)
28. The propeller driven fighter planes of the Second World War have long been completely
(a) old (b) aged (c) ancient (d) obsolete (e) decayed
29. Unlike most rulers in that age, Akbar believed in religious tolerance.
(a) ancient (b) historical (c) feudal (d) bigoted (e) aristocratic
30. He is so of his own idea that he will not entertain any suggestion from others.
(a) hopeful (b) enchanted (c) enamoured (d) jealous (e) possessed
31. Undoubtedly, English is the most spoken language in the world today.
(a) broadly (b) widely (c) greatly (d) beautifully (e) elaborately
32. I will be leaving for Delhi tonight and to return by this week end.
(a) waiting (b) plan (c) going (d) likely (e) making (B.S.R.B. 1995)
33. The vacancy by the dismissal of the superintendent is expected to be filled up by the promotion of a U.D.C.
(a) made (b) created (c) caused (d) generated (e) procured
34. Stone age research was always on a low in India.
(a) key (b) scale (c) profile (d) point (e) ebb
35. Ravi's behaviour is worthy of by all the youngsters. (S.B.I.P.O. 1992)
(a) trial (b) emulation (c) following (d) exploration (e) experiment
36. The Minister called upon the people to their religious differences and strengthen secularism in the country.
(a) condemn (b) abolish (c) sink (d) exhort (e) weaken
37. Nothing can be achieved without a certain amount of discomfort while making an effort.
(a) getting (b) sacrificing (c) enduring (d) imbibing (e) internalizing
38. When Mr. Kant heard the news of his son's selection to the college team, he felt
(a) enamoured (b) elated (c) exasperated (d) embittered (e) effervescent
39. Even at the risk of economic loss, he refused to take the beaten track.
(a) repeatedly (b) often (c) regularly (d) continuously (e) steadfastly (R.B.I. 1990)
40. The only way to the country from the evils of communalism is to enforce the rule of law.
(a) eradicate (b) mobilise

Sentence Completion

- (c) extricate (d) purge
(e) strengthen
41. On his sudden demise, my emotions were so complicated that it was how I felt. (Bank P.O. 1991)
(a) unreasonable (b) impossible (c) intolerable (d) unimaginable (e) inexplicable
42. A solution may not yet be in sight, but the important thing was to get a between them started.
(a) conflict (b) debate (c) dialogue (d) conversation (e) discussion
43. After consulting a of doctors he eventually thought of consulting a specialist.
(a) chain (b) string (c) mass (d) series (e) majority
44. The presence of their teacher the chit-chat of the girls in the restaurant.
(a) limited (b) interrupted (c) inhibited (d) obstructed (e) prohibited
45. The man was about to move his bike into the compound of his apartment when a passer by down the motorbike.
(a) forced (b) fell (c) turned (d) climbed (e) knocked
46. Sarita could have in the examination inspite of her efforts had the examination been more difficult.
(a) managed (b) failed (c) competed (d) tried (e) passed
47. The with which he is able to wield the paint brush is really remarkable.
(a) ease (b) sweep (c) skill (d) majesty (e) practice
48. Two of the fugitives managed to remain free by adeptly avoiding the of the police. (S.B.I.P.O. 1992)
(a) torture (b) pursuit (c) discovery (d) following (e) repression
49. The accused to the judge for mercy.
(a) asked (b) applied (c) demanded (d) appealed (e) requested
50. Experts fail to understand the behind the decision to move coal by road when there is enough rail capacity in this sector.
(a) ideology (b) judgement (c) rationale (d) politics (e) logistics

ANSWERS

1. (c) 2. (b) 3. (a) 4. (a) 5. (e) 6. (d) 7. (e) 8. (b) 9. (d) 10. (d)
11. (d) 12. (a) 13. (e) 14. (b) 15. (c) 16. (d) 17. (d) 18. (b) 19. (c) 20. (e)
21. (e) 22. (c) 23. (d) 24. (a) 25. (e) 26. (c) 27. (c) 28. (d) 29. (b) 30. (c)
31. (b) 32. (b) 33. (c) 34. (a) 35. (b) 36. (c) 37. (c) 38. (b) 39. (e) 40. (d)
41. (c) 42. (c) 43. (b) 44. (c) 45. (e) 46. (b) 47. (a) 48. (b) 49. (d) 50. (c)

PRACTICE SET 2

Directions : Pick out the most effective word from the given words to fill in the blanks to make the sentence meaningfully complete.

1. Macbeth is a tragedy of a man who was with great qualities.
(a) possessed (b) empowered (c) privileged (d) endowed (e) obsessed
2. Mounting unemployment is the most serious and problem faced by India today. (Bank P.O. 1995)
(a) dubious (b) profound (c) unpopular (d) intractable (e) unattainable
3. Democracy some values which are fundamental to the realisation of the dignity of man.
(a) cherishes (b) nourishes (c) espouses (d) nurtures (e) harbours
4. Successful people are genuinely very efficient in their tasks.
(a) making (b) attaining (c) achieving (d) completing (e) accomplishing

5. Automobile manufacturers are reviving up to launch a campaign designed to increase consumer about the new emission control. (Bank P.O. 1990)
(a) production (b) education
(c) capacity (d) knowledge
(e) awareness
6. To break the stalemate over the controversial issue, the Prime Minister held discussions today with four other leaders to a consensus.
(a) evolve (b) win (c) capture
(d) emerge (e) develop
7. Forests on the whole are less than farms to flood damage.
(a) exposed (b) affected
(c) destroyed (d) vulnerable
(e) destructible
8. His logic everyone, including the experts. (R.B.I. 1990)
(a) teased (b) defied
(c) surprised (d) confounded
(e) overwhelmed
9. The factory went into a state of suspended today with all its workers on strike.
(a) symbiosis (b) animation
(c) ways (d) condition
(e) mortification
10. It is not fair to cast on honest and innocent persons. (S.B.I.P.O. 1987)
(a) aspiration (b) aspersions
(c) inspiration (d) adulation
11. The code of Manu from the theological aspect is regarded as from God.
(a) originating (b) issuing
(c) generating (d) emanating
(e) coming forth
12. This book is about a man who his family and went to live in the Himalayas.
(a) exiled (b) deserted
(c) banished (d) expelled
(e) admonished
13. You must your career with all seriousness. (B.S.R.B. 1992)
(a) direct (b) complete (c) follow
(d) manage (e) pursue
14. The affluent life styles of contemporary politicians are in sharp contrast to the ways of living of the freedom fighters.
(a) austere (b) agnostic
(c) stingy (d) extravagant
(e) disciplined
15. The villagers the death of their leader by keeping all the shops closed.
(a) announced (b) protested
(c) mourned (d) consoled
- (e) avenged (Bank P.O. 1993)
16. Everyone of us should endeavour to the miseries of the poor.
(a) diffuse (b) mitigate (c) condemn
(d) suppress (e) acknowledge
17. The government will all resources to fight poverty.
(a) move (b) collect (c) harness
(d) exploit (e) muster
18. These medicines are for curing cold.
(a) proper (b) real (c) effective
(d) capable (e) powerful (B.S.R.B. 1991)
19. It is easy to but impossible to replace English medium education.
(a) deny (b) approve
(c) propagate (d) castigate
(e) eliminate
20. Since she is a teacher of language, one would not expect her to be guilty of a
(a) aberration (b) solecism
(c) schism (d) bombast
(e) stanchion
21. The poor ones continue to out a living inspite of economic liberalisation in that country. (Bank P.O. 1994)
(a) find (b) go (c) eke
(d) bring (e) manage
22. I will write a letter to you tentatively the dates of the programme.
(a) involving (b) urging (c) guiding
(d) indicating (e) propagating (B.S.R.B. 1996)
23. He should be dismissed for his remarks about his superiors.
(a) critical (b) depreciatory
(c) scurrilous (d) laudatory
(e) impeccable
24. Contemporary economic development differs from the Industrial Revolution of the 19th century.
(a) naturally (b) usually
(c) literally (d) specially
(e) markedly (Bank P.O. 1995)
25. After discussing the matter for about an hour, the committee without having reached any decision.
(a) dispersed (b) dissolved
(c) postponed (d) withdrew
(e) adjourned
26. The word gnarana points to the concepts of stylistic individuality and handing down of tradition within family confines.
(a) joint (b) conflicting (c) dual
(d) contradictory (e) extraordinary
27. The Government is certain to the publication of any details of this fraudulent research.
(a) retain (b) restrict (c) delay
(d) prohibit (e) conceal
28. It was the help he got from his friends which him through the tragedy.
(a) helped (b) boosted (c) perked
(d) supported (e) sustained (R.B.I. 1990)
29. The security for the Ministers has been up following the attack at a public meeting last evening.
(a) steered (b) geared (c) speeded
(d) bloated (e) beefed
30. The criminals managed to escape from the prison even though two armed policemen were vigil over them.
(a) taking (b) putting (c) guarding
(d) keeping (e) looking (Bank P.O. 1993)
31. General awareness and education facilitate the of specific skills.
(a) creation (b) requirement
(c) acquisition (d) procurement
(e) organisation
32. The speaker did not properly use the time as he went on on one point alone. (Bank P.O. 1992)
(a) dilating (b) devoting
(c) deliberating (d) diluting
(e) distributing
33. A number of advances in medicine would have been sooner if free enquiry had been common and orthodox thinking habits had been rare.
(a) persisted (b) inducted
(c) secured (d) achieved
(e) propagated
34. The final electoral rolls have been intensively revised through house to house
(a) investigation (b) enunciation
(c) enumeration (d) documentation
(e) categorization
35. Ravi had to drop his plan of going to picnic as he had certain to meet during that period. (S.B.I.P.O. 1994)
(a) preparations (b) observations
(c) urgencies (d) transactions
(e) commitments
36. The unruly behaviour of the students their teacher.
(a) tempered (b) incensed
(c) aggrieved (d) clashed
(e) impeached
37. Although it is two years since this book was first published, its Indian edition has just been
(a) sold (b) started (c) published
(d) launched (e) marketed
38. Even in today's modern society, people god to bring rains. (Bank P.O. 1993)
(a) provoke (b) evoke (c) appeal
(d) propitiate (e) superimpose
39. The Union leader assured the workers that their grievances could be through negotiations.
(a) attended (b) heard (c) settled
(d) answered (e) satisfied
40. The good is often with their bones.
(a) buried (b) covered (c) exhumed
(d) interred (e) fleshed (Railways, 1991)
41. If this interpretation is held valid, then the states are of power to plan, implement and monitor their schemes.
(a) awarded (b) invested (c) relieved
(d) delegated (e) divested
42. He knew that social evils were only of deeper maladies.
(a) cause (b) indications (c) part
(d) consequences (e) manifestations
43. Eight scientists have the national awards for outstanding contribution and dedication to the profession.
(a) bestowed (b) picked
(c) bagged (d) conferred
(e) discovered (Bank P.O. 1994)
44. The judge complimented the young witness for standing upto the cross examination.
(a) terrible (b) tedious (c) arduous
(d) lengthy (e) gruelling
45. Defection is an unprincipled practice which can do damage to the democratic process.
(a) incalculable (b) inalienable
(c) intolerable (d) infallible
(e) indispensable
46. With the growing in the country the Government is gearing itself to quell the rebellion.
(a) disturbances (b) tension
(c) unrest (d) insurgency
(e) coup
47. It was hot that day and the cable suffered the brunt of the heat.
(a) treacherously (b) acceptably
(c) unfailingly (d) unbelievably
(e) uncompromisingly (S.B.I.P.O. 1992)
48. Sachin was to reach that afternoon but was up at Delhi for some personal work.
(a) kept (b) held (c) delayed

- (d) stayed (e) detained
49. I do not think the evidence you have heard your opinion.
(a) promotes (b) accuses
(c) commits (d) warrants
(e) convinces

50. He his shoes till they shone.
(a) brushed (b) scrubbed
(c) shined (d) polished
(e) wiped

ANSWERS

1. (d) 2. (d) 3. (a) 4. (e) 5. (e) 6. (a) 7. (d) 8. (c) 9. (b) 10. (b)
11. (d) 12. (b) 13. (e) 14. (a) 15. (c) 16. (b) 17. (e) 18. (c) 19. (d) 20. (b)
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41. (e) 42. (e) 43. (c) 44. (e) 45. (a) 46. (c) 47. (d) 48. (b) 49. (d) 50. (d)

PRACTICE SET 3

Directions : In each of the following questions, pick out the most effective word from the given words to fill in the blank to make the sentence meaningfully complete.

- His companions prevailed upon him not to to violence.
(a) refer (b) resort (c) prone
(d) provoke (e) pertain
- No country can to practice a constant, rigid foreign policy in view of the world power dynamics.
(a) oblivate (b) anticipate
(c) afford (d) envisage
(e) visualise (S.B.I.P.O. 1994)
- If the President does not grant in his case, he will be hanged shortly.
(a) parole (b) release (c) freedom
(d) gratitude (e) clemency
- The cancer patients are into their mode of life for research purposes.
(a) diagnosed (b) checked
(c) probed (d) examined
(e) investigated
- I request you to your crime.
(a) apologise (b) agree (c) confess
(d) pardon (e) submit (B.S.R.B. 1992)
- The payment was delayed this time because some of the supporting documents for the claim were missing.
(a) unduly (b) unjustifiably
(c) unforeseenly (d) undeservedly
(e) unquestionably
- The prisoner was released on for good behaviour. (Railways, 1991)
(a) probation (b) bail (c) parole
(d) grounds (e) guarantee
- Although religion does not inhibit acquisition of wealth, the tenor of its teaching is to induce an attitude of to worldly things.
(a) indifference (b) hostility
(c) affinity (d) immunity
(e) attachment
- eye witnesses, the news reporter gave a graphic description of how the fire broke. (Bank P.O. 1994)
(a) Reporting (b) Observing
(c) Seeing (d) Quoting
(e) Examining
- The library expects you to return each and every book that you have
(a) demanded (b) taken (c) lent
(d) handed (e) given (B.S.R.B. 1994)
- between labour and management is inevitable in any industrial society.
(a) Controversy (b) Friction
(c) Association (d) Competition
(e) Coordination
- This article tries to us with problems of poor nations so that we help them more effectively. (Bank P.O. 1995)
(a) allow (b) enable (c) convince
(d) project (e) acquaint
- One should develop a habit of going through a newspaper, some selected magazines and general literature.
(a) continuous (b) constant
(c) regular (d) persistent
(e) recurring
- The current in global negotiations over the ban on nuclear test does not augur well for the future.

Sentence Completion

- (a) moratorium (b) controversy
(c) insight (d) stalemate
(e) reapproachment
- Improvement in efficiency and productivity has to be the key of policy in respect of both the public and the private sectors in the Five Year Plans.
(a) ingredient (b) purpose (c) role
(d) platform (e) criterion
- The skill and ease with which he repaired the machine proved that he is a/an mechanic. (R.B.I. 1990)
(a) able (b) handy (c) nimble
(d) maladroitness (e) competent
- The chemical warfare capability of Iraq is a to aggression even by the Super powers.
(a) pretext (b) deterrent
(c) constraint (d) detriment
(e) precaution
- Though the issue of bonus provision was not on the agenda of the meeting, the Chairman was sure that this would up.
(a) bring (b) shoot (c) trickle
(d) crop (e) heat
- They have decided to meet the Prime Minister in order to have their heard. (Bank P.O. 1993)
(a) agony (b) apathy (c) woes
(d) sorrow (e) sufferings
- The foundation of all civilisations and societies is the ability of humans to with each other.
(a) bear (b) dispense (c) unite
(d) collaborate (e) exchange
- The children crackers to celebrate the victory of their team.
(a) burst (b) fired (c) shot
(d) broke (e) released
- The the council has passed against the magazine for their irresponsibility in reporting are justified.
(a) laws (b) ban (c) penalty
(d) codes (e) strictures
- After a recent mild paralytic attack, his movements are restricted, otherwise he is still very active.
(a) entirely (b) nowhere (c) not
(d) slightly (e) frequently (B.S.R.B. 1994)
- His of the topic was so good that students had few doubts to raise at the end.
(a) handling (b) clarity
(c) exposure (d) exposition
- (e) picturisation
- The purpose of education must be to attitudes as well as to impart knowledge and skills.
(a) manage (b) rationalise
(c) adjust (d) internalize
(e) channelise
- Freedom and equality are the rights of every human being.
(a) inalienable (b) inscrutable
(c) incalculable (d) institutional
(e) insufferable (Bank P.O. 1993)
- The teacher upon the students the importance of studying science.
(a) taught (b) encouraged
(c) inflicted (d) appealed
(e) impressed
- The older generation is in its outlook and hence cannot tolerate independent ideas of the youngsters.
(a) paradox (b) progressive
(c) liberal (d) orthodox
(e) restricted
- Vinayak is the head of the family and commands a lot of respect from the family members.
(a) solely (b) strongest
(c) undisputed (d) full
(e) controversial
- The audience at the end of the drama.
(a) appreciated (b) praised
(c) appraised (d) exploded
(e) applauded
- He has not yet attained the age of 21. He has, therefore, no to vote in this election.
(a) claim (b) authority (c) power
(d) right (e) permission
- A candidate in an election needs to conduct an campaign so as to become known as quickly as possible to the electorate.
(a) extensive (b) energetic
(c) elaborate (d) orderly
(e) intensive
- The new industrial policy is a result of the confidence the government has in the of the Indian industry.
(a) opinion (b) existence
(c) status (d) maturity
(e) profitability (S.B.I.P.O. 1991)
- The most obvious reason for his lack of popularity was his to find fault with others.
(a) propensity (b) reluctance
(c) notoriety (d) ability
(e) premonition

35. Modern public sector managers have become quite in shifting their loyalties. (Bank P.O. 1990)
(a) overt (b) inept (c) learned (d) adept (e) ignorant
36. The conference was successful, your style of presentation was; everyone liked it. (B.S.R.B. 1996)
(a) valuable (b) difficult (c) conducive (d) wonderful (e) trustworthy
37. A large crowd used to to listen to his speech. (B.S.R.B. 1992)
(a) follow (b) gather (c) deliver (d) collect (e) attract
38. The peasant's produce was in lieu of his previous year's rent.
(a) quelled (b) mobbed (c) vanquished (d) captured (e) confiscated
39. Most of the issues discussed in the meeting were trivial and only a few were (Bank P.O. 1993)
(a) practical (b) complex (c) interesting (d) irrelevant (e) significant
40. Many times newspapers the news to make it sensational.
(a) disturb (b) devalue (c) distort (d) divulge (e) disfigure
41. There is an urgent need for and rejuvenation of our old values.
(a) retention (b) projection (c) relocation (d) establishment (e) reaffirmation
42. Rajeev is too as far as his food habits are concerned. (Bank P.O. 1994)
(a) enjoyable (b) fastidious (c) curious (d) involved (e) interesting
43. Even though Manoj is usually calm, he appeared and was walking up and down.
44. I am forward to our picnic scheduled in the next month.
(a) seeing (b) going (c) looking (d) planning (e) organising (B.S.R.B. 1994)
45. They decided to down their original plans for the bigger house and make it smaller.
(a) rule (b) turn (c) change (d) scale (e) play
46. My father keeps all his papers in a lock and key. (B.S.R.B. 1992)
(a) required (b) necessary (c) useful (d) confidential (e) enclosed
47. Everyone knows that he is not to hard work.
(a) trained (b) accustomed (c) willing (d) suitable (e) addicted
48. The Supreme Court had recently the government from implementing the Finance Commission Report in view of adverse economic situation in the country.
(a) abstained (b) avoided (c) directed (d) withheld (e) restrained
49. He made a slight of judgement for which he had to repent later.
(a) error (b) slip (c) mistake (d) blunder (e) inexactness
50. Freedom is not a but our birth right. (B.S.R.B. 1992)
(a) sin (b) gift (c) farce (d) illusion (e) presentation

ANSWERS

1. (b) 2. (c) 3. (e) 4. (e) 5. (c) 6. (a) 7. (c) 8. (a) 9. (d) 10. (b)
11. (b) 12. (e) 13. (c) 14. (d) 15. (c) 16. (e) 17. (b) 18. (d) 19. (c) 20. (d)
21. (a) 22. (e) 23. (d) 24. (d) 25. (b) 26. (a) 27. (e) 28. (d) 29. (c) 30. (e)
31. (d) 32. (a) 33. (d) 34. (a) 35. (d) 36. (d) 37. (d) 38. (e) 39. (e) 40. (c)
41. (e) 42. (b) 43. (e) 44. (c) 45. (d) 46. (d) 47. (b) 48. (e) 49. (a) 50. (b)

PRACTICE SET 4

Directions : Fill in the blanks in the following sentences by selecting the most appropriate alternative from amongst the five choices given under each sentence.

1. Rajeev failed in the examination because none of her answers were to the questions asked.
(a) allusive (b) revealing (c) pertinent (d) referential (e) impeccable
2. There are views on the issue of giving bonus to the employees.
(a) independent (b) divergent (c) modest (d) adverse (e) valuable (B.S.R.B. 1992)
3. Man who has committed such an crime must get the most severe punishment.
(a) injurious (b) uncharitable (c) unworthy (d) abominable (e) irreproachable
4. He has people visiting him at his house because he fears it will cause discomfort to neighbours.
(a) curtailed (b) requested (c) stopped (d) warned (e) forbidden (B.S.R.B. 1995)
5. Although he never learnt to read, his exceptional memory and enquiring mind eventually made him a very man.
(a) dedicated (b) erudite (c) pragmatic (d) benevolent (e) charismatic
6. Traffic problems in Bombay are as serious as in any other city in India; and they are complicated by digging of roads by corporations on this or that
(a) reason (b) instance (c) aspect (d) intention (e) pretext
7. The defending champion justified his top by clinching the title.
(a) skill (b) form (c) technique (d) supremacy (e) billing (Bank P.O. 1991)
8. We must our students on subjects like health and sanitation besides the usual subjects.
(a) learn (b) teach (c) insist (d) educate (e) impart
9. The judge used his power and let him off with a reprimand.
(a) residuary (b) official (c) legal (d) absolute (e) discretionary
10. He applied for and was legal aid by the Labour Ministry. (B.S.R.B. 1990)
(a) offered (b) granted (c) allowed (d) awarded (e) implemented
11. The President called upon politicians not to themselves with communal and parochial forces.
(a) counter (b) favour (c) cope (d) align (e) confront
12. A glue produced by bees to their hives appears to contain antibiotic substances. (Bank P.O. 1990)
(a) collect (b) design (c) build (d) decorate (e) structure
13. The authorities are through the records of criminals to make arrangements for making security arrests.
(a) wading (b) waxing (c) studying (d) scratching (e) analysing
14. He very successfully all the allegations levelled against him.
(a) extricated (b) eradicated (c) retaliated (d) rebutted (e) protected (Bank P.O. 1993)
15. I want to have a of flats on rental basis.
(a) block (b) pack (c) set (d) conclave (e) suite
16. The passengers and crew members of the aeroplane had a escape when it was taking off from the runway.
(a) narrow (b) large (c) little (d) brief (e) better (Bank P.O. 1994)
17. He has already made up his mind on this issue. Now it is to argue with him.
(a) vague (b) futile (c) coherent (d) contradictory (e) useless
18. by people's perception it seems that democracy has succeeded in India.
(a) Following (b) Going (c) Making (d) Planned (e) Liked (B.S.R.B. 1995)
19. Deepak put on a very face when he said something silly and the contrast made everyone laugh.
(a) funny (b) comic (c) serious (d) great (e) humorous
20. The President asked people not to language for political or religious purposes.
(a) use (b) handle (c) employ (d) exploit (e) utilize
21. I am given to that you are going abroad. (B.S.R.B. 1990)
(a) learn (b) think (c) predict (d) understand (e) apprehend

