

No of Questions : 50

Time (1.00 Hrs) Full Marks : 50

**Directions (Q. Nos. 1–5):** In questions, part of the sentences have errors and some have none. Find out which part of the sentence has an error corresponding to the appropriate letter (a, b, c). If there is no error, your answer (d).

1. Our equipment gets (A)/ damage very often in summer (B)/ because there are too many power cuts. (C)/No error (D)
2. Most children liked to rest in the afternoon (A)/ after they returned from school (B)/but my son seems to have an inexhaustible source of energy. (C)/No error (D)
3. The cutting down on costs (A)/was the main reason for the firm to survive (B)/even during a very difficult period. (C)/No error (D)
4. I will go (A)/ for the dance classes tomorrow (B)/ if I have recovered from fever. (C)/No error. (D)
5. The principal announced (A)/ in the school assembly that the school fees (B)/ will be hiked from the beginning of the next academic session. (C)/No error(D)

**Directions (Q. Nos. 6–10):** In questions, sentences are given with blanks to be filled in with an appropriate word s). Four alternatives are suggested for each question. Choose the correct alternative out of the four.

6. If you exercise ..... for half an hour daily, then you will rid yourself from the problem of hypertension.  
a) recurrently                      b) regularly  
c) routinely                        d) continuously
7. The unruly behavior of the parliamentarians ..... the speaker.  
a) incensed                        b) estranged  
c) enflamed                        d) disparaged
8. Crimes against women are ..... of the deep rooted patriarchal systems of our society.  
a) indications                      b) manifestations  
c) demonstrations                      d) explanations
9. To better the public transport system, the municipality ..... the scheme of securing dedicated lanes for buses.  
a) marketed                        b) launched  
c) floated                            d) enhanced
10. Three Indian ad agencies have ..... awards at the International competition.  
a) obtained                        b) attained  
c) bagged                            d) procured

**Directions (Q. Nos. 11–15):** In questions out of the four alternatives, choose the one which best expresses the meaning of the given word.

11. **HEIST**  
a) Delay                              b) Theft  
c) Protest                            d) Confirm
12. **GRIM**  
a) Upsetting                        b) Murder  
c) Damage                            d) Refuse to obey
13. **RUBBLE**  
a) Regularity                        b) Defy  
c) Remains                            d) Intensity
14. **BOLSTER**  
a) Mock                              b) Support  
c) Quirk                                d) Coherent
15. **EXTIRPATE**  
a) Root out                            b) Superficial  
c) Applicable                        d) Reverie

**Directions (Q. Nos. 16–20):** In questions choose the word opposite in meaning to the word.

16. **PROMINENT**  
a) Obscure                            b) Obdurate  
c) Obligatory                        d) Objection
17. **AUTONOMOUS**  
a) Dependent                        b) Plain  
c) Impractical                        d) Conceal
18. **ERUDITE**  
a) Literate                            b) Illiterate  
c) Chivalrous                        d) Gloomy
19. **INOPPORTUNE**  
a) Problematic                        b) Convenient  
c) Ghoulish                            d) Jaunty
20. **BRUISE**  
a) Beautify                            b) Contort  
c) Deform                              d) Tragedy

**Directions (Q.Nos.21–25):** In questions four alternatives are given for the Idiom/Phrase underlined in the sentence. Choose the alternative which best expresses the meaning of the Idiom / Phrase.

21. **Stand corrected**  
a) To admit that one has been wrong  
b) To correct someone else for their wrong doings  
c) To defend oneself on being caught red-handed  
d) To run away from punishment
22. **Behind the eight ball**  
a) Visit a pleasant place

- b) Improve to do better
- c) To be advantageous
- d) At a disadvantage

**23. A ghost of a chance**

- a) Commonplace
- b) Become more important or popular
- c) To be in a hurry
- d) A very small possibility

**24. To bring to heel**

- a) To be successful
- b) To force someone or something to obey
- c) To wish someone good luck
- d) To confine or trap

**25. Long in the tooth**

- a) To speak (or write) too much
- b) To be elderly or aging
- c) To take a long route
- d) To live long

**Directions (Q. Nos. 26–30):** In questions a part of the sentence is underlined. Below are given alternatives to the underlined part at (1), (2) and (3) which may improve the sentence. Choose the correct alternative. In case no improvement is needed your answer is (4).

**26. Grandfather always (finds faults) with the poor gardener.**

- a) find fault                      b) find faults
- c) is finding faults              d) No improvement

**27. (As) you find me absent, please leave the parcel with my colleague.**

- a) Unless                          b) As
- c) Should                          d) No improvement

**28. When the prodigal son returned home, his father welcomed him (with open hands).**

- a) with open hearts
- b) with open mind
- c) with open arms
- d) No improvement

**29. Mr. Shah (is having) two houses.**

- a) has                                b) got
- c) has been having              d) No improvement

**30. Contrast this work of art (to) that.**

- a) for                                b) with
- c) by                                 d) No improvement

**Directions (Q. Nos. 31–35):** In questions out of the four alternatives, choose the one which can be substituted for the given words / sentence.

