

# CUET English Solved Paper-2023

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**DIRECTIONS (Qs. 1-4):** Read the following passage and answer the question by choosing the correct option.

One morning the whole world looked up in surprise, when Japan broke through her walls of old habits in a night and came out triumphant. It was done in such an incredibly short time, that it seemed like a change of dress and not like the slow building up of a new structure. She showed the confidence, the strength of maturity and the freshness and infinite potentiality of new life all at the same moment. The fear entertained was, that it was a mere freak of history, a child's game of time, the blowing up of a soap bubble, perfect in its colouring, hollow in its heart and without substance. But Japan has proved conclusively that this sudden revelation of her power is not a short-live wonder, a chance product of time and tide, thrown up from the depth of obscurity to be swept away the next moment in to the sea of oblivion.

The truth is that Japan is old and new at the same time. She has her legacy of ancient culture from the east, the culture that enjoins man to look for his true wealth and power in his inner soul; the culture that gives self possession in the face of loss and danger, self-sacrifice without counting the cost or hoping for gain, defiance of death, acceptance of countless social obligations that we owe to man as a social being-- the culture that has given us the vision of the infinite in all finite things, through which we have come to realize that the universe is living with a life and permeated with a soul, that it is not a huge machine which had been turned out by a demon of accident or fashioned by a teleological God who lives in a far away heaven. In a word, modern Japan has come out of the immemorial East like a lotus blossoming in an easy grace, all the while keeping its firm hold upon the profound depth from which it has sprung.

- How did Japan take the world by surprise? Choose the correct answer from the option given below:
    - by reflecting its power, confidence, maturity & potential in a very short time.
    - by gradually rising from obscurity and oblivion.
    - by showcasing its ancient heritage step by step.
    - by being victorious over all other countries and cultures.
  - Arrange the following in the correct sequence:
    - The fear was that the change is hollow and without substance.
    - Japan broke her old habits in a short time.
    - Japan has its ancient culture and new culture also.
    - The country showed maturity and strength of new life.
    - Japan has shown her power to the world.
- Choose the correct answer from the options given below:

- B, D, A, E, C
  - B, D, E, C, A
  - A, B, E, D, C
  - B, C, E, A, D
- What does the ancient culture of Japan teach mankind? Choose the correct option.
    - Man is omnipotent.
    - To believe in the power of infinity.
    - True power of human beings lies in the inner soul.
    - To believe in the divine power.
  - The extract essentially talks about Japan's \_\_\_\_\_. Choose the correct option from the following:
    - overnight emergence into the modern world.
    - embracing modernity with its firm grip upon ancient culture.
    - focus on spiritual philosophy.
    - financial growth and development.
  - Match the expressions from the passage in List I with their meanings in List II:

List I EXPRESSION	List II MEANING
A. a shop bubble	I. filled with and capable of life
B. walls of old habits	II. something that is completely forgotten
C. sea of oblivion	II. something that is transient
D. permeated with a soul	IV. something that is followed rigidly

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:

- A-I, B-III, C-IV, D-II
- A-III, B-I, C-IV, D-II
- A-IV, B-II, C-I, D-III
- A-III, B-IV, C-II, D-I

**DIRECTIONS (Qs. 6-10):** Read the following passage and answer the question by choosing the correct option.

I went to the Garden of Love,  
And saw what I never had seen:  
A chapel was built in the midst,  
Where I used to play on the green.  
And the gates of this Chapel were shut,  
And "Thou shalt not" writ over the door;  
So I turn'd to the Garden of Love,  
That so many sweet flowers bore,  
And I saw it was filled graves,  
And tomb-stones where flowers should be:  
And Priests in black gowns were walking their rounds,  
And binding with briars my joys and desires.



6. Where was the chapel built? Choose the correct option.

(a) In a green meadow  
(b) Beside a church  
(c) In the garden of love  
(d) In a bower

7. What was written on the door? Choose the correct option.

(a) Thou have not (b) You can not  
(c) Thou shalt not (d) You shall not

8. The word 'Sweet' is used in the last line of the second stanza as an/a \_\_\_\_\_. Fill in the blank with the suitable option.

(a) adverb (b) adjective  
(c) noun (d) verb

9. What does the word 'green' signify in the last line of the first stanza? Choose the correct option out of the following.

