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

To upset the applecart

(a) To knock over a fruit stand

☒ (b) To spoil a plan or disturb a situation

(c) To organise things neatly

(d) To make a pleasant surprise

2. Select the correct spelling of a noun describing an existing or inborn condition.

- (a) Congenital
- (b) Congenitalle
- (c) Congenetial
- (d) Congenetall

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

'A collection of literary extracts, especially from one author'

- (a) Lexicographer $\Rightarrow$ who compiles dictionaries
- (b) Bibliophile $\Rightarrow$ book lover
- ~~(c) Anthology~~
- (d) Ennui $\Rightarrow$ state of boredom

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

The classic novel was being read by millions worldwide.

(a) Millions worldwide are reading the classic novel.

(b) The classic novel was read across millions worldwide.

(c) Millions worldwide were the classic novel of reading.

(d) Millions worldwide were reading the classic novel.

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

Had he arrived on time, he _____ the beginning of the presentation.

(a) would catch

~~(b) would have caught~~

(c) will catch

(d) had caught

Inversion

If + Past Perfect,

would+have+ ✓3

could
should

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

She ran very quick to catch the bus.

(a) ~~quickly~~ very

(b) ~~quick~~

☒ (c) quickly

(d) more quickly

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

He asked, "Where did you go yesterday?"

- (a) He asked where I went yesterday.
- ~~(b) He asked where I had gone the previous day.~~
- (c) He asked where you went the previous day.
- ~~(d) He asked where I had gone yesterday.~~

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

Despite ample resources being allocated, bureaucratic inefficiencies continued to _____ the project's progress.

(a) ~~accelerate~~

(b) catalyse

+VR

(c) ~~facilitate~~

(d) ~~impede~~

restrict

9. 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 new algorithm, designed to process vast amounts of data, (1)/ promises to revolutionise our approach to analytics, (2)/ but it also raises concerns (3)/ about data privacy and ethical implications. (4)

(a) (1)

(b) (2)

~~(c) (3)~~

(d) (4)

rise

raise

raises

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 consensus was, not that the data itself was flawed, but that its interpretation by the junior analysts (1)/ ~~were~~ overly optimistic (2)/ given the volatile market conditions (3)/ and the inherent uncertainties. (4)

(a) (1)

~~(b) (2)~~

(c) (3)

(d) (4)

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

The security team can internally monitor all network traffic.

- ☒ (a) All network traffic can be monitored internally by the security team.
- ☐ (b) All network traffic could be monitored internally by the security team.
- ☐ (c) All network traffic will be monitored internally by the security team.
- ☐ (d) All network traffic might be monitored internally by the security team.

(a) ~~Praise~~

(b) Flattery

~~(c) Censure~~

(d) ~~Worship~~

(c) ~~Censure~~
 (d) ~~Worship~~

lambast
 condemn
 castigate
 chide

berate
 upbraid
 admonish

denounce
 reprove
 rebuke
 reprimand
 revile

vituperate
 decoy

13. Identify the misspelt word

(a) Amnesiac $\Rightarrow$ person with memory loss

(b) Idiosyncrasy $\Rightarrow$ strange/unusual

(c) Vicissitude $\Rightarrow$ change of circumstances

~~(d) Superintendent~~

Superintendent

14. 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 essential gas then diffuses into the bloodstream, binding with haemoglobin in red blood cells.
2. Respiration is a complex physiological process vital for sustaining human life.
3. Simultaneously, carbon dioxide, a waste product, moves from the blood into the alveoli to be exhaled.
4. It begins with the inhalation of air, where oxygen travels through the airways to tiny air sacs called alveoli in the lungs.

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

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

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

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

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

The private sector, particularly in the current global economic climate, is characterised by a significant degree of volatility. Businesses, from small enterprises to multinational corporations, constantly navigate a landscape riddled with unpredictable shifts. This inherent instability stems from a multitude of factors, both internal and external, creating an environment where adaptability is not merely an option but a critical necessity for survival and growth.

