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

(Indirect speech)

The scientist noted that were the temperature to drop any further, the chemical reaction immediately. would cease

- (a) "If the temperature dropped further, the chemical reaction would cease immediately, the scientist noted.
- (b) "Were the temperature to drop any further, the chemical reaction would cease immediately," noted the scientist.
- (c) "If the temperature was drop any further, the reaction will stop immediately," said he.
- (d) "Had the temperature been dropped, the reaction ceased immediately," said the scientist.

2. 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 digestive system breaks down food into nutrients that the body can absorb.
2. These nutrients provide the energy and materials needed for growth and repair.
3. The process starts in the mouth, where enzymes in saliva begin breaking down carbohydrates.
4. The food then passes through the stomach and intestines, where further digestion and absorption occur.

(a) 1, 3, 4, 2

(c) 3, 4, 1, 2

(b) 3, 1, 2, 4

(d) 1, 4, 2, 3

3. Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom. To run with the hare and hunt with the hounds

- (a) To be friendly with both sides in a conflict
- (b) To stay neutral in all situations
- (c) To act rashly without thinking
- (d) To support the weaker side

4. Select the correct spelling of a word meaning 'a person who talks too much'.

(a) Garrulous

(b) Garulous

(c) Garrolous

(d) Garullous

5. Which of these is the correct spelling of a word meaning "a long and complicated academic argument or written discourse"?

- (a) Disquisition
- (b) Disquasition
- (c) Disquision
- (d) Disquisitian

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

'A person who believes that pleasure is the chief good in life'.

(a) Epicurean

(b) Stoic

(c) Altruist

(d) Nihilist

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

'A government or state ruled directly by the military'.

- (a) Bureaucracy
- (b) Autocracy
- (c) Stratocracy
- (d) Plutocracy

8. Choose the correct semantic fit:

The committee's decision was a major _____ in the company's expansion plans.

- (a) impetus
- (b) setback
- (c) stimulant
- (d) leverage

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.

He drives (1)/ very reckless (2)/ on the highway, ignoring (3)/ all traffic rules. (4)/

(a) (1)

(b) (2)

(c) (3)

(d) (4)

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

They should have completed the assignment by now.

(a) The assignment should completed by now.

(b) The assignment should have been completed by now.

(c) The assignment must have completed by now.

(d) The assignment has been completed by now.

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.

So profound was the impact (1)/ of the new policy that it not only changed recruitment standards (2)/ but also reduced with overall efficiency (3)/ across departments. (4)/

(a) (1)

(b) (2)

(c) (3)

(d) (4)

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

The temper of the steel determined its flexibility under stress.

(a) His fiery temper made collaboration almost impossible.

(b) The scientist measured the temper of various alloys for conductivity.

(c) The forge-master studied the temper before applying the final polish.

(d) The miner tested the temper of the ore before extraction.

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

The findings are understood to have been verified by independent auditors.

(a) Independent auditors understood the findings to verify themselves.

(b) Independent auditors are understood to have verified the findings.

(c) It was understood that auditors have verified findings.

(d) The findings have been understood by auditors to verify them.

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

He has been living in this city since five years.

- (a) since five years
- (b) for five years
- (c) by five years
- (d) from five year

for ✓

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

METICULOUS

(a) Careless

(b) Hasty

(c) Thorough

(d) Indifferent

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

EXCORIATE

- (a) Praise
- (b) Criticize
- (c) Comfort
- (d) Reward

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

INEFFABLE

(a) Expressible

(b) Unspeakable

(c) Indescribable

(d) Sublime

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

Justice and equality, though often invoked together, are distinct yet interdependent ideals that form the backbone of any democratic society. Justice concerns itself with fairness—ensuring that individuals receive what they are due, based on merit, need, or equity. Equality, on the other hand, demands that all individuals be treated the same, without discrimination or privilege. However, absolute equality can sometimes undermine justice, just as rigid notions of justice may perpetuate inequality. For instance, providing identical resources to students from vastly different socio-economic backgrounds may appear equal but fails to be just, as it ignores contextual disadvantages. Hence, modern social theorists argue for "equity"—a dynamic balance that considers differences without abandoning fairness.

Philosophers from Aristotle to Rawls have grappled with this tension. Aristotle viewed justice as giving each person their due, emphasizing proportional fairness rather than sameness. Centuries later, John Rawls introduced the "veil of ignorance"—a thought experiment suggesting that just principles are those chosen without knowing one's social status. His theory underscored that true fairness must protect the least advantaged, not merely maintain formal equality. However, translating such philosophical ideals into public policy is rarely straightforward. Bureaucratic systems often reduce nuanced principles into rigid procedures, where equality is measured by uniform rules rather than outcomes. The digital age adds another layer to this debate. Algorithms used in hiring, lending, or law enforcement claim objectivity but often reproduce existing biases encoded in data. A recruitment system that screens candidates purely on "neutral" data may still discriminate against marginalized groups, revealing how equality in process does not always yield justice in result. Therefore, achieving a just society demands constant reflection to move beyond mechanical equality and toward fairness rooted in empathy, adaptability, and moral imagination.

18. What main distinction does the passage draw between justice and equality?

- (a) Justice is about fairness, while equality ensures sameness in treatment.
- (b) Equality focuses on merit, while justice ignores it.
- (c) Both are identical in democratic societies.
- (d) Equality is more important than justice.

19. Why does the author mention Aristotle and Rawls?

- (a) To show how philosophers disagreed on democracy.
- (b) To highlight historical and modern perspectives on justice.
- (c) To criticize ancient philosophical theories.
- (d) To argue that equality has always been superior to justice.

20. According to the passage, what problem arises from bureaucratic implementation of justice?

- (a) It becomes excessively fair.
- (b) It simplifies complex ideas into rigid procedures.
- (c) It eliminates inequality entirely.
- (d) It prioritizes empathy over order.

21. What concern does the author raise about algorithms in modern systems?

- (a) They always promote equality and justice.
- (b) They remove all forms of bias.
- ☒ (c) They can perpetuate hidden biases under the guise of neutrality.
- (d) They are too costly to implement.

22. What is the passage's overall message regarding equality and justice?

- (a) Societies must pursue fairness that adapts to context rather than mechanical equality.**
- (b) Justice is less important than maintaining equal rules.**
- (c) Equality should never be questioned.**
- (d) Philosophical reflection has no practical value.**

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

She said, "Honesty is the best policy."

- (a) She said that honesty was the best policy.**
- (b) She said that honesty had been the best policy.**
- (c) She said that honesty is the best policy.**
- (d) She said honesty has been the best policy.**

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

The inspector said, "Who gave you permission to enter the premises?"

- (a) The inspector asked who had given me permission to enter the premises.
- (b) The inspector asked who gave me permission to enter the premises.
- (c) The inspector said who had given me permission to enter the premises.
- (d) The inspector questioned who gives me permission to enter.

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. Reading books expands one's imagination and vocabulary.
2. It also helps develop empathy by exposing readers to different perspectives.
3. In a world dominated by technology, reading remains a timeless habit.
4. Therefore, cultivating a reading habit is beneficial for lifelong learning.

(a) 3-1-2-4

(b) 1-3-4-2

(c) 2-1-3-4

(d) 3-2-4-1

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