(a) lap of nature  
(b) prime of life  
(c) within the restricted area  
(d) grasslands

10. The Garden of Love was filled with \_\_\_\_\_. Choose the correct option to fill in the blank suitably.

(a) birds (b) graves  
(c) happiness (d) flowers

**DIRECTION :** Read the following passage carefully and answer the question by choosing the correct option.

An offshoot of the environmental movement of the 1970s, ecotourism has come into its own over the past two decades. Thanks to an increasing awareness of environmental issues such as climate change, combined with a high demand among European and North American travelers for unspoiled locations, authentic, cultural experiences, and recreational challenges ecotourism is growing at a rate of 20 percent annually, making it the fastest-growing sector in the tourist industry. The International Ecotourism Society defines ecotourism as "responsible travel to natural areas that *conserve the environment* and the welfare of local people." The International Union for Conservation of Nature characterizes ecotourism as economically sustainable, ecologically sensitive, and culturally acceptable. Closely related is the concept of sustainable tourism identified in Our Common Future, the Brundtland Commission's report to the 1987 World Commission on Environment and Development: development that "meets the needs of the present without *compromising* the ability of future generations to meet their own needs." Ecotourism's principles clearly *distinguish* it from *conventional* mass tourism. Instead of classic tourist meccas, ecotourism seeks out remote locations with strict environmental protections, and operates on a small scale. Tourists, business and local residents are encouraged to *minimize their impact* on environment by recycling materials, conserving energy and water, safely treating human waste and properly *disposing of* garbage, using alternative energy and building in a manner that fits in with natural surroundings. The financial *benefits* from ecotourism are passed on to the community through conservation projects, employment, partnerships, and local participation in the development and management of local *resources*. Synonymous

with "green" tourism ecotourism promotes cultural sensitivity and respect for traditions and customs in order to avoid the kind of **exploitation** that has turned tribal ceremonies into shows and relics into souvenirs. Last but not the least, ecotourism plays a political role in its support of human rights and democracy.

11. Why has ecotourism increased over the past two decades?

(a) As travellers now have a lot of leisure time.  
(b) As travellers have become aware of environment issues.  
(c) Due to restricted movement opportunities during the pandemic.  
(d) As it hardly needs any planning.

12. The International Ecotourism Society defined Ecotourism as \_\_\_\_\_. Choose the correct answer from the options given below:

(a) travel to unexplored places  
(b) travel to grow economy of a place  
(c) responsible travel to natural areas  
(d) travel to view local people

13. Which kind of development did the Brundtland Commission's report suggest? Choose the correct answer from the options given below:

(a) development that focuses on present needs.  
(b) development that compromises on future needs.  
(c) development that only focuses on future generations.  
(d) development that strikes a balance between the needs of the present and the future generation.

14. "Green" tourism promotes \_\_\_\_\_. Choose the correct answer from the options given below:

(a) afforestation to increase the green cover.  
(b) cultural sensitivity to avoid tribal exploitation  
(c) visiting forest areas  
(d) large scale tourism

15. Which of the following statements is/are true?

(A) Ecotourism is environmentally sustainable.  
(B) It is not different from conventional mass tourism.  
(C) Ecotourism minimizes the impact of tourists and businesses on environment.  
(D) Ecotourism has respect for traditions and customs.  
(E) Ecotourism is not financially profitable.

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:

(a) (D) only  
(b) (A) and (B) only  
(c) (A), (C) and (D) only  
(d) (C) and (E) only

16. Fill in the blank with the suitable Modal.

If I were a bird I \_\_\_\_\_ fly in the sky.

(a) should (b) must  
(c) could (d) would

17. Choose the suitable option to complete the sentence.

Many students \_\_\_\_\_ hard to get first division.

(a) worked (b) working  
(c) works (d) had work



18. Replace the underlined words with an idiom.  
There are bad characters in every community.  
(a) bad goat (b) black Goat  
(c) bad sheep (d) black sheep
19. Out of the options given below choose the suitable transformation into Indirect Speech.  
She said, "Are they just going to repeat what they said today?"  
(a) She asked them to repeat what they said that day.  
(b) She asked them if they were just going to repeat what they had said that day.  
(c) She asked them to repeat what they said earlier.  
(d) She never asked them to repeat their statements.
20. Which of the following need not be mentioned in the informal letter \_\_\_\_\_  
(a) Date (b) Subject  
(c) Salutation (d) Complimentary Close
21. Fill in the blank with the suitable determiner from the options given below:  
You have to find \_\_\_\_\_ evidence to prosecute him.  
(a) least (b) most  
(c) more (d) little
22. Rearrange the phrases given below into a meaningful sentence.  
(A) in the chief or living  
(B) The guests had arrived  
(C) room of the dwelling  
(D) and they were all now assembled  
(E) before the rain began to fall,  
Choose the correct answer from the option given below:  
(a) (A),(C),(B),(D),(E)  
(b) (E),(A),(C),(B),(D)  
(c) (C),(D),(A),(B),(E)  
(d) (B),(E),(D),(A),(C)
23. Match the words in List I with their meanings in List II

List I		List II	
A.	Per Se	I.	Personalised order of dishes to order
B.	Adhoc	II.	Existing state or situation
C.	Status Quo	III.	By or of itself only
D.	Ala-Carte	IV.	For specific period purpose

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:

- (a) A-I, B-II, C-III, D-IV (b) A-II, B-III, C-I, D-IV  
(c) A-III, B-IV, C-II, D-I (d) A-IV, B-I, C-II, D-III
24. Venkey asked, "How old are you?"  
Venkey asked me \_\_\_\_\_.  
Fill in the blank by choosing the suitable option.  
(a) how old was I.  
(b) how old I was

