### Synonyms

### Word abandon

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discard, vacate

agree, grant

difficulty.

agreeable,

favourable

disdainful.

imperious

confound.

appalling,

detestable

add, enlarge

ignore, shun

graceless, inept

confuse, deceive

common, plain

desolate, sterile

deceive, fool

predisposition

combine, mix

happiness, joy

daring, fearless

annoy, irritate

concise, short

fast, swift

allot, plan

clever, intelligent

honest, truthful

cartoon, imitation

informal, natural

· classification.

division

desist, stop

boast, feign

award, gift .

inclination.

acrid, sour

criticise, disapprove

overwhelm

misfortune

plentiful, rich

annoy, infuriate

lighten, mitigate

distress, sorrow

dispirited, lifeless

- accord adversity
- affluent aggravate alleviate

amenable

- anguish
- apathetic arrogant
- astonish
- atrocious
- augment avoid
- awkward
- baffle banal
- barren
- berate
- betrav bias
- bitter
- blend
- bliss bluff
- bold bonus
- bother
- brief
- brilliant
- brisk budget
- candid
- caricature
- casual
- category
- cease
- chaotic
- disordered, messy cherish esteem, love circumvent avoid, go around commemorate celebrate, honour

#### Word

- competent
- competent
- conceive
- confirmation
- contradict
- contribution
- courteous
  - craving
- credulous
- damp
- dare

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- decay
- decent dense
- designate
- detain ٠
- disclose
- dogma
- ٠ durable
- dwindle
- eager •
- eccentric •
  - elaborate
- emanate
- embezzle
- eminent

#### encourage

- endure
- essential essential
- estimate •
- evaluate
- exhaust.
- ٠ exhilarated
- ٠ explicit
- fastidious
- federation
- feeble •
- ٠ fervor feud ٠
- filth

#### Synonyms

balance. recompense able, capable design, plan acknowledgment, proof deny, oppose

donation, grant polite. will-mannered

desire, longing confident, trustful moist, wet

challenge, defy decline, rot

honorable, pure

filled, packed

name, select

hold, keep announce, reveal

belief, view

constant, lasting abate, diminish

earnest, keen abnormal.

idiosyncratic

embellish, enhance

arise, radiate

purloin, steal

distinguished. prominent

foster, induce

last, persist

cultured, learned

basic, necessary

guess, predict

appraise, judge

deplete, empty

cheerful, zestful

definite, specific

exacting, particular alliance, band

helpless, infirm

intensity, passion

argument, dispute

dirt, squalor

#### Word

- flatter
- fleet
- frivolous
- frugal furious
- genuine generous
- glare ٠ gloomy
- goad
- grasp
- greed
- guarantee guile
- gullible
- habitual
- handicap
- harass
- harmless
- harsh
- hastv
- haughty
- humiliate •
- ٠ hygiene
- hypocrisy
- ideal
- idle
- ignorant
- illogical
- illustrious
- imitate
- immense
- impartial impatient
- implicate
- importune inadvertent
  - indifferent

#### Svnonyms

compliment, praise nimble, swift inconsequential. trivial prudent, saving angry, outraged actual, real benevolent. unselfish gleam, glisten cheerless, dim provoke, badger grab, hold avarice, longing assure, pledge cunning, deceit credulous. unsuspicious accustomed, regular disability. disadvantage annoy, disturb innocuous. inoffensive hard, coarse abrupt, hurried arrogant, pretentious humble, shame cleanliness. sanitation duplicity, falseness goal, perfection lazy, unoccupied stupid, unintelligent incongruent, rambling eminent, famous copy, reflect huge, mammoth candid, impersonal anxious, eager accuse, insinuate beg, solicit accidental.

