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**CLASS – IX
SUBJECT – ENGLISH**

1. Improve the sentence given below by changing its underlined portion. I don't understand that how you think of going to Kashmir in winter.

- A) that how do you think
- B) how you think
- C) that how you thought
- D) how do you think
- E) None of these

2. Arrange P, Q, R and S to make a correct sentence.

Kuldeep Yadav,

P: bowling chinaman deliveries to Team India

Q: was on the margins of Indian cricket,

R: batsmen at the nets in Kanpur as they prepared

S: around the same time last year,

For the country's 500th Test match.

- A) SQPR
- B) SRQP
- C) PRQS
- D) PRSQ
- E) None of these

3. Direction: Carefully read their formation given below and answer the questions that follow.

I: As he got up, a frightened native told him about the man-eater.

II. When he approached the thick bush, he saw the lion running towards him.

III. Mr. Bhat was awakened by the fearful screams of the villagers.

IV. In a stage of fright, a shot was fired accidentally by Mr. Bhat, but it hit the lion.

V. Mr. Bhat decided to chase the lion and took out his gun.

Which sentence should come third in the paragraph?

- A) V
- B) I
- C) IV
- D) III
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Which sentence should come last in the paragraph?

- A) II
- B) IV
- C) I
- D) III
- E) None of these

5. Identify the type of the sentence given below. If a man does not keep pace with his companions, perhaps it is because he hears a different drummer.

- A) Complex sentence

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- B) Simple sentence
- C) Compound sentence
- D) Compound-complex sentence
- E) None of these

6. Give the appropriate filler. The situation remained the same, rather got worse, ___.

- A) all his efforts notwithstanding
- B) with all his efforts notwithstanding
- C) for all his efforts notwithstanding
- D) in spite of all his efforts notwithstanding
- E) None of these

7. Change the voice. The men are cutting down the trees.

- A) The trees are being cut down.
- B) The trees have been cut down by the men.
- C) The trees are been cut down by the men.
- D) Both b and c
- E) None of these

8. Which of the following sentences is grammatically wrong?

- A) He was hanged for murder.
- B) Let's not intrude on his privacy.
- C) You should comply with the rules.
- D) I offered him a chair to sit on.
- E) None of these

9. Arrange P, Q, R, S to give the correct sequence of the report given below.

P: India targeted Pakistan for allowing Hafiz Saeed, the mastermind of the 26/11 Mumbai attacks and the leader of Lashkar-i-Taiba, to be 'legitimized' as a political leader. A candidate of the Jammata-ud-Dawah, a front for the Lashkar, had recently finished third in a crucial bypoll in Pakistan's Lahore.

Q: "In its short history, Pakistan has become a geography synonymous with terror. The quest for a land of pure has actually produced 'the land of pure terror.' Pakistan is now Terroristan, with a flourishing industry producing and exporting global terrorism," said Eenam Gambhir, First Secretary in the Permanent Mission of India to the United Nations, in a statement.

R: India exercised the right of reply during the General Debate of the 72nd session of the United Nations General Assembly to send a strong message to Pakistan calling it 'terroristan' that produces and exports global terrorism. India was responding to the remarks made on Thursday by Pakistan Prime Minister Shahid Khaqan Abbasi.

S: "Its current state can be gauged from the fact that Hafiz Mohammed Saeed, a leader of the UN-designated terrorist organisation Lashkar-i-Taiba is now sought to be legitimized as the leader of a political party. This is a country whose counter-terrorism policy is to mainstream and upstream terrorists by either providing safe havens to global terror leaders in its military town, or protecting them with political careers" India said.

It also stressed that no amount of cross-border terrorism perpetrated by Pakistan will undermine India's territorial integrity.

- A) SPQR
- B) SRPQ
- C) RQPS
- D) PSRQ
- E) None of these

10. Change the narration. I said to the child, 'Do not look down into the well'

- A) The child was warned not to look down the well.

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- B) I forbade the child to not to look down the well.
- C) I warned the child for looking down the well.
- D) I warned the child not to look down into the well.
- E) None of these

11. Give the type of clause for the underlined part of the sentence given below. Had I not seen this with my own eyes I would not have believed it.

- A) Adjective clause of supposition
- B) Adverb clause of condition
- C) Adverb clause of reason
- D) Adjective clause of result
- E) None of these

12. Change the degree of comparison of the given sentence into a positive one without changing its meaning. Tennyson is not the greatest of all poets.

