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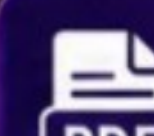
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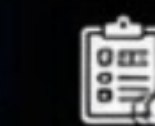
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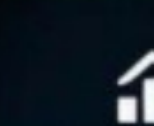
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1. Select the most appropriate option to substitute the underline/Bold segment in the given sentence.

If I was a bird, I would fly to distant lands.

(a) is

(c) am

(b) were

(d) been

were

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

She told her friend that she had visited that place.

Indirect

(a) She told her friend, "I have visited this place."

(b) She said to her friend, "I visit this place."

(c) She told her friend, "I had visited that place."

(d) She said to her friend, "She visited that place."

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

(a) Eagerness

+

(c) Promptness

+

(b) Apathy

—

(d) Glee

+

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

To throw dust in one's eyes

- (a) To clean someone's eyes with dust
- (b) To ignore someone's presence
- (c) To confuse or mislead someone deliberately
- (d) To cause minor irritation

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

A person who chooses to live a simple life, often for religious or spiritual reasons, abstaining from worldly pleasures.

(a) Hedonist

(b) Sybarite

(c) Ascetic

(d) Libertine

6. Select the correct spelling to fill in the blank.

The country witnessed an _____ rise in renewable energy investments over the past decade.

(a) unprecedented

(c) unpresidented

(b) unprecedented

(d) unpressedented

7. Select the most appropriate synonym of the given word: SERENE

(a) Turbulent

(c) Chaotic

(b) Tranquil

(d) Disturbed

8. Fill in the blank with the appropriate collocation:

The CEO _____ a speech at the annual conference.

(a) gave

(c) spoke

(b) made

(d) delivered

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.

She apologised (1) of the delay and (2) promised to submit (3) the report soon. (4)

(a) (4)

(b) (1)

(c) (3)

(d) (2)

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

The ancient city, _____ ruins lay buried beneath centuries of sand, _____ was once a thriving metropolis.

(a) what

(c) that

(b) whose

(d) its

possessions

11. 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. These structures modify natural water flow and impact aquatic habitats.
2. Rivers are vital arteries for ecosystems and human civilizations.
3. However, dam construction presents significant environmental challenges.
4. They provide fresh water, transport nutrients, and support diverse biodiversity.

(a) 3-1-2-4

(b) 2-4-3-1

(c) 2-1-4-3

(d) 4-2-3-1

(2 = 4 + 3 + 1)

✓ 12. 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 had the preliminary review been completed (1)/ when the auditors noticed (2)/ that several financial projections (3)/ was calculated using outdated parameters. (4)

(a) (1)

(b) (2)

(c) (3)

(d) (4)

✓
were

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

Nobody has raised concerns about the accuracy of the new data.

- (a) Concerns have not been raised about the accuracy of the new data.
- (b) Concerns were not being raised about the accuracy of the new data.
- (c) Concerns are not raised about the accuracy of the new data.
- (d) Concerns must not be raised about the accuracy of the new data.

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

The botanist noted that the plant would yield more sap in warmer conditions. →

- (a) The miners expected the new site to yield a rich vein of ore.
- ✓ (b) Heavy traffic forced the drivers to yield at the junction.
- (c) The negotiations will yield results by the end of the month.
- (d) Farmers hope the land will yield more wheat this season.

15. Select the correct spelling of a word meaning
'inconsistent or logically incompatible.'

(a) Incongruous

(b) Incongroous

(c) Incongerous

(d) Incongruos

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

An organism that is genetically identical to another organism.

(a) Blueprint

(b) Prototype

(c) Schema

(d) Clone

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

The audience understood that the main act might be delayed because of technical issues.

- (a) Technical issues delayed the main act, and the audience understood it.
- (b) The main act may be delayed, and the audience understood it due to technical issues.
- (c) It was understood by the audience that the main act might be delayed because of technical issues.
- (d) The audience was understanding that the main act might be delayed due to technical issues.



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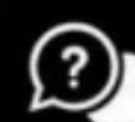
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18. Select the most appropriate option to substitute the underline/Bold segment in the given sentence.

He has been lived in london for five years.

(a) has been living

(b) has being lived

(c) have lived

(d) have been lived

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

She said, "Will you attend the seminar tomorrow?"

- (a) She inquired if I would attend the seminar the next day.
- (b) She inquired if I will be attending the seminar tomorrow.
- (c) She inquired whether I would attend the seminar tomorrow.
- (d) She inquired if would I be attending the seminar the next day.

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. Infectious diseases pose a significant global health challenge.**
- 2. They are caused by pathogenic microorganisms like bacteria, viruses, fungi, or parasites.**
- 3. These pathogens can spread rapidly, leading to widespread epidemics or even pandemics.**
- 4. Thus, early diagnosis and swift treatment are paramount for positive outcomes.**

(a) 2-4-1-3

(b) 3-1-4-2

(c) 1-2-3-4

(d) 4-3-2-1

Cloze Test Direction: (Q.21. to Q.25.)

Human creativity, though often romanticised as a sudden spark of brilliance, is more accurately the result of deliberate mental engagement. Innovative ideas frequently emerge when individuals (21) _____ diverse experiences, allowing unrelated concepts to intersect in unexpected ways. This cross-pollination of thoughts becomes even more powerful when paired with moments of strategic rest; studies show that the mind continues to process information subconsciously even when one is not actively focused. Yet the journey towards meaningful creativity is rarely linear. Many breakthroughs follow repeated failures, which serve not as endpoints but as crucial feedback loops. This is why resilient thinkers view setbacks as opportunities to (22) _____ their methods rather than abandon them. Collaboration, too, plays a pivotal role. When people exchange perspectives, they often uncover assumptions that would have otherwise remained hidden. Such dialogue can (23) _____ rigid thinking patterns and open pathways to original solutions. However, true creativity requires more than just novel ideas-it demands disciplined refinement. Without structure, even the most promising concept risks becoming (24) _____ and losing its potential impact. Ultimately, creativity thrives at the intersection of curiosity, persistence, and thoughtful (25) iteration, elements that collectively sustain the tenacity needed for long-term innovation.

21. (a) will integrate (b) integrated (c) integrate (d) are integrating

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22. (a) imitate (b) abandon (c) conceal (d) revise

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23. (a) challenge (b) reinforce (c) restore (d) harden

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24. (a) subtle (b) rudimentary (c) intricate (d) refined

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25. Select the most appropriate meaning of the word 'iteration' as highlighted in the passage.

- (a) a sudden interruption (b) a repeated process (c) a final conclusion (d) a minor distraction**

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