22. The police had to to force when the terrorists refused to surrender.
(a) confine (b) adhere (c) resort
(d) adapt (e) respond
23. Man power is the means of converting other resources to mankind's use and benefit. (Bank P.O. 1995)
(a) insuperable (b) inimitable
(c) indivisible (d) indispensable
(e) inequitable
24. Rights automatically to him who duly performs his duties.
(a) belong (b) transfer (c) issue
(d) accrue (e) acquire
25. Raghu was so good at Algebra that his friends considered him to be a
(a) prodigy (b) prolocutor
(c) profligate (d) primeval
(e) prodigal
26. The petition before the Court prayed for the appointment orders issued by the management. (C.B.I. 1989)
(a) granting (b) removing
(c) posting (d) quashing
(e) dismissing
27. The sale of the cassette to an astonishing figure of 20 lakh.
(a) jumped up (b) soared up
(c) shot up (d) went up
(e) rose up
28. In the departmental inquiry, it was denied that the police had committed any on people under their custody.
(a) injuries (b) crime (c) blunder
(d) beatings (e) excesses
(Bank P.O. 1991)
29. Pradeep's face spoke of the happiness he was feeling
(a) elegantly (b) tons (c) much
(d) volumes (e) forever
30. Only those who have completed eighteen years are to apply for this post.
(a) elected (b) legible (c) selected
(d) forced (e) eligible
31. How much did it to reach Bombay by car? (S.S.C. 1991)
(a) charge (b) price (c) cost
(d) estimate (e) pay
32. Every one should himself against illness since medical care has now become expensive. (L.I.C. 1994)
(a) vaccinate (b) insure (c) brace
(d) ensure (e) inoculate
33. Since Rohit stays far away from our place, we do not meet each other
(a) timely (b) rarely (c) shortly
(d) momentarily (e) frequently
34. The crooks did not any resistance.
(a) put (b) show (c) offer
(d) exert (e) exercise
35. The explorers' path was with dangers.
(a) beset (b) replete (c) bestowed
(d) exhausted (e) afflicted
36. Changes in the socio-economic environment have generated a sense of crisis among the people.
(a) fearful (b) profound
(c) damaging (d) deliberate
(e) questionable
37. The unity and integrity of our country is not at any cost and cannot be a party issue.
(a) indispensable (b) debatable
(c) negotiable (d) questionable
(e) susceptible
38. Research has also the illusion that childhood dreams are pure innocence.
(a) accepted (b) observed
(c) dispelled (d) discovered
(e) established (Bank P.O. 1990)
39. Of the several issues that were discussed in the meeting, only a few were pertinent and most of them were
(a) futile (b) detached
(c) contrasting (d) irrelevant
(e) independent
40. The weather also affected the road transportation.
(a) non-renting (b) inclement
(c) disrupted (d) iconoclast
(e) unbridled
41. Dowry is no longer permitted by law even in marriage. (Railways, 1991)
(a) love (b) conventional
(c) natural (d) bigamous
(e) polygamous
42. His speech was disappointing; it all the major issues.
(a) projected (b) revealed
(c) skirted (d) analysed
(e) encompassed
43. After reaching New York, Ramakant will have to himself to the new surroundings. (B.S.R.B. 1995)
(a) mix (b) develop (c) submit
(d) adapt (e) acquaint
44. To say that a rectangle will never be a square because it is a rectangle is simply to the very thing you profess to prove.
(a) assume (b) insure (c) ensure
(d) subsume (e) contradict

45. Belying his mother's worries, Rajesh's behaviour throughout the function was (R.B.I. 1991)
(a) immodest (b) impeccable
(c) imaginable (d) imperial
(e) impervious
46. Even if the most lenient and charitable view is taken, Mandeep cannot be completely of the blame.
(a) saved (b) stripped (c) absolved
(d) devoid (e) dissolved
47. There is no doubt that one has to keep with the changing times.
(a) aside (b) oneself
(c) pace (d) himself
(e) tuning (Bank P.O. 1994)
48. Kamal's friends had nothing to offer him other than in his grief.
(a) friendship (b) kindness
(c) solution (d) consolation
(e) happiness (S.B.I.P.O. 1992)
49. The party failed to enough volunteers to bring its traditional voters to the polling booths.
(a) manage (b) collect (c) mobilise
(d) assemble (e) accumulate
50. Robbers often act in with the police.
(a) connection (b) conformity
(c) collusion (d) co-ordination
(e) co-operation

ANSWERS

1. (c) 2. (b) 3. (d) 4. (c) 5. (b) 6. (e) 7. (e) 8. (d) 9. (e) 10. (b)
11. (d) 12. (c) 13. (a) 14. (d) 15. (c) 16. (a) 17. (b) 18. (b) 19. (c) 20. (d)
21. (d) 22. (c) 23. (d) 24. (d) 25. (a) 26. (d) 27. (c) 28. (e) 29. (d) 30. (e)
31. (c) 32. (b) 33. (e) 34. (c) 35. (a) 36. (b) 37. (c) 38. (c) 39. (d) 40. (b)
41. (a) 42. (c) 43. (d) 44. (d) 45. (b) 46. (c) 47. (c) 48. (d) 49. (c) 50. (c)

TYPE 2 : Selecting the appropriate word from the four alternatives provided

PRACTICE SET 5

Directions : In each of the following questions, a sentence is given with a blank to be filled in with an appropriate word. Four alternatives are suggested for each question. Choose the correct alternative.

1. If a universal language really existed, people like tourists and businessmen would find it easier to with foreigners. (I. Tax, 1994)
(a) transact (b) communicate
(c) deal (d) exchange
2. On account of his humiliating defeat in the recent elections, he appeared unusually when I called on him the other day.
(a) oppressed (b) repressed
(c) depressed (d) suppressed
3. You need shoes for walking in the hills. (Asstt. Grade, 1995)
(a) good (b) comfortable
(c) satisfactory (d) sturdy
4. Amongst the two brothers, Sameer being worthier often the younger Deepak.
(a) dominates (b) eclipses
(c) subdues (d) overshadows
5. It was difficult to see through the of the head lights of the cars.
(a) shine (b) glare
(c) dazzle (d) brilliance
6. The teacher ordered Kamal to leave the room and him to return.
(a) stopped (b) refused
(c) forbade (d) challenged
(Clerks' Grade, 1992)
7. I hope you must have by now that failures are the stepping stones to success.
(a) known (b) felt
(c) decided (d) realised
8. The tyrant anyone whom he regarded as a rival.
(a) massacred (b) killed
(c) exterminated (d) slaughtered
9. In a little publicised deal, Pepsi Cola has the entire soft drink market in Afghanistan. (M.B.A. 1994)
(a) conquered (b) swallowed
(c) captured (d) occupied

10. In spite of some Ashish is a good sportsman.
(a) felonies (b) mistakes
(c) offences (d) misdemeanours
11. Anita me of a girl I used to know.
(a) remembers (b) recalls
(c) recollects (d) reminds
(C.D.S. 1994)
12. The steam engine was by James Watt.
(a) discovered (b) manufactured
(c) created (d) invented
13. His most striking is the enthusiasm which he brings to everything he does.
(a) character (b) factor
(c) characteristic (d) attitude
(C.B.I. 1991)
14. Cholera is mainly through contaminated food and drinks.
(a) conducted (b) transferred
(c) circulated (d) transmitted
15. Authority when it is not supported by the moral purity of its user.
(a) waits (b) crumbles
(c) empowers (d) prevails
(R.R.B. 1995)
16. When the courtier had advanced to the highest position attainable, his friends felt jealous about his having reached the
(a) vigil (b) precipice
(c) threshold (d) pinnacle
17. The bill in the Parliament was by fifty five votes.
(a) accepted (b) voted
(c) carried (d) opposed
18. The principal and staff have made efforts to enable the students to attend college on the days of the bus strike.
(a) integrated (b) deliberate
(c) concerted (d) systematic
(C.D.S. 1992)
19. We the family members after expressing our grief at the tragedy.
(a) consoled (b) satisfied
(c) mourned (d) consoled
20. The defending champion to victory in just 30 minutes.
(a) led (b) rushed
(c) reached (d) cruised
21. In spite of our best efforts, we failed to any new facts from him.
(a) elicit (b) evoke
(c) eject (d) enlist
(Translator's Exam, 1994)
22. A number of advances in medicine would have been sooner if free enquiry had been common.
(a) secured (b) persisted
(c) achieved (d) propagated
23. His fired speeches the people to cry for justice and achieve it by their united efforts.
(a) prompted (b) inflamed
(c) instigated (d) inspired
24. This book is a useful to our library.
(a) arrival (b) discovery
(c) asset (d) addition
(Stenographers' Exam, 1994)
25. The interior of the concert hall is to the eye.
(a) delicious (b) veritable
(c) visual (d) hopeless
26. No one likes to be forced into situations.
(a) humble (b) insulting
(c) humiliating (d) infuriating
27. He admired precision in everything, but it never hampered his quick
(a) finalisation (b) dealing
(c) action (d) decision
(Stenographers' Exam, 1995)
28. He was not willing to accept the
(a) wrong (b) blame
(c) fault (d) sorry
29. The Government's economic policy includes certain projects for the living conditions of the poor.
(a) bettering (b) harmonising
(c) manipulating (d) doing away with
(C.D.S. 1989)
30. The reward is a of her service to mankind.
(a) momento (b) memorial
(c) recognition (d) witness
31. They have up the deficit.
(a) covered (b) filled
(c) made (d) pulled
32. A restaurant that presents spick and span look will naturally more customers.
(a) accommodate (b) invite
(c) avoid (d) attract
(S.S.C. 1995)
33. Though they did not speak to each other much, there was a understanding between them.
(a) placid (b) contractual
(c) tacit (d) verbal
(C.D.S. 1995)
34. My friend took his first pay to the bank to it in his account.
(a) deposit (b) deficit
(c) debit (d) demote
(C.B.I. 1993)
35. When Satish that he was guilty, he was pardoned.
(a) claimed (b) boasted
(c) confessed (d) confided

36. Family planning is essential for curbing the rapid in population.
(a) spread (b) increase
(c) spurt (d) augment
(L.I.C.A.A.O. 1993)
37. Ajay was on meeting his boss yesterday only.
(a) keen (b) determined
(c) sure (d) decided
38. We must the tickets for the movie in advance.
(a) draw (b) buy
(c) remove (d) take
(Central Excise, 1989)
39. The State Transport Corporation has a loss of Rs. 5 crore this year.
(a) obtained (b) derived
(c) incurred (d) formulated
40. One and you know who among them is the culprit.
(a) look (b) peep
(c) sight (d) gaze
(U.D.C. 1994)
41. When Aditya returned he gave his friends a short of his holiday.
(a) story (b) account
(c) tale (d) history
42. The ties that bind a family together are so that they can hardly withstand any strain.
(a) tenacious (b) twisted
(c) tenuous (d) tentative
(Railways, 1993)
43. The stenographer is very efficient. He is to his firm.
(a) specific (b) relevant
(c) requisite (d) proper
(Hotel Management, 1993)
44. His death is a great blow, most terrible to
(a) bear (b) imagine
(c) accept (d) sustain
45. The music for Asiad was by Pandit Ravi Shankar.
(a) displayed (b) composed
(c) demonstrated (d) made
(Stenographers' Exam, 1995)
46. The little girl for the light switch in the dark.
(a) groped (b) grappled
(c) gripped (d) grovelled
47. The summit meeting provided him the much shot in the arm.
(a) required (b) desired
(c) needed (d) urgent
48. If you drink too much, it will your judgement.
(a) obstruct (b) impede
(c) impair (d) hinder
49. The government should provide attractive tax to create the market for quality goods.
(a) controls (b) incentives
(c) revenues (d) structures
(C.D.S. 1995)
50. Each cause conditions a effect and there can be no cause without effect.
(a) specific (b) relevant
(c) requisite (d) proper

ANSWERS

1. (b) 2. (c) 3. (b) 4. (d) 5. (c) 6. (e) 7. (d) 8. (c) 9. (c) 10. (d)
11. (d) 12. (d) 13. (c) 14. (d) 15. (b) 16. (d) 17. (c) 18. (c) 19. (d) 20. (d)
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31. (c) 32. (d) 33. (c) 34. (a) 35. (c) 36. (b) 37. (a) 38. (b) 39. (c) 40. (a)
41. (b) 42. (c) 43. (c) 44. (a) 45. (b) 46. (a) 47. (c) 48. (c) 49. (b) 50. (a)

PRACTICE SET 6

Directions : Each of the following sentences has a blank space and four words are given after the sentence. Select whichever word you consider most appropriate for the blank space and indicate your choice.

1. The young man lost his way in the forest and found that he had become a/an to the dacoits. (Assistant Grade, 1993)
(a) enemy (b) adversary
(c) decoy (d) quarry
2. The firm its workers well.
(a) treated (b) regarded
(c) behaved (d) cared
3. Barring last minute surprise he is to become the President of the Committee.
(a) designed (b) poised
(c) elected (d) endorsed
4. He sold his property because he was under a lot of
(a) account (b) debt

- (c) loan (d) credit
(Stenographers' Exam, 1993)
5. My boss my request to increase my allowance.
(a) refused (b) denied
(c) resisted (d) withheld
6. The accused having made any statement.
(a) declined (b) refused
(c) denied (d) rejected
7. The problems suggested by style as a sign and index of personality may be from many points of view.
(a) approached (b) encountered
(c) confronted (d) upheld
(C.D.S. 1991)
8. The Committee's to establish a 'Home For The Destitute' has been rejected.
(a) argument (b) decision
(c) view (d) proposal
9. Some people in Punjab from voting at the last elections.
(a) refused (b) refrained
(c) denied (d) abstained
10. He is a person of sound character and disposition. (Section Officers' 1993)
(a) amicable (b) amiable
(c) morous (d) beneficent
11. To break the stalemate over the controversial issue, the Prime Minister held discussions today with four other leaders to a consensus.
(a) emerge (b) win
(c) evolve (d) capture
12. Waking at three o'clock, I heard the of thunder. (C.B.I. 1995)
(a) clank (b) crackle
(c) rumble (d) ripple
13. Pratibha had a cold and couldn't go to the party, so I bought her a cake to make up for her
(a) disillusion (b) disappointment
(c) disgust (d) depression
14. If negotiations are to prove fruitful, there must not only be sincerity on each side, but there must also be in the sincerity of the other side. (C.D.S. 1993)
(a) certainty (b) substance
(c) faith (d) belief
15. Jail officials that the plot for the escape may have been hatched by local criminals.
(a) doubt (b) suspect
(c) hold (d) believe
16. Known as devout and serious person, she also has a sense of humour.
(a) good (b) better
- (c) quick (d) beautiful
17. Judicial decrees may not change the heart, but they can the heartless.
(a) subdue (b) regulate
(c) transform (d) disarm
(C.D.S. 1993)
18. Untouchability is still in vogue and atrocities are being against poor people.
(a) perpetuated (b) transmitted
(c) executed (d) perpetrated
19. The is working on wood.
(a) artefact (b) artiste
(c) artist (d) artisan
(Hotel Management, 1992)
20. The arts are those that pertain to writing or drawing.
(a) cartographic (b) graphic
(c) elocutionary (d) theatrical
21. I tried to give him some good advice but he to listen. (Assistant Grade, 1993)
(a) prevented (b) avoided
(c) refused (d) denied
22. Due to stringent financial conditions of the firm, several workers have been declared
(a) extra (b) abundant
(c) redundant (d) superfluous
23. One of the time-tested ways of remembering a series of items is known as a device.
(a) intellectual (b) schematic
(c) mnemonic (d) ingenious
24. When the bus was at full speed, its brakes failed and an accident was
(a) inevitable (b) infallible
(c) essential (d) undeniable
(C.D.S. 1994)
25. He all his energies to bear upon the task.
(a) brought (b) devoted
(c) put (d) organised
26. A cup of water was enough to his thirst.
(a) satisfy (b) appease
(c) quench (d) extinguish
27. The of the Minister's statement cannot be verified by people who have no access to official records.
(a) validity (b) veracity
(c) ambiguity (d) verbosity
(Assistant Grade, 1996)
28. The lost child was to his parents.
(a) restored (b) sent
(c) dispatched (d) returned
29. If something is beyond the of human knowledge man can know nothing about it. (I. Tax, 1995)

- (a) edge (b) view
(c) end (d) boundary
30. The liquid seems but I am sure that it will prove poisonous.
(a) innocuous (b) insane
(c) incongruent (d) inflammable
31. There is a possibility of an understanding between India and Pakistan on the nuclear issue.
(a) high (b) distinct
(c) sound (d) clear
32. The higher class students should be careful as regards discipline as the youngsters tend to them.
(a) mimic (b) ape
(c) simulate (d) emulate
33. The prolonged illness left him totally
(a) enervated (b) invalid
(c) indisposed (d) healthy
(C.B.I. 1994)
34. The arguments put forth for not disclosing the facts did not impress anybody.
(a) convincing (b) specious
(c) intemperate (d) spurious
35. The boy made good in his studies.
(a) progress (b) development
(c) growth (d) advancement
36. It was that a mind so pure and searching could miss the truth.
(a) likely (b) unlikely
(c) possibly (d) scarcely
(Railways, 1992)
37. The punch made the boxer with pain.
(a) grumble (b) gape
(c) wince (d) fumble
38. He tried to himself against a horde of ruffians. (U.D.C. 1995)
(a) save (b) collect
(c) defend (d) support
39. It is equally important to one's goal, as it is to set one.
(a) obtain (b) realise
(c) establish (d) prove
40. The poor fellow can't even afford daily food, alone buying a house.
(a) cast (b) forget
- (c) let (d) leave
(C.B.I. 1990)
41. It is a rugged, restless and uncertain existence that the lead.
(a) travellers (b) nomads
(c) sailors (d) tourists
(Central Excise, 1995)
42. Handle with care, it is
(a) agile (b) volatile
(c) ductile (d) fragile
43. The annual of industrial products has risen enormously in recent years.
(a) outlay (b) outcome
(c) output (d) outbreak
44. Prospective candidates have to prove that they have sufficient money to cover their and tuition.
(a) boarding (b) lodging
(c) sustenance (d) maintenance
(Stenographers' Exam, 1994)
45. We had a of warm weather in March.
(a) period (b) phase
(c) time (d) spell
46. Tension is likely to in the Kashmir valley now.
(a) decline (b) drop
(c) ease (d) fall
47. The degrees were awarded in the annual
(a) conference (b) convention
(c) convulsion (d) convocation
48. What's so special about it is that the author has tried to all the worth while information in this book into a few pages.
(a) compact (b) abstract
(c) contract (d) condense
49. He is dancer.
(a) a skilled (b) an adept
(c) an adapt (d) an adopt
(Hotel Management, 1991)
50. Her parents will never give their to such an unsuitable match.
(a) willingness (b) agreement
(c) consent (d) acquiescence

ANSWERS

1. (d) 2. (a) 3. (b) 4. (b) 5. (a) 6. (c) 7. (a) 8. (d) 9. (b) 10. (b)
11. (c) 12. (c) 13. (b) 14. (c) 15. (b) 16. (a) 17. (a) 18. (d) 19. (d) 20. (b)
21. (c) 22. (c) 23. (c) 24. (a) 25. (a) 26. (c) 27. (b) 28. (a) 29. (d) 30. (a)
31. (b) 32. (d) 33. (a) 34. (b) 35. (a) 36. (b) 37. (c) 38. (c) 39. (b) 40. (d)
41. (b) 42. (d) 43. (c) 44. (a) 45. (d) 46. (c) 47. (d) 48. (d) 49. (a) 50. (c)

PRACTICE SET 7

Directions : Fill in the blanks in the following sentences by selecting the most appropriate alternative from amongst the four choices given under each sentence.

1. Through perseverance and hard work we can keep the of liberty burning even during dark and trying times.
(a) flame (b) lamp
(c) goal (d) light
(Stenographers' Exam, 1995)
2. If arms race goes on between the super powers, chances for world peace will be
(a) hindered (b) elapsed
(c) nipped (d) jeopardized
3. Planets move in elliptical round the sun.
(a) figures (b) orbits
(c) shapes (d) circles
(C.D.S. 1995)
4. Election by both the rival contestants was in full swing.
(a) propaganda (b) canvassing
(c) campaigning (d) publicity
5. Since the road was closed for repairs he took the
(a) deviation (b) digression
(c) diversion (d) divergence
(S.S.C. 1995)
6. The helpful onlooker was badly injured when he tried to to end the quarrel.
(a) intrude (b) intervene
(c) interfere (d) intimidate
7. Take possession of the records immediately lest they are with.
(a) tampered (b) destroyed
(c) mishandled (d) malhändler
(L.I.C.A.A.O. 1989)
8. We should always make a selection of books.
(a) just (b) judicial
(c) judicious (d) justified
9. He was an who was fond of weird pets.
(a) ambitious (b) amiable
(c) eccentric (d) emotional
(S.C.R.A. 1993)
10. He is for his evil deeds.
(a) notorious (b) famous
(c) celebrated (d) noted
11. The table drawer was and could not be opened.
(a) barred (b) fastened
(c) bound (d) jammed
12. Once you suspect a person of double dealing, you ought to keep him at arm's
(a) width (b) length
(c) distance (d) aim
(Stenographers' Exam, 1994)
13. The children were eagerly waiting to eat a cake.
(a) delicate (b) dainty
(c) appetising (d) delicious
(M.B.A. 1990)
14. And why did the police suspect you? It just does not make any to me.
(a) truth (b) reason
(c) point (d) sense
(Railways, 1989)
15. She is for the final round of the competition.
(a) declared (b) decided
(c) qualified (d) superior
16. Have you heard the news?
(a) late (b) later
(c) latest (d) latter
(Stenographers' Exam, 1991)
17. A relief team was sent to food and medicine among the refugees.
(a) sanction (b) distribute
(c) contribute (d) separate
(R.R.B. 1992)
18. Some of our external problems have completely our national leaders.
(a) beguiled (b) belaboured
(c) baffled (d) blustered
19. He was one of the spirits behind the 'Quit India' Movement.
(a) strong (b) rising
(c) amazing (d) moving
(B.S.R.B. 1991)
20. Burglary is a
(a) evil (b) sin
(c) vice (d) crime
21. Ajay was with a serious crime.
(a) convicted (b) accused
(c) condemned (d) charged
(Stenographers' Exam, 1995)
22. It was a moment for Ravi when he finally gathered up his courage and told Aruna that he loved her.
(a) trying (b) poignant
(c) complicated (d) distressing
23. I missed the train this morning as I got up late.
(a) quite (b) scarcely
(c) narrowly (d) hardly
(C.B.I. 1987)
24. A speedy response is one that is made with
(a) surmise (b) grimaces
(c) alacrity (d) fear
25. Parliamentary democracy demands a discipline and to the rules.
(a) adherence (b) obligation

- (c) subjection (d) liability
(C.D.S. 1995)
26. The increasing of the oceanic water because of dumping of nuclear waste is posing a serious challenge to the survival of the marine life.
(a) depletion (b) degeneration
(c) density (d) contamination
27. Macbeth was by his wife to commit the murder of Duncan.
(a) forced (b) excited
(c) instigated (d) incited
28. He bought new shoes last month but they are already out.
(a) given (b) gone
(c) knocked (d) worn
(U.D.C. 1993)
29. Make the most of a bad
(a) bargain (b) job
(c) business (d) work
30. His for his brother's son knew no bounds.
(a) reverie (b) melange
(c) ill-will (d) malignity
31. The lovers were meeting each other secretly, but their affair was soon known to everyone.
(a) clandestine (b) candid
(c) unknown (d) covert
(Railways, 1994)
32. Inflation will never be brought under control while prices continue to
(a) mount (b) fly
(c) ascend (d) soar
33. They were awaiting official of the news they had heard from a friend.
(a) ratification (b) confirmation
(c) sanction (d) recommendation
(C.D.S. 1994)
34. They offered a of incentives to attract qualified people for the post.
(a) bundle (b) assurance
(c) package (d) gift
35. Those who have the transition from villages to cities have been able to secure good jobs.
(a) tried (b) arranged
(c) planned (d) managed
36. Success gives only pleasure.
(a) mordant (b) momentary
(c) monotonous (d) momentous
(I. Tax & Central Excise, 1991)
37. The striking transport operators have decided to their agitation.
(a) intensify (b) prolong
(c) worsen (d) aggravate
38. The speaker the scope of his paper on 'Work-ethic' at the outset.
(a) declined (b) ascribed
(c) defined (d) delineated
39. The point you are raising is not to the subject.
(a) proper (b) fit
(c) required (d) pertinent
40. You cannot devise a method which all possibility of error.
(a) ignores (b) avoids
(c) excludes (d) includes
(Assistant Grade, 1994)
41. He in wearing the old fashioned coat in spite of his wife's disapproval.
(a) resists (b) desists
(c) persists (d) insists
(C.D.S. 1995)
42. The of nuclear power feel that it is one of the most dangerous developments in modern civilisation.
(a) activists (b) antagonists
(c) victims (d) opponents
43. The house is in a terrible state; the paint on the doors is badly.
(a) flaking (b) rotting
(c) eroding (d) decaying
44. A man who is well-bred and honourable invariably shows for the feelings of other people.
(a) complacency (b) concern
(c) consideration (d) contempt
(Translators' Exam, 1994)
45. The Board called on a meeting to the financial situation of the Company.
(a) revise (b) cover
(c) review (d) support
46. To promote trade, it is necessary for the government to restrictions on exports.
(a) reduce (b) relax
(c) break (d) modify
47. We had a of warm weather in February.
(a) phase (b) length
(c) spell (d) time
(Stenographers' Exam, 1994)
48. The landlord has threatened to me, if I do not vacate the house by next month.
(a) charge (b) sue
(c) suspend (d) accuse
49. The Spanish regarded him as an and called him a villain.
(a) imposter (b) apostle
(c) informer (d) archer
50. This item will not figure in the for today's meeting.
(a) list (b) schedule
(c) programme (d) agenda
(Assistant Grade, 1993)

ANSWERS

1. (a) 2. (d) 3. (b) 4. (c) 5. (c) 6. (b) 7. (a) 8. (c) 9. (c) 10. (a)
 11. (d) 12. (b) 13. (d) 14. (d) 15. (c) 16. (c) 17. (b) 18. (c) 19. (d) 20. (d)
 21. (d) 22. (b) 23. (c) 24. (c) 25. (a) 26. (d) 27. (d) 28. (d) 29. (a) 30. (d)
 31. (a) 32. (d) 33. (b) 34. (c) 35. (d) 36. (d) 37. (a) 38. (d) 39. (d) 40. (c)
 41. (c) 42. (c) 43. (a) 44. (c) 45. (c) 46. (b) 47. (c) 48. (b) 49. (a) 50. (d)

PRACTICE SET 8

Directions : Of the four alternatives given under each sentence, find the one that best fits into the blank space.

