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VERBAL ABILITY TEST

Questions: 40

All Question Carry One Mark Each

Time: 35 Minutes

Questions: Identify the correct sentence.

1. 1. There was a big explosion that shook the windows and people ran into the street.
2. There was a big explosion that made people run into the street and shake windows.
3. There was a big explosion that shook the windows and made people run into the street.
4. The big explosion shook the windows and people ran into the street.
2. 1. During that period of time, many car buyers preferred cars that were red in colour and shiny to look
2. During that period, many car buyers preferred cars that were red and shiny.
3. During those period so many car buyers preferred red, shiny cars.
4. At that time car buyers preferred only to buy shiny red cars.
3. 1. Tim went to the candy store quite often; he even knew his name.
2. Tim went to the candy store quite often that he even knew his name.
3. Because Tim went to the candy store quite often, he knew his name.
4. Tim went to the candy store quite often; the clerk even knew his name.
4. 1. The girl has a lot of patience who teaches swimming at the neighborhood pool.
2. The girl with lot of patience is the one who teaches swimming at the neighborhood pool.
3. The girl who teaches swimming at the neighborhood pool has a lot of patience.
4. The girl who teaches to swim at the neighborhood pool has a lot of patience.et.
5. 1. The problems involved in this operation I think are numerous.
2. I think of the problems as being numerous in this operation.
3. The problems involved in this operation are, I think, numerous.
4. Numerous problems are involved in this operation I think.
6. 1. The scientists hypnotized both men and made them live out the experience again.
2. The two men were hypnotized and the scientists made them to live through the experience.
3. The scientists hypnotized both the men and made them live through the experience again.
4. The scientists hypnotized both the men and they were made to live through the experience again.
7. 1. A patient had a National Health Service hernia operation without anaesthetic, relying on hypnosis to withstand pain.
2. Relying on hypnosis to withstand pain a patient was operated by National Health Service hernia operation.
3. A National Health Service hernia operation was done on a patient without anaesthetic, relying on hypnosis to withstand pain.
4. Without anaesthetic, relying on hypnosis to relieve pain a National Health Service hernia operation was done on a patient.
8. 1. When the hurricane was finished they emerged from their shelter to survey the damage.

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2. When the hurricane had departed they emerged from their shelter to survey the damage.
3. When the hurricane was done with they emerged from their shelter to survey the damage.
4. When the hurricane was over they emerged from their shelter to survey the damage.

Directions: In each of the following sentences, some part of the sentence or the entire sentence is underlined. Beneath each sentence you will find four ways of phrasing the underlined part. This is a test of correctness and effectiveness of expression. In choosing answers, follow the requirements of standard written English, that is, pay attention to grammar, choice of words and sentence construction. Choose the answer that expresses most effectively what is presented in the original sentence; this answer should be clear and exact, without awkwardness, ambiguity or redundancy.

9. A necklace of diamonds, presented by friends of the bride, were among the presents on view.
 1. Were among the presents in view
 2. Was among the presents on view
 3. is with the presents on view
 4. are among the presents on view
10. The reviewers agree that this is one of the most interesting novels that has recently been issued.
 1. interesting novels that have recently been issued
 2. interesting novels that had recently been issued
 3. interesting novels that was recently been issued
 4. interesting novels that were recently been issue
11. He is doing his best to propitiate his master, whom he fears may be seriously offended by what has happened.
 1. whom he fears may be seriously offended with what has happened.
 2. who he fears may perhaps be seriously offended for what had happened.
 3. who he fears may be seriously offended by what has happened.
 4. which he fears may be seriously offended by what would have happened.
12. The journey by car is as quick, and perhaps quicker, than by train
 1. The journey by car is as quick as, and perhaps quicker than by train
 2. The journey by car is perhaps quicker than by train
 3. perhaps the journey by car is quicker than by train
 4. car journey is quicker perhaps than by train
13. Due to me being a new-corner to this place, I found it difficult to get an accommodation that would suit our family budget
 1. Because of me being a new-corner
 2. Owing to my being a new corner
 3. As I am coming new
 4. For me being a new-corner
14. The new committee arranged everything as it was before, except the weekly meetings were discontinued
 1. except the weekly meetings had discontinued
 2. except the meetings was discontinued weekly
 3. except the weekly meetings that were discontinued
 4. except that the weekly meetings were discontinued

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15. The children to the neighbor of mine, had a leveret given them for a plaything, it was at that time about three months old.
1. The children of a neighbor of me
 2. The children from a neighbor of I
 3. The children of a neighbor of mine
 4. The children of the neighbors of me
16. It will be difficult to coordinate among the members as each person who comes will have their own views to present.
1. will have their own views
 2. will have his own views
 3. will have views of their own
 4. will have own views

Directions: Fill in the blank with the correct option that fits in grammatically and logically.

