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Question No: 1 (Marks: 1) - Please choose one

Identify the best answer which is not a synonym for the word 'relationship'.

► filiations

► nescience

► cognation

► homology

Question No: 2 (Marks: 1) - Please choose one

How vowel sounds are produced?

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► They are produced without any obstruction in the mouth.
► They are produced by combining two vowel sounds.
► They are produced with a complete or partial stoppage of breath.
► Both I & II

Question No: 3 (Marks: 1) - Please choose one

Pick the most suitable phrasal verb to complete the sentence given below.

If you're coming tonight, could you bring ..... some CDs

► on
► over
► **up**
► in

Question No: 4 (Marks: 1) - Please choose one

Complete the following sentence by choosing the correct option.

The lab technicians went through the titration process with _____ care.

- ► sedulous
- ► ribald
- ► vestigial
- ► mordant

Question No: 5 (Marks: 1) - Please choose one

Choose the best answer from the given options.

Mr. James cannot speak English _____ he can speak Mandarin very well.

- ► because
- ► but
- ► since
- ► while

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Question No: 6 (Marks: 1) - Please choose one

Choose the best answer from the given options.

We are required to sit for only one paper. We can sign up for _____ the Mechanics paper _____ the Statistics paper.

- ► either…and
- ► both…or
- ► either…or
- ► neither…nor

Question No: 7 (Marks: 1) - Please choose one

Complete the sentence by choosing the best option.

The children at the deaf-mute centre can _____ hear _____ speak.

► neither…and
► neither…nor
► either…and
► either…nor

Question No: 8 (Marks: 1) - Please choose one

Identify the correct sentence with properly placed commas.

► The problem with making decisions based upon emotion he argued is that sound reasoning, sometimes, gets lost in the process.
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Question No: 9 (Marks: 1) - Please choose one

What is true of the following sentence?

"Nevertheless crows flew."

► It is a compound sentence.
► It is a compound-complex sentence.
► It is a sentence fragment.
► It is a comma splice.

Question No: 10 (Marks: 1) - Please choose one

Fill in the blank with appropriate verb given below.

She ..... working on that manuscript for 2 years now.

► is
► has been
► had been
► will be

Question No: 11 (Marks: 1) - Please choose one

Fill in the blank with appropriate verb given below.

She ..... on trying to pass her driving test but fails every time.

► had kept
► is keeping
► keeps
► kept

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Question No: 12 (Marks: 1) - Please choose one

Fill in the blank with appropriate phrasal verb.

An eagle, if pressed for food, might ..... a small baby that had been left in the open unprotected, but such an opportunity must occur very rarely.

□□□□□□□► carry out
□□□□□□□► carry on with
□□□□□□□►carry off
□□□□□□□►carry through

Question No: 13 (Marks: 1) - Please choose one

Read the sentence and choose the appropriate option.

Bryan's friends dared him to jump off of the cliff into the awaiting lake below. But the intuitive boy ..... the danger because the lake looked shallower than usual.

□□□□□□□►□foresaw
□□□□□□□►□forced
□□□□□□□►□forsake
□□□□□□□►□forewent

Question No: 14 (Marks: 1) - Please choose one

Choose the correct option to complete the sentence.

A look of ..... came over Nancy's face when the verdict was announced. She now wants tomeet with lobbyists who work to change laws for the betterment of society.

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□□□□□□□►□disgust
□□□□□□□►□deform
□□□□□□□►□discussed
□□□□□□□►□disperse

Question No: 15 (Marks: 1) - Please choose one

Fill the gap by choosing the best answer.

America is ..... at the front of the race to become the world's most obese country.

□□□□□□□►□underling
□□□□□□□►□underbelly
□□□□□□□►□undecidedly
□□□□□□□►□undeniably

Question No: 16 (Marks: 1) - Please choose one

Read the sentence and choose the appropriate option.

All animals are born with innate or ..... qualities. As they grow, they pick up new skills from their environment.

□□□□□□□►□illicit
□□□□□□□►□immanent
□□□□□□□►□imminent
□□□□□□□►□eminent

Question No: 17 (Marks: 1) - Please choose one

Choose the phrasal verb most similar in meaning to: **Wear**
□□□□□□□►□Try on

□□□□□□□►□Fill out

□□□□□□□►□Have on

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□□□□□□□►□Turn on

Question No: 18 (Marks: 1) - Please choose one

Choose the correct word or phrase to complete the sentence.

