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CLASS – X

SUBJECT – ENGLISH

1. Fill in the blank with correct determiners. The taxi driver spoke ___ English. I couldn't understand him.

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

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

- i. In a family of six persons A, B, C, D, E and F there are two married couples.**
- ii. D is the grandmother of A and mother of B.**
- iii. C is the wife of B and mother of F.**
- iv. F is the granddaughter of E.**

How many male members are there in the family?

- B) Two**
- C) Three**
- D) Four**
- E) Either two or three**
- F) None of these**

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Which of the following is true?

- B) A is brother of F.**
- C) A is sister of F.**
- D) D has grandsons.**
- E) All of these**
- F) None of these**

4. Direction: Give the synonyms for the words underlined in the sentences below:

The lurid details of the murder in broad day light sent chilling sensations down the spine of everybody.

- A) realistic**
- B) vivid**
- C) depressing**
- D) bleak**
- E) None of these**

5. question_answer

Direction: Give the synonyms for the words underlined in the sentences below:

He used to regale us with anecdotes.

- A) bore**
- B) entertain**
- C) flatter**
- D) tire**
- E) None of these**

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6. Arrange P Q R S to make a sensible paragraph.

P: The trust has hired two international consultants who will visit India shortly to advise it on budgetary allocations for the next Olympics.

Q: As the Indian contingent returned home with its biggest haul at the Olympics more sponsors have been lining up financial support. Now athletics and other Olympic sports such as boxing wrestling archery shooting and even track & field events can hope to get corporate backing in a country where sponsorship has remained almost an exclusive preserve of cricket.

R: Shooter Abhinav Bindra backed by the trust became the first Indian to strike gold in an individual category at the Beijing Olympics in 2008. This year only wrestler Yogeshwar Dutt among those backed by the trust won a medal but several others finished in the top eight.

S: The Mittal Champions Trust has lined up \$10 million for the next Olympics. The Trust which has been the first serious attempt by a corporate house to back Olympic sports started off with an initial funding of \$9 million (about Rs50crore) and reaped quick dividends.

- A) RQPS
- B) PSQR
- C) QPSR
- D) QSRP
- E) None of these

7. State the kind of the sentence given below.

When Jack handed over his homework to the teacher, he forgot to give the last page.

- A) Simple sentence
- B) Complex sentence
- C) Compound sentence
- D) All of these
- E) None of these

8. The underlined word given below is:

He gave me information.

- A) Adjective
- B) Pronoun
- C) Noun
- D) Preposition
- E) None of these

9. Direction: Fill in the blanks with correct conjunctions:

We will go ___ your parents can come too.

- A) as long as
- B) asif
- C) because
- D) either
- E) None of these

10. Direction: Fill in the blanks with correct conjunctions:

I know my mission is almost impossible, ___

I will try my best to accomplish it.

- A) nevertheless
- B) or
- C) and
- D) but
- E) None of these

11. Direction: Choose the option that best expresses the meaning of the idioms/phrases given below:

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To strike one's colours

- A) To fight vigorously
- B) To work hard
- C) To surrender
- D) To make a rude gesture
- E) None of these

**12. Direction: Choose the option that best expresses the meaning of the idioms/phrases given below:
Pell-mell**

- A) In hurried disorder
- B) Gaiety and excitement
- C) Extremely worried
- D) To chatise
- E) None of these

13. Arrange P, Q, R, S to make a meaningful sentence.

People

P: at his dispensary

Q: went to him

R: of all professions

S: for medicine and treatment

- A) PQRS
- B) QRPS
- C) SPRQ
- D) RQSP
- E) None of these

14. Fill in the blanks with correct pronoun.

Everybody must obey___ parents.

- A) their
- B) our
- C) his
- D) All of these
- E) None of these

15. Fill in the blank with correct determiners.

Jenny likes to eat salad. She usually adds___ lemon juice to it.

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

16. question_answer

Direction: Give the usage of the words underlined below:

India is likely to win against Pakistan in cricket series.

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

17. Direction: Give the usage of the words underlined below:



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Thanks. I needed that.

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

18. Change the voice.

He knew that his own life was unjust.

- A) That his own life was unjust was known to him.
- B) His own life is unjust was known to him.
- C) Life was unjust been known by him.
- D) Own life was unjust had been known by him.
- E) None of these

19. Identify the sentence which is grammatically wrong.

- A) The dacoits robbed my belongings.
- B) The first two pages of this book are torn.
- C) He came to us every third day.
- D) He atoned for the sin by giving alms to the poor.
- E) None of these

20. Complete the sentence using the set of words that best fits the blanks.

Due to a conflict of interest, the judge was forced to ___ herself from hearing the case and ___ from voting in the decision.

- A) remove... pander
- B) abjure... afford
- C) recuse... abstain
- D) indulge... decline
- E) None of these

21. Direction: Fill in the blanks as per subject-verb agreement:

What a sensation it would cause if it _ now discovered that such a man had left behind a diary.

