

Top 20 English Questions for NDA Exam

Q1. Select the most appropriate meaning of the bracketed idiom in the given sentence.

Sure, fixing a flubbed decision isn't always (a piece of cake), but it's rarely impossible.

- (a) A rare event or occurrence
- (b) A task that can be accomplished very easily
- (c) Having no stand, shows favour at one time and unfavour at another
- (d) The family bond is closer than anything else

Q2. Select the correctly spelt word.

- (a) Recsind
- (b) Recind
- (c) Rescind
- (d) Resind

Q3. Select the most appropriate option to fill in the blank.

The duke had capacity, but his life was so _____ that what influence he had upon the king was for evil.

- (a) Ambitious
- (b) Scrumptious
- (c) Lewd
- (d) Seditious

Q4. Select the word segment that substitutes (replaces) the bracketed word segment correctly and completes the sentence meaningfully. Select the option 'no correction required' if the sentence is correct as given.

The (roof collapsing) in a roar of rock and rubble.

- (a) roof collapsed
- (b) roof have collapsed
- (c) roof was collapse
- (d) No correction required

Q5. Improve the highlighted part of the sentence. Choose 'No improvement' as an answer if the sentence is grammatically correct.

The dessert was **many sweet** for my tastes.

- (a) more sweeter
- (b) too sweet
- (c) No improvement
- (d) too sweetly

Q6. Select the most appropriate option to fill in the blank.

They probably subsisted on insects and other small _____ invertebrates and perhaps even on aquatic vertebrates.

- (a) reverent
- (b) skittish
- (c) terrestrial
- (d) recluse

Q7. Select the most appropriate synonym of the given word.

Debased

- (a) Amenable
- (b) Corrupted
- (c) Unamenable
- (d) Aggrandize

Q8. Identify the segment that contains a grammatical error. If there is no error, select 'No error'.

The Federalists wished to make the central government as strong possible.

- (a) make the central government
- (b) as strong possible.
- (c) The Federalists wished to
- (d) No error

Q9. Select the wrongly spelt word.

- (a) Unsavoury
- (b) Alturiste
- (c) Unconventional
- (d) Ethical

Q10. Select the most appropriate option to substitute the bracketed segment in the given sentence. If there is no need to substitute it, select 'no substitution required'.

The query isn't (whether he will admit it, but when).

- (a) whether he will admit it or not, but when?
- (b) No substitution required
- (c) whether he will be admitting it or not, but when?
- (d) whether or nor he will admit it, but when?

Q11. Choose the word that is opposite in meaning to the given word.

Doze

- (a) Snooze
- (b) Neglect
- (c) Cold
- (d) Wake

Q12. In the following question, out of the given four alternatives, select the alternative which best expresses the meaning of the Idiom or Phrase.

To kill two birds with one stone

- (a) A work which needs tremendous efforts
- (b) The weak point in a person
- (c) To accidentally hurt someone's feelings
- (d) To achieve two things with a single effort

Q13. Choose the word that can substitute the given group of words.

A person who believes in the equality of all people

- (a) Philander
- (b) Egalitarian
- (c) Philodendron
- (d) Philologist

Q14. Select the most appropriate option to fill in the blank.

We cannot _____ a religion or a political party that ignores the rights of half the human race.

- (a) disseminate
- (b) forgive
- (c) desiccate
- (d) condemn

Q15. Select the most appropriate antonym to substitute the bracketed word in the given sentence.

They are virtually unimpeachable in the (unbiased), invariably correct reading of a race.

- (a) Ceasing
- (b) Prejudiced
- (c) Captivity
- (d) Stranger

Q16. Select the most appropriate option to fill in the blank.

This initiative has been sharply criticised as grossly inefficient and _____.

- (a) Capricious
- (b) Calumny
- (c) Counterproductive
- (d) Canonical

Q17. Find the part of the given sentence that has an error in it. If there is no error, choose 'No error'.

Can you please help me to this project?

- (a) No error
- (b) Can you please
- (c) Help me to
- (d) this project?

Q18. Select the word from the options which is similar in meaning to the bracketed word given in the sentence below.

Well, you want an (argument)," he added, "come on then."

- (a) Agreement
- (b) Capability
- (c) Explanation
- (d) Enhancement

Q19. Select the most appropriate word for the given group of words.