- A) Some poets are not less great than Tennyson.
- B) Tennyson is not greater than some other poets.
- C) Some poets are at least as great as Tennyson.
- D) Both a and b
- E) None of these

13. Identify the tense of the sentence given below. I will be working all night in the restaurant, so please take care of the kids.

- A) Simple Future Tense
- B) Simple Present Tense
- C) Future Perfect Tense
- D) Future Progressive Tense
- E) None of these

14. Given below is the body of a letter to the editor with four blanks, marked I, II, III and IV. Fill those blanks with correct option to make it readable.

Having I , nor does it mean that the values of democracy are not being upheld. The Congress too had a strong leader in Indira Gandhi. She is still II to be one of the best, save the Emergency period. A country of 1.3 billion has spent way too much time being led by one party that was III various communities. So people now want to be led by someone who takes IV and works towards India's progress.

P: the burden of the entire nation on his shoulders

Q: a strong leader does not mean ours is an authoritarian leadership

R: focussed on vote-bank politics rather than bringing together

S: remembered and revered, and her leadership is considered

- A) QPSR
- B) PQRS
- C) PRSQ
- D) QSRP
- E) None of these

15. Fill in the blank with correct determiner. He has formed a low opinion about him, so he thinks __ of him.

- A) little
- B) a little
- C) the little
- D) few
- E) None of these

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16. In which of the following sentences a gerund has been used as an object after a preposition?

- A) Mrs. Debroy avoids using chemicals on the vegetables he grows.**
- B) Some people prefer getting up early in the morning.**
- C) Playing cards is not allowed here.**
- D) I look forward to helping you paint the house.**
- E) None of these**

17. Identify the sentence with an incorrect use of article.

- A) The accelerating pace of life in our metropolitan city has had the tremendous effect on the culture and life-style of the people.**
- B) The school is within a hundred yards from my house.**
- C) The famous Dr. Sharma is the only dentist in our village.**
- D) No stronger a figure than his is prescribed in history.**
- E) None of these**

18. Direction: Give the synonym of the words written in capital letters below.

DIVVY

- A) Follower**
- B) Foolish**
- C) Plunder**
- D) Ration**
- E) None of these**

19. Direction: Give the synonym of the words written in capital letters below.

FAD

- A) Folly**
- B) Fashion**
- C) Weakness**
- D) Charity**
- E) None of these**

20. Direction: Fill in the blanks with appropriate prepositions.

The doctor attended ____ the patient very quietly.

- A) to**
- B) into**
- C) on**
- D) upon**
- E) None of these**

21. Direction: Fill in the blanks with appropriate prepositions. The plan is to go __ cinema and then have dinner but Rajiv's late arrival upset the whole thing.

- A) for**
- B) to**
- C) into**
- D) in**
- E) None of these**

22. Identify the word which has been spelt wrong.

- A) Sanatorium**
- B) Scoundrel**
- C) Salamandar**
- D) Sarcasm**

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E) None of these

23. Give the parts of speech for the word underlined in the sentence below. Day after tomorrow Sabnam will tell you the story.

- A) Adverb**
- B) Noun**
- C) Adjective**
- D) Interjection**
- E) None of these**

24. Identify the mood of the verb underlined in the given sentence. Have you found your book?

- A) Indicative Mood**
- B) Subjunctive Mood**
- C) Imperative Mood**
- D) All of these**
- E) None of these**

25. Direction: Give the antonym of the words written in capital letters below.

INSIPID

- A) Trite**
- B) Yummy**
- C) Corny**
- D) Bland**
- E) None of these**

26. Direction: Give the antonym of the words written in capital letters below.

INSOLENT

- A) Flip**
- B) Flashy**
- C) Polite**
- D) Brassy**
- E) None of these**

27. Fill in the blanks as per subject-verb agreement. I shall write to you when I ___ Kolkata.

- A) will reach**
- B) shall reach**
- C) reach**
- D) have reached**
- E) None of these**

28. Find the meaning of the phrase and idiom given below. Cut corners

- A) In difficult situation**
- B) To do something perfunctorily to save money**
- C) Hard discipline**
- D) No nonsense**
- E) None of these**

29. Fill in the blanks with correct order of adjectives. I have ___ mug.

- A) a lovely ceramic old coffee**
- B) an old lovely ceramic coffee**
- C) an old ceramic lovely coffee**
- D) a lovely old ceramic coffee**
- E) None of these**

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30. Which of the following nouns is used both as singular and plural in the same form?

