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## SOLUTIONS

Direction for Question No. I-5 : Read the passage and ansuter the questions based on it.
Of all the trees of southern Asia, the banyan is unique, not only for the manner of its growth, but for the area of shade it provides from the burning sun. Its close relationship with man has evolved over the years to make the banyan a popular meeting place, a focal point of worship and a source of practical materials for commerce.

Known as the 'Strangler fig' because of its unusual manner of growth, the banyan is an epiphyte or air plant, that has its birth in the branches of a host tree and lives on airborne moisture and nutrients. Banyan seeds are deposited by birds, bats or monkeys in the rich soil collected in the crevices of host tree branches.

As the banyan grows, it sends aerial roots down the trunk of the supporting tree. In time, the roots that reach the ground choke the host tree by preventing its trunk from enlarging. The two best known species of banyans are: the Indian, one of the world's largest tropical trees; and the Chinese, a smaller species with fewer aerial roots.

1. The banyan tree is unique for
(1) it grows in southern Asia
(2) it is a small tree
(3) its growth is unusual and it gives shade for big area
(4) its fruit is very big

Ans. (3)
Sol. Given in the first line of the passage.
2. The banyan tree is a focal point of worship for
(1) birds
(2) wild animals
(3) nature
(4) man

Ans. (4)
Sol. Given in the lost line of the 1st para.
3. Owing to its unusual manner of growth, the banyan tree is called
(1) a place of worship
(2) a place of rest
(3) a strangler fig
(4) a tree of beauty

Ans. (3)
Sol. Given in the first line of the 1st para.
4. The two species of banyan trees are
(1) the Indian and the Chinese
(2) the shady and the big
(3) the aerial and the land
(4) the host and the guest.

Ans. (1)
Sol. Given in the the second line of the last para.
5. The aerial roots $\qquad$ the trunk of the host tree.
(1) support
(2) grow
(3) choke
(4) enlarge

Ans. (3)
Sol. Given in the second line of the last para.

## Choose the correct options to fill in the blanks

6. A doctor $\qquad$ the patients but God cures all.
(1) treating
(2) treated
(3) treats
(4) had treated

Ans. (3)
Sol. As per the rule of 'General facts take simple present tense.
7. While $\qquad$ basketball Sunil was badly hit.
(1) play
(2) playing
(3) played
(4) had played

Ans. (2)
Sol. Continuous form of verb is used with 'while'.
8. $\qquad$ slow, this is school area.
(1) Drive
(2) Is driving
(3) Drove
(4) Driven

Ans. (1)
Sol. Simple present tense is used to give instructions.
9. 'Applaud' means
(1) remark
(2) backbite
(3) consent
(4) praise

Ans. (4)
Sol. The most appropriate answer is 4 .
10. Find the odd one out.
(1) advance
(2) promote
(3) forward
(4) farther

Ans. (2)
Sol. Option (1), (3) and (4) have the 'promote' has a difference meaning.
11. The new slogan $\qquad$ by our school teacher last year.
(1) is given
(2) is being given
(3) was given
(4) was being given.

Ans. (3)
Sol. 'last year' ; This phrase indicates the use of Simple Past Tense in Passive Voice in the sentence.
12. The notorious band $\qquad$ today.
(1) has been arrested
(2) had been arrested
(3) was been arrested
(4) will have arrested

Ans. (1)
Sol. Present perfect tense in passive form is used in this sentence as 'today' word is given here.
13. Let the picture $\qquad$
(1) is hung
(2) being hung
(3) be hung
(4) been hung.

Ans. (3)
Sol. 'Let' takes be $\mathrm{V}_{3}$ form (Past Participle).
14. Those cars $\qquad$ by robots year ago.
(1) are being built
(2) are built
(3) were built
(4) had built

Ans. (3)
Sol. It takes Simple Past Tense in passive voice as 'years ago' is given here.
15. The sages said, "You will be winner".
(1) if he would be winner
(2) that he would be winner
(3) that he will be winner
(4) that they would be winner

Ans. (2)
Sol. 'Will be' is used in direct speech which is converted to 'would be' indirect speech.
16. Sarla said to me, "I need your help today."

