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

'A speech made without any preparation.'

~~(a) Extempore~~

(b) Dialogue

(c) Monologue

(d) Soliloquy

Talking to oneself

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

'A person who studies ancient writings and inscriptions.'

(a) Archaeologist ⇒ ancient civilizations

~~(b) Epigraphist~~

(c) Paleographer ⇒ ancient handwriting or manuscripts

(d) Philologist ⇒ who studies languages.

### 3. Choose the correct phrasal verb:

After hours of discussion, they finally  
\_\_\_\_\_ a reasonable solution.

~~(a) came up with~~

(b) went through

⇒ experience something

(c) took over

⇒ assumed control of something

(d) fell back on

⇒ used something as a last resort.

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

**ADVERSITY**

(a) Hardship

(b) Prosperity

(c) Comfort

(d) Luxury

misery  
affliction  
Tribulation  
suffering  
crisis  
disaster  
calamity  
catastrophe

5. Select the most appropriate antonym of the given word.

Tranquil

(a) Calm

(b) Peaceful

(c) Agitated

(d) Quiet

Serene  
placid

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

**Cry over spilt milk**

- ☒ (a) To regret something that cannot be undone
- ☐ (b) To celebrate an old memory
- ☐ (c) To waste time waiting for something
- ☐ (d) To complain without reason

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

**Obsequious**

(a) ~~Submissive~~

~~(b) Independent~~

(c) ~~Servile~~

(d) ~~Flattering~~

8. Spot the correct spelling of the word meaning "the study of earthquakes."

(a) Seismology

(b) ~~Sesmology~~

(c) Siesmology

(d) ~~Sisemology~~

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

The scientist's theory was praised for its originality but criticized for the \_\_\_\_\_ of supporting evidence.

~~(a) paucity~~

~~(b) abundance~~

~~(c) clarity~~

~~(d) rigidity~~

shortage, dearth  
meagre  
sparse  
scarce

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.

The committee has postponed (1)/ the further announcement until (2)/ ~~informations~~ is received (3)/ from the regional offices. (4) *information*

(a) (1)

(b) (2)

(c) (3)

(d) (4)

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

**The researchers had conducted the experiment with utmost precision.**

- (a) The experiment is conducted with utmost precision by the researchers.**
- (b) The experiment was being conducted with utmost precision by the researchers.**
- (c) The experiment had been conducted with utmost precision by the researchers.**
- (d) The experiment will be conducted with utmost precision by the researchers.**

12. 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 the scientists nor the research team (1)/ <sup>Now</sup> were willing to compromise (2)/ <sup>was</sup> on the accuracy of the findings (3)/ despite external pressure. (4)

(a) (1)

~~(b) (2)~~

(c) (3)

(d) (4)

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

The hunter aimed his bow carefully before releasing the arrow.

- ~~(a) She gave a graceful bow after her performance.~~
- (b) The bow was crafted from fine yew wood.
- (c) He tightened the string on his bow before hunting.
- (d) The archer cleaned his bow and arrows after practice.

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

The final report was approved by the committee after several revisions.

(a) The committee ~~has approved~~ the final report after several revisions.

☒ (b) The committee approved the final report after several revisions.

(c) The committee ~~is approving~~ the final report after several revisions.

(d) The committee ~~approves~~ the final report after ~~several revisions~~.

**Comprehension : Direction:- (Q.15. to Q.19.)**

**In the architecture of digital consciousness, where algorithms increasingly dictate perception, the boundary between autonomy and automation becomes perilously thin. Every scroll, click, or pause is parsed by unseen systems that learn, adapt, and anticipate—creating a feedback loop where human preference is both the input and the product. The illusion of choice, sustained by the abundance of content, often conceals a subtle curation of thought. Recommendation engines, cloaked in neutrality, are in fact value-laden mechanisms shaped by data hierarchies and corporate imperatives. What appears as personalization may instead be algorithmic determinism—a world where our desires are gently steered rather than freely formed.**