unintentional

disinterested

apathetic,

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# **Usage (Sentence Completion)**

| Direction : Fill in the blanks with appropriate prepositions (choosing only one) from the four alternatives given below each sentence : |  |     | Seema's marriageRajesh was tumultous: (a) to (b) with (c) between (d) of     | 24.   | Sonia kept on talking loudly obliviousthe fact that it was the college library and not the students' common room: |
|---|--|-----|--|-------|---|
| 1.  | Baggage can be insuredloss or accident during travel :  (a) against (b) with | 13. | After the advice of his father, he was reconciledhis wife:                   | 25.   | (a) with (b) about (c) for (d) of His path was beset  |
| 2.  | (c) along (d) for  My mother gets up everyday                                | 14. | (a) to (b) with (c) by (d) in  I have resigned myself my fate:               | 5     | (a) with (b) within (c) among (d) by  |
|   | 4 O'clock: (a) on (b) at (c) from (d) upon                                   | 15. | (a) at (b) with (c) on (d) to What do you make                               | 26.   | The train is runing time:  (a) besides (b) between  (c) behind (d) by   |
|   | He was strucklightning:  | 16  | all this? (a) with (b) of (c) by (d) for You should start at dawn to reach   | :     | Here is the book that you asked   |
|   | (a) by (b) with (c) at (d) from He plays circkethockey:                      |     | the station time : (a) upon (b) by   |       | (a) to (b) after (c) for (d) from  There is an exception  |
|   | (a) beside (b) within (c) after (d) besides                                  | 17. | (c) in (d) into Seventy members voted favour of the resolution:              | 29.   | every rule: (a) for (b) from (c) to (d) in He cut his finger a knife:   |
| -   | I am tiredwriting to him: (a) with (b) of                                    | 18. | (a) in (b) to (c) for (d) from<br>The art exhibition is to be officially     |       | (a) with (b) by (c) from (d) into   |
|   | (c) by (d) from Shylock was devoid   |     | opened   | 30.   | The parents are usually not satisfied the performance of their children:  |
| i.  | pity: (a) of (b) with (c) in (d) to  | 19. | (c) from; on (d) on; from  Last year his mother died                         |       | (a) to (b) with (c) over (d) about  |
| •   | All the members of my family go to Church every Sunday the morning, usually  |     | typhoid the Christmas eve:  (a) of; on (b) on; of                            | follo | eral Instructions : Fill in the blanks in the wing sentences from the given alternatives.                         |
|   | (a) on; in; at (b) in; on; at (c) on; at; in (d) at; in; on                  | 20. | (c) from; at (d) at; of He died from want                                    | 31.   | You should make serious efforts to improve your French.  (a) on (b) upon  |
| •   | Good citizens always abidethe law:   | Ø   | medical aid: (a) with (b) against (c) by (d) of                              | 32.   | (c) at (d) no word I upbraid my nephewhis   |
| • 1   | (a) with (b) of (c) by (d) for He has been afflicted                         | 21. | (c) by (d) of He apologized his misbehaviour:                                |       | laziness. (a) for (b) at  |
|   | rheumatism and has almost been confined bed last two months :                |     | (a) for (b) to (c) about (d) on  | 33.   | (c) with (d) through As we were examining the weapons used in middle ages with                                    |
|   | (a) with; to; for (b) with; in; for (c) for; on; for (d) with; for; to       | 22. | The postscript the letter says that he will be on leave from tomorrow:       |       | the help of an expert, two unknown persons joined   |
| <b>J.</b>   | They listened the music: (a) to (b) at (c) from(d) with                      |     | (a) of (b) to (c) in (d) through   |       | themselves to our group.  (a) with (b) to  (c) on (d) no word   |
| ۱.  | Perseverance is the keysuccess:  | 23. | There is a disturbing nexuspolitics and sports in India:  (a) among (b) with | 34.   | The councillor's suggestion was instinct original ideas.  |
|   | (a) of (b) about (c) to (d) with   |     | (c) by (d) between   |       | (a) by (b) in (c) at (d) with   |

our health.

(b) by

(d) to

(a) for

(c) of

empty stomach in summer.

(a) with

(c) at

(b) on

(d) not word

some

you will come to grief.

