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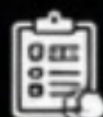
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1. Select the most appropriate antonym of the
given word: EXACERBATE

(a) Intensify ↗

(c) Aggravate ↗

(b) Ameliorate = A

(d) Heighten ↗

2. Select the most appropriate meaning of the **given idiom**. Throw caution to the wind.

- (a) To destroy evidence of a past crime
- (b) To do something without worrying about the risk or negative results
- (c) To make a dramatic entrance
- (d) To sever all connections with friends

3. Select the correct spelling of a word meaning 'proportionate' or 'corresponding in amount or degree'.

(a) Commensurate

(b) Commensuratte

(c) Commenserate

(d) Commensuret

4. Sentences of a paragraph are given below in jumbled order. Arrange the sentences in the correct order to form a meaningful and coherent paragraph.

1. These robots collect data and explore dangerous areas.

2. Space agencies often use robotic probes for exploration.

3. This keeps human astronauts safe from risks.

4. They can travel far beyond where humans have gone.

(a) 2-1-4-3

(b) 4-2-3-1

(c) 2-3-1-4

(d) 3-4-2-1

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5. Select the option that can be used as a one-word substitute for the given group of words:

A form of government in which power is held by the nobility.

(a) Monarchy

(c) Aristocracy

(b) Gerontocracy

(d) Authoritarianism

6. Select the option that can be used as a one-word substitute for the given group of words:

A person appointed to advise an organization on a particular subject.

(a) Delegate

(b) Consultant

(c) Intrusive

(d) Mentor

7. Select the correct spelling of a word meaning
'the act of blocking or hindering progress.'

(a) Obstrunction

(b) Obstruction

(c) Obstructiont

(d) Obstruktion

8. Select the most appropriate synonym of the given word: Jubilant

(a) Tedium = dull

(b) Indolence = lazy.

(c) Bewilderment

(d) Thrilled

→ act of feeling lost

happy

9. The following sentence has been divided into parts. One of them contains an error. Select the part that contains the error from the given options.

61 The coordinator carefully explained about the revised procedures (1)/ to all the participants during the orientation session (2)/ so that everyone could follow the updated guidelines (3)/ without any confusion or delay. (4)

(a) (1)

(b) (2)

(c) (3)

(d) (4)

10. Change the following from active to

passive: Somebody stole my wallet last night.

(a) My wallet stolen by somebody last night.

(b) My wallet was stolen last night.

(c) My wallet has been stolen last night.

(d) My wallet is stolen last night.

Simple
past

11. Select the most appropriate option to fill in the blank.
After weeks of resistance, the smaller company had to _____ to the demands of the larger corporation.

(a) knuckle out

(b) knuckle down

(c) knuckle up

(d) knuckle under

12. Select the most appropriate option to fill in the blank.

✓ Scarcely had the alarm sounded _____ the building was evacuated.

(a) that

(b) when

(c) as soon as

✓ (d) then

13. The following sentence has been divided into parts. One of them contains an error. Select the part that contains the error from the given options.

The novice programmer made (1) / a blunder mistake (2) / in the coding, which (3) / crashed the entire system. (4)

(a) (1)

(b) (2)

(c) (3)

(d) (4)

14. Select the most appropriate option to substitute the underline/Bold segment in the given sentence.

(The analyst insisted that the latest forecasting model was superior than the one used last year.

(a) more superior than the one

(b) superior to the one

(c) superior then the one

(d) superior over the one

Correct
✓

15. Select the correct indirect/direct form of the given sentence.

He explained that he had been waiting for the bus for an hour.

- (a) He explained, "I had been waiting for the bus since an hour."
- (b) He explained, "I was waiting for the bus for an hour."
- ☒ (c) He explained, "I have been waiting for the bus for an hour."
- (d) He explained, "I had waited for the bus for an hour."

16. Select the option which contains the most appropriate HOMONYM of the word given in bold/underline.

The researcher noted a **minute** organism under the microscope. *→ small.*

- (a) She recorded every minute of the experiment in her logbook.
- (b) The minute details of the cell structure were fascinating.
- (c) The assistant examined another minute specimen.
- (d) The microscope revealed a minute variation in colour.



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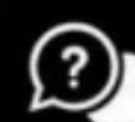
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17. Change the following from active to passive:

The team has not submitted any documents yet.

- (a) Documents have not been submitted by any team yet.
- (b) No document has been submitted by the team yet.
- (c) No team submitted any documents yet.
- (d) Every team will have submitted the documents yet.

18. Select the most appropriate option to substitute the underline/Bold segment in the given sentence.

The researcher would have written and publish several reports in his early thirties if he had not fallen sick.

- (a) published several report
- (b) publish several reports
- (c) publishing several reports
- (d) published several reports

19. Select the correct indirect/direct form of the given sentence.

He said, "Does anyone speak French?"

- (a) He enquired if anyone spoke French.
- (b) He enquired if anyone speaks French.
- (c) He enquired that if anyone spoke French.
- (d) He enquired does anyone speak French.

20. Sentences of a paragraph are given below in jumbled order. Arrange the sentences in the correct order to form a meaningful and coherent paragraph.

1. They perform a vital role in local economies and food security.
2. Small-scale fisheries are often overlooked in global ocean management.
3. However, they face increasing threats from overfishing and climate change.
4. Recognizing their importance is crucial for sustainable ocean governance.

(a) 3-1-2-4

(b) 1-4-3-2

(c) 4-3-1-2

(d) 2-1-3-4

Cloze Test: Direction: [Q.21. to Q.25]

Personal discipline is often misunderstood as a rigid set of rules, but in practice, it is a flexible system that helps individuals (21)_____ their behaviour toward meaningful objectives. Unlike external enforcement, discipline grows strongest when driven by intrinsic motivation. People who manage their time intentionally often find that even small routines can produce significant change over extended periods. However, many struggle because they view discipline as punishment rather than a strategic tool. This misunderstanding prevents them from recognising its deeper value. True discipline is closely linked to the habit of deliberate reflection, a practice that allows one to assess choices without harsh judgment. Such reflection helps cultivate a sense of (22)_____ poise, especially in moments of uncertainty. When individuals learn to pause and observe their impulses, they gain clarity rather than reacting impulsively. Yet reflection alone is insufficient; it must be paired with purposeful action. Without consistent effort, even the most insightful intentions can (23)_____ into inactivity. Moreover, the long-term process of self-regulation requires emotional steadiness. This is where sustained (24)_____ fortitude becomes indispensable, enabling individuals to remain committed despite obstacles. Ultimately, discipline is less about restriction and more about intentional alignment with one's values, achieved through repeated choices that (25)_____ personal growth.

21. (a) steer (b) steered (c) steering (d) steers

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22. Select the most appropriate meaning of the word 'poised'.

- (a) Agitation _____ (b) balance and composure (c) strictness _____ (d) confusion _____

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23. (a) dissolve

(b) dissolving

(c) dissolves

(d) dissolved

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24. Select the most appropriate meaning of the word 'fortitude'.

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|--|-------------------------|
| (a) emotional weakness | (b) physical speed |
| (c) <u>mental strength and courage</u> | (d) casual indifference |

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25. (a) are nourishing
(b) nourish
(c) were nourishing
(d) has nourished

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