

English Sample Paper - 10

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

1. We hope devotees will (a) / participate in the event and (b)/ get spiritually benefit. (c)/ No Error (d)
2. We might supply so (a) / much evidence and try to explain (b)/ it in so many ways. (c)/ No Error (d)
3. There is something (a)/ stored in for (b)/everyone. (c)/ No Error(d)

Directions (Q. 4-5): In the following questions, out of the four alternatives, select the alternative which will improve the bracketed part of the sentence. In case no improvement is needed, select "No improvement".

4. Since 1975, there (was) no volcanic eruptions.
(a) is
(b) are
(c) have been
(d) No improvement
5. This painter is the most skilled (of all other painters) in our team.
(a) of all the other painter
(b) painter
(c) of all painter
(d) No improvement

Directions (Q. 6-7): 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 indicate it by selecting the appropriate option.

6. Did ____ help Ankita?
(a) anybody (b) somebody
(c) some (d) no
7. One must be attentive to ____ work.
(a) their (b) your
(c) himself (d) one's

Directions (Q. 8-9): In the following questions, out of the four given alternatives, select the one which best expresses the meaning of the given word.

8. Blaze
(a) Glow
(b) Calm
(c) Numbness
(d) Unconsciousness
9. Agony
(a) Torture (b) Success
(c) Happiness (d) Soundness

Directions (Q. 10-11): In the following questions, out of the four given alternatives, select the one which is opposite in meaning of the given word.

10. Dismantle
(a) Build
(b) Decimate
(c) Teardown
(d) Disassemble
11. Hold
(a) Clutch (b) Release
(c) Clasp (d) Bind

Directions (Q. 12-15): In the following questions, out of the given four alternatives, select the alternative which best expresses the meaning of the Idiom/Phrase.

12. Catch on
(a) Rejuvenating
(b) Secret affair
(c) To lose
(d) To become popular
13. Make up one's mind
(a) To flatter someone
(b) To decide something
(c) To fool someone
(d) To get irritated
14. Bank on something
(a) To do transaction
(b) To rely on something
(c) To be independent
(d) To clear out something
15. Lend one's ear
(a) To listen attentively
(b) To rent out something
(c) To ignore someone
(d) Pain in ear

Directions (Q. 16-18): In the following questions, there are four different words, out of which only one word is correctly spelt. Find the correctly spelt word.

16. (a) consumerism
(b) comunism
(c) passimism
(d) optemism
17. (a) commencement
(b) estabishment
(c) announcment
(d) Committment
18. (a) entrepreneurship
(b) leadeship
(c) scholarship
(d) partnarship

Directions (Q. 19-20): In the following questions, out of the four alternatives choose the one which can be substituted for the given words/sentence.

19. Giving of special favour to one's kith and kin
(a) Favouritism (b) Solecism
(c) Pantheism (d) Nepotism
20. One who collects and studies coins
(a) Philatelist
(b) Nuncio
(c) Bibliophile
(d) Numismatist

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

Unfortunately, the reality hit me the next morning. I slept past the chirping of birds, but was woken up by loud voices crossing my window every now and then. When I went to the kitchen to make myself some tea, a couple of tourists were peeping in through the glass door.

Day trippers! The old-world charm of this village, with only 305 residents, was drowned by the callousness of visitors who only seemed to care about their photos and getting drunk, almost running over the locals in their rental cars, never realizing that they were intruding into someone's sleepy neighbourhood and life. My hosts assured me that the number of day trippers now was not nearly as bad as in the peak summer season, and joked about how the village residents, their homes and their kitchens must be curious, unfamiliar sights for tourists. If you're on the same page, you're probably thinking that an easy solution is that travel bloggers like me should never write about their "offbeat" finds. But as my social media followers often remind me, isn't it part of my job to disclose the exact location of my stories and photos, so others can choose to experience my finds over 'tourist traps'? I've dwelt on this dilemma for a long time. But walking on those cobblestoned streets in Istria (mostly at sunrise and late at night), it occurred to me that no, perhaps that isn't the role a travel blogger is supposed to play. The way I see it now, my work as a travel blogger

should inspire my readers to think of travel differently-to reconsider their travel choices, to seek local encounters, to carve out their own journey. It's the reason I never have and never will, give you a three day itinerary to "do" a destination. That's not how I aspire for my readers to experience somewhere I've been and loved.

