

Most Important Questions of English Language for Bank Exams 2020



Direction: Read the following sentence to find out if there is any error in it. The option containing the part of the sentence containing an error is the answer. If the given sentence is correct as it is, mark 'No error' as the answer. Ignore the errors of punctuation if any.

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B. migrate from southern part
C. of the country to the
D. northern part during summer.
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2. The father divided/ the property equally/ between his son/ and daughter.
A. The father divided
B. The property equally
C. Between his son
D. And daughter
E. No error

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3. His aim is /provided cheap and /reliable internet facilities / to every village Within five years.
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B. Provided cheap and
C. Reliable internet facilities
D. To every village Within five years.
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4. Yet the writers/ have no qualms about/ depicting the gory/ details of the violence.
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B. Have no qualms about
C. Depicting the gory
D. Details of the violence
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5. The boy attempted the questions / so well / that his teacher were exceedingly / pleased at him.
A. The boy attempted the questions
B. So well
C. That his teacher were exceedingly
D. Pleased at him
E. No error

Direction (6 – 10) : In the following passage, there are blanks each of which has been numbered. These numbers correspond to the question numbers; against each question, five words have been suggested, one of which fills the blanks appropriately.

The key finding in a recent study that even top schools in major cities in India suffer from the (###Q1###) tendency to impart rote learning may have some shock value to those who believe that private educational institutions place greater emphasis on quality and holistic education. However, for those closely (###Q2###) the school education scenario, it is a re-affirmation of a bitter truth: schools in our country are, by and large, quite far from seeing education as a process of learning with understanding, acquiring knowledge through self-discovery and conceptualization; rather, education remains a mere transmission of

(###Q3###) in a rigid classroom atmosphere, where the (###Q4###) is on memorization and the objective is to rush through a pre-determined syllabus and prepare children for examinations. While on the scholastic side the WIPRO-Educational Initiatives 'Quality Education Study,' which covered 89 schools, shows a fall in learning standards among students in classes 4, 6, and 8 over the last five years, it also flags a disturbing deficit of social (###Q5###) on the part of a sizable section of students.

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- B. Entrenched
- C. Dislodge
- D. Stiff
- E. Wasteful

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- A. Making
- B. Relating
- C. Realizing
- D. Observing
- E. Views

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Direction: A sentence with two blanks is given, each blank indicating that something has been omitted. Choose the words that best fit in the given blanks making the sentence grammatically correct and meaningful.

11. Encroachments, roadside parking and _____ traffic barricades add to the problems of commuters who try to take the peripheral roads to _____ jams.

- A. Unmanned, avoid
- B. Emasculated, face
- C. Demoralized, control
- D. Energized, manage
- E. Fortified, confront

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12. The unchecked display of celebrations and processions which _____ large number of musical bands and instruments, heavy lighting and burst crackers _____ all permissible parameters in open area create ecological imbalance.

- A. appoint, breaking
- B. dismiss, intersect
- C. engage, crossing
- D. connect, breaking
- E. exclude, observing

Direction: A statement with two blanks, each blank indicating that something has been omitted, is given below. Choose the set of words for each blank that best fits the meaning of the sentence as a whole.

13. Though vehicular emission is the biggest _____ of pollutants in the city air, _____ of garbage and leaves contribute to 29.4% of the air pollution when it comes to particulate matter.

- A. reason, addition
- B. container, bunch
- C. issue, collection
- D. contributor, burning
- E. None of these

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14. The Peoples Democratic Party continued to keep its cards close to the chest, _____ speculation that it might _____ something on government formation in J&K after its first formal legislative meeting.

- A. Assembling, Declaring
- B. Balancing, Revealing
- C. Attracting, Allow
- D. Dismissing, Announce
- E. None of these

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15. Ruling out any more assistance, it told that the High Court that the civic bodies had been _____ and opaque towards the vital issues of funds _____ and management of municipal affairs.

- A. supportive, operation
- B. non-cooperative, utilisation
- C. contrarily, expenditure
- D. cooperative, use
- E. none of the above

Direction (16 – 20) : Rearrange the following six sentences (A), (B), (C), (D), (E) and (F) in a proper sequence to form a meaningful paragraph; then answer the questions that follow.

(A) For other wishes, it enlists the help of those who make or own what the child desires.

(B) It grants some wishes with its own funds depending upon the availability of funds.

(C) I was deeply moved when I learnt about the activity of "Make-a-Wish Foundation".

(D) From parents, friends, or hospital attendants, the foundation learns about the child's wish for anything from a special toy to a visit to Disneyland.

(E) I am sure you also now must have been moved by the noble act of the foundation.

(F) It grants the wishes of children who are terminally ill.

16. Which of the following should be the **FOURTH** sentence after rearrangement?

- A. F
- B. E
- C. D
- D. C
- E. B

17. Which of the following should be the **SIXTH (LAST)** sentence after rearrangement?

- A. F
- B. E
- C. D
- D. C
- E. B

18. Which of the following should be the **SECOND** sentence after rearrangement?

- A. F
- B. E
- C. D
- D. C
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19. Which of the following should be the **THIRD** sentence after rearrangement?

- A. F
- B. E
- C. D
- D. C
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20. Which of the following should be the **FIRST** sentence after rearrangement?

- A. F
- B. E
- C. D
- D. C
- E. B

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given sentence is correct, your answer will be option (E), i.e., "No correction required".

21. He behaved **though it was** his fault, but we knew he was not responsible for it.

- A. even though it was
- B. though it were not
- C. as if it were
- D. despite it was not
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22. She never felt that it **was not of her business** to get involved in somebody else's family matter.

