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

A person who acts as a go-between or intermediary between two parties .

(a) Arbitrator

(c) Emissary

(b) Mediator

(d) Interlocutor

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

The artist's _____ brushstrokes captured the essence of the landscape .

(a) masterful

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(b) master

(X) (V)

(c) masterfully

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(d) mastery

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

Achilles' heel

- (a) A strong point or advantage
- (b) A minor injury to the foot
- (c) A hidden weakness or vulnerability
- (d) A point of no return

4. Select the correct spelling of a word meaning 'the ability to understand and share the feelings of another'?

(a) Empethy

(b) Empath

(c) Empathy

(d) Empathise

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

A person who believes that all people are motivated by self-interest .

(a) Philanthropist

(c) Stoic

(b) Altruist

(d) Cynic

6. 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.

“ He seldom if never (1)/ visits his family, (2)/ even though they live (3)/ in the same town. (4)

(a) (1)

(b) (2)

(c) (3)

(d) (4)

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

The professor, whose reputation for rigorous research was widely known, retired last year .

(a) who

(b) whom

(c) whose

(d) when

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. Regular reflection on one's experiences helps solidify these lessons.
2. Personal growth is an ongoing journey that often stems from embracing new challenges.
3. Every setback, rather than being viewed as a failure, can be viewed as an opportunity to learn.
4. It is through these experiences that individuals gain resilience and deeper understanding .

(a) 2-3-4-1

(b) 3-2-1-4

(c) 2-1-3-4

(d) 4-1-2-3

2=3

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 committee recommended that the proposal (1)/ is reviewed by an independent expert (2)/ to ensure impartiality (3)/ before final approval. (4)

(a) (1)

(b) (2)

(c) (3)

(d) (4)

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

The gardener waters the plants every morning .

- (a) The plants water the gardener every morning.
- (b) The garden is watered by plants every morning.
- (c) The plants are watered by the gardener every morning.
- (d) The plants watering the gardener every morning .

✓ 11. Select the correct indirect/direct form of the given sentence.

✗ He said, "Where will they hold the annual conference?"

(a) He asked where would they hold the annual conference.

(b) He asked where they will hold the annual conference.

✓ (c) He asked where they would hold the annual conference.

(d) He asked if they would hold the annual conference .

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

The explorer was struck by the eerie beauty of the moonlit moraine along the glacier's edge .

(a) The hikers rested on the moraine before continuing their climb up the icy slope.

(b) The old painter described his cluttered studio as a moraine of forgotten dreams.

(c) The scientists collected rock samples from the moraine for carbon dating.

(d) The guide pointed to the moraine that marked the glacier's retreat over centuries

13. Select the most appropriate synonym of the given

word: **TRACTABLE**

(a) Unruly

(c) Obstinate

(b) Amenable

(d) Intransigent

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

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It is expected by the management that operations will be streamlined by the new software.

(a) That the new software will streamline operations is expected by the management.

(b) The new software is expected to streamline operations by the management.

(c) Management expects the new software to be streamlining operations.

(d) The management expects that the new software will streamline operations

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

The government suspected that the scientist had been knowing the solution to the complex problem for months .

- (a) known the solution**
- (b) knowingly solved**
- (c) knowing the solution**
- (d) been known the solution**

✓ 16. Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Eat humble pie

- (a) To refuse to admit a mistake
- ✓ (b) To be forced to admit one's error and apologize humbly
- (c) To eat a plain and simple meal
- (d) To show false modesty

17. Select the most appropriate antonym of the given word: **IGNOMINY**

(a) Shame

(b) Renown

(c) Disrepute

(d) Obscurity

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

The designer admitted that he had overlooked a crucial detail, and that the oversight had significantly impacted the final outcome .

(a) The designer said, "I overlooked a crucial detail, and that oversight significantly impacted the final outcome."

(b) The designer said, "I have overlooked a crucial detail, and that oversight has significantly impacted the final outcome."

(c) The designer said, "I overlook a crucial detail, and that oversight impacts the final outcome."

(d) The designer said, "I had overlooked a crucial detail, and that oversight would significantly impact the final outcome."

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

The student studied diligently so he could pass the **difficult examination**.

