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ENGLISH

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This question paper contains a total of 40 questions, divided into two sections: A and B.

Section A (Skills Based)

1. Choose the sentence where the synonym of the word **benevolent** has been used correctly.
(A) The kind teacher appreciated the student for asking questions.
(B) The kind old man gave food to a homeless child.
(C) The arrogant boy shouted at the neighbours.
(D) The rude manager listened patiently to his team members.
2. Choose the option that represents the meaning of the phrasal verb in bold in the sentence.
The company decided to **do away with** old policies.
(A) hide something secretly (B) continue using
(C) get rid of (D) improve further
3. Obsession with writing or journaling excessively is called _____.
(A) graphomania (B) scribbomania (C) journomania (D) writomania
4. Which of these sentences contains a distributive adjective?
(A) Every house on the street has a chimney.
(B) That house right there is the one we are planning to buy.
(C) Did you bring this cake for me?
(D) Did you ask where her husband works?
5. Identify the verb in bold in the sentence.
I **found** a wallet on the road.
(A) intransitive verb (B) transitive verb
(C) auxiliary verb (D) none of these
6. Choose the option where the adverb (in brackets) has been used at its correct position.
Jayesh thought of calling his father. (suddenly)
(A) Jayesh suddenly thought of calling his father.
(B) Jayesh thought of calling his father suddenly.
(C) Jayesh thought suddenly of calling his father.
(D) Suddenly Jayesh thought of calling his father.
7. Choose the appropriate preposition to fill in the blank.
Ruhi insisted _____ paying the bill herself.
(A) in (B) on (C) for (D) to

8. Fill in the blanks with the correct option.

The school may reopen _____ pleasant weather.

- (A) early despite of the (B) later on giving the
(C) early because of the (D) early dues to the

9. Choose the correct option by following the directions in the brackets to correct the sentence.

She **has been living** in the city for five years. (Simple Past)

- (A) had lived (B) was living (C) has lived (D) lived

10. The sentence has been broken down into four parts. Choose the parts that have errors.

The teacher (i)/ along with her colleagues (ii)/ are giving a presentation (iii)/ at the conference tomorrow. (iv)

- (A) (ii) and (iii) (B) (iii) and (iv) (C) (iii) only (D) (iv) only

11. Fill in the blank to complete the sentence.

The team, along with the coach, _____ ready for the match.

- (A) is always practising to stay (B) are usually training hard to be
(C) were going to be (D) have been warming up to stay

12. Choose the option that has the correct transformation of the sentence in bold from active to passive voice.

The librarian arranged all the new books on the shelves. Students entered the library eager and excited. **They borrowed the books they felt were the most interesting.** Soon, the shelves began to look empty.

- (A) The books were borrowed by them which they felt were the most interesting.
(B) The most interesting books had been borrowed by students they felt.
(C) The books that were felt to be the most interesting were borrowed by the students.
(D) The books which they were feeling to be interesting were borrowed by them.

13. Identify the meaning of the idiom in bold in the sentence.

Ravi agreed to manage the school event alone, but soon realised he had **bitten off more than he could chew.**

- (A) he forgot to bring his lunch (B) he took on a task that was too difficult for him
(C) he was under pressure to perform (D) he pushed his boundaries and got something done

14. Choose the word that best fits the description.

To go over or review carefully.

- (A) scrutinise (B) scrutenise (C) scrutunise (D) scrutanys

15. Pick the odd one out.

- (A) 'Where is the nearest store?' he asked. (B) He said, 'Pass me the salt.'
(C) 'Can you help me with this?' he asked. (D) He told me that he would be there by 5 p.m.

16. Identify the type of sentence and choose the correct option.
The new arrangement in the living room looks great.
- (A) affirmative sentence (B) exclamatory sentence
(C) interrogative sentence (D) negative sentence
17. Which of these is NOT another word for 'resilient'?
- (A) adaptable (B) supple (C) stretch (D) inflexible
18. Choose the most appropriate proverb or idiom for the situation from the options.
Shreya noticed a small crack in the classroom window. She immediately informed the class teacher, and the maintenance team fixed it the same day. A week later, there was a storm. Thanks to her quick action, the window didn't shatter.
- (A) a stitch in time saves nine (B) let sleeping dogs lie
(C) Rome wasn't built in a day (D) when in Rome, do as the Romans do
19. Identify the infinitive verb in the sentence.
To sing well takes years of practice.
- (A) to sing (B) well (C) takes (D) of
20. Identify the sentence(s) that is/are incorrect in terms of grammar usage.
- (i) The team have won the match.
(ii) We are going to the museum tomorrow.
(iii) I have been on studying for two hours.
(iv) I do not understand the question clearly.
- (A) (ii) only (B) (ii) and (iii) (C) (i) and (iii) (D) (iii) only
21. Pick the odd one out.
- (A) Neither of the boys was late to school.
(B) One of the answers are correct.
(C) Everyone enjoys the annual picnic.
(D) Each of the students is responsible for their belongings.
22. Which of these sentences written in passive voice is incorrect?
- (A) The ice cream was bought by my brother.
(B) The news was announced by the anchor.
(C) The poem wrote by the child was beautiful.
(D) The match was won by the local team.
23. Fill in the blank with the correct article.
The calculator I bought last week is proving to be _____ useful gadget for me.
- (A) an (B) a (C) the (D) all of these

