

Directions (1-4): Pick up the correct synonyms for each of the following words.

1. EFFACE

- (a) Wipe out
- (b) Weaken
- (c) Insult
- (d) Repair

2. BLITHE

- (a) Graceful
- (b) Joyous
- (c) Giddy
- (d) Other worldly

3. ERRAND

- (a) Foolishness
- (b) Mission
- (c) Misadventure
- (d) Error

4.

RIBALD

- (a) Vulgar
- (b) Attractive
- (c) Refined
- (d) Indifferent

Directions (5-8): In each of the following questions, choose the word OPPOSITE in meaning to the given word.

5. JUDICIOUS

- (a) Unequal
- (b) Unlawful
- (c) Impure
- (d) Indiscret

6. JUXTAPOSITION

- (a) Difference
- (b) Opposition
- (c) Separation
- (d) Appropriateness

7. PAUCITY

- (a) Surplus
- (b) Scarcity

- (c) Presence
- (d) Richness

8. LEND

- (a) Beg
- (b) Borrow
- (c) Snatch
- (d) Request

Directions (9-11): In each of the following questions, choose the word which can be substituted for the given phrase/sentence.

9. Using of new words.

- (a) Coinage
- (b) Vocabulary
- (c) Neologism
- (d) Malapropism

10. Careful in Performing duties

- (a) Punctual
- (b) Punctilious
- (c) Sincere
- (d) Pugnacious

11. A thing liable to be easily broken

- (a) Breakable
- (b) Ductile
- (c) Brittle
- (d) Delicate

Directions (12-14): Fill in the blanks in the following sentence by selecting the most appropriate alternative from amongst the four choices given under each sentence.

12. The bill in the Parliament wasby fifty five people.

- (a) accepted
- (b) voted
- (c) carried
- (d) opposed

13. His death is a great blow, most terrible to

- (a) bear
- (b) imagine
- (c) accept
- (d) sustain

14. The little girl..... for the light switch in the dark.

- (a) groped
- (b) grappled
- (c) gripped
- (d) grovelled

Directions (15-17): In each of the following questions, find out which part of the sentence has an error. If there is no mistake, the answer is 'No error'.

15. If I was you (1)/ I would not have (2)/ committed this blunder. (3)/ No error (4)

16. You will get (1)/ all the information (2)/ if you read this booklet carefully. (3)/ No error (4)

17. He is writing novels (1)/ ever since (2)/ he became a graduate. (3)/ No error (4)

Directions (18-20): Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions given below it.

Mahatma Gandhi believed that industrialization was no answer to the problems that plague the mass of India's poor and that villagers should be taught to be self-sufficient in food, weave their own cloth from cotton and eschew the glittering prizes that the twentieth century so temptingly offers. Such an idyllic and rural paradise did not appear to those who inherited the reins of political power.

18. Mahatma Gandhi's views opposed industrialization of villages because

- (a) it would take away the skill of the villagers.
- (b) it would undermine self-sufficiency and destroy the beauty of life of the villagers.
- (c) it would help the poor and not the rich.
- (d) it would affect the culture of the Indians.

19. The meaning of the glittering prizes that the twentieth century so temptingly offers is

- (a) replacement of rural by urban interests.
- (b) absence of violence and corruption.
- (c) pursuit of a commercialized material culture.
- (d) complete removal of poverty.

20. The basis of 'an idyllic and rural paradise' is

- (a) self-sufficiency in food and clothes and simplicity of life style.
- (b) supporting those holding powerful political positions.
- (c) rapid industrialization of villages.
- (d) bringing to the villages the glittering prizes of the twentieth century.

Directions (21-25): In each of the following questions out of the given alternatives, choose the one which best expresses the meaning of the given word:.

21. HARSH

- (a) Disfigure
- (b) Slit
- (c) Severe
- (d) Slash

22. EXCRUCIATE

- (a) Refine
- (b) Torture
- (c) Extract
- (d) Imprison

23. OUTRE

- (a) Fair
- (b) Traditional
- (c) Real
- (d) Unusual

24. TEDIOUS

- (a) Tiresome
- (b) Painful
- (c) Troublesome
- (d) Lengthy

25. ASSIMILATES

- (a) Absorb
- (b) Arrange
- (c) Receive
- (d) Assemble

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- 1. (a)
- 2. (b)
- 3. (b)
- 4. (a)
- 5. (d)
- 6. (c)
- 7. (a)
- 8. (b)
- 9. (c)
- 10. (b)
- 11. (c)
- 12. (c)
- 13. (a)
- 14. (a)
- 15. (a)

- 16. (a)
- 17. (a)
- 18. (b)
- 19. (c)
- 20. (a)
- 21. (c)
- 22. (b)
- 23. (d)
- 24. (a)
- 25. (a)