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**CLASS – VIII  
SUBJECT – ENGLISH**

- 1. Improve the sentence given below by changing its underlined portion. He makes friends with all kinds of people.**
- A) makes friendship
  - B) makes friend
  - C) make friends
  - D) made friendship
  - E) No improvement needed
- 2. 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.**
- The fascinating tennis story of I to modern tennis. Despite being in the autumn of their sporting life, they have proved that they still have II contenders. The two champions have shown the world why they are among the top tennis players. The fact that they are still playing so well is a pleasant surprise especially when the III to these two giants. These champions have mesmerised us for a long time. Ardent followers of tennis IV a little longer.
- P: the power to outplay younger, talented and stronger**  
**Q: just hope that this dream run continues**  
**R: younger crop of players are still trying in vain to get close**  
**S: Rafael Nadal and Roger Federer have only added more punch**
- A) SRQP
  - B) QPSR
  - C) RQPS
  - D) SPRQ
  - E) None of these
- 3. Which of the following words has been spelt wrong?**
- A) Restaurent
  - B) Retinue
  - C) Requirement
  - D) Rickshaw
  - E) None of these
- 4. Direction: Give the synonym of the words written in capital letters below.**
- MUTATION**
- A) Variation
  - B) Display
  - C) Severance
  - D) Silence
  - E) None of these
- 5. Direction: Give the synonym of the words written in capital letters below.**
- DOWDY**
- A) Rakish
  - B) Elegant
  - C) Unstylish
  - D) Corpulent
  - E) None of these
- 6. Give the parts of speech for the word underlined in the given sentence. Read it over carefully.**
- A) Adverb

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- B) Adjective**
- C) Relative pronoun**
- D) Conjunction**
- E) None of these**

**7. Identify the sentence with an intransitive verb.**

- (i) Rudra baked some cookies.**
- (ii) The batter hit the ball.**
- (iii) I walked to the park today.**

- A) Only i**
- B) Both i and ii**
- C) Only iii**
- D) i, ii and iii**
- E) None of these**

**8. Direction: Fill in the blanks with appropriate prepositions.**

**\_\_\_ the last day of your holidays you have started thinking \_\_\_ how to finish your work.**

- A) At, of**
- B) Of, on**
- C) On, about**
- D) In, for**
- E) None of these**

**9. Direction: Fill in the blanks with appropriate prepositions.**

**He is in the habit of going out \_\_\_ a morning walk regularly.**

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

**10. Give the exact meaning of the phrases/idioms given below. To haul over the coals**

- A) To put hand in a wrong task**
- B) To throw into the fire**
- C) To put to task**
- D) To say the wrong words**
- E) None of these**

**11. Identify the sentence wherein an article has been used wrong or omitted.**

- A) This candidate lacks an experience otherwise he is well qualified.**
- B) My friends insisted that I should see the movie from the beginning to the end.**
- C) We all must respect an honest person.**
- D) A nationwide survey has brought up an interesting finding regarding the infant mortality rate in India.**
- E) None of these**

**12. Fill in the blank with correct adjective. Keats and Shelley are romantic poets, but I prefer the\_\_\_.**

- A) later**
- B) latter**
- C) last**
- D) least**
- E) None of these**

**13. Fill in the blank with correct modal verbs. Lena \_\_\_ get up early tomorrow. Her class was cancelled.**

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- A) mustn't
- B) don't need to
- C) doesn't have to
- D) mightn't
- E) None of these

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

A person who has changed his faith

- A) Cynosure
- B) Apostate
- C) Snob
- D) Unfaithful
- E) None of these

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

A person who is controlled by wife

- A) Highbrow
- B) Heretic
- C) Hypochondriac
- D) Henpeck
- E) None of these

16. Fill in the blank as per subject-verb agreement. I wonder what he has done with the book I \_\_\_ him.

- A) lend
- B) have landed
- C) lended
- D) lent
- E) None of this

17. The underlined word in the given sentence is an example of: What I most detest is smoking.

- A) Gerund
- B) Present participle
- C) Noun
- D) Verb
- E) None of these

18. Fill in the blank with the most suitable word to make the sentence complete. Animals are such \_\_\_ friends; they ask no questions and pass no criticism.

