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## GENERAL ENGLISH

**Against each key word are given four suggested meanings. Choose the word or phrase which is nearest in meaning to the key word.**

**1. BENEVOLENT:**

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|----------------|-------------|
| (1) Charitable | (3) Hostile |
| (2) Greedy     | (4) Timid   |

**2. LACONIC:**

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|-------------|--------------|
| (1) Wordy   | (3) Anxious  |
| (2) Concise | (4) Boastful |

**Read the sentence and choose the antonym of the Underlined Word among the alternative words or phrases as (1), (2), (3) and (4).**

**3. The judge gave a very lenient sentence to the accused.**

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| (1) Merciful | (3) Fair    |
| (2) Strict   | (4) Logical |

**4. Her candid remarks upset everyone in the meeting.**

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| (1) Frank   | (3) Outright |
| (2) Evasive | (4) Sincere  |

**Against each key word are given four suggested meanings. Choose the word or phrase which is opposite in meaning to the key word.**

**5. FRUGAL:**

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| (1) Thrifty    | (3) Extravagant |
| (2) Economical | (4) Careful     |

**6. OBSCURE:**

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| (1) Vague | (3) Famous |
| (2) Dark  | (4) Dull   |

**Choose the word that is nearest in meaning to the capitalised word.**

**7. CAJOLE:**

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|------------------------|---------------------|
| (1) To flatter or coax | (3) To argue loudly |
|------------------------|---------------------|

(2) To punish severely

(4) To ignore completely

**8. VERBOSE:**

- (1) Silent  
(2) Wordy

- (3) Violent  
(4) Sincere

*In the following question pick the wrong spelt word.*

9.

- (1) Bureaucracy  
(2) Buoyant

- (3) Bizzare  
(4) Benevolent

10.

- (1) Conscientious  
(2) Consiousness

- (3) Consecutive  
(4) Controversial

**DIRECTIONS: (Question No. 11 to 15) Read the passage and give your response based on the passage.**

**PASSAGE**

The habit of reading is one of the greatest resources of mankind; and we enjoy reading books that belong to us much more than if they are borrowed. A borrowed book is like a guest in the house; it must be treated with punctiliousness, with a certain considerate formality. You must see that it sustains no damage; it must not suffer while under your roof. You cannot leave it carelessly, you cannot mark it, you cannot turn down the pages, you cannot use it familiarly. And then, some day, although this is seldom done, you really ought to return it. But your own books belong to you; you treat them with that affectionate intimacy that annihilates formality. Books are for use, not for show; you should own no book that you are afraid to mark up, or afraid to place on the table, face downwards. A good reason for marking favourite passages in books is that this practice enables you to remember more easily the significant sayings, to refer to them quickly, and then in later years, it is like visiting a forest where you once blazed a trail.

**11. The passage suggests that a borrowed book:**

- (1) Should never be returned  
(2) Must be handled very carefully

- (3) Can be marked freely  
(4) Is more enjoyable than an owned book

**12. According to the author, books are meant:**

- (1) To be displayed on shelves  
(2) To impress visitors

- (3) For use and familiarity  
(4) To be kept in pristine condition

**13. The author compares marking favourite passages to:**

- (1) Decorating a room  
(2) Revisiting blazed trails in a forest

- (3) Writing a new book  
(4) Returning a borrowed book

**14. A borrowed book is compared to:**

- (1) A best friend  
(2) A guest in the house

- (3) A piece of furniture  
(4) A tool in a workshop

**15. According to the passage, it is wrong to conclude that:**

- (1) We enjoy owned books more than borrowed ones  
(2) Marking books helps recall important passages

- (3) Borrowed books should never be returned  
(4) One's own books can be treated informally

**DIRECTIONS: (Question No. 16 & 17) In the following sentences one or two words are missing. From the four choices select the choice that fits in best with the rest of the sentence.**

**16. The principal's address clearly reflected his ..... for academic excellence and the ..... of his students:**

- (1) Hatred, failure  
(2) Passion, progress

- (3) Disgust, laziness  
(4) Desire, wealth

**17. Children with great ..... and curiosity generally grow up to become ..... individuals:**

- (1) Laziness, ordinary  
(2) Imagination, creative

- (3) Anger, harmful  
(4) Silence, popular

**DIRECTIONS: (Question No. 18 to 20) In the following questions, fill in the blanks by selecting a choice which is in keeping with good English usage.**

