

BOOK-1

ENGLISH

Directions (Q.Nos. 1-40) In this section you find a number of sentences, parts of which are underlined. You may also find only a group of words which is underlined. For each underlined part, four words/phrases are listed below. Choose the word/phrase nearest in meaning to the underlined part.

1. He has insidiously wormed his way into her affections.
(1) in a polite manner (2) in a secret manner (3) in ugly way
(4) in a forceful manner (5) None of the above
2. Ant is believed to be the most industrious creature.
(1) sensible (2) diligent (3) successful
(4) punctual (5) None of these
3. I disdain those who tell lies.
(1) condemn (2) scorn (3) hate
(4) despise (5) None of these
4. The benevolence of the God of Rain has seen a very successful monsoon this year too.
(1) vision (2) morbidity (3) kindness
(4) ill-will (5) None of these
5. The story is too fantastic to be credible.
(1) praiseworthy (2) readable (3) believable
(4) false (5) None of these
6. He was dismissed from service because they found him dishonest.
(1) prevented (2) removed (3) retired
(4) stopped (5) None of these
7. Gandhiji always advocated the cause of indigenous industries.
(1) foreign (2) big (3) cottage
(4) native (5) None of these
8. Kamini could not recollect the incident that had happened in her childhood.
(1) remind (2) recall (3) memorise
(4) assemble (5) None of these
9. He was warned at the outset of his career.
(1) end (2) beginning (3) middle

- (4) entrance (5) None of these
10. The need of the hour is to initiate the renaissance of moral conscience and halt the rampant corruption, for it could even hasten the end of our civilisation.
- (1) rise (2) introduction (3) revival
(4) significance (5) None of these
11. She has an insatiable love for music.
- (1) undesirable (2) irreconcilable (3) unchanging
(4) unsatisfiable (5) None of these
12. He is very discreet while deciding such matters.
- (1) obstinate (2) cunning (3) prudent
(4) trustworthy (5) None of these

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Directions : The candidates are required to select the appropriate word which is nearest in meaning to word given in capitals.

13. MONOTONOUS
- (1) repeteting (2) exhausting (3) irksome
(4) autonomous (5) None of these
14. REWARDING
- (1) precious (2) serviceable (3) profitable
(4) paying (5) None of these
15. EXTINCT
- (1) feeble (2) aggressive (3) scattered
(4) non-existent (5) None of these
16. JUDICIOUS
- (1) legal (2) shrewd (3) rational
(4) sagacious (5) None of these
17. CONSENSUS
- (1) settlement (2) unity (3) harmony
(4) agreement (5) None of these

18. AWKWARD
 (1) ashamed (2) inconvenient (3) embarrassed
 (4) clumsy (5) None of these
19. EXHILARATING
 (1) irrelevant (2) boring (3) lively
 (4) learned (5) None of these
20. DROWSY
 (1) sluggish (2) irritable (3) energetic
 (4) dizzy (5) None of these

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13. (1) 14. (3) 15. (4)
 16. (4) 17. (2) 18. (2)
 19. (3) 20. (1)

Directions : Fill in the blanks with suitable word from the alternatives given under each sentence.

1. The whole town was plunged _____sorrow after the massacre of the students.
 (1) in (2) into (3) to (4) up (5) over
2. On seeing a robber he at once reached_____his pistol the his pocket.
 (1) to (2) for (3) on (4) up (5) over
3. In fact there is no library in our town to speak _____
 (1) for (2) about (3) of (4) up (5) to
4. He was in a hurry and just glanced_____the letter.
 (1) over (2) at (3) through (4) with (5) on
5. Nobody likes anyone to intrude_____his privacy.
 (1) in (2) into (3) on (4) from (5) for
6. Cooperation between friends stems _____ mutual consideration.
 (1) in (2) out (3) from (4) to (5) with
7. She could not muster_____courage to stand against the maltreatment.
 (1) to (2) up (3) about (4) from (5) at
8. Strangely her name did not occur_____ me on the second meeting.
 (1) to (2) on (3) about (4) up (5) in
9. He decided to enter_____a new course of life.

