

Miscellaneous

DIRECTIONS (Qs. 1-35) : *In the following questions, some of the sentences have errors and some have none. Find out which part of a sentence has an error. The number of that part is your answer. If there is no error, your answer is (d) i.e., No error.*

1. He is a university professor (a)/ but of his three sons (b)/ neither has any merit. (c)/ No error (d)
2. After knowing truth, (a)/ they took the right decision (b)/ in the matter. (c)/ No error (d)
3. It is time for you (a)/ decide on your next (b)/ course of action. (c)/ No error (d)
4. He who has suffered most (a)/ for the cause, (b)/ let him speak. (c)/ No error (d)
5. A cup of coffee (a)/ is an excellent complement (b)/ to smoked salmon. (c)/ No error (d)
6. Judge in him (a)/ prevailed upon the father (b)/ and he sentenced his son to death. (c)/ No error (d).
7. Nine tenths (a)/ of the pillar (b)/ have rotted away. (c)/ No error (d).
8. One major reason (a)/ for the popularity of television is (b)/ that most people like to stay at home. (c)/ No error (d).
9. Our efforts are (a)/ aimed to bring about (b)/ a reconciliation. (c)/ No error (d).
10. Three conditions (a)/ critical for growing (b)/ plants are soil, temperature, chemical balance or amount of moisture (c)/ No error (d).
11. The future of food companies (a) / seems quite secure (b)/ owed to ever-growing demand. (c) / No error. (d)
12. The vaccine (a)/ when hit the Indian market (b) / is dogged by controversy. (c) / No error. (d)
13. His son (a) / is working (b) / very hardly. (c) / No error. (d)
14. Do you know that it was I (a) / who has done (b) / this piece of beautiful work? (c) / No error. (d)
15. The company has ordered (a) / some (b) / new equipments. (c) / No error. (d)
16. A great many student / have been declared / successful /
(a) (b) (c)
Noerror
(d)
17. We are going to launch / this three crores project /
(a) (b)
within the next few months / Noerror
(c) (d)
18. I hope to go to shopping / this weekend
(a) (b)
if the weather permits / Noerror
(c) (d)
19. The lawyer asked / if it was worth to take /
(a) (b)
the matter to court / Noerror
(c) (d)
20. After a carefully investigation /
(a)
we discovered /
(b)
that the house was infested with termites /
(c)
Noerror
(d)
21. You do not / look as / your brother/ No error
(a) (b) (c) (d)
22. My elder brother / is six / foot high. / No error
(a) (b) (c) (d)
23. Without no proof of your guilt / the only course open to me /
(a) (b)
/ is to dismiss the case. / No error
(c) (d)
24. As we see it, / she appears to be unreasonable /
(a) (b)
anxious about pleasing her husband. / No error
(c) (d)
25. The scissor is / lying on / the table. / No error
(a) (b) (c) (d)

26. World is producing enough /
 (a)
for every citizen but still there is hunger and malnutrition
 (b)
and it is continuing year after year. / No error.
 (c) (d)
27. The N.C.C. commandant along with his cadets /
 (a)
are going to Delhi /
 (b)
to participate in the Republic Day Parade. / No error.
 (c) (d)
28. He did not succeed / to get the job
 (a) (b)
though he tried his level best / No error.
 (c) (d)
29. Many of the famous / advertising offices /
 (a) (b)
are located at Madison Avenue. / No error.
 (c) (d)
30. Nature has denied us / the power of closing our ears/
 (a) (b)
which she gave in respect of our eyes. / No error.
 (c) (d)

31. Instead of being (a)/ helpful he was (b)/ being hindrance.
 (c) / No error (d)
32. Where (a)/ have I (b)/ to deposit fees ? (c)/ No error (d)
33. By the time she had finished her work (a)/ I had nearly given
 up (b)/ all hope of arriving at the party in time. (c)/ No error (d)
34. Some categorically suspected (a) / having seen the (b)/
 guard and thief together. (c) No error (d)
35. He was (a)/ not in a position to state (b)/ the speed the ship
 travelled. (c)/ No error (d)

DIRECTIONS (Qs. 36-45): In the following questions, sentences are given with blanks to be filled in with an appropriate word(s). Four/five alternatives are suggested for each question. Choose the correct alternative as your answer.

