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

Lose one's nerve

- ☒ (a) To become angry suddenly.
- ☐ (b) To lose confidence and courage.
- ☐ (c) To suffer a physical injury to a nerve.
- ☐ (d) To relax after a period of stress.

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

Duplicity

~~(a) Sincerity~~

Honesty

~~(b) Guile~~

~~(c) Cunning~~

~~(d) Artifice~~

3. 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 increase in the number of unresolved Cases (1) / and the lack of clear guidelines from the authorities (2) / ~~has~~ contributed significantly to the confusion (3) / surrounding the recent procedural changes. (4)

→ have

(a) (1)

(b) (2)

(c) (3)

(d) (4)

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

Can the technician repair the faulty circuit before noon?

(a) ~~Could the faulty circuit have been repaired by the technician before noon?~~

(b) ~~Could the faulty circuit be repaired by the technician before noon?~~

(c) ~~Can the faulty circuit being repaired by the technician before noon?~~

(d) Can the faulty circuit be repaired by the technician before noon?

→ Active

Modal Verb + V₁ (Base)

Modal Verb + be + V₃

↳ Passive

5. Select the correct spelling of a word which means the study of the structure of materials.

(a) ~~Crytallography~~

(b) ~~Cristallography~~

(c) ~~Crystallographi~~

~~(d) Crystallography~~

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

'A specialist in the study of insects'.

(a) Zoologist $\Rightarrow$ animal

(b) Ornithologist $\Rightarrow$ birds

~~(c) Entomologist~~

(d) Botanist $\Rightarrow$ plants

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

The constant criticism from his peers _____ him to rethink his approach.

(a) motivate

(b) have motivated

(c) were motivating

(d) motivates

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

The diplomat was adept _____ negotiating complex international treaties.

~~(a) at~~

(c) of

(b) in

(d) to

9. Fill in the blank with the most appropriate verb to make the sentence grammatically and contextually correct.

By the time the rescue team _____ at the site, most of the villagers had already been evacuated to safer ground.

(a) ~~will arrive~~

(b) ~~had arrived~~

(c) ~~arrives~~

(d) arrived

1st Action ⇒ Past Perfect

2nd Action ⇒ Simple Past

10. 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 list of recommended candidates for various regional posts (1)/ ^{was} ~~were~~ prepared in haste without proper background checks, (2)/ which resulted in several administrative complications (3)/ during the initial phase of deployment. (4)

(a) (1)

(b) (2)

(c) (3)

(d) (4)

11. Select the most appropriate synonym of the
given word: **AUSPICIOUS**

(a) ~~Unfavourable~~

☒ (b) Promising

(c) ~~Ominous~~

(d) ~~Unlucky~~

Favourable
Propitious

12. Select the most appropriate antonym of the given word: Mellifluous

(a) Smooth

(b) Harsh

(c) Sweet

(d) Flowing

sweet
pleasant
sound

Dulcet

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

The nail held the frame securely to the wall.

(a) The carpenter hammered another nail into the wood.

~~(b) She painted each nail with a bright red polish.~~

(c) The builder removed the bent nail from the plank.

(d) The shopkeeper sold a box of iron nails.

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

The experiment results had been carefully documented by the researchers.

(a) ~~The researchers carefully documented the experiment results.~~

☒ (b) The researchers had carefully documented the experiment results.

(c) ~~The researchers were carefully documenting the experiment results.~~

(d) ~~The experiment results were carefully documented by the researchers.~~

Comprehension :

Direction:- (Q.15. to Q.19.)

With the rapid advancement of digital technology, reading habits have undergone a dramatic transformation. A few decades ago, printed books and newspapers were the primary sources of information and leisure reading. Today, digital screens dominate our lives, offering instant access to e-books, online articles, and news portals. While this shift has made reading more convenient, it has also raised concerns about declining attention spans and reduced comprehension. Researchers suggest that reading on screens often leads to superficial engagement, as readers tend to skim rather than absorb information deeply. Printed books, on the other hand, encourage focus and retention through a more immersive experience.

