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**Directions (1-5): Which of the phrases (A), (B), (C), and (D) given below should replace the phrase given in bold in the following sentences to make the sentences grammatically correct? If the sentence is correct as it is mark (D) as the answer.**

- The thief carried the knife carefully **to not** cut himself.  
(A) So not to (B) Not to  
(C) Not in order to (D) No improvement
- The staff members wanted he to take over as the secretary to the M. D.  
(A) him to take over (B) him to taken over  
(C) him for a take over (D) No improvement
- Purchasing at this place now depends on they coming here.  
(A) them coming (B) they come  
(C) their coming (D) No improvement
- In our friend's circle it is customary for each of the members **to buy their own tickets**.  
(A) buying their own tickets  
(B) are buying their own tickets  
(C) to buy his own tickets  
(D) No improvement
- If we **had been** one more good batsman in our team, we would have won the match.  
(A) had had (B) would have been  
(C) would have had (D) No improvement

**Directions (6-10): Choose the correct alternative and fill in the blanks in the following sentences.**

- It was .....whom you met last night.  
(A) My (B) Me  
(C) I (D) Mine
- All .....glitters is not gold.  
(A) The (B) That  
(C) Same (D) These
- The jury agreed in .....opinion.  
(A) Their (B) Its  
(C) His (D) Her
- There is both scarcity and .....in the modern world.  
(A) deficit (B) attraction  
(C) plenty (D) toleration
- The members of a community should love .....  
(A) Each other (B) Each one  
(C) One another (D) Each another

**Directions (11-15): In the following questions, the 1st and the last sentences of the passage are numbered 1 and 6. The rest of the passage is split into four parts and named P, Q, R and S. These four parts are not**

**given in their proper order. Read the sentence and find out which of the four combinations is correct.**

- (1) Computers and mobile phones :  
(P) grammar and reducing  
(Q) are turning us into  
(R) lazy writers  
(S) ruining our spelling and  
(6) our attention span  
(A) QRSP (B) SPQR  
(C) QSPR (D) SRPQ
- (1) Greed is regarded as :  
(P) possible ruinous and  
(Q) because it has  
(R) destructive effects  
(S) immoral behaviour  
(6) on the other people.  
(A) RQPS (B) SPRQ  
(C) SQPR (D) SQRQ
- (1) It is true :  
(P) born to be happy but  
(Q) we are born  
(R) that we are not  
(S) to seek happiness  
(6) seizing every opportunity.  
(A) RPQS (B) QSRP  
(C) RSQP (C) PSQR
- (1) Indiscriminate industrialization resulted :  
(P) as the rural  
(Q) in cities in search  
(R) in urban migration  
(S) poor settled  
(6) of opportunities.  
(A) PQRS (B) SRQP  
(C) RPSQ (D) PSQR
- (1) There are some stores :  
(P) that make it easy  
(Q) who have  
(R) with reasonable goods  
(S) for people  
(6) a limited budget.  
(A) PQRS (B) SPQR  
(C) RPSQ (C) QPSR

**Directions (16-20): In each of the following questions, four words are given in each questions, out of which only one word is correctly spelt. Find the correctly spelt word.**

- (A) inergy (B) energy  
(C) innergy (D) ennergy

17. (A) eleution (B) elocation  
 (C) elocution (D) elocutiun
18. (A) juxtaposition (B) justaposition  
 (C) jaxtaposition (D) jaustaposition
19. (A) hazardous (B) hazardos  
 (C) hazzardous (D) hazardus
20. (A) anihilate (B) annihilate  
 (C) anihillate (D) annihillate

**Directions (21-30): In the following passage some of the words have been left out. Read the passage carefully and choose the correct answer to each question out of the four alternative and fill in the blanks.**

The Reserve Bank has taken a bold — [21] — in the development of money, the government securities and the foreign exchange markets in — [22] — of their critical role in overall growth and development of the economy and — [23] — in the transmission mechanism of monetary policy. The approach has been one of simultaneous movements on several fronts, graduated and calibrated, with an — [24] — on institutional and infrastructural development and improvements in market microstructure. The pace of reforms was contingent — [25] — putting in place appropriate systems and procedures, technologies and market practices. Initiatives taken by the Reserve Bank have brought about a — [26] — transformation of various segments of the financial market. These developments by improving the depth and liquidity in domestic financial markets have — [27] — to better price discovery of interest rates and exchange rates, which, in turn, have led to greater — [28] — in resource allocation in the economy. The increase in size and depth of financial market has — [29] — the way for — [30] — use of indirect instruments.

21. (A) interest (B) participation  
 (C) step (D) role
22. (A) point (B) tune  
 (C) view (D) pursuit
23. (A) dicisively (B) reluctantly  
 (C) visibly (D) particularly
24. (A) equilibrium (B) emphasis  
 (C) appesasement (D) overload
25. (A) by (B) for  
 (C) against (D) upon
26. (A) trivial (B) jubilant  
 (C) fastidious (D) significant
27. (A) addressed (B) contributed  
 (C) initiated (D) evolved
28. (A) measures (B) activism  
 (C) debacle (D) efficiency
29. (A) paved (B) repaired  
 (C) dug (D) elevated
30. (A) revolutionised (B) indiscriminate  
 (C) flexible (D) arbitrary

**Directions (31-35): Read the passage carefully and choose the best answer to each question out of the four alternatives.**

As the rulers of the planet, humans like to think that it is the large creatures who will emerge victorious from the struggle for survival. However, nature teaches us the opposite : it is often the smallest species which are the toughest and most adaptable. A perfect example is the

hummingbird, which is found in the Americas. One species of hummingbird known as the bee hummingbird ranks as the world's smallest and lightest bird and it is barely visible when it is in flight.