- (c) how old were I  
(d) how old I were
25. Pick out the synonym of the underlined word.  
The Air Force gave tactical support to the Army.  
(A) complete (B) distant  
(C) strategic (D) fatal  
Choose the correct answer from the options given below:  
(a) C (b) A  
(c) B (d) D
26. Fill in the blank with the suitable Preposition.  
Thousands of birds poured \_\_\_\_\_ the Ghana Birds Sanctuary from Afghanistan.  
(a) upto (b) due to  
(c) unto (d) into
27. Choose the correct option to change the following sentences into an Exclamatory Sentence. You write great poetry.  
(a) What poetry you write?  
(b) How do you write poetry!  
(c) What great poetry you write!  
(d) How to write great poetry!
28. Fill in the blank with the correct alternative from the options given below:  
She is on the look \_\_\_\_\_ for a new job.  
(a) about (b) into  
(c) over (d) out
29. Out of the options given below, choose the sentences showing the correct use of Preposition—  
(A) He could not trace about the car.  
(B) After lunch at a roadside eatery, they went to watch a movie.  
(C) The noise above the downstairs prevented him to come  
(D) The missing truck was traced to its owner in Shillong last month.  
Choose the correct answer from the options given below:  
(a) (A) and (D) only  
(b) (A) and (C) only  
(c) (B) and (C) only  
(d) (B) and (D) only
30. Match the words in List I with their antonyms in List II:

List I		List II	
A.	vigilant	I.	modesty
B.	impudence	II.	ancestors
C.	offspring	III.	unwatchful
D.	bright	IV.	dull

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:

- (a) A-II, B-I, C-III, D-IV (b) A-III, B-I, C-II, D-IV  
(c) A-I, B-II, C-III, D-IV (d) A-II, B-III, C-I, D-IV



31. Arrange the following jumbled sentence's into a grammatically correct order to form a paragraph by choosing the correct option.
- (A) and low-and medium-income countries. "it said.  
 (B) "Availability of medical counter measures are linked to national security and certainly  
 (C) 150 countries globally during the pandemic, the health ministry said  
 (D) India can play a proactive role in ensuring health security for the Global South.  
 (E) As the pharmacy of the world, India has exported drugs and vaccines to over
- (a) A, B, C, D, E (b) D, C, E, B, A  
 (c) A, B, E, C, D (d) E, C, B, D, A
32. Fill in the blank with the suitable article from the option given below:
- \_\_\_\_\_ poor are always with us.
- (a) the (b) an  
 (c) a (d) No article
33. Fill in the blank with the appropriate option out of the choices given below?
- I \_\_\_\_\_ to God, for the prosperity of all human beings.
- (a) pray (b) prey  
 (c) preyd (d) prayd
34. The institute has invited an \_\_\_\_\_ speaker for a lecture. Choose the correct option from the following.
- (a) eminent (b) imminent  
 (c) emminent (d) iminent
35. Choose the correct Exclamatory Sentence for the given Assertive Sentence from the option given below:
- The moonlight very sweetly sleeps upon this bank.
- (a) How sweet the moonlight sleeps upon this bank!  
 (b) How sweetly does the moonlight sleep upon this bank!  
 (c) The moonlight is sweet on this bank!  
 (d) How sweet is moonlight on this bank!
36. Identify the adverb of Intensity/Degree. Choose the correct option from the following:
- (a) He never writes anything but bills.  
 (b) Wait here till I am back.  
 (c) All of us were very tired.  
 (d) I am no more interested in this institution.
37. Identify the sentences containing Adjective Clause (s).
- (A) Shweta's rapid movements had stunned the crowd.  
 (B) Sunil was the student who won the gold medal.  
 (C) The scenic ghats of Benaras are enticing for all visitors.  
 (D) The stick with the metal handle belongs to Rishika.  
 (E) Namit's father was excessively angry with Subodh.
- Choose the correct answer from the options given below:
- (a) (C) and (D) only (b) (A) and (C) only  
 (c) (B) and (C) only (d) (B) and (D) only
38. Choose the antonym for the word "BENEVOLENCE" from the options given below:

- (a) kind (b) courteous  
 (c) malevolence (d) generous
39. Choose the correct option to fill in the blank with the correct adverb.
- (a) quick (b) quickly  
 (c) more quickly (d) quicker
40. Match the phrases in List I with their meanings in List II:

List I		List II	
A.	break out	I.	summon
B.	pull down	II.	demolish
C.	call-up	III.	spread
D.	carry out	IV.	implement

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:

