

English Sample Paper - 7

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Directions (Q. 1-3): In each of the following questions, some part of the sentence may have errors. Find out which part of the sentence has an error and select the appropriate option. If a sentence is free from error, select 'No Error'.

1. They will (a)/leave the office at six and (b)/reach at home by seven. (c)/No error (d).
2. The new lecturer (a)/seems to be very popular with (b)/most of the class. (c)/ No error (d).
3. The museum's revolving doors (a)/ stopped the crooks (b)/as they jam half way round. (c)/No error (d).

Directions (Q. 4-5): In the following questions, a part of the sentence is italicized. Below are given alternatives to the italicized part at (a), (b), (c) which may improve the sentence. Choose the correct alternative. In case no improvement is needed your answer is (d).

4. My uncle couldn't rise up from his bed no more.
(a) any farther
(b) any further
(c) any more
(d) No improvement
5. The train rolls along the track.
(a) rumbles
(b) rattles
(c) ripples
(d) No improvement

Directions (Q. 6-10): In the following passage some of the words have been left out. Read the passage carefully and choose the correct answer to each

question out of the four alternatives and fill in the blanks.

Passage

Saina Nehwal's bronze medal win (6) Saturday, at the London Olympics, may be seen as a lucky (7) after her Chinese opponent (8) hurt. But (9) Saina's father, Dr. Harvir Singh, "it's god's gift". "She was (10) on Friday after losing the semi-final.

6. (a) On (b) In
(b) At (d) Onto
7. (a) Succeed (b) Win of
(c) Winning (d) Victory
8. (a) Retired (b) Crashed
(c) Injure (d) Ill-fated
9. (a) According to (b) From
(c) Instead of (d) On the way
10. (a) Joyous (b) Appointed
(c) Disappointed (d) Cheerful

Directions (Q. 11-12): Identify the misspelt word and blacken the appropriate rectangle in the Answer Sheet.

11. (a) Elementary (b) Secondary
(c) Lanudary (d) Momentary
12. (a) Aprehension (b) Intension
(c) Imagination (d) Confusion

Directions (Q. 13-14): A word has been written in four different ways out of which only one is correctly spelt. Find the correctly spelt word and indicate it by blackening the appropriate rectangle in the Answer Sheet.

13. (a) Successfully (b) Sucessfully
(c) Succesfully (d) Successfuly
14. (a) Embarrassment
(b) Embarassment
(c) Embarasment
(d) Embarrasment

Directions (Q. 15-16): In the following questions, out of the four alternatives, choose the one which can be substituted for the given words/sentences.

15. One who does something for the first time:
(a) leader (b) model
(c) forerunner (d) pioneer
16. A government run by officials:
(a) democracy (b) anarchy
(c) oligarchy (d) bureaucracy

Directions (Q. 17-20): In following questions, four alternatives are given for the Idiom/Phrase underlined in the sentence. Choose the alternative which best expresses the meaning of the Idiom/Phrase.

17. My father's dealings are open and above board
(a) to everyone's liking
(b) mandatory
(c) without any secret
(d) very clear
18. After the public meeting the crowd went haywire.
(a) were in jubilation
(b) protested
(c) beacame out of control
(d) left the venue
19. He broke off in the middle of the story.
(a) fainted
(b) suddenly stopped
(c) divided his narrative
(d) took time off
20. Some shots were fired at random.
(a) without any aim
(b) for a long time
(c) to end quarrel
(d) thoroughly

Directions (Q. 21-25): Read the passage and choose the best answer to each question out of the four alternatives.

Passage

Many of the serious health concerns in modern America can be linked to poor diet. People who regularly consume food high in sodium, sugar and saturated fats not only increase their chances of obesity, but also increase their risks of developing heart diseases, hypertension, diabetes and several types of cancer. Although some people, who regularly consume unhealthy foods do so knowingly, there is also a significant portion of the population that remains under-educated about proper nutrition. What is more, individuals who live in food deserts—areas in low-income neighbourhoods that lack easy access to healthy, affordable food—may not even have the opportunity to obtain nutritious food. Food deserts are located in high-poverty areas, such as sparsely populated rural areas or densely populated, low-income urban centres. Food deserts most often develop when major supermarket chains either relocate out of these areas or simply refrain from building stores there. Major food retailing chains tend to limit their store locations to wealthier urban or suburban neighbourhoods. This means that those who live in high-poverty areas often also live miles away from fresh meats, dairy products and produce available at supermarkets. Furthermore, fast food restaurants are disproportionately concentrated in low-income areas.