**31. A place where birds are kept**

- a) Aviary                            b) House
- c) Aquarium                       d) Apiary

**32. That which has a double meaning**

- a) Doubtless                       b) uncertain
- c) Controversial                  d) Ambiguous

**33. Incapable of making errors**

- a) Infallible                        b) Incurable
- c) Impervious                    d) Inexplicable

**34. Governed by a sense of duty**

- a) Conscious                      b) Sensible
- c) Intelligent                    d) Conscientious

**35. The depository where state records are documents are preserved**

- a) Museum                        b) Library
- c) Emporium                      d) Archive

**Directions (Q. Nos. 36–40):** In questions groups of four words are given. In each group, one word is correctly spelt. Find the correctly spelt word.

**36. Which of the following spellings is correct?**

- a) harass                          b) haras
- c) harass                          d) herrass

**37. Which of the following spellings is correct?**

- a) inadvertent                    b) inadvariant
- c) inadvertent                    d) inadvertent

**38. Which of the following spellings is correct?**

- a) indispensable                b) indispensable
- c) indispensable                d) indispensable

**39. Which of the following spellings is preferred in American English?**

- a) judgement                    b) judgment
- c) judgemant                    d) judgmant

**40. Which of the following spellings is correct?**

- a) liason                          b) liasson
- c) liasone                        d) liaison

**Directions (Q. Nos. 41–45):** You have brief passage with 5 questions following the passage. Read the passage carefully and choose the best answer to each question out of the four alternatives.

Pablo Picasso showed his truly exceptional talent from a very young age. His first word was lapis (Spanish for pencil) and he learnt to draw before he could talk. He was the only son in the family and very good-looking, so he was thoroughly spoilt. He hated school and often refused to go unless his doting parents allowed him to take one of the father's pet pigeons with him. Apart from pigeons, his great love was art, and when in 1891 his father, who was an amateur artist, got a job as a drawing teacher at a college, Pablo went with him to the college. He often watched his father paint and was sometimes allowed to help. One evening his father was painting a picture of their pigeons, when he had to leave the room. He returned to find that Pablo had completed the picture, and it was so amazingly beautiful and lifelike that he gave his son his own palette and

brushes and never painted again. Pablo was just 13.

41. **As a boy, Pablo Picasso was**  
 a) ordinary looking but talented  
 b) handsome and talented  
 c) handsome and studious  
 d) handsome and hardworking
42. **He was spoilt mostly because he was**  
 a) a smart boy  
 b) loved by one and all  
 c) the only son in the family  
 d) always surrounded by notorious boys
43. **Picasso went to school only when**  
 a) his father accompanied him  
 b) his father went with him  
 c) he was allowed to paint at school  
 d) he was allowed to carry a pet with him.
44. **When his father painted in the college, Pablo**  
 a) occasionally helped him  
 b) rarely helped him  
 c) always helped him  
 d) invariably helped him
45. **Pablo's father gave up painting because he**  
 a) did not like the job  
 b) retired from the college  
 c) was impressed by his son's talent  
 d) lost interest in painting.

Directions (46-50): A passage is given with 5 questions following it. Read the passage carefully and choose the best answer to each question out of the four alternatives and click the button corresponding to it.

My brother, David, was always close to our grandmother. Both of them shared a love of Mother Nature and of food that they had grown themselves. Whenever his schedule permitted, he

would drop in for a short visit and a cup of coffee. One day, when he found no one home, he left a chunk of dirt on her porch. This started what was later to be known as his "calling card". Grandmother would come home occasionally and instantly know that Dave had been by when she spotted the chunk of dirt on her porch. Although Grandmother had a poor upbringing in Italy, she managed to do well in the United States. She was always healthy and independent and enjoyed a fulfilling life. Recently she had a stroke and died. Everyone was saddened by her death. David was disconsolate. His life-long friend was now gone.

46. **What is the opposite of the word 'disconsolate'?**  
 a) Devastated                      b) Hilarious  
 c) Exuberant                      d) Sombre
47. **David would drop in for a short visit and leave a \_\_\_\_\_ as a sign on grandma's porch if she was not at home.**  
 a) schedule                      b) chunk of dirt  
 c) calling card                      d) cup of coffee
48. **Grandmother used to be \_\_\_\_\_ .**  
 a) rich in Italy but poor in the United States  
 b) in the United States but is now in Italy  
 c) poor earlier but became rich later on  
 d) rich earlier but now poor
49. **Grandmother enjoyed a \_\_\_\_\_ life.**  
 a) healthy but sickly  
 b) good and healthy  
 c) rich but sickly  
 d) poor and healthy
50. **Grandmother's death made everyone**  
 a) sad including David  
 b) disconsolate excluding David  
 c) happy and disconsolate  
 d) sad excluding David



## ANSWER KEY

1. b)	11. b)	21. a)	31. a)	41. b)
2. c)	12. a)	22. d)	32. d)	42. c)
3. d)	13. c)	23. d)	33. a)	43. d)
4. c)	14. b)	24. b)	34. d)	44. a)
5. c)	15. a)	25. b)	35. d)	45. c)
6. b)	16. a)	26. d)	36. a)	46. c)
7. a)	17. a)	27. c)	37. d)	47. b)
8. b)	18. b)	28. c)	38. c)	48. c)
9. b)	19. b)	29. a)	39. b)	49. b)
10.c)	20. a)	30. b)	40. d)	50. a)

