

Question Answer Competition: Part 1: English



1.

Cut Through Red Tape

- A. To adhere to the norms and policies even after obstacles.
- B. To inaugurate an event as the primary presiding guest of honour.
- C. To circumvent bureaucratic obstacles in order to accomplish something.
- D. To find the solution to a very challenging problem after a very long time.
- E. To travel across a very uneven and rocky terrain on foot.

2.Reel under

- A. To ponder deeply over some issue
- B. To be overcome by euphoria
- C. To struggle to deal with some burden
- D. To prevent oneself from difficult circumstances
- E. To try and understand inner conflicts

3.Raison D'être

- A. The most important purpose of someone's existence.
- B. The main point of disagreement.
- C. The reason behind a failure.
- D. The will to perform a task
- E. The conditions built to complete a task.

4.Run down

- A. squandering away
- B. to lose power or stop functioning
- C. incurring at a slow speed
- D. taking chance to meet
- E. None is important

5.Drag in

- A. to continue for longer than you want or think is necessary
- B. to introduce or mention (a topic, name, etc) with slight or no pretext
- C. to do something to someone so that other people lose respect for them



- D. to pass very slowly, especially in context of time
- E. taking chance to meet

6.Amp Up

- A. to pull something away from someplace in order to maintain alignment
- B. to excite, arouse, or work up (a person, emotions, etc)
- C. to target someone relentlessly for some personal gain
- D. to show someone the right way to do something.
- E. None of the above

7.Carve Out

- A. to find the answer to a very complex problem
- B. to launch or introduce a new product or program
- C. to develop a career or position for yourself by working hard
- D. to distribute, to give, pass out aids to the needy
- E. to change your mind and decide not to do something

8.Which of the following is the synonym of the word "Gory"?

- A. Pleasing
- B. Gratifying
- C. Palatable
- D. Gruesome
- E. None of these

9.Which of the following word is the antonym of "Vie"?

- A. Contend
- B. Emulate
- C. Counter
- D. Truce
- E. None of these

10.Which of the following word is opposite to the word "connivance"?



- A. Conspiracy
- B. Sufferance
- C. Complot
- D. Intolerance
- E. None of these

11.

Which of the following is the MOST OPPOSITE in meaning to the word 'ingenuous'?

- A. Gifted
- B. Inventive
- C. Insightful
- D. Unimaginative
- E. Crafty

12. Which of the following words is similar to 'Deadlock'?

- A. Resolution
- B. Standstill
- C. Breakthrough
- D. Alacrity
- E. None of these

13.

Which of the following is the MOST OPPOSITE in meaning to word '**Resonant**'?

- A. Sonorousness
- B. Vibrancy
- C. Reverberance
- D. Feeble
- E. None of these

Direction: Which of the following is the MOST OPPOSITE in meaning to the given word?



14. Reticent

- A. Gregarious
- B. Remembrance
- C. Dazzled
- D. Ascend
- E. Cohabitate

15. Select the correctly spelt word.

- A. Acommodate
- B. Accomodate
- C. Akommodate
- D. Accommodate

16. Select the correctly spelt word.

- A. Hanckerchief
- B. Hangerchief
- C. Hankerchief
- D. Handkerchief

17. Select the correctly spelt word.

- A. Recipt
- B. Reseipt
- C. Receipt
- D. Receit

18. Select the misspelt word.

- A. Vicious
- B. Resistance
- C. Pursue
- D. Tyrrany

19. Select the correctly spelt world.



- A. Mumentary
- B. Mormentary
- C. Momentery
- D. Momentary

20. Select the misspelt word.

- A. inimical
- B. etiquette
- C. afiliate
- D. adjourn

21. Select the misspelt word.

- A. succinct
- B. enigmatic
- C. lustrous
- D. dilemma

Direction: Identify the segment in the sentence which contains the grammatical error.

22.

The Board examinations have postponed due to the fear of Corona virus.

- A. due to the fear
- B. The Board examinations
- C. of Corona virus
- D. have postponed

Direction: Identify the segment in the sentence which contains the grammatical error.

23.

Davos, which has the largest ski resort in Switzerland and is the highest city in Europe, encompassing five separate ski areas.



- A. which has the largest ski resort
- B. encompassing
- C. is the highest city
- D. in Europe

Direction: Identify the segment in the sentence which contains the grammatical error.

24.

Rohit, who did not submit his essay in time, is penalize and had to lose marks.

- A. who did not submit
- B. in time
- C. had to lose marks
- D. is penalize

Direction: Identify the segment in the sentence which contains the grammatical error.

25.

Please sure that silence is maintained in the library.

- A. that silence
- B. Please sure
- C. is maintained
- D. in the library

Direction: Identify the segment in the sentence which contains the grammatical error.

26.

He is over eighty and dare not read without glasses.

- A. over eighty and
- B. dare not read
- C. He is



D. without glasses

Direction: Identify the segment in the sentence which contains the grammatical error.

27.

