

CDS II 2020 English Paper: Solution

1. Ans. B.

Idiom 'Roll your sleeves up' means to prepare for hard work.

2. Ans. C.

'Cost a bomb' means to be very expensive.

3. Ans. D.

Idiom 'With Heavy Heart' means with pain and regret.

4. Ans. B.

Idiom 'Around the corner' means an event or thing which is going to happen soon.

5. Ans. A.

Idiom 'Cupboard love' means loving someone to get something from the person.

6. Ans. B.

Idiom 'Cut the cord' means to stop needing someone else to look after you and start acting independently.

7. Ans. A.

Idiom 'Cut and run' means to avoid a difficult situation by leaving suddenly.

8. Ans. A.

Idiom 'Take a stand' means to publicly express an opinion about something.

9. Ans. D.

Idiom 'French leave' means absent from work without asking for permission.

10. Ans. A.

Idiom Get the jitters means - feeling anxious.

11. Ans. A.

The correct and complete sentence is - An exploration into truth should be the beginning of all searches for knowledge and experiments of life.

12. Ans. D.

The correct and complete sentence is - Indian cinema stands as a testimony of Indian social, political and cultural life during the last century.

13. Ans. A.

The correct and complete sentence is - It appears that all that can be invented has been invented.

14. Ans. A.

The correct and complete sentence is - History is considered as a record of the achievements, experiments and suffering of humans.

15. Ans. C.

The correct and complete sentence is - Stories can exercise the imagination of children because they tell more than the stories.

16. Ans. A.

The correct and complete sentence is - Even as more and more Indians are travelling, a recent survey has revealed that they are worried about their safety.

17. Ans. B.

The correct and complete sentence is - Operations strategy in service firms is generally inseparable from the corporate strategy.

18. Ans. D.

The correct and complete sentence is - How we manage productive resources is critical to strategic growth and competitiveness.

19. Ans. A.

The correct and complete sentence is - The origin of life is considered a unique event in the history of universe.

20. Ans. B.

The correct and complete sentence is -Evolutionary Biology is the study of history of life forms on earth.

21. Ans. C.

Option C 'a has been' is the correct usage.

22. Ans. B.

Option B 'glitters' is the correct usage.

23. Ans. A.

Option A- 'formal' is the correct usage.

24. Ans. A.

'Extant' is the correct usage. Extant means still in existence; surviving.

25. Ans. B.

'bade' is the correct usage as the sentence is talking about the past and the past tense of bade is bid.

26. Ans. D.

Option D - 'asked' is the correct usage.

27. Ans. A.

'broke' is the correct usage because broke means having completely run out of money.

28. Ans. A.

'came across' is the correct usage because the sentence is in the past tense.

29. Ans. B.

'most powerful members' is the correct usage as ten is plural and most is used when referring to greatest in amount or degree

30. Ans. A.

'had found' is the correct usage as it matches with the tense of the sentence.

31. Ans. D.

SPRQ- As you read this sentence, perhaps sitting in a comfortable chair in your study, you would probably consider yourself at rest. But you are really not, because the Milky Way galaxy, of which you are a part, is moving through space at 2.1 million kilometers an hour. And that is without taking into account the effects of earth's rotation on its own axis, its orbiting around the sun and sun's journey around the Milky Way. So, in roughly twenty second that it would have taken you to read this paragraph, you have already moved thousands of kilometers.

32. Ans. A.

QSRP- Due to the increase in kinetic energy, the particles start vibrating with greater speed. The energy supplied by heat overcomes the forces of attraction between the particles. The particles leave their fixed positions and start moving more freely. A stage is reached when the solid melts and is converted to a liquid.

33. Ans. B.

RSPQ- It also uses up energy and helps to prevent large amounts of fat building up in the body. Exercise can increase your fitness in three ways. It can improve your strength; make your body more flexible and less likely to suffer from sprain. It can also improve your endurance.

34. Ans. A.

RSQP- They disagree about how they should live. Who should get what? How should power and other resource be distributed? Should society be based on cooperation or conflict? And so on. They also disagree about how such matters should be resolved, how collective decision should be made and who should have a say. For Aristotle politics is an attempt to create a good society because politics is, above all, a social activity.

