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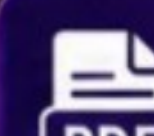
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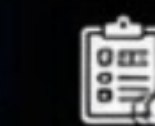
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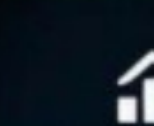
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1. Find the correct spelling for a term meaning showing excessive admiration or flattery.

(a) Obsequious

(c) Obsequious

(b) Obsequious

(d) Obsequious

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

'A person who draws or makes maps.'

(a) Cartographer

(b) Choreographer

(c) Topographer

(d) Geographer

map
map

environment

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

The journalist was praised for her _____ investigation into the corruption scandal.

(a) meticulous Adj

(b) meticulously = Adv

(c) meticulousness

(d) meticolosity

→ (N)

(N)

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

The artist's work received widespread _____ from critics and audiences alike.

(a) apreciation

(b) appriciation

(c) appreciation

(d) apprecoiation

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

The professor delivered a fascinating lecture on the study of birds.

(a) Entomology

(b) Ornithology = birds

(c) Zoology

(d) Ecology

→ insect
→ animal.

Nature.

6. Select the most appropriate synonym of
the given word: INVETERATE

(a) Occasional

(b) Habitual

(c) Temporary

(d) Sporadic

7. Select the most appropriate antonym of the given word. Lethargic

(a) Sluggish

(b) Energetic

(c) Lazy

(d) Inactive

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

Call the shots

= v. gmp

- (a) To be in control and make important decisions
- (b) To act carelessly without planning
- (c) To criticize someone openly
- (d) To ignore authority

9. Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Make no bones about

v. qm?

- (a) To speak frankly and without hesitation**
- (b) To hide one's true feelings**
- (c) To argue over small matters**
- (d) To regret one's decisions**

10. Select the correct spelling for a word meaning 'a fixed or firm belief'.

(a) Convicteon

(b) Convistion

(c) Convictionn

(d) Conviction

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 committee insisted that (1)/ each member provides a written report (2)/ before the final presentation (3)/ scheduled next week. (4)

(a) (1)

(b) (2)

(c) (3)

(d) (4)

provide

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

The teacher gave the students a detailed explanation.

(a) The students were given a detailed explanation by the teacher.

(b) The students are given a detailed explanation by the teacher.

(c) The students have been given a detailed explanation by the teacher.

(d) The students will be given a detailed explanation by the teacher.

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13. 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 director explained that (1)/ the report was delayed (2)/ because the data (3)/ was not yet collected. (4)

(a) (1)

(b) (2)

(c) (3)

(d) (4)

Yet = Present Perfect

Yet = Past Perfect

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

The sculptor used fine mould to cast the statue's intricate details.

(a) The damp basement began to develop green mould on the walls.

(b) She moulds her opinions based on popular trends.

(c) They decided to mould the clay into decorative shapes.

(d) He was praised for his creative mould of leadership.

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

Was the new software developed by the internal team or outsourced?

(a) Did the internal team develop the new software or outsource it?

(b) Has the internal team developed the new software or outsourced it?

(c) Is the internal team developing the new software or outsourcing it?

(d) Did the outsourcing develop the new software for the team?

simple past

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

“The teacher said, “Do not make noise in the corridor.”

(a) The teacher told us not to make noise in the corridor.

(b) The teacher forbade them to make noise in the corridor.

(c) The teacher said them don't make noise in the corridor.

(d) The teacher requested them not to make noise in the corridor.

17. 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 proposal to build a new metro line was initially met with public skepticism.

2. Construction began after environmental clearances were obtained.

3. Over time, the metro project gained support as traffic congestion worsened.

4. Upon completion, the metro system greatly improved urban connectivity.

(a) 1-2-3-4

(c) 2-1-3-4

(b) 1-3-2-4

(d) 3-1-2-4

1-3-2-4

Comprehension: Direction :- (Q.18. to Q.22.)