- (a) A-IV, B-II, C-I, D-III  
 (b) A-I, B-IV, C-II, D-III  
 (c) A-II, B-IV, C-I, D-III  
 (d) A-III, B-II, C-I, D-IV
41. Change the Active Voice sentence to the Passive Voice sentence.
- Who asked you to draw this?
- (A) By whom were you asked to draw this?  
 (B) By who are you asked to draft this?  
 (C) By who have you been asked to draw this?  
 (D) By who were you asked do draw this?
- Choose the correct answer from the options given below:
- (a) (A) only (b) (B) only  
 (c) (C) only (d) (D) only
42. Choose the correct meaning of 'GRATIS' from the options given below:
- (a) free (b) limited  
 (c) grateful (d) impatient
43. Choose the option (s) that have the question tag.
- (A) She will win the dance.  
 (B) Radha loves to study, doesn't she?  
 (C) Who doesn't know how to play cricket in India?  
 (D) Maya cannot cook, can she?  
 (E) I don't know how to play cricket.
- (a) (B), (C) and (D) only  
 (b) (B), (C) only  
 (c) (B), (D) only  
 (d) (B), (C), (D), (E) only
44. Choose the correct meaning of the word 'intent' from the options given below:
- (a) strength (b) sharp  
 (c) purpose (d) extremity
45. Identify the error in the following sentence and choose the suitable replacement for it from the options given below:
- The flock of sheeps blocked the road.
- (a) flocks (b) sheep  
 (c) with (d) a road



46. Match the blanks in List I with the appropriate Modals in List II:

List I	List II
A. I _____ go to Delhi next week.	I. would
B. You _____ take a walk around the park when you are free.	II. might
C. Ravi _____ avoid drinking coffee after 8 pm.	III. must
D. Rohan _____ never like the outcome of the project.	IV. could

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:

- (a) A-II, B-IV, C-III, D-I  
 (b) A-I, B-II, C-III, D-IV  
 (c) A-III, B-IV, C-I, D-II  
 (d) A-IV, B-II, C-I, D-III
47. Rearrange the following in the correct sequences to form a meaningful sentence.
- (A) just a few weeks  
 (B) research proves that reducing social media use reaps benefits as  
 (C) cut their social media usage for  
 (D) teens and adults who  
 (E) saw significant improvement in their body image

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:

- (a) B, D, E, C, A (b) D, C, A, E, B  
 (c) B, D, C, A, E (d) A, C, D, B, E

48. By writing a letter to the editor, the letter writer hopes to \_\_\_\_\_.

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:

- (a) impress upon the editor, how serious the problem is  
 (b) find a resolution to an issue by drawing the attention of the concerned authorities.  
 (c) get recognition as a writer on issues of common interest.  
 (d) seek help and advice from the editor for the solution of his problem.
49. The expression 'Out of the woods' means-
- (A) to be out of fashion  
 (B) to be on a holiday in the woods  
 (C) to be out of danger  
 (D) to be out of control  
 (E) to be unwell

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:

- (a) (E) only (b) (C) only  
 (c) (D) only (d) (B) only
50. Choose the correct option to change the given sentence from the Active to the Passive Voice.
- My grandfather built this home in 1930.
- (a) This home is built by my grandfather in 1930.  
 (b) My grandfather in 1930 built this home.  
 (c) This home is being built by my grandfather.  
 (d) This home was built in 1930 by my grandfather.

## Hints & Explanations

1. (a) By reflecting its power, confidence, maturity & potential in a very short time.

The passage describes how Japan surprised the world by undergoing a rapid transformation and showcasing its newfound power, confidence, maturity, and potential in a remarkably short period of time. The change was so swift that it seemed as if Japan had effortlessly shed its old habits and emerged triumphant, akin to changing clothes. This option captures the essence of the passage, highlighting Japan's sudden and impressive evolution.

2. (a) B, D, A, E, C is the correct sequence.

3. (c)

4. (b) **Embracing modernity with its firm grip upon ancient culture:** This option accurately captures the central theme of the passage. The passage discusses how Japan broke through old habits and emerged triumphantly in a short time. However, it emphasizes that Japan's transformation is rooted in its ancient culture and values, and how it continues to maintain a connection to its cultural heritage while embracing modernity.

5. (d) A-III, B-IV, C-II, D-I

Explanation of the match between expressions in List I and their meanings in List II:

- A. a soap bubble - something that is transient (B)  
 In the passage, a soap bubble is used metaphorically to describe the fear that Japan's sudden transformation could be short-lived and without substance, much like a fleeting soap bubble.
- B. walls of old habits - something that is followed rigidly (D)  
 The "walls of old habits" refer to entrenched traditional practices that were overcome. This metaphor relates to the idea of breaking through and abandoning old habits, suggesting a departure from rigid adherence to those practices.
- C. sea of oblivion - something that is completely forgotten (II)  
 The "sea of oblivion" symbolizes complete forgetfulness, suggesting that the fear was that Japan's transformation might be forgotten and have no lasting impact.
- D. permeated with a soul - filled with and capable of life (I)  
 The phrase "permeated with a soul" signifies that



everything in the universe is imbued with life and vitality. This aligns with the idea of being filled with and capable of life, as indicated in the second list item.