36. The Union Budget is likely to be presented on February 26,
 two days ahead of the _____ date.
 (a) critical (b) conventional
 (c) suitable (d) convenient
37. I am sorry _____ the mistake.
 (a) from (b) with
 (c) for (d) at
38. He _____ her that she would pass.
 (a) insured (b) ensured
 (c) assumed (d) assured

39. Your father _____ worry. I'm a very careful driver.
 (a) needn't (b) none
 (c) can't (d) doesn't
40. The _____ chosen for construction of the building
 is in the heart of the city.
 (a) cite (b) slight
 (c) sight (d) site
41. Mr. Murugan has been in this college _____ 2010.
 (a) for (b) since
 (c) after (d) before
42. We attended a _____ discourse.
 (a) spiritual (b) spirituous
 (c) spirituality (d) spiritually
43. The valley is known for its _____ growth of vegetation.
 (a) luxurious (b) luxury
 (c) luxuriant (d) luxuriously
44. Satyajitray's films _____ all barriers of caste, creed and
 religion. They are universal.
 (a) transcend (b) transcends
 (c) transcend (d) transend
45. I could hardly recognize him _____ I saw him.
 (a) after (b) but
 (c) and (d) when

DIRECTIONS (Qs. 46-55): In each of these questions, two sentences (I) and (II) are given. Each sentence has a blank in it. Five words (a), (b), (c), (d) and (e) are suggested. Out of these, only one fits at both the places in the context of each sentence. The letter of that word is the answer.

46. I. He has now become a _____ to reckon with.
 II. It is better not to use _____ to prove one's point.
 (a) model (b) force
 (c) coercion (d) name
47. I. He tried his _____ best to score distinction in the
 exam.
 II. It pays to keep _____ head in an emergency.
 (a) cool (b) utmost
 (c) very (d) level
48. I. The system is working with _____ to getting things
 done.
 II. _____ must be commanded and not demanded.
 (a) status (b) relation
 (c) attitude (d) respect
49. I. There is a complaint against him that he _____ the
 mistakes of his juniors.
 II. A good thing about this house is that it _____ the
 sea.
 (a) ignores (b) promotes
 (c) examines (d) overlooks
50. I. Out of the total loans _____ by the bank, the largest
 share was for infrastructure.
 II. The trees are _____ throughout the area.
 (a) disbursed (b) covered
 (c) distributed (d) extended

51. I. Boats take more time going against the _____ of the river.
 II. She keeps herself abreast of _____ events.
 (a) low (b) latest
 (c) water (d) current
52. I. While trying to open the door' the _____ broke.
 II. It is not difficult to _____ tricky situations
 (a) handle (b) knob
 (c) bracket (d) overcome
53. I. This course teaches you not to _____ temptations.
 II. We hope to increase our _____ of rice this year.
 (a) succumb (b) produce
 (c) yield (d) share
54. I. When you play your radio at high _____ it disturbs other.
 II. We have just received a latest _____ of this encyclopedia.
 (a) edition (b) volume
 (c) channel (d) frequency
55. I. It helps to rinse one's mouth early morning with a _____ of salt and water.
 II. You can always refer to this reference material to find the _____ to these problems.
 (a) mixture (b) answers
 (c) liquid (d) solution

DIRECTIONS (Qs. 56-60): Each question below has two blanks, each blank indicating that something has been omitted. Choose the set of words for each blank that best fits the meaning of the sentence as a whole.