1. It is impossible for an ordinary mortal to all these figures to memory.
 (a) keep (b) commit
 (c) retain (d) hoard
 (U.D.C. 1993)
2. Experts fail to understand the behind the decision.
 (a) ideology (b) judgement
 (c) politics (d) rationale
3. Many of the advances of civilisation have been conceived by young people just on the of adulthood. (C.D.S. 1995)
 (a) horizon (b) boundary
 (c) peak (d) threshold
4. The servant obeyed the master's orders in manner.
 (a) candid (b) plaintive
 (c) obsequious (d) complaisant
5. The ship was from its course by bad weather.
 (a) drawn (b) diverted
 (c) distracted (d) pushed
6. Can anything a mother's love for her child?
 (a) exchange (b) replace
 (c) compensate (d) displace
7. The accused that he had met the deceased before. (Assistant Grade, 1995)
 (a) remarked (b) refused
 (c) exclaimed (d) denied
8. Pandit Nehru's life some of the greatest events of the century.
 (a) overcame (b) spanned
 (c) included (d) encompassed
9. His father-in-law him up in business. (Stenographers' Exam, 1994)
 (a) made (b) put
 (c) built (d) set
10. There was an silence after the announcement.
 (a) awkward (b) uneasy
11. This was the first time Roshan had been found guilty. He had no convictions.
 (a) past (b) earlier
 (c) previous (d) former
 (C.D.S. 1992)
12. There was no of projects to be posed for aid.
 (a) want (b) paucity
 (c) dearth (d) scarcity
13. The to distinguish differences is the basis of science and art. (I. Tax 1994)
 (a) power (b) tact
 (c) strength (d) wisdom
14. The firm is heavy losses due to wrong policies.
 (a) making (b) maintaining
 (c) incurring (d) reporting
15. The basic issue is that the system of education has got within.
 (a) oppressed (b) exhausted
 (c) corroded (d) deteriorated
16. The Defence Minister said today that the Government was determined to the accord and fulfil the legitimate aspirations of the people.
 (a) perform (b) practise
 (c) implement (d) entertain
17. Speeding and blocking are traffic offences which lead to accidents.
 (a) winsome (b) urban
 (c) gruesome (d) minor
 (Railways, 1995)
18. He did not make a single to any controversial matter in his speech.
 (a) illusion (b) allusion
 (c) elision (d) elucidation
19. The strike in the paper mill has resulted in a loss.
 (a) commendable (b) voluminous
 (c) colossal (d) comprehensive
20. However, the group's long term strategy is to on core sector businesses connected with infrastructure and energy. (M.B.A. 1994)
 (a) depend (b) breed
 (c) develop (d) concentrate
21. He begged leave of the king on the that he had to attend his ill wife.
 (a) offer (b) excuse
 (c) pardon (d) pretext
22. Finding that there was no use moving any further, the officer ordered the army's
 (a) withdrawal (b) retreat
 (c) restoration (d) revival
23. Kavita a sum of Rs. 200 out of the bank every Monday.
 (a) extracts (b) draws
 (c) obtains (d) pulls
 (Stenographers' Exam, 1994)
24. We offered a of incentives to attract a new banker.
 (a) bundle (b) assurance
 (c) gift (d) package
25. These facts had been into them.
 (a) digested (b) dictated
 (c) drummed (d) spoken
26. Every individual wishes to lead a life. (Assistant Grade, 1993)
 (a) respected (b) respectful
 (c) respectable (d) respective
27. I have lost my purse. Can I some money from you?
 (a) borrow (b) hire
 (c) demand (d) loan
28. The more your action and thought are allied and the happier you grow.
 (a) invincible (b) divergent
 (c) integrated (d) unravelled
 (C.D.S. 1995)
29. You must facts and not run away from the truth.
 (a) realise (b) notice
 (c) face (d) know
30. Some students are and want to take only the courses for which they see immediate value.
 (a) indolent (b) foolish
 (c) pragmatic (d) theoretical
31. A cheerful man all difficulties and hardships with a smile on his face.
 (a) challenges (b) embraces
 (c) resists (d) endures
 (Clerks' Grade, 1992)
32. Such clothes did not appeal to her nor did they suit her.
 (a) simple (b) gaudy
 (c) ornate (d) fatuous
33. He requested all his office to join him at the party.
 (a) comrades (b) companions
 (c) colleagues (d) collaborators
34. He knew what he was doing was right and so their catcalls did not him.
 (a) worry (b) threaten
 (c) faze (d) disconcert
35. I listened, but I had no idea what he was about. (Railways, 1994)
 (a) saying (b) telling
 (c) talking (d) discussing
36. The doctor was overcome with when he came to know that the patient had died due to negligence on his part.
 (a) conscience (b) remorse
 (c) humiliation (d) emotion
37. Although I have been interested in photography, yet I am only a/an
 (a) novice (b) amateur
 (c) apprentice (d) unprofessional
38. You will have to face some practical problems when you start this plan.
 (a) prosecuting (b) projecting
 (c) prescribing (d) proscribing
 (Translators' Exam, 1994)
39. There are various hobbies for us to in our leisure hours.
 (a) pursue (b) follow
 (c) absorb (d) contribute
40. Every Shakespearean hero has an internal in his character.
 (a) fault (b) defect
 (c) flaw (d) weakness
 (C.D.S. 1994)
41. Statistics are as a means of determining public opinion.
 (a) unreliable (b) dubious
 (c) uncertain (d) phoney
42. He was able to his small income by working in a hotel at night. (C.B.I. 1991)
 (a) amplify (b) supplement
 (c) expand (d) multiply
43. The solution to the problem me.
 (a) outgrew (b) outraged
 (c) evaded (d) undermined
44. This test no previous knowledge of the subject : any graduate is expected to complete it successfully. (C.D.S. 1992)
 (a) concerns (b) presupposes
 (c) assumes (d) necessitates
45. The clever politician his way to the ministerial position in a short time.
 (a) faked (b) wangled
 (c) scaled (d) moved
46. The rain water that does not flow to the rivers, beneath the soil to form underground water.

- (a) flows (b) penetrates
(c) seeps (d) percolates
47. The river overflowed its and flooded the area. (Stenographers' Exam, 1994)
(a) banks (b) limits
(c) edges (d) fronts
48. Questions will be answered by a of experts.
(a) group (b) staff
- (c) band (d) panel
49. Being well qualified, he has good in the profession.
(a) prospectus (b) perspectives
(c) prospects (d) prospectives
50. The animal was on the look out for food. (Stenographers' Exam, 1995)
(a) uncivilized (b) wild
(c) primitive (d) savage

ANSWERS

1. (b) 2. (d) 3. (d) 4. (d) 5. (c) 6. (b) 7. (d) 8. (b) 9. (d) 10. (b)
11. (b) 12. (c) 13. (d) 14. (c) 15. (c) 16. (c) 17. (c) 18. (b) 19. (c) 20. (d)
21. (d) 22. (b) 23. (b) 24. (d) 25. (c) 26. (c) 27. (a) 28. (c) 29. (c) 30. (c)
31. (d) 32. (b) 33. (c) 34. (c) 35. (c) 36. (b) 37. (a) 38. (b) 39. (a) 40. (c)
41. (a) 42. (b) 43. (c) 44. (c) 45. (b) 46. (d) 47. (a) 48. (d) 49. (c) 50. (b)

PRACTICE SET 9

Directions : Each of the following sentences has a blank space and four words given after the sentence. Select whichever word you consider most appropriate for the blank space and indicate your choice.

1. The brilliant students will be scholarships. (Railways, 1995)
(a) honoured (b) awarded
(c) rewarded (d) forwarded
2. The dictionary of a language usage.
(a) prescribes (b) describes
(c) decides (d) imbibes
3. "Mind your own business", he said
(a) meekly (b) heavily
(c) sharply (d) clumsily
4. He had incurred such heavy debts that nothing short of a could save him from bankruptcy.
(a) loan (b) windfall
(c) lottery (d) miracle
5. According to corporate circles, Datta is pushing through the merger to create a financially company in the processed foods business, the group's thrust area for the 1990s. (M.B.A. 1994)
(a) straight (b) powerful
(c) leading (d) acceptable
6. One of the most events in the history of India was the attainment of its freedom.
(a) effeminate (b) epochal
(c) enterprising (d) greatest
7. The glib of the sales girl helped her a lot in her profession.
(a) patter (b) chatter
(c) tapping (d) jabber
8. A stone that goes on rolling no moss. (Stenographer's Exam, 1994)
(a) gets (b) accumulates
(c) collects (d) gathers
9. Even after a long discussion, the committee could not reach a decision.
(a) cordial (b) joint
(c) unanimous (d) common
10. The British are generally as a far more inventive collection of individuals.
(a) consigned (b) characterised
(c) expected (d) recognised
11. The doctor gave the woman a to calm her down. (Central Excise, 1991)
(a) tonic (b) sedative
(c) antiseptic (d) antidote
12. He was extremely; he would believe anything you told him.
(a) believable (b) gullible
(c) affable (d) reliable
13. Several of our players were injured, so our losing the match was almost
(a) necessary (b) indispensable
(c) inevitable (d) inexcusable (C.B.I. 1991)
14. The naked human eye cannot minute flaws in complicated mechanisms.
(a) understand (b) detect
(c) comprehend (d) visualize

15. There could have been a war on it, but in the end reason
(a) persisted (b) counted
(c) prevailed (d) survived
16. My friend says that he drinks tea because it is the best in the world.
(a) fluid (b) drink
(c) beverage (d) liquid (Assn. Grade, 1995)
17. Every human being in the developed country over five pounds of solid wastes per day in various forms.
(a) contributes (b) fosters
(c) produces (d) develops
18. By sheer hard work, Sushil has out a niche for himself in the field of journalism.
(a) carved (b) worked
(c) derived (d) accomplished
19. The President of the Students' Union played into the hands of some political leaders and the students to go on a strike. (Translators' Exam, 1994)
(a) invited (b) ignited
(c) instigated (d) inspired
20. We should not mix with those men who have an reputation.
(a) unsafe (b) unsavoury
(c) unsteady (d) unsanctified
21. They are refugees in need of
(a) renovation (b) recapitulation
(c) restoration (d) rehabilitation (C.D.S. 1994)
22. The teacher promised to a prize to the boy who stood first in the class.
(a) reward (b) award
(c) promote (d) secure
23. If our friends are not able to take us in their car, we must make arrangements to go to the airport.
(a) possible (b) alternate
(c) another (d) alternative
24. Please do not the offer made by the Chairman. (I. Tax, 1989)
(a) refrain (b) refute
(c) refuse (d) refuge
25. It is generally believed that the rats are the first to leave a ship.
(a) moving (b) anchored
(c) sinking (d) drowning
26. My mother upset the kettle of boiling water and her right hand badly.
(a) wounded (b) sizzled
(c) scorched (d) scalded (U.D.C. 1993)
27. Legislation was passed to punish brokers who their clients' funds.
(a) devour (b) defalcate
- (c) devastate (d) embezzle
28. The figures were barely in the dim light.
(a) obvious (b) perceived
(c) perceptive (d) susceptible
29. It is my considered opinion that English education in the manner it has been given has the English educated Indians.
(a) emasculated (b) excommunicated
(c) castrated (d) intimidated
30. learning does not help the mental growth of a student. (Railways, 1995)
(a) Guided (b) Rote
(c) Assisted (d) Fast
31. The new Ambassador presented his to the President at a formal ceremony.
(a) documents (b) credentials
(c) papers (d) testimonials
32. The accused denied having committed the crime but could advance no sound arguments to the charges.
(a) refuse (b) repress
(c) refute (d) reproof (Translators' Exam, 1994)
33. My mother always kept cash for day-to-day expenses in the drawer.
(a) small (b) little
(c) running (d) petty
34. The outlines of the figure were barely in the darkness.
(a) susceptible (b) obvious
(c) perceptive (d) perceived
35. Manuring in agricultural fields increases (C.D.S. 1992)
(a) income (b) fertility
(c) profitability (d) productivity
36. We did not have the idea of the problems involved in the work.
(a) closest (b) feeblest
(c) weakest (d) faintest
37. The whole lot of us a sigh of relief when he finally emigrated to Canada.
(a) showed (b) breathed
(c) heaved (d) expressed
38. Life is to death as pleasure is to
(a) suffering (b) pain
(c) poverty (d) anguish (C.D.S. 1995)
39. A bad workman with his tools.
(a) plays (b) works
(c) quarrels (d) fights
40. Orchestral players are behind screens, and at no time do the judges bear their names.
(a) confined (b) conditioned
(c) visualised (d) auditioned

41. Giving to his sons the key to success, he slept a (an) sleep.
(a) perennial (b) amiable
(c) ephemeral (d) eternal
42. At one point, it looked as if an area of agreement would, specially over the issue of productivity linked wages.
(a) emerge (b) grow
(c) develop (d) come out
(Railways, 1994)
43. Reason is the highest faculty on man by his creator.
(a) entrusted (b) endowed
(c) bestowed (d) conferred
44. A speedy response is one that is made with
(a) surmise (b) alacrity
(c) grimaces (d) fear
45. Man must now to stop pollution.
(a) act (b) operate
(c) behave (d) perform
(Stenographers' Exam, 1994)
46. The principal was through some papers when I went there to meet him.
(a) shearing (b) sheafing
(c) shuffling (d) shelving
47. Laser is a (an) of Light Amplification by Stimulated Emission of Radiation.
(a) homonym (b) acronym
(c) malaprop (d) collocation
48. The annual of industrial products has risen enormously in recent years.
(a) outbreak (b) output
(c) outcome (d) outlay
(Central Excise, 1989)
49. The young man was quickly promoted when his Managing Director saw how he was.
(a) assiduous (b) cursory
(c) indigent (d) lethargic
50. The bank clerk tried to money from his friend's account.
(a) empower (b) embellish
(c) embroil (d) embezzle
(Stenographers' Exam, 1995)

ANSWERS

1. (b) 2. (b) 3. (c) 4. (d) 5. (b) 6. (b) 7. (a) 8. (d) 9. (c) 10. (d)
11. (b) 12. (b) 13. (c) 14. (b) 15. (c) 16. (c) 17. (c) 18. (a) 19. (c) 20. (b)
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31. (b) 32. (c) 33. (d) 34. (c) 35. (d) 36. (d) 37. (c) 38. (b) 39. (c) 40. (d)
41. (d) 42. (a) 43. (c) 44. (b) 45. (a) 46. (c) 47. (b) 48. (b) 49. (a) 50. (d)

PRACTICE SET 10

Directions : Of the four alternatives given under each sentence, find the one that best fits into the blank space.

1. He knew everything better than anybody else, and it was an affront to his vanity that you should disagree with him.
(C.D.S. 1993)
(a) overwrought (b) overwhelming
(c) overweening (d) overstrung
2. She people who are good at sports.
(a) supports (b) admires
(c) attracts (d) appeals
3. From the shape of the present circumstances, he still cannot what's going to happen next.
(a) declare (b) foresee
(c) prognosticate (d) prodigy
4. He wanted to help poverty.
(a) diminish (b) reduce
(c) dwindle (d) deplete
(S.S.C. 1994)
5. He married many times, yet happiness him and he remained miserable as before.
(a) eluded (b) disappointed
(c) escaped (d) absconded
6. A thief was caught by the police last night.
(a) famous (b) popular
(c) renowned (d) notorious
7. The Government is confident that the standard of living will begin to again soon.
(I. Tax, 1993)
(a) revive (b) lift
(c) flourish (d) rise
8. India believes in tolerance, not in acceptance or rejection.
(a) alienation (b) bigotry
(c) prejudice (d) aggression

9. All the employees of the firm are to a fortnight's holiday. (C.D.S. 1991)
(a) allowed (b) entitled
(c) required (d) able
10. The court of conscience all other courts.
(a) surpasses (b) excels
(c) supercedes (d) tresspasses
11. The plant has been growing steadily, but of late its growth has
(a) shortened (b) thwarted
(c) retarded (d) hastened
12. Ambition is one of those which are never satisfied. (C.B.I. 1995)
(a) needs (b) ideas
(c) passions (d) fancies
13. The prisoner was to answering any of my questions. (Asstt. Grade, 1993)
(a) inverse (b) adverse
(c) reverse (d) averse
14. Dying is a very dreary affair.
(a) boring (b) dull
(c) monotonous (d) drab
15. The new industrial policy is a result of the confidence the government has in the of the Indian industry.
(a) status (b) profitability
(c) existence (d) maturity
16. The senior officials of the Ministry charged the secretary with gross of duty and so suspended him. (C.D.S. 1993)
(a) disregard (b) negligence
(c) laxity (d) dishonesty
17. The resulting of his probing was evidence all pointing to a serious treachery.
(a) incriminating (b) dangerous
(c) frivolous (d) intimidatory
18. His parents did not pay attention to his studies. (Stenographers' Exam, 1993)
(a) suitable (b) just
(c) remarkable (d) proper
19. The top ranking student his success in his studies to his Headmaster's guidance.
(a) accounts (b) refers
(c) attributes (d) claims
20. I do not with the views expressed in your newspaper.
(a) confirm (b) coincide
(c) compromise (d) concur
21. The communist represents the of everything noble that we have inherited from our culture and history.
(a) antagonism (b) immorality
(c) antidote (d) antithesis
(Section Officers' Exam, 1993)
22. Despite her pleas, the mistress did not to her request.
(a) accede (b) convince
(c) favour (d) approve
23. He could not stay here longer because he was not to such environment.
(a) adept (b) addicted
(c) accustomed (d) conducive
24. He is greatly admired for his behaviour. (C.D.S. 1994)
(a) decrepit (b) decorative
(c) decadent (d) decorous
25. His moral decadence was marked by his from the ways of integrity and honesty.
(a) declivity (b) departure
(c) obsession (d) opprobrium
26. Nobody can say what him to commit this crime.
(a) excited (b) attracted
(c) prompted (d) roused
(Assistant Grade, 1993)
27. A public figure loves to be the of a cartoonist.
(a) favourite (b) subject
(c) butt (d) model
28. The meeting with a vote of thanks.
(a) closed (b) finished
(c) stopped (d) concluded
29. The country needs a government to tackle the challenges it faces today.
(a) sustained (b) stable
(c) stationary (d) stagnant
(Clerks' Grade, 1991)
30. The environment was to his work and that's why he succeeded.
(a) suitable (b) confirming
(c) conducive (d) adequate
31. His income does not allow him to buy a new scooter.
(a) small (b) meagre
(c) spare (d) scarce
32. It is difficult to believe what he tells us because his account of any event is always full of of all sorts.
(a) discrepancies (b) differences
(c) discretions (d) distinctions
(C.D.S. 1991)
33. The poor women of the village could only afford not costly ornaments.
(a) anklets (b) dangles
(c) baubles (d) adornments
34. As the waves rose and the ship tossed, many of the passengers felt
(a) lethargic (b) tremulous
(c) subdued (d) queasy

35. To explain his design to his visitor, the architect a simple plan on the blackboard. (C.D.S. 1994)
(a) constructed (b) made
(c) sketched (d) built
36. The government should crush with a heavy hand all the gangs of terrorists and foil their design against the integrity of our nation.
(a) foolish (b) nefarious
(c) ugly (d) undesirable
37. One and you know who among them is the culprit. (U.D.C. 1994)
(a) gaze (b) peep
(c) look (d) sight
38. The speaker the scope of his paper on 'Work ethic' at the outset.
(a) defined (b) delineated
(c) ascribed (d) declined
39. The criminal seems to have acted in with three others. (C.D.S. 1993)
(a) collision (b) collusion
(c) cohesion (d) coalition
40. He a lot over the pros and cons of the issue but could arrive at no fruitful result.
(a) envisioned (b) contemplated
(c) embodied (d) envisaged
41. If an indelible ink is used, this will not be (Hotel Management, 1992)
(a) observed (b) obligated
(c) obliterated (d) obviated
42. The custom officers gold worth Rs. 1 crore from the smugglers.
(a) snatched (b) captured
- (c) mobbed (d) confiscated
43. The accused to answer any questions in the absence of his lawyer.
(a) declined (b) denied
(c) denounced (d) detested
44. On account of the dearth of grass on the arid plains the cattle became
(a) jubilant (b) emaciated
(c) flippant (d) agitated (C.B.I. 1995)
45. The new Science teacher a great respect from his students.
(a) observed (b) acquired
(c) attained (d) commanded
46. His helped him rise so high in life.
(a) cleverness (b) wisdom
(c) cunningness (d) genius
47. The sound of the running water of the stream had a pleasantly effect on me. (C.D.S. 1994)
(a) sonorous (b) amusing
(c) loud (d) somnolent
48. The speaker painted a picture of hunger in parts of India.
(a) poignant (b) passionate
(c) parsimonious (d) chimerical
49. The statues resembled ludicrous figures found in ancient monuments.
(a) grotesque (b) impressive
(c) gregarious (d) magnificent
50. Some regions of our country still remain to the average man.
(a) impenetrable (b) impermeable
(c) inaccessible (d) impossible (Assistant Grade, 1996)

ANSWERS

1. (d) 2. (b) 3. (c) 4. (b) 5. (b) 6. (d) 7. (d) 8. (b) 9. (b) 10. (c)
11. (c) 12. (c) 13. (d) 14. (b) 15. (d) 16. (b) 17. (a) 18. (d) 19. (c) 20. (d)
21. (d) 22. (a) 23. (c) 24. (d) 25. (b) 26. (c) 27. (c) 28. (d) 29. (b) 30. (c)
31. (b) 32. (a) 33. (c) 34. (d) 35. (c) 36. (b) 37. (c) 38. (b) 39. (b) 40. (b)
41. (c) 42. (d) 43. (a) 44. (b) 45. (d) 46. (d) 47. (a) 48. (a) 49. (a) 50. (c)

PRACTICE SET 11

Directions : In each of the following sentences, a blank has been given which can be filled correctly by one of the four alternatives given under it. That is your answer.

1. If the downward trend in revenues is not the shortfall at the end of the year may be most astonishing.
(a) eliminated (b) controlled
(c) reversed (d) suppressed
2. All too often journalists fail to personal privacy.
(a) consider (b) regard
(c) respect (d) admire (Assistant Grade, 1995)

3. Mr. Roy was the Man of the Year by the Lion's Club Society.
(a) accounted (b) defined
(c) announced (d) designated
4. It to me that she was incurable.
(a) suggested (b) flashed
(c) happened (d) occurred (C.D.S. 1994)
5. The controversy is likely to bad blood between the two communities.
(a) involve (b) improve
(c) infuse (d) create
6. I became alert because I trouble around me.
(a) comprehended (b) sensed
(c) transcended (d) saw
7. The police had to be called to control a between two political groups.
(a) brawl (b) confusion
(c) riot (d) disturbance
8. He is in the habit of his head whenever anything goes wrong.
(a) hiding (b) losing
(c) protecting (d) loosening (Railways, 1995)
9. I am feeling better today.
(a) too (b) rather
(c) very (d) fairly
10. The driver suddenly applied the brakes when he saw a truck ahead of him.
(a) static (b) solitary
(c) stationary (d) immobile (C.D.S. 1992)
11. When you were sick, it was your mother who you back to health.
(a) aroused (b) urged
(c) assured (d) nursed
12. The British were able to establish an empire in India, largely because the ruling Indian princes were
(a) disunited (b) disintegrated
(c) disjointed (d) disoriented (Asstt. Grade, 1993)
13. an accident, the train will arrive in time. (U.D.C. 1993)
(a) Besides (b) Accepting
(c) Despite (d) Barring
14. Knowing that the news was a good one, he decided to be the
(a) messenger (b) harbinger
(c) informer (d) instructor
15. It was of him to act so in the company of his friends.
(a) ridiculous (b) funny
(c) amusing (d) mocking
16. But the introductory fee does not stop after the initial handshake; brokers have to it up after each transaction.

- (a) bring (b) give
(c) boost (d) cough (M.B.A. 1994)
17. As a witness of the court, you have to be in your statement.
(a) short (b) accurate
(c) pointed (d) prompt
18. The organisers of the conference have the allegations made against them.
(a) retorted (b) repulsed
(c) rebuked (d) repudiated
19. Hamlet wanted to the death of his father who was treacherously killed by his mother's lover.
(a) revenge (b) avenge
(c) forgive (d) vindicate (Translators' Exam, 1994)
20. work is more enjoyable than compulsory work.
(a) Temporary (b) Voluntary
(c) Slavish (d) Mechanical
21. He has shown both by his hard work and by his conduct that he a special award.
(a) aspires (b) needs
(c) merits (d) dislikes
22. The old 'Nature Versus debate regarding crime continues even today.
(a) Culture (b) Man
(c) Nurture (d) Universe (C.D.S. 1995)
23. They a new plan to throw him out of that office.
(a) conspired (b) conceived
(c) connived (d) contrived
24. The sun at six this morning.
(a) arose (b) rose
(c) aroused (d) raised (Stenographers' Exam, 1994)
25. The visit to my home town many happy memories of my own childhood.
(a) revived (b) recollected
(c) retained (d) reminded
26. Flood has the misery of the people already hit by the cyclone.
(a) worsened (b) intensified
(c) repeated (d) compounded
27. It has now been that 52 people died in the crash. (C.B.I. 1991)
(a) assured (b) confirmed
(c) counted (d) ensured
28. The prisoner was ordered to be released when it was discovered that there had been a of justice.
(a) mischance (b) miscarriage
(c) mishap (d) misdemeanour
29. My father was too to push open the heavy door. (C.D.S. 1994)

PRACTICE SET 12

Directions : Pick out the most effective word from the given words to fill in the blanks to make the sentence meaningfully complete.