- (a) so he passes
- (b) so that he might pass
- (c) so that he will pass
- (d) so he might passing

So that = might
part →

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. This led to a significant increase in demand for skilled workers in computing fields.

2. The advent of the internet fundamentally transformed global communication and commerce.

3. New industries emerged, centred around e-commerce, software development, and digital services.

4. Consequently, educational institutions rapidly adapted their curricula to meet these new needs .

(a) 2-3-1-4

(b) 3-2-4-1

(c) 2-1-3-4

(d) 1-3-2-4

2, 3, 1, 4

Comprehension: Direction:- (Q.21. to Q.25.) ✓

In an era defined by relentless technological acceleration, the concept of time has undergone a profound transformation . What was once a natural rhythm, guided by the alternation of day and night, has become an economic commodity subject to precision, measurement, and monetization . The Industrial Revolution marked the first decisive shift, synchronizing human activity with the ticking of the clock . Factory whistles replaced the crow of the rooster, and punctuality became a moral virtue . In the digital age, this commodification has intensified . Every moment is tracked, categorized, and optimized—an invisible currency traded in the global marketplace of attention . Time management is no longer a simple skill but an ideological expectation that governs modern life . The lexicon of efficiency has infiltrated both professional and personal spheres, equating speed with intelligence and busyness with value . Leisure, once considered restorative, is now subtly framed as unproductive or even wasteful . The pressure to constantly perform, respond, and produce has eroded the capacity for stillness . Humanity's obsession with saving time paradoxically ensures that there is never enough of it . This mechanized relationship with time breeds a deep psychological alienation . The more individuals attempt to master time, the more subservient they become to its relentless quantification . Pre-industrial societies perceived time as cyclical and collective, attuned to the organic patterns of nature—the harvest, the tide, the moon

Time flowed with life, not against it . Today, however, the digital clock abstracts time from lived experience, rendering it uniform, fragmented, and detached from meaning . The day becomes a sequence of scheduled obligations rather than an unfolding of moments .

The age of hyper-connectivity has further distorted temporal perception . Instant communication fosters impatience; delayed responses evoke anxiety . The constant flow of notifications creates an illusion of perpetual urgency, where silence feels like a void that must be filled . This culture of immediacy undermines contemplation and depth . As philosopher Byung-Chul Han observes, "the contemplative pause"—once essential to creativity and understanding—is vanishing . Without it, thought becomes shallow, and relationships transactional .

To reclaim agency over time, humanity must reimagine it not as a resource to be spent but as a medium through which meaning, connection, and reflection emerge . Time, in its richest sense, is not a race against the clock but an art of presence—an act of inhabiting each moment fully . Only by learning to dwell, rather than to hurry, can we recover the lost harmony between time, technology, and the self .

21. Which of the following best expresses the central idea of the passage?

✓ (a) The passage warns against the economic exploitation of natural resources.

✓ (b) It examines how technological and social changes have commodified time and altered human experience.

(c) It explores how pre-industrial societies failed to measure time accurately.

(d) It argues that leisure and work should be treated as identical pursuits .

22. What does the author mean by the statement, "Humanity's obsession with saving time paradoxically ensures that there is never enough of it"?

(a) Saving time allows people to be more productive.

(b) The more people try to optimize time, the more they feel deprived of it.

(c) People have stopped measuring time altogether.

(d) The industrial era made time infinite and abundant.

✓ 23. According to the passage, how did pre-industrial societies experience time differently from modern societies?

(a) They ignored time completely and lived without schedules.

✓ (b) They perceived time as cyclical and harmonious with nature rather than mechanical and fragmented.

(c) They used more accurate systems for tracking time.

(d) They prioritized personal ambition over collective harmony .

- 24. What does the passage imply about the effect of hyper-connectivity on human behavior?**
- (a) It strengthens patience and long-term focus.
 - (b) It fosters calm reflection and silence.
 - ☒ (c) It creates impatience, anxiety, and a constant sense of urgency.
 - (d) It restores the contemplative rhythm of life .

25. Which of the following best captures the author's proposed remedy for modern alienation from time?

- (a) Strictly limiting the use of digital technology.
- (b) Increasing productivity through better time management techniques.
- (c) Reimagining time as a space for presence, reflection, and meaning rather than as a commodity.
- (d) Returning to pre-industrial methods of labor and agriculture .

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