21. The best possible title for the passage is:
 (a) Supermarket's Contribution to Obesity in America
 (b) The Dangers of Fast Food
 (c) Food Deserts: The Problem of Poor Diet
 (d) Why Processed Food Kills
22. Serious health concerns in modern America are related to:
 (a) smoking (b) fast life
 (c) poor diet (d) loneliness

23. Food deserts are:
 (a) areas having large supermarket chains
 (b) low-income areas without access to healthy foods
 (c) areas having large-scale plantations
 (d) areas not having large number of restaurants
24. Food-deserts are formed when:
 (a) major supermarket chains are unavailable in some areas
 (b) people do not like eating fresh food
 (c) people relocate to new areas
 (d) most remain undereducated about nutritious food
25. People belonging to low-income group mostly resort to:
 (a) fresh meat and vegetables
 (b) gambling
 (c) rash driving
 (d) fast food

Directions (26–27): In the following questions, some parts of the sentence may have errors. Find out which part of the sentence has an error and select the appropriate option. If a sentence is free from error, select 'No error'.

26. He was such a (a)/ wonderful person (b)/ into so many ways. (c)/ No error (d)
27. The magician placed the ball (a)/ underneath of his hat and (b)/ made a mystic sign above it. (c)/ No error (d)

Directions (28–29): In the following questions, the sentence given with blank to be filled in with an appropriate word. Select the correct alternative out of the four and mark it by selecting the appropriate option.

28. Our nation's into another country's war could pull us into the crisis.
 (a) intervention (b) intention
 (c) perfection (d) invention
29. As a fitness, Deepti is always preaching to her friends about the importance of working out.

- (a) enthusiasm
 (b) enthusiast
 (c) enthusiastic
 (d) enthusiastically

Directions (30–31): In the following questions, out of the four alternatives, select the word similar in meaning to the word given.

30. Phonetic
 (a) Mute (b) Retacent
 (c) Silent (d) Spoken
31. To Astound
 (a) To Bewilder (b) To Tranquil
 (c) To Placid (d) To Serene

Directions (32–33): In the following questions, out of the four alternatives, select the word opposite in meaning to the word given.

32. Disdain
 (a) Antipathy (b) Admiration
 (c) Derision (d) Scorn
33. Canonical
 (a) Approved (b) Official
 (c) Sanctioned (d) Unorthodox

Directions (34–35): In the following questions, out of the four alternatives, select the alternative which best expresses the meaning of the idiom/phrase.

34. It goes without saying
 (a) To silently bear the injustice
 (b) Something which is implied to be obvious
 (c) There is no point in doing something after you are told to do it
 (d) Break long relationship with someone
35. To let someone off
 (a) To let someone fall
 (b) To leave someone in his present state
 (c) To release someone from blame
 (d) To refuse to answer

Directions (36–37): Improve the bold part of the sentence.

36. May be they has had a fight.
 (a) were had
 (b) was having
 (c) were having
 (d) No improvement

37. We wouldn't want them to think we doing anything immoral.
 (a) was doing
 (b) were doing
 (c) done
 (d) No improvement

Directions (38–39): In the following questions, out of the four alternatives, select the alternative which is the best substitute of the words/sentence.

38. Excessively lengthy speech
 (a) Concision (b) Verbiage
 (c) Curt (d) Succinct
39. An ornamented staff carried by rulers on ceremonial occasions as a symbol of sovereignty
 (a) Spectacle (b) Receptacle
 (c) Sceptre (d) Zephyr

Directions (40–41): In the following questions, four words are given out of which one word is correctly spelt. Select the incorrectly spelt word.

40. (a) Contusion (b) Contution
 (c) Cuntusion (d) Cuntution
41. (a) Scemitaras (b) Scimitars
 (c) Scimetars (d) Scemetars

Directions (42–43): These questions below consist of a set of labelled sentences. Out of the four options given, select the most logical order of the sentences to form a coherent paragraph.

42. Three times this was
 X. only be compared to the deepest notes of thunder
 Y. shook with the noise, that can
 Z. repeated, and each time the earth
 (a) ZXY (b) YZX
 (c) ZYX (d) YXZ
43. The causes and their
 X. in the same series
 Y. one order, they stand
 Z. effects belong to the
 (a) ZXY (b) YZX
 (c) YXZ (d) ZYX

44. In the following question, a sentence has been given in Active/Passive voice. Out of the four alternatives suggested, select the one which best expresses the same

sentence in Passive/Active voice.
 Sunita will bake two dozen cupcakes for the bake sale.

