

Q1. Identify the segment in the sentence, which contains a grammatical error. If

there is no error, select 'No error'.

It is essential that you study well but we might have to fail you.

- (a) It is essential that
- (b) You study well but
- (c) We might have to fail you.
- (d) No error

Q2. Four segments in the sentence have been highlighted in bold. Identify the one which is NOT correct.

The **reason** I came late **to** office today is **because** my car broke **down**.

- (a) reason
- (b) to
- (c) because
- (d) down

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

Personal and professional \_\_\_\_\_ sometimes conflict.

- (a) Prevalence
- (b) Amount
- (c) Defense
- (d) Ethics

Q4. Select the most appropriate SYNONYM of the given word.

BREATHTAKING

- (a) Tiring
- (b) Costly
- (c) Spectacular
- (d) Trick

Q5. Select the most appropriate word that means the same as the group of words

given.

Murder of a brother

- (a) Fratricide
- (b) Patricide
- (c) Regicide
- (d) Homicide

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

The party would make a pleasant \_\_\_\_\_ in his rather dull social life.

- (a) Obstruction
- (b) Alienation
- (c) Deliberation
- (d) Diversion

Q7. Four statements are given, labelled A, B, C and D. Among these, three statements

are in logical order and form a coherent paragraph. From the given options, select

the option that does NOT fit into the theme of the passage.

1. Biodiversity is the variety of all forms of life and it is essential to the existence and proper functioning of all ecosystems.
2. Of all the living creatures on the earth, insects are the most plentiful.
3. Some varieties are very useful to man, like bees from which we get honey and wax, and silkworms which supply us with silk.
4. Locusts are perhaps the most dangerous of all, for they will eat almost any green plant and leave cultivated lands bare.

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

Q8. Select the most appropriate word to fill in the blank.

She knew that society would \_\_\_\_\_ her for leaving her children.

- (a) Treat
- (b) Condemn
- (c) Contrast
- (d) Lose

Q9. Four statements are given, labelled A, B, C and D. Among these, three statements are in logical order and form a coherent paragraph. From the given options, select the option that does NOT fit into the theme of the passage.

1. Today, however, the Earth has many other satellites, all made by man.
2. For thousands of millions of years, the Moon has been going round the Earth.
3. During this time, the Moon has been the only satellite of the Earth.
4. Technology is everywhere in education:

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

Q10. Select the option which is NOT an ANTONYM of another word by way of adding the prefix 'Un'.

- (a) Unable
- (b) Union
- (c) Uncooked
- (d) Unfair

Q11. Select the most appropriate option to fill in the blank in the given sentence.

Priya appeared to be in a \_\_\_\_\_ mood and was deep in thought.

- (a) Responsible
- (b) Tuning
- (c) Engaging
- (d) Introspective

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Q12. Select the most appropriate meaning of the idiom.

To get up on the wrong side of the bed

- (a) to find oneself in a strange place when one wakes up especially after drinking a lot the previous night
- (b) to start the day in a bad mood which continues all day long
- (c) to argue with your spouse
- (d) to roll a lot in bed while sleeping

Q13. Select the most appropriate option to fill in the blank in the given sentence.

All the respondents should express their \_\_\_\_\_ views in this questionnaire.

- (a) Forced
- (b) Forthright
- (c) Strongly
- (d) Critically

Q14. Select the most appropriate meaning of the idiom.

Pull the plug

- (a) Make a firm refusal
- (b) Save a situation by acting in the nick of time
- (c) To waste away somebody's effort
- (d) Prevent something from continuing

Q15. In the sentence identify the segment which contains the grammatical error.

The youth did not dare to venture with the sea as it was a high tide.

- (a) The youth did not dare
- (b) to venture with the sea
- (c) as it was a high tide.
- (d) No error

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

The speaker did not properly use the time as he went on \_\_\_\_\_ over one point alone.

- (a) dilating
- (b) devoting
- (c) deliberating
- (d) distributing

Q17. Select the word which means the same as the group of words given.

To die without having made a will.

- (a) Intaglio
- (b) Inveterate
- (c) Insolvent
- (d) Intestate

Q18. Select the most appropriate option to complete the sentence.

\_\_\_\_\_ is a previous case taken as an authoritative example for subsequent procedures or cases.

- (a) precedent
- (b) president
- (c) emolument
- (d) precedence

Q19. Select the word which means the same as the group of words given.

One who enjoys inflicting pain on himself

- (a) Nihilist
- (b) Masochist
- (c) Egoistic
- (d) Sadist

Q20. Select the word which means the same as the group of words given.

Advocating an aggressive or warlike policy, especially in foreign affairs.

- (a) eminent
- (b) belligerent

(c) hawkish

(d) quaint

**Solutions:**

S1. Ans.(b)

Sol. In the given question, there is a negative cause and effect relationship between the two actions: studying well and failing. If someone does not study well, he or she will fail. When we are given a context where such a relationship exists between the actions, the most appropriate conjunction to be used is 'or'. Or is a conjunction used to link alternatives.

