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

Cut the Gordian knot

(a) Face an impossible situation

☒ (b) Solve a difficult problem boldly

(c) Avoid taking decisions

(d) Create confusion

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

ABSTEMIOUS

- (a) ~~Moderate~~
- (b) ~~Self-disciplined~~
- (c) **Gluttonous**
- (d) ~~Temperate~~

ascetic
self-disciplined
self-denial
moderate
Temperate

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

I suggest that he ~~tries~~ harder to succeed.

(a) ~~tried~~ harder to succeed

~~(b) try~~ harder to succeed

(c) ~~tries hard~~ to succeed

(d) ~~should tried~~ harder to succeed

base form = plural form

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

The analyst observed that, had the market reacted sooner, the losses might have been contained.

- ☒ (a) The analyst said, "Had the market reacted sooner, the losses might have been contained."
- (b) The analyst said, "If the market reacts sooner, the losses ~~might be contained~~."
- (c) The analyst said, "If the market had reacted sooner, the losses ~~might be contained~~."
- (d) The analyst said, "~~Had the market react sooner, the losses would be contained~~."

5. Select the correct spelling of the word meaning inflammation of the appendix.

(a) Apindixitis

~~(b) Appendicitis~~

(c) Appendicitis

(d) Apendliciitis

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

'One who is all-powerful'

- (a) Omnipresent $\Rightarrow$ present everywhere
- (b) Omniscient $\Rightarrow$ who has all the knowledge
- ~~(c) Omnipotent~~
- (d) Magnanimous

$\hookrightarrow$ Generous
Noble-hearted

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

'A statement that seems self-contradictory but may be true.'

(a) Epigram $\Rightarrow$ short witty saying

~~(b) Paradox~~

(c) Aphorism $\Rightarrow$ brief statement representing general truth

(d) Dogma

$\hookrightarrow$ accepted beliefs

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

Seldom _____ so many people interested in a poetry reading.

(a) have I seen

(b) ~~I have seen~~

(c) ~~was I seeing~~

(d) ~~had I seen~~

9. 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. Renewable energy sources such as solar and wind have emerged as viable alternatives to fossil fuels.
2. As global energy demand continues to rise, the transition to cleaner sources becomes increasingly urgent.
3. Governments and corporations are investing heavily in green technologies to reduce carbon emissions.
4. This shift not only mitigates climate change but also promotes economic innovation and energy security.

(a) 2, 1, 3, 4

(b) 1, 2, 4, 3

(c) 2, 3, 1, 4

(d) 1, 3, 2, 4

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

Not until the evidence was re-examined did the scientist fully _____ the implications of her discovery.

(a) ~~apprehend~~

(b) ~~improvise~~

(c) ~~invalidate~~

(d) ~~replicate~~

NW ←
 understand, comprehend
 prove false or ineffective
 copy

11. 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.

Hardly did the manager knew (1)/ that his decision would (2)/ trigger such a massive protest (3)/ among the employees. (4)

(a) (1)

(b) (2)

(c) (3)

(d) (4)

know

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

Has the technician repaired the faulty circuit?

- (a) ~~Is the~~ faulty circuit repaired by the technician?
- ☒ (b) Has the faulty circuit been repaired by the technician?
- (c) ~~Was the~~ faulty circuit being repaired by the technician?
- (d) ~~Had the~~ faulty circuit repaired by the technician?

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.

What we need right now (1)/ ~~are~~ a strong leader (2)/ who can unite the team (3)/ and restore confidence. (4)

(a) (1)

(b) (2)

(c) (3)

(d) (4)

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

The right answer was not immediately clear.

- (a) She made a right turn at the next intersection.
- (b) He was right to refuse the offer.
- ☒ (c) Everyone has the right to free speech.
- (d) The right timing can make all the difference.

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

The final report had been completed by the researchers before the deadline.