- (a) timid (b) faint
(c) feeble (d) faltering
30. It was his that saved him from the coming danger.
(a) foresight (b) prediction
(c) presage (d) detection
31. Animals are such friends; they ask no questions and pass no criticism.
(a) useful (b) social
(c) humane (d) agreeable
32. The bureaucrat was for his role in the scam. (C.B.I. 1993)
(a) reinstated (b) criticised
(c) indicted (d) indited
33. Modern architecture has discarded the trimming on buildings and emphasizes simplicity of line..
(a) gaudy (b) flagrant
(c) gaunt (d) flamboyant
34. It is becoming more and more that the principal is losing the confidence of his staff. (C.D.S. 1992)
(a) prominent (b) conspicuous
(c) manifest (d) apparent
35. The presence of their professor in the very next table the conversation of the boys in the restaurant.
(a) obstructed (b) limited
(c) inhibited (d) interrupted
36. Health is too important to be
(a) neglected (b) detested
(c) despised (d) discarded
(Asstt. Grade, 1994)
37. The matter would have become serious if action had not been taken.
(a) deliberate (b) fast
(c) hasty (d) timely
38. As soon as the news of the Director's death reached the Board, the meeting was
(a) impounded (b) suspended
(c) banned (d) adjourned
39. He was in trouble because he did not the instructions.
(a) follow (b) observe
(c) confirm (d) chase
(Stenographers' Exam, 1993)
40. It is strange that he should be as as his brother is generous. (U.D.C. 1993)
- (a) liberal (b) spendthrift
(c) reckless (d) stingy
41. Peace committees were formed and police vigilance intensified to prevent of further communal violence.
(a) emergence (b) occurrence
(c) recurrence (d) recrudescence
42. The labour leader the Government in the Assembly today of not protecting the interests of textile workers.
(a) assaulted (b) accused
(c) attacked (d) instigated
43. He finds it difficult to between blue and green as he is colour blind.
(a) distinguish (b) study
(c) recognise (d) see
(Stenographers' Exam, 1995)
44. He is not only kind but also in his dealings with the poor.
(a) courteous (b) churlish
(c) malicious (d) boorish
45. Owing to their unruly behaviour, some members of the cricket team were from taking part in the matches.
(a) banned (b) exempted
(c) excluded (d) outlawed
46. As the news of the natural spread, offers of relief poured in.
(a) misery (b) misfortune
(c) calamity (d) collapse
(Asstt. Grade, 1995)
47. The committee met to the team for the tournament.
(a) appoint (b) select
(c) elect (d) nominate
48. People who have an reputation are often avoided by the rest.
(a) unsteady (b) unsavoury
(c) unsafe (d) unsanctified
49. On a final consideration, Mr. Abererombie's book strikes us as singular of thought. (C.D.S. 1991)
(a) attributive (b) significative
(c) symptomatic (d) evocative
50. The lions in the Gir forest are protected as they come under species.
(a) dangerous (b) engendered
(c) enamoured (d) endangered
(Translator's Exam, 1994)

ANSWERS

1. (c) 2. (c) 3. (d) 4. (d) 5. (d) 6. (b) 7. (d) 8. (b) 9. (d) 10. (c)
11. (d) 12. (a) 13. (d) 14. (b) 15. (a) 16. (a) 17. (b) 18. (d) 19. (b) 20. (b)
21. (c) 22. (b) 23. (d) 24. (b) 25. (a) 26. (d) 27. (b) 28. (d) 29. (c) 30. (a)
31. (d) 32. (c) 33. (d) 34. (d) 35. (c) 36. (a) 37. (d) 38. (b) 39. (a) 40. (d)
41. (d) 42. (b) 43. (a) 44. (a) 45. (a) 46. (c) 47. (b) 48. (b) 49. (d) 50. (d)

1. 'Please' and 'Thank you' are the little courtesies by which we keep the of life oiled and running smoothly. (C.D.S. 1995)
(a) river (b) garden
(c) path (d) machine
2. The bright colour of this shirt has away. (Stenographers' Exam, 1995)
(a) gone (b) disappeared
(c) faded (d) paled
3. By dint of his labour, he all that he had lost.
(a) replenished (b) restored
(c) refurbished (d) restounded
4. Their differences were amicably settled by a/an
(a) agent (b) arbiter
(c) mediator (d) arbitrator
5. One major between the Election Commission and the Union Government is related to the powers of the former in respect of the deployment of central police forces at places where an election is held. (M.B.A. 1994)
(a) conflict (b) pain
(c) irritant (d) culprit
6. Violent and sudden fluctuation in prices and total earnings of exports have a serious impact on the overall growth of the Third World Countries.
(a) unusual (b) opposite
(c) contrary (d) adverse
7. Even a glance will reveal the mystery. (Hotel Management, 1992)
(a) crude (b) cursory
(c) critical (d) curious
8. His standard of living has since his son joined service. (U.D.C. 1993)
(a) lifted (b) increased
(c) risen (d) heightened
9. If someone deliberately damages your property, he is to pay for the cost of repairs.
(a) compelled (b) forced
(c) liable (d) requested
10. The passengers were afraid but the captain them that there was no danger. (C.D.S. 1994)
(a) instructed (b) advised
(c) promised (d) assured
11. Parliamentary Democracy postulated a discipline and to the rules.
(a) liability (b) commitment
(c) obligation (d) subjection
12. His first failure did not him from making another attempt. (C.B.I. 1991)
(a) interfere (b) forbid
(c) frighten (d) deter
13. The lorry driver was arrested for rash driving and his licence was by the police.
(a) penalised (b) suspended
(c) impounded (d) banned
14. No one will you for having been rude to your teacher. (Railways, 1995)
(a) exclaim (b) admire
(c) advise (d) recommend
15. He married many times, yet happiness him and he remained miserable as before.
(a) absconded (b) escaped
(c) disappointed (d) eluded
16. Some people from voting at the last elections.
(a) denied (b) refused
(c) abstained (d) declined
17. The doctor the patient from taking certain medicines. (Asstt. Grade, 1995)
(a) banned (b) prohibited
(c) prescribed (d) proscribed
18. Sociologists believe that an element of violence is in all societies.
(a) passive (b) invisible
(c) active (d) latent
19. The missile launched by the US space station slowly towards the target.
(a) went (b) ascended
(c) raised (d) gravitated
20. I a car to be absolutely necessary these days. (Stenographers' Exam, 1994)
(a) think (b) regard
(c) consider (d) agree
21. A wife who is in the habit of at her husband over trifles, can never make a happy home.
(a) chastising (b) ranting
(c) scolding (d) thrashing
22. India would not be from its research and development programmes.
(a) stopped (b) forced
(c) debarred (d) deterred
23. Since life is a great, he couldn't see why death cannot be.
(a) marvel (b) mystery
(c) wonder (d) surprise

24. He didn't have the idea of the villager's problems.
(a) smallest (b) finest
(c) faintest (d) feeblest
(Translators' Exam, 1994)
25. The conclusion is that people will have to live with rising prices.
(a) final (b) ultimate
(c) inescapable (d) hopeless
26. On her sixteenth birthday, Ashish had gifted her a bottle of
(a) cologne (b) fragrance
(c) essence (d) perfume
27. This is a translation of the speech.
(a) verbatim (b) verbal
(c) literal (d) literary
(Stenographers' Exam, 1995)
28. As a last the students have appealed to the Principal.
(a) course (b) method
(c) chance (d) resort
29. He the policeman to help him catch the thief, but the policeman pretended not to hear.
(a) requested (b) asked
(c) importuned (d) pleaded
30. He has a wrong inference.
(a) inferred (b) derived
(c) drawn (d) concluded
31. The news of the secret deal soon despite official silence. (S.S.C. 1995)
(a) discovered (b) disclosed
(c) leaked out (d) divulged
32. No man had a more love for literature, or a higher respect for it, than Dr. Samuel Johnson. (C.D.S. 1995)
(a) arduous (b) ardent
(c) animated (d) adroit
33. He it as the kind cruelty of the doctor's knife.
(a) agreed (b) accepted
(c) believed (d) perceived
34. I have often why he went to live abroad. (Railways, 1989)
(a) puzzled (b) wondered
(c) thought (d) surprised
35. India, for the present, is deeply in political uncertainties.
(a) mired (b) engrossed
(c) absorbed (d) troubled
36. He lives near a lonely of countryside. (Stenographers' Exam, 1994)
(a) piece (b) length
(c) stretch (d) section
37. Rahul had pain in his stomach.
(a) high (b) strong
(c) deep (d) severe
38. As a of respect to the departed leader, members stood in silence for two minutes.
(a) mark (b) symbol
(c) sign (d) token
39. When their examinations were over, the children gleefully the books they had been reading.
(a) despised (b) neglected
(c) shelve (d) overthrew
(Assistant Grade, 1994)
40. Reena a taste for poetry in the company of her cousin.
(a) learnt (b) fostered
(c) cultivated (d) imbibed
41. Not only did she condemn vice, she almost equally despised the acceptance of an advantage.
(a) commendable (b) tacit
(c) unholy (d) furtive
(S.C.R.A. 1993)
42. He failed to get the job though he was for the interview.
(a) chosen (b) invited
(c) called (d) summoned
43. We must help to the people hit by cyclone.
(a) contribute (b) summon
(c) render (d) impart
44. To nobody else did the story seem
(a) contingent (b) credible
(c) credulous (d) creditable
(Stenographers' Exam, 1991)
45. The transfer of territories could not take place because one state the findings of the Commission. (M.B.A. 1993)
(a) objected (b) questioned
(c) rejected (d) disputed
46. His book was marked by many remarks which made us forget its main theme.
(a) foolish (b) idiotic
(c) digressive (d) humorous
47. These documents are of historical importance as they throw a lot of light on men and matters.
(a) major (b) immense
(c) terrific (d) high
48. Anticipating renewed rioting, the authorities erected to block off the streets. (C.D.S. 1995)
(a) dykes (b) barrages
(c) barricades (d) barracks
49. The charm of an Austrian gentleman, the brutality of a gangster, the ranting of a demagogue, the assurance of a diplomat one another in a kaleidoscope of performance. (M.B.A. 1990)

- (a) succeeded (b) struck (a) deviation (b) duplicity
(c) touched (d) joined (c) difference (d) cynicism
50. Let us take him upon his word. I see no room for any in the matter.

ANSWERS

1. (d) 2. (c) 3. (b) 4. (d) 5. (a) 6. (d) 7. (b) 8. (c) 9. (c) 10. (d)
11. (b) 12. (d) 13. (c) 14. (b) 15. (d) 16. (c) 17. (b) 18. (d) 19. (d) 20. (c)
21. (b) 22. (d) 23. (d) 24. (c) 25. (c) 26. (d) 27. (c) 28. (d) 29. (c) 30. (c)
31. (c) 32. (b) 33. (d) 34. (b) 35. (a) 36. (c) 37. (d) 38. (a) 39. (b) 40. (c)
41. (b) 42. (c) 43. (c) 44. (b) 45. (d) 46. (c) 47. (b) 48. (c) 49. (a) 50. (b)

PRACTICE SET 13

Directions : In each of the following sentences, a blank has been given which can be filled correctly by one of the four alternatives given under it. That is your answer.

1. Soft minded individuals are to embrace all kinds of superstitions.
(a) eager (b) prone
(c) disposed (d) reluctant
(C.D.S. 1993)
2. It is difficult at this stage to forecast the of results of the ongoing research on cancer.
(a) consequence (b) importance
(c) measure (d) magnitude
3. He was not happy because none of his children rose in life quite to his
(a) expectations (b) excellence
(c) elegance (d) enterprise
4. There was no in the railway compartment for additional passengers.
(a) space (b) place
(c) seat (d) room
(Stenographers' Exam, 1993)
5. The medicine gave him a short from the suffering.
(a) escape (b) relief
(c) respite (d) release
6. There was a look of on his face during the interrogation.
(a) disfavour (b) disguise
(c) dejection (d) disgrace
7. Like any other country India has its share of superstitions. (C.B.I. 1995)
(a) peculiar (b) fair
(c) proper (d) abundant
8. The serious with her is that she does not know typing.
(a) disadvantage (b) inconvenience
- (c) handicap (d) obstacle
9. A standing army is necessary for each nation to save itself from the danger of foreign
(a) raids (b) incursions
(c) interference (d) insertion
10. Hindus believe that from the cycle of birth and rebirth can be attained only by good deeds. (C.D.S. 1994)
(a) bondage (b) deliverance
(c) delivery (d) retirement
11. I was astounded at his lack of knowledge about the continent of Africa.
(a) great (b) huge
(c) colossal (d) abundant
(Asstt. Grade, 1996)
12. With God not having a, nobody could complain to Him.
(a) telephone (b) wireless
(c) hotline (d) None of these
13. We were certain that the snowstorm was (C.B.I. 1993)
(a) immutable (b) imminent
(c) unavoidable (d) inherent
14. There was so much material in the essay that it was difficult to get the author's message.
(a) exemplary (b) extraneous
(c) variegated (d) superficial
15. The Marxists, following a theory of dialectical materialism, contend that man is merely a producing animal who supplies his own needs and whose life is largely by economic forces.

- (a) determined (b) subordinated
(c) moulded (d) subjugated
(C.D.S. 1993)
16. He was virtually by the villagers for absconding with the girl.
(a) driven (b) banished
(c) ostracised (d) exploited
17. As soon as she saw him, she unleashed a of fond, praise and appreciation.
(a) rain (b) torrent
(c) chain (d) series
18. There are many to Greek mythology in English poetry.
(a) elusives (b) allusions
(c) illusions (d) delusions
(Hotel Management, 1992)
19. I he has been caught up in a traffic jam.
(a) suspect (b) suppose
(c) imagine (d) speculate
20. Gandhiji was a humble man known for his
(a) pleasantness (b) sweetness
(c) modesty (d) kindness
(Clerks' Grade, 1991)
21. Mr. Shekhar the letter by return of post.
(a) replied (b) reciprocated
(c) answered (d) questioned
22. He was at the response from the audience.
(a) gratified (b) thanked
(c) paused (d) pleased
23. It being an issue, it is not correct to introduce questions of morality into the debate.
(a) immoral (b) irrelevant
(c) moral (d) amoral
(Section Officers' 1993)
24. Sachin Tendulkar a century in that match.
(a) bowled (b) hit
(c) played (d) scored
25. Drinking too much one's judgement.
(a) imposes (b) impels
(c) impairs (d) impedes
26. There was a huge at the airport for the Prime Minister.
(a) mob (b) gathering
(c) rush (d) collection
27. Being guilty, my daughter was afraid to me in the eye.
(a) look (b) confront
(c) encounter (d) meet
(C.B.I. 1993)
28. The Company demanded a certificate that I was a student of the university.
(a) benevolent (b) bonefide
(c) genuine (d) truthful
29. The new government wants to the life of a common man.
(a) replenish (b) ameliorate
(c) refurbish (d) revive
30. It is that we realise our duties to our motherland; if we fail to do so, our freedom will be in jeopardy.
(a) vicious (b) vile
(c) vital (d) virtuous
(Railways, 1995)
31. Will you please from interfering in my personal affairs?
(a) avoid (b) desist
(c) prohibit (d) abstain
32. During Diwali the shops are of people.
(a) busy (b) crowded
(c) full (d) bubbling
(U.D.C. 1995)
33. The oil crisis highlighted the need to develop new of energy and to conserve those which are already in use.
(a) pleasantness (b) sweetness
(c) modesty (d) kindness
(Stenographers' Exam, 1995)
34. The miser gazed at the pile of gold coins in front of him.
(a) earnestly (b) thoughtfully
(c) avidly (d) admiringly
(C.B.I. 1995)
35. Despite everyone trying to convince him of the truth, he still sticks to his stand.
(a) haughty (b) obstinate
(c) arrogant (d) contumacious
36. Because of diesel many garages are introducing rationing.
(a) deficit (b) lack
(c) shortage (d) scarce
(C.D.S. 1995)
37. The world is so constructed that if you wish to enjoy its pleasures you must also its pains.
(a) deny (b) ignore
(c) endure (d) neglect
(C.D.S. 1994)
38. A man who commits a wrong, may be required to his property as a penalty.
(a) eschew (b) assess
(c) confiscate (d) forfeit
39. I think they allow their children too much
(a) levity (b) lassitude
(c) latitude (d) liberality
(C.D.S. 1993)
40. A little sincerity is a dangerous thing, and a great of it is fatal.
(a) absolutely (b) entirely
(c) completely (d) thoroughly
41. The scheme failed due to the of funds.
(a) problem (b) scarcity

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- (c) paucity (d) reduction
42. It is not possible to the suffering.
(a) mitigate (b) masticate
(c) instigate (d) propitiate
(Hotel Management, 1992)
43. Knowledge of the local language the assimilation of the culture of the place.
(a) hastens (b) promotes
(c) facilitates (d) strengthens
44. Man does not live by alone.
(a) diet (b) food
(c) meals (d) bread
(Section Officers' 1993)
45. Vallabh Bhai Patel's life some of the greatest events of the century.
(a) spanned (b) included
(c) encompassed (d) overcame
46. Would you mind to the Principal how the trouble started?
(C.D.S. 1994)
- (a) talking (b) remarking
(c) telling (d) explaining
47. Please do not the offer made by the Chairman.
(a) refrain (b) refuse
(c) refute (d) refuge
48. No matter what come our way, we should not lose our temper. (C.B.I. 1993)
(a) provocations (b) distractions
(c) persons (d) temptations
49. It to me that she was incurable.
(a) happened (b) occurred
(c) flashed (d) suggested
50. In high school many of us never realised the importance that grammar would in later life. (Assistant Grade, 1996)
(a) exercise (b) figure
(c) portray (d) play

ANSWERS

1. (b) 2. (d) 3. (a) 4. (d) 5. (c) 6. (c) 7. (b) 8. (a) 9. (b) 10. (b)
11. (c) 12. (c) 13. (b) 14. (d) 15. (c) 16. (c) 17. (b) 18. (b) 19. (b) 20. (c)
21. (c) 22. (d) 23. (b) 24. (d) 25. (c) 26. (b) 27. (a) 28. (b) 29. (b) 30. (c)
31. (d) 32. (c) 33. (b) 34. (c) 35. (d) 36. (c) 37. (c) 38. (a) 39. (c) 40. (a)
41. (c) 42. (a) 43. (c) 44. (d) 45. (a) 46. (d) 47. (b) 48. (a) 49. (b) 50. (d)

PRACTICE SET 14

Directions : Of the four alternatives given under each sentence, find the one that best fits into the blank space.

1. His life consists of of drinking punctuated by periods of drunken sleep.
(a) barrels (b) bouts
(c) bowls (d) pints
(Central Excise, 1995)
2. The fact is so that no one ever succeeded even in defining it.
(a) elusive (b) slanderous
(c) morbid (d) fragmentary
3. Important information was given by the convict while before the court.
(a) addressing (b) explaining
(c) deposing (d) expressing
4. Vishakha two minutes and thirty seconds to take the first place in the women's 800 m race. (C.B.I. 1994)
(a) ran (b) used
(c) timed (d) clocked
5. This is the chosen for the shopping complex to be built next year.
(a) area (b) locality
(c) site (d) sight
6. The Chairman treated the employees to a lunch at an expensive hotel.
(a) precious (b) sumptuous
(c) thriving (d) stupendous
7. Find the that accompany these cartoons. (U.D.C. 1995)
(a) captions (b) topics
(c) headlines (d) titles
8. The police the mob.
(a) disbanded (b) dispersed
(c) drove (d) scattered
9. The whole plot was well managed.
(a) perfectly (b) nicely
(c) exquisitely (d) exceedingly
10. When the morning the murder was discovered. (Assistant Grade, 1994)
(a) occurred (b) came
(c) arrived (d) happened
11. Students who have secured more than ninety percent marks are for this scholarship.
(a) worthy (b) legible

- (c) eligible (d) permitted
12. Mr. Shyam Lal has gone to his native village with the of starting an adult school.
(a) suggestion (b) presumption
(c) opinion (d) intention
13. The twins are so alike that I cannot one from the other. (I. Tax, 1995)
(a) discern (b) tell
(c) say (d) notice
14. We must to authority.
(a) bend (b) surrender
(c) subdue (d) submit
15. Unscrupulous operators are running a racket in illegal international telephone calls.
(a) fruitful (b) prosperous
(c) rich (d) flourishing
16. The chief guest's speech was so that I was all ears. (C.B.I. 1994)
(a) intricate (b) interminable
(c) interesting (d) indeterminate
17. The General said that the position must be at all costs.
(a) possessed (b) captured
(c) caught (d) arrested
18. Just like the nature we all have to follow routine. (Railways, 1992)
(a) timely (b) regular
(c) fixed (d) some
19. The of the discussion is still not known.
(a) effect (b) output
(c) product (d) outcome
20. The park was with bits of paper after the children had left. (C.D.S. 1995)
(a) cluttered (b) littered
(c) filled (d) scattered
21. A person's personality is said to be by a combination of inheritance, environment and upbringing.
(a) decided (b) shaped
(c) formed (d) moulded
22. There was a serious between the two brothers. (Hotel Management, 1991)
(a) aliteration (b) alteration
(c) alteration (d) aberration
23. He never takes sides but always remains
(a) unbiased (b) prejudiced
(c) neutral (d) impartial
24. I hope I can my friend to lend his car for the weekend.
(a) order (b) authorise
(c) compel (d) persuade
25. The overthrow of a totalitarian regime by the people is truly the triumph of
(a) imperialism (b) democracy
(c) dictatorship (d) communism
(Assistant Grade, 1993)
26. The country's major industrial houses have a in the political parties which they have always liberally funded.
(a) say (b) power
(c) stake (d) notion
27. A person who constantly calls attention to his trials and sufferings is in danger of developing a martyr complex and impressing others that he is seeking sympathy. (C.D.S. 1993)
(a) purposefully (b) emphatically
(c) consciously (d) willingly
28. Sachin doesn't need comics anymore, he has them.
(a) overcome (b) surpassed
(c) disowned (d) outgrown
29. Error can claim no
(a) ignorance (b) excuse
(c) exemption (d) concession
30. He is working under such conditions that it is difficult to maintain his self-respect. (C.D.S. 1994)
(a) low (b) difficult
(c) inimical (d) humiliating
31. The Hubble Space Telescope will search for planets around other stars, a key to the for extra terrestrial life, and examine interstellar dust and gases out of which stars are born. (C.D.S. 1993)
(a) discovery (b) perception
(c) quest (d) enquiry
32. He said that there was no going back because his decision was
(a) palatable (b) parsimonious
(c) premeditated (d) peremptory
33. As an organisation changes from one system to another problems would no doubt arise.
(a) transient (b) temporary
(c) transitory (d) intervening
34. The manner in which bombs exploded in five trains within a short span of time suggests that it is a part of a
(a) game (b) villainy
(c) conspiracy (d) sabotage
(Assistant Grade, 1996)
35. Subject to the of the Court, at the hearing of an appeal not more than two advocates shall be heard on one side.
(a) requests (b) commands
(c) directions (d) requirements
36. He lives in the world of
(a) allusions (b) illusions
(c) conclusions (d) delusions
(Hotel Management, 1991)

37. He did not register his to the proposal. (C.B.I. 1993)
(a) deviation (b) divergence
(c) disfavour (d) dissent
38. For quite a long time he bore the burden but finally he had to
(a) yield (b) reconcile
(c) succumb (d) leave
39. The beauty of this land captivates our mind and makes us happy.
(a) grand (b) ideal
(c) scenic (d) great
40. He that he could speak five languages. (Stenographers' Exam, 1992)
(a) challenged (b) boasted
(c) submitted (d) suggested
41. The nude dance, it seems, was intended to arouse among the spectators.
(a) appetite (b) lust
(c) greed (d) lustre
42. Though Bonsai, a well-known art form, originated in China, it was by the Japanese. (C.D.S. 1994)
(a) finished (b) borrowed
(c) cultivated (d) perfected
43. The Manager gave her his that the complaint would be investigated.
(a) assurance (b) suggestion
(c) avowal (d) support
44. Will you, like the gentleman and soldier you are, leave at once before he finds you here? (C.D.S. 1991)
(a) barbarous (b) ostentatious
(c) chivalrous (d) luminous
45. He the necessity of acting promptly.
(a) appreciated (b) admired
(c) praised (d) eulogised
46. It is not proper to a stranger in your house.
(a) accommodate (b) keep
(c) shelter (d) dwell
47. A crescendo of metallic thuds arose from the market, where the iron-smiths were the pieces of metals. (C.B.I. 1995)
(a) hammering (b) flattening
(c) thrashing (d) striking
48. I am feeling better today.
(a) rather (b) too
(c) fairly (d) very
49. The child's earliest words deal with concrete objects, only later he is able to grapple with
(a) abstractions (b) maxims
(c) opinions (d) decisions
(Stenographers' Exam, 1994)
50. He requested all his class to attend his birthday party.
(a) comrades (b) companions
(c) fellows (d) friends

ANSWERS

1. (b) 2. (a) 3. (c) 4. (d) 5. (c) 6. (b) 7. (a) 8. (b) 9. (d) 10. (b)
11. (c) 12. (d) 13. (b) 14. (d) 15. (d) 16. (c) 17. (b) 18. (d) 19. (d) 20. (b)
21. (c) 22. (b) 23. (d) 24. (d) 25. (b) 26. (c) 27. (c) 28. (d) 29. (c) 30. (d)
31. (c) 32. (d) 33. (d) 34. (c) 35. (c) 36. (b) 37. (d) 38. (c) 39. (c) 40. (b)
41. (b) 42. (d) 43. (a) 44. (c) 45. (a) 46. (c) 47. (b) 48. (c) 49. (a) 50. (c)

PRACTICE SET 15

Directions : Fill in the blanks in the following sentences by selecting the most appropriate alternative from amongst the four choices given under each sentence.