- A) useful
- B) social
- C) humane
- D) agreeable
- E) None of these

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

**KOOK**

- A) Illiterate
- B) Peculiar
- C) Sane
- D) Sickly
- E) None of these

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

**EDACIOUS**

- A) Smart
- B) Fasting
- C) Even
- D) Gluttonous
- E) None of these

**21. Fill in the blank with correct conjunction. He has no other claim \_\_ his wealth.**

- A) than
- B) then
- C) but
- D) when
- E) None of these

**22. Identify the relationship between the two words given below. Hunger, Fasting**

- A) One is the product of other.
- B) Both are the products of some other thing.
- C) One is the cause of other.
- D) One is the need of other.
- E) None of these

**23. Find one letter that will complete the word in front of the circle and begin the word after the circle. The same letter must fit into both the circles.**

- A) S
- B) D
- C) M
- D) E
- E) None of these

**24. Given below is a sentence in four parts. One of the parts contains a grammatical error. Find the part. The Prime Minister has said that India (i) would not have spent so much on defence (ii)/if some of the neighbouring countries (iii)/adopted the policy of restricting defence expenditure, (iv)**

- A) i
- B) ii
- C) iii
- D) iv
- E) No error

**25. Keeping in mind the noun forms and their use, find the odd one out.**

- A) Chattels
- B) Vermin
- C) Mumps
- D) Thanks
- E) None of these

**26. In an Olympic games, the flags of six nations were flown on the masts in the following way.**

**The flag of USA was to the left of Indian tricolor and to the right of the flag of France. The flag of Australia was on the right of the Indian flag but was to the left of the flag of Japan, which was to the left of the flag of China. Find the two flags which were in centre.**

- A) India and Australia
- B) USA and India
- C) Japan and Australia

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- D) USA and Australia
- E) None of these

27. Identify the sentence which is grammatically correct.

- A) This pen is very good but it costed me hundred rupees.
- B) Looking forward to meet you here.
- C) I have not played cricket since I have left school.
- D) He is going everyday for a morning walk with his friends and neighbours.
- E) None of these

28. Which of the following is a genitive form of relative pronouns?

- A) Who
- B) What
- C) Whom
- D) Whose
- E) None of these

29. Direction: Given below is a passage with three blanks. For each of these blanks four alternatives are given. You are required to choose the most appropriate words, in the context of the passage, to fill in the blanks.

Writing a book is a horrible, exhausting struggle, like a long 47 of some painful illness. One would never undertake such a thing if one were not 48 by some demon whom one can neither resist nor understand. For all one knows that demon is simply the same desire that makes a baby 49 for attention.

- A) bout
- B) feeling
- C) source
- D) condition
- E) None of these

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- A) driven out
- B) driven for
- C) driven on
- D) driven at
- E) None of these

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- A) play
- B) squall
- C) look
- D) determined
- E) None of these

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**32. Three sentences are given in the question. You have to identify the sentence(s) which is/are fact(s) and the sentence(s) which is /are opinion(s).**

**I: Although education machinery has spread in the form of number of schools yet most of them, being ill equipped, are not able to provide good teaching.**

**II: In future we should provide good teachers and instruments to the present schools.**

**III: At present we need not open any new school.**

- A) I-Fact; II-Opinion; III-Fact**
- B) I-Opinion; II-Opinion; III-Fact**
- C) I-Fact; II-Opinion; III-Opinion**
- D) I-Opinion; II-fact; III-Opinion**
- E) None of these**

**33. Change the voice. Thousands of tourists view the Eiffel Tower every year.**

- A) The Eiffel Tower is viewed by thousands of tourists every year.**
- B) The Eiffel Tower has been viewed by thousands of tourists every year.**
- C) The Eiffel Tower is being viewed by thousands of tourists every year.**
- D) The Eiffel Tower is to be viewed by thousands of tourists every year.**
- E) None of these**