- (a) For the bake sale, two dozen cookies will be baked by Sunita
 (b) For the bake sale, two dozen cookies is baked by Sunita
 (c) Baking of two dozen cookies by Sunita will be done for the bake sale
 (d) Baking of two dozen cookies by Sunita is done for the bake sale
45. In the following question, a sentence has been given in Direct/Indirect speech. Out of the four alternatives suggested, select the one which best expresses the same sentence in Indirect/Direct speech.
 My mother said to my father, "I am very busy now."
 (a) My mother told my father that I am very busy now
 (b) My mother told my father that she is very busy then
 (c) My mother told my father that she was very busy then
 (d) My mother told my father that I was very busy now

Directions (46–50): In the following passage, some of the words have been left out. Read the passage carefully and select the correct answer for the given blank out of the four alternatives.

This was enough ...(46)... the book store-owner-turned librarian Husain to assess its valuable contents. "The preface of the book read: 'painters ...(47)... technical knowledge to paint, but lack to understand nature, ...(48)... they fail to create a masterpiece, "point out Husain, adding, "All I...(49)... in my life is about books and from books. The grand library...(50)...the palace is a cache of knowledge."

46. (a) for (b) of
 (c) to (d) from
47. (a) has (b) has had
 (c) have (d) to have
48. (a) if (b) that
 (c) hence (d) this

49. (a) learning (b) learned
 (c) to learn (d) learns
50. (a) from (b) at
 (c) to (d) off

Answers with Explanations

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1. (c) Reach (Verb) = to arrive at.
2. (d) 3. (c)
4. (c) The sentence is negative. Hence, anymore should be used.
5. (a) Rumble = to make a long deep sound or series of sounds.
Roll = to turn over and over.
6. (a) On
7. (d) Victory
8. (a) Retired
9. (a) According to
10. (c) Disappointed
11. (c) 12. (b) 13. (a)
14. (a)
15. (d) pioneer
16. (d) bureaucracy
17. (d) Above board = legal and honest; very clear.
18. (c) Go haywire = to stop working correctly or become out of control.
19. (b) Break off = to end something suddenly.
20. (a) At random = without deciding in advance what is going to happen.
21. (b) 22. (c) 23. (b)
24. (a) 25. (d)
26. (c) In the given sentence, part (c) has an error. To correct the sentence use 'in' in place of 'into'.
27. (b) In the given sentence, part (b) has an error. To correct the sentence delete 'of' before 'his'.
28. (a) Intervention (Noun): interference by a state in another's affairs.
29. (b) Enthusiast (Noun): A person who is very interested in a particular activity or subject; admirer.
30. (d) Phonetic/Spoken (Adjective): Using special symbols to represent each different speech sound; connected with the sounds of human speech.
Sentence → Spanish is a more phonetic language than English.

31. (a) Astound/Bewilder (Verb): Shock or greatly surprise; astonish; to confuse somebody.
Sentence → He was totally bewildered by her sudden change of mood.
32. (b) Opposite of Disdain is: Admiration (Noun): Respect and warm; commendation; acclaim.
Sentence → She gazed in admiration at his broad, muscular shoulders.
33. (d) Opposite of Canonical is: Unorthodox (Adjective): Contrary to what is usual or accepted; unconventional; not orthodox.
Sentence → Steiner was recognised as an original if unorthodox thinker.
34. (b) Something which is implied to be obvious.
Sentence → It goes without saying that lay appointees must be selected with care.
35. (c) To release someone from blame.
Sentence → I let him off because he seemed so sorry.
36. (c) For improvement of sentence use 'were having' in place of 'has had'.
37. (b) For improvement of sentence use 'were doing' in place of 'doing'.
38. (b) Best substitute of the sentence is
Verbiage (Adjective): Too many words, which makes their speech or writing difficult to understand.
Sentence → Many mission statements are nothing but empty verbiage.
39. (c) Best substitute of the sentence is
Sceptre (Noun): An ornamental rod that a king carries on ceremonial occasions as a symbol of his power.
Sentence → The sceptre of all that the professional soldier held dear was thrust into his hands.
40. (a) Correctly spelt word → Contusion (Noun)
41. (b) Correctly spelt word → Scimitars

42. (c) Logical order of the sentences to form a coherent paragraph → ZYX
43. (d) Logical order of the sentences to form a coherent paragraph → ZYX
44. (a) Passive/Active Voice
For the bake sale, two dozen cookies will be baked by Sunita.
45. (c) Indirect/Direct speech
My mother told my father that she was very busy then.
46. (a) Best option for blank → for
47. (c) Best option for blank → have
48. (c) Best option for blank → hence
49. (b) Best option for blank → learned
50. (b) Best option for blank → at