1. She practised very hard so that she could the trophy.
(a) replace (b) repeat
(c) restore (d) regain
2. He lost the match easily because he had played a five set match in the earlier round. (S.C.R.A. 1993)
(a) sensational (b) gruelling
(c) wonderful (d) controversial
3. It was impossible for the over-worked mother to with so many yelling children.
(a) cope (b) deal
(c) live (d) continue
4. In these days of inflation, the cost of consumer goods is (C.D.S. 1995)
(a) ascending (b) soaring
(c) climbing (d) raising
5. Ajay is not well with the culture of this state.

- (a) conducive (b) accustomed
(c) acquainted (d) addicted
6. The most important task of the Air Force is to the country against an air attack by an enemy.
(a) protect (b) save
(c) defend (d) secure
(Stenographers' Exam, 1995)
7. The curfew in the riot ridden area was for a couple of hours.
(a) lifted (b) released
(c) removed (d) relaxed
8. The firm has enjoyed steady in the last ten years. (S.S.C. 1995)
(a) enhancement (b) expansion
(c) enlargement (d) extension
9. He was too to make a statement before the Principal.
(a) shy (b) timid
(c) audacious (d) coward
10. Prolongation of the worker's strike will have effect on the production.
(a) opposite (b) reverse
(c) negative (d) adverse
11. The man is so ill that he can walk.
(a) hardly (b) nearly
(c) quite (d) rarely
(C.B.I. 1987)
12. He his matriculation examination in 1992.
(a) obtained (b) performed
(c) passed (d) completed
13. Your case is so unique that I am not getting any to support it.
(a) help (b) precedent
(c) reason (d) happening
(I.L.C.A.A.O. 1989)
14. He all his energies to bear upon the task.
(a) put (b) organised
(c) brought (d) devoted
15. Usually the ascent of a mountain face is much easier than the
(a) descend (b) fall
(c) descent (d) decent
(Stenographers' Exam, 1995)
16. Ravi his head against the wall.
(a) forced (b) struck
(c) sounded (d) injured
17. If a speech is full of pompous words, it is (M.B.A. 1990)
(a) verbose (b) bombastic
(c) grandiose (d) grandiloquent
18. I can on him when I have some problem.
(a) bear (b) trust
(c) count (d) believe
19. I keep my opinions to myself.
- (a) special (b) private
(c) particular (d) especial
(S.S.C. 1995)
20. Sushil the accident by sharply steering the car to the left leaving the road for the oncoming lorry.
(a) avoided (b) reverted
(c) diverted (d) averted
21. We had to pay the taxi more because he brought us by a route.
(a) longer (b) circumscribed
(c) circular (d) circuitous
22. The sounded lame to her and she did not want to give in. (C.D.S. 1995)
(a) excuses (b) statements
(c) premises (d) observations
23. She requested the student to a little water in a vessel.
(a) procure (b) collect
(c) fetch (d) bring
24. The movement of the train was so that all the passengers slept very well.
(a) distracting (b) noisy
(c) soothing (d) fast
(Stenographers' Exam, 1995)
25. The suspect was taken to the police, but the revealed nothing.
(a) inquiry (b) interrogation
(c) probe (d) investigation
26. The arguments put forth for not disclosing the facts did not impress anybody. (I.L.C.A.A.O. 1989)
(a) convincing (b) specious
(c) spurious (d) intemperate
27. We don't know what him to commit this crime. (U.D.C. 1993)
(a) excited (b) roused
(c) prompted (d) attracted
28. The teacher was by the student's performance and offered him further help.
(a) impressed (b) enchanted
(c) enthused (d) infatuated
29. He was in a what to do and what not to do.
(a) startle (b) fix
(c) trouble (d) confusion
30. In hot weather I like lying in the of a tree. (Stenographers' Exam, 1994)
(a) shadow (b) shelter
(c) protection (d) shade
31. In spite of her other Kamla still managed to find time for her hobbies.
(a) preoccupations (b) occupations
(c) business (d) predilections
32. The Committee's appeal to the people for money little response. (C.D.S. 1993)
(a) evoked (b) provoked
- (c) gained (d) provided
33. My neighbour, Mr. Keshav Lal comes home at the of the month.
(a) conclusion (b) expiry
(c) completion (d) close
34. Rabindranath Tagore was a writer of his times.
(a) true (b) fantastic
(c) profound (d) prolific
35. The manager tried hard to his men to return to work before declaring a lockout. (C.D.S. 1992)
(a) motivate (b) persuade
(c) encourage (d) permit
36. There was so much material in the speech that it was difficult to know what the speaker wanted to say.
(a) banal (b) extraneous
(c) superficial (d) variegated
37. Our flight was from Jaipur to Agra airport. (Central Excise, 1991)
(a) deflected (b) shifted
(c) diverted (d) reverted
38. His handling resulted in all that destruction and damage.
(a) inept (b) skilful
(c) sophisticated (d) uncouth
39. Once I forgot the piece of paper on which the name of the hotel was written, I was as as lost.
(a) much (b) sure
(c) good (d) bad
(I. Tax & Central Excise, 1994)
40. Infant mortality rate in China has from 200 per thousand to 14 per thousand.
(a) retarded (b) declined
(c) contracted (d) minimised
41. Time once lost cannot be
(a) gained (b) recalled
(c) renumerated (d) recovered
42. He is very on meeting foreigners and befriending them.
(a) anxious (b) fond
- (c) insistent (d) keen
(Clerks' Grade, 1992)
43. Laser is a (an) of Light Amplification by Stimulated Emission of Radiation.
(a) homonym (b) acronym
(c) malaprop (d) collocation
44. The exhibition was a curious of the old and the new.
(a) melange (b) fervour
(c) mixture (d) blend
45. The Hubble Space Telescope will search for planets around other stars, a key to the for extra terrestrial life.
(a) discovery (b) quest
(c) perception (d) enquiry
46. Colgate has also set an ambitious aim of an eight per cent value share of the tooth paste market by the end of the first year. (M.B.A. 1994)
(a) keeping (b) distributing
(c) cornering (d) soliciting
47. Marie Curie was excited when she knew that she was on the of a new discovery.
(a) outskirts (b) frontier
(c) threshold (d) gateway
48. Many women in developing countries experience a cycle of poor health that before they are born and persists through adulthood passing from generation to generation. (C.D.S. 1994)
(a) derives (b) establishes
(c) begins (d) originates
49. I have for one month's leave.
(a) demanded (b) requested
(c) wanted (d) asked
50. A man remains narrow-minded, self complacent and ignorant unless he visits other people and from them.
(a) hears (b) earns
(c) learns (d) borrows
(Assistant Grade, 1994)

ANSWERS

1. (d) 2. (b) 3. (a) 4. (b) 5. (c) 6. (c) 7. (d) 8. (b) 9. (b) 10. (d)
11. (a) 12. (c) 13. (b) 14. (c) 15. (c) 16. (b) 17. (d) 18. (c) 19. (b) 20. (d)
21. (d) 22. (a) 23. (c) 24. (c) 25. (b) 26. (b) 27. (c) 28. (a) 29. (b) 30. (d)
31. (b) 32. (a) 33. (d) 34. (c) 35. (b) 36. (c) 37. (c) 38. (a) 39. (c) 40. (b)
41. (b) 42. (d) 43. (b) 44. (a) 45. (b) 46. (c) 47. (c) 48. (d) 49. (d) 50. (c)

PRACTICE SET 16

Directions : In each sentence below, there are two blank spaces. Below each sentence some pairs of words are given which are numbered (a), (b), (c), (d) and (e). Pick out the most appropriate pair to fill in the blanks in the same order, to make the sentence meaningfully complete.

1. Cholesterol has long been identified as a silent killer because the patient has no of the danger freely his system.
(a) idea, infecting
(b) thought, attacking
(c) notion, ravishing
(d) inkling, traversing
(e) information, invading
2. Only when failed, the police resorted to (Bank P.O. 1993)
(a) efforts, power
(b) arrests, imprisonment
(c) persuasions, force
(d) power, punishment
(e) manipulations, arrests
3. I have just the memory of my father to now, but my faith in him has never been
(a) recall, missing (b) store, forgotten
(c) love, shaken (d) worship, mistaken
4. Insurance companies are perfectly of the greed some people show in illnesses in order to get big settlements in the courts.
(a) conscious, serious
(b) known, ailing
(c) informed, false (d) aware, faking
(e) acquainted, perfect
5. The imposed for non-payment was too for it to bring in improvement in collection. (S.B.I.P.O. 1992)
(a) fine, severe (b) toll, simple
(c) penalty, low (d) damage, cruel
(e) punishment, harsh
6. Unfortunately, trade unions and organisations of various denominations have failed to realise that understanding, positive attitude and constructive approach are basic requirements to make unions work on lines.
(a) common, ture (b) cooperative, better
(c) mutual, sound (d) general, desired
7. The practice of painting slogans on rock faces, once a thriving industry in Britain has fallen into but there has recently been a (an) in Country Antrim.
(a) oblivion, demand
(b) disfavour, upheaval
(c) disuse, recrudescence
(d) mediocrity, renaissance
8. He shifted to his late parents' house not because of the it provided but for purely reasons.
(a) convenience, sentimental
(b) grace, aesthetic
(c) value, monetary
(d) comforts, personal
(e) benefit, extraneous (Bank P.O. 1995)
9. The Prime Minister said that the to increase employment will be on the efforts to raise productivity in the economy.
(a) scheme, complementary
(b) policy, dependent
(c) strategy, contingent
(d) determination, reliant
(e) programme, supplementary
10. India's armoury needs replacement despite its long-term indigenisation plans and leading international arms industries are eager to sell their latest to the Indian Armed Forces.
(a) exhausted, innovation
(b) old, equipment
(c) exorbitant, instruments
(d) fake, production
(e) ageing, gadgetry
11. He gave me an additional of Rs. 200 a month by of the Commissioner.
(a) allowance, permission
(b) pay, allowance
(c) salary, admittance
(d) payment, agreement (Assistant Grade, 1991)
12. The impact of Western culture on India was the impact of a society, of a modern consciousness on a society wedded to medieval habits of thought.
(a) dynamic, static
(b) major, minor
(c) educated, illiterate
(d) active, passive
(e) progressive, regressive

13. Many of us who rational - emotive therapy are tense, angry or depressed.
(a) seek, often (b) follow, scarcely
(c) perform, usually
(d) implement, seldom
(e) practice, frequently
14. The speech with subtle threats has resulted in tension in the sensitive areas of the city.
(a) started, reduced
(b) replete, increased
(c) full, escalating (d) forced, dissolving
(e) followed, continuous (Bank P.O. 1994)
15. It is superstition to suppose that knowledge can be only by going to schools and colleges
(a) huge, accomplished
(b) hollow, garnered
(c) gross, obtained (d) great, achieved
(e) tremendous, attained
16. I am not to sell you my house unless you offer a more price.
(a) conform, true
(b) prepared, realistic
(c) ready, correct (d) having, actual
17. With the realisation, we have found ourselves left with moral values and little ethical
(a) fundamental, scruples
(b) stereotyped, perspective
(c) extreme, judgement
(d) incidental, standards
(e) obsolete, direction
18. If we do not take care in our industry, we will have to a grave problem. (Bank P.O. 1995)
(a) normal, experience
(b) proper, face
(c) adequate, catch
(d) intensive, aggravate
(e) preventive, solve
19. Education is to the economic and social fabric of the nation, but that few political parties have made it an election issue.
(a) eminent, barring
(b) concomitant, instead of
(c) basic, despite
(d) rudimentary, besides
20. Despite their strong resentment the tribals the new laws as long as the Government officials did not them too strenuously.
(a) welcomed, observe
(b) tolerated, enforce
(c) amended, follow
(d) laid, punish
21. Since we read every book, we only the famous ones. (B.S.R.B. 1996)
(a) have, sold (b) should, buy
(c) must, ignore (d) can, purchase
(e) cannot, select
22. Suddenly out of the of weariness an old lady unexpectedly.
(a) mosaic, raised (b) context, appeared
(c) texture, rose (d) fabric, awakened
23. We have to in our young men and women sense of discipline, which is a for progress and happiness.
(a) generate, concomitant
(b) instil, need
(c) produce, necessity
(d) inculcate, pre-requisite
(e) induce, requirement
24. of crops was due to continuous
(a) Destruction, draught
(b) Ruin, draft
(c) Failure, drought
(d) Depreciation, drift (Assistant Grade, 1991)
25. Disarmament and development in our time are interrelated but development will depend on a change in the world's political thinking.
(a) inevitably, substantial
(b) closely, real
(c) essentially, true
(d) universally, ultimate
(e) naturally, final
26. How many of the books published each year in India make a contribution towards improving men's with each other?
(a) sensational, reservations
(b) referential, behaviour
(c) significant, relationship
(d) incorporated, obligation
27. Due to rainfall this year, they had to cut in water supply.
(a) scanty, lift (b) heavy, regulate
(c) regular, clamp (d) sufficient, enforce
(e) inadequate, impose (B.S.R.B. 1996)
28. The man treated everyone in a manner.
(a) defiant, belligerent
(b) corrupt, ubiquitous
(c) superficial, thorough
(d) suspicious, ingenuous
(e) supercilious, depreciatory
29. Mr. Johnson a boat and into the bay.
(a) hired, rowed (b) rented, swam
(c) boarded, went (d) borrowed, intruded
30. Those suffering from glaucoma find that their vision is and that they

- can no longer see objects not directly in front of them. (M.B.A. 1990)
- (a) optical, distorted
(b) peripheral, impaired
(c) prephrastic, demurred
(d) peripatetic, diminished
31. When it comes to back stabbing, a quill be than a dagger.
(a) must, better (b) should, keen
(c) can, deadlier (d) may, sharper
(e) will, superior
32. He was too to that he had been wrong.
(a) docile, accept (b) polite, agree
(c) nervous, rejoice (d) obstinate, admit
(e) determined, promise
33. The Education Minister emphasised the need to discover and each student's talents. (S.B.I.P.O. 1995)
(a) enlarge, dormant
(b) belittle, concealed
(c) suppress, potential
(d) flourish, hidden
(e) develop, intrinsic
34. In a free and democratic country each and every person has rights as well as duties and it is of importance that everything is in the right perspective.
(a) great, done
(b) significant, examined
(c) utmost, viewed
(d) overwhelming, taken
(e) absolute, understood
35. He is usually, but today he appears rather (R.B.I. 1995)
(a) strict, unwell (b) tense, restless
(c) quiet, calm (d) happy, humorous
(e) calm, disturbed
36. A dramatic on cinema of the life of Phoolan Devi is protests from some people.
(a) depiction, triggering
(b) show, generating
(c) portrayal, arousing
(d) delineation, provoking
(e) demonstration, eliciting
37. Class between capital and labour is for building a prosperous country.
(a) affinity, indispensable
(b) agreement, necessary
(c) control, important
(d) coordination, inevitable
(e) collaboration, essential
38. Knowing that Renu had a good vocabulary, the teacher her to an essay for the inter school competition.
(a) notified, do
(b) commissioned, draft
(c) entrusted, write
(d) demanded, prepare
39. It is now a proven fact that of child mortality is the best for family planning in developing countries.
(a) checking, method
(b) prevention, incentive
(c) control, formula
(d) elimination, inspiration
(e) decrease, encouragement
40. The war immediately after the cease-fire proposal was bilaterally.
(a) receded, exchanged
(b) started, prepared
(c) began, thwarted
(d) extended, mitigated
(e) ended, accepted (S.B.I.P.O. 1991)
41. It appears that in those drought stricken areas hunger had hundreds of persons to mere
(a) converted, phantoms
(b) transformed, shadows
(c) reduced, skeletons
(d) changed, spirits
(e) turned, ghosts
42. Sachin another feather his cap by his wonderful performance in the one day match. (Bank P.O. 1994)
(a) kept, by (b) captured, from
(c) took, in (d) created, for
(e) added, to
43. Some people have the for learning foreign languages but they have no in speaking any.
(a) mania, urge (b) aptitude, interest
(c) stamina, fondness
(d) capacity, ability
(e) compulsion, inclination
44. Any system is likely to for of support from the public. (Bank P.O. 1993)
(a) survive, lack (b) succeed, reason
(c) fail, want (d) finish, failure
(e) launch, paucity
45. What one is the total absence of a coherent programme either on the part of the ruling or the opposition party to give a to the poverty-stricken people that something will be really done to improve their condition.
(a) humiliates, promise
(b) frightens, hint
(c) astounds, feeling
(d) shakes, notion
(e) embarrasses, apprehension
46. He is bound to succeed because his nature will not permit him to
(a) persistent, subsist

- (b) devoted, shirk
(c) imperious, follow
(d) pertinacious, quit
(e) determined, abandon
47. The partners broke off as they found each other of breach of promise. (I. Tax & Central Excise, 1990)
(a) faulty, severe
(b) responsible, serious
(c) guilty, flagrant
(d) accused, rigid
48. The factory workers threatened to launch an indefinite strike from next month to their demands.
(a) did, get (b) nearly, fulfil
(c) were, meet (d) have, press
49. The region is likely to witness a— up as competition for its precious resources
(a) rise, increases (b) soar, progresses
(c) hover, strengthens
(d) flare, intensifies
50. Weather, I shall, the office.
(a) favourable, visit (b) allowing, reach
(c) permitting, attend
(d) granting, manage

ANSWERS

1. (e) 2. (c) 3. (c) 4. (d) 5. (c) 6. (c) 7. (c) 8. (a) 9. (c) 10. (e)
11. (a) 12. (a) 13. (e) 14. (b) 15. (c) 16. (b) 17. (c) 18. (b) 19. (d) 20. (b)
21. (e) 22. (c) 23. (d) 24. (c) 25. (b) 26. (c) 27. (e) 28. (e) 29. (a) 30. (b)
31. (e) 32. (d) 33. (e) 34. (c) 35. (e) 36. (c) 37. (e) 38. (c) 39. (c) 40. (e)
41. (c) 42. (e) 43. (b) 44. (c) 45. (c) 46. (d) 47. (c) 48. (d) 49. (d) 50. (c)

PRACTICE SET 17

Directions : In each sentence below, there are two blank spaces. Below each sentence some pairs of words are given which are numbered (a), (b), (c), (d) and (e). Pick out the most appropriate pair to fill in the blanks in same order, to complete the sentence meaningfully.

1. We must prevent endangered wild animal species from becoming in order that our future generation may the great diversity of animal life.
(a) rare, escape (b) outdated, know
(c) volatile, notice (d) powerful, protect
(e) extinct, enjoy (Bank P.O. 1995)
2. India's immense physical size, as also the fact of its society any attempt towards a neat capsuled presentation on any subject.
(a) cultured, demonstrates
(b) pluralistic, defies
(c) multi-religious, fails
(d) amorphous, challenges
(e) variegated, frustrates
3. The man who is impatient to become rich can easily be to the race track or the gaming table, where a lucky might make him rich.
(a) enticed, chance (b) evoked, streak
(c) pushed, moment (d) lured, break
(e) pursued, challenge
4. The secretary the society's funds, he was dismissed.
(a) misplaced, soon (b) robbed, thus
(c) pirated, therefore
(d) misappropriated, so (Asstt. Grade, 1991)
5. There are attempts being made to try to languages through specific, but the result is that some tongues become conserved as if they were a museum piece.
(a) save, ways (b) conserve, factors
(c) preserve, measures (d) protect, tricks
6. They wanted to all these books, but they could not find time to do so.
(a) cover, almost (b) peruse, necessary
(c) dispose, some (d) read, sufficient
(e) buy, some (B.S.R.B. 1996)
7. The boy felt when he knew that he had been
(a) joyful, lured (b) horrified, forced
(c) disgraced, wronged
(d) humiliated, cheated
(e) worried, tempted
8. It is for every tax-payer to the tax returns to the Income Tax Department. (R.B.I. 1995)
(a) necessary, lodge (b) binding, pay

- (c) obligatory, submit (d) possible, remit
(e) worthwhile, evade
9. It is useless to attempt to from every danger, some must be taken.
(a) escape, chances (b) free, challenges
(c) protect, decisions (d) flee, risks
(e) dissociate, opportunities
10. Fiction approximates to science, first in accepting the obligation of being to life as it is, and secondly, in asserting the right to
(a) faithful, explain (b) true, theorise
(c) close, describe (d) realistic, portray
(e) committed, narrate
11. The mill workers were not with their low wages and non-payment of wages for last three months fuel to the flames. (Bank P.O. 1994)
(a) good, put (b) satisfied, added
(c) joyful, poured (d) pleased, directed
(e) unhappy, meant
12. The educational of our people is far below what is necessary for effective individual living or for the of society.
(a) procurement, upliftment
(b) advancement, upkeep
(c) attainment, maintenance
(d) achievement, advancement
(e) accomplishment, regeneration
13. Santosh looked very happy and when he heard that his proposed scheme was by the committee.
(a) energetic, rejected
(b) elated, accepted
(c) satisfied, stalled
(d) disconsolate, approved
(e) overwhelming, received
(S.B.I.P.O. 1994)
14. The security forces fired at the who was armed to the
(a) criminal, toe (b) thief, head
(c) culprit, nail (d) dacoit, teeth
15. the broker had warned him that the stock was a investment, he insisted on buying a thousand shares.
(a) Because, prudent
(b) Since, negligible
(c) Because, speculative
(d) As, vulnerable
(e) Although, precarious
(S.B.I.P.O. 1995)
16. In Buddhism, it is impossible to keep ethics and psychology from one another, because they at so many points.
(a) apart, meet (b) aloof, merge
(c) separate, overlap (d) away, coexist
- (e) disjoint, converge
17. I don't I shall be to go.
(a) know, wanting
(b) consider, desirous
(c) think, able
(d) believe, liking
(e) feel, available (Bank P.O. 1993)
18. Restlessness among the students of colleges and universities has from their deep rooted feeling that their views and aspirations are by their elders.
(a) arisen, humiliated
(b) followed, disregarded
(c) stemmed, ignored
(d) started, neglected
(e) percolated, pooh-poohed
19. Shalini was not by the criticism and paid no even when her best friend talked against her. (S.B.I.P.O. 1992)
(a) bothered, attention
(b) troubled, mind
(c) threatened, warning
(d) deterred, heed
(e) shaken, indication
20. There is no glory in war the blood it
(a) thinking, demands
(b) considering, sheds
(c) worth, costs
(d) comparing, spills
21. Hitler cast a and shadow upon world history.
(a) colossal, frightful
(b) Herculean, gloomy
(c) gigantic, horrifying
(d) huge, vast
22. Somesh me coming to his table, he smiled and / me a chair.
(a) found, signalled (b) met, sat
(c) looked, gave (d) saw, offered
(e) welcomed, took (Bank P.O. 1994)
23. Although the leader's life was both and painful, it was not without for he had accomplished many of his goals.
(a) magnificent, success
(b) happy, frustration
(c) thrilling, ambition
(d) purposeful, danger
(e) arduous, satisfaction
24. Wars usually result from among the parties involved and a failure to them peacefully.
(a) doubts, dispel (b) hostilities, debate
(c) frustrations, understand
(d) disagreements, resolve
25. Though he is reputed for his technical, his books were sadly