Despite these concerns, digital reading has several undeniable advantages. It allows users to carry thousands of books in one device, provides built-in dictionaries for quick reference, and ensures accessibility for people with visual impairments through adjustable fonts and audio support. Moreover, digital platforms promote environmental sustainability by reducing paper consumption. However, some educators argue that an overreliance on screens can cause eye strain, fatigue, and even disrupt sleep patterns due to prolonged exposure to blue light.

Ultimately, the debate between digital and print reading is not about choosing one over the other, but about achieving balance. Readers can enjoy the convenience of technology while still preserving the depth of traditional reading. By practising mindful reading-whether on paper or screen-individuals can ensure that technology enhances rather than weakens their intellectual engagement.

15. What is the main concern raised about digital reading?

- (a) It is more expensive than printed books
- ~~(b) It reduces deep engagement and comprehension~~
- (c) It is unavailable in rural areas
- (d) It discourages vocabulary development

16. What advantage does digital reading offer according to the passage?

(a) ~~It increases paper usage~~

(b) ~~It limits accessibility~~

(c) It provides portability and convenience

(d) ~~It reduces technological dependency~~

17. What does the word "**immersive**" imply in the following sentence from the passage?

"Printed books, on the other hand, encourage focus and retention through a more **immersive** experience."

- (a) ~~Distracting~~
- (b) **Deeply engaging**
- (c) ~~Superficial~~
- (d) ~~Boring~~

18. How does digital reading support environmental sustainability?

- (a) By reducing electricity use
- (b) By promoting online advertisements
- (c) By reducing paper consumption**
- (d) By recycling electronic waste

19. What balance does the author suggest in the passage?

- (a) ~~Completely avoiding digital reading~~
- (b) ~~Preferring printed books over everything~~
- ☒ (c) Using both digital and print reading mindfully
- (d) ~~Replacing all books with e-readers~~

20. Choose the most suitable option to replace the highlighted part of the sentence:

As we approached near the station, it started to rain heavily.

(a) ~~approached to~~

~~(b) approached~~

(c) ~~approached towards~~

(d) ~~went nearby~~

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

The politician was widely criticised at his controversial remarks.

- ☒ (a) for his controversial remarks
- ☐ (b) ~~on his controversial remarks~~
- ☐ (c) ~~with his controversial remarks~~
- ☐ (d) ~~about his controversial remarks~~

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

The detective said to the witness, "Did you observe anyone suspicious near the premises?"

(a) The detective asked the witness if he observed anyone suspicious near the premises.

(b) The detective asked the witness if he had observed anyone suspicious near the premises.

(c) The detective asked the witness whether did they observe anyone suspicious near the premises.

(d) The detective asked the witness if you had observed anyone suspicious near the premises.

23. 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. Museums preserve cultural memory by safeguarding artefacts and stories.

2. Through careful curation, they connect past experiences with contemporary audiences.

3. This continuity helps communities understand their roots and shared identity.

4. Consequently, public support for museums strengthens when people see their relevance to daily life.

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

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

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

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

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

The historian claimed that the ancient civilisation had developed an advanced irrigation system.

~~(a) The historian claimed, "The ancient civilisation developed an advanced irrigation system."~~

~~(b) The historian announced, "The ancient civilisation developed an advanced irrigation system."~~

~~(c) The historian claimed, "The ancient civilisation have developed an advanced irrigation system."~~

~~(d) The historian claimed, "The ancient civilisation was developing an advanced irrigation system."~~

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. Such initiatives often include public awareness campaigns and improved waste management infrastructure.

2. Urban areas worldwide grapple with escalating levels of municipal solid waste.

3. Addressing this crisis necessitates comprehensive strategies involving both policy-makers and citizens.

4. Furthermore, promoting recycling and composting can significantly reduce landfill dependency.

(a) 2, 1, 3, 4

(b) 1, 3, 2, 4

(c) 2, 3, 1, 4

(d) 3, 2, 1, 4

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