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- B. was none of her business
- C. was of not her business
- D. was not for her businesses
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23. Though the end of life is something inevitable, **yet rarely discuss** being a source of intense discomfort for most.

- A. but is rarely discussed
- B. it is rare discussion
- C. so is rarely discussed
- D. it is rarely discussed
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24. I was **taken back** by his sudden comment on this issue, as I never expected such a comment from him.

- A. Taken off
- B. Taken through
- C. Taken down
- D. Taken aback
- E. No correction required

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25. In a matter of seconds, we **get to know** what is happening anywhere in the world.

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- B. Come to be known of
- C. Get to know off
- D. Are getting to know of
- E. No correction required

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###ANSWERS###

1. Ans. B.

Option B is the correct answer.

Since the southern part is definite, a definite article 'the' should be used before 'southern'. Hence, it should be 'the southern part'.

Note: Do not get confused with the subject-verb agreement. Whether the group has to be considered singular or plural depends on the context in which it is used since it is different for American and British English.

2. Ans. E.

Sentence is perfectly framed and there is no grammatical error in the sentence. Hence option E is correct.

3. Ans. B.

'Provided' is the wrong form of the verb in the second part and needs to be replaced with 'to provide'. His aim is the action causing agent here and not the action receiving agent. Thus option B is the correct response.

4. Ans. E.

The sentence is perfectly framed and grammatically correct. So, option E is the most appropriate response.

5. Ans. C.

The error is in the third part; there is numerical inaccuracy in this part. If the context is of a single teacher, then the helping verb should be 'was' or otherwise it should be 'teachers'. Thus option C is correct.

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system. Thus, the tendency can be said to be ingrained in the schools. So, option B is the correct response.

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So, D is the correct response.

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The context is of the showing that a greater importance is being given on 'memorization'. Thus, 'emphasis' is the correct response.

10. Ans. B.

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11. Ans. A.

It is clear from the sentence structure that the first half of the sentence is talking about problems; hence the word in the blank should be such that it highlights a negative side with respect to the traffic barricades.

Barricade is an improvised barrier erected across a street or other thoroughfare to prevent or delay the movement of opposing forces.

Unmanned means not having or needing a crew or staff. It fits well in the context. Traffic barricades with no staff can lead to problems as they are devoid of any check. Hence, option A should be kept on hold.

Emasculated means weakened or impoverished. It clearly doesn't go with

the context. Hence, option B can be eliminated.

A barricade can't be demoralized as it is an attribute of the living. Hence, option C can also be eliminated.

Energized is a clear misfit; hence option D can be eliminated.

Peripheral means outer. It is logical that the commuters will take the roads which help them avoid jams and not face jams. Hence, avoid fits the second blank well.

Hence, option A is the correct answer.

12. Ans. C.

The first blank relates 'celebrations and processions' with 'large number of musical bands and instruments, heavy lighting and burst crackers'. Contextually, the first part denotes an event and the second part mentions activities and people involved in it. So, the correct option for the first blank is 'engage' which means 'participate or become involved in'.

So, the correct answer is option C.

13. Ans. D.

The first segment highlights vehicular emission as the biggest contributor to pollution. Only options A and D can fit in. Vehicular emission can neither be the container of pollution nor can be the issue of pollutants. It itself is an issue.

The decisive factor is this question is the second blank. The mere addition of garbage and leaves can't contribute to pollution but the burning of it can definitely be the cause for the same as it enhances the pollution due to the fumes produced.

Hence, option A can be eliminated and option D is the answer.

14. Ans. D.

To keep one's card close to the chest means to keep one's plans and intentions secret. So if a party does not reveal its plans, any 'speculation' will get dismissed. None of the other words fit in the first blank space.

For the second blank, we require a verb in its base form, thus, options A and B can be eliminated. Since something in relation to government formation is being

kept secret, 'announce' is the best-fit word for the second blank. So, option D is the correct answer.

15. Ans. B.

The first blank must contain an adjective which conveys a similar sense as 'opaque' does. In the given sentence 'opaque' carries a negative meaning and indicates that the civic bodies had been unclear and puzzling. Options A and D can be eliminated as the first words in them carry positive meanings. The usage of 'contrarily' will be grammatically incorrect in the first blank and thus, option B is the correct answer.

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21. Ans. C.

'As if' is used for emphasizing that something is not true or is not important, which is the case in the given sentence. 'Though' and 'even though' are used to introduce an element of contrast which is not required in the given sentence. 'Despite' means without being affected by; in spite of. It doesn't fit in the given sentence grammatically.

The conditional 'if' takes the plural auxiliary "were" and not the singular "was" after it.

Option C makes perfect sense, hence it is the most suitable response.

22. Ans. B.

The correct phrase is 'none of your/his/her/my/ subject's business' which means that the issue doesn't concern the subject. So the usage of "not" is incorrect here. Thus, option B is the correct answer.

23. Ans. D.

The statement is expressing a fact "the end of life is something inevitable". When 'though' is used with a verb in the indicative mood (expressing a fact or making a statement), we do not use 'yet'. The correct replacement will be 'it is rarely discussed'.

So, the correct answer is option D.

24. Ans. D.

The correct idiom is 'taken aback' and not 'taken back'. Since the sentence implies an unexpected thing (I never expected such a comment), a surprise is a feasible response and 'Taken aback' meaning being surprised or shocked is the appropriate replacement.

Taken back: to make someone nostalgic.

Taken down: to criticise someone devastatingly so that it is difficult for them to recover.

Taken through: to explain something to someone.

Taken off: to reduce the price of an item.

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