

GENERAL ENGLISH

DIRECTIONS: (Question nos. 1 to 10) Read the passage given below and answer the following questions:

Once upon a time, there was a royal elephant which used to reside in the premises of king's palace. The elephant was very dear to the king, so he was well-fed and well treated. There was also a Dog who lived near the Elephant's shed. He was very weak and skinny. He was always fascinated by the smell of rich sweet rice being fed to the royal elephant. One day, the Dog could no longer resist the aroma of the rice and somehow managed to sneak into the Elephant's shed. He ate the grains of sweet rice that fell from the Elephant's mouth. He liked the rice so much, that he started going there daily to eat the rice. For days, the huge Elephant didn't notice the small dog as he was busy enjoying the delicious food. Gradually, the dog grew bigger and stronger eating such rich food. Finally the Elephant noticed him and allowed him access to the food. The Elephant enjoyed the company of the Dog and started sharing his food with him. They also started spending time with each other and soon became good friends. They ate together, slept together and played together. While playing, the Elephant would hold the Dog in his trunk and swing him back and forth. Soon neither of them was happy without the other. They became great friends and didn't want to be separated from each other.

Then one day, a man saw the Dog and asked the Elephant-keeper, "I want to buy this Dog. What price do you want for it?" The Elephant keeper didn't own the Dog but sold it and extracted a sum of money from this deal. The man took the Dog to his home village, which was quite far away. The King's Elephant became very sad after this incident. He missed his friend a lot and started neglecting everything. He didn't want to do anything without his dear friend, so he stopped eating, drinking and even bathing. Finally, the Elephant-keeper reported this to the King; however he didn't mention anything about the Dog. The King had a wise minister, who was known for his keen understanding of animals. The King ordered the minister, "Go to the Elephant shed and find out the reason for the Elephant's condition". Then intelligent minister went to the Elephant shed and found the Elephant very sad. He examined the Elephant and asked the Elephant keeper, "There is nothing wrong with this Elephant's body, then why does he look so sad? I think this Elephant is grief stricken, possibly due to the loss of a dear friend.

Do you know if this Elephant shared a close friendship with anyone? The Elephant-keeper said, "There was a Dog who used to eat, sleep and play with the Elephant. He was taken by a stranger three days ago". The minister went back to the King and said, "Your majesty, in my opinion, the royal Elephant is not sick, but he is lonesome without his dear friend, the Dog". The King said, "You're right, friendship is one of the most wonderful things of life. Do you know where that Dog is?" The Minister replied, "Elephant keeper has informed me that a stranger took him away and he doesn't know his whereabouts". The King asked, "How can we bring back my Elephant's friend and make him happy again?" The Minister suggested, "Your Majesty, make a declaration that whoever has the dog that used to live at the royal Elephant's shed will be penalized". The King did the same and the man who had taken the dog, instantly turned him loose when he heard the proclamation. As soon as he was freed, the Dog ran back as fast as he could to the Elephant's shed. The Elephant was so delighted to see the Dog that he picked his friend up with his trunk and swung him back and forth. The Dog wagged his tail, while the Elephant's eyes sparkled with happiness. The King was content to see the Elephant happy once again and rewarded the Minister for his wise judgment.

1. What was the Minister's diagnosis of the Elephant's condition?
 - A. The Elephant hated his keeper
 - B. The Elephant was lonely
 - C. The Elephant was starving
 - D. The Elephant had hurt his leg and was in pain

Ans. B

2. What method did the Minister suggest to the King to get back the Dog?
 - A. To declare that whoever had that particular Dog would be punished
 - B. To keep a bowl of rice for the dog in the Elephant's shed so that he could be lured back to the palace
 - C. To command the Elephant keeper to look for the Dog in the village
 - D. To persuade the Elephant to call out to the Dog

Ans. A

15. A. Many B. The
C. Few D. More

Ans. C

16. A. Than B. In
C. To D. As

Ans. C

17. A. Lesser B. Greater
C. Fewer D. Much

Ans. B

18. **Look at the underlined part of the sentence. Below the sentence are given three possible substitutions for the underlined part. If one of them (1), (2) or (3) is better than underlined part, indicate your response against the corresponding alternative (1) (2) (3). If none of the substitution improve the sentence, indicate (4) as your response: Only three-fourths of the work is complete.**

Old habits die hard.

- A. Die hardly B. Dies hard
C. Die harder D. No improvement

Ans. D

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Hardly had he entered the police station than the police officer began to beat him.

