



## Practice Test-9

Number of questions: 20

Time Allowed: 20 mins.

**Directions for questions 1 to 5:** Select the odd word from the given set of four alternatives.

- (a) Feasible (b) Workable  
(c) Practicable (d) Fantastic
- (a) Lazy (b) Idle  
(c) Go-getter (d) Sluggard
- (a) Mettlesome (b) Spineless  
(c) Spirited (d) Fiery
- (a) Shouting (b) Bleating  
(c) Roaring (d) Whining
- (a) Ploy (b) Tactic  
(c) Driver (d) Maneuver

**Directions for questions 6 to 10:** Choose the alternative that is closest in meaning to the underlined expression.

- The car seems to have disappeared which was following us.  
(a) seems to have disappeared which was following us.  
(b) seems to be disappearing and which was following us.  
(c) seems to have disappeared which is following us.  
(d) which was following us seems to have disappeared.
- The girl John is going to marry is whom extremely beautiful.  
(a) John is going to marry is whom extremely beautiful.  
(b) John will marry whom is extremely beautiful.  
(c) whom John is going to marry is extremely beautiful.  
(d) whom John wants to marry is extreme beautiful.
- Amundsen to reach was the first man the south pole.  
(a) to reach was the first man the south pole.  
(b) to reach the first man was the south pole.  
(c) to reach the south pole was the first man.  
(d) was the first man to reach the south pole.

9. The police to kidnap a prominent diplomat have been investigating a plot.

- to kidnap a prominent diplomat have been investigating a plot.
  - have been investigating to kidnap a plot of a prominent diplomat.
  - have to investigate a plot to kidnap a prominent diplomat.
  - have been investigating a plot to kidnap a prominent diplomat.
10. His wife tried to conceal that he was seriously ill the fact.
- tried to conceal that he was seriously ill the fact.
  - tried concealing the fact that he was ill seriously.
  - tried and concealed the fact that he was ill seriously.
  - tried to conceal the fact that he was seriously ill.

**Directions for questions 11 to 15:** Identify the part of the sentence that contains a grammatical or spelling error. Mark that part as your answer.

- What needs to be done is poverty  
(a) (b) (c) (d)  
should eradicate.
- They wanted to know that why they  
(a) (b) (c)  
were wrong.  
(d)
- Her health was too bad that she could not  
(a) (b) (c)  
recover soon.  
(d)
- Once I return back from Mumbai,  
(a) (b) (c)  
I will meet you.  
(d)
- The cake was cut to four equal parts.  
(a) (b) (c) (d)

**Directions for questions 16 to 20:** The following questions consist of two words each that have a certain relationship with each other followed by alternatives. Select the alternative that has the same relationship as depicted in the original pair of words.

16. TRAINING : HEREDITY

- (a) Unnatural : Usual
- (b) Ornithologist : Birds
- (c) Habits : Instinct
- (d) Astute : Ingenious

17. FRAGRANT : INCENSE

- (a) Frequent : Sound
- (b) Sneeze : Nostrils
- (c) Noxious : Garbage
- (d) Noisome : Pleasant

18. TRIANGLE : HEXAGON

- (a) Cone : Sphere
- (b) Rectangle : Octagon
- (c) Pentagon : Heptagon
- (d) Angle : Quadrilateral

19. ABRIDGE : LENGTHEN

- (a) Root : Trunk
- (b) Stop : End
- (c) Lend : Borrow
- (d) Prize : Reserve

20. Soup : Liquid

- (a) Water : Thirst
- (b) Book : Knowledge
- (c) Oxygen : Gas
- (d) Writer : Publisher



## Answer Key

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| 1. (d)  | 2. (c)  | 3. (b)  | 4. (a)  | 5. (c)  | 6. (d)  | 7. (c)  | 8. (d)  | 9. (d)  | 10. (d) |
| 11. (d) | 12. (b) | 13. (b) | 14. (b) | 15. (b) | 16. (a) | 17. (c) | 18. (b) | 19. (c) | 20. (c) |



## Explanations

1. d Fantastic bears no relation to the rest of the words that are synonyms.
2. c Go-getter is an antonym of the other three words.
3. b Spineless is an opposite of the other three words.
4. a Shouting is not the sound of an animal, the rest of the words are.
5. c A driver is a person, the rest of the words denote strategies or moves.
6. d The underlined part has an adjective clause 'which was following us' which describes the 'car' and the main clause 'seems to have disappeared'. The adjective clause should be placed immediately after the noun that it qualifies so that there is no scope for ambiguity.
7. c The word 'whom' modifies 'the girl', hence should be placed immediately after it. Also, the adverb 'extremely' should be used and not 'extreme'.
8. d All choices except (d) have an incorrect word order. The infinitive phrase 'to reach the south pole' has to be correctly placed next to the noun 'man' which it describes.
9. d The infinitive clause, 'to kidnap a prominent diplomat' has been misplaced in choices (a) and (b), hinting that the police might be doing the kidnapping. Choice (c) also suggests that the police have not started the investigation and is incorrect. Choice (d) is the answer as all these ambiguities are resolved in it.
10. d 'The fact' is 'that he was seriously ill' and hence the clause 'that he.....ill' has to be placed after 'the fact'. Choice (d) is the answer as it uses the right structure.
11. d 'poverty' cannot eradicate on its own, but has to be eradicated. Therefore, the correct phrase is 'poverty should be eradicated'.
12. b The word 'that' is not required. 'Wanted to know why' ..... is the right usage.
13. b 'too bad' is incorrect usage and should be replaced by 'so bad', where the word so indicates the extent to which her health was bad.
14. b 'Return back' is wrong because of repetition. It should be either 'come back' or plainly 'return'.
15. b Cakes are 'cut into pieces'.
16. a 'Training' is the opposite of 'Heredity'. Similarly, 'Unnatural' is the opposite of 'Usual'.
17. c Incense emits Fragrance just as Garbage emits a Noxious smell.
18. b The second word in the pair has double the sides of the first word. Triangle - 3 sides, Hexagon - 6 sides; Rectangle - 4 sides, Octagon - 8 sides.
19. c 'Abridge' (shorten) is the opposite of 'Lengthen' and 'Lend' is the opposite of 'Borrow'.
20. c Soup is a liquid. Similarly, oxygen is a gas.