- of the work of others as he lacked originality.
(a) advice, unconscious
(b) skill, independent
(c) knowledge, ignorant
(d) expertise, derivative
(e) dependence, indicative
(Bank P.O. 1995)
26. Bandung the of a new and powerful body of opinion which could not be ignored by the great writers.
(a) started, formation
(b) reflected, onset
(c) signalled, emergence
(d) induced, debut
(e) initiated, appearance
27. It is that those who expect from others are seldom merciful themselves.
(a) stupid, sympathy
(b) repulsive, compassion
(c) strange, sincerity
(d) unpardonable, kindness
(e) paradoxical, clemency
28. He was of playing and loose with the sentiments of his dearest friends. (I. Tax & Central Excise, 1990)
(a) complained, thick (b) accused, tight
(c) innocent, false (d) guilty, fast
29. The new Principal stress on routine administration than on academic matters and examination reforms.
(a) released, only (b) began, even
(c) started, further (d) laid, rather
(e) gave, better
30. Nothing is so to a nation as an extreme of self partiality, and the total want of of what others will naturally hope or fear.
(a) detrimental, concern
(b) repugnant, sense
(c) unethical, discretion
(d) fatal, consideration
(e) delusionary, methodly
31. To yourself from wear warm clothes. (B.S.R.B. 1996)
(a) prohibit, heat (b) protect, cold
(c) save, heat (d) suffer, cold
(e) prevent, ice
32. Every nation has a certain of hostility that seeks a socially acceptable
(a) stock, display
(b) concept, expression
(c) reservoir, outlet
(d) ideology, demonstration
(e) experience, explanation
33. She found with me, that I was wanting in
(a) crime, wisdom (b) fault, intelligence
(c) sin, ration (d) vice, knowledge
34. Let us with due that ancient India was more civilised than modern India with its satellites in space.
(a) admit, humility (b) adopt, certainty
(c) suppose, timidity
(d) presume, meekness
(e) agree, reluctance
35. The words of the mother comforted the child. (S.B.I.P.O. 1991)
(a) harsh, naughty (b) sweet, happy
(c) soft, energetic (d) melodious, playful
(e) soothing, disappointed
36. Our socialism is because we maintain a huge public sector without any public sector
(a) sham, economy
(b) fraudulent, pursuit
(c) idealistic, theory
(d) counterfeit, phase
(e) phoney, philosophy
37. I would like to your attention to the second paragraph of my letter to the terms of sale of the machinery.
(a) invite, according
(b) withdraw, regarding
(c) react, mainly
(d) draw, pertaining
(e) focus, connecting (Bank P.O. 1995)
38. An facet of the Soviet perestroika is the search for a sweeping programme in foreign policy.
(a) essential, humanitarian
(b) interesting, moral
(c) important, economic
(d) immediate, social
39. Synthetic milk real milk in all except taste and nutritional qualities.
(a) resembles, factors
(b) exemplifies, respects
(c) copies, manners (d) marks, qualities
(e) mimics, aspects
40. We cannot such a/an act of violence. (S.B.I.P.O. 1995)
(a) tolerate, insipid
(b) consider, important
(c) commit, magnificent
(d) pardon, egregious
(e) neglect, insignificant
41. Civilisation, in the real sense of the term consists not in the but in the deliberate and voluntary of wants.
(a) multiplication, reduction
(b) increase, decrease
(c) hoarding, dehoarding

- (d) overgrowth, diminishing
42. Public sector units running at a loss should be given the option to be to the highest bidder with a golden handshake for employees or to be converted into workers' cooperatives with workers holding ownership.
(a) sold, entire (b) credited, financial
(c) attributed, just
(d) handed, reasonable
(e) auctioned, equity
43. Ravi a bit he was not invited by his friend to attend the party.
(a) took, before (b) angered, since
(c) expressed, than (d) grumbled, when
(e) surprised, about (Bank P.O. 1995)
44. In architecture, much more than in any of the other arts, there is a marked time lag between the of ideas and their in the shape of completed buildings.
(a) dawn, practicability
(b) settlement, fruition
(c) emergence, application
(d) burgeoning, welcoming
45. The great scientist himself with ability and moderation all the conference. (Bank P.O. 1994)
(a) felt, about (b) displayed, in
(c) disclosed, besides
(d) conducted, through
(e) presented, though
46. In a world by men for so many years, women are only thought for jobs like typists, receptionists and teachers.
(a) created, suitable
(b) governed, qualified
- (c) controlled, eligible
(d) dominated, competent
(e) ruled, fit
47. Hence the word sophistry has an unfavourable and means arguing deceitfully, attempting to turn a poor case into a good one by means of clever but reasoning.
(a) impact, cogent
(b) denotation, ingenuous
(c) significance, vague
(d) connotation, specious
48. This partly explains how the Mehta family has been able to its lavish lifestyle in recent times, despite the fact that all its assets have been
(a) keep up, destroyed
(b) develop, liquidated
(c) afford, attached
(d) keep, removed (M.B.A. 1994)
49. Kautilya was a great political thinker and his strong personality is throughout the thoughts and expressions in the Arthashastra.
(a) virile, observed (b) vigorous, noticed
(c) vivacious, reflected
(d) dynamic, detected
(e) defiant, discerned
50. The Minister felt that the made by the Committee was even though similar schemes had worked earlier.
(a) decision, gainful (b) choice, profitable
(c) acceptance, approved
(d) election, acceptable
(e) recommendation, infeasible (S.B.I.P.O. 1992)

ANSWERS

1. (e) 2. (b) 3. (d) 4. (d) 5. (c) 6. (d) 7. (e) 8. (c) 9. (d) 10. (b)
11. (b) 12. (c) 13. (b) 14. (a) 15. (e) 16. (c) 17. (c) 18. (c) 19. (d) 20. (b)
21. (c) 22. (d) 23. (e) 24. (d) 25. (d) 26. (c) 27. (e) 28. (b) 29. (d) 30. (d)
31. (b) 32. (c) 33. (b) 34. (a) 35. (e) 36. (e) 37. (d) 38. (a) 39. (e) 40. (d)
41. (a) 42. (e) 43. (d) 44. (c) 45. (d) 46. (d) 47. (d) 48. (a) 49. (a) 50. (e)

PRACTICE SET 18

Directions : In each sentence below, there are two blank spaces. Below each sentence some pairs of words are given which are numbered (a), (b), (c), (d) and (e). Pick out the most appropriate pair to fill in the blanks in the same order, to complete the sentence meaningfully.

1. The police any attempt of arson by at the trouble spot quite in time.
(a) squashed, surrounding
(b) made, encircling

- (c) predisposed, visiting
(d) thwarted, presenting
(e) pre-empted, arriving (R.B.I. 1995)
2. Our youth and others have to drugs not only because their friends social pressures but also because escape with drugs is so complete and swift.
(a) clung, put (b) turned, enforce
(c) given, exhibit (d) moved, exert
(e) resorted, apply
3. Moreover, a fact-finding mission by BSN to India in January this year strongly recommended that the French group should go it alone, and not hand over to an Indian partner.
(a) constituted, authority
(b) organised, papers
(c) dispatched, control
(d) sponsored, power (M.B.A. 1994)
4. Though this is undoubtedly the greatest dictionary ever, it is designed for scholars and research workers rather than for the dictionary user.
(a) assembled, assiduous
(b) compiled, casual
(c) published, professional
(d) projected, omniscient
5. persons are inclined to
(a) Domineering, temperance
(b) Obese, corpulence
(c) Cowering, effrontery
(d) Vacillating, determination
6. He had managed to several times, but was finally by the police.
(a) deceive, cheated (b) defend, acquitted
(c) escape, arrested (d) cheat, robbed
(e) abscond, kidnapped (S.B.I.P.O. 1994)
7. Among the younger people there are complaints that the sight of ex-Nazis flourishing recommends to youth, that it instills, instead of needed moral values, the dubious precept that is the best policy.
(a) emulation, honesty
(b) desperation, dishonesty
(c) selfishness, intolerance
(d) cynicism, expediency
8. The people of China who have their right to be free and frank, only to have it brutally, may also have the courage to manifest it in other ways.
(a) revived, crushed
(b) invoked, snatched
(c) claimed, denied
(d) asserted, suppressed
(e) manifested, repressed
9. Children are more than adults, it is their quickness in learning a new language. (Bank P.O. 1995)
(a) intelligent, disproved by
(b) adaptable, reflected in
(c) conservative, seen in
(d) susceptible, demonstrated in
(e) resourceful, proportionate to
10. The Government has a working group to technological gaps in selected industries in the small scale sector.
(a) organised, spot out (b) formed, locate
(c) constituted, identify
(d) planned, pin-point
(e) appointed, take stock of
11. Fear is one of those which frequently us to inaction.
(a) sentiments, lead (b) values, put
(c) feelings, take (d) emotions, root
12. She was because all her plans had gone (Assistant Grade, 1991)
(a) elated, wild (b) dejected, splendidly
(c) distraught, awry
(d) frustrated, magnificently
13. The educational systems of Japan and South Korea have long, tough work for students and it is no that both these countries are doing well.
(a) periods, accident
(b) schedules, coincidence
(c) routines, synchronisation
(d) moments, surprise
14. Very few of us are capable of seeing human the robes of a million aire and the rags of a beggar.
(a) status, through (b) nature, beneath
(c) dignity, in (d) condition, by
(e) glory, without
15. The candidates' at the polls was as he won with a striking margin.
(a) claim, unrealistic
(b) victory, overwhelming
(c) image, real
(d) strategy, unsuccessful
(e) candidature, inappropriate (S.B.I.P.O. 1991)
16. He is so that everyone is always to help him in his work. (R.B.I. 1995)
(a) helpful, reluctant
(b) aloof, cooperative
(c) adamant, enthusiastic
(d) miserly, ignorant
(e) magnanimous, eager
17. Democracy, as a way of life and not as a mere political arrangement, requires of its a regard not only for their own

- rights but equally for the rights of others.
 (a) exponents, identical
 (b) votaries, related
 (c) protagonists, same
 (d) adherents, similar
 (e) proponents, such
18. Conditions in the country have grown so that many refugees have risked death to
 (a) worse, safety
 (b) comfortable, survival
 (c) different, life (d) bad, save
 (e) severe, escape
19. The activities of the association have from the objectives set for it in the initial years. (S.B.I.P.O. 1992)
 (a) grown, simple (b) deviated, original
 (c) details, grand (d) emerged, total
 (e) increased, perverse
20. He warned the workers against supporting these anti-social policies, which he declared would rather than the plight of the common people.
 (a) impair, improving
 (b) rescue, destroy
 (c) protract, inhibit
 (d) aggravate, alleviate
21. The police feel that the shown by the judges to first offenders unfortunately many youngsters to commit more and more crimes.
 (a) clemency, encourages
 (b) pity, predisposes
 (c) leniency, prevents
 (d) mercy, prohibits
 (e) harshness, leads
22. Gandhiji was not enamoured the economic progress made by the modern West and did not the Western nations to be more civilised.
 (a) at, believe (b) off, think
 (c) of, consider (d) with, hold
23. The leaders were needed by those to they were addressed.
 (a) angrily, who (b) readily, which
 (c) scarcely, whom (d) rarely, where
 (e) joyfully, when (Bank P.O. 1994)
24. The domestic and foreign policies of a nation state with a long and continuous historical tradition like India have a certain about them.
 (a) relevant, mystery
 (b) glorious, uncertainty
 (c) coherent, inevitability
 (d) splendid, certainty
 (e) eventful, unintelligibility
25. Instead of, prove your worth by something.
 (a) begging, demanding
 (b) talking, doing
 (c) worrying, paying
 (d) writing, reading
 (e) donating, demanding (Bank P.O. 1993)
26. It is the primary duty of any party elected to rule to stability and defence of the country and protect it both from internal and external
 (a) ensure, subversions
 (b) strengthen, aggressions
 (c) protect, trauma
 (d) assure, aspersions
 (e) insure, submissions
27. Due to rainfall this year, there will be cut in water supply.
 (a) enough, substantial
 (b) meagre, least
 (c) sufficient, no (d) surplus, abundant
 (e) abundant, considerable (B.S.R.B. 1996)
28. Foreign multinationals may be in implementing the infrastructural plan on condition of introducing labour intensive techniques which generate a minimum level of rural employment.
 (a) deployed, prescribed
 (b) debarred, ordained
 (c) deplored, scheduled
 (d) defamed, limited
29. We must explore sources of energy as our supply of fossil fuel has been
 (a) alternate, depleted
 (b) guaranteed, over
 (c) natural, exhausted
 (d) sufficient, increased
 (e) innovative, augmented (Bank P.O. 1995)
30. Many tourists to India visit the beautiful of Kashmir in spring and summer.
 (a) town, frequently (b) valley, especially
 (c) scenery, generally (d) lakes, rarely
31. We can to travel by air, but we train journey. (S.B.I.P.O. 1991)
 (a) plan, enjoy (b) aspire, commute
 (c) afford, prefer (d) decide, undertook
 (e) decline, accepted
32. Because the inspector gave the plant a examination, he many defects.
 (a) casual, missed
 (b) meticulous, mentioned
 (c) cursory, by passed
 (d) peremptory, ignored
 (e) perfunctory, overlooked

33. The of glory lead but to the
 (a) acts, prosperity
 (b) achievements, suffering
 (c) paths, grave
 (d) ways, happiness (Asstt. Grade, 1991)
34. We do not our dreams because they do not with our perceptions of waking life.
 (a) admit, coincide (b) accept, mix
 (c) value, match (d) believe, agree
 (e) appreciate, corroborate
35. He granted the request because he was to his friend. (S.B.I.P.O. 1994)
 (a) bound, hurt
 (b) destined, agonise
 (c) sure, displease (d) unwilling, please
 (e) reluctant, disappoint
36. Mr. Rajesh his wife that he would take action to set right his erring son.
 (a) called, strict (b) assured, stringent
 (c) reitreated, strictly
 (d) informed, constructive
 (e) instructed, preventive
37. The charges made in the system were so that they didn't require any
 (a) big, time (b) genuine, intelligence
 (c) marginal, expenses
 (d) certain, expertise
 (e) obvious, modifications (R.B.I. 1995)
38. I shall him if he to me for his misconduct.
 (a) pardon, commits
 (b) forgive, apologises
 (c) reprimand, commands
 (d) punish, abuses
39. In of International matters, there is always an element of risk in one might do. (Bank P.O. 1994)
 (a) view, whichever (b) many, doing
 (c) defence, wrong (d) case, whatever
 (e) spite, whatever
40. We have criticized our university students for preferring the security of political silence and the safety of to the excitement of social and humanitarian action.
 (a) college, adventure
 (b) concealment, revolution
 (c) acquiescence, dissent
 (d) tolerance, antagonism
41. is a criminal in England and covers cases where offensive descriptions of Christianity are published.
 (a) Heathenism, act
 (b) Sacrilege, violence
 (c) Blasphemy, offence
 (d) Obscenity, deviation
 (e) Impiety, transgression (M.B.A. 1995)
42. The teacher told Kailash, "You should this paragraph to make the essay more"
 (a) expunge, witty (b) enlarge, poignant
 (c) delete, succinct (d) excise, expansive
 (e) revise, abstruse
43. The hot tropical climate created a climate of and encouraged
 (a) sweltering, agility
 (b) enervation, activity
 (c) listlessness, euphoria
 (d) lassitude, drowsiness
44. We are to have him here to make this function a great success.
 (a) proud, leave (b) happy, arrive
 (c) sure, come (d) pleased, over
 (e) wonderful, again (Bank P.O. 1994)
45. Babe Didrikson was a fantastic athlete who was outstanding in every athletic she undertook.
 (a) seemingly, feat (b) truly, testimonial
 (c) skilfully, play (d) basically, skill
 (e) apparently, endeavour
46. He was so convinced that people were driven by motives that he believed there was no such thing as a purely act.
 (a) personal, anti-social
 (b) personal, eternal
 (c) altruistic, praiseworthy
 (d) ulterior, selfless
 (e) sentimental, divine (S.B.I.P.O. 1995)
47. An administrator must evaluate his own views because his influence can be if he has personal prejudices.
 (a) sincerely, significant
 (b) regularly, acrimonious
 (c) constantly, deleterious
 (d) frequently, rash
 (e) occasionally, undesirable
48. We him with many promises, but nothing would him (Bank P.O. 1993)
 (a) tempted, influence
 (b) provoked, dessicate
 (c) attracted, fascinate
 (d) gave, deprive (e) negotiated, please
49. Oddly enough the prestige of USA in countries like Britain, France and Italy is considered important here, Congress has been about supplying funds to the US Information Agency in these countries.
 (a) when, generous
 (b) since, dilatory
 (c) whereas, wasteful
 (d) although, niggardly

50. The counter clerk was very busy and not pay to Sameer's request.
(a) can, help (b) could, respect

- (c) had, cash (d) did, attention
(e) certainly, acceptance (Bank P.O. 1994)

ANSWERS

1. (e) 2. (e) 3. (c) 4. (b) 5. (b) 6. (c) 7. (d) 8. (b) 9. (b) 10. (c)
11. (d) 12. (c) 13. (b) 14. (c) 15. (b) 16. (e) 17. (d) 18. (e) 19. (b) 20. (d)
21. (a) 22. (c) 23. (c) 24. (c) 25. (b) 26. (a) 27. (c) 28. (a) 29. (c) 30. (b)
31. (c) 32. (e) 33. (c) 34. (d) 35. (e) 36. (b) 37. (e) 38. (b) 39. (d) 40. (c)
41. (c) 42. (c) 43. (d) 44. (d) 45. (e) 46. (d) 47. (c) 48. (a) 49. (d) 50. (d)

PRACTICE SET 19

Directions : In each sentence below, there are two blank spaces. Below each sentence some pairs of words are given. Pick out the most appropriate pair to fill in the blanks in the same order, to make the sentence meaningfully complete.

- Shailendra to a love for drugs.
(a) considered, reveal
(b) admitted, correct
(c) accepted, open (d) confessed, secret
(e) supposed, sacred
- The admiration some leaders earn is by their instinct for hitting the frontlines in newspapers.
(a) evolved, aggressive
(b) generated, feeble
(c) conceded, provocative
(d) engendered, unerring
(e) developed, uncanny
- Irrigation from the canal is settlers for cultivation, which is eating into the wildlife habitat.
(a) attracting, gradually
(b) luring, steadily
(c) enticing, rapidly
(d) persuading, regularly
(e) ensnaring, stealthily
- The construction of the hall has been because of the of cement in the market. (Bank P.O. 1995)
(a) held, non-availability
(b) denied, restrictions
(c) hampered, shortage
(d) prevented, supply
(e) completed, disappearance
- The prince did not know what these omens might and he asked his soothsayers to them.
(a) implicate, clarify
(b) imply, illustrate
(c) portend, interpret
(d) propound, explain
(e) hold, dilate on
- The bandit the traveller of his purse of gold and him grievously.
(a) snatched, hurt
(b) stole, injured
(c) demanded, beat
(d) robbed, wounded (B.S.R.B. 1992)
- Only people are after death.
(a) virulent, glorified
(b) vicious, condemned
(c) virile, forgotten
(d) virtuous, remembered
- He preaches liberal views but in practice, he is not and is narrow minded than almost any other person.
(a) hard, openly
(b) tolerant, more
(c) ambitious, hardly
(d) acceptable, genuinely
(e) approachable, less (Bank P.O. 1994)
- The ancient Indian princes and rulers most of their time, energy and resources in warfare.
(a) squandered, common
(b) wasted, reciprocal
(c) exhausted, expensive
(d) dessicated, unnecessary
(e) dissipated, mutual
- He is to any kind of work with due sincerity. (B.S.R.B. 1996)
(a) fond, perform
(b) reluctant, entrust
(c) determined, undertake
(d) eager, avoid
(e) willing, ignore
- He was initially at the suggestion but was soon it himself.
(a) frowning, rejecting

- (b) shocked, advocating
(c) impressed, negating
(d) thrilled, propagating
(e) suspicious, trusting (S.B.I.P.O. 1992)
- A whole generation of infants is at risk of diseases due to drinking poisonous milk being pumped into the market by traders.
(a) countering, false
(b) embibing, vivacious
(c) generating, unconscious
(d) encountering, dishonest
(e) developing, unscrupulous
- Let us keep in mind the Buddha's that the only true victory is that in which there are no
(a) presumption, devastations
(b) precept, provocations
(c) proposition, malice
(d) admonition, vanquished
(e) premonition, casualties
- It is not to come across a man who can take ups and downs without losing
(a) feasible, equipoise
(b) usual, patience
(c) common, equilibrium
(d) possible, self-control
(e) easy, equanimity
- The increasing revival of dramatic classics is, to one critic,; it seems to him a sign of the of the modern theatre. (M.B.A. 1995)
(a) auspicious, resurgence
(b) deplorable, anaemia
(c) incomprehensible, paradox
(d) astounding, vitality
- Fate is an and in order that it may play an active part in human drama, it must be in some particular incarnation.
(a) idea, represented
(b) ideology, realised
(c) attitude, symbolised
(d) imagination, illustrated
(e) abstraction, personified
- Prabha's in athletics yielded rich as she got a scholarship.
(a) performance, money
(b) defeat, results
(c) behaviour, appreciation
(d) excellence, dividends
(e) failure, disappointment (S.B.I.P.O. 1994)
- In a changing and unstructured business environment, creativity and innovation are being demanded of executives. (M.B.A. 1994)
(a) excessively, rapidly
(b) highly, extremely
(c) increasingly, moderately
(d) progressively, increasingly
- If it were true that enduring lessons are learned from errors, Broadway would be the repository of theatrical wisdom.
(a) dubious, profound
(b) egregious, sublime
(c) dramatic, lasting
(d) stupid, tenuous
- It is indeed that 40 years after independence, we have failed to a suitable education or examination system. (G.I.C.A.A.O. 1992)
(a) bad, produce
(b) improper, create
(c) sad, evolve
(d) objectionable, present
- The admiration Raja Rammohan Roy earned was by his concern for the welfare of Indian women.
(a) aroused, proverbial
(b) belied, prudent
(c) transcended, haughty
(d) developed, real
(e) engendered, sincere
- by long queues and bad weather the voters their way to polling stations any way they could.
(a) Going, dropped
(b) Satisfied, turned
(c) Worried, lost
(d) Undaunted, made
(e) Encouraged, prepare
- In his he followed the course.
(a) agony, funny
(b) ignorance, wrong
(c) hurry, diversified
(d) predicament, proper
(e) bewilderment, appropriate (S.B.I.P.O. 1994)
- The Deputy Manager to resign because all his proposals were down by his superiors.
(a) offered, thrown (b) gave, held
(c) began, kept (d) willing, knocked
(e) threatened, turned (Bank P.O. 1994)
- Success in great ventures calls for concentration and strong personal
(a) hectic, interest
(b) unflagging, involvement
(c) continued, apathy
(d) standing, participation

ANSWERS

1. (d) 2. (e) 3. (b) 4. (c) 5. (c) 6. (d) 7. (d) 8. (b) 9. (e) 10. (c)
 11. (b) 12. (e) 13. (d) 14. (b) 15. (b) 16. (e) 17. (d) 18. (d) 19. (b) 20. (c)
 21. (e) 22. (d) 23. (b) 24. (e) 25. (b)

II. GRAMMAR USAGE

PRACTICE SET 20

1. Priya is not for this kind of a job.
 (a) cut in (b) cut up
 (c) cut through (d) cut out
 (Central Excise, 1995)
2. He left the book the telephone.
 (a) around (b) beside
 (c) besides (d) at
3. The waiter took the plates after we had finished eating.
 (a) up (b) off (c) away (d) out
4. It is fourteen years since I him.
 (a) saw (b) have seen
 (c) did see (d) had seen
 (C.D.S. 1993)
5. I have done my muddled but honest best.
 (a) never the less (b) rather
 (c) none the less
6. It is mainly due to their lethargy that the plan fell
 (a) over (b) out
 (c) through (d) off
7. She had just down when the telephone rang.
 (a) laid (b) lain (c) lay
 (N.D.A. 1993)
8. Thinking that the other candidate was more deserving for the post, I in his favour.
 (a) stood down (b) stood out
 (c) stood over (d) stood off
9. This building comprises sixty rooms.
 (a) off (b) to (c) with (d) of
 (Stenographers' Exam, 1993)
10. She always runs short money.
 (a) of (b) by (c) in (d) to
11. Sunita decided to set some time every day for prayers.
 (a) up (b) in (c) on (d) aside
 (B.S.R.B. 1995)
12. The Government agreed to pay compensation damaged crops, land and cattle.
 (a) of (b) for (c) to (d) through
13. The boy you met yesterday is in class
 (a) ninth (b) the ninth
 (c) nine (d) the nine
 (S.S.C. 1992)
14. There was some confusion the agreement.
 (a) on (b) in (c) around (d) over
15. Speak loudly as he is slow hearing.
 (a) in (b) about (c) at (d) of
16. Will you my dog while I am on tour?
 (a) look out (b) look up
 (c) look on (d) look after
 (Hotel Management, 1996)
17. Savita is disgusted the habits of her husband.
 (a) of (b) from (c) with (d) at
18. Every man craves recognition.
 (a) for (b) about (c) at (d) after
19. you meet my son in the market, ask him to come home at once.
 (a) Will (b) While
 (c) Should (d) Would
 (Stenographers' Exam, 1995)
20. Sanjay was sure getting a first class in the examination.
 (a) at (b) of (c) on (d) about
21. She seems offended my remarks.
 (a) with (b) for (c) upon (d) at
22. The mounting pressure was so overwhelming that he ultimately to her wish.
 (a) agreed in (b) cowed in
 (c) gave in (d) yielded in
 (N.D.A. 1993)
23. He has no objection my proposal.
 (a) to (b) for (c) in (d) towards
24. Wash your hands water.
 (a) from (b) with (c) by (d) in
25. It is no use to come now. He is very busy.
 (a) to ask him (b) asking him
 (c) that you ask him (d) if you asked him
 (S.S.C. 1993)
26. They are very grateful your kindness.