35. Ans. A.

QRSP- The problems we see are because we have undermined these links over decades. First, rain and snowfall are the only sources of water – about 99%. In the four months of monsoon, there are about 30-35 downpours and the challenge is to hold this water in systems that can last us over 365 days. Thick forests make for excellent catchments.

36. Ans. C.

QRSP- For example, burrows and earthworms make burrows and worm casts. This act of earthworms affects the soil, and therefore the plants

growing in it. Rabbit's fleas carry the virus which causes myxomatosis, so they can affect the size of the rabbit population. This can also affect the population of fox, if foxes depend on rabbits for food.

37. Ans. A.

PSRQ- They help to maintain the balance of biological activities in the body. The role of insulin in keeping the blood glucose level within the narrow limit is an example of this function. On the other hand, hormone glucagon tends to increase the glucose level in the blood. Insulin is released in response to the rapid rise in blood glucose level.

38. Ans. C.

RSPQ- Within this discipline, molecular biology and DNA studies have been used to understand hominid evolution. Hominid evolution answers the questions about what ancient people looked like, and to plot patterns of migration. Bones provide a great information. The distribution of faunal remains (animal bones) at a site can indicate which areas were used for butchering, cooking, eating, bone tool making and refuse dumping.

39. Ans. D.

QPRS- The non-debt receipts comprise of tax revenue, non-tax revenue, recovery of loans and disinvestment receipts. Debt receipts mostly consist of market borrowing and other liabilities which the government is obliged to repay in the future. The outcomes as reflected in the Provisional Actual figures is lower than the budget estimate owing reduction in the net tax revenue. The Budget 2018-19 targeted significantly high growth in non-debt receipts of the Central Government, which was driven by robust growth.

40. Ans. B.

RQSP- Given the commitments that India has made on the climate front as a nation and on environmental aspects, it is likely that larger and larger share of automobile sector would be in the form of electric vehicles. According to NITI Aayog (2019), if India reaches an electric vehicles sales penetration, emission and oil savings can be achieved. This presents a great opportunity for the automobile industry as the demand for automobiles would only increase. It also provides us an opportunity to grow as manufacturer of electric vehicles.

41. Ans. A.

The most appropriate antonym for confidants is opponents which means someone who competes with or opposes another in a contest, game, or argument.

Intimate means closely acquainted; familiar.

Close friend means someone you rely on and can trust.

Colleague means someone you work with or someone who's in the same profession as you.

42. Ans. A.

The most appropriate antonym for dissuaded is persuaded, which means to induce (someone) to do something through reasoning or argument.

Discouraged means having lost confidence or enthusiasm; disheartened.

Advised against means to make a recommendation to one to not pursue a particular plan or action.

Deter means to discourage someone from doing something by instilling doubt or fear of the consequences.

43. Ans. C.

The most appropriate antonym for expunged is accepted which means generally believed or recognized to be valid or correct.

got rid of means take action so as to be free of a troublesome or unwanted person or thing.

Part of means some but not all of a thing

Rejected means to dismiss as inadequate, unacceptable, or faulty.

44. Ans. C.

The most appropriate antonym for ensuing is retrospective which means a look back at events that took place.

Subsequent means coming after something in time.

Consequent means following as a result or effect.

En-suite means immediately adjoining a bedroom and forming part of the same set of rooms.

45. Ans. A.

The most appropriate antonym for extempore is prepared, which means made ready for use.

Ready-made means made to a standard size or specification rather than to order.

Unrehearsed means not practiced before a performance.

Ad lib means without previous preparation.

46. Ans. C.

The most appropriate antonym for Barring is including which means containing as part of the whole being considered.

Excepting means except for; apart from.

Without means in the absence of.

Excluding means not taking someone or something into account; except.

47. Ans. A.

The most appropriate antonym for tranquility is uproar which means a loud and impassioned noise or disturbance.

Calm means not showing or feeling nervousness, anger, or other strong emotions.

Serenity means a state of being calm, peaceful and untroubled.

Sound means a noise or a voice.

48. Ans. D.

The most appropriate antonym for Unrest is calm, which means not showing or feeling nervousness, anger, or other strong emotions.

Turbulence means violent or unsteady movement of air or water, or of some other fluid.

Unease means mental or spiritual discomfort

Apprehension means anxiety or fear that something bad or unpleasant will happen.

49. Ans. A.

The most appropriate antonym for diffuse is concentrate which means focus all one's attention on a particular object or activity.