In summary, option (d) (A-III, B-IV, C-II, D-I) accurately matches the expressions from the passage in List I with their intended meanings in List II.

6. (c) The first stanza clearly mentions that the chapel was built in the midst of the Garden of Love.
7. (c) **Thou shalt not:**  
The correct answer. The poem states that "Thou shalt not" was written over the door of the chapel. This is a traditional and archaic way of expressing a commandment or prohibition, often associated with religious or moral instructions.
8. (b) **Adjective:** An adjective is a word that modifies or describes a noun, providing additional information about its characteristics or qualities. In the given line, "sweet" is used to describe the type or quality of the flowers. It provides more detail about the nature of the flowers present in the Garden of Love. Therefore, "sweet" functions as an adjective here.
9. (a) **Lap of nature:** This option suggests that the word "green" signifies being in the lap of nature. The term "green" is often associated with nature and vegetation. Thus, option (a) is the right answer.
10. (b) **Graves:** The correct answer. The poem specifically mentions that the Garden of Love was filled with graves. This contributes to the overall contrast between the speaker's expectations of a joyful garden and the reality of death and restrictions.
11. (b) The passage indicates that ecotourism has come into its own and grown rapidly over the past two decades due to an increasing awareness of environmental issues, including concerns like climate change. Travellers' growing awareness and interest in responsible and sustainable travel have contributed to the rise of ecotourism.
12. (c) The passage states that The International Ecotourism Society defines ecotourism as "responsible travel to natural areas that conserve the environment and the welfare of local people." This definition emphasizes the responsible and sustainable nature of ecotourism, where travellers visit natural areas with the intention of conserving the environment and benefiting the well-being of local communities. Ecotourism aims to minimize negative impacts on the environment while supporting local economies and cultures.
13. (d) The Brundtland Commission's report, also known as "Our Common Future," suggested a concept of sustainable development that aims to meet the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs. This concept emphasizes finding a balance between

addressing current needs and concerns while ensuring that resources and opportunities are preserved for future generations. It advocates for responsible and equitable development that considers environmental, social, and economic factors to create a sustainable and harmonious future.

14. (b) "Green" tourism, as mentioned in the passage, refers to ecotourism, which promotes responsible and sustainable travel practices that conserve the environment, support local communities, and respect cultural traditions. One of the key aspects of ecotourism is cultural sensitivity, which involves understanding and respecting the customs, traditions, and ways of life of local communities. This cultural sensitivity helps to avoid the kind of exploitation that has turned tribal ceremonies into side shows and relics into souvenirs, as mentioned in the passage.
15. (c) **A. Ecotourism is environmentally sustainable:**  
This statement is true. The passage mentions that the International Union for Conservation of Nature characterizes ecotourism as economically sustainable, ecologically sensitive, and culturally acceptable. Ecotourism aims to conserve the environment and the welfare of local people, and its principles focus on responsible and sustainable travel practices that minimize negative impacts on the environment.
- C. Ecotourism minimizes the impact of tourists and businesses on the environment:** This statement is true. The passage states that tourists, businesses, and local residents are encouraged to minimize their impact on the environment by practicing recycling, conserving energy and water, safely treating waste, and properly disposing of garbage. These measures are aimed at reducing the ecological footprint of tourism activities.
- D. Ecotourism has respect for traditions and customs:**  
This statement is true. The passage highlights that ecotourism promotes cultural sensitivity and respect for traditions and customs to avoid exploitation and negative impacts on local communities. It seeks to ensure that cultural heritage and practices are preserved and respected.
- B. It is not different from conventional mass tourism:** This statement is false. The passage clearly distinguishes ecotourism from conventional mass tourism. Ecotourism seeks out remote and unspoiled locations with strict environmental protections, operates on a small scale, and emphasizes responsible and sustainable travel practices. It is contrasted with the classic tourist meccas and large-scale tourism associated with conventional mass tourism.
- E. Ecotourism is not financially profitable:** This statement is not supported by the passage. The passage does not mention that ecotourism is not financially profitable. In fact, it discusses the financial benefits of



ecotourism being passed on to the community through conservation projects, employment, partnerships, and local involvement in resource management.

In summary, options A, C, and D are true statements based on the information provided in the passage.

16. (d) In this context, the modal "would" is used to express a hypothetical or unreal situation. It indicates a possibility or desire that is not based on reality but is imagined. The sentence conveys the idea that if the speaker were a bird (which is a hypothetical situation), they would choose to fly in the sky.

The other modals have different implications: "should" is used to express obligation or recommendation, which doesn't fit the context of a hypothetical scenario.

"must" is used to indicate necessity or strong obligation, which is not appropriate for the context of a hypothetical situation.

"could" is used to indicate possibility or ability, but it doesn't convey the same sense of imagined choice or desire as "would" does in this context.

