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

IGNOMINIOUS

(a) ~~Honorable~~

(b) **Disgraceful**

(c) ~~Laudable~~

(d) ~~Illustrious~~

2. Choose the correct meaning of idiom:

TO PAY THROUGH THE NOSE

(a) To pay a very low price

(b) To negotiate a good deal

~~(c) To pay an excessively high price~~

(d) To pay in installments

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

QUERULOUS

(a) ~~Complaining~~

(b) ~~Contentious~~

(c) Patient

(d) ~~Petulant~~

Whining
Cantankerous

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

The officer said to the guard, "Do not allow anyone to enter without permission."

- ~~(a) The officer told the guard not to allow anyone to enter without permission.~~
- ~~(b) The officer said the guard not to allow anyone to enter without permission.~~
- ~~(c) The officer forbade the guard to not allow anyone to enter without permission.~~
- (d) The officer instructed that the guard does not allow anyone without permission.

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

'A person who believes that pleasure is the chief good in life.'

(a) Stoic

⇒ indifferent to pain and pleasure

(b) Cynic

Doubtful

(c) Hedonist

(d) Epicure

⇒ A person who enjoys good food and fine drinking

6. Select the correct option:

No sooner ^{H.V} had ^{Sub} the curtain ^{M.V} fallen
 _____ the audience erupted into
 applause.

- (a) ~~when~~
- (b) ~~before~~
- (c) than
- (d) ~~after~~

No sooner - than
 Hardly
 scarcely when

7. Select the correct option:

_____ having been warned about the risks, she proceeded with the experimental procedure.

~~(a) In spite of~~

~~(b) Due to~~

~~(c) As~~

~~(d) Since~~

8. 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 process, known as evaporation, plays a crucial role in regulating Earth's temperature and maintaining the water cycle.
2. It occurs when water molecules at the surface gain enough energy to escape into the atmosphere as vapor.
3. The rate of evaporation depends on several factors such as temperature, humidity, and wind speed.
4. Evaporation is one of the key processes through which water moves from oceans, lakes, and rivers into the air.

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

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

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

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

9. Select the correct option:

The committee recommended that the new policy ____ implemented immediately.

- (a) ~~is~~
- (b) ~~was~~
- (c) be
- (d) ~~will be~~

Subjunctive mood

10. Find the part of the sentence that contains an error:

The committee, which ^{oversees} oversee multiple departments, (1)/ has been granted additional funds (2)/ to implement the new sustainability policies (3)/ across all regional offices. (4)

~~(a) (1)~~

(b) (2)

(c) (3)

(d) (4)

11. Select the most appropriate antonym of the given word: **INCHOATE**

(a) ~~Nascent~~

(b) **Developed**

(c) ~~Rudimentary~~

(d) ~~Embryonic~~

undveloped
immature

12. Change the following from active to passive:

The sudden noise startled the sleeping birds in the trees.

- (a) The sleeping birds in the trees were startled by the sudden noise.
- (b) ~~The sleeping birds in the trees had been startled by the sudden noise.~~
- (c) ~~The sudden noise was startling the sleeping birds in the trees.~~
- (d) ~~The sleeping birds in the trees are startled by the sudden noise.~~

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

The bark of the old oak tree was rough to the touch.

- (a) ✓ The hunter followed the bark of the dog through the dense forest.
- (b) The ~~bark~~ peeled away easily after the rain.
- (c) The gardener studied the texture of the ~~bark~~ carefully.
- (d) The ~~bark~~ of the tree protected it from pests.

14. Convert the sentence provided below from its passive voice structure to an active voice structure:
It was reported that confidential data had been stolen by unidentified hackers from the government server.

(a) Unidentified hackers reportedly stole confidential data from the government server.

(b) Confidential data reportedly was stolen from the government server.

(c) The government server reportedly lost data to hackers.

(d) Reporters said hackers had stolen the data.

