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

To send someone to Coventry

(a) ~~To send someone on a difficult mission~~

~~(b) To ostracize someone~~

(c) ~~To give someone a formal warning~~

(d) To dismiss ~~someone~~ from their position

2. Choose the correct spelling of a word meaning 'a person who believes that war and violence are unjustifiable'.

(a) Pacifict

(b) ~~Pasifist~~

~~(c)~~ Pacifist

(d) ~~Pasificit~~

3. Choose the correctly spelt word for a person who believes that all people are equal and deserve equal rights and opportunities.

(a) ~~Egalitarian~~

~~(b)~~ Egalitarian

(c) ~~Egaliterian~~

(d) ~~Egallitarian~~

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

'A person who travels to sacred places for religious reasons'.

(a) Ascetic

~~(c) Pilgrim~~

(b) Hermit

(d) Evangelist

→ A person who practises self-discipline and strict lifestyle

→ Monk

→ a person who preaches or spreads religious teachings

5. Select the option that can be used as a one-word substitute for the given group of words:
'To clear someone of blame or suspicion'.

(a) Accuse

(b) Indict

(c) Exonerate

(d) Incriminate

{ blame free
→ Acquit

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

Rahul said, "I have completed my homework."

(a) ~~Rahul said that he has completed his homework.~~

(b) ~~Rahul said that he completed his homework.~~

☒ (c) Rahul said that he had completed his homework.

(d) ~~Rahul said that he was completing his homework.~~

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

She said, "I may go to the party tonight."

(a) She said that she might go to the party that night.

(b) She said that she may go to the party tonight.

(c) She said that she would go to the party that night.

(d) She said she went to the party tonight.

may → might
(can ⇒) could
will ⇒ would

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

If they _____ the warning, they wouldn't have made that mistake.

(a) heeded

~~(b) had heeded~~

(c) would heed

(d) have heeded

If + Past Perfect, would + have + V₃

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 main actor, as well as the supporting cast, (1)/ ~~were~~^{was} praised (2)/ for their outstanding performance (3)/ in the play. (4)/

(a) (1)

(b) (2)

(c) (3)

(d) (4)

as well as
with
alongwith
together with
in addition to
including
besides
like
unlike

10. Select the option that expresses the given sentence in the Active/Passive voice
The teacher has taught the lesson.

- (a) The lesson ~~was taught~~ by the teacher.
- ☒ (b) The lesson has been taught by the teacher.
- (c) The lesson ~~is taught~~ by the teacher.
- (d) The lesson ~~had been taught~~ by the teacher.

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. { The minister ~~assured~~ ^{ensured} that (1)/ all possible measures (2)/ were being taken to address (3)/ the crisis effectively. (4) }

~~(a) (1) (1)~~

(b) (2)

(c) (3)

(d) (4)

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

The **old** crone muttered curses under her breath.

(a) The moon's crone phase is often associated with wisdom.

(b) The crone sat by the fire, spinning tales of old.

(c) He let out a low ~~crone~~ of pain after hitting his knee.

(d) Stories often depict the crone as a mysterious figure.

old woman

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

The problem was considered to have been entirely overlooked by the previous administration.

(a) The previous administration had overlooked the entire problem.

(b) It was considered that the previous administration entirely overlooked the problem.

(c) The previous administration was considered to have entirely overlooked the problem.

(d) Someone considered that the previous administration had entirely overlooked the problem.

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

I am hearing a strange noise **from upstairs.**

(a) hear a strange noise

(b) have heard a strange noise

☒ (c) heard a strange noise

(d) am hearing strange noise



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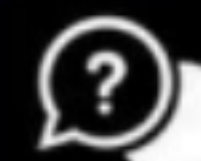
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Comprehension: Direction:- (Q.15. to Q.19.)

In an era dominated by digital interconnectivity, the concept of "truth" has undergone a profound transformation. Once anchored in verifiable facts and shared understanding, it now often floats within fragmented online realities shaped by algorithms and personal biases. The democratization of information—while seemingly empowering—has paradoxically made distinguishing fact from fiction increasingly difficult. Social media platforms, under the guise of free expression, amplify voices not by credibility but by engagement metrics. As a result, emotional intensity often outweighs evidence, and virality substitutes for validity.

