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

(a) ~~Wealth~~

(b) ~~Affluence~~

(c) Indigence

(d) ~~Prosperity~~

poverty

Penniless
Penurious

Pauper

Indigent

Destitute

Insolvent
Bankrupt

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

To carry the can

- (a) To transport goods efficiently
- ☒ (b) To take responsibility for a mistake or failure
- (c) To finish a difficult task
- (d) To make a quick decision

3. Select the option which contains the most appropriate HOMONYM of the word given in bold.

They signed a **contract** to supply construction materials for the new city bridge.

(a) The company renewed its contract with the suppliers for another five years.

(b) The legal experts reviewed the contract thoroughly before it was finalised.

~~(c)~~ The cold weather can cause your muscles to **contract** suddenly and painfully.

(d) The parties involved agreed that the contract terms were

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

The report was being written by the intern when the power failed.

- ~~(a) The intern was writing the report when the power failed.~~
- ~~(b) The intern wrote the report when the power failed.~~
- ~~(c) The intern had been writing the report when the power failed.~~
- ~~(d) The power failed while the report was being written by the intern.~~

5. Select the correct spelling of a word that means the formation of a protein's specific structure.

- ~~(a) Conformation~~
- ~~(b) Confermashun~~
- ~~(c) Conformassion~~
- ~~(d) Conformasion~~

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

'A general pardon for offences, especially political ones, against a state'.

(a) Absolution

(b) Amnesty

(c) Reprieve

(d) Exoneration

⇒ formal forgiveness especially of sins.

temporary postponement of punishment

clearing someone from blame/guilt

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

The new manager promised to _____ the old, inefficient procedures with more modern methods.

(a) do up

(b) do without

(c) do for

(d) do away with

eliminate, abolish / to get rid of something

8. 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.

That the experimental results contradict prior findings (1)/ and challenges established theories (2)/ suggests the need for further investigation (3)/ into the novel methodology. (4)

(a) (1)

~~(b) (2)~~

(c) (3)

(d) (4)

challenge

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

The renowned architect will design the new city hall.

- ☒ (a) The new city hall will be designed by the renowned architect.
- ☐ (b) The new city hall is designed by the renowned architect.
- ☐ (c) The new city hall would be designed by the renowned architect.
- ☐ (d) The new city hall will be designed by a renowned architect.

10. Select the most appropriate antonym of the given word: PROFLIGATE

(a) Extravagant

(b) Thrifty

(c) Wasteful

(d) Lavish

Profligate
Prodigal
Spendthrift

Prudent
Careful

Stingy
Frugal
Economical
Parsimonious

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

The committee is comprised of members from various disciplines.

(a) ~~is comprised by~~

(b) ~~comprised of~~

(c) comprises

(d) ~~is comprising~~

comprise ⇒
consist of

12. 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. Critics argue that such policies disproportionately affect vulnerable populations and can stifle economic growth.
2. The debate around universal basic income (UBI) has intensified in recent years, drawing attention from various sectors.
3. Proponents suggest UBI could alleviate poverty, reduce inequality, and provide a safety net in an automating world.
4. It proposes a regular, unconditional cash payment to all citizens, regardless of their income or employment status.

(a) 2, 4, 3, 1

(c) 2, 3, 1, 4

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

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

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

He said, "I am going to the park."

(a) He said that ~~he is going~~ to the park.

(b) ~~He said that I was~~ going to the park.

~~(c) He said that he was~~ going to the park.

(d) He said ~~he went~~ to the park.

14. Identify the incorrectly spelt word

- (a) Psithurism
- (b) Vellichor
- (c) Clinomania
- (d) Saccharrine

Saccharine

Comprehension :

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

The use of renewable energy has become a global priority as countries strive to reduce their dependence on fossil fuels. Renewable sources such as solar, wind, and hydroelectric power offer cleaner alternatives that help lower carbon emissions and combat climate change. However, the transition to renewable energy is not without challenges. The initial cost of setting up infrastructure remains high, and energy production can be inconsistent due to weather conditions. Despite these drawbacks, technological innovations are making renewable energy more efficient and affordable.

Governments are also encouraging the shift through subsidies, tax incentives, and investment in research. These measures not only help reduce environmental damage but also create employment opportunities in new sectors. Public awareness about sustainability has further accelerated the demand for cleaner energy options. The future of global energy lies in a balanced approach-using renewable sources while continuing to improve storage technologies and grid efficiency. If nations maintain this momentum, renewable energy could soon replace conventional sources as the dominant form of power.

15. What is the primary reason countries are adopting renewable energy sources?

(a) To increase energy prices

☒ (b) To reduce carbon emissions

(c) To promote fossil fuel industries

(d) To decrease international cooperation

16. What is one major challenge in the transition to renewable energy?

(a) Lack of government interest

(b) High maintenance costs of fossil fuels

☒ (c) High initial setup costs and inconsistent production

(d) Limited natural resources

17. What role do governments play in promoting renewable energy?

- (a) They discourage innovation in renewable technology
- (b) They provide financial and policy support to encourage its use
- (c) They restrict subsidies and incentives
- (d) They depend solely on private companies

18. What does the passage suggest about the future of global energy?

(a) It will rely only on fossil fuels

(b) It will depend entirely on hydroelectric power

(c) It will balance renewable and traditional sources

(d) It will eliminate all forms of technology

19. What does the word "momentum" imply in the sentence "If nations maintain this momentum, renewable energy could soon replace conventional sources as the dominant form of power"?

(a) ~~Speed of technological change~~

☒ (b) Ongoing progress and drive

(c) ~~Sudden decline in interest~~

(d) ~~Lack of stability~~

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

The party leader appealed to the electorate to consider the long-term implications _____ the proposed reforms.

(a) for

(b) of

(c) against

(d) about

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

The new policy proved to be entirely _____ to the needs of the working class, exacerbating existing inequalities.

- (a) ~~harm~~
- (b) ~~hazard~~
- (c) detrimental
- (d) ~~detriment~~

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

The new regulations are effective from January 1st across all sectors.

(a) ~~with January 1st~~

(b) ~~by January 1st~~

(c) as of January 1st

(d) ~~on January 1st~~

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

My grandma said, "A stitch in time saves nine."

(a) ~~It was said by my grandma that a stitch in time saves nine.~~

(b) ~~My grandma said that a stitch in time saved nine.~~

(c) ~~My grandma advised that a stitch in time saves nine.~~

(d) My grandma said that a stitch in time saves nine.



24. 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. The human brain, a marvel of biological engineering, possesses an astonishing capacity for learning and adaptation.**
- 2. Neuroplasticity, its ability to reorganise itself by forming new neural connections, underpins this remarkable faculty.**
- 3. This process allows us to acquire new skills, form memories, and even recover from brain injuries.**
- 4. From childhood development to adult learning, this dynamic re-wiring occurs continuously.**

(a) 1, 2, 3, 4

(b) 2, 1, 4, 3

(c) 1, 3, 2, 4

(d) 4, 1, 3, 2

25. 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.

She had barely finished writing her essay (1)/ when the power went out, (2)/ leaving her work unsaved (3)/ and her progress lost. (4)

(a) (1)

~~(b) (2)~~

(c) (3)

(d) (4)

Barely
Rarely
Hardly
No soon
Never

+ Inversion

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