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Direction (1-5): Improve the bracketed part of the sentences.

Q1. Obviously he isn't (cut up) to be a good teacher.

- (a) cut out
- (b) cut in
- (c) cut for
- (d) No improvement

S1. Ans.(a)

Sol. Cut out: to have the qualities/abilities needed for something.

Q2. Power got with money is the most (craved for) today.

- (a) sought after
- (b) wished for
- (c) welcomed for
- (d) No improvement

S2. Ans.(d)

Sol. No Improvement.

Q3. The brown shirt (wants washing).

- (a) has to wash
- (b) is in need of a wash
- (c) requires a wash
- (d) No improvement

S3. Ans.(c)


Sol. 'Requires a wash' is the correct choice.

Q4. You are asked to copy this letter (word by word).

- (a) word for word
- (b) word with word
- (c) word to word
- (d) No improvement

S4. Ans.(a)

Sol. Word for word: in exactly the same words or when translated exactly equivalent words.

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Q5. The weak man is a slave to his (sensuous) pleasures.

- (a) sensory
- (b) sensual
- (c) secondary
- (d) No improvement

S5. Ans.(b)

Sol. Sensual: connected with one's physical feelings and pleasures.

Direction (6-10): In the following questions, groups four words are given. In each group, one word is wrongly spelt. Find the misspelt word is wrongly spelt. Find the misspelt word.

Q6.

- (a) Prioratise
- (b) Picturesque
- (c) Visualize
- (d) Individuality

S6. Ans.(a)

Q7.

- (a) Mendacious
- (b) Obnoxciuous
- (c) Pernicious
- (d) Ferocious

S7. Ans.(b)

Q8.

- (a) Rapport
- (b) Support
- (c) Repport
- (d) Purport

S8. Ans.(c)

Q9.

- (a) Audacious
- (b) Auspicious
- (c) Caprisious
- (d) Credulous

S9. Ans.(c)

Q10.

- (a) Neurosurgeon
- (b) Homoeopath
- (c) Bureaucrat
- (d) Veteinary

S10. Ans.(d)

Direction (11-12): In the following question, some part of the sentence may have errors. Find out which part of the sentence has an error and select the appropriate option. If a sentence is free from error, select 'No Error'.

Q11. Water contamination has become more serious (A)/ since chemists have begun to use (B)/ new substances. (C)/ No error (D)

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

S11. Ans.(b)

Sol. Replace 'have begun' with 'began'

The rule to be followed is 'Subject + Present Perfect Tense+ + Since + Simple Past Tense'

Q12. The man is mortal (A)/ and ultimately, he has to leave everything here, (B)/ yet how irrationally he remains attached to his worldly possessions (C)/ No error (D).

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

S12. Ans.(a)

Sol. Remove 'the' before 'man'. When we use the word 'man' or 'woman' in general sense, we do not use article before it.

Direction (13-14): In the following questions, sentences are given with blanks to be filled in with an appropriate word(s). Four alternatives are suggested for each question. Choose the correct alternative out of the four as your answer.

Q13. The publication of the study had wider _____ throughout the academic and scientific institutions connected with it.

- (a) deterrence
- (b) sludge
- (c) reverberations
- (d) temperament

S13. Ans.(c)


Sol. Reverberation: a continuing effect; a repercussion.

Q14. Banks are increasingly _____ cash machines to finance companies, which impose a so-called 'convenience' fee.

- (a) tossing
- (b) offloading
- (c) downloading
- (d) crashing

S14. Ans.(b)

Sol. Offload: Rid oneself of (something) by selling or passing it on to someone else.

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Direction (15-16): Out of the four alternatives, choose the one which *best expresses* the meaning of the given word.

Q15. LESSOR

- (a) Mentor
- (b) Stupor
- (c) Repertoire
- (d) Proprietor

S15. Ans.(d)

Lessor: A person who leases or lets a property to another; a landlord.

Proprietor: the owner of a business, or a holder of property.

Hence option D is the correct synonym.

Q16. AVERMENT

- (a) Expiration
- (b) Collusion
- (c) Claim
- (d) Precondition

S16. Ans.(c)

Sol. Averment: An affirmation or allegation.

Claim: an assertion that something is true.

Hence option C is the correct synonym.

Direction (17-18): In the following questions, out of the four alternatives, select the word opposite in meaning to the word given.

Q17. BLOVIATE

- (a) Bluster
- (b) Orate
- (c) Be quiet
- (d) Declaim

S17. Ans.(c)

Sol. Bloviate: to speak or write verbosely and windily.

Hence option C is the correct antonym.