Ever since he married Jane, he's had a new ____ on life.

► title
► rent
► lease

► loan

Question No: 19 (Marks: 1) - Please choose one

Identify the grammatical error in the following sentence.

"Our society's fascination with celebrities lives has resulted in recent stalking incidents."

► Subject-verb agreement error
► Punctuation error
► Pronoun-antecedent agreement error
► Apostrophe error

Question No: 20 (Marks: 1) - Please choose one

Identify the grammatical error in the following sentence.

"According to scientists, the withdrawal symptoms for caffeine are not as severe as other drugs."

► Faulty comparison
► Punctuation error
► Pronoun reference error
► Subject-verb agreement

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Question No: 21 (Marks: 2)

The sentence below contains a comma splice. Select the answer that corrects the comma splice without creating any new errors.

On the weekend Emily broke her ankle, she is in a great deal of pain.

a.) Because Emily broke her ankle on the weekend she is in great pain.
b.) On the weekend Emily broke her ankle, and now she is in a great deal of pain.

Question No: 22 (Marks: 2)

Turn fragment into complete sentence by using the methods you have learned.

as the actress finished reading her monologue

Question No: 23 (Marks: 2)

From the given sentences, select the one that is NOT a sentence fragment.

A) By the time Frances found out how expensive the wallpapering job would be.
B) After getting estimates from five contractors, she decided to do the work herself.
C) Before picking out an interesting wallpaper pattern that went well with her furniture.

Question No: 24 (Marks: 3)

Turn each fragment into complete sentence by using the methods you have learned.

1. the new idea created a buzz of excitement

for example, the public's interest in reality television

3. does that tree ever grow pinecones

Question No: 25 (Marks: 3)

Use semicolons or commas to revise each comma splice or fused sentence into a correct compound sentence.

1. The group released a new CD today however it will not be available for a month.
2. Two members of the Johnson family came to the picnic but neither of them stayed for the speeches.
3. Everyone has an accent but some accents are more recognizable than others.

Question No: 26 (Marks: 3)

Identify the sentences that are sentence fragments.

1. Many of his customers coming back three or four times over the summer.
2. His business been so busy that he has very little time for anything else.
3. By the time that everyone had quieted down, my favorite television show was over.

Question No: 27 (Marks: 5)

Read the paragraph and answer the question.

Tommy and John were hot and sweaty as they sat outside the principal's office. Dirt smeared both of their faces, and they could hear their teacher's voice as she gave Mr. Jones her account of what had happened. Tommy snared at John and John returned the angry glare. As Miss Brown left Mr. Jones' office, the boys hung their heads so they wouldn't have to look her in the eye.

What do you infer about the boys from the passage?

Question No: 28 (Marks: 5)

Revise each comma splice or fused sentence into a correct compound sentence with a coordinating conjunction and appropriate punctuation.

1. My sister has over two thousand old record albums, she has very little storage space left.

2. The sun is 93 million miles away it can still burn a person's skin badly.

3. My mother was born in Madrid; I had very little trouble learning Spanish.
4. The new oil painting is very colorful, it will look good with our bright furnishings.

5. Many people believe in the curative powers of this water they have felt relief after bathing in it.

Question No: 29 (Marks: 5)

Express your views on the given topic in paragraph form. It should comprise of 100-130 words.

The Pen is Mightier than the Sword.

Question No: 30 (Marks: 5)

Read the following passage carefully and summarize it avoiding repetition:

There is a fourth dimension to any garden that may often be overlooked. This is the dimension of fragrance, and although its appreciation is not new, it seems to have been cast aside to make room for texture, form and color. Fragrance is subjective, and opinions of it diverse, but it is unquestionable that the garden planted with scented flowers offers the added bonus of fragrance in addition to form and colour. It has been said that smell is the sense that is most memorable

and that none of the other senses is more subtle in its suggestions or more reminiscent of a certain time. The purpose of a flower's fragrance is thought to be very attractive for nectar-feeding insects.

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