- A) is
- B) are
- C) was
- D) were
- E) None of these

22. Direction: Fill in the blanks as per subject-verb agreement:

The children were disappointed because they had hoped _ with us.

- A) to have gone
- B) to go
- C) would have gone
- D) could have gone
- E) None of these

23. Choose the correct option for the word underlined in the sentence below.

The bird flew from one tree to another.

- A) Moved
- B) Whizzed
- C) Darted
- D) Flitted

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E) None of these

24. Direction: Give the antonyms for the words underlined in the sentences below:

Her impetuous behavior was attributed to her upbringing.

- A) poised**
- B) rash**
- C) quite and gentle**
- D) sluggish**
- E) None of these**

25. Direction: Give the antonyms for the words underlined in the sentences below:

Her vivacity attracted everybody.

- A) apathy**
- B) beauty**
- C) humor**
- D) truthfulness**
- E) None of these**

26. Fill in the blanks with correct article.

I'll book __ sleeper on __ Rome-Geneva train tomorrow.

- A) the/a**
- B) a, the**
- C) a, a**
- D) the/the**
- E) None of these**

27. Which among the following is an example of incorrect future perfect tense?

- A) Sheela shall have been going to market to buy some dresses.**
- B) We shall have done the work before the bell rings.**
- C) It will have been a wonderful place to see.**
- D) They will have gone to see their visitors.**
- E) None of these**

28. The underlined word in the sentence represents which type of adverbial clause?

As far as I know, he will not come today.

- A) Adverb clause of condition**
- B) Adverb clause of reason**
- C) Adverb clause of manner**
- D) Adverb clause of extent**
- E) None of these**

29. Give one word substitution for the following.

Poem in short stanzas narrating a popular story

- A) Ballet**
- B) Epic**
- C) Ballad**
- D) Sonnet**
- E) None of these**

30. Which one of the following is not a modal verb?

- A) Could**
- B) Might**
- C) Would**

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- D) Did
- E) None of these

31. If you re-write the sentence " To invite him is impossible" by using preparatory 'it', the sentence will be:

- A) To invite him is impossible.
- B) It is impossible to invite him.
- C) To invite him impossible it is.
- D) All of these
- E) None of these

32. Given below is the body of a job application with four blanks. Fill those blanks with the options provided in P, Q, R, & S to make it a sensible one.

I am writing to apply for the post of Management Trainee, which was advertised on the Times of India, on 1 November 2012.

Currently _ I _ in 2013. Subjects which I am studying that are relevant to the __ II ____, Marketing and Strategic Management.

My final year project is entitled Knowledge Management

Practices in India. Carrying out this _ III _ subordinates effectively. I have also learned how to run a project from the planning stage to its completion. I have fluent spoken and written English.

Working for Armstrong Consulting appeals to me _ IV_. I am available for interview at any time and can be contacted on the mobile phone number given above. I look forward to meeting you.

P: because it has a good reputation and it provides excellent training

Q: post of Management Trainee include

Operations Management, Human Resources Management, Accounting

R: project has improved my communication skills, my leadership skills and my ability to lead and supervise

S: I am pursuing MBA in Business Management at the 'Gen-Y India Global University' to be completed

- A) Q.RSP
- B) SQRP
- C) PQRS
- D) RQPS
- E) None of these

33. Given below is a report with four blanks. Fill those blanks with the correct option to make it readable. Sensitive data related to India's Scorpene sub-marines has been leaked, with _ (I) _ facing a leak of documents spreading over 22,000 pages, a report in Australian media revealed on Tuesday. The leak includes details of _ (II) _ communications system and navigation systems. Marked 'Restricted Scorpene India', the DCNS documents could provide an intelligence landmine if obtained by India's neighbours, Pakistan or China. First of the Scorpene class submarines being built in India, _ (III) _ and is expected to be inducted in the Indian Navy soon. According to the report, DCNS has said that such a leak of technical data could not happen with its proposed submarine for Australia. The DCNS also implied that _ (IV) _ rather than from France.

DCNS recently won a contract to design 12 submarines for Australia also.

P: the leak might have occurred at India's end,

Q: Kalvari went for sea trials in May, 2016

R: French shipbuilder DCNS, which designed the submarine,

S: the submarine's underwater sensors, above- water sensors, combat management system, torpedo launch system and specifications,

- A) PRSQ
- B) RSQP
- C) RSPQ
- D) QSRP
- E) None of these

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34. Arrange P, Q, R and S to make a correct sentence, the last part of which has been given in italics marked

P: from China to London and on to Brazil,

Q: whose hair is beginning to thin and ham-strings are starting to pop,

R: through injury, under pressure,

S: as a wide-eyed 21-year-old sensation and a man in maturity

S5: Usain Bolt has changed the game and changed the way we watch it.