**18. Neither of the two candidates ..... suitable for the post:**

- (1) Are  
(2) Were

- (3) Is  
(4) Have been

**19. .... his best efforts, he could not pass the examination:**

- (1) Despite  
(2) Although

- (3) Because  
(4) Since

**20. The manager handled the crisis very .....:**

- (1) Efficient  
(2) Efficiency

- (3) Efficiently  
(4) Efficiencies

**DIRECTIONS: (Question No. 21 to 24) In the questions choose the correct alternative answer to complete the sentence.**

**21. She insisted ..... going to the market alone:**

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| (1) For | (3) Upon |
| (2) On  | (4) At   |

**22. I ..... in this city since 2010:**

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|----------------|---------------------|
| (1) Am living  | (3) Have lived      |
| (2) Was living | (4) Had been living |

**23. If it ..... tomorrow, the match will be cancelled:**

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| (1) Rains     | (3) Rained     |
| (2) Will rain | (4) Has rained |

**24. The news ..... very shocking to all of us:**

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| (1) Were      | (3) Are |
| (2) Have been | (4) Was |

**25. The lawyer successfully refuted the opponent's argument. In this sentence 'refuted' means:**

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|---------------|------------------|
| (1) Supported | (3) Acknowledged |
| (2) Disproved | (4) Presented    |

**DIRECTIONS: (Question No. 26 to 28) In each of these questions, four words numbered (1), (2), (3) and (4) have been given of which one may be wrongly spelt. The number of that word is your answer.**

**26.**

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| (1) Surveillance | (3) Supercede   |
| (2) Sovereignty  | (4) Symmetrical |

**27.**

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| (1) Millennium    | (3) Mischievous |
| (2) Miscellaneous | (4) Medeval     |

**28.**

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| (1) Phenomenal   | (3) Priveledge |
| (2) Perseverance | (4) Proficient |

**29. Given below are the four spellings of the same word. Choose the correct one.**

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|------------------|-------------------|
| (1) Accomodation | (3) Accommodation |
| (2) Acommodation | (4) Accomodattion |

**30. In the following question select the appropriate word that best represents the given set of words. A person who studies the structure of the earth:**

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|----------------|-------------------|
| (1) Geologist  | (3) Archaeologist |
| (2) Astronomer | (4) Meteorologist |

**DIRECTIONS: (Question No. 31 to 33) Pick out the most effective word from the given words to fill in the blank to make the sentence meaningfully complete.**

**31. The lawyer made a very ..... argument in favour of his client:**

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| (1) Feeble     | (3) Irrelevant |
| (2) Compelling | (4) Confusing  |

**32. The new employee showed great ..... in completing the assigned tasks:**

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|---------------|------------------|
| (1) Laziness  | (3) Indifference |
| (2) Diligence | (4) Arrogance    |

**33. The scientist ..... years of research before publishing her findings:**

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| (1) Wasted  | (3) Devoted   |
| (2) Ignored | (4) Disrupted |

**34. Fill in the blanks. The committee members could not agree ..... each other:**

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|-------------|----------|
| (1) Among   | (3) With |
| (2) Between | (4) To   |

**35. Fill in the blanks. She spoke so softly ..... no one could hear her:**

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| (1) As  | (3) That  |
| (2) But | (4) Which |

**DIRECTIONS: (Question No. 36 to 39) The words of proverbs and sentences are given in a jumbled manner. If the words are arranged properly, they make a readable sentence. Pick a choice which gives the correct sequence of words.**

**36. Rome, built, not, was, day, in, a 1 2 3 4 5 6 7**

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| (1) 1432675 | (3) 1432765 |
| (2) 1423675 | (4) 4213675 |

37. Haste, waste, makes 1 2 3

- (1) 132 (3) 321  
(2) 312 (4) 213

38. Glass, people, houses, should, stone, live, those, not, in, throw 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

- (1) 7294136810 5 (3) 2 4 9 1 3 6 8 10 5 7  
(2) 7 2 4 9 1 3 6 8 10 5 (4) 9 1 3 6 8 10 5 7 2 4

39. The, pen, mightier, is, sword, than, the 1 2 3 4 5 6 7

- (1) 1243675 (3) 1243756  
(2) 1243657 (4) 4213765

40. Given below are the four spellings of the same word. Choose the correct one.

- (1) Questionnaire (3) Qestionnaire  
(2) Questionnair (4) Questionare

**DIRECTIONS: (Question No. 41 to 43) Each of the following idioms is followed by alternative meanings of which one is correct. Write the correct option.**