The architecture of digital discourse rewards polarization; outrage generates clicks, and clicks generate profit. Consequently, misinformation thrives, spreading faster than verified facts. The modern individual, inundated by competing narratives, gravitates toward information that aligns with pre-existing beliefs—a psychological phenomenon known as confirmation bias. This creates parallel realities where objective truth becomes secondary to ideological comfort. News consumers are no longer passive recipients but active participants in shaping the narratives they wish to believe.

However, the problem is not technology itself but our uncritical dependence on it. Search engines and feeds, optimized for personalization, narrow our exposure to diverse perspectives. True digital literacy, therefore, lies not in constant connectivity but in critical awareness—questioning sources, examining intent, and embracing discomfort in confronting opposing viewpoints. Only through such self-reflection can individuals reclaim the integrity of truth in an age designed to distort it.

15. What is the central argument of the passage?

(a) Technology has replaced human judgment entirely

☒ (b) Truth in the digital age is shaped by algorithms and personal biases

(c) ~~Social media~~ platforms are neutral spaces ~~for free speech~~

(d) ~~The internet~~ has reduced global ~~communication barriers~~

16. According to the passage, what drives the spread of misinformation online?

- (a) ~~Strict content moderation~~
- ☒ (b) The emotional and viral nature of online engagement
- (c) Lack of government regulation
- (d) A shortage of credible journalists

17. What does the author suggest about **confirmation bias**?

(a) It encourages exposure to new ideas

(b) It makes people more open-minded

☒ (c) It causes individuals to seek information that supports their beliefs

(d) It reduces online polarization

18. What does the author identify as the essence of true digital literacy?

- (a) Staying constantly updated on trending topics
- (b) Accepting online content without question
- (c) Critically analyzing information and opposing views
- (d) Relying on automated fact-checking tools

19. Which tone best reflects the author's perspective?

- (a) Critical and analytical
- (b) Humorous and casual
- (c) Pessimistic and despairing
- (d) Indifferent and detached

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

The teacher said that if they had studied harder, they might have passed the exam.

(a) "If you studied harder, you might pass the exam," said the teacher.

(b) "If you had studied harder, you might have passed the exam," said the teacher.

(c) "Had you studied hard, you may pass the exam," the teacher said.

(d) "Had you been studying harder, you would pass the exam," said he.

21. 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 Internet of Things (IoT) connects everyday devices to the internet, enabling them to communicate and share data.

2. For instance, smart home systems allow users to control lights and appliances remotely.

3. This interconnectivity improves efficiency, convenience, and decision-making across industries.

4. By analyzing the collected data, IoT systems can automate tasks and predict future needs.

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

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

(c) 1, 2, 3, 4

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

22. 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 has raised serious concerns among health experts.

2. Obesity has become one of the most common health issues worldwide.

3. It increases the risk of various diseases such as diabetes and heart problems.

4. The main reasons include unhealthy diets and lack of physical activity.

(a) 2-4-3-1

(b) 4-3-2-1

(c) 2-3-4-1

(d) 3-2-4-1

11.5

23. Select the most appropriate synonym of the given word: **TACITURN**

(a) ~~Garrulous~~

~~(b) Reserved~~

(c) ~~Communicative~~

(d) ~~Outspoken~~

Laconic

Reticent

Pithy

Concise

Brief

Succinct

24. Select the most appropriate synonym of the given word: **IGNOMINY**

(a) ~~Esteem~~

(c) ~~Renown~~

~~(b) Disgrace~~

~~(d) Adulation~~

Stigma

→ excessive praise
→ flattery

25. Select the most appropriate antonym of the
given word: VACILLATE

(a) ~~Waver~~

(b) ~~Hesitate~~

(c) Decide

(d) ~~Falter~~

Capricious
Whimsical

- 25. Which statement reflects the author's view of the long-term solution to air pollution?**
- (a) Strengthening short-term regulations is sufficient.
 - (b) Clean air can be achieved only by halting industrial growth.
 - (c) Coordinated regional policies and community engagement are crucial.
 - (d) The issue can be addressed by focusing solely on local governance.

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