
TEST OF ENGLISH LANGUAGE

Directions (1-3): In each of the following sentences certain parts have been underlined and marked A, B and C. One of these underlined parts may contain an error or may not be acceptable in standard written communication. Mark that part as your answer. If there is no error in any of the parts, mark 'D' (No error) as your answer.

1. Most of the five-years plans of India have been
A B C
successful. No error
D
2. Harder you work, the better division you get.
A B C
No error
D
3. 'Meatless Days' have been made in to a film.
A B C
No error
D

Directions (4-6): In each problem below, either part or all of the sentence is underlined. The sentence is followed by different ways of writing the underlined part. Answer choice (a) repeats the original; the other answers vary. If you think that the original phrasing is best, choose (a). If you think one of the other answer choices is the best, select that option.

Note: This section tests the candidates ability to recognise correct and effective expression. Follow the requirements of standard written English: grammar, choice of words, and sentence construction. Choose the answer that gives the nearest, most exact sentence, but do not change the meaning of the original sentence.

4. Due to these reasons we are all in favour of universal compulsory education.
(a) Due to these reasons
(b) for these reasons
(c) by these reasons
(d) no improvement
5. When it was feared that the serfs may go too far to gain their freedom from serfdom, the Protestant leaders joined the princes at crushing them.
(a) at crushing (b) in crushing
(c) without crushing (d) no improvement
6. In India today many of our intellectuals still talk in terms of the French revolution and the Rights of Man, not appreciating that much has happened since then.
(a) much has happened
(b) much had happened
(c) much might happen
(d) no improvement
7. Evident
(a) clear (b) proof
(c) proved (d) witness (e) appeal

8. Prohibition
(a) forbidding (b) barrier
(c) teetotaller (d) cease (e) ban
9. Prosperity
(a) adversity (b) affluence
(c) wealth (d) scarcity (e) abundance
10. Irascible
(a) kind (b) friendly
(c) roguish (d) clever
11. Eternal
(a) permanent (b) perpetual
(c) transitory (d) active
12. Extrinsic
(a) reputable (b) inherent
(c) swift (d) ambitious

Directions (13-15): The given passage are followed by a set of questions. Choose the best answer for each of the question.

The Nobel Prizes, awarded annually for distinguished work in chemistry, physics, physiology or medicine, literature, and international peace, were made available by a fund bequeathed for that purpose by Swedish Philanthropist, Alfred Bernhard Nobel.

13. The Noble Prizes are awarded
(a) five times a year (b) twice a year
(c) once a year (d) once every two years
14. A Nobel Prize would NOT be given to
(a) an author who wrote a novel
(b) a doctor who discovered a vaccine
(c) a composer who wrote a symphony
(d) a diplomat who negotiated a peace settlement
15. Alfred Bernhard Nobel
(a) left money in his will to establish a fund for the prizes
(b) won the first Nobel Prize for his work in philanthropy
(c) is now living a Sweden
(d) serves as chairman of the committee to choose the recipients of the prizes

Passage (16-22)

- Humayun, at this stage too, wanted to
16. (a) make (b) surrender
(c) avoid (d) reason
a pitched battle with Sher Khan. He

17. (a) guessed (b) challenged
(c) maintained (d) agreed
to return the fort of Chunar, if Sher Khan
18. (a) surrendered (b) refused
(c) asked (d) seized
all the booty secured from Bengal and also
19. (a) keep (b) stay
(c) handed (d) immense
over the forts of Gaur and Rohtas. Sher Khan, fully
20. (a) remain (b) aware
(c) wealthy (d) relaxed
of his strength, put forward a counter-proposal. He
21. (a) expressed (b) make
(c) stop (d) remain
his concurrence with the proposal to surrender the province of Bihar,
22. (a) that (b) as
(c) this (d) so
long as he could be

Directions (23-25): Each blank in the following sentences indicates that something has been omitted. Consider the lettered words beneath the sentence and choose the word or set of words that best fits the whole sentence.

23. Only the honest person _____ first stone.
(a) Can hit the (b) Can throw the
(c) Can cast the (d) Can catch the
24. My finger is still _____ where is caught it in the door yesterday.
(a) bruised (b) injured
(c) sore (d) wounded
25. He had to repent _____ he had done.
(a) at (b) for
(c) cover (d) of

ANSWER KEYS

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|--------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| 1. (b) | 6. (a) | 11. (b) | 16. (c) | 21. (a) |
| 2. (a) | 7. (a) | 12. (b) | 17. (d) | 22. (d) |
| 3. (b) | 8. (a) | 13. (c) | 18. (a) | 23. (b) |
| 4. (b) | 9. (b) | 14. (c) | 19. (c) | 24. (c) |
| 5. (b) | 10. (a) | 15. (a) | 20. (b) | 25. (b) |

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