**Moreover, the architecture of attention has been commodified; distraction is not a side effect but a business model. Cognitive overload diminishes reflection, while emotional triggers amplify engagement. In this ecosystem, outrage travels faster than nuance, and visibility becomes the currency of relevance. Even the language of digital ethics—transparency, accountability, inclusion—struggles to keep pace with the velocity of innovation. Artificial intelligence, though often portrayed as an impartial arbiter, inherits the biases of its creators and the data it consumes. It replicates not just human intelligence, but also human prejudice. Yet amid this algorithmic opacity lies a paradox of empowerment: never before has humanity possessed such access to knowledge and connectivity, yet never has it been more vulnerable to manipulation. The challenge is not to dismantle technology but to rehumanize it—to ensure that the circuitry of progress serves human discernment rather than diminishes it.**

**15. What is the central idea of the passage?**

- (a) Artificial intelligence enhances human freedom.
- (b) Algorithms have made decision-making more objective.
- (c) Digital systems subtly influence human perception and autonomy.
- (d) The internet is an entirely neutral platform for expression.

16. The phrase "illusion of choice" suggests that—

- (a) ~~users have unlimited freedom online.~~
- (b) online options appear diverse but are algorithmically curated.
- (c) ~~individuals consciously control digital algorithms.~~
- (d) ~~personalization eliminates manipulation.~~

**17. What does the author imply about artificial intelligence ethics?**

- (a) It fully resolves issues of bias.
- (b) It evolves faster than innovation.
- (c) It mirrors existing human flaws.
- (d) It prevents algorithmic manipulation.

**18. Which of the following best explains the paradox mentioned in the passage?**

- ☒ (a) Technology isolates and empowers simultaneously.
- ☐ (b) Algorithms are neutral and self-correcting.
- ☐ (c) Human desires cannot be predicted.
- ☐ (d) Data has lost all ethical significance.

19. The author's tone in the passage can best be described as—

- ~~(a) Alarmist yet hopeful~~
- ~~(b) Indifferent and detached~~
- ~~(c) Sarcastic and mocking~~
- (d) Celebratory and optimistic

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

**She** discussed about the issue **with her manager.**

- (a) ~~discussed on the issue~~
- ☒ (b) discussed the issue
- (c) ~~had discussed about the issue~~
- (d) ~~was discussed the issue~~

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

**He said that he had never been to Japan before that trip.**

- ~~(a) He said, "I have never been to Japan before this trip."~~
- (b) He said, "I had never been to Japan before that trip."
- (c) He said, "~~I never went to Japan before that trip.~~"
- (d) He said, "~~I have not gone to Japan before that trip.~~"

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. These systems can identify spoken words and phrases and convert them into written text.
2. Speech recognition technology enables machines to interpret and process human language.
3. With the help of machine learning algorithms, accuracy improves as the system is exposed to more data.
4. Applications like voice assistants and automated transcription tools rely heavily on this technology.

(a) ~~2, 1, 3, 4~~

(c) ~~1, 2, 3, 4~~

(b) ~~2, 4, 1, 3~~

(d) ~~4, 3, 2, 1~~

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**23. 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. Renewable energy sources such as solar and wind power are being developed to reduce dependence on fossil fuels.
2. These sources are cleaner and help mitigate the effects of climate change.
3. The growing global demand for energy has led to environmental concerns about sustainability.
4. Transitioning to renewables requires investment in technology and supportive government policies.

(a) 3, 1, 2, 4

(b) 1, 3, 2, 4

(c) 3, 2, 1, 4

(d) 2, 4, 3, 1

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

Either the committee members or the chairperson have agreed to the proposal.

(a) ~~have agreed~~

(b) has agreed

(c) ~~are agreeing~~

(d) ~~were agreed~~

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

They said, "We have completed the project successfully."

- (a) They said that ~~they~~ completed the project successfully.
- (b) They said that ~~they~~ have completed the project successfully.
- ☒ (c) They said that they had completed the project successfully.
- (d) They said that ~~they~~ would complete the project successfully.

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