- (a) towards (b) to
 (c) with (d) for
27. He preferred cricket any other sport.
 (a) against (b) to
 (c) over (d) than
28. There is a disturbing nexus politics and sports in India.
 (a) between (b) with
 (c) among (d) by
 (C.B.I. 1993)
29. Don't loiter the street.
 (a) in (b) about (c) on (d) into
30. The terms given to you are not acceptable me.
 (a) for (b) by (c) with (d) to
31. You have played a great role, for your help I possibly would have landed myself into a problem.
 (a) after (b) despite (c) unless
 (d) although (e) without
 (B.S.R.B. 1994)
32. Fate smiled him in all his ventures.
 (a) upon (b) on (c) at (d) over
33. I saw him resting the shade of a tree.
 (a) below (b) into
 (c) under (d) in
34. Besides other provisions, that shopkeeper deals cosmetics too.
 (a) for (b) at (c) in (d) with
 (Stenographers' Exam, 1995)
35. I will be a loss in this deal.
 (a) to (b) on (c) at (d) for
36. We shall fail we are industrious.
 (a) though (b) until (c) even
 (d) whether (e) unless
 (B.S.R.B. 1996)
37. It is time you home.
 (a) go (b) have gone
 (c) went (d) are going
38. I have been ill last Sunday.
 (a) for (b) since
 (c) from (d) by
 (M.B.A. 1989)
39. These days transport cheaper than ever before.
 (a) becomes (b) would become
 (c) is becoming (d) has become
40. The lawyer was threatened dire consequences.
 (a) from (b) by (c) with (d) of
 (S.S.C. 1995)
41. I will have to dispense his services.
 (a) off (b) of (c) at (d) with
42. It has been raining morning.
 (a) for (b) from (c) till (d) since
 (Railways, 1993)
43. all intents and purposes, the manager is the master of the firm.
 (a) With (b) In (c) Upon (d) To
 (C.B.I. 1995)
44. She has not recovered fully the shock.
 (a) against (b) of
 (c) from (d) off
45. One should not be indifferent the sufferings of others.
 (a) about (b) to (c) of (d) at
 (Central Excise, 1991)
46. Why don't you sit me?
 (a) close (b) beside
 (c) along (d) next
47. His conduct is bad, and his honesty is not suspicion.
 (a) in (b) beyond
 (c) under (d) above
 (Hotel Management, 1993)
48. Father shall return an hour.
 (a) during (b) after
 (c) within (d) in
49. The car ran the railings.
 (a) to (b) in (c) at (d) into
50. Everywhere elegant old buildings are being and mediocre modern structures are being put up.
 (a) pulled off (b) pulled down
 (c) pulled up (d) pulled through
 (C.D.S. 1991)

ANSWERS

1. (d) 2. (b) 3. (c) 4. (a) 5. (c) 6. (c) 7. (b) 8. (a) 9. (d) 10. (a)
 11. (d) 12. (b) 13. (c) 14. (d) 15. (c) 16. (d) 17. (c) 18. (d) 19. (c) 20. (b)
 21. (d) 22. (c) 23. (a) 24. (b) 25. (b) 26. (d) 27. (b) 28. (a) 29. (b) 30. (d)
 31. (e) 32. (b) 33. (c) 34. (c) 35. (c) 36. (e) 37. (c) 38. (b) 39. (d) 40. (c)
 41. (d) 42. (d) 43. (d) 44. (c) 45. (b) 46. (b) 47. (d) 48. (c) 49. (d) 50. (b)

PRACTICE SET 21

1. being hardworking he is thoroughly honest. (Stenographers' Exam, 1995)
(a) Although (b) Over and above
(c) Betimes (d) Along with
2. Let us begin a new chapter.
(a) by (b) with (c) from (d) on
3. She has great affection me.
(a) for (b) in (c) with (d) to
4. The Press serve the profession better if it were objective in its reporting.
(a) would (b) may
(c) can (d) will (U.D.C. 1994)
5. A committee was formed to look the building.
(a) after (b) at (c) upto (d) for
6. Reena is polite that everyone likes her.
(a) as (b) much (c) very (d) so
7. Kanak is endowed many great qualities. (B.S.R.B. 1993)
(a) in (b) with (c) of (d) by
8. The inspector must enquire the complaint.
(a) about (b) in (c) of
(d) into (e) to
9. One should remain aloof bad habit.
(a) from (b) to (c) against (d) of
10. A great change has come the world since the war. (Central Excise, 1993)
(a) about (b) over (c) into (d) in
11. duty calls, we must obey.
(a) As (b) While (c) If (d) When
12. Would anybody a mother have risked his or her life for the baby?
(a) rather (b) but
(c) however (d) than (B.S.R.B. 1992)
13. Our country is committed a policy of peaceful co-existence.
(a) with (b) for (c) to (d) by
14. He has retired private life.
(a) into (b) from (c) for (d) by
15. We thought that she the job.
(a) gets (b) is getting
(c) will get (d) would get (Stenographers' Exam, 1994)
16. I cannot agree your proposal.
(a) of (b) to (c) with (d) by
17. Life is a tale told by idiot.
(a) an (b) a
(c) the (d) None of these
18. Get me a glass of water,
(a) shall you? (b) won't you?
(c) will you? (d) wouldn't you?
19. He stumbled at the stone and fell a ditch. (L.I.C. 1992)
(a) on (b) into (c) in (d) within
20. She is tired making appeals to her in-laws.
(a) with (b) from (c) of (d) about
21. After the rain the weather and the sun came out.
(a) cleared off (b) cleared out
(c) cleared up (d) cleared away (Stenographers' Exam, 1994)
22. This book is mine and that is
(a) of you (b) your
(c) your's (d) yours
23. Just try it.
(a) do (b) doing
(c) to do (d) and do
24. This brand of TV is quite inferior that one. (Assistant Grade, 1994)
(a) over (b) with (c) to (d) than
25. Rajesh has come up a problem.
(a) to (b) for
(c) against (d) into
26. He used to pray everyday, believing that as long as he so, he would be safe.
(a) is doing (b) does
(c) did (d) will do (C.B.I. 1994)
27. He has shown utter neglect duty.
(a) for (b) of (c) to (d) in
28. I am fed up this type of behaviour.
(a) at (b) of (c) with (d) by
29. If they want to succeed, they have to work very hard. (B.S.R.B. 1993)
(a) will (b) ought
(c) must (d) should
30. Because of the bad weather we had to stay home.
(a) off (b) in (c) of (d) at
31. He succeeded in getting possession his land after a long court case.
(a) for (b) to (c) of
(d) with (e) against (L.I.C. 1994)
32. Now a days Rajani is busy to take care of her health.
(a) very (b) too
(c) so (d) extremely
33. Had the police not reached there in time the bandits him.
(a) did have killed (b) will have killed
(c) would kill (d) would have killed (Hotel Management, 1995)
34. I cannot approve her conduct.
(a) of (b) with (c) by (d) to
35. I always like to eat of food.
(a) this kind (b) these kinds

- (c) those kinds (d) this kinds
36. the rain stopped, the play had to be suspended. (Central Excise, 1992)
(a) Since (b) When
(c) Until (d) While
37. A man who connives the faults of his children is his worst enemy.
(a) with (b) at (c) of (d) on
38. Some people revel gossip.
(a) at (b) with (c) by (d) in
39. The officer warned me the office until five o'clock. (S.S.C. 1993)
(a) don't leave (b) to leave
(c) to not leave (d) not to leave
40. Even if it rains all day I will not be able to my journey.
(a) put by (b) put out
(c) put off (d) put away
41. Help yourself whatever you can use without wasting.
(a) with (b) to (c) by (d) on
42. There is an exception every rule.
(a) on (b) to (c) in (d) for (Assistant Grade, 1995)
43. The storehouse was infested rats.
44. Please distribute these sweets the children. (Stenographers' Exam, 1991)
(a) in (b) between
(c) amid (d) among
45. This custom seems to have originated an East European country.
(a) in (b) from (c) by (d) with
46. Madan the first prize in this competition.
(a) bore up (b) bore with
(c) bore out (d) bore away
47. In large cities people are cut from nature. (Stenographers' Exam, 1994)
(a) down (b) out (c) off (d) away
48. Your friend died over work.
(a) of (b) from
(c) due to (d) with
49. It is not easy to beat a swarm of wasps if they attack you.
(a) out (b) up (c) down (d) off
50. What a sensation it would cause if it now discovered that such a man had left behind a diary. (M.B.A. 1990)
(a) is (b) be (c) was (d) were

ANSWERS

1. (d) 2. (b) 3. (a) 4. (c) 5. (a) 6. (d) 7. (b) 8. (d) 9. (a) 10. (b)
11. (d) 12. (b) 13. (c) 14. (a) 15. (d) 16. (b) 17. (a) 18. (c) 19. (b) 20. (c)
21. (c) 22. (d) 23. (c) 24. (c) 25. (c) 26. (c) 27. (b) 28. (c) 29. (a) 30. (d)
31. (c) 32. (b) 33. (d) 34. (a) 35. (a) 36. (c) 37. (b) 38. (d) 39. (d) 40. (c)
41. (b) 42. (b) 43. (c) 44. (d) 45. (a) 46. (d) 47. (c) 48. (a) 49. (d) 50. (a)

PRACTICE SET 22

1. The passengers were very happy the friendly and warm treatment given to them. (B.S.R.B. 1995)
(a) by (b) about (c) from (d) to
2. The treatment given by him his subordinates was mean.
(a) of (b) for (c) towards
(d) to (e) about
3. He had developed prejudice the English.
(a) for (b) to
(c) against (d) towards
4. The higher you go, the more difficult it to breathe. (S.S.C. 1993)
(a) has become (b) becomes
(c) is becoming (d) became
5. He was sworn as the Chief Minister of the State yesterday.
(a) off (b) at (c) out (d) in
6. She yelled him and he hastily retreated.
(a) towards (b) at (c) to (d) on
7. The children were disappointed because they had hoped with us.
(a) to have gone (b) to go
(c) would have gone (N.D.A. 1992)
8. You must adapt yourself your new surroundings.
(a) towards (b) in (c) with (d) to
9. The city was plunged darkness due to a sudden power failure.
(a) through (b) to
(c) into (d) under
10. She stood Amit, but could not utter a single word for quite some time.
(a) for (b) to (c) about

- (d) before (e) towards (B.S.R.B. 1994)
11. The Rajputs always fought the last man.
(a) to (b) till (c) until (d) upto
12. He is the friend I trust most.
(a) him (b) whom (c) which (d) who
(Stenographers' Exam, 1992)
13. We should abide the rules of the institution.
(a) with (b) to (c) on (d) by
14. You must dispense his service.
(a) in (b) at (c) with (d) of
(Railways, 1993)
15. We waited at the bus stop the bus came.
(a) till (b) while (c) until (d) unless
16. The telephone several times before I answered it. (C.B.I. 1995)
(a) would ring (b) had rung (c) has rung (d) was ringing
17. I shall not desert him all the world.
(a) with (b) from (c) by (d) for
(Stenographers' Exam, 1995)
18. There both the challenge and the secret of success.
(a) lie (b) lay. (c) lied. (d) laid
19. We shall finish the work before he back.
(a) would come (b) comes (c) will come (d) shall come
20. I bought a new car last year, but I my old car yet, so at present I have two cars. (C.D.S. 1990)
(a) could not sell (b) have not sold (c) have sold (d) did not sell
21. He insists leaving immediately.
(a) over (b) at (c) for (d) on
22. No sooner did he go in he came out.
(a) then (b) when (c) than (d) and
(Hotel Management, 1996)
23. Due to emergency conditions, the army was asked to
(a) stand out (b) stand up (c) stand by (d) stand in
24. He is so bad-tempered that he has friends. (S.S.C. 1995)
(a) lot of (b) a lot of (c) few (d) a few
25. Kamal walks as if he lame.
(a) is (b) had been (c) was (d) were
26. It does not rest the collector to order his release.
(a) on (b) with (c) over (d) upon
27. Reena's marriage Rajesh was tumultuous. (C.B.I. 1993)
(a) of (b) with (c) between (d) to
28. If you live in a corrupt society, you cannot easily rise the prevailing corruption.
(a) beyond (b) upon (c) above (d) over
29. I am glad the movie. (N.D.A. 1993)
(a) to have seen (b) to see (c) had seen
30. The story developed a thrilling climax.
(a) out (b) up (c) over (d) into
31. That rule is applicable everyone.
(a) with (b) for (c) to (d) on
(Stenographers' Exam, 1995)
32. Everyone of us will have to atone his misdeeds.
(a) for (b) by (c) with (d) about
33. Never boast your wealth.
(a) for (b) about (c) in (d) of
34. Do you think you me somewhere before?
(a) saw (b) have seen (c) were seeing (d) had seen
35. The examinee could guess the answer correctly. (I. Tax, 1994)
(a) with (b) of (c) about (d) at
36. We should always try to live the difficulties that we come across.
(a) over (b) through (c) by (d) upon
37. He was reared up the foothills of Mussoorie.
(a) in (b) amidst (c) at (d) on
38. The stole away even though the guard was on a constant
(a) look for (b) look out (c) look on (d) look after
39. My uncle decided to take and my sister to the market. (U.D.C. 1995)
(a) I (b) mine (c) me (d) myself
40. A private secretary cannot have authority his boss.
(a) over (b) upon (c) on (d) for
41. Jayant plays football an experienced person.
(a) as (b) as though (c) as of (d) as if
(Stenographers' Exam, 1994)
42. The rainy season has set
(a) on (b) off (c) out (d) in
43. He is being accused theft.
(a) to (b) for (c) of (d) about
(M.B.A. 1989)

44. Let's make our quarrel and be friends again.
(a) up (b) off (c) out (d) with
45. He has resigned himself fate.
(a) in (b) into (c) for (d) to
(R.R.B. 1993)
46. The ADM decided to resign when he was for promotion to DM.
(a) passed off (b) passed out (c) passed over (d) passed by
47. He persisted saying so.
(a) on (b) in (c) with (d) over
48. A woman came in with a baby who, she said, a safety pin. (C.B.I. 1995)
(a) swallowed (b) just swallowed (c) had just swallowed (d) was just swallowing
49. Cigarette smoking is injurious health.
(a) towards (b) for (c) against (d) to
50. You must remember this lesson word word.
(a) by (b) to (c) on (d) for

ANSWERS

1. (a) 2. (d) 3. (c) 4. (b) 5. (d) 6. (b) 7. (b) 8. (d) 9. (c) 10. (d)
11. (b) 12. (b) 13. (d) 14. (c) 15. (c) 16. (b) 17. (d) 18. (b) 19. (b) 20. (b)
21. (d) 22. (c) 23. (c) 24. (c) 25. (d) 26. (b) 27. (b) 28. (c) 29. (a) 30. (d)
31. (c) 32. (a) 33. (d) 34. (b) 35. (d) 36. (b) 37. (a) 38. (b) 39. (c) 40. (a)
41. (a) 42. (d) 43. (c) 44. (a) 45. (d) 46. (c) 47. (b) 48. (b) 49. (d) 50. (a)

PRACTICE SET 23

1. The judge acquitted the prisoner the charge of murder.
(a) of (b) with (c) about (d) from
(Stenographers' Exam, 1995)
2. The habit of taking drugs has been growing the urban youth.
(a) within (b) in (c) from (d) upon
3. The horses stampeded and tore the street.
(a) off (b) out (c) up (d) down
4. An argument between the two friends. (C.B.I. 1994)
(a) sprang up (b) rose up (c) broke out (d) broke in
5. They want to expel him for his anti-party activities the recent by-elections in the State.
(a) inside (b) during (c) through (d) while
6. He has invited some of his friends tea.
(a) for (b) on (c) at (d) to
7. When I was a child, I to school everyday instead of going by cycle.
(a) walked (b) have been walking (c) had walked (d) have walked
(S.C.R.A. 1994)
8. Geeta said that she had never a book she liked so much.
(a) saw into (b) come across (c) held upon (d) viewed on
9. The examination will commence Monday.
(a) on (b) from (c) with (d) since
10. Nobody has come to see us we bought these fierce dogs. (U.D.C. 1994)
(a) when (b) till (c) since (d) for
11. He is busy his work.
(a) about (b) with (c) in (d) on
12. I for you all day long.
(a) had waited (b) have waited (c) was waiting (d) have been waiting
(S.S.C. 1993)
13. He ran
(a) quick (b) so quick (c) quickly (d) so quickly
14. Indigenous products are now comparable imported goods in quality.
(a) with (b) than (c) against (d) to
15. Kavita has no paper to write
(a) on (b) upon (c) at (d) over
16. In Bush, Saddam was up more than his match. (Stenographers' Exam, 1994)
(a) to (b) against (c) into (d) for
17. Wickedness will draw punishment from a righteous God.
(a) in (b) out (c) down (d) near
18. I shall not come you need me.
(a) if not (b) without (c) except (d) unless

19. The doctor advised him to go several medical tests. (B.S.R.B. 1993)
(a) under (b) about (c) through (d) into
20. She is mother of two daughters.
(a) a (b) the (c) an (d) None of these
21. If you persist in telling lies to me I shall sue you slander.
(a) with (b) to (c) for (d) on
(Section Officers' 1993)
22. Don't waste your time and energy in being jealous your rival's success.
(a) with (b) for (c) against (d) of
23. The waiter hasn't bought the coffee I've been here an hour already.
(a) still (b) yet (c) up (d) till
(Assistant Grade, 1994)
24. Infatuation wealth ruins a person.
(a) for (b) about (c) towards (d) to
25. Your bad habits will your ruin.
(a) bring up (b) bring in (c) bring about (d) bring forth
26. After a lot of argument I brought her my point of view.
(a) around (b) round (c) upto (d) round to
27. The modern club is simply a more refined substitute the old fashioned tavern. (B.Ed. 1994)
(a) of (b) to (c) for (d) with
28. I prefer this book that.
(a) for (b) to (c) than (d) with
29. He sat the table to have food.
(a) at (b) upon (c) on (d) over
30. I have been working hard last year.
(a) in (b) from (c) for (d) since
(Stenographers' Exam, 1991)
31. She has been given a topic to write
(a) about (b) on (c) over (d) upon
32. His supporters began to and he was left alone.
(a) fall off (b) fall up (c) fall out (d) fall away
33. She says she knows painting, but I don't think she
(a) can (b) knew (c) does (d) had known
(Railways, 1995)
34. No than twenty boys failed in a class of fifty.
(a) less (b) few (c) fewer (d) little
35. I shall not do the work unless you me more money.
(a) pay (b) do not pay (c) shall pay (d) won't pay
36. His parents are anxious his health.
(a) after (b) about (c) for (d) of
37. The minister flew the flooded areas in a helicopter. (B.S.R.B. 1992)
(a) about (b) in (c) over (d) along
38. He of his promise.
(a) backed down (b) backed up (c) backed away (d) backed out
39. It has been their custom to shelter a stranger time immemorial.
(a) for (b) from (c) since (d) till
40. His name has become a synonym evil. (M.B.A. 1990)
(a) of (b) for (c) to (d) with
41. Mrs. Roy is a silly woman who books anyone who doesn't own a car.
(a) on (b) down (c) down on (d) down off
42. If the evidence bears the charge, the man will be convicted.
(a) off (b) up (c) away (d) out
43. Hardly left the railway station when the train arrived. (B.S.R.B. 1991)
(a) he (b) did he (c) he had (d) had he
44. Most of the youth in the present times are addicted drugs.
(a) for (b) to (c) in (d) about
45. Do not trouble yourself the worries and anxieties of life. (S.S.C. 1994)
(a) about (b) of (c) for (d) with
46. Can I entrust this task you?
(a) with (b) for (c) to (d) in
47. The queen was highly vain her beauty.
(a) of (b) from (c) over (d) for
48. Women can't a secret.
(a) keep under (b) keep up (c) keep back (d) keep on
49. We should always stick to our decisions otherwise the people will mock us.
(a) over (b) at (c) on (d) upon
50. Would you mind on the light?
(a) to switch (b) switching (c) to switching (d) to be switching

ANSWERS

1. (a) 2. (d) 3. (d) 4. (a) 5. (b) 6. (d) 7. (a) 8. (b) 9. (a) 10. (c)
11. (b) 12. (d) 13. (c) 14. (d) 15. (a) 16. (b) 17. (c) 18. (d) 19. (c) 20. (b)
21. (c) 22. (d) 23. (b) 24. (a) 25. (c) 26. (d) 27. (c) 28. (b) 29. (a) 30. (d)
31. (b) 32. (d) 33. (c) 34. (c) 35. (a) 36. (b) 37. (c) 38. (d) 39. (b) 40. (b)
41. (c) 42. (d) 43. (d) 44. (b) 45. (a) 46. (c) 47. (a) 48. (c) 49. (b) 50. (b)

PRACTICE SET 24

1. He is willing to make a concession the demands of his employees.
(a) for (b) on (c) with (d) to
(B.S.R.B. 1996)
2. The teacher is angry Ravi.
(a) of (b) upon (c) with (d) on
3. I did I could which wasn't much.
(a) that (b) what (c) how much (d) which
(Hotel Management, 1996)
4. They can't agree with each other anything.
(a) for (b) to (c) in (d) on (e) about
5. The price situation continues to be worrisome strong growth in production.
(a) despite (b) instead of (c) inspite (d) although
6. The new government took last year.
(a) after (b) over (c) out (d) up
(U.D.C. 1953)
7. All his decisions duly testify his truthfulness and honesty.
(a) to (b) about (c) of (d) for
8. You will have to catch the morning flight, so you better get ready. (C.B.I. 1990)
(a) would (b) may (c) should (d) had
9. Please write me this address.
(a) to (b) at (c) on (d) upon
10. large city Bangalore has become in twenty years?
(a) What (b) What a (c) How (d) How a
11. If I you I would not stand this humiliation. (C.B.I. 1993)
(a) be (b) were (c) am (d) was
12. The shopkeeper does not have the toys, I was looking
(a) at (b) for (c) about (d) to
13. The meeting was presided by the Prime Minister. (S.S.C. 1992)
(a) on (b) upon (c) up (d) over
14. My clothes are finer than
(a) my friend (b) a friend of mine (c) my friend's (d) friend of mine
15. His master an explanation of his conduct.
(a) called off (b) called up (c) called on (d) called for
16. The teacher warned him that type of lapse. (Railways, 1993)
(a) towards (b) of (c) in (d) against
17. Put your signature blue ink.
(a) in (b) through (c) by (d) with
18. I devote much of my time writing.
(a) in (b) to (c) on (d) at
(Stenographers' Exam, 1995)
19. The boss is unnecessarily insisting this point.
(a) for (b) at (c) in (d) on
20. He his camera on the railing.
(a) laid (b) lay (c) lain (d) at
(N.D.A. 1992)
21. The chief guest's wife gave the prizes.
(a) off (b) up (c) away (d) out
22. Arun reached home did not find his mother there.
(a) and (b) but (c) yet (d) although
23. is the way to the public library?
(a) How (b) What (c) Which (d) Where
(M.B.A. 1989)
24. He is hard these days.
(a) up (b) off (c) with (d) on
25. A poor man I knew nursed the orphan. (I.Tax, 1994)
(a) who (b) whom (c) that (d) which

PRACTICE SET 25

26. He decided to his affairs before leaving the country.
(a) call off (b) break up
(c) wind up (d) switch off
27. The sun is shining brightly, please the light. (Hotel Management, 1993)
(a) put on (b) put off
(c) put out (d) take off
28. The teacher advised Ritu to give more attention her studies.
(a) for (b) of (c) at (d) in
29. Everyone wants to for one's achievements. (S.S.C. 1993)
(a) be admired (b) admire
(c) being admired (d) be admiring
30. The employees demanded pay parity their counterparts in the Central Government.
(a) towards (b) as
(c) with (d) like
31. Everything he told me, I before.
(a) had heard (b) heard
(c) have heard (N.D.A. 1993)
32. A storm suddenly blew
(a) over (b) out (c) off (d) up
33. I shall take revenge you.
(a) at (b) on (c) with (d) from
(Stenographers' Exam, 1995)
34. After much inquiries, we found that the ship was bound Singapore.
(c) to (b) for
(c) towards (d) into
35. I cannot deprive him his rights.
(a) of (b) off (c) with (d) from
36. A new shop opened in the building, since last week. (B.S.R.B. 1995)
(a) will be (b) has been
(c) is (d) would be
37. She was compensated the loss of her belongings.
(a) over (b) for (c) against (d) at
38. The thief ran away he should be caught.
(a) unless (b) but
(c) lest (d) otherwise
39. Boys are usually dependent on their parents they earn enough money to support themselves.
(a) till (b) provided
(c) so (d) lest
(Stenographers' Exam, 1993)
40. He must his bad habits, if he wants to join us.
(a) give in (b) give off
(c) give away (d) give up
41. Just now I heard the news, it is so strange that you not believe it.
(a) will (b) could (c) might
(d) did (e) should (B.S.R.B. 1994)
42. I have absolutely no doubt the innocence of the accused.
(a) about (b) on (c) over (d) with
43. I took that person a thief.
(a) after (b) for (c) to (d) as
(Railways, 1993)
44. I will talk to him when
(a) he comes (b) he would come
(c) he has come (d) he will come
45. My first lesson forgiveness came from my father. (C.D.S. 1993)
(a) on (b) in
(c) about (d) upon
46. Do not put till tomorrow what you can do today.
(a) on (b) out (c) off (d) over
47. There was a understanding the two.
(a) in (b) between
(c) within (d) among
48. I have lived in Delhi
(a) since five years (b) for five years
(c) five years ago (d) for five years ago
(Hotel Management, 1996)
49. The pilot had been warned about the storm before he (C.B.I. 1995)
(a) took up (b) took away
(c) took off (d) took over
50. He has been entrusted this work.
(a) by (b) to (c) on (d) with

