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

LOQUACIOUS

(a) ~~Quiet~~

(b) ~~Verbose~~

(c) ~~Introverted~~

(d) ~~Mute~~

Garrulous

Verbatim

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

TRANSIENT

~~(a) Permanent~~

~~(b) Ephemeral~~

~~(c) Fleeting~~

~~(d) Temporary~~

Transitory

eternal
Perpetual, enduring

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

ACERBIC

=) bitter, harsh, sharp

(a) ~~Caustic~~

~~(b) Mild~~

(c) ~~Cutting~~

(d) ~~Sarcastic~~

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

To send someone to Coventry

(a) To dispatch someone on an important mission

~~(b) To ostracise or deliberately ignore someone~~

(c) To send someone to a historical city for education

(d) To give someone a difficult task

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

To dine with Duke Humphrey

(a) To eat a lavish meal with a wealthy person

☒ (b) To go without food; to go hungry due to poverty

(c) To attend a formal banquet

(d) To share a meal in good company

6. Which is the correct spelling of a word meaning 'the quality of being honest and having strong moral principles'?

(a) Integraty

(b) Intigrity

(c) Integrity

(d) Integrety

7. Select the correct spelling of a word meaning the rhythmic contraction and relaxation of muscles that propels food through the digestive tract.

- (a) Peristalsis
- (b) Peristalses
- (c) Peristalsys
- (d) Peristalisis

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

Able to be understood by only a few people who have special knowledge or interest.

(a) Opaque

(b) Inefficient

(c) Illegible

(d) Esoteric

⇒ not clear

⇒ difficult to read

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

A place where two rivers meet.

- (a) Estuary $\Rightarrow$ where river meets the sea
- (b) Confluence
- (c) Delta $\leftarrow$
- (d) Tributary $\hookrightarrow$ smaller river or stream that flows into the main river

landform
created by
deposited sediments
of river

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

She had to _____ her previous statements after new evidence emerged.

~~(a) take back~~

(b) give away $\Rightarrow$ distribute

(c) hold off $\Rightarrow$ delay / postpone

(d) turn down

$\hookrightarrow$ reject

11. Select the correct part of speech to fill in the blank:

Despite the unexpected challenges, the team remained _____ focused on their objective.

(a) ~~resolve~~

(b) resolutely

(c) ~~resolution~~

(d) more resolute

→ adjective

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 central bank's decision not only aimed to curve inflation (1)/ but also intended to stimulate economic growth, (2)/ a dual objective that proved challenging (3)/ to balance effectively. (4)

~~(a) (1)~~

(b) (2)

(c) (3)

(d) (4)

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

The authorities might have revoked his security clearance.

(a) ~~His security clearance might had been~~ revoked.

(b) ~~His security clearance might be~~ revoked by the authorities.

~~(c)~~ His security clearance might have been revoked by the authorities.

(d) ~~His security clearance might have~~ revoked by the authorities.

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

The dancer's movements were so graceful and **ethereal**, she seemed to float across the stage.

(a) The faint, shimmering aurora created an ethereal glow in the night sky.

(b) The old tale spoke of ethereal beings dwelling in the mists of the enchanted forest.

~~(c) The chemist carefully prepared the **ethereal** solution by dissolving the compound in diethyl ether.~~

(d) Her voice had an ethereal quality, delicate and otherworldly, enchancing all who heard it.

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

All the confidential files had been securely encrypted by the IT department before the system breach.

(a) ~~The IT department securely encrypted all the confidential files before the system breach.~~

☒ (b) The IT department had securely encrypted all the confidential files before the system breach.

(c) ~~The IT department was securely encrypting all the confidential files before the system breach.~~

(d) ~~All the confidential files were securely encrypted by the IT department before the system breach.~~

Direction: (Q.16. to Q.17.) Select the most appropriate option to substitute the underline/Bold segment in the given sentence.

16. He decided to marry with her despite his parents' objections.

- (a) marry her
- (b) ~~marrying with her~~
- (c) ~~to marry to her~~
- (d) to marry her

17. Every one of the participants have completed
the arduous obstacle course.

~~(a) has completed~~

~~(b) are completing~~

~~(c) were completing~~

~~(d) complete~~

Comprehension : Direction:- (Q.18. to Q.22.)

