



Word Formation

- This chapter is meant to test the ability of the students in word building. In this, a word is given and you are required to choose that word which can or can not be made from the letters of given word.
- Sometimes a group of letters is given in jumbled form and candidates are required to form as many as meaningful words as possible by arranging the set of given letters.
- In another type of questions, some letters arranged in a figure, are given with one or more missing letters. The candidate has to find the missing letter(s) which when insert in the blank space(s) will form one or more meaningful words.

Example 1 In the following question from the given alternatives, select the word which cannot be formed using the letters to the given word.

PORTFOLIO

- (a) RIFT (b) ROOF (c) FORT (d) PORTICO

Sol. (d) The word PORTICO can not be formed from the letters of the given word PORTFOLIO because C is absent in the given word.

Example 2 In the following question, choose the word which can be formed from

the letters of given word using each letter only once.

PREPRATION

- (a) PAMPER (b) REPEAT
(c) PARROT (d) PARTITION

Sol. (c) All the letters of the word PARROT are present in the given word. Hence, PARROT can be formed from the letters of the given word.

Example 3 In the given figure, insert a letter which completes both the incomplete words.

MON
N
WE [?] AESDAY
A
Y

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

Sol. (b) If we put letter 'D' in place of question mark '?', then the words formed are MONDAY and WEDNESDAY.

Example 4 How many english words can be formed with the letters 'OEHM' using each letter only once?

- (a) Four (b) Three (c) Two (d) One

Sol. (d) Only one meaningful word HOME can be formed by using the letters OEHM.

Practice Exercise

Directions (Q. Nos. 1-6) *In each of the following questions, find the word which can not be formed by using the letters of the given word using each letter only once.*

1. RECREATION

- (a) RATION (b) ACTION
(c) TORN (d) REFER

2. COMMENTATOR

- (a) TART (b) COMMON
(c) MOMENT (d) COSMOS

3. RESONABLE

- (a) BRAIN (b) BONES
(c) NOBLE (d) ARSON

4. TEMPERAMENT

- (a) METER (b) PETER
(c) TENTER (d) TESTER

5. PARAPHERNALIA

- (a) EAR (b) NALE (c) RAPER (d) HALL

6. CONTEMPORARY

- (a) PARROT (b) COMPANY
(c) CARPENTER (d) PRAYER

Directions (Q. Nos. 7-12) *In each of the following questions, choose one word which can be formed from the letters of the given word using each letter only once.*

7. IMPACTIENCE

- (a) IMPACT (b) CENTRE
(c) REMAIN (d) PENCIL

8. COMPENSATION

- (a) MENTION (b) MOTIVE
(c) COPY (d) TINY

9. PRAGMATIC

- (a) GAME (b) MAGIC
(c) AGMARK (d) GUITAR

10. ARISTOCRATIC

- (a) CREATION (b) STATIC
(c) SECRET (d) ARREST

11. ENVIRONMENT

- (a) EMINENT (b) ENTRANCE
(c) ENTERTAIN (d) MOVEMENT

12. IMMEDIATELY

- (a) DIAMETER (b) DICTATE
(c) LIMITED (d) DIALECT

Directions (Q. Nos. 13 and 14) *In each of the following question insert a letter which completes both the words given below.*

13.

	T				
	E				
	L				
C		E	A	R	

- (a) E (b) L
(c) A (d) T

14.

		M			
		O			
K	I		N	E	Y
		I			
		F			
		Y			

- (a) N (b) L (c) S (d) D

15. Insert the missing letters, so that the word formed is the name of a country, when read row wise.

A	?	S
?	R	A
L	?	A

- (a) TIU (b) MIA
(c) UTI (d) TUI

16. Insert the missing letters, so that the word formed is the name of a mountain range.

	H				
	?				
	M				
A	L	?	Y	?	

- (a) IAA (b) IAE
(c) IAS (d) AAA

- | | | |
|---|---|---|
| H | B | A |
| ? | | N |
| E | | ? |
| D | ? | L |

- 19.** What is the last letter of the word which is formed by rearranging the following letters?

(a) E (b) K (c) P (d) C

- # Answers

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Hints & Solutions

1. (d) The word REFER cannot be formed from the letters of the given word because the letter F is absent in given word.
2. (d) COSMOS cannot be formed because all letters except S are present in the main word.
3. (a) BRAIN can not be formed because I is absent in the given word.
4. (d) TESTER cannot be formed because all letters except S are present in main word.
5. (d) HALL cannot be formed because only one L is present in the given word.
6. (c) CARPENTER-cannot be formed because only one E is present in the given word.
7. (a) All the letters of the word IMPACT are present the main word. Hence, IMPACT can be formed.
8. (a) MENTION- All the letters are present in the given word.
9. (b) MAGIC-All the letters are present in the main word.
10. (b) STATIC-All the letters are present in the main word.
11. (a) EMINENT word can be formed from the given word.
12. (c) LIMITED word can be formed from the given word because all the letters of LIMITED are present in the given word.
13. (b) If we put the letter 'L' in the place of question mark '?' Words formed are TELL and CLEAR.
14. (d) The words formed are MODIFY and KIDNEY. Hence, the missing letter is D.
15. (c) The name of the country is AUSTRALIA. Hence, the missing letters are U,T and I.
16. (a) The word which can be formed is HIMALAYA . Hence, the missing letters are IAA.
17. (b) The name of the country is BANGLADESH. Hence, the missing letters are GAS.
18. (b) 'FORM' completes the first word as PLATFORM and begin the second as FORMATION.
19. (b) The name of the bird is PEACOCK and the last letter is K.
20. (b) Only one meaningful word 'RUDE' can be formed by using the letters of 'ERDU'.
21. (a) Only one meaningful English word can be formed with NWTI is TWIN.
22. (b) By taking the first, fourth, fifth, seventh, tenth, eleventh and the twelfth letters of the word 'FELICITATIONS', we get the letters F, I, C, T, I, O, N the meaningful word is FICTION. Hence, C is fifth from the right end of this word.