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English Language

Number of Questions: 20

Directions: (Q. 1 to 3): Fill in the blanks with the most appropriate word.

1. To everyone's horror, Rufus's farewell speech was filled with bitter..... about his bosses.
(a) Invective
(b) Levity
(c) Magnanimity
(d) Transgression

The context indicates a negative word should fill the blank. Hence option (A) is the best answer.

2. When the Maguire's moved away, their beautiful gardens began to from lack of care.
(a) Instigate
(b) Adulate
(c) Languish
(d) Persevere

The context indicates a negative word should fill the blank. Hence option (C) is the best answer.

3. The car salesman was overly helpful to the point of being are rude.
(a) Opulent
(b) Circumspect
(c) Reticent
(d) Officious

The context indicates a negative word should fill the blank. Hence option (D) is the best answer.

4. Either she or her children _____ the truth of his father's death.
(a) know (b) knows (c) is knowing (d) known

If one of the two antecedents joined by either...or is singular and the other is plural, the pronoun agrees with the one nearer Here, know. Hence, (a) is the right option.

5. While explaining the situation to her parents, Reena broke _____
(a) up (b) down (c) off (d) out

Break down means, emotional collapse. Hence, (b) is the right option.

Directions(Q6 and Q7): In the following questions, four words are given in each question, out of which only one word is correctly spelt. Find the correctly spelt word.

6. (a) vindicasion (b) fascination (c) compitation (d) assemilation

The correct spelling is "fascination" that means, the power to fascinate someone; the quality of being fascinating. Correct option is (b)

7. (a) curriculum (b) aggreable (c) professor (d) refreshar

The correct spelling is "professor" that means a person who affirms a faith in or allegiance to something. Correct option is (c)

8. (a) Munifisent (b) Muneficent (c) Munificent (d) Munificient

Explanation: (c) The correct spelling is; Munificent' which means 'extremely liberal in giving; very generous. Hence, (c) is the correct option.

Directions(Q9 to Q12): Each of the following problems consists of idiomatic expressions followed by four answer choices one of which is correct. Mark out the correct choice.

9. A Utopian scheme :

- (a) a romantic design (b) a realistic programme
(c) a perfect plan (d) a fanciful scheme

The correct answer is (d)

10. Off and on :

- (a) everyday (b) regularly (c) never at all (d) occasionally

The correct answer is (d)

11. Hole and corner policy :

- (a) clandestine, furtive (b) an explicit deal
(c) support and subdue (d) help and hinder

The correct answer is (a)

12. To drive home :

- (a) to find one's roots (b) to return to place of rest
(c) back to original position (d) to emphasize

The correct answer is (d)

Directions: (Q.13 to Q.15): Choose the correct synonym of the word in capital letters from the four options given below.

13. ENTRENCHED

- (a) Filled up
(b) Fortified
(c) Followed by
(d) Kept down

(b) 'Entrenched' means 'to put in a position of strength'. So, its correct synonym would be 'fortified' which also means 'to protect by strength'

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- (a) Renew
(b) Resort
(c) Integrity
(d) Liberate

(c) 'Rectitude' means 'having a strong moral virtue'. So, the correct synonym would be 'integrity' which too means the 'unity with a moral principle'.

15. AFICIONADO

- (a) Affection
(b) Good friend
(c) Tour guide
(d) Ardent fan

(d) 'Aficionado' means 'someone who is deeply devoted to someone/something,' correct synonym, therefore would be 'ardent fan' which has similar meaning.

Directions(Q.16 - Q.19): The following sentences have been divided into three parts (a), (b) and (c). Read the sentences carefully to find out if there is any error in any part of the sentence. The error if any will be in any one part of the

sentence. Mark that part as your answer. If the sentence is completely correct as it is, then choose option (d) 'No Error' as the answer. Ignore if there are any errors of punctuation.

16. If the room had been cleaned,(a)/ the children would (b)/have made to sit in it.(c)/ No error (d)
17. The lonely lady puzzled (a)/ when she found some strange footprints (b)/ near the door. (c) /No error. (d)
18. The principal was angry because the work (a)/ on the generator should have completed (b)/ before the arrival of chief guest. (c)/No error. (d)
19. The poor boy approached (a)/ the lady principal and had requested her (b)/to forgive him for his mistake. (c)/ No error (d)

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16. Put been after have. The sentence is in passive voice. Hence, the answer is (c).
 17. The lonely lady was puzzled. Puzzled, which means confused, is an adjective here, qualifying the noun 'lady' Hence, the answer is (a).
 18. On the generator should have been completed. Hence, the answer is (b).
 19. Remove 'had'. Hence, the answer is (b).
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20. Which word means the opposite of valiant?
 - (a) instinctive
 - (b) cowardly
 - (c) cynical
 - (d) worthy

(b) Valiant means acting with bravery or boldness; cowardly is to act with ignoble fear or to exhibit the characteristics of a coward.