- (1) into (2) upon (3) for (4) to (5) out
10. The mosquito is a menace_____the health of mankind.
 (1) for (2) to (3) of (4) off (5) into
11. The history of Hindu religion dates_____ancient time.
 (1) from (2) since (3) for (4) to (5) on
12. Now government servants have the day_____ every Saturday.
 (1) out (2) off (3) since (4) of (5) to
13. Think over the matter. Please don't jump _____ conclusions in a hurry.
 (1) to (2) at (3) for (4) up (5) on
14. The Hindus believe in many rituals to ward_____evils.
 (1) against (2) off (3) out (4) upon (5) to
15. There is no limit_____the wants of man.
 (1) for (2) to (3) in (4) over (5) through

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| 13. (1) | 14. (2) | 15. (2) | |

Directions : In these questions, a part of the sentence is underlined which may need improvement Alternatives are given at (1), (2), (3) and (4), below, one of which may be a better option. In case, no improvement is needed, your answer is (5).

1. I wish my bus did not arrive so late; then I could have reached home before breakfast.
 (1) had not arrived (2) does not arrive (3) has not arrived
 (4) arrived (5) No improvement
2. Although you examine it carefully you will notice some flaws.
 (1) despite (2) if (3) unless
 (4) until (5) No improvement
3. A cold drink is preferable than tea in summer.
 (1) much more preferable than (2) preferable to (3) more preferable to
 (4) much preferable than (5) no improvement
4. The passengers are waiting for the bus outside the bus-stand at the main gate for long.
 (1) were waited (2) were waiting (3) have been waiting

- (4) got away (5) No improvement
16. He never tells the truth.
 (1) says (2) utters (3) speaks
 (4) says (5) No improvement
17. The summer has set out and the days are getting warm.
 (1) set up (2) set in (3) set off
 (4) set to (5) No improvement
18. I am sorry, but I don't believe what you say.
 (1) I will not believe (2) I am not believing (3) I will not be believing
 (4) I was not believing (5) No improvement
19. Let's buy a new sari with the annual-bonus, can we?
 (1) can't we (2) don't we (3) shall we
 (4) should we (5) No improvement
20. What is the time in your watch?
 (1) on (2) by (3) from
 (4) with (5) No improvement
21. Since 1986, there is no earthquakes here.
 (1) have been (2) are (3) were being
 (4) was (5) No improvement
22. He plays cricket and tennis also
 (1) both (2) besides (3) too
 (4) as well (5) No improvement
23. Please blow up the candle.
 (1) turn off (2) blow out (3) put off
 (4) blow off (5) No improvement
24. Let he and I work together.
 (1) him and I (2) him and me (3) he and me
 (4) me and he (5) No improvement
25. The doctor examined my pulse.
 (1) observed (2) saw (3) felt
 (4) experienced (5) No improvement
26. 'Hard Days' was his last novel.
 (1) latter (2) recent (3) latest
 (4) later (5) No improvement

27. It is no good to cry over spilt milk.
 (1) It is no good crying (2) It is of no good to cry (3) It is of no good crying
 (4) It is no good of crying (5) No improvement
28. They all loved each other.
 (1) among each other (2) one another (3) for each other
 (4) to each other (5) No improvement
29. It is most unique piece of art.
 (1) a unique (2) the most unique (3) an unique
 (4) the much unique (5) No improvement
30. Galileo said that the earth revolved around the sun.
 (1) has revolved (2) has been revolving (3) revolves
 (4) is revolving (5) No improvement
31. When I lived in Allahabad, I was going to the cinema once a week.
 (1) went (2) had been going (3) had gone
 (4) has gone (5) No improvement
32. He has been working off and on for several years to compile a dictionary.
 (1) on or off (2) on and off (3) regularly
 (4) off or on (5) No improvement
33. Rajni unnecessarily picked up a quarrel with Kashish and left the party hurriedly.
 (1) picking up (2) picked on (3) picked
 (4) picked at (5) No improvement
34. We have heard her lecture yesterday.
 (1) were hearing (2) would have heard (3) heard
 (4) had heard (5) No improvement
35. She did not like the movie, nor I did.
 (1) nor did I (2) nor J like it (3) nor I liked it
 (4) nor did I liked it (5) No improvement

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| 6. (5) | 7. (1) | 8. (5) | 9. (1) | 10. (3) |
| 11. (1) | 12. (3) | 13. (3) | 14. (2) | 15. (3) |
| 16. (3) | 17. (5) | 18. (5) | 19. (1) | 20. (2) |
| 21. (1) | 22. (3) | 23. (3) | 24. (1) | 25. (3) |
| 26. (5) | 27. (3) | 28. (2) | 29. (1) | 30. (3) |
| 31. (1) | 32. (2) | 33. (3) | 34. (3) | 35. (1) |

Directions : In each of the questions, a sentence is split into four parts and named P, Q, R and S. These parts are not given in proper order. Read these parts and find out which of the five combinations is correct.