41. Beat around the bush:

- (1) Speak directly and clearly (3) Search a place thoroughly  
(2) Avoid coming to the main point (4) Cause unnecessary commotion

42. Turn over a new leaf:

- (1) Read a book carefully (3) Begin a new chapter of a story  
(2) Change one's behaviour for the better (4) Accept defeat gracefully

43. Burn the midnight oil:

- (1) Waste resources (3) Destroy something completely  
(2) Work or study late into the night (4) Be very careless

**DIRECTIONS: (Question No. 44 & 45) In this section each sentence has three parts indicated by (1), (2) and (3). Read each sentence to find out whether there is an error. If you find an error in any one of the parts (1), (2) and (3) indicate your response by blackening the letter related to that part in the OMR sheet provided. If sentence has no error, indicate this by blackening (4) which stands for no error. Errors may belong to grammar, usage etc.**

44. One of the students (1)/ have submitted (2)/ the project on time (3)/ No error (4).

- (1) Part 1 (3) Part 3  
(2) Part 2 (4) No error

45. She has been working (1)/ in this office since (2)/ five years (3)/ No error (4).

- (1) Part 1 (3) Part 3  
(2) Part 2 (4) No error

46. Which of the following is a cold-blooded animal?

- (1) Dog (3) Tortoise  
(2) Horse (4) Rabbit

47. Fill in the blank with correct preposition. She is very fond ..... classical music:

- (1) Of (3) With  
(2) For (4) By

48. Given below is the sentence in active voice. Choose the correct sentence in passive voice among the alternatives:

**Will the workers complete the project?**

- (1) Will the project be completed by the workers? (3) Has the project been completed by the workers?  
(2) Would the project have been completed by the workers? (4) Is the project completed by the workers?

49. What shall be the correct combination of two simple sentences into a complex sentence by using an adverb clause.

**The alarm rang. She woke up immediately.**

- (1) She woke up immediately as soon as the alarm rang (3) She had woken up while the alarm rang  
(2) She was waking up when the alarm rang (4) She woke up immediately upon ringing of the alarm

50. Fill in the gap with suitable preposition: He is tired \_\_\_\_\_ waiting for so long.

- (1) With (3) From  
(2) Of (4) By

51. Identify the correct tense used in this sentence. The children had been playing in the garden for two hours when it started to rain.

- (1) Past perfect tense (3) Past perfect continuous tense  
(2) Past continuous tense (4) Simple past tense

52. Fill in the blank using correct article. He is \_\_\_\_\_ honest man.

- (1) A (3) The

(2) An

(4) No article needed

**53. Identify the plural word among the following alternatives:**

(1) Phenomenon

(3) Criteria

(2) Criterion

(4) Bacterium

**54. Given are four sentences. Choose the sentence which belongs to the class "Adverb of place":**

(1) She works very hard

(3) They played brilliantly

(2) He arrived here yesterday

(4) The train left early

**55. Identify the sentence with no adverb:**

(1) The dog ran quickly

(3) He answered the question correctly

(2) She is an intelligent girl

(4) They will meet soon

**56. Change the following sentence given in indirect speech into direct speech and mark the correct answer choosing from options given. She asked me whether I had finished the report.**

(1) She said to me, "Have you finish the report?"

(3) She said to me, "Have you finished the report?"

(2) She said to me, "Did you finish the report?"

(4) She said to me, "Had you finished the report?"

**57. In the following question four sentences have been given. Out of the four options given one is grammatically incorrect. Identify the one and mark your answer.**

(1) The news is alarming

(3) She ran fast to catch the bus

(2) He is knowing the answer

(4) They are playing cricket now

**58. Change the following sentence into Indirect speech: He said, "Please help me carry this luggage."**

(1) He requested them that please help him carry the luggage

(3) He requested them to help him carry the luggage

(2) He said to them to please carry his luggage

(4) He told them to carry the luggage immediately

**59. Change the sentence into indirect speech. The teacher said to the students, "Why have you not done your homework?"**

(1) The teacher told the students why they have not done their homework

(3) The teacher said to the students to do their homework

(2) The teacher asked the students why they had not done their homework

(4) The teacher asked the students why will they not do homework

**60. Change the following sentence into reported speech and mark the correct option: The soldier said, "I must defend my country at all costs."**

(1) The soldier said that he must defend his country at all costs

(3) The soldier said that he will defend his country at all costs

(2) The soldier said that he had to defend his country at all costs

(4) The soldier said that he must have defended his country at all costs