56. In an effort to provide _____ for higher education to all, most of the universities have been providing education without adequate infrastructure, thus churning out _____ graduates every year.
 (a) chances, fresh
 (b) platform, capable
 (c) opportunities, unemployable
 (d) prospects, eligible
57. The move to allow dumping of mercury _____ an outcry from residents of the area who _____ that high levels of mercury will affect their health and destroy ecologically sensitive forest area.
 (a) resulted, insist (b) provoked, fear
 (c) incited, determined (d) activated, accept
58. Due to high inflation in the economy, the availability of goods has _____ and the prices have gone _____.
 (a) reduced, high (b) increased, down
 (c) not changed, low (d) doubled, stable
59. There was a _____ in the price of oil as the producer countries _____ supply.
 (a) slump, increased (b) rise, soared
 (c) plummet, lowered (d) stability, improved

60. In a _____ of speech, there will only be one or two phrases which you will _____ in order to answer the question.
 (a) collection, want (b) flow, use
 (c) stream, need (d) cooperation, collect

DIRECTIONS (Qs. 61-120): In the following passages, some of the words have been left out. First, read the passages over and try to understand what it is about. Then fill in the blanks with the help of the alternatives given.

Passage - 1

The Solar System has been a complicated wonder for the astronomers. This is a (61) to which we may never have the exact answer. Man has wondered (62) the age of the Earth (63) ancient times. There were all kinds of (64) that seemed to have the (65). But man could not begin to (66) about the question scientifically until about 400 years (67). When it was proved that the (68) revolved round the Sun and the Earth was a (69) of our Solar System, then scientists knew where to (70).

61. (a) problem (b) question
 (c) matter (d) query
62. (a) around (b) out
 (c) about (d) on
63. (a) since (b) during
 (c) around (d) from
64. (a) ideas (b) opinions
 (c) stories (d) matters
65. (a) solution (b) novel
 (c) book (d) answer
66. (a) read (b) think
 (c) open (d) guess
67. (a) now (b) time
 (c) then (d) ago
68. (a) Moon (b) time
 (c) Earth (d) Mars
69. (a) part (b) division
 (c) opening (d) centre
70. (a) end (b) begin
 (c) think (d) work

Passage - 2

Auctions are public (71) of goods, conducted by an. (72) auctioneer. He encourages buyers to (73) higher prices and finally names the (74) bidder as the buyer of the goods. This is called 'knocking down' the goods, for when the bidding ends the auctioneer (75) a small hammer on a table in front of him.

71. (a) sale (b) marketing
 (c) promotion (d) viewing
72. (a) authoritative (b) allowed
 (c) authentic (d) approved
73. (a) bid (b) buy
 (c) get (d) bargain
74. (a) smartest (b) highest
 (c) biggest (d) strongest
75. (a) bangs (b) thrashes
 (c) smashes (d) hits

Passage - 3

One fine morning, a (76) man knocked at the doors of the home for the aged run by nuns. He told the nun in charge that as he was (77) to Delhi, he wanted to leave his servant-maid to the (78) of the nuns. He assured the nun of sending some money every month (79) she was an orphan. The nun (80) her saying that she had got an excellen master.

76. (a) gentle (b) bad
(c) nice (d) good
77. (a) moved (b) shifted
(c) changed (d) transferred
78. (a) care (b) home
(c) custody (d) protection
79. (a) because (b) and
(c) though (d) if
80. (a) loved (b) praised
(c) consoled (d) condoled

Passage - 4

Delhi (81) the capital of India. People from all parts of the country and the world (82) to Delhi. There (83) many historical buildings. People (84) the Rajghat, Shantivan and Vijayghat. We visited Delhi last year (85) our cousins. There (86) many other historical cities. Agra (87) one of them. We (88) visit Agra and Jaipur next time. The Red Fort of Delhi and the Hawa Mahal of Jaipur were (89) famous for their Mughal (90) Rajasthani architecture respectively.