1. I came to know that
P : to the point of boring his friends Q : he was extremely talkative
R : who were all very reserved S : compared to his brothers
(1) QPRS (2) QPSR (3) SPRQ
(4) SRQP (5) RQSP
2. The fact is that
P : the hunters Q: the lion
R : hesitated to go out again for shooting S : having been wounded once
(1) SQRP (2) QSRP (3) SPRQ
(4) PRSQ (5) RSPQ
3. When I entered her drawing-room
P : showed me Q : the old lady
R : with gold plated legs S : her beautiful marble table
(1) QPRS (2) SQPR (3) SRQP
(4) QPSR (5) RPQS
4. In many countries,
P : it is necessary to boil water Q : in order to kill any infectious bacteria
R : it may contain
S : especially those in tropical and sub-tropical regions
(1) SRQP (2) SPQR (3) PSRQ
(4) PQSR (5) RPQS
5. Psychologists say

- P : an innate drive
R : that humans have
(1) RPQS (2) PQSR (3) RPSQ
(4) PSQR (5) QSRP
6. The hungry man
P : and said
R : that he only wanted a meal
(1) SQPR (2) QSPR (3) SPRQ
(4) QPRS (5) RPQS
7. It is
P : that people read fewer books today
R : even about a decade ago
(1) PSRQ (2) SPRQ (3) PSQR
(4) SPQR (5) RPQS
8. We
P : agreed with
R : but we objected to
(1) PSQR (2) SPQR (3) SPRQ
(4) PSRQ (5) QSRP
9. Her mother
P : when she was at school
R : who died at an early age
(1) QSRP (2) SRPQ (3) SRQP
(4) QPSR (5) RPQS
10. I told my friend
P : on the first of April
R : whom I met at Nagpur
(1) QSRP (2) RSQP (3) RPQS
(4) QPRS (5) SRQP
11. A magician
P : failed to satisfy the students
R : the old tricks to them
(1) QSRP (2) SPRQ (3) SRPQ
(4) QPSR (5) RPQS
- Q: to finish
S : what they start
- Q : replied in the negative
S : to his question
- Q : than they did
S : a matter of grave concern
- Q : the manner in which you said it
S : what you said
- Q : often failed to pay Madhu's fees
S : after the death of the father
- Q : that I was going to Germany
S : at a Conference in January
- Q : who was invited to the college
S : when he showed

R : many have not even enough

S : in luxury

(1) PQRS

(2) PRQS

(3) PSRQ

(4) RSQP

(5) RPQS

20. Milton said that

P : those persons

Q : would be damned

R : who do not obey

S : God's commands

(1) PQRS

(2) QPRS

(3) PRSQ

(4) RSPQ

(5) QSRP

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1. (2)

2. (3)

3. (4)

4. (2)

5. (1)

6. (2)

7. (4)

8. (4)

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11. (4)

12. (3)

13. (1)

14. (2)

15. (3)

16. (3)

17. (1)

18. (3)

19. (3)

20. (3)

Directions : Select the alternative which is closest to the meaning of the given idiom or phrase.

1. To keep at an arm's length
 - (1) To keep very near
 - (2) A safe place
 - (3) To keep someone happy
 - (4) To stretch your arm
 - (5) To avoid coming in contact
2. To be up and doing
 - (1) To recover from illness
 - (2) To be actively engaged
 - (3) To progress satisfactorily
 - (4) To be expressive and explicit
 - (5) To climb up
3. To play second fiddle
 - (1) To be happy, cheerful and healthy
 - (2) To reduce importance of one's senior
 - (3) To support the role and view of another person
 - (4) To do back seat driving
 - (5) To take a second chance
4. To add feather to one's cap
 - (1) To be highly successful
 - (2) To be highly egotistical
 - (3) Praiseworthy uniform
 - (4) To be highly imaginative
 - (5) To increase something
5. To hit below the belt
 - (1) To work confidently
 - (2) To harm unfairly
 - (3) To strike at the exact position
 - (4) To hit the correct mark
 - (5) To miss the shot
6. To beat about the bush
 - (1) Not to come to the point
 - (2) Vigorously search for the culprit
 - (3) Easily achieve success without effort
 - (4) Work hard to achieve
 - (5) To beat mercilessly
7. Black and blue
 - (1) Painting
 - (2) Severely
 - (3) Together
 - (4) Intermix
 - (5) Colourful
8. Smell a rat
 - (1) To act unfairly
 - (2) To talk boastfully
 - (3) To have reason to suspect
 - (4) To discourage
 - (5) To do something useless
9. To read between the lines

