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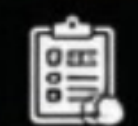
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1. Select the correct spelling to fill in the blank.

The _____ of the ecosystem was severely impacted by the invasive species.

(a) Ballistic

(b) Balistick

(c) Ballstick

(d) Bellistic

= Flight Path of an object.

2. Select the most appropriate antonym of the given word:

EXONERATE

(a) Absolve +

(b) Convict -

(c) Clear +

(d) Acquit +

3. Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom:

To take up the gauntlet ✓

(a) To decline an invitation

(b) To ignore an insult

✓ **(c) To accept a challenge or invitation to fight**

(d) To pick up a dropped item carefully

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. Through photosynthesis, they convert sunlight into energy, forming the base of most food chains.
2. Plants are essential to life on Earth, playing several indispensable roles.
3. They also release oxygen into the atmosphere, a critical component for animal respiration.
4. Without plants, the intricate web of life as we know it would simply collapse.

(a) 2, 1, 3, 4

(b) 1, 3, 2, 4

(c) 2, 4, 1, 3

(d) 3, 1, 2, 4

5. Select the correct spelling of a word referring to an argument that appears logical but is based on a false premise?

- (a) Fallacyy
- (b) Fallasy
- (c) Fallacy
- (d) Fallacie

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

A person who does not eat meat for moral, religious, or health reasons.

- (a) Vegetarian
- (b) Vegan
- (c) Fruitarian
- (d) Pescetarian

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

The manager felt caught _____ a rock and a hard place when he had to choose between laying off staff or cutting salaries.

- (a) upon
- (b) between
- (c) inside
- (d) outside

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

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The police said, "If the firefighters did not arrive on time, people would be burning inside their homes."

(a) The police said that people would be burning inside their homes if the firefighters had not arrived on time.

(b) The police said that if the firefighters do not arrive on time people will be burning inside their homes.

(c) The police exclaimed that people burn when firefighters do not arrive on time.

(d) The police pointed towards the fact that people burn when firefighters do not arrive on time.

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.

The research team concluded that (1)/ each (S) participant must submit (2)/ their reports before (3)/ the deadline on Monday. (4)

- (a) (1)
- (b) (2)
- (c) (3)
- (d) (4)

his

10. Select the most appropriate synonym of the given word:

COMMEND

- (a) Criticise
- ☒ (b) Praise
- (c) Blame
- (d) Reprimand

11. Select the option that expresses the given sentence in the Active/Passive voice.

- A → **Why can't you repair the car?**
- (a) Why cannot the car be repaired by you?
 - (b) Why can't the car be repaired by you?
 - (c) Why the car cannot be repaired by you?
 - (d) Why could not the car be repaired by you?

12. 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 players in the national team (1)/ works tirelessly (2)/ to improve their performance (3)/ before every major tournament. (4)

(a) (1)

(b) (2)

(c) (3)

(d) (4)

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

A person who pretends to have virtues, morals, or principles that they do not actually possess.

- (a) Hypocrite**
- (b) Philosopher**
- (c) Altruist**
- (d) Realist**

14. Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

To have a chip on one's shoulder

- V. 9m?

- (a) To remain calm despite provocation**
- (b) To avoid confrontation by staying silent**
- (c) To show excessive pride in one's achievements**
- (d) To feel angry or resentful about**

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

The soldier dressed the **wound** carefully after the battle.

- (a) The nurse cleaned the infected wound before applying ointment.
- (b) The doctor examined the deep wound on his arm.
- ☒ (c) He wound the old clock before going to bed.
- (d) The patient winced as the surgeon stitched the wound.

16. Select the option that expresses the given sentence in the Active/Passive voice.

A →

The board intends to implement the proposal after the final discussion. ✓

- (a) The implementation is to be intended by the board after the final discussion.**
- (b) The proposal is meant to be implemented and intended by the board for the final discussion.**
- (c) The board is intended to implement by the proposal after the final discussion.**
- (d) The proposal is intended to be implemented by the board after the final discussion.**

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

The police warned against the dangers of sailing alone.

- (a) that dangers are sailing alone
- (b) of the dangers of sailing alone
- (c) it's dangerous of sailing alone
- (d) of the dangers against sailing alone

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

She said that she could not compete in the marathon due to injured ankles.

- Indirect* →
- (a) She said, "I can not compete in the marathon due to pain in my ankles."**
 - (b) She said, "I could not compete in the marathon due to healthy ankles."**
 - (c) She said, "I can not compete in the marathon due to injured ankles."**
 - (d) She said, "I could compete in the marathon if not for the injured ankles."**

19. 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. People now watch videos, play games, and use social media on their phones.
2. Mobile phones have changed how we entertain ourselves a lot.
3. This means fewer people use TVs or game consoles as much.
4. So, for many, their phone is the main way they have fun.

(a) 1, 3, 2, 4

(b) 2, 1, 4, 3

(c) 2, 4, 1, 3

(d) 3, 1, 2, 4

20. Select the correct spelling of a word meaning 'to destroy or eliminate completely'?

- (a) Obliterate
- (b) Oblittarate
- (c) Oblitterate
- (d) Oblieterate

Direction:- [Q.96. to Q.100.]

The chronicles of polar exploration mirror humanity's insatiable curiosity to conquer the unknown. From the perilous expeditions of Roald Amundsen and Robert Falcon Scott in the early 20th century to the scientific missions of today, each journey to the Arctic and Antarctic regions has been a study in courage, endurance, and discovery. The polar explorers of the past braved unimaginable conditions-biting winds, perpetual darkness, and isolation-to map territories that defied comprehension. For them, exploration was not only geographical but existential: a confrontation with nature's extremities and with their own limitations.

In the modern era, the purpose of polar exploration has shifted. Once motivated by conquest and national prestige, contemporary missions focus on climate research, biodiversity preservation, and understanding Earth's fragile cryosphere. Satellite imagery and advanced instrumentation have replaced dog sleds and sextants, yet the underlying spirit of discovery persists. The ice continues to conceal both mysteries of the past and warnings for the future, reminding humanity that exploration, in its truest sense, is an act of stewardship as much as ambition.

21. Which of the following best captures the author's tone throughout the passage?

- (a) Critical and dismissive
- (b) Analytical yet reverent
- (c) Sarcastic and humorous
- (d) Detached and indifferent

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- 22. The word "cryosphere" as used in the passage refers to:**
- (a) The frozen parts of Earth's surface such as glaciers and polar ice caps**
 - (b) The upper layers of Earth's atmosphere**
 - (c) Regions affected by volcanic activity**
 - (d) The underwater zones near the equator**

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23. In the clause "each journey to the Arctic and Antarctic regions has been a study in courage, endurance, and discovery," what is the function of the phrase "in courage, endurance, and discovery"?

- (a) It acts as an adverbial phrase of manner.
- (b) It functions as an adjective modifying "journey."
- (c) It serves as a prepositional phrase showing respect.
- (d) It acts as a complement explaining the kind of study.

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24. What shift in purpose does the passage identify between early and modern polar expeditions?

- (a) From scientific observation to commercial gain
- (b) From exploration for conquest to exploration for environmental understanding
- (c) From adventure tourism to military control
- (d) From isolation to technological recreation

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25. What is the most appropriate meaning of the word "stewardship" in the final line?

- (a) Ownership and control
- (b) Careful management and responsibility
- (c) Passive observation
- (d) Heroic dominance

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