(b) away

(d) in

(a) at

(c) with

| 100   |  |               |                             |                  |        |       | 00                        |                     |                  |
|-------|--|---------------|-----------------------------|------------------|--------|-------|---------------------------|---------------------|------------------|
| 0.7.0 | The weak persons are prone contracting diseases.   |               | (c) in, on                  | (d) on, in       |        | 91.   | His so-called frie        | nds inveigl         | ed him           |
| 1     | Characteristics and the second of the second | 81.           | The soldier succ            | cumbed           |        |       | drinkir                   | ng.                 |                  |
| 1.4   | (a) by   |               | bullet injuries.            |                  | -      |       | (a) to                    | (b) in<br>(d) no wo | rd               |
| 10    | (c) at (d) to  |               | (a) with (b) to             |                  |        | 02    | (c) into The two contesta |                     |                  |
| 7     | (c) at (c) to (c) to (c) at (c) to (c) at (c) to (c) at (c | 82.           | The difference of           |                  | , ,    | 92.   | each other for th         |                     |                  |
| •     | (b) with   |               | led to a ruptu friend.      |                  | my     |       | (a) with                  | (b) for             |                  |
|       | (a) to (d) for   |               | (n) to (h) in               | (c) with (d) fo  | or ¦   |       | (c) to                    | (d) no wo           | rd               |
|       | (c) as oblivious my  | 83.           | I don't want t              | to get embro     | iled   | 93.   | The hunter mi             | s-aimed a           | nd the           |
| 7     | surroundings.  |               | your q                      | uarrels.         |        | X     | arrow went wi             |                     |                  |
|       | (a) to (b) or  |               | (a) with (b) in             | (c) into (d) fo  | or_    | V     | target.                   |                     |                  |
|       | (a) with (d) by  | 84.           | After the accid             | dent, the do     | ctor   |       | (a) off                   | (b) of              | 12 10            |
| 7/    | . He demurred going to !   |               | swathed his l               | leg              | . a    |       | (c) from                  | (d) no wo           | ord              |
| ′     | the factory on nondays.  |               | bandage.                    |                  | 7      | 94.   | A responsible             |                     |                  |
|       | (a) for (b) at   |               | (a) by (b) with             |                  | _      |       | the gr                    | -                   |                  |
|       | (c) in (d) by  | 85.           |                             |                  |        |       | (a) of (b) to             |                     |                  |
| 75    | Don't talk so loudly, he is very keen  |               | determination to            |                  |        | 95.   |                           | on, pond            | s teem           |
|       | hearing and has already  |               | he came to know<br>his way. | v of the dange   | ти     |       | fish.                     | (a) for (           | d) with          |
|       | understood what you say.   |               | (a) at (b) for              | (c) with (d) it  | n .    | -00   | (a) by (b) in             |                     |                  |
|       | (a) of (a) at (c) with (d) none of these   | 96            | The U.N. passed             |                  |        | 96.   | When the old stopped wall |                     |                  |
|       | ( )  | 00.           | aplying econ                |                  |        |       | recumbent                 |                     |                  |
| 76.   | The Development Authority has  |               | South                       |                  | .00    |       | (a) in                    | (b) with            |                  |
|       | approved the plan for the construction of houses in this   |               |                             | (b) at           |        |       | (c) against               |                     |                  |
|       | area.  |               | (c) against                 | (d) on           |        | 97.   |                           |                     | indicted         |
|       | (a) of (b) off   | 87.           | We look before a            | and after        |        | . 37. | rebel                     |                     | maicica          |
|       | (c) with (d) no word   |               | And pine                    |                  | t!'    | ,     | (a) with                  | (b) of              |                  |