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

In the contemporary era, the relationship between technology and human cognition has become increasingly intertwined. Digital tools have transformed how we process, store, and retrieve information. On one hand, technology enhances efficiency allowing instantaneous access to knowledge, fostering global communication, and enabling complex problem-solving. On the other hand, constant digital engagement has raised concerns about attention fragmentation, superficial learning, and declining memory retention. Psychologists argue that reliance on external devices for information storage-commonly termed as "digital amnesia"-may erode our natural cognitive abilities. When individuals delegate tasks like remembering phone numbers, dates, or even directions to devices, they strengthen convenience but weaken mental endurance. However, advocates of digital integration claim that such delegation allows the human mind to focus on higher-order thinking rather than routine recall. They argue that every technological revolution-printing press, calculator, or computer-has similarly redefined intelligence rather than diminished it. The central challenge, therefore, is not resisting technology but using it judiciously-balancing cognitive independence with technological assistance. The future of human intellect will likely depend on how effectively individuals cultivate mindfulness in an age of mental automation.

15. Which of the following best captures the essence of the passage?

- (a) ~~Technology has made human cognition obsolete.~~
- ☒ (b) Technology has both enhanced and challenged human cognition.
- (c) ~~Digital tools have replaced human intelligence.~~
- (d) ~~People should completely avoid dependence on technology.~~

16. Which of the following is a concern raised by psychologists in the passage?

- (a) Technology limits creativity and curiosity.
- ☒ (b) Technology causes people to forget essential information.
- (c) Technology has made learning too slow.
- (d) Technology eliminates the need for education.

17. How do advocates of digital integration defend technology use?

- (a) They believe technology replaces memory entirely.
- (b) They argue it allows the mind to focus on complex thinking.
- (c) They insist humans should rely solely on devices.
- (d) They reject traditional intelligence models.

18. What tone does the author adopt toward technological influence on human intellect?

- (a) Pessimistic and alarmist
- ☒ (b) Balanced and reflective
- (c) Sarcastic and dismissive
- (d) Nostalgic and regretful

- 19. What is the central concern raised in the passage?**
- (a) Whether technology should replace human intelligence
 - (b) How to balance cognitive independence with technological reliance**
 - (c) Why humans are addicted to devices
 - (d) When artificial intelligence will surpass human memory

Direction:- (Q.20. to Q.21.)

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

20. The committee discussed about implementing new safety protocols during the meeting.

☒ (a) discussed implementing

(b) had a discussion about implementing

(c) were discussing about implementing

(d) had been discussed implementing

21. Strict regulations were enacted to prevent industries to discharge untreated waste into the river.

- (a) from discharging untreated waste into
- (b) from discharge of untreated waste into
- (c) to ~~discharging~~ untreated waste into
- (d) for ~~discharging~~ untreated waste in

prevent from + V₁(ing)

22. Spot the correct spelling of the condition characterized by the formation of stones in the kidney.

☒ (a) Nephrolithiasis

☐ (b) Nephrolythiasis

☐ (c) Nephrolitheasis

☐ (d) Nephrolithiasis

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

He said that he was reading a novel when I called him.

- (a) He said, "I am reading a novel when you called me."
- (b) He said, "I was reading a novel when you called me."
- (c) He said, "I read a novel when you were calling me."
- (d) He said, "I had been reading a novel when you called me."

24. Rearrange the following sentences to form a coherent paragraph:

- 1. These systems use sensors and software to interpret their surroundings, enabling them to make navigation decisions without human input.**
- 2. Autonomous vehicles are considered one of the most transformative innovations in modern transportation.**
- 3. However, widespread adoption faces challenges related to safety, regulation, and ethical decision-making.**
- 4. They promise to reduce accidents, improve traffic efficiency, and revolutionize urban mobility.**

(a) 1, 2, 4, 3

(b) 2, 1, 4, 3

(c) 4, 3, 2, 1

(d) 2, 4, 1, 3

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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.

The emergence of new infectious variants (1)/ amid inconsistent global vaccination efforts (2)/ ~~have~~ reignited debates on public health preparedness (3)/ and international cooperation. (4)

(a) (1)

(b) (2)

~~(c) (3)~~

(d) (4)

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