Open to more than one interpretation, not having one obvious meaning

- (a) Ambiguous
- (b) Alchemy
- (c) Amateur
- (d) Altercation

Q20. Identify the segment that contains a grammatical error. If there is no error, select No error'.

He belted two huge sixers, but eleven to get of the last two deliveries was a big ask.

- (a) No error
- (b) deliveries was a big ask.
- (c) eleven to get of the last two
- (d) He belted two huge sixers, but

Solutions

S1. Ans.(b)

Sol. The correct answer is option (b).

A piece of cake: An activity or task that is easy to complete.

Used in a Sentence: Learning to ride a bicycle was a piece of cake for her; she got it on the first try.

S2. Ans.(c)

Sol. The correct answer is option (c).

The correctly spelt word is "Rescind".

Rescind: To revoke, cancel, or repeal a law, order, or agreement.

S3. Ans.(c)

Sol. The correct answer is option (c).

The most appropriate word to fill in the blank should reflect that the duke's influence on the king was negative or "for evil."

Meanings of Options:

- **Ambitious:** Having a strong desire for success or achievement.
- **Scrumptious:** Extremely tasty or delicious.
- **Lewd:** Crude and offensive in a sexual way.
- **Seditious:** Inciting or causing people to rebel against the authority of a state.

The most appropriate word to fill in the blank is "Lewd" (c), as it aligns with the negative influence the duke had on the king.

S4. Ans.(a)

Sol. The correct answer is option (a).

The verb form should be consistent with the subject in a sentence. In this case, the subject is "the roof," so a correct verb form must be used.

(a) roof collapsed: The action is complete, and the verb is in the simple past tense.

(b) roof have collapsed: Incorrect use of "have"; it should be "has collapsed" if using present perfect tense, but still not the best choice.

(c) roof was collapse: Incorrect use of "was"; "was collapsing" would be correct if using past continuous tense.

The most appropriate substitution is "roof collapsed" (a) to make the sentence complete and meaningful.

S5. Ans.(b)

Sol. The correct answer is option (b).

For stating excessive degree, we use the word "too" followed by an adjective.

(a) more sweeter: Incorrect use of "more" with "sweeter."

(b) too sweet: Correctly indicates excessive sweetness.

(d) too sweetly: Incorrectly uses an adverb instead of an adjective.

The most appropriate improvement is "too sweet" (b).

S6. Ans.(c)

Sol. The correct answer is option (c).

The blank needs a word that describes the type of invertebrates they subsisted on.

Meanings of Options:

- **Reverent:** Feeling or showing deep and solemn respect.
- **Skittish:** Nervous or easily scared.
- **Terrestrial:** Relating to the Earth or land.
- **Recluse:** A person who lives a solitary life and avoids other people.

The most appropriate word to fill in the blank is "Terrestrial" (c), as it describes the type of invertebrates that they likely consumed.

S7. Ans.(b)

Sol. The correct answer is option (b).

Debased: Lowered in quality, character, or esteem.

Synonyms: **Corrupted**, tainted, cheapened.

Antonyms: Elevated, noble, pure.

Meanings of Options:

- **Amenable:** Willing to obey or to agree.
- **Corrupted:** Dishonest or morally degraded.
- **Unamenable:** Not willing to yield or comply.
- **Aggrandize:** To make greater, to enlarge, to increase.

The most appropriate synonym for "Debased" is "Corrupted" (b).

S8. Ans.(b)

Sol. The correct answer is option (b).

- The phrase "as strong as possible" is the correct form. The phrase should have two "as" words surrounding the adjective "strong."
- We use as + adjective/adverb + as to make comparisons when the things we are comparing are equal in some way:
For example: The world's biggest bull is as big as a small elephant.
- The segment that contains a grammatical error is "as strong possible" (b).

S9. Ans.(b)

Sol. The correct answer is option (b).

The wrongly spelt word is "Alturiste". The correct spelling is "Altruistic," meaning showing selfless concern for the well-being of others.

Meanings of other options:

- **Unsavoury:** Disagreeable, offensive, or morally questionable.
- **Unconventional:** Not conforming to accepted standards or norms.
- **Ethical:** Relating to moral principles or the branch of knowledge dealing with these.

S10. Ans.(b)

Sol. The correct answer is option (b).