| 7.    | When I was abroad I yearned  |               | (a) at (b) with             |                  |        | 9.    | (c) no word               | (d) at              |                  |
| •     | the country.   | 88.           | The Britishers'             | apathy           |        | 98.   | She had qua               | lified              | a                |
|       | (a) to (b) of  |               |                             | rodden arou      |        |       | doctor before s           |                     |                  |
|       | (c) for (d) with   |               | resentment amou             |                  | •      |       | (a) for                   | (b) as              |                  |
| 8.    | A master is liable the   |               | (a) to                      | (b) for          |        |       | (c) with                  | (d) hers            | elf as           |
|       | misdeeds done by his servant.  |               | (c) towards                 | (d) with         |        | 99.   | John was given            | an extens           | ion for six      |
|       | (a) to (b) for   |               | The commercial              |                  |        |       | months                    | virtu               | e of his         |
| _     | (c) by (d) with  |               | zealous                     | . the success of | f his. |       | meritorious ser           |                     |                  |
| 9.    | Water is necessary life.   |               | scheme.                     | (-)              |        |       | (a) for (b) by            | (c) in              | (d) at           |
|       | (a) to (b) for   | 0             | (a) of (b) for              |                  |        | 100   | . We went to Hy           |                     |                  |
| _     | (c) about (d) no word  |               | The Indian farme            |                  |        |       | holiday and en            |                     | selves.          |
| U.    | If you overspend food,   | 7 4           | the mercy of rain (a) on    | (b) at           |        |       | (a) at                    | (b) for             | 1.7              |
|       | you must save clothes. (a) in, in (b) on, on   |               | (c) for                     | (d) with         |        | <br>  | (c) no word               | (d) in              |                  |
|       | (a) in, in (b) on, on <b>ANSWERS</b>   |               | (5) 101                     | (a) with         |        | ١,    |                           | 4.                  |                  |
| •     |  |               |                             | -                |        |       |                           |                     | · . · · · ·      |
| 177   |  | <b>4.</b> (d) | <b>5.</b> (b)               | 6. (a)           | 7.     | (a)   | 8. (c)                    | 9. (a)              | 10. (a)          |
| 11.   | (c) 12. (b) 13. (b) 14   | <b>4.</b> (d) | <b>15.</b> (b)              | <b>16.</b> (c)   | 17.    | (a)   | 18. (a)                   | 19. (a)             | <b>20</b> . (d)  |
| 1.    | (a) 22. (b) 23. (d) 24   | <b>4.</b> (d) |                             | <b>26.</b> (c)   | 27.    |       | 28. (c)                   | 29. (a)             | <b>30</b> . (b)  |
|       | 4.0  | 4. (d)        |                             | 36. (c)          |        |       |                           |                     |                  |
|       | 41   |               |                             |                  |        | (a)   | <b>38.</b> (b)            | 39. (b)             | <b>40.</b> (b)   |
|       |  | 4. (a)        | ` '                         | <b>46.</b> (d)   | 47.    |       | <b>48</b> . (d)           | <b>49.</b> (c)      | <b>50.</b> (d)   |
| 100   | 40.  | <b>4.</b> (b) | ` '                         | <b>56</b> . (c)  | 57.    | (c)   | <b>58.</b> (b)            | <b>59</b> . (a)     | <b>60.</b> (c)   |
|       |  | <b>4.</b> (d) | <b>65.</b> (c)              | <b>66</b> . (d)  | 67.    | (b)   | <b>68.</b> (b)            | <b>69.</b> (d)      | <b>70.</b> (b)   |
|       | (d) 72. (a) 73. (b) 74   | 4. (b)        |                             | 76. (a)          |        | (c)   | <b>78.</b> (b)            | 79. (a)             | <b>80.</b> (b)   |
| 1.    | // \   | 4. (c)        | <b>85</b> . (d)             | 86. (c)          |        | (c)   | 88. (c)                   | <b>89.</b> (b)      | <b>90</b> . (b)  |
|       | 4.5  | 4. (a)        |                             |                  |        |       |                           |                     | <b>100</b> . (b) |
|       | · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·  | ₹. (a)        | <b>95</b> . (d)             | <b>96.</b> (c)   | 97.    | (p)   | <b>98.</b> (b)            | <b>99</b> . (c)     | 100. (D)         |
|       |  |               |                             |                  |        |       |                           |                     | _                |