- (1) To suspect (2) To read carefully
 (3) To understand the hidden meaning (4) To do useless things
 (5) To be foolish

10. To face the music

- (1) To prepare to give a musical performance (2) To suffer evil consequences
 (3) To enjoy (4) To change the things
 (5) To perform lively

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1. (5) 2. (2) 3. (3) 4. (1) 5. (2)
 6. (1) 7. (2) 8. (3) 9. (3) 10. (2)

Directions : In each of the following question, a part of the sentence is underlined. Select the alternative which is closest to the meaning of the underlined part.

- When I refused his request for a loan, he was put out.
 (1) collapsed (2) started to cry
 (3) threatened to use force (4) was annoyed (5) fainted
- I met him after a long time, but he gave me the cold shoulder.
 (1) scolded me (2) insulted me (3) abused me
 (4) greeted me (5) ignored me
- He did me a good turn by recommending for the post of Vice-Principal.
 (1) returned my kindness (2) did an act of kindness
 (3) improved my prospects (4) became suddenly good (5) None of the above
- The dacoit murdered the man in cold blood.
 (1) coldly (2) boldly (3) ruthlessly (4) deliberately
 (5) easily
- Whenever I meet him, he pulls a long face.
 (1) looks cheerful (2) looks angry (3) looks indifferent (4) looks gloomy
 (5) looks healthy
- The rebels held out for about a month.
 (1) waited (2) retreated (3) bargained (4) resisted
 (5) stopped
- I have been betrayed by my own flesh and blood.
 (1) friends (2) relatives (3) children (4) acquaintances
 (5) colleagues

8. The teacher warned the student once and for all that no mischief shall be tolerated in the class.
(1) authoritatively (2) finally (3) angrily (4) coldly
(5) regularly
9. He always cuts both ends.
(1) behaves dishonestly (2) works for both sides
(3) inflicts injuries on others (4) correct himself
(5) argues in support of both sides of the issue
10. Do not trust a man who blows his own trumpet.
(1) flatters (2) admonishes others (3) praises others
(4) praises himself (5) shouts loudly

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| 1. (4) | 2. (5) | 3. (2) | 4. (3) | 5. (4) |
| 6. (4) | 7. (2) | 8. (2) | 9. (5) | 10. (4) |

PART II

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1. When I come face to face with you, we _____ in a very special manner.
1. pass 2. collide 3. communicate 4. stand
2. The weather is _____ mild for this time of the year.
1. quite 2. measurably 3. seasonally 4. economically
3. Hundreds of people _____ from the border to escape terrorism.
1. fled 2. flew 3. fled 4. fled
4. There is a _____ amount of oil in the vial.
1. negligible 2. few 3. sporadic 4. tiny
5. Rama took a long time to _____ the trauma.
1. get through 2. get together 3. get herself in 4. get off
6. I bought _____ a new car last week-end.
1. myself 2. me 3. I 4. themselves
7. The greatest of all the cities in the Ramayana was the **famous** Ayodhya.
1. historical 2. fabled 3. glamorous 4. celestial
8. He was filled with **terrific** glee to see his students struggle with the questions he set for them.
1. great 2. abundant 3. fiendish 4. intense
9. **Artificial intelligence** is the duplication of human thought patterns by a computer.
1. machine learning 2. virtual reality 3. cyberspace 4. cybernetics
10. The General Election gave the party no such **authority**.
1. mandate 2. permission 3. power 4. clout
11. An untrained eye cannot perceive the range of **shades** in the painters touch.
1. notes 2. differences 3. meanings 4. nuances
12. He had an aversion to anything that **reminded** him of the supernatural
1. revealed 2. unraveled 3. savoured 4. inspired
13. Though he is usually well mannered, he can, on occasions be quite **abrasive**.
1. unkind 2. rude 3. listless 4. stingy
14. There is something **apocalyptic** about his writing.
1. vague 2. false 3. of total destruction 4. apologetic
15. Comets are the **freaks** of the universe.

