

Chapter

16

Spotting Errors (Miscellaneous)

Directions : Some of the sentences are grammatically correct and some are incorrect. Find out which part of the sentence has an error and mark that part. If there is no error, mark that part as your answer.

Exercise (A)

1. Another baffling change that I notice in him now-a-days
a b
is that he avoids to speak to me. No error
c d
2. I asked him how could he go out if it started raining. No error
a b c d
3. One of the state in which Satyagraha was offered was Rajkot,
a b
where he had spent his youth. No error
c d
4. Hardly the inspector had arrived there to investigate the crime
a b
when the house was set ablaze. No error
c d
5. Since his arrival at his native town he is trying to the best of his power
a b
to spread education among the poor masses. No error
c d
6. In various parts of the country ponds just dry down
a b
in the scorching heat of summer. No error
c d
7. He lay the watch on the table and then forgot all about it when he went out.
a b c
No error
d
8. Although he draws a reasonably good salary, he has a large family to support.
a b
and he finds it difficult to make both ends meet. No error
c d

9. While it is apparent that biotechnology offers significant benefits
 a b
adequate attention has not been focussed to this vital area. No error
 c d
10. Being a sunny day I decided to skip work and stay at home. No error
 a b c d
11. We had to cancel our trip to Delhi because when we reached the railway
 a b
station, the train left. No error
 c d
12. Many a student has failed in the Mathematics test
 a b
but Dilip has scored 100 per cent. No error
 c d
13. The General with over 1000 officers and soldiers have surrendered to the
 a b
Indian troops who are patrolling the valley. No error
 c d
14. If he wrote the examination faster and had answered one more question
 a b
he would have scored better. No error
 c d
15. For decades there have been a debate on whether schizophrenia is a psycho-
 a b c
logical condition. No error
 d
16. Mohan is the one who always finds fault with whatever Ram does. No error
 a b c d
17. There is a need to revising Government policies on controlling unauthorized
 a b c
constructions. No error
 d
18. We know where it begins but we don't know that where it ends. No error
 a b c d
19. The simplest method of welding two pieces of metal together
 a b
is known as pressure welding. No error
 c d
20. One of the important benefits of machine age is that our standard of life has
 a b c
improved. No error
 d
21. There is sense of urgency in locating alternative sources of water
 a b
to augment the dwindling supply. No error
 c d

22. Although there is virtually no production in India the 'Encyclopaedia Britannica' estimate that India has perhaps the largest accumulated stocks of silver in the world. No error
a b c d
23. Neither the severe earthquake or the subsequent famine could demoralize the people of the country. No error
a b c d
24. As soon as I shall reach New Delhi I shall send you the file you have asked for. No error
a b c d
25. All the furnitures have been replaced by the owner of the house before shifting. No error
a b c d

Exercise (B)

1. Beware of a fair weather friend who is neither a friend in need nor a friend indeed. No error
a b c d
2. Copernicus proved that Earth moves round the Sun. No error
a b c d
3. Seldom we have been treated in such a rude manner by the police personnel. No error
a b c d
4. Some men are born great some achieve greatness and some had greatness thrust on them. No error
a b c d
5. The property was divided among the two brothers. No error
a b c d
6. I am quite certain that the lady is not only greedy but miserly. No error
a b c d
7. There are a number of reasons I do not like him. but his selfishness is intolerable. No error
a b c d
8. I have read an interesting book yesterday and underlined the new words which are simple but effective. No error
a b c d