Hummingbirds are the only birds that can fly backwards. They feed mainly on the nectar of flowers, a liquid that is rich in energy. Nectar is an ideal food source, for hummingbird need an **incredible** amount of energy to sustain their body metabolism. A hummingbird's wings flap at a rate of about 80 times per second and its any heart beats more than 1000 per minute. This is why they must consume relatively large quantities of food. In the course of a day, a hummingbird consumes about half its body weight in nectar.

31. Which of the following statements about the bee hummingbird is true?  
 (A) it could fly high beyond the clouds.  
 (B) it cannot be seen when it is in flight.  
 (C) it is obviously visible when it flies.  
 (D) it escapes our sight when it is in flight
32. Hummingbird need a lot of energy in order to:  
 (A) sustain a steady rhythm of heart-beat.  
 (B) win in the struggle for survival.  
 (C) maintain their body metabolism.  
 (D) flap their wings and fly backwards.
33. The hummingbirds are exclusive in the sense that:  
 (A) they consume half their body weight every day  
 (B) they can fly backwards  
 (C) they subsist only on nectar  
 (D) their pulse rate is more than 1000 pre minute
34. The word '**incredible**' in the passage means:  
 (A) unbelievable (B) phenomenal  
 (C) tremendous (D) inexhaustible
35. Nature has made man realize the fact that:  
 (A) humans who rule the planet are the most powerful beings on Earth.  
 (B) the largest and the smallest species are equally tough and strong.  
 (C) the large creatures emerge victorious from the struggle for survival.  
 (D) the smallest creatures are the toughest and most adaptable.

**Directions (36-40): In each of the following question, out of the given alternatives, choose the one which is most nearly the same in meaning to the word given in bold in the sentence.**

36. The man **vehemently** denied all the charges of corruption that were levelled against him.  
 (A) devoutly (B) hysterically  
 (C) forcefully (D) serenely
37. The inspector was a **vigilant** young man.  
 (A) smart (B) watchful  
 (C) ambitious (D) intelligent
38. The defendant was grateful for the judge's **clemency**.  
 (A) patience (B) mercy  
 (C) relaxed attitude (D) politeness
39. The number of **aboriginal** inhabitants in Australia is considerable.  
 (A) primitive (B) ancient  
 (C) unoriginal (D) irrational
40. I could achieve success through **outset efforts**.

- (A) efforts done after gaining consciousness
- (B) efforts made with critical awareness
- (C) efforts done without any desire
- (D) tremendous efforts.

**Directions (41-45): In the following questions, out of the four alternatives, choose the one which best expresses the meaning of the given word.**

- 41. spirited
  - (A) heated
  - (B) drunk
  - (C) enthusiastic
  - (D) possessed
- 42. gloomy
  - (A) misty
  - (B) obscure
  - (C) murky
  - (D) shadowy
- 43. grumble
  - (A) to scold
  - (B) to complain
  - (C) to sheer
  - (D) to fight
- 44. crude
  - (A) unrefined
  - (B) cruel
  - (C) rude
  - (D) savage
- 45. Barren
  - (A) good
  - (B) wholesome
  - (C) unproductive
  - (D) profitable

**Directions (46-50): In each of the following sentences, an idiomatic expression or a proverb is highlighted. Select the alternative which best describes its use in the sentence.**

- 46. My father's dealings are **open and above board**.
  - (A) to everyone's liking
  - (B) mandatory
  - (C) without any secret
  - (D) very clear
- 47. He spoke well though it was his **maiden speech**.
  - (A) long speech
  - (B) first speech
  - (C) brief speech
  - (D) emotional speech
- 48. The students were **all ears**, when the speaker started talking about the changes in the exam.
  - (A) smiling
  - (B) silent
  - (C) restless
  - (D) attentive
- 49. In his salad days he was quite a dandy.
  - (A) childhood
  - (B) adolescence
  - (C) school days
  - (D) old age
- 50. He is cool **about working** at night.
  - (A) ready to work
  - (B) not ready to work
  - (C) excited about working
  - (D) grudgingly working

**Directions (51-55): In the following questions out of the four alternatives choose the one which can be substituted for the given words/sentences.**

- 51. A person who can make himself/herself feel at home in any country.
  - (A) Cosmocrat
  - (B) Cosmesis
  - (C) Cosmetician
  - (D) Cosmopolitan
- 52. The Bedouin Arabs are people of no fixed adobe.
  - (A) Barbarians
  - (B) Nomads
  - (C) Vagabonds
  - (D) Travellers
- 53. Study of the interaction of people with their environment.
  - (A) ecology
  - (B) psychology
  - (C) philosophy
  - (D) geography
- 54. A list of explanations of technical or obsolete word.
  - (A) dictionary
  - (B) glossary
  - (C) lexicon
  - (D) catalogue

- 55. Underground place for storing wine or other provision.
  - (A) garage
  - (B) cellar
  - (C) attic
  - (D) hall

**Directions (56-60): Find out the error in each of the following sentences, if any. If there is no error, your answer is 'E'.**

- 56. She asked me politely (A)/ where I was going to (B)/ and what would (C)/ bring for her. (D)/ No error (E).
- 57. In Agra he (A)/ came across with many (B)/ of his friends (C)/ who had settled there. (D)/ No error (E).
- 58. Probably by the end (A)/ of the year he will (B)/ leave for the USA (C)/ with bag and baggage. (D)/ No error (E).
- 59. This idea of (A)/ the Chief Minister's (B)/ has supprised the (C)/ intellectuals to a great extent. (D)/ No error (E).
- 60. Two recent incidents (A)/ amply illustrate about (B)/ the present political (C)/ condition of the country. (D)/ No error (E).