Either Ramesh or Reema have the keys to the cupboard.

- A. or Reema have
- B. the keys
- C. Either Ramesh
- D. to the cupboard

Direction: Identify the segment in the sentence which contains the grammatical error.

28.

The information you are asking for is quite irrelevance.

- A. The information
- B. you are
- C. asking for
- D. is quite irrelevance

Direction: Identify the segment in the sentence which contains the grammatical error.

29.

She has been working tirelessly since hours.

- A. tirelessly
- B. since hours
- C. been working
- D. she had



Direction: Identify the segment in the sentence which contains the grammatical error.

30. More than a thousand child were taken to zoo for picnic as ordered by school authorities.

- A. More than a thousand
- B. zoo for picnic as ordered
- C. child were taken to
- D. by school authorities



ANSWERS

1. Ans. C.

The phrase 'Cut Through Red Tape' means 'to eliminate, circumvent or neutralize something complicated, such as bureaucratic rules and procedures'. 'Red tape' means 'excessive bureaucracy or adherence to official rules and formalities'. So, the correct answer is option C.

2. Ans. C.

The phrase 'reel under' means to struggle to deal with some oppressive or difficult burden or responsibility; to suffer because of a burden. E.g. I was happy about the promotion at first, but I have to admit that I'm reeling a bit under the weight of all these responsibilities. So, the correct answer is option C.

3. Ans. A.

A person's or organization's *raison d'être* is the most important reason for them existing in the way that they do. E.g. His wife, six children, their spouses, and his fifteen grandchildren were his *raison d'être*. So, the correct answer is option A.

4. Ans. B.

Run down means 'to reduce (or become reduced) in size, numbers, or resources'.

5. Ans. B.

When you are talking, if you drag in a subject, you mention something that is not relevant and that other people do not want to discuss. E.g. We were able to stick to the main issue without incidental grievances being dragged in. So, the correct answer is option B.

6. Ans. B.

'To amp up' something means to make something stronger, more extreme, or more exciting E.g. After dinner, some people love to dance, so we amp up the mood with more contemporary tunes. So, the correct answer is option B.



7. Ans. C.

The phrasal verb 'carve out' means 'to create or obtain something that helps you by skillful activities'. E.g. She carved out a reputation for herself as a high-powered lawyer. So, the correct answer is option C.

8. Ans. D.

Gory - involving or showing violence and bloodshed

Pleasing- giving pleasure; agreeable; gratifying

Gratifying – tending to gratify; giving or causing satisfaction; pleasing.

Palatable– acceptable or agreeable to the palate or taste; savory

Gruesome - causing great horror; horribly repugnant; grisly

9. Ans. D.

Vie- compete eagerly with someone in order to do or achieve something

Contend - assert something as a position in an argument.

Emulate- match or surpass (a person or achievement), typically by imitation

Counter – denoting opposition, retaliation, or rivalry

Truce - an agreement between enemies or opponents to stop fighting or arguing for a certain time.

10. Ans. D.

Connivance- willingness to allow or be secretly involved in an immoral or illegal act

Conspiracy- a secret plan by a group to do something unlawful or harmful.

Sufferance - capacity to endure pain, hardship, etc.; endurance

Complot - a plot involving several participants; conspiracy

Intolerance - unwillingness or refusal to tolerate or respect persons of a different social group, especially members of a minority group

11. Ans. E.

Ingenuous means innocent and unsuspecting.

Insightful means perceptive.

Gifted means having exceptional talent or natural ability

Inventive means having the ability to create or design new things or to think originally



Unimaginative means not readily using or demonstrating the use of the imagination; stolid and somewhat dull
Crafty means clever or skillful, cunning
Hence, option E is the correct answer.

12. Ans. B.

Deadlock - a situation, typically one involving opposing parties, in which no progress can be made

Resolution - a firm decision to do or not to do something

Standstill - a situation or condition in which there is no movement or activity at all

Breakthrough - a sudden, dramatic, and important discovery or development

Alacrity - brisk and cheerful readiness

Hence, option B is correct.

13. Ans. D.

Resonant (adjective) = deep, clear, and continuing to sound or reverberate

Sonorousness (adjective) = giving out or capable of giving out a sound, especially a deep, resonant sound, as a thing or place

Vibrancy (adjective) = the state of being full of energy and life.

Reverberance (adjective) = having the character of a loud deep sound; the quality of being resonant.

Feeble (adjective) = lacking in volume, loudness, brightness, distinctness, etc.

So, the word "feeble" is the correct antonym of the given word.

14. Ans. A.

'Reticent' means 'reserved or introvert' while 'gregarious' means 'sociable'.

Remembrance means the action of remembering something.

Dazzle means amaze or overwhelm (someone) with a particularly impressive quality.

Ascend means go up or climb.

Cohabitate means to live or exist together in a company.



15. Ans. D.

'Accommodate' meaning '(of a building or other area) provide lodging or sufficient space for' is the correctly spelt word.

