



Practice Test-3

Number of questions: 30

Time Allowed: 30 mins.

Directions for questions 1 to 5: The following passage contains blanks that are to be filled in with an appropriate word from the four corresponding options. Choose the best word from the given alternatives.

The ...1... of education has also been a potent instrument in emphasizing and shaping the underlying unity of mankind. The best ...2... perhaps in which we can describe the present decade is to call it a 'decade of promise'. The marvel of science, the immense ...3... of harnessing nuclear energy for peaceful purposes and the urge to ...4... resources to their optimum level have all significantly contributed in tackling problems on a ...5... scale rather than attempting to solve these baffling issues of ignorance, poverty and disease separately individual and national scales.

1. (a) need (b) mode
(c) spread (d) development
2. (a) way (b) method
(c) format (d) manner
3. (a) effects (b) labour
(c) possibilities (d) capability
4. (a) materialise (b) utilise
(c) synthesise (d) pressurise
5. (a) global (b) globe
(c) world (d) universal

Directions for questions 6 to 10: Fill in the following blanks with the appropriate choices.

6. He is looking for a job, _____ times are tough.
(a) and (b) but
(c) so (d) in
7. The corporation is working towards _____ its existing training institutes.
(a) vitalizing (b) vitiating
(c) vapourizing (d) revitalizing
8. Insurance itself has become a _____ subject in the curriculum of business administration.
(a) half-baked (b) fledgling
(c) hybrid (d) full-fledged

9. They have held _____ a demonstration outside the consulate.

(a) most (b) lot
(c) to (d) many

10. Many areas have _____ or no capability to respond to terrorist attacks.

(a) lots (b) many
(c) little (d) full

Directions for questions 11 to 20: The following passage contains blanks that are to be filled in with an appropriate word from the four corresponding options. Choose the best word from the given alternatives.

Over the entire field of ...11... making, the problems facing the government are ...12... scientific and technological in ...13... . Our decisions in defence and foreign ...14... are increasingly governed by the developments in military and civil technology, ...15... in such matters as armament and disarmament, the ...16... of a new law for the seas or an international regime for space. The ...17... field of industry and agriculture, education, health and welfare confronts us with a wide range of technological choices, and even decisions in such ...18... nonscientific areas as taxation and procurement ...19... affect the pace and ...20... of the nation's technological progress.

11. (a) peace (b) talks
(c) policy (d) strategy
12. (a) increasingly (b) contentiously
(c) especially (d) decreasingly
13. (a) intent (b) content
(c) essence (d) pith
14. (a) events (b) happenings
(c) affairs (d) conditions
15. (a) in particular (b) especially
(c) virtually (d) seemingly
16. (a) detail (b) elaboration
(c) spreading (d) dimension
17. (a) complete (b) entire
(c) all (d) whole

18. (a) obviously (b) clearly
(c) seemingly (d) thin
19. (a) willingly (b) profoundly
(c) superficially (d) intensely
20. (a) quality (b) caliber
(c) talent (d) intensity

Directions for questions 21 to 25: Correct the underlined portion in a given sentence by replacing it with the correct choice from among the four given alternatives.

21. When harassed or threatened a puffer fish literally puffs up by gulping water stored in an offshoot of their stomach.
- (a) harassed or threatened, a puffer fish literally puffs up by gulping water stored in an offshoot of their
- (b) harassed or threatened, a puffer fish literally puffs up by gulping in water stored in an offshoot of their
- (c) harassed or threatened, a puffer fish literally puffs up by gulping water stored in an offshoot of its
- (d) it feels harassed or threatened, a puffer fish literally puffs up by gulping water stored in an offshoot of their
22. Bats are over a million years older in age to mammals.
- (a) older in age to mammals.
- (b) older in age than other mammals.
- (c) old in age like mammals.
- (d) older in age than mammals.
23. It is possible to hold a certain image in your mind for long periods, and this can have a salutary impact on your own behaviour and character.
- (a) image in your mind for long periods, and this can have a salutary impact on your
- (b) image in your mind for long periods, and this can have a salutary impact on one's
- (c) image in your mind for long periods, and this has a salutary impact on your
- (d) image in your mind for a long period, and this can have a salutary impact on your

24. John Maynard Keynes, the greatest economist of the 20th century, once wrote an essay on fellow Cambridge genius, the scientist and mathematician Isaac Newton.
- (a) the greatest economist of the 20th century, once wrote an essay on fellow Cambridge genius, scientist and mathematician
- (b) the great economist of the 20th century, once wrote an essay on fellow Cambridge genius, scientist and mathematician
- (c) the greatest economist of the 20th century, once wrote an essay about fellow Cambridge genius, scientist and mathematician
- (d) the greatest economist of the 20th century, once wrote an essay on fellow Cambridge genius, who was a scientist and the mathematician
25. After his journey to India, Alexander the Great took with him 200 peafowls, which were as appreciated in Europe as any other place.
- (a) took with him 200 peafowls, which were as appreciated in Europe as any other place.
- (b) took back with him 200 peafowls, which were as appreciated in Europe as in any other place.
- (c) took back with him 200 peafowls, which were as appreciated in Europe as any other place.
- (d) took with him 200 peafowls, which were appreciated in Europe as well as in all other places.