Scatter means to throw in various random directions.

Disperse means to distribute or spread over a wide area.

Strew means to scatter or spread things untidily over a surface or area.

50. Ans. D.

The most appropriate antonym for archaic is modern which means relating to the present or recent times as opposed to the remote past.

Antiquated means old-fashioned or outdated.

Outmoded means old-fashioned.

Beyond the times means for a period of time that continues after (a particular date, age, etc.)

51. Ans. A.

The most appropriate synonym for patronized is supported which means bear all or part of the weight of; hold up.

Respected means to admire someone or something deeply, as a result of their abilities, qualities, or achievements.

Opposed means to be anxious to prevent or put an end to.

Scolded means to remonstrate with or rebuke someone angrily.

52. Ans. B.

The most appropriate synonym for tendency is predisposition which means a liability or tendency to suffer from a particular condition, hold a particular attitude, or act in a particular way.

Position means a place where someone or something is located or has been put.

Thinking means the process of considering or reasoning about something.

Idea means a thought or suggestion as to a possible course of action.

53. Ans. B.

The most appropriate synonym for high mindedness is strong principles which means that someone who believes in a principle very strongly.

Toughness means the state of being strong enough to withstand adverse conditions or rough handling.

Anger means a strong feeling of annoyance, displeasure, or hostility.

Whims means a sudden desire or change of mind, especially one that is unusual or unexplained.

54. Ans. A.

The most appropriate synonym for Advocacy is promotion which means a raising or a state of being raised to a higher rank or position.

Opposition means resistance or dissent, expressed in action or argument.

Critique a detailed analysis and assessment of something, especially a literary, philosophical, or political theory.

Liking means a feeling of regard or fondness.

55. Ans. A.

The most appropriate synonym for dissident is rebellious which means showing a desire to resist authority, control, or convention.

Supportive means providing encouragement or emotional help.

Conformist means a person who conforms to accepted behavior or established practices.

Legal means relating to the law.

56. Ans. D.

The most appropriate synonym for statutory is legal, which means relating to the law.

Legislature means the legislative body of a country or state.

Unlawful means not conforming to, permitted by, or recognized by law or rules.

Government means the group of people with the authority to govern a country or state.

57. Ans. B.

The most appropriate synonym for implicate is incriminate which means to make someone appear guilty of a crime or wrongdoing.

Reward means a thing given in recognition of service, effort, or achievement.

Encourage means to give support, confidence, or hope to someone.

Incite means to encourage or stir up a violent or unlawful behavior.

58. Ans. B.

The most appropriate synonym for pleonexia is greed to accumulate more and more wealth.

59. Ans. C.

The most appropriate synonym for indigenous is home-grown which means grown or produced in one's own garden or country.

Homogenous means consisting of parts or elements that are all the same.

Classical means representing an exemplary standard within a traditional and long-established form or style.

Non-native language means not born or raised in the place where a particular language is spoken

60. Ans. A.

The most appropriate synonym for emboldened is encouraged which means to give support, confidence, or hope to (someone).

Disgruntled means angry or dissatisfied.

Succeeded means to achieve the desired aim or result.

Failed means unsuccessful.

61. Ans. C.

'hardly' is an adverb.

62. Ans. B.

'fought' is a transitive verb as it is used with an object 'wasps'.

63. Ans. B.

'myself' is a pronoun. (reflexive pronoun)

64. Ans. B.

'This' is an adjective as it is attached with a noun 'boy'.

65. Ans. B.

'very' is an adverb as it qualifying the adjective 'beautiful'.

66. Ans. C.

'It' is a personal pronoun. When we have a certain structure in a sentence, we can use "it" as an impersonal pronoun.

67. Ans. A.

'It' is a pronoun.

68. Ans. B.

'his' is a possessive adjective because it indicates the possession of the noun to a person.

69. Ans. D.

'statue' is a noun.

70. Ans. C.

'under' is a preposition.

71. Ans. B.

The error is in part B of the given sentence. 'Countries' should be I singular form.

72. Ans. B.

The error is in part B of the given sentence. 'Has' should be used instead of 'had'.

73. Ans. C.

The error is in part C of the given sentence. Preposition 'At' should be used instead of 'on'.