In the digital age, personal data has become one of the most valuable commodities, shaping how businesses, governments, and individuals interact. Every online search, social media post, and mobile transaction contributes to a vast ecosystem of data collection and analysis. Tech giants employ sophisticated algorithms to track user preferences, predict behavior, and deliver personalized advertisements that seem almost intuitive (pp. 12-13). While this data-driven world enhances convenience and efficiency, it simultaneously exposes individuals to unprecedented privacy risks. The boundaries between public and private life are blurring as personal information becomes a tradable asset, often exchanged without informed consent. Governments argue that surveillance technologies are essential for national security and public safety, yet the same tools can be misused to monitor citizens, suppress dissent, or manipulate elections. Data breaches and unauthorized access to confidential information have become alarmingly frequent, eroding public trust in digital institutions. In many cases, users agree to complex privacy policies they barely read, granting corporations sweeping rights over their data in exchange for "free" services. This imbalance of power raises critical ethical questions: Who truly owns personal data? How much control should individuals retain over their digital footprints? Addressing these concerns requires a multi-dimensional approach. Stronger data protection laws, such as the European Union's General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), aim to empower users by ensuring transparency and consent. Similarly, initiatives in India like the Digital Personal Data Protection Act seek to safeguard citizens' privacy while enabling responsible innovation. However, legislation alone cannot solve the problem. Public awareness, ethical corporate behavior, and the promotion of digital literacy are equally vital. As technology continues to evolve-from facial recognition to artificial intelligence-the ethical use of data will determine the future of digital democracy. Ultimately, privacy in the 21st century is not just a legal right but a fundamental expression of personal autonomy, dignity, and freedom in an interconnected world.

18. According to the passage, what makes personal data highly valuable in the modern world?

- (a) It improves entertainment quality
- (b) It helps predict and influence human behavior
- (c) It reduces government expenditure
- (d) It prevents technological misuse

✓ 19. What primary risk accompanies the rise of data-driven technologies?

- (a) Lack of mobile connectivity
- (b) Increase in hardware costs
- (c) Invasion of individual privacy
- (d) Decline in global trade



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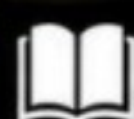


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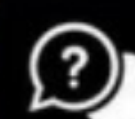
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20. What ethical question does the author raise regarding digital data?

(a) Should governments own all private data?

(b) Who truly owns personal data and controls its use?

(c) How can data storage be made cheaper?

(d) Should social media be banned?

21. What role do laws like GDPR and India's Digital Personal Data Protection Act play?

- (a) They encourage online advertising
- (b) They safeguard user privacy through consent and transparency
- (c) They limit internet access in developing countries
- (d) They ban global technology companies

22. What does the author identify as essential beyond legislation for ensuring privacy?

- (a) Stricter surveillance ✓
- (b) Digital literacy and ethical corporate conduct ✓
- (c) Reducing technological use
- (d) Censorship of online media

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

He was **accused** for stealing the confidential files.

(a) of stealing

(b) with stealing

(c) about stealing

(d) on stealing

of

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

The economist observed that if inflation were not curbed, the currency might weaken further.

(a) The economist said, "If inflation is not curbed, the currency will weaken further."

(b) The economist said, "If inflation was not curbed, the currency would weaken further."

(c) The economist said, "If inflation were not curbed, the currency might weaken further."

(d) The economist said, "Unless inflation had been curbed, the currency would have weakened further."

25. 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 vibrant ecosystems are crucial for filtering water, protecting coastlines, and providing nursery grounds for numerous marine species.

2. However, they face severe threats from climate change, pollution, and unsustainable fishing practices.

3. Coral reefs are often called the "rainforests of the sea" due to their immense biodiversity.

4. Urgent global efforts are needed to protect these invaluable natural wonders before it's too late.

(a) 3, 1, 2, 4

(b) 1, 3, 2, 4

(c) 3, 2, 1, 4

(d) 2, 1, 3, 4

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