9. He cannot be trusted with important secret informations;
a b
otherwise I would have made him my assistant. No error
c d
10. Is there further reasons you can give me for your failure to do as you promised?
a b c
No error
d
11. During the final minutes of the speech the speaker requested to
a b
the audience to have patience. No error
c d
12. He is running temperature since last Friday and doctors suspect
a b
that he is down with typhoid. No error
c d
13. Travel agents around the world have come to rely on computers to book seats
a b
in air flights or rooms in hotels, either today or a year from now. No error
c d
14. She expressed her gratitudes to all those who had supported her. No error
a b c d
15. When the meeting was over, he was very tired
a b
so that he went home immediately. No error
c d
16. Modern man must pull himself off together and act his part in life
a b
as God's own most favourite creature. No error
c d
17. There would be fewer follies, and happiness and good feeling all round
a b
if we applied the scientific attitude for all our affairs. No error
c d
18. Heera told to the teacher that she couldn't come for the rehearsals
a b
the next day. No error
c d
19. I am told that Anjali has been suffering from fever since ten days. No error
a b c d
20. The armed forces have been working around the clock to bring a semblance of
a b
normality in the flood affected areas. No error
c d e

21. Just when Alfred Nobel's discoveries were beginning to bring him rewards,
 which were to make him one of the richest man of his day,
an anti-Nobel campaign was started in France. No error
22. This is the second communication we have sent and we are much surprised
at receiving no answer. No error
23. Several guests noticed Mr. Sharma falling back in his chair
and gasping for breath. No error
24. Long life is good if one be happy and has friends. No error
25. His assistants have and are still doing excellent work for the organization.
 No error

Exercise (C)

1. None of the diplomats at the conference was able either
to comprehend or solve the problem. No error
2. Rather than go with Amit, he decided to stay at home. No error
3. He always practices justice and cares for moral principles. No error
4. The whole block of flats including two shops were destroyed in fire. No error
5. He feels his troubles as much or even more than they. No error
6. Such rules do not apply to you and I. No error
7. It is a quarter to ten by my watch. No error
8. I like reading more than to play games. No error
9. The sum and substance of this poem is as follows. No error
10. The team was now in the field and about to take their place. No error

11. Perhaps you know that I have passed the examination in 1990. No error
a b c d
12. The teacher kept advising us to work hard. No error
a b c d
13. At a very young age he died with heart disease. No error
a b c d
14. The average age at which people begin to need eye-glasses are increasing. No error
a b c d e
15. He is trying to earn money for myself and him. No error
a b c d e
16. We Indians don't understand that driving vehicles require care and skill. No error
a b c d e
17. Indians are wedded in the democratic way of life in a peaceful manner. No error
a b c d e
18. The present president of the United States is thinking of becoming the most supreme leader of the world. No error
a b c d e
19. Although the truck was moving very fast the driver stopped it in a skilfully manner. No error
a b c d e
20. Although he achieved great success but he could not win fame. No error
a b c d e
21. I pretended as if interested in the conversation but really it was very boring. No error
a b c d
22. I don't usually like staying at hotels, but last summer we spent a few days at a very nice hotel by sea. No error
a b c d
23. I will try to be on time but do not worry when I am late. No error
a b c d
24. The teacher remarked that they all had done it very badly. No error
a b c d
25. The train is supposed to arrive at 10 a.m. yesterday but it was an hour late. No error
a b c d

Exercise (D)

1. Ritu will be surprised as she hears the news. No error
a b c d
2. I asked two persons the way to the station but none of them knew it. No error
a b c d
3. Despite of a good monsoon this year, the production of food grains in the country did not go up. No error
a b c d
4. The last of the Mughal emperors of India was first imprisoned and was later sent into exile by the British. No error
a b c d
5. Hardly as I stepped out of my house when I saw some policemen coming towards my house. No error
a b c d
6. Today, the cost of living is such higher that many people find it difficult to keep their hearth burning. No error
a b c d
7. Rina was trying for admission in the engineering college even though her parents wanted her to take up medicine. No error
a b c d
8. Yavanika is one of the latest additions to good drama which appeared in recent times. No error
a b c d
9. Children visiting the park are amused by the monkeys play in the cages. No error
a b c d
10. I am better acquainted with the country than you. No error
a b c d
11. Being occupied with important matters he had no leisure to see us. No error
a b c d
12. He was not promoted to the rank of a Colonel till for a few months of his resignation. No error
a b c d
13. The man who is perpetually hesitating which of the two things he will do first will ultimately do either. No error
a b c d