- A. Before B. When
C. Since D. No improvement

Ans. B

20. **Identify the incorrect sentence among the alternatives**
- A. The patient died before the doctor arrived.
- B. You, Shashi and I have finished our studies.
- C. The Indian team defeated the Australian by an innings.
- D. Few men are free from fault.

Ans. A

21. **Identify the incorrect sentence among the alternatives**

- A. This is the best that we can do.
- B. You and he must bring your books.
- C. A great many students have been declared successful.
- D. An European lives in my area.

Ans. D

22. **The correct active voice of the following sentence is:**

It was expected by the Romans that Carthage would be conquered by them.

- A. The Romans expected that Carthage was conquered by them.
- B. The Romans expected that it would conquer Carthage.
- C. The Romans expected that they would conquer Carthage.
- D. The Romans expected that they will conquer Carthage.

Ans. C

23. **In the following sentence, one or more mistakes are given. Locate the number of errors and mark accordingly:**

Word hard in English lest you may fail in this subject.

- A. One mistake
B. Two mistakes
C. Three mistakes
D. Four mistakes

Ans. B

24. **Find out the correctly spelt words.**

- A. Apology B. Appology
C. Appolegy D. Apollogy

Ans. A

25. **Find out the correctly spelt words.**

- A. Conscientous B. Conscientious
C. Conseintious D. Conscientiuuous

Ans. B

26. **Find out the correctly spelt words.**

- A. Bouquete B. Bouquet
C. Boquet D. Bouquette

Ans. B

27. **Find out the correctly spelt words.**

- A. Trecherous B. Treacherous
C. Treachrous D. Trechearious

Ans. B

28. **Choose the correct word to fill up the following sentence.**

Sentence:.....my friends knew that I was getting married.

- A. Not so much
- B. Not much of
- C. Not many of
- D. Not any

Ans. C

29. **Choose the correct word to fill up the following sentence.**

Sentence: Trade unions have lost much of their power in globalized world,.....their political influence should not be underestimated.

- A. Even so
- B. Even through
- C. Even
- D. Even though

Ans. D

30. **Choose the correct words to fill up the following sentence.**

Sentence: I told him that he couldn't hope to catch a big fish.....a small rod like that, but he insisted.....trying.

- A. Through, on
- B. By, about
- C. With, about
- D. By, on

Ans. D

DIRECTIONS: In the sentence find out whether there is any grammatical error in it. The error, if any will be in one part of the sentence. The letter of that part is the answer.

31.

- A. The job is much worse than Damini expected
- B. If she would have realized
- C. How dreadful it was going to be
- D. She would not have accepted it

Ans. B

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32.

- A. If I will have the time
- B. I shall try and make it
- C. To the temple this evening to offer prayers
- D. For peace and prosperity of my family

Ans. A

DIRECTIONS: In the following sentence find out whether there is any error in it. The error if any will be in one part of the sentence, the option of that part is the answer.

33. **When you will find A./a solution to this problem B./ you will be able C./ to get this prestigious project with promotion D.**

Ans. A

DIRECTIONS: In the following sentence find out whether there is any error in it. The error if any will be in one part of the sentence, the option of that part is the answer.

34. **The income derived A./ of the ownership B./ of land is C./ commonly called rent D.**

Ans. B

DIRECTIONS: In the following sentence find out whether there is any error in it. The error if any will be in one part of the sentence, the option of that part is the answer.

35. **Sushil and Rupa were sleeping A./ in their bed room when a thief B./ entered into his house C./ and took away many things D.**

Ans. C

36. **Choose the correct word to fill up the following sentence.**

Sentence: They needed someone who was both an excellent administrator and a good manager.....was not easy to find.

- A. Such a person
- B. A such person
- C. Such person
- D. This person

Ans. C

DIRECTIONS: The following question select the word which is the exact opposite from the words given below.

37. **RELINQUISH**

- A. Renounce
- B. Deny
- C. Possess
- D. Abdicate

Ans. C

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38. **INDISCRETION**

- A. Prudence
- B. Carelessness
- C. Recklessness
- D. Inattention

Ans. A

DIRECTIONS: The following question select the word which best expresses the meaning of the word from the worlds given below.

39. **WOBBLY**

- A. Unsteady
- B. Cautious
- C. Critical
- D. Susceptible

Ans. C

DIRECTIONS: The following question select the word which best expresses the meaning of the word from the words given below.

40. **OMNIPRESENT**

- A. Nowhere
- B. Absent
- C. All-pervading
- D. Narrow

Ans. C

DIRECTIONS: Complete the sentence using the word or set of words for each blank that best fits the meaning of the sentence as a whole.

