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## WORD FREQUENCY

Word Frequency questions have a set of four sentences, each having a blank. Each of these sets is succeeded by four words. You have to find out the maximum number of sentences in which any one of the four given words fits. Use this number to mark your answer.

If any of the four words fits into all four sentences, your answer shall be (4).

If a word fits only into three sentences (and if that is the highest frequency in comparison to all the other words) your answer shall be (3) and so on.

Let us consider an example first. This is a reproduced CAT question.

1	(I)	The mediator he	alnod roac	h a /an	agreement
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- (II) The structure of most animals and insects exhibits symmetry.
- (III) The two countries signed a \_\_\_\_ cultural exchange pact. (TV) Due to the disqualification of one of the three candidates, the election was reduced to a contest.
  - (l)Amicable
- (2)Bilateral
- (3)Historical
- (4) Multilateral

Here, your answer would be (2). This is because the word 'bilateral' fits into all the four blanks. The word 'amicable' fits the blank in sentences (I) and (II) only, while the word 'multilateral\* can fit only sentence (I).

## Practice Exercise -1

## Directions for (Que. 1 - 30): Read the information carefully and answer the questions given below it.

Each of the following questions has a set of four sentences, each containing a blank.

Each set is followed by four words. Find out the maximum number of times that any of the words fits each set.

Use this number to indicate you answer.

For example, if any one of the words fits into all four sentences, your answer will be (4) However,

if it fits only into three sentences (and that is also the highest frequency for any of the four words)

your answer will be 3 and so on.

- **1.** (I) This pole, erected for its aesthetic appeal, has turned into a popular ...for birds.
  - (II) I did not expect that old cupboard to... such a fancy price at the auction.
  - (III) The... was rusty and creaked whenever the door was closed or opened.
  - (IV) The dog was trained to... the newspaper every morning.
  - (1) hinge
- (2) perch
- (3) bring
- (4) fetch
- (5) branch
- **2.** (I) The ... adjourned all business for the day as a mark of respect for the departed leader.
  - (II) For several centuries before it was proved that the earth was round, scientists believed that the earth was ...
  - (III) What is referred to as an apartment in America, is called a... in England.

	(IV) Driving on a (1) even	a(n) road is easid (2) flat	er than driving on (3) house	an uneven one. (4) oral	(5) court
3.	(II) Since the he (III) The PM had	avy duty equipme l to to popular p		es had to be moved of documented evi	-
4.	comprehensio (II) We tried t (III) Showing dis	on section. down several pass srespect to the na			in the reading (5) fouls
5.	(II) Of the two li (III) Tigers are p	orotected in order	n) structure. ied and made the to prevent them f were very interest (3) rare	from becoming	(5)scarce
6.	(II) After the acc (III) His success	cident, his thinkin	-	7 . many a storm in hi	is career. (5) face
7.	(II) In any right (III) The philant	angled triangle, at thropist was move 's commitment wa	t least two of the a	y he saw around hir	n. (5) wretched
8.	(II) A mere to (III) In driving a (IV) The RBI has		o; it must backed b change gears to ne ng rates by 2%,		
9.	(II) He has risen (III) Since the su	to the top only be apply situation is a was there for all to	unclear, I hope you	n to his profession I have not any dat beyond the call of c	es to the client.
10.		che transporter's schedule wasway (		nsequent delay in 1	material supply,

(II)... my words; this boy is destined for greatness.