21. According to the passage, which of the following statements is TRUE?
(a) Author never has and never will give on itinerary in his/her blog.
(b) Istria is full of cobblestoned streets.
(c) Day trippers are often intruding.
(d) Travel blogging always ruins "offbeat" places.
22. What is the dilemma that the author has dwelt on for a long time?
(a) Whether to write about-"offbeat" places on the travel blog or not.
(b) What exactly is a travel blogger's responsibility?
(c) How to inspire the readers to experience travel differently.
(d) How to save readers from "tourist traps"?
23. What hampered the old world charm of the village mentioned in the passage?
(a) New cafes, restaurants and night life
(b) Drinking of the day trippers.
(c) Intrusion by the tourists.
(d) Insensitivity of the day tripper.
24. What do you think author wants to imply by "I slept past the chirping of birds"?
(a) Birds were chirping on his/her head but still he/she continued to sleep.
(b) He/she left the birds chirping because he/she wanted to sleep.
(c) He/she slept past the early morning time when birds chirp.

- (d) He/she doesn't like the chirping of birds and that is why he/she continued to sleep
25. Which of the following is not an example of callousness of the day trippers?
(a) Driving carelessly on the streets.
(b) Drinking and misbehaving with the locals.
(c) Luring local people with their money.
(d) Clicking photos with locals and posting them online.

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. I am vexed at him (a)/ for what all he has (b)/ done for him till date. (c)/ No error (d)
27. The Manager warned his team members (a)/ that if they persist in their (b)/ obstructionist attitude they would be punished. (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. Both taciturn and, Daniel seldom spoke and never spent money.
(a) wary (b) cheap
(c) discreet (d) miserly
29. He was too to make a statement before the Boss.
(a) shy (b) tired
(c) timid (d) coward

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

30. Reiterate
(a) Abuse (b) Pretend
(c) Detest (d) Repeat

31. Nincompoop
 (a) Wise (b) Fool
 (c) Lover (d) Companion

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

32. Pellucid
 (a) Torpid (b) Explicit
 (c) Murky (d) Limpid
33. Adamant
 (a) Rigid (b) Flexible
 (c) Fixed (d) Unshakable

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. To wrangle over an ass's shadow
 (a) To waste money over trifles
 (b) To punish a person severely for his arrogance
 (c) To quarrel over trifles
 (d) To keep away from extreme poverty
35. Make one's flesh Creep
 (a) To confuse someone
 (b) To flatter someone
 (c) To abuse someone
 (d) To frighten someone

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

36. Father would have been appreciated your efforts if you had informed him.
 (a) would be appreciated
 (b) would have appreciated
 (c) should have been appreciated
 (d) No improvement
37. Neha was surprised by her result.
 (a) surprised to
 (b) surprised from
 (c) surprised at
 (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 phrase.

38. Study of tumors
 (a) Oenology (b) Oncology
 (c) Phrenology (d) Upology

39. The highest point
 (a) Tempest (b) Outpost
 (c) Archive (d) Zenith

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

40. (a) Literary (b) Leakage
 (c) Laudable (d) Loafer
41. (a) Anasthetic (b) Obliterate
 (c) Concurrence (d) Blithesome

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. P. Yet making loans to poor people is hardly a Poverty cure.
 Q. Segmenting the industry, might be worth while if it allows more of the poor to get access to credit.
 R. Multinational corporations could take the top microfinance institutions to the next level, and the remainder could take the responsibility of development groups and regional banks.
 S. Property rights and the role of law matter too.
 (a) PRQS (b) QRPS
 (c) SPQR (d) RSPQ
43. P. But the scenario has quite changed now-a-days by allocating a special budget of funds for security.
 Q. In the last ten years, budget towards the development of military forces is higher when compared to others.
 R. India earlier days gave more importance to the development of industry and less importance to other departments.
 S. This is because of the frightening increase in

terrorism all around the world especially emerging after the 9/11 terror attack in U.S.

- (a) PRQS (b) SPQR
 (c) QSPR (d) RPSQ

44. In the following question, a sentence has been given in Active/Passive voice. Out of four alternatives suggested, select the one which best expresses the same sentence in Passive/Active voice.
 One should keep one's word.
 (a) A word should be kept.
 (b) A word should be keeping.
 (c) One's word has to be kept.
 (d) One's word should be kept by us.
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.
 The old man said, "Thanks I shall never forget this kindness, Ankit."
 (a) The old man applauded Ankit for his kindness and he shall never forget Ankit.
 (b) The old man thanked Ankit and assured him that he would never forget his kindness.
 (c) Ankit was being thanked by the old man for his kindness towards an old man.
 (d) The old man said thank you to Ankit for his kindness.