81. (a) was (b) are
(c) is (d) were
82. (a) came (b) comes
(c) come (d) coming
83. (a) has (b) were
(c) is (d) are
84. (a) visit (b) visited
(c) visiting (d) visits
85. (a) for (b) on
(c) of (d) with
86. (a) is (b) are
(c) were (d) was
87. (a) are (b) was
(c) is (d) were
88. (a) will (b) would
(c) could (d) can
89. (a) much (b) very
(c) too (d) more
90. (a) either (b) because
(c) or (d) and

Passage - 5

In civilised life is a rule (91) violence, against taking (92) into our hands. It is a rule which (93) of us observe so often, indeed, that a great (94) of people go through life (95) orderliness and

non-violence as part of the scheme of nature. But when (96) comes into their midst (97) refuses to observe the current rules, and (98) the simple rule that might is right, the law abiding members (99) society do not know what to do, and look on in (100) bewildered confusion.

91. (a) after (b) at
(c) against (d) upon
92. (a) police (b) people
(c) rule (d) law
93. (a) most (b) none
(c) many (d) every
94. (a) amount (b) number
(c) capacity (d) sum
95. (a) not expecting (b) expecting
(c) not accepting (d) accepting
96. (a) no one (b) any one
(c) none (d) everyone
97. (a) who (b) how
(c) where (d) whom
98. (a) following (b) followed
(c) follows (d) follow
99. (a) of (b) at
(c) in (d) on
100. (a) helping (b) helped
(c) helpless (d) helpful

Passage - 6

Although we can (101) the (102) bodies of our solar system (103) a telescope, it is only (104) who can (105) the depth of outer space. It is reported that they have seen (106) galaxies, stars taking (107) and (108) and 'black holes'. They say that the deeper they look (109) the universe, the more they know (110) the universe originated.

101. (a) reach (b) observe
(c) look (d) find
102. (a) heaver (b) heavy
(c) heavier (d) heavenly
103. (a) by (b) through
(c) with (d) at
104. (a) astronomers (b) astronomy
(c) Stunned (d) astrologers
105. (a) viewed (b) views
(c) overview (d) view
106. (a) shine (b) stunning
(c) stunned (d) stun
107. (a) born (b) borne
(c) birth (d) berth
108. (a) die (b) died
(c) dyeing (d) dying
109. (a) into (b) at
(c) through (d) on
110. (a) why (b) where
(c) how (d) what

