



Practice Test-5

Number of questions: 20

Time Allowed: 20 mins.

Directions for questions 1 to 5: Each of the following questions contains a sentence that is broken up into parts. Rearrange the parts so as to make a meaningful sentence.

1. A. she wanted
B. to get
C. to the
D. top and
E. stay there
(a) ABCDE (b) BACDE
(c) ABDCE (d) EABCD
2. A. technology decisions
B. making good
C. crucial as
D. is as
E. ever
(a) ABCDE (b) BADCE
(c) ABDCE (d) EABCD
3. A. and that's before
B. the cost of training
C. employees to
D. use the
E. stuff
(a) ABCDE (b) BACDE
(c) ABDCE (d) EABCD
4. A. major IT
B. projects require
C. in an
D. radical changes
E. organization
(a) ABCDE (b) BACDE
(c) ABDCE (d) EABCD
5. A. CEOs need to
B. stay current
C. to make sure
D. stay competitive
E. their companies
(a) ABCDE (b) BACDE
(c) ABDCE (d) ABCED

Directions for questions 6 to 10: Fill in the following blanks with the most appropriate choice.

6. Women have always dressed to _____ figure flaws.
(a) disfigure (b) show
(c) camouflage (d) delineate
7. Being watched by the enemy is not nearly as _____ as being bombed by them.
(a) comfortable (b) unsettling
(c) crazy (d) universal
8. Rain was pouring from the night sky at a rate that would have _____ Noah.
(a) alarmed (b) praised
(c) vindicated (d) enraged
9. It's amazing how happy one can be, with _____ expectations of one's ownself.
(a) high (b) over
(c) unrealistic (d) low
10. If, indeed, we have stopped going hammer and tongs at each other, let us ensure we replace it with something _____ and _____.
(a) substantive ... constructive
(b) destructive ... quarrelsome
(c) superb ... delicious
(d) metallic ... shiny

Directions for questions 11 to 15: Correct the underlined portion in a given sentence by replacing it with the correct choice from among the four alternatives given.

11. There they stood on the top shelf, all 20 volumes, their red binding and gold lettering undoubtedly making them the most attractive between all the books on the bookshelf.
(a) their red binding and gold lettering undoubtedly making them the most attractive between all the books on
(b) their red binding and gold lettering undoubtedly making them the most attractive among all the books in
(c) their red binding and gold lettering having undoubtedly made them the most attractive among the books in
(d) their red binding and gold lettering undoubtedly making them the most attractive among all the books on

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12. Anyone who has worked with children will confirm that children respond instinctively to nature and are capable of assimilating even very complicated concepts.
 - (a) will confirm that children respond instinctively to nature and are capable of assimilating
 - (b) will confirm that they respond instinctively to nature and are capable to assimilate
 - (c) will confirm that they respond instinctively to nature and are capable of assimilating
 - (d) will confirm that children who respond instinctively to nature are capable to assimilating
13. Everything in the world decays, it comes to an end and also dies inevitably.
 - (a) decays, it comes to an end and also dies inevitably.
 - (b) decays, comes to an end and dies inevitably.
 - (c) decays and as it comes to an end it dies inevitably.
 - (d) decay, they come to an end and then they die inevitably.
14. Minkowski, who was Einstein's teacher, used to say that a human being is a metaphor of both, the body and the soul, something that according to him symbolized the ultimate creation of God.
 - (a) a human being is a metaphor of both, the body and the soul, something that according to him symbolized
 - (b) a human being is a metaphor of both, the body and the soul and symbolized
 - (c) a human being which is a metaphor of both, the body and the soul, was something which to him symbolized
 - (d) a human being is a metaphor of both, the body and the soul, which symbolized to him
15. According to experts in Britain, use of fitted carpets, that encourage dust mite to grow, has contributed to a significant increase in the number of cases of asthma which in turn reduces their immunity to other allergies.

- (a) has contributed to a significant increase in the number of cases of asthma which in turn reduces their
- (b) have contributed to a significant increase in the number of cases of asthma among the British, which in turn reduces their
- (c) has contributed to a significant increase in the number of cases of asthma among the British, which in turn reduces their
- (d) has contributed by significantly causing an increase in the number of cases of asthma among the British which in turn reduces their

Directions for questions 16 to 20: Identify the part of the sentence that contains a grammatical or spelling error. Mark that part as your answer.

16. This secret and complex web of terror
(a) (b)
are now being exposed.
(c) (d)
17. Suvakar and Ammar does not play cricket.
(a) (b) (c) (d)
18. Both PPL and JL have been suffering from
(a) (b) (c)
huge loss.
(d)
19. He presented a picture of how
(a) (b)
different revive schemes have
(c)
failed to do any good.
(d)
20. We do not want to throw good money
(a) (b)
behind bad money at this stage.
(c) (d)



Answer Key

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



Explanations

1. a 'ABCD' is a mandatory sequence as it states what 'she' wanted and where did she want to reach (the top). Hence, option (a) is the correct answer.
2. b 'BA' is the obvious opener as it gives us the subject of the sentence i.e. *making good technology decisions*. However, this can be found only in option (b). Hence, it is the correct option.
3. a 'CDE' is a mandatory sequence that follows B as it states what the training is provided for. Hence, option (a) is the correct answer.
4. c 'AB' provides the topic of the discussion i.e. *major IT projects* and 'DCE' states what they require. Hence, 'ABDCE' is the correct sequence.
5. d B follows A as it states what CEOs need to do – *stay current*. 'CED' states the reason behind this – *to make sure their companies remain competitive*. Hence, option (d) is the correct answer.
6. c Option (c) is the answer because women make an attempt to conceal flaws through stylishly cut garments.
7. b 'unsettling', which means weakening or shaking is a result of bombing. Hence, option (b) is the correct answer.
8. a Option (a) is the answer because it rained so much that even Noah (of Noah's Ark) was scared.
9. d The sentence wants to convey the fact that one can be happy if one keeps low expectation from himself. Hence, option (d) i.e. *low* is the correct answer.
10. a Options (c) and (d) are illogical. We are looking for an answer that would be the opposite of 'hammer and tongs' which is (a).
11. d Choice (a) is wrong in usage because of the phrase 'the most attractive between'. *Between* is used when two things are compared. In case of comparison of many things, among should be used. Choice (b) is wrong in using 'books in'. It should be 'books on' the bookshelf. Choice (c) uses a past continuous perfect tense 'having undoubtedly made' and hence the sentence seems awkward and incomplete. Thus, choice (d) is the correct answer.
12. c Choice (a) is awkward as children should be replaced by a pronoun. Choice (b) is wrong in using 'to assimilate'. The correct usage is 'of assimilating'. Choice (d) wrongly uses the phrase 'capable to assimilating'.
13. b The sentence has parallel construction. Hence, there is no need to repeat the subject.
14. b Choice (a) is wrong as it uses a redundant phrase 'that according to him'. Choice (c) has a double use of 'which' that makes it very awkward and confusing. Choice (d) also uses a 'which clause' that is unnecessary.
15. c Choice (a) is wrong as 'their' has no noun to refer to. Choice (b) is wrong as it uses a plural verb 'have' for a singular noun 'use of carpets'. Choice (d) by saying 'has contributed by' implies a positive contribution which is not the case.
16. c The noun 'web' is singular, so the verb is 'is'.
17. b 'Do not play cricket' should be used as the two subjects together are plural.
18. d It should be 'losses' for two companies.
19. c It should be 'revival' and not revive.
20. b The correct usage is 'good money after bad money'.