Externally, geopolitical events play a substantial role. Trade wars, international sanctions, and political instability in key regions can disrupt supply chains, alter market access, and inflate operational costs almost overnight. Furthermore, technological advancements, while offering immense opportunities, also present a double-edged sword. Rapid innovation can render existing products or services obsolete, forcing companies to invest heavily in research and development or risk falling behind competitors. Consumer preferences, driven by evolving social trends and increased environmental consciousness, are another potent force for change. A sudden shift in public sentiment towards sustainability, for example, can drastically impact demand for certain goods and compel industries to re-evaluate their production methods.

Internally, companies face their own set of challenges. Labour market fluctuations, including shortages of skilled workers or rising wage demands, can exert immense pressure on operational budgets. Financial market instability, such as interest rate hikes or credit crunches, directly affects investment capacity and expansion plans. Moreover, the increasing pace of regulatory changes, especially in areas like environmental compliance and data protection, requires continuous vigilance and often significant expenditure to ensure adherence.

This pervasive volatility mandates a strategic shift towards resilience. Businesses are increasingly investing in robust risk management frameworks, diversifying their supply bases, and fostering cultures of continuous learning and innovation. The ability to pivot quickly, reallocate resources efficiently, and anticipate future disruptions is paramount. Those that fail to build such organisational agility often find themselves unable to weather the storms of modern commerce, underscoring that in today's private sector, the only constant is change itself.

15. What does the passage state is a critical necessity for businesses in the volatile private sector?

(a) Maintaining static business models.

(b) Adaptability.

(c) Avoiding all forms of risk.

(d) Focusing only on short-term profits.

16. Which of the following is an external factor contributing to private sector volatility?

- (a) Labour market fluctuations.
- (b) Financial market instability.
- (c) Rising wage demands.
- (d) Geopolitical events.

17. According to the passage, how can technological advancements be seen as a "double-edged sword"?

- (a) They reduce operational costs but eliminate jobs.
- ~~(b)~~ They offer opportunities but can make existing products obsolete.
- (c) They simplify supply chains but increase regulatory scrutiny.
- (d) They improve efficiency but always lead to financial instability.

18. What is one of the internal challenges mentioned that companies face due to volatility?
- (a) Shifting consumer preferences.
 - (b) ~~International sanctions.~~
 - (c) ~~Labour market fluctuations.~~
 - (d) ~~Disruptions in global supply chains.~~

19. What strategic shift is mandated for businesses to manage pervasive volatility?

- (a) Limiting investment in research and development.
- (b) Avoiding diversification of supply bases.
- ☒ (c) Building resilience through risk management and agility.
- (d) Resisting all forms of regulatory changes.

20. 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. Forest ecosystems act as natural regulators by absorbing carbon dioxide, releasing oxygen, and supporting diverse forms of life.
2. However, rapid deforestation caused by urban expansion, logging, and agriculture has severely disrupted these ecological balances.
3. This degradation not only accelerates climate change but also threatens countless species with extinction.
4. Protecting and restoring forests through sustainable practices is therefore essential to preserve biodiversity and maintain global climate stability.

(a) 1, 3, 2, 4

(b) 2, 1, 3, 4

(c) 1, 2, 3, 4

(d) 2, 3, 1, 4

H.W

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

The health of an ecosystem is directly proportional
_____ the diversity of species it supports.

~~(a) yet~~

~~(b) but~~

(c) to

~~(d) via~~

22. Choose the most suitable option to replace the highlighted part of the sentence;

You will not succeed unless you do not work harder.

☒ (a) unless you work

☐ (b) if ~~you did not work~~

☐ (c) ~~unless you will work~~

☐ (d) ~~if you work~~

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

She said that she intended to start her own business soon.

- (a) She said, "She intends to start her own business soon."
- ☒ (b) She said, "I intend to start my own business soon."
- (c) She said, "~~I intended~~ starting my own business soon."
- (d) She said, "~~I had intended~~ to start my own business soon."

24. Select the most appropriate antonym
of the given word: AUSPICIOUS

(a) Promising

(b) Providential

(c) Rosy

~~(d) Dreary~~

↳ gloomy

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

Please write your full address along with the **postal code** on this form.

(a) The secretary wrote the wrong address on the envelope by mistake.

(b) I received your letter even though it had an incomplete address.

~~(c) The Prime Minister will address the youth at the national conference tomorrow.~~

(d) The manager confirmed that the letter was sent to the right address.

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