	. ,	failure continues	•	n his impeccable res	sume.
	(1) 37mark	(2) stain	(3) blot	(4) impression	(5) mark
11.	immediately. (II) This is a ra (III) This puzzle	are one because it	does not produce an three hours to f lateral thinking	e either flowers or s put the together. in her student (4) plant	eeds.
12.	(II) In the bilate majority. (III) This country (IV) In relative	eral contest, one co ryside with natur terms, your salary sizeable amount.	ontestant polled 2 ral minerals.	ment was forced to 29% of the votes, given, but in terms, Rs. (4) financial	ving the other an
13.	he had known. (II) This gun is a (III) We avoided	an Winkle woke up a Smith and Wesso d Ram in the office vare down on the (2) bore	on with a 0.38 because he was		olance to the one
14.	laws. (II) No sooner of (III) The value of	ul on juvenile re did he hear the gur of this is inestima ny's into softwa (2) report	n's than he colla able. re exports has pr	•	ation for several (5) lecture
15.	playing (II) Some of the (III) The scand years.	greatest scientist al-ridden Pakistai	have had little fon team had to	om local entreprend rmal training in the one of its weakest senators had a of (4) enter	ir teams in recent
16.	with his own: (II) It is amazin (III) This text is	share of weakness g that the on the tautological and y	es and eccentrici vase remained ev ou can grasp its i	e musician was sim ties. : yen after centuries. meaning even if you that surrounded h (4) skim	over it.
17.	(I) The miner u	sed his to open u	p the tunnel.		

	(III) This horse	liam had to at the e is a and cannot maker took the dri (2) hack	be used for racin	ng purposes. the and put them o	on the truck. (5) tool
18.	(II) Sherlock F complex (III) General M		or his ability to who by examp		ple to unravel a
19.	(II) During ado (III) A resemb	lescence pressur bles an apple, thou	e plays a major i gh it is different	cases, he was without ole in molding the value in taste. see if the guests ha (4) equal	value system.
20.	(II) The sergea (III) The cont		lets to stand in si on the merger w		engths. (5) arrow
21.	ship (II) This Ayurv (III) Despite th	to	ar for its ability t orts, the dog wo		
22.	(II) The rate of the (III) His acader	boat race is in the finterests works of lowest pf 6%. mic record is no ag his friend who we (2) may	out to a/an 8% of his intellectua	of given the highes l caliber.	t rate of 10% and (5) meager
23.	(II) The diva's (III) The cricke	voice surprisingly et match had to be	cracked when sh called off becaus	ed and stuck to the ne moved into the so te the vandals had d eveloping its for t (4) tar	ong at a high amaged the
24.	(II) Despite his (III) During the	age, Raman had a last year, the gov	(n) posture. ernment has san	ychiatrist's professi ctioned Rs. 1,000 to of misconduct and bi (4) couch	new structures.

25. (I) Frazier was out for the... and lost the match by K.O. to Muhammed Ali. (II) While coarse vams are not widely exported, vams of finer... are very much in demand. (III) Dracula was, in terms of social hierarchy, a ... (IV) To pass the bill in the assembly, the ruling party had to ... on the support of at opposition members. least 10 (1) depend (4) grade (2) vampire (3) count (5) grade **26.** (I) Trade in waste metal or... is carried out through a well organized network. (II) Following wide spread copying and paper leakage, the board decided to ... the test. (III) Tilak is a belligerent person and picks up a ... with almost everyone he meets. (IV) The child cut out the picture of the dinosaur for the use in his ... book. (1) scrap (2) perch (3) bring (4) fetch (5) give 27. (I) Dr. Shekar is our... representative in Bangalore. (II) Most dental treatment calls for only... anesthesia. (III) Once the foreigners left, only the... people remained. (IV) The invaders wrested... (4) control (5) official (1) area (2) local (3) primary **28.** (I) She was a key... for the prosecution. (II) You should not... a book by its cover. (III) Thousand of people gathered to... fireworks display. (IV) Because he was personally involved, the lawyer could not take up the... (1) case (2) judge (3) witness (4) court (5) link **29.** (I) You must ...more time if you want to make a considered decision. (II) Batsmen wearing rubber soles get little ...when running on the pitch. (III) She want to the market to... some grocery. (IV)The... department in an organization is normally responsible for vendor development. (1) buy (3) finance (4) grip (5) spend (2) purchase **30.** (I) A...is an accepted of male office wear. (II) Of the two living dodos, one died and made the other... (III) A sailor's knot is one of the most difficult knots to... (IV)"... your gun from its holster", Adams said. (1) draw (2) bow (3) shirt (4) tie (5) remove **Answer Key:** 

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16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
(2)	(4)	(4)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(4)	(2)	(4)	(4)	(3)	(2)	(3)	(3)