74. Ans. B.

The error is in part B of the given sentence. The correct sentence should be 'Learning many languages promotes linguistic, cultural and harmony among people speaking different languages'

75. Ans. C.

The error is in part C of the given sentence. 'Aspect' should be used instead of aspects.

76. Ans. C.

The error is in part C of the given sentence. 'Pursue' should be used instead of pursues.

77. Ans. A.

The error is in part A of the given sentence. 'movements' should be in singular form.

78. Ans. C.

The error is in part C of the given sentence.

79. Ans. C.

The error is in part C of the given sentence, It should be 'in' joining the group instead of 'to'.

80. Ans. B.

The error is in part B of the given sentence, the correct part should be 'one of the most revered members'

There should be a plural form.

81. Ans. C.

Common means the same in a lot of places or for a lot of people.

Characteristics means a feature or quality belonging typically to a person, place, or thing and serving to identify them.

Distinctive means characteristic of one person or thing, and so serving to distinguish it from others.

General means affecting or concerning all or most people or things; widespread.

82. Ans. A.

Distinctive characteristics exhibited by organisms indicate that they are living organisms.

83. Ans. A.

Statement A- Meaning of life could be reflected as to what living is as opposed to the non-living and what the purpose of life is.

84. Ans. D.

The author says 'ecological conflict and cooperation' because living organisms sometimes fight and sometimes live tougher.

85. Ans. A.

The extraordinary diversity of habitats makes it amazing. Hence, option A is the correct answer.

86. Ans. D.

Contestation means the action or process of disputing or arguing.

Trivial means of very little importance or value.

Discredited means brought into disrepute; having lost respect or credibility.

Analogy means a comparison between one thing and another, typically for the purpose of explanation or clarification.

87. Ans. A.

Option A - participation of women in social relations, politics, law medicine, the arts, popular and academic knowledge is the correct answer as per the given passage.

88. Ans. C.

Option C - Women were assumed to be less intelligent than men

Is the correct answer according to the given passage.

89. Ans. B.

The meaning of the sentence is explained in option B - Women were not given any right equation to men.

90. Ans. A.

Option A - a contestation of the then existing dominant western practices is the correct answer.

91. Ans. A.

'a' is the correct usage.

92. Ans. B.

'described' is the correct usage.

93. Ans. D.

'mean' is the correct usage.

94. Ans. A.

'process' is the correct usage.

95. Ans. D.

'more' is the correct usage.

96. Ans. A.

'might' is the correct usage.

97. Ans. A.

'how' is the correct usage.

98. Ans. A.

'contain' is the correct usage.

99. Ans. C.

'driven' is the correct usage.

100. Ans. D.

'which' is the correct usage.

101. Ans. A.

'From' is the correct usage.

102. Ans. D.

'person' is the correct usage.

103. Ans. B.

'All' is the correct usage.

104. Ans. A.

'Changing' is the correct usage.

105. Ans. C.

'That' is the correct usage.

106. Ans. B.

'Were' is the correct usage.

107. Ans. A.

'Must' is the correct usage.

108. Ans. C.

'These' is the correct usage.

109. Ans. D.

'Want' is the correct usage.

110. Ans. A.

'Studying' is the correct usage as it matches the tense of the sentence.

111. Ans. A.

Meagre is the correct spelling.

112. Ans. C.

Option C - Diphtheria is the correct spelling.

Diphtheria means Diphtheria is a serious infection caused by strains of bacteria called *Corynebacterium diphtheriae* that make toxin.

113. Ans. C.

Option C - Neurosis is the correct spelling.

114. Ans. A.

Option A - Snobbery is the correct spelling. Snobbery refers to the behaviour or attitudes typical of people who think they are better than other people in society, for example because they have more money, better education, etc.

115. Ans. B.

Option B - Twelfth is the correct spelling.

116. Ans. B.

Option B - Felicitation is the correct spelling. Felicitation means words expressing praise for an achievement or good wishes on a special occasion.

117. Ans. A.

Option A - Magnificent is the correct spelling.

118. Ans. D.

Option D - Curriculum is the correct spelling.

Curriculum - all the subjects that are taught in a school, college or university; the contents of a particular course of study

119. Ans. A.

Etiquette is the correct spelling. Etiquettes are the rules of polite and correct behaviour.

120. Ans. D.

Mountainous is the correct spelling.

Mountainous means having many mountains or something very large in size or amount.

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