14. No other hill station is as beautiful as Darjeeling with its scenic beauties. No error
a b c d
15. Being a well-known physicist, he was invited to deliver
a b
a lecture on laser technology. No error
c d
16. The chief idea of every common type of traveller is to see as
a b
many objects of interest as he possibly could. No error
c d
17. He was hard down for money and was being harassed by his creditor.
a b c
No error
d
18. If we really set to we can get the whole house cleaned in an afternoon. No error
a b c d
19. The main reason for his fiscal success is that he is hardworking.
a b c d
20. Since the two parties each won the same number of seats,
a b
the minority party holds the balance of power. No error
c d
21. It's arrogant for you to assume you'll win every time. No error
a b c d
22. We've paid for our travel and accommodation, so we need only to take
a b
some pocket-money with us. No error
c d
23. There's no evidence to show that information technology secrets are more
a b
vulnerable in India than Britain or the U.S. No error
c d
24. It is shameful that hunting is still considered sport
a b
by some unscrupulous people in the civilized world. No error
c d
25. The vacancy was filled by Mr. Rao who the manager thought worthy of
a b c
promotion. No error
d

Exercise (E)

1. She was taller than either of her five sisters. No error
a b c d
2. 'Treasure Island' is one of the best pirate stories that was ever written.
a b c
No error
d
3. The population of Kolkata is greater than in any town in England. No error
a b c d
4. He has a scheme of his own which he thinks more preferable
a b
to that of any other person. No error
c d
5. Some people complain when they encounter a small misfortune in the
a b
course of their thorough happy life. No error
c d
6. I am sorry worrying you with my troubles, but when I have explained
a b
I am sure you will understand. No error
c d
7. I am very sorry that a previous engagement will prevent me
a b
from calling on you tonight. No error
c d
8. No student is as intelligent as my son. No error
a b c d
9. The most important feature of our products are that
a b
they are developed in house. No error
c d
10. When he was tired he took rest under the shade of a tree. No error
a b c d
11. The principal along with the students have gone to Simla. No error
a b c d
12. When you have gone through my book give the same to me. No error
a b c d
13. He said a number of lies and then went without saying me good bye. No error
a b c d
14. Not only we saw the Education Minister but also the Chief Minister. No error
a b c d
15. I came directly to my residence from the airport. No error
a b c d

16. I signed on the receipt in the morning but the pay has not been disbursed to me.
 a b c
No error
 d
17. This is the same story which I heard from him yesterday. No error
 a b c d
18. What to speak of food even water was not available. No error
 a b c d
19. It was difficult to get out because the street was full of people from one end to
 a b c
another. No error
 d
20. It has been our custom from time immemorial to be
 a b
hospitable to those who come to our doors. No error
 c d
21. She does not hardly know what happened yesterday. No error
 a b c d
22. In my opinion a pencil is always more preferable to a pen. No error
 a b c d
23. The salesman tried to mislead me with a talk of amazing savings on heating bills.
 a b c
No error
 d
24. He is well up these days despite having ill health No error
 a b c d
25. He regarded his marriage as a mean to an end;
 a b
he just wanted his wife's wealth. No error
 c d

Exercise (F)

1. Their offspring are all very inquisitive. No error
 a b c d
2. Their distress had no affect on him he was determined to have his pound of
 a b c
flesh. No error
 d
3. Today should be saluted for the beginning of a new era. No error
 a b c d
4. Such considerations are secondary with our main aim
 a b
of improving efficiency. No error
 c d

5. Ostensibly he was on a business trip but he spent most of time on the beach.
a b c
No error
d
6. I can't do the fourth and fifth questions but I have done all the others. No error
a b c d
7. After a year without defeat, the team now reigns over supreme
a b
as the finest in the country. No error
c d
8. The question of finance is subsidiary to the question whether
a b
the project will be approved. No error
c d
9. They've surcharged us 10 per cent on the price of the holiday
a b
because of a rise of air fares. No error
c d
10. She's all sweetness and lightness provided you're doing what she wants.
a b c
No error
d
11. Unemployment has reached a level that would have been not
a b
thinkable two years ago. No error
c d
12. The smell of cooking told them there was a meal in the offing. No error
a b c d
13. I told him outrightly what I thought of his behaviour. No error
a b c d
14. You may be a bit upset, but it's really nothing else than unreasonable anxiety
a b c
No error
d
15. She would resign sooner than take part in such dishonest business deals.
a b c
No error
d
16. Don't apply for that job: you're in danger of over-reaching yourself. No error
a b c d
17. Weather conditions were bad enough even to give a pause to
a b
the most experienced climbers. No error
c d

