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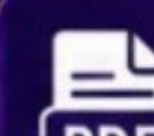
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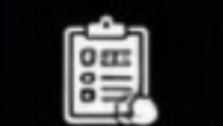
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1. Select the most appropriate antonym of the given word: IMPERIOUS

(a) Arrogant

(b) Domineering

(c) Submissive

(d) Overbearing

✓ 2. Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom. Come up trumps

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(a) Fail unexpectedly

(b) Succeed unexpectedly or achieve a desired result

(c) Take a long time to complete a task

(d) Avoid responsibility

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

✓ (a) Avoid or ignore someone deliberately ✓

✓ (b) Support someone in trouble

(c) Argue with someone repeatedly

(d) Follow someone's advice strictly

4. Which of these is the correct spelling of a term meaning the study of knowledge, its nature, and validity?

(a) Epistamollogical

(c) Epistemollogical

(b) Epistemological

(d) Epistomological

5. Spot the correct spelling of a word meaning the quality of being brief and clear in expression.

(a) Conciseness

(b) Conciceness

(c) Concisenes

(d) Consciseness

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

'A person who deliberately sets fire to property'.

(a) Pyromaniac ✓

✓ (b) Arsonist

(c) Vandal

(d) Saboteur

7. 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 act of self-preservation helps them survive the cold months when food is scarce.
2. During hibernation, an animal's heart rate, breathing, and metabolism slow down significantly.
3. Many animals, such as bears and groundhogs, hibernate during the winter.
4. To prepare, these animals spend the autumn eating extra food to build up fat reserves.

(a) 2, 1, 4, 3

(b) 4, 3, 1, 2

(c) 3, 2, 1, 4

(d) 3, 4, 2, 1

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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. Finally, you can pack your bags and look forward to your trip.
2. The first step is deciding on a destination and setting a budget.
3. Next, you should book your flights and accommodation well in advance.
4. Careful planning is essential for a smooth and stress-free vacation.

(a) 2-3-1-4

(c) 4-3-2-1

(b) 4-2-3-1

(d) 3-2-1-4-

4-2-3-1

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

'A speech delivered without any prior preparation'.

(a) Extempore

(c) Dialogue

(b) Monologue

(d) Soliloquy

10. 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.

A large number of equipments were delivered to the warehouse (1)/ last week (2)/ to support the upcoming production schedule (3)/ without any delay. (4)

(a) (1)

(b) (2)

(c) (3)

(d) (4)

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

11 The board will review your application after the interview process.

- (a) Your application was reviewed by the board after the interview process.
- (b) Your application is reviewed by the board after the interview process,
- (c) Your application will have been reviewed by the board after the interview process.
- ✓ (d) Your application will be reviewed by the board after the interview process.

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

Everyone has the right to a fair trial. ✓

(a) Make a right turn at the end of the street.

(b) She fought for her right to vote.

(c) You are within your legal rights to refuse.

(d) It is the right of every citizen to speak freely.

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

The documents were believed to have been misplaced by the clerical staff.

- (a) The clerical staff had misplaced the documents, it was believed.
- (b) It was believed that the clerical staff misplaced the documents.
- (c) The clerical staff were believed to misplace the documents.
- (d) It was believed that the documents were misplaced by the clerical staff.

Comprehension : Direction:- (Q.14. to Q.18.)

The prospect of establishing permanent human settlements on Mars, once relegated to the pages of science fiction, is increasingly viewed as a tangible objective, driven by rapid technological advances and commercial ambitions. Mars, the fourth planet from the Sun, represents both an unprecedented opportunity for scientific discovery and a formidable challenge for human survival. Programs led by NASA, in tandem with private enterprises like SpaceX, aim to send humans to the Red Planet within the next few decades, with the goal of creating sustainable habitats.

Central to these missions are technologies such as advanced life-support systems, radiation shielding, autonomous energy production, and in-situ resource utilization, which includes converting subsurface water ice into potable water, breathable oxygen, and fuel for return journeys. Yet, the Martian environment remains harsh and inhospitable: extreme temperature fluctuations, low atmospheric pressure, high radiation levels, and the psychological strain of isolation pose significant obstacles.