11. (a)

21. (d)

**12.** (d)

**22.** (b)

13. (c)

23. (c)

## **Preposition**

| 1. Perseverance is key success.                             | (a) to (b) after                                 | !           | (c) by (d) from                   |
|---|--|-------------|-----------------------------------|
| (a) of (b) about  | (c) for (d) from                                 | 21.         | He plays cricket hockey.          |
| (c) to (d) with   | 11. He was struck lightning.                     |             | (a) beside (b) within             |
| 2. They listened the music.                                 | (a) by (b) with (c) at (d) from                  | i           | (c) after (d) besides             |
| (a) to (b) at   | 12. I have resigned myself my                    | 22.         | What do you make all this         |
| (c) from (d) with   | fate.  |             | (a) with (b) of                   |
| 3. He has been afflicted                                    | (a) at (b) with                                  |             | (c) by (d) for                    |
| rheumatism and has almost been                              | (c) on (d) to                                    | 23.         |                                   |
| confined bed last two                                       | i i iii iiic iiiciiiiii i iiii iiiciiiii         | 25.         | (a) besides (b) between           |
| months.   | time and so I have a glance                      |             | (c) behind (d) by                 |
| (a) with; to; for   | the newspaper headlines.                         | 0.4         | His path was beset                |
| (b) with; on; for<br>(c) for; on; for                       | (a) at; of (b) of; of                            | 24.         | difficulties.                     |
| (d) with; for; to   | (c) of; at (d) of; about                         |             | (a) with (b) within               |
|   | 14. The postscript the letter says               |             | (c) among (d) by                  |
| <ol> <li>Good citizens always abide<br/>the law.</li> </ol> | that he will be on leave from                    | 25          | The parents are usually r         |
| (a) with (b) of   | tomorrow. (a) of (b) to                          | 20.         | satisfied the performance         |
| (c) by (d) for  | (c) in (d) through                               |             | their children.                   |
| 6. All the members of my family go to                       |  |             | (a) to (b) with                   |
| Church every Sunday   |  |             | (c) over (d) about                |
| the morning, usually 9 O'                                   |  | 26.         | My mother is an ardent devot      |
| clock.  | (c) about (d) in                                 |             | Lord Shiva.                       |
| (a) on; in; at  | 16. He died from want medical                    |             | (a) of (b) to                     |
| (b) in; on; at  | aid.   |             | (c) for (d) about                 |
| (c) on; at; in (d) at; in; on                               | (a) with (b) against                             | <b>27</b> . | I shall be able to finish this wo |
| Shylock was devoid pity.                                    | (c) by (d) of .                                  |             | latest next Monday.               |
| (a) of (b) with   | 17. Last year his mother died                    |             | (a) in (b) by · ·                 |
| (c) in (d) to   | typhoid the Christmas eve.                       |             | (c) within (d) during             |
| Ninety members voted favour                                 | (a) of; on (b) on; of                            | 28.         | Good health is necessary          |
| of the resolution.  | (c) from; at (d) at; of                          | • ',        | longevity.                        |
| (a) in (b) to (c) for (d) from  There is an exception every | 18. The art exhibition is to be officially       |             | (a) for (b) to                    |
| There is an exception every rule.                           | opened Wednesday 2                               | . ,         | (c) in (d) about                  |
| (a) for (b) from  | p.m. (a) on; at (b) at: on                       | 29.         | or or or or men mapae             |
| (c) to . (d) in   | (a) on; at (b) at; on (c) from; on (d) on; from  |             | hopes of bright future.           |
| You should start at dawn to reach                           |  |             | (a) to (b) with                   |
| the station time.   | 19. He cut his finger a knife.  (a) with  (b) by |             | (c) of (d) for                    |
| (a) upon , (b) by   |  | <b>30</b> . | He was deprived his ancestr       |
| (c) in (d) into   |  |             | property.                         |
| O. There is the book that you asked                         | 20. I am tired writing to him.                   |             | (a) about (b) of                  |
|   | (a) with (b) of                                  |             | (c) for (d) with                  |
| ANSWERS   |  |             | ta i 🔩 jeri i garin               |
|   |  |             |                                   |
| . (c) 2. (a) 3. (a)   | 4. (c) 5. (a) 6. (c) 7. (a                       | )           | 8. (c) 9. (c) 10. (d              |

**16**. (d)

**26.** (a)

7. (a)

17. (a)

27. (b)

8. (c)

18. (a)

**28.** (b)

**10.** (c)

20. (b)

**30.** (b)

**9.** (c)

19. (a)

**29.** (b)

15. (a)

**25.** (d)

14. (b)

24. (a)