18. We had a lot of difficulty to find the house. No error
a b c d
19. Patience as well as perseverance are necessary for success. No error
a b c d
20. The passer-by told us where was the marriage hall and even led us to it.
a b c
No error
d
21. The increase in consumption is directly proportional to the increase in income. No error
a b c d
22. In Singapore my brother-in-law with his wife were present at the function.
a b c
No error
d
23. Scarcely had I arrived than the train left. No error
a b c d
24. The reason why he was rejected was because he was too young. No error
a b c d
25. Teachers of various schools met to discuss about how to improve the standard of English. No error
a b c d

Exercise (G)

1. His tradition-bound attitude was a constant source of dissatisfaction among the younger members of the family. No error
a b c d
2. The two first to arrive were the lucky recipients of a surprise gift. No error
a b c d
3. Adults suffering chicken pox can develop all kinds of complications. No error
a b c d
4. The well-known pianist had to practice for several hours a day even after he rose to fame. No error
a b c d
5. The Prime Minister was asked to write a forward to the book. No error
a b c d
6. I must complement you on your good manners and your impeccable behaviour. No error
a b c d

7. The young men from Japan found the ascent of the mountain hard going.
a b c
No error
d
8. Even today it is incredulous to think that men have walked on the moon.
a b c
No error
d
9. The firemen wore inflammable clothing for protection. No error
a b c d
10. Beside food the pilgrims carried some medicines. No error
a b c d
11. The sweets were shared between the four girls. No error
a b c d
12. The long-distance train which met with an accident
a b
was carrying some army personal. No error
c d
13. I have seen her only once but I am liking her a lot. No error
a b c d
14. I told him that we enjoyed very much at the party. No error
a b c d
15. John is working very hardly as the examinations are fast approaching.
a b c
No error
d
16. Two hours have passed since he had fallen asleep. No error
a b c d
17. Having broken down the driver sent the car to the garage. No error
a b c d
18. He is one of those writers who has won acclaim the world over. No error
a b c d
19. The mason will not do the work except give the order. No error
a b c d
20. When students are ill they find that they have a lot of work
a b
to catch up when they return. No error
c d
21. Scarcely did I reach the airport. nervous and tense than the plane took off
a b
leaving me stranded in an alien place. No error
c d

22. The power to distinguish between differences is the basis of science and art.
a b c
No error
d
23. He ate nothing since yesterday. No error
a b c d
24. An experimental vaccine has brought glimmer of hope for malarial researcher.
a b c
No error
d
25. After making me wait for two agonising hours the great man called me in
a b
and asked me what do I want. No error
c d

Exercise (H)

1. The ebb and flow of the tides are now understood. No error
a b c d
2. The green paint on the wall provides a suitable contrast
a b
with the yellow doors. No error
c d
3. Either of the roads lead to the park. No error
a b c d
4. I went to the temple with my parents, my aunts and my cousins. No error
a b c d
5. I have passed the examination two years ago. No error
a b c d
6. The earth moves round the sun. Isn't it? No error
a b c d
7. Unless you do not give the keys of the safe you will be shot. No error
a b c d
8. Of the billions of stars in the galaxy. how much are suitable for life. No error
a b c d
9. The value of the dollar declines as the rate of inflation raises. No error
a b c d
10. One of my desires are to become a doctor. No error
a b c d
11. A hot and a cold spring was found near each other. No error
a b c d
12. All doubts are cleared between you and I. No error
a b c d