India, a nation celebrated for its vibrant diversity and economic aspirations, concurrently navigates a labyrinth of persistent social challenges that often impede its journey towards genuinely inclusive development. While significant economic growth has lifted millions out of poverty, the benefits have not been uniformly distributed, leading to widening disparities. The pervasive issue of inequality is multi-dimensional, extending beyond mere income gaps to encompass unequal access to quality education, healthcare, and digital literacy. The historical stratification of society, particularly the enduring influence of the caste system, continues to perpetuate disadvantages for certain communities, despite constitutional provisions for affirmative action. Gender inequality remains another formidable barrier. Women, though increasingly visible in public life, frequently confront systemic discrimination, gender-based violence, and a significant wage gap. Their participation in the formal workforce, while growing, is still considerably lower than men's, reflecting deeply entrenched patriarchal norms that limit opportunities and autonomy.

Moreover, the strain on public health infrastructure is acute. India battles a dual burden of communicable and non-communicable diseases. Malnutrition and a lack of adequate sanitation, especially in rural and urban slum areas, contribute to high rates of infant mortality and morbidity. The recent pandemic starkly exposed the vulnerabilities of an overburdened healthcare system, underscoring the urgent need for greater investment and equitable

distribution of medical resources. Simultaneously, environmental degradation poses an existential threat, particularly to vulnerable populations. Rapid industrialization and urban sprawl have led to alarming levels of air and water pollution, exacerbating respiratory illnesses and contaminating vital water sources. Deforestation contributes to ecological imbalances and climate change impacts, such as extreme weather events, which disproportionately affect agricultural communities and those reliant on natural resources. These issues are interconnected, forming a vicious cycle where poverty intensifies environmental vulnerability, and environmental harm further entrenches poverty and ill-health. Addressing these challenges necessitates a holistic approach: strengthening governance, promoting ethical leadership, fostering robust public-private partnerships, and, crucially, empowering citizens through education and genuine participation. It demands a commitment to fostering a society where progress is measured not just by economic indicators, but by the well-being, equity, and dignity afforded to every single individual.

18. Beyond income gaps, what are other dimensions of inequality mentioned in the passage?

- (a) Access to luxury goods and international travel.
- ~~(b)~~ Access to quality education, healthcare, and digital literacy.
- (c) Equal participation in entertainment industries.
- (d) Access to advanced scientific research.

19. What specific challenges do women in India frequently face, despite legislative protections?
- (a) Overrepresentation in political spheres.
 - ☒ (b) Systemic discrimination, violence, and a significant wage gap.
 - (c) Exclusive access to advanced education.
 - (d) A disproportionately high participation in the formal workforce.

20. What dual burden does India's public health infrastructure battle?

- (a) Economic prosperity and social stability.
- ~~(b) Communicable and non-communicable diseases.~~
- (c) Urban and rural health demands.
- (d) Advanced technology and traditional medicine.

21. How does environmental degradation, such as pollution and deforestation, primarily impact society in India?

- (a) It benefits urban areas by attracting investment.
- ☒ (b) It disproportionately affects the poorest segments and agricultural communities.
- (c) It has no significant impact due to economic growth.
- (d) It leads to an increase in natural resources.

22. What is ultimately suggested as a measure of progress for Indian society?

- (a) Only strong economic indicators.
- ~~(b)~~ The well-being, equity, and dignity afforded to every individual.
- (c) The rate of industrialization and urbanization.
- (d) The number of new technological advancements.

Direction: (Q.23. to Q.24.) Select the correct indirect/direct form of the given sentence.

23. He told me that if I studied regularly, I would pass the examination.

- ☒ (a) He said to me, "If you study regularly, you will pass the examination."
- ☐ (b) He said to me, "~~Should I study~~ regularly, I would pass the examination."
- ☐ (c) He said to me, "~~You studied~~ regularly, you would pass the examination."
- ☐ (d) He said to me, "~~Had you studied~~ regularly, you would not have failed the examination."

24. An old man said, "I am running out of time".

(a) An old man said that he ~~has been~~ running out of time.

(b) ~~An~~ old man said that he was running ~~across~~ time.

☒ (c) An old man said that he was running out of time.

(d) An old man said that he ~~has being~~ run out of time.

25. 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. ~~This~~ leads to a complex web of interactions that influence local weather patterns.
2. The ~~Amazon~~ rainforest plays a crucial role in regulating global climate.
3. ~~It~~ ~~releases~~ vast amounts of moisture into the atmosphere through evapotranspiration.
4. Deforestation, therefore, not only destroys biodiversity but also threatens global climatic stability.

~~(a) 2-3-1-4~~

~~(b) 3-1-2-4~~

~~(c) 2-4-1-3~~

~~(d) 1-2-3-4~~

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