- The life story of a man written by -Autobiography himself.
- Life story of a man written by others.
  - -Biography Government by the officials.
- -Bureaucracy
- The science which treats with life. —Biology
- One who has narrow prejudiced religious views. —Bigot
- A member of the middle class. —Bourgeois
- people working together in the same office or department.
  - -Colleagues
- Belonging or pertaining to an individual from birth. -Congenital
- Men living in the same age.
  - -Contemporaries
- One who can make himself at home in all countriesCosmopolitan
- A person who believes easily whatever he is told. -Credulous
- Government by the people.
- -Democracy To go down in value. —Depreciate
- To take away someone's right to -Disenfranchisement
- To give one's authority to another. · -Delegate
- A game or battle in which neither party wins. -Drawn/Tie
- A thing that is fit to be eaten.
- —Edible
- Study of environment. —Ecology One who thinks only for oneself, a person who is selfish, self absorbed and self centered. -Egoist/Egoist
- One who qualifies for election.
- -Eligible To explain something mysterious or difficult. -Elucidate
- To lay special stress on. Emphasize
- Inscription on a tombstone.
  - -Epitaph
- A state of perfect balance.
- -Equilibrium To root out an evil, disease.
- -Eradicate A speech delivered without any previous preparation.
- Extempore or Impromptu Misappropriation of money.
- -Embezzlement A man who has too much enthusiasm for his own religion.

- —Fanatic An exact copy. -Facsimile
- One who is not easily pleased.
- –Fastidious A medicine that kills germs.
- -Germicide
- Assembly or parliament in which no party has got clear majority.

  - Work for which no salary is paid. —Honorary
- One who feels sympathetic towards human beings
  - -Humanitarian
- That which cannot be read.
- -Illegible That is prohibited by law. \_\_Illicit
- One who cannot read or write.
- A sound that cannot be heard. —Inaudible
- A statement which cannot be understood. -Incomprehensible
- One who cannot be corrected.
  - -Incorrigible
- That which cannot be explained. —Inexplicable
  - A remedy which never fails.
    - -Infallible
- A person who remains unmoved and unaffected by other people's opinions, arguments suggestions. .—Impervious
- A Government by the few.
  - -Oligarchy
- A Government by the Nobles.
  - -Aristocracy
- A Government by one. —Autocracy
- Rule by the mob. -Mobocracy
- That through which light can pass. -Transparent
- That through which light cannot -Орадие
- That through which light can partly -Translucent
- A sentence whose meaning is unclear. -Ambiguous
- A place where orphans live.
  - —Orphanage
- That which cannot be described.
  - -Indescribable
- That which cannot be imitated.
  - -Inimitable
- That which cannot be avoided.
  - -Inevitable

- A position for which no salary is paid. -Honorary
- That which cannot be defended. —Indefensible
- Practice of having several wives.
  - -Polygamy **Practice** having of several husbands.
- -Polyandry Practice of having one wife or
- husband. -Monogamy Practice of having two wives or
- husbands. -Bigamy
- That which is not likely happen.
  - —Improbable
- People living at the same time.
  - -Contemporaries
- A book published after the death of its author. -Posthumous
- A book written by a unknown author. —Anonymous
- A life history written by oneself.
  - -Autobiography
- A life history written by somebody else. -Biography
- People who work together.
  - —Colleagues
- One who eats too much. -Glutton
- That which cannot be satisfied.
  - —Insatiable
- One who questions everything.
  - -Cynic
- A flesh eating animal.
  - -Carnivorous
- A grass eating animal.
  - –Herbivorous One who lives in a foreign country.
  - -Immigrant
- To transfer one's authority to another. -Delegate
- One who is a newcomer.
  - ·-Neophyte That which is lawful. —Legal
- That which is against law. -Illegal
- One who is unmarried. -Celibate
- A game in which on one wins.
- -Draw A study of man. -Anthropology
- -Ethnology A study of races.
- A study of the body. -Physiology
- -Zoology A study of animals. —Ornithology A study of birds.
- A study of ancient things.
  - -Archaeology

+ Directions: Given below are Proverbs which are given with blank spaces. You should choose the correct word out of the four responses to complete the proverb.