13. He never has and never will take such strong measures. No error
a b c d
14. I forgot if I had to pay the fees today. No error
a b c d
15. He has been working on the problem for a long time
a b
but is still not able to solve it. No error
c d
16. Standing on the top of the light house the distant ships are clearly visible.
a b c
No error
d
17. The train came at 2 O'clock in the next morning. No error
a b c d
18. It is high time you buy a car. No error
a b c d
19. I and my brother live with our parents and work in the farm. No error
a b c d
20. Few scientists changed people's ideas as much as Charles Darwin with his
a
theory of evolution. yet as a boy he showed little sign of becoming a great
b c
scientist. No error
d
21. The Prime Minister's good looks won him the election but he has still to prove
a b
that he's not a just pretty face. No error
c d
22. The two books are the same except for the fact that this
a b
has an answer in the back. No error
c d
23. He estimated his income tax bill by extrapolation over figures
a b
submitted in previous years. No error
c d
24. The modern office block sticks out like a sore thumb
a b
among the old buildings in the area. No error
c d
25. I have not been to New York before and neither my sister No error
a b c d

Exercise (I)

1. A major contribution of Mathura sculptors
a
of that period were the creation and popularization
b
of the Buddha's image in human form. No error
c d
2. I had hoped that a I would see you the other day b but unfortunately c I fell ill. d
3. Mahavira was an advocate of non-violence and vegetarianism,
a
who revived and recognized the Jain doctrine
b
and established rules for their monastic order. No error
c d
4. Microwaves are the principle carriers of television,
a
telephone and data trasmissions b between stations on earth and between the
c
earth and satellites. No error
d
5. An unit is an abstract idea, a defined either by reference to a randomly chosen b
material standard or to a natural phenomenon. No error
c d
6. She stood off a from the crowd b because of her height and flaming red hair. c
No error
d
7. The data on a the divorce case is b on the judge's desk. No error
c d
8. There is a beautiful moon out tonight a and Neeta and I are going for a stroll; b
would you like to come along with she and I? No error
c d
9. Your husband doesn't a believe that you are older b than I. No error
c d
10. You should be cautious a and make a few discrete enquiries about b
the firm before you sign anything. No error.
c d

11. Deepa arrived did all the preparation and then has called up one
 a b c
of her intimate friends.
 d
12. I wish he saw you when you were in Nepal.
 a b c
13. Rupa was driven from post to pillar and each person she spoke to
 a b
was more unhelpful than the last. No error
 c d
14. Critics of government policy argue that the new measures introduced
 a b
to fight crime are simply papering on the cracks. No error
 c d
15. I could not remember story to tell the children so I made one up as I went along.
 a b c
No error.
 d
16. You must make up the time you wasted this afternoon by working late over
 a b
tonight. No error
 c d
17. I am going to bed and you would be well advised to do likely. No error
 a b c d
18. On the land turtle is ungainly, but in the water it is very agile. No error
 a b c d
19. Your argument was clear to us from the start
 a b
there's no need to labour the point. No error
 c d
20. The fact that I do not like your fiance is neither here nor there
 a b
what matters is what you feel. No error
 c d
21. "Here is coming my parents." exclaused Parul
 a b
when she was anxious. No error.
 c d
22. The Minister has put a different glass on recent developments in Middle East.
 a b c
No error
 d

23. She certainly has gone up in my estimation since she
a b
told the Manager what she thought of him. No error
c d
24. The plans have been under discussion for a year now
a b
but no decision has reached. No error
c d
25. Unless their paths diverged Lennon and McCartney wrote many hits together.
a b c
No error
d

Exercise (J)

1. Amit needs marry a down-to-earth person who will organize his life for him.
a b c
No error
d
2. As soon as the clock strike five, they down tools and off they go. No error
a b c d
3. A careful driver watches the road and goes slowly or quickly
a
depending upon the condition of the road,
b
the visibility and the traffic. No error
c d
4. Despite some past experiences with averse publicity
a b
she is usually gracious to reporters. No error
c d
5. According to a spokesman for the government,
a
the charge of corruption is a contemptuous lie
b
inspired by political motives. No error
c d
6. If I would have arrived sooner, I would not have missed the fun. No error
a b c d
7. Unless two or more members object to him joining the club, we shall have to
a b
accept his application for membership. No error
c d