In addition, the legal framework governing extraterrestrial property remains ambiguous, raising questions about private and commercial rights as corporations increasingly invest in Martian ventures. (SSC 230920... p. 13) Despite these challenges, the combination of international collaboration, public investment, and private innovation steadily moves humanity closer to realizing the dream of interplanetary habitation. While fully self-sufficient colonies may remain decades away, the scientific, technological, and political groundwork is steadily aligning, making the notion of living on Mars increasingly plausible.

14. What does the author imply by "increasingly viewed as a tangible objective"? ✓

(a) Mars colonization is impossible

(b) Mars exploration is a distant dream

✓ (c) Mars colonization is becoming realistic

(d) Mars is already fully inhabited



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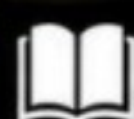


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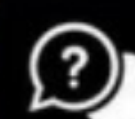
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15. What is the main utility of subsurface water ice on Mars as per the paragraph ?

- (a) Cooling habitats
- (b) Converting into water, oxygen, and fuel
- (c) Supporting plant growth
- (d) Creating a magnetic field

16. Which of the following is NOT mentioned as a challenge for Martian habitation?

- (a) Extreme temperature fluctuations
- (b) High radiation levels
- (c) Lack of breathable atmosphere
- (d) Martian flora and fauna

17. Which program or enterprise is associated with sending humans to Mars?

(a) Chandrayaan

(c) Artemis

(b) SpaceX

(d) Chang'e

18. Why does the author mention legal ambiguities regarding extraterrestrial property?

- (a) To highlight commercial and ownership concerns**
- (b) To encourage international scientific cooperation**
- (c) To emphasize astronaut safety**
- (d) To restrict travel to Mars**

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

She advised to her friend to take precautions during the trip.

- (a) advised her friend take precautions
- (b) advised to her friend taking precautions
- (c) advised her friend to take precautions
- (d) advised her friend taking precaution

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

He observed that, had the committee reached a consensus earlier, the proposal might have been approved without objections.

- (a) He said, "If the committee reached a consensus earlier, the proposal may have been approved without objections."
- (b) He said, "Had the committee reached a consensus earlier, the proposal might have been approved without objections."
- (c) He said, "If the committee had reached a consensus earlier, the proposal must have been approved without objections."
- (d) He said, "Had the committee reached a consensus earlier, the proposal will have been approved without objections."

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

⌋⌋ The doctor said to the patient, "Take your medicines regularly and avoid junk food."

- (a) The doctor told the patient to take his medicines regularly and to avoid junk food.
- (b) The doctor said the patient to taking medicines regular and avoiding junk food.
- (c) The doctor asked the patient that he takes medicines regularly and avoids junk food.
- (d) The doctor advised the patient that he should take medicine regularly.

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. Artificial intelligence is transforming industries by automating complex processes that once required human intelligence.**
- 2. However, the rapid development of AI has raised ethical concerns regarding employment, privacy, and accountability.**
- 3. Governments and researchers are now focusing on establishing regulations to ensure responsible AI usage.**
- 4. Despite the risks, the integration of AI into healthcare, education, and finance continues to enhance efficiency and innovation.**

(a) 1, 4, 2, 3

(c) 1, 2, 4, 3

(b) 2, 3, 1, 4

(d) 3, 1, 2, 4

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23. Fill in the blank with the correctly spelt word.

The politician's speech was highly _____,
appealing to the emotions of the audience.

(a) rhetorical 

(b) rhetorice

 (c) rhetorical

(d) rhetorice

24. Fill in the blanks with the appropriate article.

In an event of a system failure,
employees must follow the protocol
established by the IT department.

(a) the, the

(b) a, a

(c) an, the

(d) the, a

25. Select the most appropriate synonym of the
given word: MALIGN

(a) Praise

(b) Criticize

(c) Compliment

(d) Appreciate

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