1. cranks 2. oddballs 3. anomalies 4. queer things
16. With the collapse of the USSR, the frigid relations between the two super powers began to **unfreeze**.
1. melt 2. defrost 3. thaw 4. warm up
17. Her eyes were **azure**.
1. blue 2. green 3. brown 4. round and big
18. You cannot **bamboozle** people into obedience for long.
1. persuade 2. motivate 3. mislead 4. coerce
19. The men's faces **blanched**
1. surprised 2. shocked 3. pale 4. angered
20. I made a bit of a **blooper**.
1. mistake 2. noise 3. conversation 4. sightseeing
21. Their eyes were full of **bonhomie**.
1. friendliness 2. wrath 3. envy 4. greed
22. They were talking with unusual **candour**
1. enthusiasm 2. openness 3. freedom 4. intimacy
23. After purloining the watch, the servant **quit** the place to evade arrest.
1. fled 2. absconded 3. bolted 4. disappeared
24. They are carrying out a **charade** of negotiations with the government.
1. absurd pretence 2. series 3. charter 4. spate
25. On this bleak morning, Lindwall, bowling at 95 mph and swinging a yard or two, was **in his elements**.
1. at his fiery best 2. firing on all cylinder
3. going great guns 4. in full cry
26. Book publishing today is a dicey business. Most readers don't have patience with ponderous intellectual stuff, **obscene** writing alone ensures sales.
1. coarse 2. gross 3. kitschy 4. untasteful
27. Every nation has a **diaspora** often spread far beyond its homestead.
1. influence 2. dispersion 3. representation 4. right
28. With the exception of a few **die-hards**, the committee welcomed the reforms.
1. rowdies 2. revolutionaries 3. reactionaries 4. witless people
29. The computers operate in a series of **discrete** steps.
1. cleaver 2. disjointed 3. separate 4. intricate
30. I was **enthralled** by the book.

1. repelled 2. enraged 3. discouraged 4. enthused
31. My social life in those times was so **eventful**.
1. hectic 2. dull 3. non-existent 4. funny
32. He lives a retired life in **bliss**.
1. unhappiness 2. wretchedness 3. misery 4. poverty
33. It is an **absurd** proposition
1. sensible 2. logical 3. credible 4. rational
34. The **feisty** South African is an all-rounder.
1. inert 2. dull 3. somber 4. languid
35. The husband's scepticism was so **palpable**.
1. not obvious 2. short-lived 3. questionable 4. crude
36. Till the Afghan war broke out, Zia was virtually an international **pariah**.
1. celebrity 2. threat 3. peace maker 4. weakling
37. The Americans, he considered had a **penchant** for being disconcertingly frank.
1. disinclination 2. love 3. directness 4. lack of skill
38. Unexpected parental opposition **frustrated** the young couple's plan to marry.
1. baffled 2. stymied 3. put paid to 4. thwarted
39. She had no literary **mentor**.
1. superior 2. teacher 3. equal 4. competitor
40. The argument that euthanasia destroys sanctity for life is **deceptive**.
1. flawed 2. spurious 3. specious 4. delusive
41. This is the **penultimate** volume in the marvellous series.
1. first 2. final 3. most important 4. last but one
42. He wiped his fingers on his **pristine** handkerchief.
1. white 2. colourful 3. clean 4. torn
43. Pipe smoking even among elders is now **out of date**.
1. passe 2. old-fashioned 3. obsolete 4. dated
44. The commandant was **sanguine** about the superiority of his airmen.
1. doubtful 2. unsure 3. hopeful 4. sceptical
45. That girl is quick on the **uptake**.
1. talk 2. understanding 3. irritation 4. retorting
46. They are nationalist to the point of **xenophobia**.
1. cats 2. women 3. foreigners 4. Microbes

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| 1. (3) | 2. (1) | 3. (4) | 4. (1) |
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| 21. (1) | 22. (2) | 23. (2) | 24. (1) |
| 25. (2) | 26. (4) | 27. (2) | 28. (3) |
| 29. (3) | 30. (1) | 31. (2) | 32. (1) |
| 33. (1) | 34. (4) | 35. (1) | 36. (1) |
| 37. (1) | 38. (4) | 39. (2) | 40. (3) |
| 41. (4) | 42. (3) | 43. (1) | 44. (3) |
| 45. (2) | 46. (3) | | |