41. **In India, Children’s Day is celebrated on 14 November to.....the birth anniversary of Pundit Nehru.**

- A. Commemorate
- B. Convince
- C. Consolidate
- D. Condone

Ans. A

DIRECTIONS: Complete the sentence using the word or set of words for each blank that best fits the meaning of the sentence as a whole.

42. **When the mental asylum was under renovation, one of its.....escaped.**

- A. Comrades
- B. Inmates
- C. Members
- D. Tenants

Ans. B

DIRECTIONS: Complete the sentence using the word or set of words for each blank that best fits the meaning of the sentence as a whole.

43. **After hijacking the plane, the terroriststhe hostages in a dilapidated building.**

- A. Captured
- B. Caricatured
- C. Captivated
- D. Incarcerated

Ans. C

DIRECTIONS: Complete the sentence using the word or set of words for each blank that best fits the meaning of the sentence as a whole.

44. **When the port authorities learnt that the ship’s passengers were sick with a terrible plague, they.....the ship and refused to let it dock.**

- A. Smothered
- B. Nurtured
- C. Sanctioned
- D. Quarantined

Ans. D

DIRECTIONS: Complete the sentence using the word or set of words for each blank that best fits the meaning of the sentence as whole.

45. **Due to a conflict of interest, the judge had toherself from hearing the case.**

- A. Remove
- B. Recuse
- C. Indulge
- D. Quell

Ans. B

DIRECTIONS: Complete the sentence using the word or set of words for each blank that best fits the meaning of the sentence as a whole.

46. **The Khannas were upset by the construction of the new tower across the street, as the building would.....their once scenic view.**

- A. Obviate
- B. Obfuscate
- C. Obstruct
- D. Alleviate

Ans. C

DIRECTIONS: Complete the sentence using the word or set of words for each blank that best fits the meaning of the sentence as a whole.

47. **The national Hockey tournament was held under the.....of the Sports Ministry.**

- A. Aegis
- B. Premonition
- C. promulgation
- D. Truancy

Ans. A

DIRECTIONS: Complete the sentence using the word or set of words for each blank that best fits the meaning of the sentence as a whole.

48. **When Mihir visited his college after ten years, he felt happy andabout those early days in the college.**

- A. Nauseating
- B. Nostalgic
- C. Nourishing
- D. Negating

Ans. B

DIRECTIONS: In the following question, choose the grammatically correct phrase to complete the sentence:

49. **Every fortnight he goes to Delhi; and he always prefers travelling**

- A. By train
- B. In train
- C. With train
- D. On train

Ans. A

DIRECTIONS: In the following question, choose the grammatically correct phrase to complete the sentence:

50. **She is looking forward.....him**
A. To meet B. For meeting
C. To meeting D. Meet
Ans. A
51. **Substitute one word for the following:
A person having authority to inquire
into grievances of citizens against
public authorities**
A. Paramour B. Prompter
C. Ombudsman D. Arbitrator
Ans. C
52. **Choose the exact meaning of the
idioms/phrases.
A tall, strong, masculine type of
woman**
A. Pedant B. Amazon
C. Virago D. Feminist
Ans. C
53. **Choose the exact meaning of the
idioms/phrases.
One who is vowed to unmarried life.**
A. Widower B. Bigot
C. Celibate D. Bayonet
Ans. C
54. **He led me.....the green lawn
to the palatial building**
A. Upon B. Across
C. Along D. On
Ans. A
55. **The lease of our premises
has.....and we have to vacate it.**
A. Run out B. Run off
C. Run over D. Run down
Ans. C
56. **Habits : Instincts as**
A. Work : Play
B. Acquired : Cultivated
C. Training : Heredity
D. Birds : Animals
Ans. C

DIRECTIONS: There is a certain relation between two given words on one side of sign :: One word is given on the other side of sign :: Choose the suitable word to be put with the given word from the following alternatives.

57. **Aircraft : Air :: Satellite :**
A. Telecommunication B. Television
C. Cables D. Outer space
Ans. D

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58. **White : Peace :: Red :**
A. Cleanliness B. Martyr
C. Roses D. Violence
Ans. D

DIRECTIONS: In the following question, choose the grammatically correct phrase to complete the sentence:

59. **Sagar went to the Cinema in the
afternoon; before that, he
.....lunch.**
A. Will have
B. Had already got
C. Have already got
D. Had already had
Ans. D

DIRECTIONS: In the following question, choose the grammatically correct phrase to complete the sentence:

60. **I wouldn't do that if Iyou.**
A. Was B. Am
C. Were D. Would be
Ans. B