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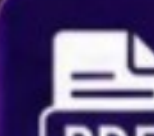
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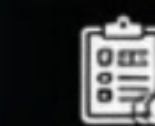
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1. Select the correct indirect/direct form of the given sentence. He explained,

Q =

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"I have finished all my tasks for the day."

✓  
(a) He explained that he had finished all his tasks for the day.

(b) He explained that he has finished all his tasks for the day.

(c) He explained that he finished all his tasks for the day.

(d) He explained that I had finished all his tasks for the day.



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

Although the proposal appeared promising at first, further analysis revealed it to be \_\_\_\_\_ in logic.

- (a) impeccable +
- (b) fallacious +
- (c) pragmatic +
- (d) coherent +

( + - )



**3. 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 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 = 4 = 1



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

Not until the auditors had submitted their exhaustive report did the full extent of procedural lapses become evident.

(a) did

(b) had

(c) was

(d) has

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

The garden was full of fragrant rose bushes.

(a) She rose early to watch the sunrise.

(b) A single red rose lay on the table.

(c) He gifted her a bouquet of white roses.

(d) The rose plant needs regular pruning.



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.

The manager appreciated (1)/ not only her dedication (2)/ but also for her innovative ideas. (3)/ Everyone was motivated by her example. (4)

- (a) (1)
- (b) (2)
- (c) (3)
- (d) (4)



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

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

- (a) ~~unprecedented~~
- (b) unprecedented
- (c) unpresidented
- (d) unpressedented



8. Select the most appropriate antonym of the given word:

**GARRULOUS**

- (a) Talkative
- (b) Verbose
- ☒ (c) Reticent
- (d) Communicative



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

11 If she knew you were coming, she would have baked a cake.

(a) knows you were coming

(b) had known you were coming

(c) was knowing you were coming

(d) has known you were coming

(Had + V<sup>3</sup>) → would have + V<sup>3</sup>



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

A sudden, violent outburst of emotion or activity.

- (a) Frenzy = wild excitement  
(b) Apoplexy = powerful storm.  
(c) Tempest = storm.  
(d) Maelstrom

AP-Plexy.



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

He said, "I am going to the park."

- (a) He said that he is going to the park.  
(b) He said that I was going to the park.  
✓ (c) He said that he was going to the park.  
(d) He said he went to the park.

PC → PC



**12. 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. It allows for the exchange of ideas and the challenging of assumptions.**
- 2. Open discourse is fundamental for a healthy democratic society.**
- 3. Without it, public debate can become stagnant and divisive.**
- 4. Engaging with diverse viewpoints broadens understanding and promotes empathy.**

**(a) 1-4-3-2**

**(b) 1-2-3-4**

**(c) 3-1-2-4**

**(d) 2-1-4-3**





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

He is capable for handling of the complex project.

- (a) of handling
- (b) to handle
- (c) in handling
- (d) by handling



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

Through thick and thin

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- (a) To navigate difficult terrain
- ✓ (b) To be loyal and supportive in all circumstances
- (c) To experience varying fortunes in life
- (d) To alternate between periods of success and failure



**15. 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)



✓ 16. Select the correct spelling for a word meaning "a person who takes part in crime".

- ✓ (a) Accomplice
- ✓ (b) Acomplise
- (c) Acomplice
- (d) Accomplicee



17. Select the option that expresses the given sentence in the Active voice. The artifact was thought to have been stolen from the museum during the renovation.

(a) The artifact thought it was stolen during the renovation.

(b) Historians thought the artifact had been stolen during the renovation.

(c) It was thought that the artifact had been stolen from the museum.

(d) Investigators thought the artifact was stolen during the renovation.



18. Select the most appropriate synonym of the  
given word:

**MALIGN**

- (a) Praise +
- (b) Criticize ✓
- (c) Compliment +
- (d) Appreciate +



19. 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.

Neither of the applicants (1)/ have submitted (2)/ the required documents (3)/ to the office yet. (4)

(a) (1)

(b) (2)

(c) (3)

(d) (4)



**20. Select the option that expresses the given sentence in the Passive voice.**

**The company will launch the new product next month.**

**(a) The new product is launched next month.**

**(b) The new product will be launched next month.**

**(c) The new product has been launched next month.**

**(d) The new product will being launched next month.**



**Direction:- [Q.21. to Q.25.]**

✓ Modern attention has become a fragile currency, scattered across endless notifications and competing demands. To regain a sense of inward steadiness, one must first recognise that focus is not a sudden achievement but a gradual discipline. It is (21\_\_\_\_) through deliberate pauses, through the willingness to step back from constant stimulation. True attention is less about tightening one's grip and more about noticing what truly deserves to be held. In a culture that rewards speed, slowness is often dismissed as inefficiency, yet slowness is the very soil in which depth grows. Without intervals of quiet, the mind becomes a surface skim, unable to draw meaning from its own patterns. To cultivate sustained attention, individuals must learn to create spaces free from interruption, spaces in which thought can wander without being instantly (22\_\_\_\_).



The challenge is not merely to avoid distraction but to understand why distraction feels so seductive. It offers effortless escape from complexity. But genuine engagement requires a willingness to remain in the discomfort of uncertainty. Focus strengthens when we practise returning again and again to the task at hand, where each return becomes a silent act of (23\_\_\_\_\_). Over time, attention reveals its own architecture. It teaches that clarity emerges not from force but from consistency. It teaches, too, that the mind cannot be endlessly stretched without consequence; it needs rest just as much as effort. To reclaim our capacity for deep noticing, we must replace the habit of constant reaction with the habit of (24\_\_\_\_\_). Only then does perception regain its depth, and thought its quiet authority. Ultimately, attention is not a resource to be squeezed dry but a relationship to be honoured. And like any meaningful relationship, it flourishes when we protect it from the noise that seeks to (25\_\_\_\_\_) it.



21.

- (a) harvested
- (b) demanded
- ~~(c) cultivated~~
- (d) inherited



22.

- (a) concealed
- (b) intensified
- (c) rewarded
- (d) interrupted



23.

- (a) discipline
- (b) resignation
- (c) obligation
- (d) distraction



24.

- (a) drifting
  - (b) simplifying
  - (c) competing
  - (d) noticing
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25.

- (a) deepen
- (b) dissolve
- ☒ (c) overshadow
- (d) verify



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