Hints & Solutions

1. (c) 'Neither' is used for two things. For more than two things, 'none' should be used.
2. (a) **After knowing the truth** will be correct usage.
3. (b) **It is time/It is high time** is followed by the clause in simple past that shows present time. Hence, **to decide on your next** should be used.
4. (c) Replace **let him speak** by **should be allowed to speak**.
5. (d) No error
6. (a) Sometimes, Common Nouns are used as Abstract Nouns as they express qualities. In this situation, we use 'the' before them. Hence, **The Judge in him** should be used.
7. (c) The structure of some sentences is :
Indefinite number + of + Noun
Indefinite quantity + of + Noun
In these sentences, the subject is one that comes after 'of'. Here, the word pillar is singular, hence, **has rotted away** should be used.
8. (c) Here, replace **that most people like to stay at home** by **most of the people** like to stay at home.
9. (b) The word aim takes preposition 'at'. Hence, **at bringing about** should be used.
10. (c) Chemical balance and amount of moisture.
11. (c) Owing to (preposition) means : because of.
Hence, owing to ever-growing demand... should be used here.
12. (c) Here simple past (Passive) i.e. **was dogged by controversy** should be used.
13. (c) Here, very hard should be used. The word **hardly (Adverb)** means : almost not; almost none.
The word hard means : putting a lot of effort or energy into an activity.
14. (b) Here, the antecedent of Relative Pronoun 'who' is 'I' and hence who have done should be used as 'I' agrees with 'have'.
15. (c) The word **equipment (Uncountable Noun)** means : the things that are needed for a particular purpose or activity.
Its plural is not equipments.
Hence, new equipment should be used here.
16. (a) Here, **A great many students** should be used.
17. (b) In hyphenated terms. singular Noun i.e., **this three-crore project** should be used.
18. (a) Here, **I hope to go shopping** should be used.
19. (b) Here, Gerund i.e. **If it was worth taking** should be used.
20. (a) Here, Adjective i.e. **After a careful investigation** should be used.
21. (b) Here, **look like** should be used. Like is an Adjective which is used as Preposition.
22. (c) Here **foot tall** should be used.
23. (a) Here, with no proof of your guilt/ without any proof of your guilt should be used.
24. (b) Here, she appears to be unreasonably should be used.
25. (a) Here, The scissors are should be used.
26. (d) No error
27. (b) When we use along with, together and with, the verb agrees according to first subject. Hence, **is going to Delhi** should be used.
28. (b) Here, **in getting (gerund) the job** should be used.
29. (c) Here, **are located at the Madison Avenue** should be used.
30. (c) Here, **which she has given in respect of our eyes** should be used.
31. (c) Here, 'a hindrance' should be used.
32. (b) Here, I have should be used.
33. (a) Here, By the time she finished her work (Simple Past) should be used.
34. (a) Here, Some were surprised/ Some categorically denied should be used.
35. (c) Here, the speed the ship sailed/travelled at should be used.
36. (b) 'Two days ahead of conventional date' is correct use as the fixed date february 26 is given.
37. (c) 'Sorry for' is the correct prepositional use.
38. (d) 'He assured' means 'He made sure' thus, he assured is the correct use.
39. (a) 'Needn't worry' is the correct usage.
40. (d) Site which means location is the correct use.
41. (b) 'Since' is usually followed by a time expression (last year, this morning, 4 o'clock etc.) or by a clause in the simple past tense.
42. (a) 'discourse' which is a noun requires an adjective before it. The words 'spirituality' and 'spiritually' being noun and adverb respectively get ruled out. 'Spirituous' is derived from the word 'spirit' as in alcohol; so, it being irrelevant gets ruled out. 'Spiritual' is derived from the word 'spirit' as in relating to or affecting the human spirit or soul correctly fits the blank.
43. (c) The adjective 'luxuriant' which means '(of vegetation) rich and profuse in growth; lush' correctly fits the blank thereby, making the sentence meaningful.
44. (a) Options (c) and (d) get ruled out because no words as such exist. Option (b) also gets ruled out because according to subject-verb agreement rule, 'transcends' doesn't go correctly with 'films'. Option (a) i.e. 'transcend' is the correct alternative.
45. (d) 'When' is the most appropriate word to be used in the sentence.
46. (d) 'Force' is the most appropriate word to be used for both the sentences.
47. (d) 'Level' is the most appropriate word to be used for both the sentences.
48. (d) Among all the options, 'respect' fits in both the sentences appropriately.
49. (d) 'Overlook' which means 'fail to notice' and 'have a view from above' fits in the contexts of both the sentences appropriately.
50. (d) 'Extend' which means 'to increase or expand' and 'spread across to cover a wide area' fits in both the sentences appropriately.
51. (d) 'Current' which means 'a body of water or air moving in definite direction, especially through a surrounding

body of water or air in where there is less movement' and 'belonging to present time' fits in the contexts of both the sentences appropriately.

52. (a) 'Handle' fits in the contexts of both the sentences appropriately.
53. (c) 'Yield' which means 'produce or provide' and 'give way to argument, demands or pressure' is the most appropriate word to be used for both the sentences.
54. (b) 'Volume' which means 'degree of loudness' and a 'book forming part of work or series' is the most suitable word for both the sentences. No other option fits in both the sentences appropriately.
55. (d) 'Solution' which means 'a liquid mixture' and 'a means of solving a problem or dealing with a difficult situation' is the most appropriate word to be used for both the sentences.
56. (c) The words 'chances', 'prospects' and 'policy' do not fit the first blank appropriately. Hence, options (a), (d) and (e) get ruled out. Since 'universities have been providing education without adequate infrastructure', it cannot be ascertained whether the graduates are capable or not; hence, eliminating option (b). The words 'opportunities' and 'unemployable' make the sentence meaningful and logical; making option (c) the correct answer.
57. (b) Option (a) gets ruled out because the word 'resulted' should have been succeeded by 'in'. The words 'activated' and 'angered' are irrelevant in the context of the sentence; hence, eliminating options (d) and (e). The use of the word 'determined' for the second blank is contextually inappropriate. Hence, option (b) is the correct answer.
58. (a) Reduced and high are the correct words to be filled here.
59. (a) Slump and increased are correct words to be filled in the respective blanks as slump means fall in the price.
60. (b) Flow and use are correct words to be filled in the respective blanks.

