

Q1. Identify the segment in the sentence, which contains a grammatical error. If there is no error, select 'No error'.

Even folded it was an objection of exquisite design, with ornate brass hinges gleaming gold against polished rosewood.

- (a) Even folded it was an objection of exquisite design
- (b) with ornate brass hinges gleaming
- (c) gold against polished rosewood.
- (d) No error

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

The Government **has** declared that it **will** launch a **three-crores** rupees project **within** the next few days.

- (a) Has
- (b) Will
- (c) three-crores
- (d) within

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

Their behavior needs to be _____ not only in the performance of their official duties but also decorous outside the office.

- (a) impeccable
- (b) shoddy
- (c) wanting
- (d) patchy

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

Sporadic

- (a) Adulterated
- (b) Isolated
- (c) Frequent
- (d) Concrete

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

Give or grant (something) to (someone) in a gracious or condescending manner.

- (a) kinship
- (b) vouchsafe
- (c) propinquity

(d) flunk

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

The quality of _____ between individuals and the organization for which they work can be improved to the benefit of both parties.

- (a) life
- (b) service
- (c) interaction
- (d) sophistication

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.

- A. A few years ago, I was on holiday in the Himalayas.
- B. Analysts say the new machines will appeal primarily to corporate users.
- C. It was a place inhabited by poor people and there was no proper hotel.
- D. I stopped for the night in a small village.

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

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

Time perception raises a number of _____ puzzles, including what it means to say we perceive time.

- (a) boring
- (b) defying
- (c) intriguing
- (d) deifying

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.

- A. Surprisingly, Salim Ali had no university degree.
- B. He left for Burma to help his brother in his farm.
- C. In the jungles of Burma, he looked for birds instead of animals.
- D. Swami Vivekananda was the Hindu monk of India.

- (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 'il'.

- (a) Illness
- (b) Illegal
- (c) Illogical
- (d) Illiterate

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

It will be difficult for the faculty to _____ monitor students and determine whether they are only accessing educational apps or browsing their social media accounts.

- (a) Directly
- (b) Closely
- (c) Automatically
- (d) Practically

Q12. Select the most appropriate meaning of the idiom.

To take something with a grain of salt

- (a) take something too seriously
- (b) Accepting things quickly
- (c) don't exactly believe something
- (d) to understand something fully

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

Around 70 thatched houses were damaged and many trees _____ after a violent tornado hit seaside villages in the Rajnagar block of Odisha's

Kendrapara district on the afternoon of June 15, 2020.

- (a) Fallen
- (b) Crushed
- (c) Planted
- (d) Uprooted

Q14. Select the most appropriate meaning of the idiom.

Go over like a lead balloon

- (a) be self-sufficient to get the work done
- (b) fail miserably
- (c) nobody prefers to live alone
- (d) go solo

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

Arjun can speak Hindi fluently, will he?

- (a) speak Hindi
- (b) fluently
- (c) will he?
- (d) No Error

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

Right now, only Monday's paper has been rescheduled as we are trying to _____ the students to appear in exams and continue with their protests simultaneously.

- (a) align
- (b) obscure
- (c) convince
- (d) assume

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

A person who is blamed for something that someone else has done

- (a) Scapegoat
- (b) Buck-passer
- (c) Blame shifter
- (d) Rationalizer

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

You thus take a positive view of life and find it _____.

- (a) Foul
- (b) Light

(c) Endurable

(d) Harsh

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

An official pardon for people who have been convicted of political offences

- (a) Retribution
- (b) Amnesty
- (c) Remittal

(d) Revival

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

An explorer of caves

- (a) spelunker
- (b) arbiter
- (c) geologist
- (d) cavernous

Solutions

S1. Ans. (a)

Sol. It should be "object" instead of "objection".

S2. Ans. (b)

Sol. Replace 'three – crores' with 'three – crore' because –In hyphenated Compound Adjectives, the Noun is used in Singular form.