8. The prospective buyer of the house left the premises because he was asked to
 a b
 pay a considerable higher price than he could afford. No error
 c d
9. You are being quite cynical when you say that the reason why we have
 a b
 such a large turnout is because we are serving refreshments. No error
 c d
10. We can't hardly believe that the situation is so serious as to
 a b
 justify such precautions as you have taken. No error
 c d
11. Although I am playing cricket for more than three years I have not been able to
 a b c
 score a century. No error
 d
12. If I have to make a choice between Aryan, Amit and Abhishek
 a
 I think I'll select Aryan because of his commanding personality. No error
 b c d
13. Man's happiness or misery are in a great measure in his own hands. No error
 a b c d
14. I feel bad about the present conflict because I do not know how to resolve it
 a b
 without hurting either you or him. No error
 c d
15. Cows are amongst the gentlest of breathing creatures;
 a
 none shows more passionate tenderness to their young. No error
 b c d
16. He is not the kind of a person who accepts such treatment passively;
 a b
 he is certain to seek revenge. No error
 c d
17. The rise and fall of the tide are due to lunar influence. No error
 a b c d
18. I was surprised and pleased when I was informed of me winning the contest.
 a b c
 No error
 d
19. Many a man has succumbed to this temptation. No error
 a b c d
20. The street lights come in at dusk and go off at dawn. No error
 a b c d

21. Two of the mountain climbers were suffering with frost-bite. No error
a b c d
22. Although there was still a faint heart beat, the patient was
a b
for all intents and purposes dead. No error
c d
23. When the rules for police procedure were laid up a lot of grey areas remained.
a b c
- No error
d
24. Anurag is eclipsed by his wife, who is much clever and
a b
more amusing than he is. No error
c d
25. The company took a gamble by cutting the price of its products, and it paid up.
a b c
- No error
d

Exercise (K)

1. The Indian farmers have been realing under the weight of illiteracy since time
a b c
immemorial. No error
d
2. It's difficult to make friends with her; she's constantly in the offensive.
a b c
- No error
d
3. I needed that money so desperately. it was
a b
like manna from heaven when it arrived. No error
c d
4. I can't see much likelihood between him and his father. No error
a b c d
5. The world today is totally different than we have seen in the last century.
a b c
- No error
d
6. Of all the teachers I have ever met. Dr. Subramaniam is the
a b
most remarkable teacher. No error
c d

7. The moral of the entire novel is how money doesn't make you happy. No error
a b c d
8. That store hadn't hardly any of those goods. No error
a b c d
9. Meals will be served outside on the terrace, weather allowing. No error
a b c d
10. Everyone of the films you suggested are not worth seeing. No error
a b c d
11. The Secretary and the Principal of the college
a
are attending the District Development Council Meeting at the collectorate.
b c
No error
d
12. No sooner had the hockey match started when it began to rain. No error
a b c d
13. The secretariat comprises of many air-conditioned rooms. No error
a b c d
14. It is high time he stood on his own two legs. No error
a b c d
15. You should avoid to travel in the rush hour. No error
a b c d
16. There is only one of his novels that are interesting. No error
a b c d
17. He denied to have been there. No error
a b c d
18. Knowledge of at least two languages are required to pass the examination.
a b c
No error
d
19. The members of the opposition party in the Parliament shout upon the minister
a b
if he makes a wrong statement. No error
c d
20. It is about time you have taken your children to school.
a b c
21. You will find it difficult to explain of your use of such offensive language.
a b c
No error
d
22. Because of the extenuating circumstances
a b
the court acquitted him out of the crime. No error
c d

23. The carpet was badly stained to such an extent
a b
that you could not tell its original colour. No error
c d
24. It is greatly to Amit's credit that he gave back the money he found;
a b
his honesty does him for credit. No error
c d
25. The company has set off itself some stiff production goals for this year.
a b c
No error
d