- (a) ~~The researchers completed the final report before the deadline.~~
- ☒ (b) The researchers had completed the final report before the deadline.
- (c) ~~The researchers were completing the final report before the deadline.~~
- (d) ~~The researchers have completed the final report before the deadline.~~

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

INSOUCIANT

- (a) ~~Anxious~~
- (b) ~~Concerned~~
- (c) ~~Nonchalant~~
- (d) ~~Careworn~~

carefree
unconcerned
non-chalant

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

INSALUBRIOUS

(a) Wholesome

(b) Filthy $\Rightarrow$ dirty, muddy

(c) Morbid $\Rightarrow$ gloomy

(d) Unhealthy

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

In the evolving theatre of human creativity, the contest between originality and imitation has long animated debates about authenticity and value. Originality, often romanticized as the spark of divine inspiration, is revered as the lifeblood of artistic and intellectual progress. The original creator, unshackled by precedent, is celebrated as a pioneer who redefines the boundaries of the possible. Yet, imitation—frequently dismissed as parasitic mimicry—possesses its own quiet genius. To imitate with discernment is to study the anatomy of excellence; it is the apprenticeship through which mastery often gestates. The Renaissance, after all, flourished not through isolation but through reinterpretation. However, the fetishization of originality in modern culture risks estranging creators from the continuum of human knowledge. Every so-called innovation is, in essence, an echo refracted through time—an evolution rather than an eruption. Conversely, blind imitation breeds stagnation, where the act of creation devolves into mechanical repetition devoid of insight. The truth lies in equilibrium: originality must converse with tradition even as it challenges it. The most profound works, whether in art, science, or thought, emerge not from rebellion alone but from synthesis—where imitation provides the scaffolding and originality raises the edifice. In this delicate dialectic, creativity becomes less an act of invention and more an act of intelligent remembrance, where the past is neither idolized nor ignored but transmuted into something enduringly new.

18. Which of the following best describes the tone of the passage?

- (a) ~~Cynical~~
- (b) ~~Analytical~~
- (c) ~~Sentimental~~
- (d) ~~Didactic~~

→ moral lesson or some instruction

19. The author suggests that imitation can serve as—
- (a) An obstacle to genuine creativity
 - ☒ (b) A foundational process for achieving mastery
 - (c) A meaningless repetition of prior work
 - (d) A complete replacement for originality

20. What does the author imply by "fetishization of originality"?
- (a) Society's excessive glorification of originality at the expense of learning from the past
 - (b) The rejection of innovation in favor of traditional methods
 - (c) The belief that imitation alone leads to mastery
 - (d) The effort to balance creativity with discipline

21. What is meant by the phrase "an echo refracted through time"?

- ~~(a) Every creative idea carries traces of the ideas that came before it.~~
- (b) Innovation always replaces the traditions of the past.
- (c) Modern art ~~rejects all~~ historical influences.
- (d) Time weakens the value of older creative works.

22. From the author's perspective, true creativity arises when—

(a) Originality is pursued in isolation from imitation

(b) Tradition is preserved without modification

(c) The old and the new are synthesized into meaningful innovation

(d) The creator rejects all prior influence

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

He is married with a lawyer.

(a) married at

(b) married to

(c) married by

(d) married from

Ram married Sita

Ram was married to Sita.

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

He said, "We have been waiting here for an hour."

(a) He said they ~~were waiting~~ there for an hour.

(b) He said they ~~have been~~ waiting there for an hour.

☒ (c) He said they had been waiting there for an hour.

(d) He said they ~~had waiting~~ there for an hour.

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. Urban planning must therefore integrate green spaces, efficient public transport, and affordable housing.
2. Rapid urbanization presents challenges such as congestion, pollution, and strain on infrastructure.
3. Cities that plan proactively can become more livable and resilient to social and environmental stresses.
4. Addressing these issues requires coordinated policy, community engagement, and long-term vision.

(a) 2, 1, 4, 3

(b) 2, 4, 1, 3

(c) 1, 3, 2, 4

(d) 3, 2, 1, 4

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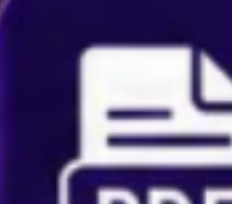
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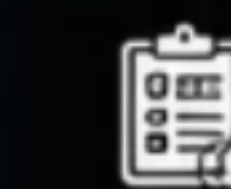
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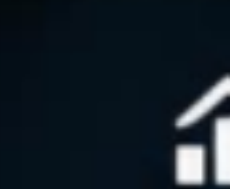
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