

For items **1** to **5**, choose the **CORRECT SYNONYM** (word nearest in meaning) to replace the underlined word in each sentence.

1 The very wealthy man is the meanest person in the village.

- (a) tall
- (b) slim
- (c) rich
- (d) poor

2 We were taught to respect our elders at all times.

- (a) greet
- (b) help
- (c) teach
- (d) honour

3 Her comment was so absurd that we were all embarrassed.

- (a) insensitive
- (b) ridiculous
- (c) untrue
- (d) bold

4 Tigers and other wild cats are very ferocious.

- (a) timid
- (b) gentle
- (c) vicious
- (d) humane

5 Tony's words infuriated the teacher.

- (a) soothed
- (b) angered
- (c) shocked
- (d) frightened

For items **6** to **10**, choose the word which is **MOST OPPOSITE IN MEANING** to replace the underlined word in each sentence.

6 Whenever we visit his home he is always drunk.

- (a) busy
- (b) away
- (c) sober
- (d) asleep

7 The land on which they live is barren.

- (a) fertile
- (b) sandy
- (c) loose
- (d) hard

8 Based on John's performance, his employer decided to terminate his contract.

- (a) praise
- (b) abolish
- (c) confirm
- (d) renew

9 We are happy that this job is temporary.

- (a) easy
- (b) useful
- (c) complete
- (d) permanent

10 Are you going to preserve the environment?

- (a) endanger
- (b) dampen
- (c) neglect
- (d) affect

Items **11** to **16** are based on the poem below. Read the poem carefully and answer the questions that follow.

The Quarrel

I quarreled with my brother,
I don't know what about,
One thing led to another
And somehow we fell out.
The start of it was slight,
The end of it was strong,
He said he was right,
I knew he was wrong!
We hated one another.
The afternoon turned black.
Then suddenly my brother
Thumped me on the back,
And said, "Oh, come on!
We can't go on all night—
I was in the wrong."
So he was in the right.

Eleanor Farjeon

11 What is the poem about?

- (a) A thump on the back
- (b) Hatred in the family
- (c) A squabble between siblings
- (d) Right and wrong behaviour

12 Which pair of words shows contrast?

- (a) wrong and strong
- (b) right and slight
- (c) right and wrong
- (d) night and black

13 “We can’t go on all night” means

- (a) The night is long.
- (b) They were tired.
- (c) The fight must end.
- (d) It was getting too dark.

14 Which of the following words or phrase can best replace the word ‘hated’?

- (a) disagreed with
- (b) despised
- (c) ignored
- (d) fought

15 The line, “The start of it was slight, the end of it was strong”, suggests:

- (a) The siblings took the problem slightly but it grew serious.
- (b) The start was a verbal fight but in the end there was a physical fight.
- (c) The quarrel started because of something simple but it became very serious.
- (d) The parents said nothing in the beginning but they punished both children at the end.

16 Which lines of the poem indicate that the cause of the disagreement was not clear?

- (a) I was in the wrong so he was in the right
- (b) He said he was right I knew he was wrong
- (c) The start of it was slight the end of it was strong
- (d) I quarreled with my brother I don’t know what about

For items **17** to **19**, choose the **FIGURE OF SPEECH** which best describes each sentence.

17 She remarked that she felt as cold as ice when she walked into the classroom for the first time.

- (a) idiom
- (b) simile
- (c) metaphor
- (d) personification

18 The wind screamed dreadfully during the hurricane.

- (a) idiom
- (b) simile
- (c) metaphor
- (d) personification

19 I am not sure why my friend is giving me the cold shoulder.

- (a) idiom
- (b) simile
- (c) metaphor
- (d) personification

Read the following letter and answer the questions that follow.

10 Buttercup Lane,

Pembroke

SVG

15th Feb., 2012

Dear Tom,

a) Of course, I shall be happy to play. **b)** I love Carnival too much I find it hard to stay out of it. **c)** Thank you very much for your invitation to play in next year's Carnival. **d)** Please inform me of the latest plans. **e)** I am surely extremely delighted to take part in the celebration. **f)** I will tell Mama the news.

Yours sincerely,
Stephen.

20 The date should be written:

- (a) 15th February, '12
- (b) 15, February, 2012
- (c) 15th February, 2012
- (d) February, 15, 2012

21 The address should be written:

- (a) 10 Buttercup Lane,
Pembroke,
St. Vincent.
- (b) 10 Buttercup Lane,
Pembroke,
SVG.
- (c) 10 Buttercup Lane,
Pembroke,
St. Vincent.
- (d) 10 Buttercup Lane.
Pembroke.
St. Vincent.