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.

National integration means (46)... all the people of the nation into a single whole. It is ..(47)... that bend together all people in one ...(48)... bond no matter what their religion, caste, language or history may be. It is a ...(49)... cementing force where by all kinds of people live ... (50) ...

peacefully and can identify themselves as a part and parcel of a nation.

46. (a) segregating (b) combining
(c) residing (d) complying
47. (a) sentiment (b) resources
(c) essentials (d) finances
48. (a) real (b) common
(c) nominal (d) similar
49. (a) weakening (b) natural
(c) strong (d) settled
50. (a) separately (b) jointly
(c) happily (d) together

Answers with Explanations

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1. (c)
2. (b) 'Much' is to be replaced by 'many' since the evidence is countable and it should be used with 'many'.
3. (d) No error.
4. (c) The subjectivie complement is plural in number. The introductory subject 'there' agrees to the subjective complement. So, use of 'have been' is suitable here.
5. (b) There is nothing to exclude here. So, use of 'Painter' is suitable here.
6. (a) Indefinite pronoun 'anybody' is used in the case of negative and interrogative sentences.
7. (d) Indefinite Pronoun 'one' takes 'one's' as its possessive case.
8. (a) 'Blaze' and 'Glow' both mean to shine.
9. (a) 'Agony' and 'Torture' both mean-to undergo suffering.
10. (a) 'Dismantle' means-to destroy. So, the antonym will be 'build'.
11. (b) 'Hold' means to Clutch. So, the antonym will be 'to release'.
12. (d) Idiom 'catch on' means 'to become popular'.
13. (b) Idiom 'make up one's mind' means to decide something.
14. (b) Idiom 'Bank on something' means 'to rely on something'.

15. (a) Idiom 'to lend one's ear' means 'to listen to someone attentively'.

16. (a) The correct spellings are : communalism; pessimism; optimism.

17. (a) The correct spellings are : establishment; announcement; commitment.

18. (a) The correct spellings are : leadership; scholarship; partnership.

19. (d)

20. (d) Numismatist

21. (a) 22. (b) 23. (d)

24. (c) 25. (d)

26. (a) In the given sentence, part (a) has an error. To correct the sentence use 'vexed with' in place of 'vexed at'.

27. (b) In the given sentence, part (b) has an error. To correct the sentence use 'persisted' in place of 'persist'.

28. (d) Miserly (Adjective): close fisted; tight-fisted.

Sentence → Peter never spent money – this shows that he was miserly.

29. (c) Timid (Adjective): showing a lack of confidence/courage.

30. (d) Reiterate/Repeat (Verb): say again; retell.

Sentence → She reiterated her grievances.

31. (b) Nincompoop/Fool (Noun): idiot; a dull-headed person.

Sentence → He is a complete nincompoop (foolish person).

32. (c) Opposite of Pellucid is:

Murky (Adjective): dark; gloomy.

Sentence → The sky was murky.

33. (b) Opposite of Adamant is:

Flexible (Adjective): pliable; supple
flexible subber seals.

34. (c) To quarrel over trifles

Sentence → It is no use wrangling over an ass's shadow.

35. (d) To frighten someone

Make one's flesh creep – make one's skin crawl.

Sentence → Cockroaches make my flesh creep.

36. (b) For improvement of sentence use 'would have appreciated' in place of 'would have been appreciated'.

37. (c) For improvement of sentence use 'surprised at' in place of 'surprised by'.

38. (b) Best substitute of the sentence is Oncology (Noun): The study and treatment of tumors.

39. (d) Best substitute of the sentence is Zenith (Noun): Something is the time when it is most successful or powerful.

Sentence → His career is now at its Zenith.

40. (b) Correctly spelt word → Leakage

41. (a) Correctly spelt word → Anaesthetic

42. (b) Logical order of the sentences to form a coherent paragraph → QRPS

43. (d) Logical order of the sentences
to form a coherent paragraph → RPSQ

44. (a) Passive/Active Voice

A word should be kept.

45. (b) The old man thanked Ankit
and assured him that he would never
forget his kindness.

It is direct speech of an assertive
sentence.

46. (b) Best option for blank →
Combining.

47. (a) Best option for blank →
Sentiment (Noun).

48. (b) Best option for blank →
Common (Adjective).

49. (c) Best option for blank →
Strong (Adjective).

50. (d) Best option for blank →
Together.

Sentence → In India, people of all
castes, colours and creeds live together
in harmony.