Sarla told me $\qquad$
(1) that she needed my help that day
(2) that I needed her help that day
(3) that she needed your help that day
(4) that you needed my help now.

## Ans. (1)

Sol. In indirect speech - 'need' changes to 'needed' and 'today' to 'that day' and 'I' will be changed according to the speaker.
17. The policeman said to my mother, "May I help you ?"

The policeman asked my mother $\qquad$
(1) if she need his help
(2) may he help you
(3) that he might help her
(4) if he might help her.

Ans. (4)
Sol. As per the use of modals in indirect speech the answer will take 'might' after subject and 'if' will be used as connector in 'yes / no' question.
18. The landlord commanded, "You $\qquad$ not enter my house again."
(1) can
(2) shall
(3) may
(4) could.

Ans. (2)
Sol. 'Threat' / working in $2^{\text {nd }}$ person takes 'shall'.
19. One $\qquad$ be punctual.
(1) can
(2) may
(3) should
(4) will.

Ans. (3)
Sol. Modal - should is used with an advice.
20. The synonym of 'benevolent' is.
(1) honest
(2) holy
(3) generous
(4) cruel.

Ans. (3)
Sol. The meanning of the given word - kind.
21. The antonym of 'realistic' is
(1) imaginary
(2) true
(3) reliable
(4) authentic.

Ans. (1)
Sol. Antonyms is 'imaginary' the most apt answer.
22. Gold and silver $\qquad$ precious metals.
(1) is
(2) are
(3) was
(4) am

Ans. (2)
Sol. 'and' connecting 2 hours take a singular verb.
23. The wages of $\sin$ $\qquad$ death.
(1) is
(2) are
(3) were
(4) am.

Ans. (1)
Sol. 'Wages' here means punishment - uncountable noun and will take singular form of verb.
24. A rupee has $\qquad$ hundred paise.
(1) the
(2) a
(3) an
(4) any

## Ans. (2)

Sol. Hundred paise is taken as a unit, so will take indefinite article 'a'.
25. Please give me $\qquad$ more tea.
(1) few
(2) many
(3) some
(4) any

Ans. (3)
Sol. 'Some' is used in positive sentences for countable or uncountable nouns. 'Tea' is uncountable noun here.
26. "How $\qquad$ money do you need ?" she asked the boy.
(1) many
(2) some
(3) any
(4) much

Ans. (4)
Sol. 'How much' is used with 'money' because money is an uncountable noun.
27. The correctly spelt word is
(1) comepasion
(2) compassion
(3) comepation
(4) compasion.

Ans. (2)
Sol. The only correctly spelt word.
28. The correctly spelt world is
(1) depandence
(2) deppendance
(3) dependence
(4) dependance.

Ans. (3)
Sol. The only correctly spelt word.
29. The piper stepped $\qquad$ the street.
(1) on
(2) in
(3) into
(4) for

Ans. (3)
Sol. 'step' take 'into' as preposition.
30. The sailors sailed $\qquad$ the river.
(1) on
(2) down
(3) below
(4) above

Ans. (2)
Sol. Here in this context 'sailed down' will be used.
31. The mail train is due $\qquad$ 3 p.m.
(1) on
(2) of
(3) by
(4) in

Ans. (3)
Sol. 'By' is the most appropriate preposition that goes with 'due'.
32. The tiger is now confined $\qquad$ national parks.
(1) to
(2) off
(3) at
(4) of

Ans. (1)
Sol. 'confined' takes 'to' as a preposition.
33. He learnt to play physical games, $\qquad$ ?
(1) did he
(2) didn't you
(3) doesn't he
(4) didn't he.