17. (a) "worked": This option is the past tense form of the verb "work." It is the correct choice in this context because it indicates that many students put in effort in the past to achieve the goal of getting a first division. "working": This option is the present participle form of the verb "work." While it could be used to describe an ongoing action, it doesn't fit well in this context. The sentence is discussing a completed action in the past, not an ongoing or continuous action.

"works": This option is the present tense form of the verb "work." It doesn't fit the context of the sentence, which requires a past tense verb to indicate the students' efforts in the past.

"had work": This option is not grammatically correct in this sentence. The correct form would be "had worked" if used in a past perfect context, but it doesn't fit the sentence structure here.

The most suitable option to complete the sentence is: "worked"

18. (d) **"Black sheep":** This is the correct option. The idiom "black sheep" is used to describe a person who is seen as different or behaves in a way that is considered shameful or unacceptable within a particular group or community. It conveys the idea that there are individuals who deviate from the norm or are perceived negatively in every community.

The correct idiom to replace the underlined words is: "black sheep"

19. (b) In indirect speech, the tense changes and certain other adjustments are made to accurately convey the original statement in reported speech. Let's break down the options:

a. "She asked them to repeat what they said that day." - This transformation changes the question into a statement. It does not accurately represent the original question structure.

b. "She asked them if they were just going to repeat what they had said that day." - This option correctly transforms the original question into indirect speech by changing the tense of the reporting verb and the reported speech. "Are" becomes "were," and "said today" becomes "had said that day."

c. "She asked them to repeat what they said earlier." - This transformation changes the time reference from "today" to "earlier." While it conveys a similar idea, it does not maintain the original time frame.

d. "She never asked them to repeat their statements." - This option changes the meaning of the sentence by negating the statement. It does not accurately report the original question.

Therefore, the correct transformation into indirect speech is option b.

20. (b) **Subject:** In formal letters, a subject line may be used to provide a quick overview of the letter's content. In informal letters, a subject line is not commonly used. Instead, the content of the letter often flows directly from the salutation.

21. (c) The word 'more' fits appropriately in the given context. In order to prosecute the persons additional evidence is required.

22. (d) The correct rearranged sentence is: The guests had arrived before the rain began to fall, and they were all, now assembled in the chief or living room of the dwelling. Thus, option (d) is the right answer.

23. (c) The correct answer is option (c) : A-III, B-IV, C-II, D-I. It correctly matches the words with their meanings.

24. (b) Explanations of the options:
- how old was I.

This option is grammatically incorrect. The correct word order should be "how old I was."

- how old I was.

This is the correct and grammatically accurate option. It transforms the direct question "How old are you?" into indirect speech correctly.

- how old were I.

This option is grammatically incorrect. The correct word order should be "how old I were."

- how old I were.

This option is also grammatically incorrect. The correct phrasing is "how old I was."

The correct answer is Option b: "how old I was."

25. (a) Explanation of the options :

- **complete:** This word means finished or whole. It doesn't match the meaning of "tactical support."



- **distant:** This word means far away or remote. It doesn't match the meaning of "tactical support."
- **strategic:** This is the correct synonym. "Strategic support" would align with the context of the Air Force providing assistance to the Army.
- **fatal:** This word means causing death or being deadly. It doesn't match the meaning of "tactical support."

So, the correct answer is: strategic. It is a synonym for "tactical" in this context.

26. (d) Explanation of the options:

- **Up to:** This preposition is used to indicate a limit or extent, often indicating reaching a certain point or degree. However, in the given sentence, "poured up to" doesn't convey the intended meaning of the birds entering the sanctuary.
- **Due to:** This preposition is used to express the cause or reason for something. However, "due to" doesn't fit the context of birds entering the sanctuary.
- **Unto:** This archaic preposition means "to" or "until." While it's a valid preposition, it is rarely used in modern English and doesn't fit well in the context of the sentence.
- **Into:** This preposition is the correct choice. "Poured into" is used to describe the movement of birds from one place (Afghanistan) to another place (Ghana Birds Sanctuary). It correctly conveys the idea that the birds entered the sanctuary.

So, the correct answer is: into

27. (c) The correct answer is option c: "What great poetry you write!" This option transforms the original sentence into an exclamatory sentence while conveying admiration and surprise.
28. (d) The correct answer is option d: She is on the lookout for a new job.
- **about** - This preposition is not commonly used with "look." It doesn't convey the correct meaning in this context.
  - **into** - This preposition is not the most suitable choice here. "On the look into" doesn't convey the intended meaning of actively searching for a new job.
  - **over** - This preposition is not commonly used with "look" in this context. "On the look over" doesn't convey the idea of actively searching for a new job.
  - **out** - This is the correct choice. "On the lookout" is an idiomatic expression that means being watchful or searching for something, in this case, a new job.
- The correct answer is option (d). She is on the lookout for a new job.

29. (d) A. Incorrect use of preposition. "Trace about" is not the correct usage. It should be "trace the car" or "trace information about the car."

- B. Correct use of preposition. "After lunch at a roadside eatery" and "went to watch a movie" are both correctly phrased.