S3. Ans. (a)

Sol. **Impeccable** means in accordance with the highest standards; faultless.

S4. Ans. (c)

Sol. **Lissome**: (of a person or their body) thin, supple, and graceful and stout means (of a person) rather fat or of heavy build.

Sylphlike: (of a woman or girl) slender and graceful.

Dexterous: showing or having skill, especially with the hands.

Stout: (of a person) rather fat or of heavy build. Hence 'Lissome' and 'Stout' are antonym to each other.

S5. Ans. (b)

Sol. Kinship: blood relationship.

Vouchsafe: give or grant (something) to (someone) in a gracious or condescending manner.

Propinquity: the state of being close to someone or something; proximity.

Flunk: to fail an exam or course of study.

S6. Ans. (c)

Sol. **Interaction** means to meet or to have a conversation or to talk to each other.

S7. Ans. (a)

Sol. The correct answer is option a.

The proper arrangement is- **ADC**

B – talks about some new machines which is irrelevant.

S8. Ans. (c)

Sol. **Intriguing**: arousing one's curiosity or interest; fascinating.

Deify: worship or regard as a god.

Defy: openly resist or refuse to obey.

S9. Ans. (d)

Sol. The correct answer is option d.

Sentence 'D' talks about 'Swami Vivekananda' while the remaining se

The sentence B talks about corruption in India which is out of the context. Hence, this is the correct choice.

S10. Ans. (a)

Sol. The correct answer is option a.

Illegal - not allowed by the law which is an antonym of 'legal'.

Illogical - not sensible or reasonable which is an antonym of 'logical'.

Illiterate - not able to read or write which is an antonym of 'literate'.

'Illness' is the word which is not the antonym of any other word by way of adding a prefix.

S11. Ans.(b)

Sol. The correct answer is option b.

The word that can be filled in the blank is 'closely.' As per the context of the sentence, the word, 'Closely' best fits in & hence it is the correct choice.

S12. Ans.(c)

Sol. The correct answer is option c.

To take something with a grain of salt – it means, 'To understand that something is not completely true or right Source.

Option (c) conveys the same meaning as that of the given idiom & hence it is the correct choice.

S13. Ans.(d)

Sol. The correct answer is option d.

Uprooted - pull (something, especially a tree or plant) out of the ground.

As per the context of the passage the word 'Uprooted' fits in very well & hence is the correct choice.

S14 Ans. (b)

Sol. Going over like a lead balloon, the idiom means that something failed miserably.

S15. Ans.(c)

Sol. The correct answer is option c.

The given sentence is of 'Question tag.' Question tags turn a statement into a question. They are often used for checking information that we think we know is true.

Questions tags are made using an auxiliary verb (for example: be or have) and a subject of pronoun (for example: I, you, she).

If the main clause is positive, the question tag is negative, and if the main clause is negative, it's positive.

The correct sentence thus form is - Arjun can speak Hindi fluently, **can't he?**

S16. Ans. (c)

Sol. Convince: persuade (someone) to do something.

S17. Ans.(a)

Sol. The correct answer is option a
Scapegoat - a person who is blamed for something that someone else has done.

Option 'a' conveys the same meaning as that of the given word & hence is the correct choice.

S18. Ans.(c)

Sol. Endurable is the word that must come in the blank. Since the sentences is positive, it cannot take negative words like harsh and foul.

Endurable means bearable.

Harsh means unpleasantly rough or jarring to the senses.

Foul means wicked or immoral.

S19. Ans.(b)

Sol. The correct answer is option b.

Amnesty - a decision by a government that allows political prisoners to go free, grant an official pardon to.

Option 'b' conveys the same meaning as that of the given group of words & hence is the correct choice.

S20. Ans. (a)

Sol. **Spelunker:** an explorer of caves.

Cavernous: like a cavern in size, shape, or atmosphere.