Hence, **option D** is the correct answer.

16. Ans. D.

'Handkerchief' meaning 'a square of cotton or other finely woven material intended for wiping one's nose' is the correctly spelt word.

Hence, **option D** is the correct answer.

17. Ans. C.

'Receipt' meaning 'the action of receiving something or the fact of its being received' is the correct spelling.

Hence, option C is the correct answer.

18. Ans. D.

Option D has the incorrectly spelt word:

Tyrrany = the incorrect spelling of the word **Tyranny**. It means an act of harsh, cruel and unfair control over other people

The meaning of other words:

Vicious means dangerously aggressive, violent

Resistance means the act of opposing something

Pursue means to follow or chase

19. Ans. D.

Option D has the correctly spelt word.

“**Momentary**” means something that lasts for a very short period of time.

20. Ans. C.



'Affiliate' meaning 'officially attach or connect (a subsidiary group or a person) to an organization' is incorrectly spelt as 'afiliate'.

The meanings of the other words are:

Inimical: tending to obstruct or harm.

Etiquette: the customary code of polite behaviour in society or among members of a particular profession or group.

Adjourn: break off (a meeting, legal case, or game) with the intention of resuming it later.

Hence, **option C** is the correct answer.

21. Ans. A.

Option A has the misspelt word. The correct spelling of the word is 'succinct' and it means clear and short.

Meanings of other words are:

Enigmatic = mysterious and impossible to understand completely

Lustrous = very shiny

Dilemma = a situation in which a difficult choice has to be made between two different things you could do

22. Ans. D.

The error is in the segment 'have postponed' and it is related to tenses.

'Have done an action' is used in the present perfect tense, which means that the action has been completed in the past. On the other hand, 'have been' conveys an action which began in the past and is still continuing in the present.

In the given sentence, the decision for postponing the Board examinations was taken by **someone** in the past and it is still continuing in the present. This makes the sentence in the passive voice.



Hence, 'have postponed' should be replaced with 'have been postponed' to make the sentence grammatically correct.

Therefore, **option D** is the correct answer.

23. Ans. B.

The error is in the segment 'encompassing' and it is related to tenses.

The present tense is used to express habits, general truths, repeated actions or unchanging situations, emotions and wishes.

For example, London is a large city.

Here, the fact about Davos i.e. it has five separate ski areas is mentioned. Also, the subject in the sentence is singular, therefore the verb must also be singular.

Hence, 'encompassing' should be replaced with 'encompasses' to make the sentence grammatically correct.

Therefore, **option B** is the correct answer.

24. Ans. D.

The error is in the segment 'is penalize' and it is related to form of verbs. We use participle after 'be' form of the verb.

Also, Rohit has got punishment from someone. Therefore, the sentence is in the passive voice.

Hence, 'penalize' should be replaced with 'penalized' to make the sentence grammatically correct.

Therefore, **option D** is the correct answer.

25. Ans. B.

The error is in the segment 'please sure' and it is related to verbs.

The sentence implies that the subject should ensure that silence is maintained in the library.



Also, the idiom 'make sure' means 'to ensure that something is done or happens'.

Hence, it should be 'please make sure' to make the sentence grammatically correct.

Alternatively, the sentence could be rectified as 'Please ensure that silence is maintained in the library'.

Therefore, **option B** is the correct answer.

26. Ans. B.

The error is in the segment 'dare not read' and it is related to modals.

The sentence implies that the subject's age is more than eighty and he needs glasses for reading.

The modal 'dare' meaning 'have the courage to do something' is not aptly used in the sentence. It should be replaced with 'can' meaning 'be able to' to make the sentence grammatically correct.

Therefore, **option B** is the correct answer.

27. Ans. A.

The error is in the segment 'or Reema have' and it is related to violation of the subject-verb agreement.

The verb should agree to the nearer subject in case of correlative conjunctions. Hence, it should be 'or Reema has' to make the sentence grammatically correct.

Therefore, **option A** is the correct answer.

28. Ans. D.

Option D has the grammatically incorrect part.

- The error is in the segment '**is quite irrelevance**'.
- We need an **adjective for the noun 'information'**.



- Hence, the **noun 'irrelevance'** should be replaced with '**irrelevant**' to make the sentence grammatically correct.

29. Ans. B.

The sentence is grammatically incorrect, and the error lies in **option B**. The error is related to **preposition**.

* **Since** is used to refer to a specific point of time

* **For** is used with a period of time.

* For example:

I have been travelling since 2012

I have been travelling for three years

* In the above sentence "since" will be replaced with "for" as "hours" represent a period of time

Thus, the correct sentence becomes:

She has been working tirelessly for hours.

30. Ans. C.

- The sentence is grammatically incorrect and the **error lies in option C**.
- The phrase 'more than' is followed by a plural noun and that will be 'a thousand children', not child. 'Thousand' means several or 1000 in number.
- Thus, **replace 'a thousand child' with 'a thousand children'** to make the sentence grammatically correct.



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