**34. Which of the following sentences is grammatically correct?**

- A) Diya asked Devi and I to go.**
- B) The weather of this place does not suit me.**
- C) Either Reema or her friends has done it.**
- D) He is a man whom I know is trustworthy.**
- E) None of these**

**35. Arrange P, Q, R, S to give the correct sequence of the paragraph.**

**P: As a result what is lost is the natural goodness of roughage and important nutrients.**

**Q: In these days, food gets more refined and cooking methods are more intricate. Invariably, fat and sugar which cause obesity are added to make food more palatable.**

**R: Have you noticed that we see more obese people today than ever before? In fact, obesity is a curse of modern times.**

**S: Moreover, today's changed life styles often mean less physical exertion and an over indulgence in unhealthy food, which ultimately ends up in making one obese.**

- A) QPRS**
- B) PRQS**
- C) QSRP**
- D) RQPS**
- E) None of these**

**36. Change the narration. The guest of honour said, 'It gives me great pleasure to be here this evening?'**

- A) The guest of honour said that it gives him great pleasure to be there this evening.**
- B) The guest of honour said that it gave him great pleasure to be there this evening.**
- C) The guest of honour said that it had given him great pleasure to be there this evening.**
- D) The guest of honour said that it gave him great pleasure to be there that evening.**
- E) None of these**

**37. Give the type of clause for the underlined part of the sentence given below. I would not do it even if you paid me.**

- A) Adverb clause of supposition**
- B) Adjective clause of reason**
- C) Adverb clause of condition**
- D) Adjective clause of result**

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E) None of these

38. Convert the following negative sentence into an affirmative one without changing its meaning. A griffin is not so rapacious as him.

- A) In comparison to a griffin he is rapacious.
- B) A griffin is less rapacious than him.
- C) He is more rapacious than a griffin.
- D) Both [a] and [b]
- E) None of these

39. Identify the tense of the sentence given below. Will he have been taking medicine for his illness since Friday?

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

40. Given below is the body of a 'letter to the Editor' with four blanks marked I, II, III and IV. Fill those blanks with the options provided in P, Q, R and S to make it a sensible one.

More than 86 per cent of I and marginal. Their crops are vulnerable to weather aberrations. Chemical fertilisers and pesticides are harming soil quality. Falling II. Small and marginal farmers must be provided relief. But loan waivers will only upset the credit culture; this could even harm needy farmers. Waiving farmers' III tactic. Long- term measures should curb land fragmentation, get maximum farmers under crop insurance and provide IV methods. Minimum support prices should be enforced strictly.

- P: alternative efficient farming
- Q: loans should be a short-term
- R: agricultural productivity is serious
- S: our farmers are small

- A) QPRS
- B) SRQP
- C) QSPR
- D) PQSR
- E) None of these

41. Fill in the blank with correct determiners. There aren't \_\_ students in the library.

- A) any
- B) much
- C) a few
- D) many
- E) None of these

42. Identify the sentence with the wrong use of infinitive.

- A) You had better ask permission.
- B) We need not go today.
- C) I would rather die than suffer so.
- D) To err is human.
- E) None of these

43. Identify the sentence with the correct use of article.

- A) By all standards Mr. Purohit is a best soldier our military school has produced so far.
- B) The sugar is bad for your teeth.
- C) Mr. Purkayastha became Principal of the college in 2015.

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**D) Mr. Cracker was fascinated by insects and the more he studied their habits greater was his fascination.**

**E) None of these**

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

**PENCHANT**

**A) Antipathy**

**B) Druthers**

**C) Eagerness**

**D) Weakness**

**E) None of these**

**45. Give an appropriate filler. \_\_ Myra would have been able to secure a good first division.**

**A) If she would have studied more**

**B) If she were studying more**

**C) If she had studied more**

**D) If she studied more**

**E) None of these**