24. Choose the most suitable collective noun from the options.
The shepherd looks after his _____ of sheep carefully.
(A) crew (B) colony (C) pack (D) flock
25. Choose the most appropriate option to complete the sentence using an abstract noun.
Her _____ gave everyone the courage to try again.
(A) fear (B) importance (C) honour (D) kindness
26. Identify the sentence that incorrectly uses the future continuous tense.
(A) I will be waiting for you at the station.
(B) They will be watching the theatre performance tomorrow.
(C) He will be completed the project by Friday.
(D) We will be travelling during the semester break.
27. Choose the right order of prepositions to fill in the blanks.
I'm looking forward _____ your visit and I hope we can go _____ a walk _____ the evening.
(A) to, for, in (B) for, to, in (C) in, for, to (D) for, for, to
28. Pick the odd pair out.
(A) do not – don't (B) cannot – can't (C) we have – we'll (D) he has – he's
- Instruction: Q. 29 to 33 are two-key-based questions having four options A, B, C and D out of which TWO are correct. Pick out the correct options from these questions:**
29. Which of these words form an abstract noun when the suffix '-ence' is added to them?
(A) differ (B) attend (C) accept (D) exist
30. Which sentences are NOT in direct speech?
(A) He said, 'The train is late.'
(B) She said that the cake had been eaten.
(C) Arvind said, 'I will complete my homework.'
(D) Tarak mentioned that he was feeling better.
31. Which of these are adjective phrases?
(A) a cup of tea (B) in the morning (C) dressed in black (D) tired from work
32. Which of these sentences contain subordinating conjunctions?
(A) We can go to the movie or order some food.
(B) She stayed home because she had chores to do.
(C) I will call you after the train reaches Agra.
(D) He ran fast and reached school on time.

33. Which of these are idioms?

- (A) Don't put all your eggs in one basket. (B) I like to eat apples at night.
(C) Look forward to now. (D) It's raining cats and dogs.

Section B (Competency Based)

34. What is the noun form of the verb 'appear'?

- (A) appeared (B) appearing (C) appearance (D) appears

35. Change the sentence into indirect speech.

The coach said, 'Hard work and discipline are essential for success, and those who follow them will surely achieve what they desire.'

- (A) The coach said that hard work and discipline were essential for success, and those who followed them would surely achieve what they desired.
(B) The coach said that hard work and discipline are essential for success, and those who follow them will surely achieve what they desire.
(C) The coach told that hard work and discipline are essential for success, and those who follow them will surely achieve what they desire.
(D) The coach said that hard work and discipline had been essential for success, and those who had followed them would surely achieve what they desired.

36. What is the subject of the sentence?

Understanding mathematical equations and solving problems every day can help you sharpen your logic.

- (A) understanding mathematical equations
(B) solving problems every day
(C) understanding mathematical equations and solving problems every day
(D) mathematical equations

Read the passage and answer the questions.

They say that Rome wasn't built in a day, and the same goes for success. It is built over time, through consistent efforts. Many young minds believe that talent alone can lead to great achievements, but the truth is that hard work plays a key role in turning your potential into success. Whether you are learning to play a musical instrument, passionately pursuing a sport or trying to improve at school, practice is what helps you grow.

When we practice, we are not just repeating the same actions over and over again. We develop skills, improve our knowledge and refine ways in which we approach a problem. The more we practice, the better we get. Hard work is about pushing ourselves, even when things seem tough. It's about not giving up and learning from our mistakes. Each mistake, no matter how minute, teaches us something new.

The famous inventor Thomas Edison once said, 'Genius is one percent inspiration and ninety-nine percent perspiration.' This statement shows that while being inspired and having a dream to achieve great things may give us a head start, it is the effort we put into our goals that truly counts. Talent may give us an edge over others, but even the most talented people in the world need to put in the time and effort to sharpen their skills.

Famous athletes like Virat Kohli and Rafael Nadal didn't achieve success based on how good they were to begin with. They practised for hours every day, striving to be better. They faced challenges along the way but didn't let them deter them. Gradually, through sheer will, they became arguably the best in their fields. The same principle applies to academics. When students consistently take an interest in a subject, stay curious and look beyond completing their assignments, their understanding of the subject improves.

At the end of the day, the road to success is never easy, but it is always worth it. So, stay focused, keep working hard and try to open your mind to new learnings every day. Success will follow sooner or later.

37. Which scenario, according to the text, reflects 'learning from mistakes'?
- (A) repeating the same method until it works
 - (B) avoiding difficult pursuits completely and focusing on what you are comfortable with
 - (C) noticing an error in your science experiment and adjusting the process the next time
 - (D) memorising answers to avoid making mistakes
38. Which of these options best represents the message of the passage?
- (A) Deepinder completes his homework quickly so that he can watch television.
 - (B) Aryan gives up practising the table because he finds it difficult.
 - (C) Mehak studies mathematics every day, even when she finds it challenging, and asks questions in class.
 - (D) Sahil skips his science project to sleep till late.
39. Which of these best reflects the view shared on talent and hard work in the passage?
- (A) Talent is more important than hard work when it comes to long-term success.
 - (B) Hard work alone is enough; talent is not even worth considering the slightest.
 - (C) Talent and hard work are equally important.
 - (D) Talent provides you with the potential, but hard work turns it into achievement.
40. Why have the examples of Virat Kohli and Rafael Nadal been included in the passage?
- (A) to highlight famous people who were naturally talented
 - (B) to prove that sports are more challenging than academics
 - (C) to illustrate that consistent effort leads to excellence, even for the talented
 - (D) to suggest that only athletes can benefit from practice



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