- A) RPSQ
- B) SQRP
- C) RSQP
- D) QRSP
- E) None of these

35. Direction: Read the given passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

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36. Val Derbyshire said the books should be read by women and men with pride rather than guilty embarrassment. "It is such a shame that they have been so vilified, and that people treat them as trash and the black sheep of the literary family," she added. "There really is literary value in them, which is why I continue to read them." Derbyshire is to lead two events at Sheffield University's Festival of the Mind next month, in which she will make the literary and feminist case for the thousands of books in Mills & Boon's vast back catalogue. "They are definitely not anti-feminist," she argued. Instead, they are largely stories of feminist triumph, with the brooding male hero often forced to acknowledge his sexism and change his ways. The novels also tackle important issues head-on, the academic said. For example, *Time Fuse* (1985), by Derbyshire's favourite Mills & Boon author, the prolific Penny Jordan, tackles the subject of rape, exposing the shocking way it was dealt with by courts and how women were blamed. Another criticism of the books is that they are formulaic. Again, Derbyshire said that people need to read them. "Penny Jordan wrote 187 novels over three-and-a-half decades. She couldn't have remained so enduringly popular if she was churning out the same things. She was innovating all the time." Derbyshire was 14 when she read her first Mills & Boon, *Escape from Desire* (1982) by Jordan. She is a doctoral researcher at Sheffield, studying the works of the 18th-century Romantic poet and novelist Charlotte Turner Smith, a writer who also used romantic fiction as the literature of protest. Mills & Boon was created in 1908 by Gerald Mills and Charles Boon. Beginning as a general publisher, it made romance its principal concern in the 1930s and has gone on to publish thousands of easy-reading novels with titles such as *Staff Nurses in Love*, *Tethered Liberty*, *Italian Invader* and *The Trouble with Trent*. Derbyshire believes historians should also read the Mills & Boon books because they are so of their time, capturing contemporary anxieties and societal and fashion trends that are often forgotten. Anyone studying the social history of the late 70s, for example, could do worse than read Roberta Leigh's *Man without a Heart*, a book rich with romance and developments in the British car industry. More than anything, Derbyshire urged readers not to feel ashamed. "There is a huge amount of snobbery," she said. "It exists not just in academia and literature circles but generally. Some people do not feel comfortable sitting on a bus reading a Mills & Boon and that is a shame. If you have never read one, how can you know?" Which of the following is the 'principal concern' of the Mills and Boon books?

- A) Feminism
- B) Romance
- C) Adventure
- D) Social customs and practices of the time
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Which of the following is not the criticism generally raised against the Mills and Boon books?

- A) Formulaic**
- B) Lightweight**
- C) Feminist**
- D) Anti-feminist**
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Derbyshire believes historians should also read the Mills & Boon books?? Which of the following arguments Derbyshire put forth in favour of her statement?

- A) Anyone studying the social history could do worse than reading Mills and Boon books.
- B) Mills and Boon books capture the fashion trends of their time, which are often forgotten.
- C) Mills and Boon books capture the social customs and anxieties of their time.
- D) Both [B] and [C]
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- A) Charlotte Turner Smith, a Mills and Boon author used romantic fiction as the literature of protest.
- B) Roberta Leigh, a Mills and Boon author, wrote on the developments in the British car industry.
- C) Penny Jordan, a Mills and Boon author, tackles the subject of rape, exposing the shocking way it was dealt with by courts and how women were blamed in 'Time Fuse'.
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?...Derbyshire urged readers not to feel ashamed; What logic Derbyshire did not give in support of her 'urging'?

- A) The books have much literary value than one thinks.
- B) She feels there is no point in showing snobbery by discarding the Mills and Boon books.
- C) Over the years, the books by Mills and Boon have remained as best sellers.
- D) An off-putting general opinion on Mills and Boon books has been created by the academicians and the literature circles, which amounts to snobbery.
- E) None of these

41. Find the analogy.

If ?E? is related to ?Z? then '3' is related to:

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- A) Three
- B) P
- C) L
- D) 5
- E) None of these

42. Change the voice.

Many people begin new projects in January.

- A) Beginning of new projects in January is done by many people.
- B) In January many new projects are begun by many people.
- C) Beginning of new projects is done by many people in January.
- D) New projects are begun in January.
- E) None of these

43. Identify the type of the sentence given below.

It seems too good to be true, nevertheless it is a fact.

- A) Compound sentence
- B) Complex sentence
- C) Simple sentence
- D) Incomplete sentence
- E) None of these

44. Change the direct speech into indirect one.

He said to his servant, "Why are you so lazy today?"

- A) He asked his servant why he was so lazy that day.
- B) He asked his servant why he had been so lazy that day.
- C) He asked his servant why he was being so lazy that day.
- D) He said to his servant why he was so lazy that day.
- E) None of these

45. Given below is a sentence in four parts. One of the parts contains a grammatical error. Find the part. I will discuss (i)/the matter with him (ii)/when I will see him(iii)/in the next few days.(iv)

- A) i
- B) ii
- C) iii
- D) iv
- E) None of these