Sol. (61-70):

The passage states that initially, man was not able to find the answers to basic astronomical questions, but later on, it was proved that earth which is a part of our solar system revolves around the sun.

61. (b) The complicated wonder is a 'question' to which we may never have the exact answer.
62. (c) Man has wondered 'about' the age of earth.
63. (a) Man has wondered about the age of earth 'since' ancient times.
64. (c) There were many 'stories'.
65. (d) The stories seem to have the 'answer'.
66. (b) Man could not begin to 'think' about the question.....
67. (d) But man could.....until about 400 years 'ago'.
68. (c) The 'Earth' revolves around the sun.
69. (a) Earth was a 'part' of our Solar System
70. (b) The scientists knew where to 'begin'.

Sol. (71-75):

The passage states that Auctions are conducted by an approved auctioneer who declares the highest bidder as the buyer by banging a small hammer on the table.

71. (a) Auctions are public 'sale' of goods.
72. (d) Auctions are done by an 'approved' auctioneer.

73. (a) The auctioneer encourages the buyers to 'bid' higher prices.
74. (b) The 'highest' bidder is declared by the auctioneer.
75. (a) At the end of the bidding, the auctioneer 'bangs' a small hammer on the bidding table.

Sol. (76-80):

The passage states that a gentleman goes to an old age home to leave his maid servant in the custody of the nuns and promises that he would be sending money every month to her as she was an orphan.

76. (a) A 'gentle' man knocked at the doors.
77. (d) The man was 'transferred' to Delhi.
78. (c) He wanted to leave his maid servant to the 'custody' of the nuns.
79. (a) The man wanted to take care of the maid 'because' she was an orphan.
80. (c) The nun 'consoled' the maid by saying that she has got an excellent master.

Sol. (81-90):

The passage states that Delhi which is the capital of India is visited by public from all parts of the country and the world. It has many historical buildings and places.

81. (c) Delhi 'is' the capital of India.
82. (c) People from all parts of the country and the world 'come' to Delhi.
83. (d) There 'are' many historical buildings.
84. (a) People 'visit' the Rajghat.
85. (d) We visited 'with' our cousins.
86. (b) There 'are' many other historical cities.
87. (c) Agra 'is' one of them.
88. (a) We 'will' visit Agra and Jaipur.
89. (b) Red Fort and Hawa Mahal were 'very' famous.
90. (d) Mughal 'and' Rajasthani architecture.

Sol. (91-100):

The passage states that a civilized life is about following rules and laws which a lot of people go through expecting orderliness and non-violence as part of their scheme of nature but in later part of their life, they are left with confusion.

91. (c) A civilized life is a rule 'against' violence.
92. (d) Against taking 'law' into our hands.
93. (c) Rule which 'many' of us observe.
94. (b) A great 'number' of people go through life.
95. (b) 'Expecting' orderliness and non-violence....
96. (b) When 'anyone' comes.
97. (a) 'Who' refuse to observe the current rules.
98. (c) 'Follows' the simple rule that.....
99. (a) Law abiding members 'of' society.
100. (c) Look on in 'helpless' bewildered confusion.

Sol. (101-110):

The passage states that unlike us, Astronomers can view the depth of the outer space with a telescope and have their say on the formation of the universe as they see stunning events there.

101. (b) We can 'observe'....
102. (d) The 'heavenly' bodies of the solar system.
103. (c)solar system 'with' a telescope.
104. (a) It is only 'Astronomers' who can.....
105. (d) Astronomers can 'view' the depth of outer space.
106. (b) They have seen 'stunning' galaxies.
107. (c) Stars taking 'birth'.
108. (d) Starts 'dying'.
109. (a) They look 'into' the universe.
110. (c) The more they know 'how' the universe originated.