The given sentence is grammatically correct and needs no substitution.

S11. Ans.(d)

Sol. The correct answer is option (d).

Doze: A short period of sleep; to sleep lightly.

Synonyms: Snooze, nap, slumber.

Antonyms: Wake, rouse, alert.

Meanings of Options:

- **Snooze:** A short, light sleep.
- **Neglect:** To ignore or not pay attention.
- **Cold:** Lack of warmth or heat.
- **Wake:** To become alert or awake.

The opposite of "Doze" is "Wake" (d).

S12. Ans.(d)

Sol. The correct answer is option (d).

To kill two birds with one stone: To accomplish two different things at the same time with a single action.

Used in a Sentence: I figured I'd kill two birds with one stone by picking up the dry cleaning on my way to the grocery store.

S13. Ans.(b)

Sol. The correct answer is option (b).

The most appropriate term that means "A person who believes in the equality of all people" is "Egalitarian".

Meanings of Options:

- **Philander:** To engage in love affairs frivolously.
- **Philodendron:** A type of plant.
- **Philologist:** Someone who studies language in written historical sources.

S14. Ans.(b)

Sol. The correct answer is option (b).

The blank needs a word that shows disapproval or non-acceptance of a religion or political party that ignores rights.

Meanings of Options:

- **Disseminate:** To spread or disperse widely.
- **Forgive:** To stop feeling angry or resentful toward someone.
- **Desiccate:** To remove the moisture from something.
- **Condemn:** To express complete disapproval of; censure.

The most appropriate word to fill in the blank is "Forgive" (b), as it denotes disapproval.

S15. Ans.(b)

Sol. The correct answer is option (b).

Unbiased: Free from prejudice or favoritism.

Synonyms: Objective, impartial, fair.

Antonyms: Biased, **prejudiced**, partial.

Meanings of Options:

- **Ceasing:** Bringing or coming to an end.
- **Prejudiced:** Having preconceived opinions.
- **Captivity:** The condition of being imprisoned.
- **Stranger:** Someone who is not known or familiar.

The antonym for "Unbiased" in the sentence context is "Prejudiced" (b).

S16. Ans.(c)

Sol. The correct answer is option (c).

The blank needs a word that complements "grossly inefficient" and explains why the initiative has been criticized.

Meanings of Options:

- **Capricious:** Given to sudden and unaccountable changes of mood or behavior.
- **Calumny:** The making of false and defamatory statements about someone.
- **Counterproductive:** Having the opposite of the desired effect.
- **Canonical:** According to or ordered by canon law.

The most appropriate word to fill in the blank is "Counterproductive" (c), as it amplifies the reason for the criticism of the initiative.

S17. Ans.(c)

Sol. The correct answer is option (c).

The verb "help" is often followed by the infinitive without "to," especially in an imperative sentence asking for assistance.

The part that has an error is "Help me to".

The correct sentence should be: "Can you please help me with this project?"

S18. Ans.(c)

Sol. The correct answer is option (c).

Argument: A reason or set of reasons given with the aim of persuading others.

Synonyms: Debate, dispute, contention, **explanation**.

Antonyms: Agreement, accord, concord.

Meanings of Options:

- **Agreement:** Harmony in opinion or feeling.
- **Capability:** The power or ability to do something.
- **Explanation:** A statement that makes something clear.
- **Enhancement:** An increase or improvement in quality.

The word similar in meaning to "Argument" is "Explanation" (c).

S19. Ans.(a)

Sol. The correct answer is option (a).

The most appropriate term that means "Open to more than one interpretation, not having one obvious meaning" is "**Ambiguous**".

Meanings of Options:

- **Ambiguous:** Open to more than one interpretation.
- **Alchemy:** A medieval chemical science aiming to convert base metals into gold.
- **Amateur:** Someone who is not professional in a given field.
- **Altercation:** A noisy argument or disagreement.

S20. Ans.(c)

Sol. The correct answer is option (c).

- The sentence should be clear in conveying its meaning and should use correct prepositions and verb forms.
- The segment that contains a grammatical error is "eleven to get of the last two" (c). The correct version should be something like "but getting eleven off the last two deliveries was a big ask."
- The preposition "of" should be "off" to indicate separation from the total number of deliveries, and "to get" is less clear than "getting" in this context.