- 1. An empty vessel ..... much:
  - (a) sounds (b) weighs (c) sells
  - (d) costs
- 2. A little knowledge is a .... thing.
  - (a) good (b) nice (c) ugly
- (d) dangerous 3. A burnt child dreads the ......
- (a) water (b) cloud
  - (c) thing (d) fire
- 4. A bad workman quarrels with his
  - (a) tools
- (b) brush
- (c) guns
- (d) weapons
- 5. Barking dogs ..... bite.
  - (a) regularly
    - (b) rarely (d) frequently
- (c) seldom As you ...... so shall you reap. 6.
- (a) fill
- (b) empty
- (c) take
- (d) sow
- 7. It is hard to live in Rome and .....with the Pope.
  - (a) love
- (b) hate
- (c) fight
- (d) live
- Out of the frying pan into the ...... 8.
  - (a) house
- (b) water
- (c) building (d) fire Nearer the church farther from ..... 9.
  - (a) Pope (c) Nun
- (b) Bishop (d) heaven
- 10. History repeats ......
  - (a) geography (b) economy
  - (c) itself
- (d) life
- 11. Familiarity breeds ......
  - (a) liking
- (b) contempt
- (c) love

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- (d) enmity

- 12. Better be alone than in company.
  - (a) bad
- (b) good
- (c) foolish
- (d) intelligent
- 13. A ..... day's wonder.
  - (a) five
- (b) six
- (c) seven
- (d) nine
- 14. All's well that ..... well. (b) ends (a) begins
  - (c) leaves
- (d) finishes
- 15. A figure among ......
  - (b) flowers (a) ciphers
  - (c) books
- (d) animals
- 16. A bird in hand is worth two in the
  - (a) zoo
- (b) house
- (c) bush
- (d) church
- 17. Birds of a floak together.
  - (a) colour
- (b) group (d) species
- (c) feature 18. A ..... in lamb's clothing.
- (a) lion (b) wolf
  - (c) child
- (d) monkey
- **19.** At the ..... so the subjects.
  - (a) minister
- (b) kingdom
- (c) king
- (d) judge
- 20: Where there is a will there is a ......
  - (a) way (c) money
- (b) bank
- (d) robber `
- 21. Practice makes a man ...... (a) imperfect (b) dull
- (c) perfect (d) handsome
- 22. Hope for the best and be prepared for that ...... (a) best
- (b) worst
- (c) next
- (d) same
- 23. High winds blow on ...... hills. (a) low (b) old
- (c) young
- (d) high

- 24. Cleanliness is next to ..... (a) hell (b) heaven (c) animal (d) goldliness
- 25. Beneath every rose lies the ......
  - (a) honey (c) gardener
- (b) thorn (d) soil
- 26. Union is ......
  - (a) weakness
    - (b) strength (d) bad
  - (c) enemy
- 27. To make a ...... of a mole hill.
  - (a) sea
  - (b) mountain
  - (c) building
  - (d) house
- 28. Make hav while the ..... shines
  - (a) moon
- (b) star
- (d) bulb (c) sun 29. Prevention is better than ......
  - (a) destruction (b) medicine
- (c) cure (d) death **30.** Knowledge is ......
  - (a) health
- (b) ignorance
- (c) foolish
- (d) power
- **31.** A .... apple injures its companions. (b) tasty
  - (a) good (c) fresh
    - (d) rotten
- There is many a slip betwikt the cup and the ......
  - (a) lip
    - (b) mouth
- (c) hand (d) arm 33. It takes two to make a .......
  - (a) marriage (b) quarrel
- (d) house (c) boat 34. Half a loaf is better than no ......
  - (b) water (a) meat (c) milk (d) bread
- 35. Example is better than ...... (b) theory (a) precept

## **Spotting the Errors**

Direction: Read each sentence to find out whether there is any grammatical or idiomatic error, if any, will be in one part of the sentence. The number of that part is the answer. If there is no error, the answer is (d). (Ignore errors of punctuation, if any).