22 Which is the **BEST** place for sentence *c*?

- (a) as it is now
- (b) after sentence *a*
- (c) after sentence *e*
- (d) as the first sentence of the letter

23 Which sentence is almost the same in meaning as sentence *e*?

- (a) sentence *a*
- (b) sentence *b*
- (c) sentence *c*
- (d) none of the sentences *a* to *f*

24 The **BEST** way to express sentence *b* is:

- (a) The sentence is acceptable as it is.
- (b) I love Carnival very much I find it hard to stay out of it.
- (c) I love Carnival so much that it is hard for me to be out of it.
- (d) My love for Carnival is so great that it is difficult for me to be a non-participant.

25 Which is the **BEST** place for sentence *d*?

- (a) as it is
- (b) as sentence *b*
- (c) after sentence *b*
- (d) as the last sentence of the letter.

For items **26** to **29**, **IDENTIFY THE PART OF SPEECH** that is underlined.

26 Patience is one of the fruits of the spirit.

- (a) Interjection
- (b) Adjective
- (c) Adverb
- (d) Noun

27 Brian walked lazily back to the classroom after the bell was rung.

- (a) Interjection
- (b) Adjective
- (c) Adverb
- (d) Noun

28 The proud mother boasted that her daughter had passed the Common Entrance Examination.

- (a) Interjection
- (b) Adjective
- (c) Adverb
- (d) Noun

29 Wow! Did he really do that?

- (a) Interjection
- (b) Adjective
- (c) Adverb
- (d) Noun

Items **30** to **34** are sentences. **IDENTIFY THE ERROR** in the sentences.

If there is no error, choose the letter (d).

- 30** Neither John nor Mary are going to the fair. No Error
 (a) (b) (c) (d)
- 31** The young man became violent after his vehicle was damaged. No Error
 (a) (b) (c) (d)
- 32** The police officer asked who's handbag it was at the scene of the crime. No Error
 (a) (b) (c) (d)
- 33** The youngest of all the brothers is the taller among them. No Error
 (a) (b) (c) (d)
- 34** The committee were slow in submitting a report. No error
 (a) (b) (c) (d)

Use the table below to answer items **35** to **38**.

On a chicken farm, the following data were recorded for the year 2012.

Months	Number of layers bought	Number of eggs sold (dozens)	Number of chicks hatched	Number of chicks died
January	80	40	320	80
February	0	36	400	30
March	0	42	500	28
April	40	46	550	25
May	20	50	350	45
June	20	60	300	150
July	0	56	200	20
August	0	58	250	150
September	35	10	550	82
October	0	34	450	28
November	20	52	360	20
December	0	50	680	300

35 For how many months were layers bought?

- (a) 2
- (b) 4
- (c) 6
- (d) 12

36 During which month was the **least** number of eggs sold?

- (a) June
- (b) October
- (c) February
- (d) September

37 In which one of the following periods of the year was the **least** number of layers bought?

- (a) April to June
- (b) January to March
- (c) July to September
- (d) October to December

38 Based upon the number of chicks that were hatched and the number that died, which month was the most productive?

- (a) April
- (b) March
- (c) December
- (d) September

For items **39** to **44**, choose the **BEST** word to complete each sentence.

39 This is a _____ situation.

- (a) hopefully
- (b) hopeless
- (c) hoping
- (d) hoped

40 The country suffered a great _____ after the earthquake.

- (a) loss
- (b) lost
- (c) loses
- (d) losing

41 Insects can be _____ especially if they feed on vegetables and fruits.

- (a) troublesome
- (b) troubling
- (c) troubles
- (d) troubled

42 We were all _____ surprised by the exam results.

- (a) pleasantly
- (b) pleasant
- (c) pleasure
- (d) please

43 This drain is too shallow; we need to _____ it.

- (a) deep
- (b) depth
- (c) deepen
- (d) deeply

44 He spoke so softly that his words were barely _____.

- (a) edible
- (b) legible
- (c) audible
- (d) intelligible

For items **45** to **47**, choose a word which can be used in place of the group of words that is underlined.

45 Roger is the person who receives the blame for everything done in his class.

- (a) rebel
- (b) mimic
- (c) imposter
- (d) scapegoat

46 Never mind Mr. James, he is a person who sneers at everything he sees.

- (a) critic
- (b) cynic
- (c) spinster
- (d) conscript

47 The man who writes articles for the newspaper came to speak to our class today.

- (a) journalist
- (b) biographer
- (c) writer
- (d) editor

For items **48** to **50**, choose the correct option in which the idea of the sentence is **BEST** expressed.

- 48**
- (a) Tell the others to walk more quicker.
 - (b) Tell the others to walk more quickly.
 - (c) Tell the others to walk more quick.
 - (d) Tell the others to walk quicker.

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- (a) Marcia had difficulty to control her anger.
- (b) Marcia had difficulty controlling her anger.
- (c) Marcia had difficulty to controlled her anger.
- (d) Marcia had difficulty about controlling her anger.

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- (a) My brother ask if I telephone him on Wednesday.
- (b) My brother asks if I telephone him on Wednesday.
- (c) My brother ask if I telephoned him on Wednesday.
- (d) My brother asked if I had telephoned him on Wednesday.