- C. Incorrect use of preposition. "Prevented him to come" should be "prevented him from coming."

- D. Correct use of preposition. "Traced to its owner in Shillong" is the correct phrasing.

So, options a, b, and c are incorrect because they include at least one sentence with incorrect use of prepositions. Option (d) is correct because both sentences (B and D) have the correct use of prepositions.

30. (b) The correct pairs of antonyms are mentioned in option A-III, B-I, C-II, D-IV.

31. (d) The correct sequence is E-C-B-D-A for it given a grammatically and syntactically correct sentence.

32. (a) The poor are always with us. One of the cases in which we use the defined article 'the' is when we want to say something about all the things referred to by a noun. In the given sentence, the poor refers to all poor people.

33. (a) In the given sentence, the correct word to use is "pray," as it conveys the act of communicating to God for the well-being of all human beings.

- **pray** - This is the correct option. "Pray" is a verb that means to communicate with a deity or higher power, usually through words or thoughts, often in the form of a request, expression of gratitude, or reflection. In this context, the sentence is expressing the act of communicating to God for the prosperity of all human beings.

- **prey** - This option is incorrect. "Prey" is a noun that refers to an animal hunted and eaten by another for food. It can also be used as a verb meaning to hunt and capture for food. It does not fit the context of the sentence.

- **preyd** - This is an incorrect spelling. The correct spelling is "preyed," but it is not the right word for the sentence. "Preyed" is the past tense of the verb "prey," which means to hunt and capture for food.

- **prayd** - This is an incorrect spelling. The correct spelling is "prayed," which is the past tense of the verb "pray." However, the context of the sentence requires the present tense, so "pray" is the appropriate choice.

34. (a) In the given sentence, the appropriate word is "eminent," which describes a distinguished or respected speaker who has been invited for a lecture.

- **eminent** - This is the correct option. "Eminent" means distinguished, respected, or famous in a particular field. In this context, it refers to a speaker who is well-regarded and distinguished in their area of expertise.



- **imminent** - This option is incorrect. "Imminent" means about to happen or likely to occur soon. It doesn't fit the context of inviting a speaker for a lecture.
  - **emminent** - This is a misspelling. The correct spelling is "eminent."
  - **iminent** - This is a misspelling. The correct spelling is "imminent."
35. (b) 'How sweetly does the moonlight sleep upon the blank!' is the right answer for it contains the intended meaning and uses the correct sentence structure.
36. (c)
- **He never writes anything but bills-** In this sentence, the adverb "never" is an adverb of frequency, indicating the frequency of the action (writing).
  - **Wait here till I am back** - In this sentence, the adverb "here" specifies the location of the action (waiting), but it is not an adverb of intensity/degree.
  - **All of us were very tired-** In this sentence, the adverb "very" is an adverb of intensity/degree. It modifies the adjective "tired" and indicates the extent or degree of the tiredness.
  - **I am no more interested in this institution-** In this sentence, the phrase "no more" is an adverbial phrase of degree, indicating a change or increase in intensity or degree of interest. Adverbs of intensity or degree modify adjectives, adverbs, or verbs to express the level, extent, or intensity of an action, quality, or condition. Option (c) correctly demonstrates the use of such an adverb with "very tired."
37. (d) (B) and (D) only with the phrases 'who was the gold medal' and 'with the metal handle' respectively as the adjective clauses.
38. (c) **kind** - "Kind" refers to being friendly, considerate, and compassionate. It is a synonym of benevolence rather than an antonym.
- courteous** - "Courteous" refers to showing politeness, respect, and good manners. While it is related to positive behaviour, it is not the direct antonym of benevolence.
- malevolence** - This is the correct option. "Malevolence" means having or showing a desire to harm or cause suffering to others. It is the direct opposite of benevolence, which means showing kindness and goodwill.
- generous** - "Generous" means willing to give, share, or help others, often involving a positive and selfless attitude. While it might contrast with malevolence in some situations, it is not the exact opposite of benevolence.
39. (b) Explanation of the options:-
- **quickly** - This is the correct option. "Quickly" is the adverb form of the adjective "quick," and it describes the manner in which he cuts the hair.
  - **quick** - "Quick" is an adjective that describes the speed or pace of something. However, in this context, we need an adverb to describe how he cuts the hair.
  - **more quickly** - While grammatically correct, this option is not necessary in this sentence. "More quickly" is used to compare the speed of actions, but in this case, "quickly" is sufficient and more natural.
  - **quicker** - "Quicker" is the comparative form of the adjective "quick." Like option 1, it's an adjective and does not work as an adverb to describe the action of cutting hair.
40. (d) A-III, B-II, C-I, D-IV
41. (a) Explanation of the options:-
- A. **By whom were you asked to draw this?** - This option correctly changes the active voice sentence "Who asked you to draw this?" into passive voice. It follows the correct passive voice structure: Object + "to be" verb + past participle + "by" + Subject. The subject "you" becomes the object, and "by whom" is used to indicate the doer of the action in passive voice.
- B. **By who are you asked to draft this?** - While this option attempts to transform the sentence into passive voice, the word order is not correct. The correct passive voice structure uses "to be" verb + past participle, and the active voice subject becomes the passive voice object.
- C. **By who have you been asked to draw this?** - This option changes the tense to present perfect passive voice, which is not necessary to match the tense of the original sentence. The correct passive voice structure for the original sentence uses the past tense.
- D. **By who were you asked to draw this?** - This option is close, but the correct word order should be "By whom" instead of "By who" for formal and grammatical accuracy.
- In the context of changing the active voice sentence "Who asked you to draw this?" to passive voice, the correct transformation is option (a): "By whom were you asked to draw this?" This option maintains the tense, structure, and grammatical correctness of the original sentence.
42. (a)
- **free** - This is the correct meaning of "GRATIS." It refers to something that is given or done without payment, free of charge.
  - **limited** - "Limited" means restricted, confined, or not available in abundance. It is not the correct meaning of "GRATIS."