Q18. TAPER OFF

- (a) Neglect
- (b) Enforce
- (c) Protect
- (d) Increase

S18. Ans.(d)

Sol. Taper off: become smaller or less active.

Hence option D is the correct antonym.

Direction (19-20): In the following questions, four words are given out of which one word is incorrectly spelt. Select the incorrectly spelt word.

Q19.

- (a) triumph
- (b) tortore
- (c) tyrant
- (d) thesaurus

S19. Ans.(b)

Sol. Correct Spelling is Torture.

Q20.

- (a) psychiatrist
- (b) proclamation
- (c) legitimacy
- (d) tranquility

S20. Ans.(b)

Sol. Correct Spelling is Proclamation.

Direction (21-22): In the following questions, out of the four alternatives, select the word similar in meaning to the word given.

Q21. PERVERSE

- (a) Agreeable
- (b) Nefarious
- (c) Compliant
- (d) Willing

S21. Ans.(b)

Sol. Perverse: showing a deliberate and obstinate desire to behave in a way that is unreasonable or unacceptable.

Nefarious: wicked or criminal.

Hence Perverse and Nefarious are synonyms to each other.

Q22. EXEMPTION

- (a) Hostility
- (b) Security
- (c) Peculiarity
- (d) Immunity


S22. Ans.(d)

Sol. Exemption: the action of feeling or state of being free from an obligation or liability imposed on others.

Immunity: protection or exemption from something, especially an obligation or penalty.

Hence Exemption and Immunity are synonyms to each other.

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Direction (23-24): In the following question, out of the four alternatives, select the word opposite in meaning to the word given.

Q23. To Maneuver

- (a) To proceed
- (b) To manipulate
- (c) To cease
- (d) To machinate

S23. Ans.(c)

Sol. To maneuver: to handle and move something carefully or with difficulty.

To cease: to bring something to an end.

Hence 'To Maneuver' and 'To cease' are antonyms to each other.

Q24. To avert

- (a) To deter
- (b) To aid
- (c) To forestall
- (d) To preclude

S24. Ans.(b)

Sol. To avert: to keep from happening.

To aid: to give assistance.

Hence 'To avert' and 'To aid' are antonyms to each other.

Direction (25-26): In the following questions, out of the four alternatives, select the alternative which best expresses the meaning of the idiom/phrase.

Q25. To go to somebody's head.

- (a) To have a huge ego
- (b) To complain to the highest authority
- (c) To make someone dizzy or slightly drunk
- (d) To arrive at the central point of the topic

S25. Ans.(c)

Sol. Option C is the correct meaning.

Q26. To put a spoke in one's wheel.

- (a) To be advantageous at the time of difficulty.
- (b) To maintain under all circumstances.
- (c) To blame the other party.
- (d) To put a difficulty in the way of progress.

S26. Ans.(d)

Sol. Option D is the correct meaning.

Direction (27-28): In the following questions, the sentence given with blank to be filled in with an appropriate word, select the correct alternative out of the four and indicate it by selecting the appropriate option.

Q27. He _____ to the problem of air pollution in his speech.

- (a) averted
- (b) adverted
- (c) exclaimed
- (d) mentioned

S27. Ans.(b)

Sol. Advert is the correct intransitive verb to use here which means 'to call attention in the course of speaking or writing and is used with preposition 'to'.

Hence option B is the correct usage.

Q28. Rohan is so magnanimous that everyone is always _____ to help him in his project.

- (a) eager
- (b) enthusiastic
- (c) reluctant
- (d) ignorant

S28. Ans.(a)

Sol. Magnanimous denotes a positive meaning which means generous or forgiving. Hence, using 'eager' is the right choice as eager means keenly expectant or interested.

Hence option 'A' is the correct usage.

Direction (29-30): Improve the bracketed part of the sentence.

Q29. She is (the best and wisest) girl in the class.

- (a) best and the wisest
- (b) a best and a wisest
- (c) the best and the wisest
- (d) No Improvement

S29. Ans.(c)

Sol. Use article 'the' before the superlative degree of adjective in a sentence. As 'best' and 'wisest' both are the superlative degrees of adjective.

Hence option 'C' improves the bracketed part of the sentence.

Q30. The people of Japan are (wiser than America).


- (a) wiser than that of America
- (b) wiser than those of America
- (c) wiser to that of America
- (d) No Improvement

S30. Ans.(b)

Sol. First of all, comparison has been made between the people from two countries not between the countries.

Hence 'than those of America' is an apt choice as 'those' is used for living beings'

Option B is the correct usage.

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