Directions for questions 26 to 30: Each of the following questions contains a sentence that is broken up into parts. Rearrange the parts so as to make a meaningful sentence.

26. A. that would be a
B. good enough reason
C. by itself
D. to switch to
E. this system
- (a) ABCDE (b) BACDE
(c) ABDCE (d) EABCD

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27. A. varying indirect tax rates
B. the present labyrinth of
C. in different states
D. constitutes a formidable barrier to
E. interstate trade
(a) ABCDE (b) BACDE
(c) ABDCE (d) EABCD
28. A. he cannot
B. be
C. for this
D. solely blamed
E. fresh delay
(a) ABCDE (b) BACDE
(c) ABDCE (d) EABCD
29. A. finest filmmakers
B. had few
C. or no problems
D. with the CBFC
E. some of our
(a) ABCDE (b) BACDE
(c) ABDCE (d) EABCD
30. A. even fashion shows on satellite television
B. have had to don a
C. fig leaf of propriety before they
D. privacy of homes
E. can be telecast into the
(a) ABCDE (b) BACDE
(c) ABDCE (d) ABCED



Answer Key

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| 1. (d) | 2. (d) | 3. (c) | 4. (b) | 5. (a) | 6. (b) | 7. (d) | 8. (d) | 9. (d) | 10. (c) |
| 11. (c) | 12. (a) | 13. (b) | 14. (c) | 15. (b) | 16. (b) | 17. (b) | 18. (c) | 19. (b) | 20. (a) |
| 21. (c) | 22. (b) | 23. (d) | 24. (a) | 25. (b) | 26. (a) | 27. (b) | 28. (c) | 29. (d) | 30. (d) |



Explanations

1. d If you read further, you will see that the context of the passage is talking about education and human development. Hence (d) is the best choice.
2. d 'Manner of description' is the right diction.
3. c 'To harness nuclear energy', we need the word 'possibilities'.
4. b Resources are meant to be 'utilised'.
5. a Clearly, the correct choice is (a).
6. b 'but' brings out the regretful tone.
7. d 'revitalizing' means that the 'existing' is being improved.
8. d 'full-fledged' fits in correctly as it emphasizes on the fact that insurance has gained itself an a place in business administration curriculum.
9. d 'many a' is the right usage. It means 'lots'.
10. c 'little' means almost none at all, and goes with 'no capability'.
11. c The paragraph deals with policy making by the government in different areas.
12. a If you read the passage further you will find that the government's problems are primarily scientific and technological in nature and need immediate attention. Hence, 'increasingly' is the correct word.
13. b Since the government's problems are primarily scientific and technological in nature, the word that fits in here is 'content'.
14. c 'foreign affairs' is the popularly used term, also most generically applicable.
15. b The only word to fit the blank is choice (b). The rest appear weak.
16. b Contextually, choice (b) is the most appropriate as we are discussing policy-making guidelines.
17. b 'entire' is the most appropriate word in this situation, as a big list is mentioned here.
18. c 'seemingly' fits the context of the passage as it brings out the contrast.
19. b None of the other choices is good enough to fit the blank, 'profoundly' brings out the depth.
20. a The word 'quality' goes with the positive tone of 'pace'.
21. c Choice (c) is the most concise and has singular agreement between the verb and the pronoun.
22. b The right term is 'older in age than other mammals' and not 'older in age to mammals'. Also, (d) is incorrect because bat itself comes under the mammals category.
23. d Choice (b) is wrong as it uses your mind in the beginning but one's later. Choice (c) replaces 'this can' by 'this has'. 'This' introduces an element of certainty, which is absent in the original sentence. Choice (a) is wrong as it uses the phrase 'for long periods'. Hence, choice (d) is most appropriate.
24. a Choice (b) changes the superlative 'greatest' to 'great'. Choice (c) is wrong as it uses 'essay about' instead of 'essay on'. Choice (d) is wrong because when read in continuation with rest of the sentence, it would imply that the essay was on two different people, which is not correct. Hence, choice (a) is the correct answer.
25. b Choices (a) and (c) are wrong as in the second part of the sentences, we should say 'as in any other place'. Choices (a) and (d) also fail to specify where the peafowls were taken.
26. a 'AB' forms a mandatory pair as B describes the subject 'that' (mentioned in A) as a 'good enough reason. C follows B as the reflexive pronoun 'itself' (stated in C) refers to 'that' (subject). The correct sentence is - 'That would be a good enough reason by itself to switch to this system'.
27. b 'BA' is the opening mandatory pair as it gives us the subject of the sentence i.e. labyrinth of varying indirect taxes. This pair is present only in option (b), hence this is the correct option.
28. c B follows A in order to complete the verb form 'cannot be' (infinitive). 'CE' is a mandatory pair as the demonstrative pronoun 'this' (used in C) modifies the noun 'fresh delay' (mentioned in E). Hence, 'ABDCE' is the correct sequence.
29. d 'EA' is the obvious opener as it gives us the subject of the sentence i.e. some of our finest filmmakers. Hence, option (d) is the correct answer.
30. d 'ABC' is a mandatory sequence as C describes what the fashion shows have to don (fig leaf of propriety). 'ED' follows as it gives a reason behind this.