E.g., It doesn't matter whether you win or lose – it's taking part that's important.

S2. Ans.(c)

Sol. "Because" is used to provide reason for a particular action. If we are already using the phrase "The reason" at the beginning of the sentence, we do not need to provide the reason again by using 'because'. Thus, 'because' should be omitted. We can use 'that' in the sentence to correct it. The reason I came late to office today is that my car broke down.

S3. Ans.(d)

Sol. Option (d) is the most suitable choice to be filled in the blank. Confliction can only happen in ethics.

Rest all of the options do not fit in the blank.

Prevalence means commonness, generality.

Defense means the action of defending from or resisting attack.

S4. Ans.(c)

Sol. The word Breathtaking means thrillingly beautiful, remarkable, spectacular, astonishing, exciting.

S5. Ans (a)

Sol. The correct answer is option a.

Fratricide – Murder of a brother.

Whereas, meaning of other words –

Regicide - the action of killing a king.

Homicide - the killing of one human being by another

Patricide - the killing of one's father.

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Option (a) portrays the same meaning as that of the given group of words & hence it is the correct choice.

S6. Ans.(d)

Sol. The most suitable option to be filled in the blank is option (d) i.e., diversion. From a dull social life, diversion would mean the action of turning something aside from its course.

Obstruction means a thing that impedes or prevents passage or progress; an obstacle or blockage.

Alienation means the state or experience of being alienated, isolation.

Deliberation means long and careful consideration or discussion, contemplation.

S7. Ans. (d)

Sol. The correct answer is option d.

The proper arrangement is- **BCD**

The given passage is based on 'Creatures on the earth'. Sentence 'A' defines the term 'Biodiversity' which is out of the context. Hence, option (d) is the correct choice.

S8. Ans.(b)

Sol. The most appropriate option to be filled in the blank is option (b). For leaving children, society would condemn a lady which means express complete disapproval of; censure.

Contrast means dissimilarity.

S9. Ans.(d)

Sol. The proper arrangement is - **BCA**.

The given passage is based on 'Satellite'. Sentence 'D' talks about 'Technology in education' which is irrelevant. Hence, option (d) is the correct choice.

S10. Ans. (b)

Sol. The correct answer is option b.

Unable - Lacking the necessary power, competence, etc., to accomplish some specified act which is an antonym of 'Able'.

Uncooked - Not cooked which is an antonym of 'Cooked' which is an antonym of 'Cook'.

Unfair - Not following the rules and therefore giving an advantage to one person, team, etc. which is an antonym of 'Fair'.

Union - The action of joining or the situation of being joined which is not the antonym of any other word by way of adding a prefix.

S11. Ans.(d)

Sol. The most suitable option to be filled in the blank is option (d) i.e., introspective which means self- examining.

Tuning means telling something to someone.

Engaging means participating or becoming involved in.

S12. Ans.(b)

Sol. To get up on the wrong side of the bed: to be in a particularly and persistently irritable, unhappy, or grouchy mood or state, especially when it is out of keeping with one's normal disposition.

S13. Ans. (b)

Sol. Only option (b) fits appropriately in the blank. Rest all of the options are irrelevant.

Forthright means candid, outspoken.

Critically (adverb) means in a way that expresses disapproval.

S14. Ans.(d)

Sol. Pull the plug: prevent something from happening or continuing.

S15. Ans. (b)

Sol. Substitute 'into' in place of 'with'.

S16. Ans. (c)

Sol. Deliberate means engage in long and careful consideration.

S17. Ans (d)

Sol. The correct answer is option d.

Intestate – to die without having made a will.

Whereas, meaning of other words –

Insolvent - unable to pay debts owed.

Inveterate - having a particular habit, activity, or interest that is long-established and unlikely to change.

Intaglio - a design incised or engraved into a material.

Option (d) portrays the same meaning as that of the given group of words & hence it is the correct choice.

S18. Ans. (a)



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Sol. Precedent means an earlier event or action that is regarded as an example or guide to be considered in subsequent similar circumstances.

S19. Ans (b)

Sol. The correct answer is option b.

Masochist – One who enjoys inflicting pain on himself.

Whereas, meaning of other words –

Nihilist - a person who believes that life is meaningless and rejects all religious and moral principles.

Egoistic - being centered in or preoccupied with oneself and the gratification of one's own desires; self-centered.

Sadistic - deriving pleasure from inflicting pain, suffering, or humiliation on others.

Option (b) portrays the same meaning as that of the given group of words & hence it is the correct choice.

S20. Ans. (c)

Sol. Eminent: (of a person) famous and respected within a particular sphere.

Belligerent: hostile and aggressive.

Hawkish: advocating an aggressive or warlike policy, especially in foreign affairs.

Quaint: attractively unusual or old-fashioned.



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