- **grateful** - "Grateful" refers to feeling or showing gratitude or appreciation. While it is a related word in terms of sentiment, it does not mean "GRATIS."

- **impatient** - "Impatient" means lacking patience or unable to wait. It is not related to the meaning of "GRATIS."

From the given options, the correct meaning of "GRATIS" is "free," which refers to something being provided without payment.

43. (c) B, D only.

44. (c) Explanation of the options -:

- **strength** - "Strength" refers to the physical or mental power to perform tasks, withstand force, or endure challenges. It is not the correct meaning of the word "intent."
- **sharp** - "Sharp" typically refers to having a fine edge or point, being keenly perceptive, or mentally alert. It does not capture the meaning of "intent."
- **purpose** - This is the correct meaning of "intent." It refers to a specific aim, goal, or objective that one intends to achieve. It signifies a clear and focused plan or reason for doing something.
- **extremity** - "Extremity" refers to the furthest point, degree, or part of something. It can also refer to a dire or critical situation. It does not convey the meaning of "intent."

In the context of the word "intent," the correct meaning is "purpose," indicating a deliberate and focused aim or objective.

45. (b) Explanation of the options -:

1. **flocks** - This is the plural form of "flock," which refers to a group of animals or birds. However, "flock" is already used correctly in the sentence to describe the group, so it does not need to be replaced.
2. **sheep** - This is the correct word. "Sheep" is the plural form of "sheep," and it is used to refer to multiple animals of this species. This is the correction needed to fix the error in the sentence.
3. **with** - "With" is a preposition that indicates association or possession. It is not the correct replacement for the error in this sentence.
4. **a road** - This option does not address the error in the sentence, which is the incorrect plural form of "sheep." Additionally, the original sentence does not require the indefinite article "a" before "road" since it is a specific road being referred to.

46. (a) A-II, B-IV, C-III, D-I

47. (c) B. research proves that reducing social media use reaps benefits as

This sets the context for the sentence, introducing the idea that there are benefits to reducing social media use.

D. teens and adults who

This specifies the group of people to whom the following information applies.

C. cut their social media usage for

This introduces the action that the teens and adults are taking.

A. just a few weeks

This specifies the time frame during which the action of cutting social media usage is taking place.

E. saw significant improvement in their body image

This completes the sentence by explaining the positive outcome for teens and adults who cut their social media usage.

In the correct sequence, the sentence reads: "Research proves that reducing social media use reaps benefits as teens and adults who cut their social media usage for just a few weeks saw significant improvement in their body image."

Therefore, the correct answer is option (c) (B, D, C, A, E).

48. (b) A letter to editor aims at drawing attention of the concerned authorities and finding a resolution to a Problem.

49. (b) The correct meaning of the expression "Out of the woods" is to be out of danger or to have overcome a difficult situation. It is often used to describe someone or something that has successfully navigated a challenging circumstance. Therefore, the correct answer is option (b) (C only).

50. (d) Explanation of the options -:

1. **This home is built by my grandfather in 1930** -

This option changes the sentence to the passive voice but places the time adverbial phrase ("in 1930") in an awkward position. The correct passive form should have the subject ("This home") followed by the auxiliary verb ("was") and the past participle ("built"), and then the agent ("by my grandfather").

2. **My grandfather in 1930 built this home** - This option is in the active voice and does not correctly convert the sentence to the passive voice.

3. **This home is being built by my grandfather** - This option changes the tense to the present continuous passive voice ("is being built"). While this is a valid passive construction, it changes the tense and does not maintain the original past tense ("built in 1930").

4. **This home was built in 1930 by my grandfather**

- This option correctly changes the sentence to the passive voice while maintaining the original past tense and correctly placing the agent ("by my grandfather") after the past participle ("was built").

In the context of the sentence "My grandfather built this home in 1930," the correct passive transformation is option (d).