- 1. The trust has succeeded (a)/admirably in raising (b)/money for its future programmes. (c)/No error. (d)
- 2. The demand of the workers' (a)/union that the dismissed (b)/employee to be reinstated, has been accepted bv the management. (c)/No error. (d)
- 3. He told the policemen (a)/that he would rather (b)/starve to stealing to get what he has been aspiring for. (c)/No error. (d)
- 4. The person who (a)/they are referring (b)/to is none other than my close friend. (c)/No error. (d)
- The technician reminded (a)/them 5. to have a (b)/thoroughly cleaning of the machine after each use. (c)/No error. (d)
- One should make (a)/his best 6. efforts if (b)/one wishes to achieve success in this organisation. (c)/No error. (d)
- Out Housing Society comprises of 7. (a)/eight blocks and (b)/forty eight flats in an area of about thousand square meters. (c)/No error. (d)
- The officer along with (a)/his 8. family members was (b)/invited at the reception party organised by his employer. (c)/No error. (d)
- On hearing from you (a)/I will 9. come not only (b)/to the airport but will also help you in customs clearance. (c)/No error. (d)

- 10. Had the train services been normal. (a)/I would have reached the scheduled time. (c)/No error.
- 11. Honesty, integrity and being intelligent (a)/ are the qualities which (b)/we look for when we interview applicants. (c)/No error.
- 12. The principal of equal justice (a)/for all is one of (b)/the cornerstones of our democratic way of life. (c)/No error. (d)
- 13. In spite of the workload yesterday (a)/Nitin manages to pay (b)/it cool and continued with his work as usual. (c)/No error. (d)
- 14. Mahesh was kind enough (a)/to inform us about the (b)/conspiracy but declined to name the person behind it. (c)/No error. (d)
- 15. The village told (a)/us where was the (b)/ temple and even led us to the spot. (c)/No error. (d)
- 16. Having deprived from their (a)/homes in the recent earthquake, (b)/they had no other option but to take shelter in a school. (c)/No error. (d)
- Sharad was entrusted with (a)/the task of coordinating vesterday's programme, (b)/but due to certain difficulties he does not do it. (c)/No error. (d)
- 18. As soon as I will (a)/reach Patna, I will (b)/ send you the books you have asked for. (c)/ No error. (d)
- 19. I have been (a)/working for this (b) / organisation for the last ten years. (c)/No error. (d)
- 20. Having his breakfast finish, (a)/he rushed quickly (b)/to the station to

- receive the honourable guests (c)/No error. (d)
- (b)/the place quite well ahead of 21. The Government decided to (a)/write of the debts (b)/of the farmers who were below the poverty line. (c)/No error. (d)
  - 22. Bashub was trying to pass (a)/through the gap on (b)/the fence when he tore his shirt. (c)/ No error. (d)
  - 23. Simplest solution (a)/than this expensive (b)/ method which you are suggesting should be found out. (c)/No error. (d)
  - 24. Neither of the plans (a)/suits him and therefore (b)/he decided not to go out yesterday. (c)/No error. (d)
  - 25. Foolishly Madhu threw (a)/some water on the electric heater (b)/when it catches fire and she got a shock. (c)/No error. (d)
  - **26.** By arresting the local criminals (a)/and encouraging good people, (b)/we can end hostilities of that area. (c)/No error. (d)
  - 27. customer scarcely The (a)/enough money to pay (b)/to the cashier at the cash counter. (c)/No error. (d)
  - 28. Not one of the children (a)/has ever sang (b)/ on any occasion in public before. (c)/No error. (d)
  - 29. In petrol. order tα save (a)/motorists must have to (b)/be very cautious while driving along the highways. (c)/No error. (d)
  - The book was so (a)/advanced that even (b)/ graduates in the discipline found it difficult. (c)/No error. (d)

### ☐ ANSWERS

| 1. (d)         | 2. (c)          | 3. (c)         | <b>4.</b> (d)   | <b>5.</b> (c)  | <b>6.</b> (b)  | 7. (a)         | 8. (c)         | <b>9.</b> (b)   | <b>10.</b> (c) |
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| 11. (a)        | <b>12.</b> (a)  | <b>13.</b> (b) | <b>14.</b> (b)  | <b>15.</b> (b) | <b>16.</b> (a) | 17. (c)        | 18. (a)        | <b>19.</b> (d)  | 20. (a)        |
| <b>21.</b> (b) | <b>22</b> . (b) | <b>23.</b> (a) | <b>24</b> . (b) | <b>25.</b> (c) | <b>26.</b> (c) | <b>27.</b> (b) | <b>28.</b> (b) | <b>29</b> . (b) | <b>30.</b> (c) |