Ans. (4)
Sol. learnt is in simple past and question tag of an affirmative sentence will be negative so answer is didn't he.
34. I ain't interested in video games, $\qquad$ ?
(1) is you
(2) aren't you
(3) am I
(4) are you.

Ans. (3)
Sol. Question tag of 'am not' will be positive with the same helping verb.
35. Be just $\qquad$ fear not.
(1) or
(2) but
(3) and
(4) if

Ans. (3)
Sol. Connector 'and' will be used in this context.
36. Catch me $\qquad$ you can.
(1) or
(2) but
(3) and
(4) if

Ans. (4)
Sol. It is a proverb so 'if' will be used as a connector.
37. Nalini's grandfather died $\qquad$ she was born.
(1) but
(2) before
(3) and
(4) so.

Ans. (2)
Sol. 'before' - The first action took place before the birth of Nalini, hence the correct answer.
38. The police caught the thief $\qquad$ looted travellers in the passenger trains.
(1) which
(2) whom
(3) who
(4) whose

Ans. (3)
Sol. Relative pronoun 'who' is used for persons, here for 'thief'.
39. The king was happy $\qquad$ people gave him gifts
(1) where
(2) when
(3) whom
(4) who

Ans. (2)
Sol. 'When' connector is used to show time.
40. She broke the glass $\qquad$ was very expensive.
(1) what
(2) how
(3) who
(4) that

Ans. (4)
Sol. 'That' relative pronoun is used for things, here for 'glass'.
Reorder the words to make sentences :
41. is / my / democracy / ideal / political
(a)
(b)
(c)
(d)
(e)
(1) (a) (c) (b) (e) (d)
(2) (b) (e) (d) (a) (c)
(3) (d) (b) (e) (a) (c)
(4) (a) (d) (e) (c) (b)

Ans. (2)
Sol. The most appropriate arrangement of the words given.
42. Ideal / were / as an / couple / myparents / regarded
(a)
(b)
(c)
(d)
(e)
(f)
(1) (e) (b) (f) (c) (a) (d)
(2) (c) (a) (d) (f) (e) (b)
(3) (b) (d) (a) (e) (f) (c)
(4) (e) (d) (f) (c) (a) (b)

Ans. (1)
Sol. The most appropriate arrangement of the words given.
43. the model / we / the outlook / of / changed
(a)
(b)
(c)
(d)
(e)
(1) (b) (a) (e) (d) (c)
(2) (d) (a) (e) (c) (b)
(3) (b) (e) (c) (d) (a)
(4) (a) (e) (c) (b) (d)

Ans. (3)
Sol. The most appropriate arrangement of the words given.
44. The correct suffix that goes with the word 'charge' is.
(1) - ment
(2) - ity
(3) - ish
(4) - able

Ans. (4)
Sol. The suffix - able makes the meaningful word 'chargeable'
45. The correct prefix that goes with the word 'legal' is.
(1) un-
(2) in-
(3) it-
(4) im-

Ans. (1)
Sol. un- is used to form the word 'unlegal'.
For Question Nos. $\mathbf{4 6}$ and $\mathbf{4 7}$ choose the correct meaning of the given phrasal verbs
46. 'Call for'
(1) shout
(2) allow
(3) require
(4) give

Ans. (3)
Sol. The correct meaning of the given phrasal verb.
47. The company 'turned down' his application.
(1) rejected
(2) put on table
(3) accepted
(4) entered'

Ans. (1)
Sol. The correct meaning of the given phrasal verb.
48. The correct example of homophones is
(1) care - cure
(2) liar - layer
(3) except - accept
(4) gold - glad.

Ans. (3)
Sol. The only homophone from the given options.
49. A person who seeks to promote the welfare of others is
(1) atheist
(2) Philanthropist
(3) fatalist
(4) pessimist.

Ans. (2)
Sol. The correct one word for the given definition.
50. A poem consisting of fourteen iambic pentameter lines is.
(1) lyric
(2) balled
(3) ode
(4) sonnet

Ans. (4)
Sol. The correct one word for the given definition.