- A) People
- B) Police
- C) Team
- D) Dozen
- E) None of these

31. Direction: Give one word substitutions to the following.

One who thinks that everything is known through god only

- A) Aesthetic
- B) Obdurate
- C) Agnostic
- D) Altruist
- E) None of these

32. Direction: Give one word substitutions to the following.

The treatment of light and shade in drawing and painting

- A) Circumlocution
- B) Chiaroscuro
- C) Cinematograph
- D) Coalesce
- E) None of these

33. Identify the form of pronoun of the word underlined in the given sentence. I say what I mean.

- A) Relative pronoun
- B) Reflexive pronoun
- C) Emphatic pronoun
- D) Distributive pronoun
- E) None of these

34. Fill in the blank with the most appropriate option. With God not having a____, nobody could complain to him.

- A) telephone
- B) wireless
- C) hotline
- D) cordless
- E) None of these

35. Identify the sentence with incorrect punctuation.

- A) He asked me whether I had written my exercise.
- B) When I was a bachelor, I lived by myself.
- C) He did not, however, gain his object.
- D) He was a brave, large-hearted man; and we all honoured him.
- E) None of these

36. Given below is a sentence in four parts. One of the parts contains a grammatical error. Find the part.

The foremost criterion of selection we adopted (i)/ were the number of years of training (ii)/a singer had received (iii)/under a particular guru.(iv)

- A) i
- B) ii
- C) iii
- D) iv

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E) No error

37.Direction: Read the given information carefully and answer the questions that follow.

I: X is older than L

II: M and N are of equal age.

III: Z is the youngest.

IV: Y is younger than N.

V: Y is older than X.

Which two of the above statements indicate that Y is older than L?

A) I and II

B) IV and V

C) I and V

D) III and IV

E) None of these

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V: Y is older than X.

Which statements) is/are not required to prove that L is younger than M?

A) III only

B) III and IV

C) III and V

D) II and IV

E) None of these

39.If element is called animal, atom is called bird, animal is called android, android is called robot, bird is called element, robot is called lion, then lion is a/an:

A) Element

B) Android

C) Animal

D) Atom

E) None of these

40.Identify the sentence with the correct use of conjunction.

A) Unless Raima does not return all the library books, she will not be awarded the pass certificate.

B) Even though the shirt is rather expensive but I wish to purchase it with my own money.

C) As he is rich, so he spends lavishly.

D) No sooner did the chairman begin speaking, some participants started shouting slogans.

E) None of these

41.In this question a clue has been given below in italics, followed by four options of jumbled words. You have to un-jumble the words and have to identify the correct word for the given clue. 'Long Journey'

A) UDLEPD

B) YGEAVO

C) SOEUH

D) RUCCOS

E) None of these

42.Fill in the blank with correct modal verbs. We __ able to change the situation quickly but we should continue our efforts in that direction.

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- A) might not be
- B) could not be
- C) would not be
- D) had not been
- E) None of these

43. In this question a piece of conversation is given. Read the dialogues and choose the most appropriate option to complete the dialogue. Ram How did you like the movie you saw last night? Shyam I can't say it was the best I've ever seen. Ram _____ Shyam Certainly not. Do not waste your time.

- A) Hadn't you read the reviews before you went to see it?
- B) What do you mean by saying it depends?
- C) I knew I could always count on you.
- D) Then you wouldn't recommend it, would you?
- E) None of these

44. Which of the following is NOT correct regarding the position of adverbs in a sentence?

- A) Adverbs of manner are generally placed after the verb or after the object if there is one.
- B) Adverbs of place and time are usually placed after the verb or after the object if there is one.
- C) When there are two or more adverbs after a verb, the normal order is, adverb of manner, adverb of place and adverb of time.
- D) All of these
- E) None of these

45. Given below is a sentence with two blanks. Read the sentence carefully and fill in the blanks by choosing the most suitable words from the options given to make it perfect. The impact of Western culture on India was the impact of a __ society, of a modern consciousness on a __ society wedded to medieval habits of thought.

- A) dynamic, static
- B) major, minor
- C) educated, illiterate
- D) active, passive
- E) None of these