ANSWERS

1. (d) 2. (c) 3. (b) 4. (d) 5. (a) 6. (b) 7. (a) 8. (d) 9. (c) 10. (b)
11. (b) 12. (b) 13. (d) 14. (c) 15. (d) 16. (d) 17. (a) 18. (b) 19. (d) 20. (a)
21. (c) 22. (b) 23. (c) 24. (a) 25. (b) 26. (c) 27. (c) 28. (b) 29. (a) 30. (c)
31. (a) 32. (a) 33. (b) 34. (b) 35. (a) 36. (b) 37. (b) 38. (c) 39. (a) 40. (d)
41. (c) 42. (a) 43. (b) 44. (a) 45. (a) 46. (c) 47. (b) 48. (b) 49. (c) 50. (d)

1. While strolling on Janpath, I chanced to meet European.
(a) one (b) a (c) an (d) the
(Stenographers' Exam, 1995)
2. Her decent attitude compensates her short temper.
(a) for (b) with (c) off (d) to
3. He worked hard he should fail.
(a) else (b) except
(c) lest (d) if not
4. I am convinced his innocence.
(a) of (b) by (c) with (d) at
(S.S.C. 1995)
5. Ravi's father was annoyed with him as he could not his examination.
(a) get upon (b) get away
(c) get through (d) get on
6. I was informed on phone but no written confirmation so far.
(a) has received (b) has been received
(c) had received (d) had been received
(Hotel Management, 1995)
7. He often to Delhi on business trips.
(a) goes (b) has gone
(c) is going (d) has been going
8. Washing machines popular in India in the last ten years or so. (C.B.I. 1994)
(a) became (b) are become
(c) have become (d) are becoming
9. Finding fault others is a bad habit.
(a) in (b) with (c) of (d) about
10. I arrived at the decision in consultation my colleagues.
(a) to (b) by (c) with (d) about
11. In the fierce attack, the enemies were completely wiped
(a) out (b) off (c) away (d) over
(Stenographer's Exam, 1994)
12. Any successful manager should establish a feeling of confidence his clients.
(a) in (b) among
(c) with (d) to
13. True happiness consists giving pleasure to others. (U.D.C. 1994)
(a) for (b) by (c) in (d) of
14. The meeting was presided by the Prime Minister.
(a) on (b) over (c) at (d) upon
15. He is definitely
(a) wrongly (b) in wrong
(c) in a wrong (d) in the wrong
16. She came with me to see the circus.
(a) along (b) off
(c) after (d) across
(B.S.R.B. 1991)
17. I saw a of wolves roaming around the forest.
(a) flock (b) group
(c) herd (d) pack
18. You will have to work very hard to make the time you wasted yesterday.
(a) for (b) up for
(c) up (d) up with
19. The police has been looking for him four weeks. (S.S.C. 1993)
(a) since (b) till
(c) during (d) for
20. We should always side those who are true.
(a) together (b) to
(c) for (d) with
21. The passengers are cautioned pickpockets.
(a) to (b) against (c) for (d) about
22. knowledge is a dangerous thing.
(a) Less (b) Little
(c) A little (d) The little
23. Do not hanker worldly pleasures.
(a) after (b) about
(c) for (d) towards
(Assistant Grade, 1995)
24. She died because they did not immediately a doctor.
(a) call up (b) call for
(c) call in (d) call at
25. Do not take leave me; I will be left alone.
(a) by (b) of (c) off (d) from
26. The city was kept night curfew for several days. (B.S.R.B. 1993)
(a) on (b) at (c) under (d) over
27. Give answer to this question.
(a) an (b) a
(c) the (d) None of these
28. Always attend what your teachers say.
(a) on (b) to (c) over (d) for
29. He is too dull the problem.
(a) solves (b) to solve
(c) solving (d) to solving
(Stenographers' Exam, 1994)
30. The speaker drew the attention of the audience the burning issue.
(a) to (b) towards
(c) on (d) into
31. It's nine o'clock and I'm still at breakfast.
(a) till (b) yet (c) so (d) already
32. Although he is blind, he is very fast calculations. (B.S.R.B. 1992)
(a) in (b) with (c) at (d) about

33. Only about 50 percent of the children have been covered the immunisation programme.
(a) by (b) through (c) in (d) against
34. He confided his troubles his friend.
(a) in (b) to (c) with (d) by
35. The lights just as we sat down to watch the movie on television.
(a) put out (b) gave off (c) went off (d) shut out (e) blew down
36. The officer is quite popular his juniors.
(a) between (b) with (c) among (d) in
37. He did not go the whole book before giving his opinion about it.
(a) through (b) into (c) over (d) with
(B.S.R.B. 1995)
38. Sometimes it is difficult to deal a problem child.
(a) with (b) in (c) at (d) out
39. He has aptitude such a work.
(a) of (b) in (c) for (d) to (e) at
40. She the two candles in one breath.
(a) put down (b) put up (c) put away (d) put out
(C.B.I. 1994)
41. More often than not the programmes of family fail to take
(a) off (b) over (c) up (d) upon
42. The CRPF men swung into action and cordoned the area.
(a) over (b) off (c) out (d) of.
(Stenographers' Exam, 1991)
43. The idea of a balanced diet is very difficult to to anyone who knows nothing about food values.
(a) make over (b) put across (c) take in (d) put through
44. The celebrations went very well.
(a) on (b) over (c) off (d) up
45. All these years I him to keep away from such people, but he did not listen to me.
(a) warned (b) have been warning (c) had warned (d) had been warning
(Hotel Management, 1995)
46. Ajeet was annoyed his wife.
(a) upon (b) on (c) with (d) at
47. He was so badly wounded that there was hope of his recovery.
(a) little (b) a little (c) the little (d) less
48. When my uncle entered the house, I writing a letter.
(a) was (b) would be (c) had been (d) should be
(M.B.A. 1990)
49. A student who perseveres his studies is certain to get good marks.
(a) with (b) at (c) in (d) into
50. This sort of situation will not be allowed to last long.
(a) till (b) for (c) up (d) until

ANSWERS

1. (b) 2. (a) 3. (c) 4. (a) 5. (c) 6. (b) 7. (a) 8. (c) 9. (b) 10. (c)
11. (a) 12. (a) 13. (c) 14. (b) 15. (d) 16. (a) 17. (d) 18. (b) 19. (d) 20. (d)
21. (b) 22. (c) 23. (a) 24. (c) 25. (b) 26. (c) 27. (a) 28. (b) 29. (b) 30. (a)
31. (d) 32. (c) 33. (d) 34. (b) 35. (c) 36. (b) 37. (a) 38. (a) 39. (c) 40. (d)
41. (a) 42. (b) 43. (b) 44. (c) 45. (d) 46. (c) 47. (a) 48. (a) 49. (b) 50. (b)

PRACTICE SET 26

1. The jailer saw the prisoner's scheme.
(a) to (b) through (c) about (d) into
(Central Excise, 1994)
2. His company is greatly sought
(a) for (b) at (c) after (d) out
3. It since early morning.
(a) will rain (b) is raining (c) rained (d) has been raining
(Stenographers' Exam, 1993)
4. We built the raft to hold us.
(a) very strong (b) too strong (c) strong enough
5. We must wait until the invigilator the question papers.
(a) would give (b) given (c) will give (d) gives
(Hotel Management, 1991)
6. Because of his rude behaviour, nobody can get with him.
(a) across (b) along

- (c) about (d) over
7. The ruling party will have to put its own house order.
(a) into (b) to (c) in (d) on
(Stenographers' Exam, 1995)
8. The new education policy provides a useful for the planners to remove illiteracy.
(a) break-in (b) breakaway (c) break up (d) breakthrough
(C.B.I. 1995)
9. He is definitely elder me.
(a) to (b) than (c) of (d) by
10. After the advice of his father, he was reconciled his wife.
(a) into (b) by (c) with (d) to
(C.B.I. 1993)
11. He had to wait until his sister's train arrived to take her to his house.
(a) as much as (b) as if (c) so much so (d) so as
12. The doctor tried both penicillin and sulphanilamide; the penicillin proved to be the effective drug.
(a) very (b) more (c) most
(N.D.A. 1992)
13. It will take five minutes to walk the bridge.
(a) across (b) through (c) about (d) along
14. However honest he I do not trust him.
(a) is (b) may be (c) might be (d) could be
(S.S.C. 1995)
15. He doesn't know how to look a word in the dictionary.
(a) on (b) up (c) to (d) for
16. Sometimes we have to put with something irksome or unpleasant.
(a) on (b) in (c) up (d) off
17. He became the Governor of a Province
(a) little by little (b) by and large (c) in course of time (d) at times
(Stenographers' Exam, 1995)
18. The performance passed peacefully.
(a) off (b) over (c) out (d) away
19. We are now confident winning the match.
(a) to (b) in (c) of (d) into (e) towards
20. the rain stopped, the play had to be suspended.
(a) While (b) Until (c) When (d) Since
(Central Excise, 1993)
21. Italy has a lot to offer India in her efforts to leap the 21st century.
(a) to (b) in (c) into (d) over
22. Apparently he was feeling about his bad luck.
(a) anger (b) angry (c) angrily
(N.D.A. 1993)
23. This sort of situation will not be allowed to last long.
(a) until (b) up (c) till (d) for
24. She her grandfather; she has blue eyes.
(a) takes in (b) takes to (c) takes after (d) takes on
(Hotel Management, 1996)
25. Let me acquaint him the topic.
(a) about (b) with (c) to (d) of
26. Everyone in this universe is accountable to God his action.
(a) for (b) of (c) about (d) against
27. The inspector of excise has to conduct regular checks and to visit the unit at least once a day.
(a) is required (b) requires (c) is requiring (d) required
(S.S.C. 1993)
28. There was nothing he could do wait.
(a) than (b) except (c) and (d) otherwise
29. He has been recently discharged the army.
(a) off (b) by (c) to (d) from
(Stenographers' Exam, 1992)
30. A burglar broke his house last night.
(a) up (b) out (c) into (d) down
31. The British enjoyed monopoly textiles.
(a) in (b) with (c) of (d) over
32. I wish I taller.
(a) would be (b) could be (c) had been (d) were
(Railways, 1993)
33. He prayed that his brother safely.
(a) arrived (b) may arrive (c) might arrive (d) would arrive
34. When I pay him tomorrow, he received everything I owe him.
(a) might have (b) may have (c) will have (d) might had (e) must have
(B.S.R.B. 1996)
35. The judge ordered that the criminal be put death.
(a) under (b) at (c) through (d) to
36. By this time next year, Shashi her final examination.
(a) shall take (b) will have taken (c) will take (d) would take
37. He for this company since 1972.
(a) is working (b) had worked (c) worked (d) has been working
(S.S.C. 1994)
38. He is a postmaster a cock and bull story whenever his boss tries to pull him up for his negligence.
(a) pulling out (b) hitting upon (c) dishing out (d) cooking up
(N.D.A. 1993)

39. Deepak is negligent attending his classes.
(a) in (b) to (c) about (d) towards
40. I have booked my ticket through the agent I know is very efficient.
(a) whom (b) which (c) who (d) that
41. The police on duty.
(a) are (b) is (c) was (d) have
(Stenographers' Exam, 1993)
42. We are looking forward your cooperation.
(a) for (b) after (c) to (d) about
43. The committee has to submit its report two months.
(a) during (b) within (c) until (d) till
44. He stands what he has done.
(a) upon (b) for (c) on (d) at
45. Savita kept talking loudly oblivious the fact that it was the college library and not the students' common room.
(a) regarding (b) of (c) about (d) for (C.B.I. 1993)
46. Modern science began the influence of Copernicus.
(a) from (b) with (c) by (d) under
47. Make haste we shall miss the train.
(a) either (b) or (c) else (M.B.A. 1989)
48. If he hard, he would have passed the examination.
(a) worked (b) could work (c) had worked (d) should work
49. The doctor advised him to take care his health.
(a) of (b) for (c) about (d) with
50. The dispute can be easily settled between you and (M.B.A. 1990)
(a) we (b) I (c) me (d) myself

ANSWERS

1. (b) 2. (c) 3. (d) 4. (c) 5. (d) 6. (b) 7. (c) 8. (d) 9. (a) 10. (d)
11. (d) 12. (b) 13. (a) 14. (b) 15. (d) 16. (c) 17. (c) 18. (a) 19. (c) 20. (b)
21. (c) 22. (b) 23. (d) 24. (c) 25. (b) 26. (a) 27. (a) 28. (b) 29. (d) 30. (c)
31. (a) 32. (d) 33. (c) 34. (c) 35. (d) 36. (b) 37. (d) 38. (d) 39. (a) 40. (c)
41. (a) 42. (c) 43. (b) 44. (b) 45. (b) 46. (d) 47. (b) 48. (c) 49. (a) 50. (b)

PRACTICE SET 27

1. More than twenty years have now passed I had my first flight.
(a) after (b) while (c) since (d) when
(Stenographers' Exam, 1995)
2. These days everybody complains corruption in public life.
(a) for (b) of (c) about (d) against
3. How long will our supplies ?
(a) hold out (b) hold on (c) hold up (d) hold in
4. I hate sitting him as he always smells of garlic.
(a) along (b) beside (c) besides (d) at
(Hotel Management, 1993)
5. It is better to send the doctor.
(a) upon (b) in (c) for (d) to
6. The spirit of morality pervades all the poems of Wordsworth.
(a) from (b) of (c) off (d) through
7. This work ought to have long ago.
(a) done (b) had done (c) been done (d) being done
(Stenographers' Exam, 1991)
8. He is trying his best to keep the reputation of his family.
(a) up (b) to (c) on (d) over
9. Ever since his parents died, his uncle has all his needs.
(a) seen to (b) seen off (c) seen by (d) seen through
(I. Tax, 1993)
10. A meeting of opposition leaders was held recently to sort differences on policy matters.
(a) off (b) up (c) out (d) about
11. It should be the aim of every educated Indian to see that as as possible people become literate.
(a) few (b) most (c) many (d) much
(U.D.C. 1994)
12. They found him well qualified the post.
(a) for (b) to (c) about (d) of
13. The old man could not remember where he his money.
(a) deposits (b) is depositing (c) would receive (d) would have received
(Railways, 1995)

- (c) will deposit (d) had deposited
14. The title of 'Bharat Ratna' was conferred him at a colourful ceremony.
(a) at (b) over (c) to (d) on
15. The robbers were arrested and prison yesterday.
(a) taken to (b) taken into (c) brought in (d) brought into
(Stenographers' Exam, 1994)
16. The blind man bumped my brother.
(a) into (b) at (c) with (d) by
17. She sings her mother does.
(a) like (b) as (c) as if (d) so as
18. By trying to take revenge, a man tries to get his enemy.
(a) stronger than (b) even with (c) equal with (d) better than
(C.B.I. 1994)
19. He was leaning the wall.
(a) on (b) towards (c) with (d) against
20. I absolve you all blames.
(a) with (b) for (c) of (d) from
21. adequate pre-emptive action to avert this tragedy?
(a) Would you not be taking (b) Would you have not taken (c) Shall you not have taken (d) Should you not have taken
(Hotel Management, 1995)
22. The leaders hoped that the two countries could profit each other's experience.
(a) from (b) by (c) on (d) through
23. He is given bad habits.
(a) for (b) in (c) up (d) to
24. Do not quarrel your neighbours.
(a) from (b) by (c) with (d) against
(B.S.R.B. 1992)
25. Had she known about it, she have stayed longer.
(a) would (b) might (c) may (d) should
26. The people, who depend others, can never prosper in life.
(a) on (b) over (c) at (d) upon
27. They put his success to sheer hard work.
(a) down (b) up (c) upon (d) on
(S.S.C. 1993)
28. what I know of him, I barely trust him.
(a) After (b) About (c) From (d) Beyond
29. When I pay him tomorrow, he every thing I owe him.
(a) has received (b) will have received (c) would receive (d) would have received
(B.S.R.B. 1993)
30. I told him not to be afraid his father.
(a) to (b) of (c) with (d) from
31. The opposite forces went on fighting the night.
(a) in (b) during (c) about (d) through
32. The opposition to re-marriage of widows blew in due course of time.
(a) off (b) out (c) up (d) over
33. The young politician with his party and decided to contest the election as an independent candidate.
(a) fell down (b) fell out (c) fell through (d) fell in
(Stenographers' Exam, 1991)
34. When is the wedding coming ?
(a) on (b) up (c) of (d) off
35. While travelling to Bombay, I ran a very old friend of mine.
(a) into (b) against (c) up (d) across
36. It too cold to go out last night, so we stayed at home.
(a) had been (b) has been (c) was (d) used to be
(C.B.I. 1987)
37. You should never laugh the poor.
(a) on (b) at (c) over (d) for
38. I cannot bear
(a) your separation (b) separation of you (c) your's separation (d) separation from you
39. We will be late if we not leave now.
(a) do (b) will (c) shall (d) did
(B.S.R.B. 1991)
40. The lady takes pride her beauty.
(a) over (b) of (c) in (d) at
41. You better wait for your turn.
(a) could (b) had (c) should (d) may
42. work hard, you won't succeed.
(a) Unless you don't (b) Unless you (c) Unless you do not (d) Lest you
(Railways, 1995)
43. The weather was than any she had ever experienced.
(a) worse (b) the worse (c) worst (d) the worst
44. If only he told us the truth in the first place, things wouldn't have gone wrong.
(a) has (b) would have (c) had (d) should have
(C.B.I. 1994)
45. You will leave India before two months
(a) would pass (b) have passed (c) will pass (d) would have passed
46. There were not more than supporters of this proposal in the Parliament.
(a) a little (b) few
(M.B.A. 1990)

- (c) a few (d) the few
47. He was not looking the blackboard when the teacher was writing on it.
(a) at (b) to (c) on (d) upto
48. After the Mahabharata war, the Pandavas renounced worldly life and made the Himalayas.
- (a) for (b) to (c) towards (d) into
49. The more things a man is ashamed the more respectable he is considered.
(a) with (b) by (c) of (d) for
50. Don't interfere her in this work.
(a) in (b) with (c) by (d) to

ANSWERS

1. (c) 2. (b) 3. (a) 4. (b) 5. (c) 6. (d) 7. (c) 8. (a) 9. (a) 10. (c)
11. (c) 12. (a) 13. (d) 14. (d) 15. (a) 16. (a) 17. (b) 18. (b) 19. (d) 20. (c)
21. (d) 22. (a) 23. (d) 24. (c) 25. (a) 26. (d) 27. (d) 28. (c) 29. (b) 30. (b)
31. (d) 32. (d) 33. (b) 34. (d) 35. (a) 36. (c) 37. (b) 38. (d) 39. (a) 40. (c)
41. (b) 42. (b) 43. (a) 44. (c) 45. (b) 46. (c) 47. (a) 48. (a) 49. (c) 50. (b)

PRACTICE SET 28

1. History records seventeen incursions of Sultan Mahmood India.
(a) against (b) into (c) upon (d) on
(Translator's Exam, 1994)
2. Your statement is replete contradictions.
(a) by (b) of (c) in (d) with
3. The man is blind one eye.
(a) of (b) by (c) in (d) from
4. One is struck by the realisation of being one with nature ; a union of mind body.
(Stenographers' Exam, 1993)
5. He was surprised the news.
(a) for (b) in (c) and (d) or
6. She smiled my words. (M.B.A. 1989)
(a) at (b) upon (c) on (d) over
7. The President will be provided all the facilities he is entitled to.
(a) of (b) to (c) by (d) with
8. The thief all the money. (C.B.I. 1995)
(a) made good (b) made do with (c) made up (d) made off with
9. It is difficult for me to part my belongings.
(a) from (b) of (c) with (d) off
10. If you had informed me, I cautious.
(a) would be (b) had been (c) would have been (d) could have been
11. The dacoits set the locality fire.
(a) on (b) upon (c) to (d) at
12. I congratulate you your success.
(a) in (b) at (c) on (d) for
(S.S.C. 1993)
13. I in your place, I would keep quiet.
(a) Would (b) Am (c) Was (d) Were
14. you do not work you cannot succeed.
(a) If (b) Unless (c) Till (d) Until
(Railways, 1993)
15. He ran as quickly as he
(a) can (b) could have (c) could (d) would
16. The father advised his son to give bad company.
(a) away (b) up (c) out (d) off
17. The sun at six this morning.
(a) rose (b) raised (c) arose (d) aroused
(Stenographers' Exam, 1994)
18. He was sorry what he had done.
(a) over (b) for (c) at (d) of
19. You're coming to the movie, ?
(a) can't you (b) aren't you (c) won't you (d) isn't it
(Stenographers' Exam, 1995)
20. He was charged murder and brought to trial.
(a) by (b) for (c) of (d) with
21. He has put the meeting.
(a) up (b) off (c) away (d) out
22. He is being considered senior managerial position.
(a) of (b) to (c) for (d) towards
(B.S.R.B. 1994)
23. This is book I was looking for.
(a) a (b) an (c) the (d) None of these
24. The High Court the death sentence of the prisoner.
(a) set down (b) set upon (c) set about (d) set aside
(C.D.S. 1990)

25. he invited me, I would have gone to the party.
(a) Unless (b) Had (c) If (d) Although
26. I object waiting. You are always late for appointments.
(a) to (b) to being kept (c) to keep (d) to keeping
(Hotel Management, 1996)

27. He died inches repenting his crimes.
(a) for (b) by (c) in (d) to
28. Have you finished reading the book? No. I'm in the middle of it.
(a) already (b) yet (c) still (d) till
29. Baggage can be covered loss or accident during travel. (C.B.I. 1993)
(a) against (b) for (c) along (d) with
30. His father was 45 when he
(a) has died (b) had died (c) died (d) was dying
31. I suggest that the meeting postponed.
(a) is (b) would be (c) be (d) will be
(N.D.A. 1993)
32. An exhibition the new trends in lighting opened here today.
(a) to (b) on (c) of (d) for
33. The wood always on water.
(a) float (b) was floating (c) floats (d) floated
(Stenographers' Exam, 1995)
34. Have complete trust God.
(a) upon (b) in (c) on (d) for
35. He does not like better.
(a) me doing (b) mine doing (c) my doing (d) myself doing
36. By this time next year Rajesh will his University Degree in Marketing Management.
(a) has taken (b) had taken (c) have took (d) have taken
(B.S.R.B. 1996)
37. On my return from holiday, I had to with a lot of work.
(a) make do (b) catch up (c) make up (d) catch on
38. There being no evidence against him, he was acquitted the charge.

- (a) off (b) with (c) of (d) from (S.S.C. 1995)
39. No buses are playing the road as the transport workers are on strike.
(a) on (b) upon (c) over (d) off
40. Hardly had he arrived it started raining.
(a) after (b) than (c) when (d) before
(U.D.C. 1995)
41. He was told not to worry the matter.
(a) with (b) for (c) about (d) of
42. My friend has a strange habit of turning at odd hours. (Railways, 1993)
(a) over (b) up (c) down (d) out
43. You should adhere your principles.
(a) upon (b) on (c) with (d) to
44. Portia compared Mercy the gentle rain from heaven.
(a) to (b) by (c) with (d) from
45. Man cannot live bread alone.
(a) except (b) by (c) without (d) with
(Stenographers' Exam, 1993)
46. Two cars collided each other near the school.
(a) into (b) over (c) with (d) of
47. She comes a noble family.
(a) of (b) from (c) off (d) out of
48. By air you almost half the distance to Bombay before I reach back home by my car. (Hotel Management, 1995)
(a) will cover (b) shall have covered (c) would cover (d) would have covered
49. Hearing of his mother's illness, he at once started Kanpur.
(a) to (b) towards (c) for (d) upto
50. works of reference are so valuable as the Encyclopaedia Britannica.
(a) Few (b) A few (c) The few (d) Fewer
(C.B.I. 1995)

ANSWERS

1. (b) 2. (d) 3. (a) 4. (c) 5. (b) 6. (a) 7. (d) 8. (d) 9. (c) 10. (c)
11. (a) 12. (c) 13. (d) 14. (a) 15. (c) 16. (b) 17. (a) 18. (b) 19. (b) 20. (d)
21. (b) 22. (c) 23. (c) 24. (d) 25. (b) 26. (b) 27. (b) 28. (c) 29. (a) 30. (c)
31. (c) 32. (b) 33. (c) 34. (b) 35. (c) 36. (d) 37. (b) 38. (c) 39. (a) 40. (c)
41. (c) 42. (b) 43. (d) 44. (a) 45. (b) 46. (c) 47. (a) 48. (b) 49. (c) 50. (a)