17., the flask containing acid burst.
1. While mulling over various new methods
 2. When the professor was mulling through various new methods
 3. While the professor was mulling over various new methods
 4. While professors was mulling over various new methods
18. The meaning of the word mellifluous is
1. pleasing to the ear.
 2. as sweet as honey.
 3. very delicate and pretty.
 4. a delight for the eye.
19. Scarcely had Lee left the office building,
1. but his boss called him in
 2. than when his boss was calling him back
 3. when his boss called him back
 4. then his boss called him back
20. The company's condition is that the incumbent CEO
1. has both good education and good work habits.
 2. have both a good education and good work habits.
 3. has both a good education and has good work habits.
 4. has both a good education and good working habits.
21. that he reprimanded all of them thoroughly.
1. That several workers came late to office annoyed the director so much
 2. If several workers came late to office annoyed the director so much
 3. When several workers came late to office annoyed the director so much
 4. If several workers came late to office annoyed the director very much
22. Each chef has his/her own recipe for making an apple pie; when asked to comment about the necessity of each one having a special secret recipe Chef Pierre commented that
1. variety is the spice of life and cookery
 2. each cook has his own broth.
 3. to each their own way of cookery

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4. there are many ways to skin a cat.
23. Professor John Brown sets extremely difficult class exam question papers for his students, for he believes that _____ mariner.
1. an albatross was the undoing of the ancient
 2. a smooth sea never made a skilled
 3. a seagull has to be smart enough for the
 4. a rough ride is part of a
24. It is _____ that drug use has not crept into this great game.
1. impractical to believe
 2. unrealistic in belief
 3. unrealistic to believe
 4. an unrealised belief

Directions: For each question in this section, select the best of the answer choices given

25. After being ordered by the government of Karnataka to instruct students in Kannada, instead of working their way around the state language policy, schools are increasingly beginning to switch over to Indian Certificate for Secondary Education (ICSE) and Central Board of Secondary Education. This idea seems to be an escape route for all schools that are on the verge of a closedown. A brilliant idea indeed!

Which of the following statements weakens the argument?

1. Parsidhi School found itself in the list of schools that would be shut down and immediately switched over to the ICSE Board.
 2. Parents insist that English should be the medium of instruction.
 3. The aim of English is to create multilinguals that can enrich native languages and mother tongues.
 4. Majority of the schools in Karnataka cater to children from financially weak families for whom switching over to the Central Board may not be an option.
26. Researchers at Chittaranjan National Cancer Institute claim that the smoke and dust- laden air you breathe on your way to work or on your weekend family outing could leave you with life-threatening ailments. The so-called lifestyle diseases - heart attack, lung disorder, kidney failure, impotence and memory loss - may also be triggered by air pollution It can be inferred from the passage that
1. Foul air, as a catalyst, is responsible for the rise in morbidity and mortality.
 2. High incidence of lung cancer in Kolkata has revealed that the lungs took the first hit due to continued exposure to air pollution.
 3. Autopsy in unnatural deaths has revealed that pollution affects the brain as well.
 4. Ultra-fine particles slip through the walls of the lungs into the bloodstream, invading the heart, kidney and other organs.
27. A study has shown that 19.8 million French out of the country's population of 63 million were too fat, and that 5.9 million were obese- 2.3 million more than the figure nine years ago. The study has concluded that the reason for this sudden change in image is entirely due to supermarket-ready dinners replacing family meals. In addition, France has the most number of McDonalds outside

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America.

Which of the following statements weakens the argument?

1. The image of the super-thin French women has taken a battering.
 2. Research reveals that more than two-thirds of the French women are at risk due to excessive smoking and drinking.
 3. Women appear to be more affected than men.
 4. The French believed that a bit of common sense combined with a moderate intake of calories-filled delicacies could ensure a perfect figure.
28. Being challenged is not a bad idea. The UN General Assembly challenged all those involved in conflict to enter into a one-day truce, to put aside their weapons for one day and taste the fruits of one day of peace. However, not all those in the trenches or on the frontline will listen to this plea. Therefore, the challenge can be deemed a failure.

Which of the following statements weakens the argument?

1. It is often challenges that allow us to grow, both individually and collectively.
 2. Those involved in conflicts will learn something from the experience, or maybe all that will happen is that the guns will fall silent for one day.
 3. If each life lost in a preventable conflict is a human tragedy, then one life saved as a result of one day of peace is surely a triumph.
 4. Human greatness lies not so much in remaking the world as it is in remaking ourselves.
29. Asking schools to shut down mid-year for supposed 'language policy violation' demonstrates the narrow-mindedness of the department in question. The trauma this would cause to thousands of families is unimaginable and avoidable. Even domestic workers want their children to study in such schools — they know that English is the only ticket to a better future.

Which of the following statements is the author most likely to agree with?

1. The decision to close down schools was not a sudden one; only after repeated warnings was this imposition made.
 2. English is a necessity in today's world, but at the same time, the mother tongue cannot be neglected.
 3. The aim of the school curriculum is not to break the barriers between English and the other languages but to help children become intelligent and aware.
 4. If the Chief Minister truly wants his state to progress, he should immediately reverse the order and encourage more English medium schools.
30. A study stated that India is a fat country and that Indian women are at a high risk of developing hypertension, diabetes, hypercholesterolemia, heart diseases and metabolic syndrome. As compared to Indian data of about five years ago, the present data shows an increase in obesity between 10 and 15%; and all these despite all the attention and warning that obesity has received It can be assumed from the argument that
1. Increasing affluence, an increased intake of energy rich foods and sedentary lifestyle has contributed to this unhealthy trend.
 2. Obesity is a primary risk factor for most of the diseases.
 3. The incidence of obesity is more in women than in men.
 4. Sedentary lifestyle is the only reason for the prevailing obese condition.

Directions: Read the following passage below and answer the questions that follow on the basis of

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what is stated / implied In that passage.

Cell phone emissions excite the part of the brain cortex nearest to the phone, but it is not clear if these effects are harmful, Italian researchers reported on Monday.

Their study, published in the *Annals of Neurology*, adds to a growing body of research about mobile phones, their possible effects on the brain, and whether there is any link to cancer.

About 730 million cell phones are expected to be sold this year, according to industry estimates, and nearly 2 billion people around the world already use them.

Of these, more than 500 million use a type that emits electromagnetic fields known as Global System for Mobile communications or GSM radio phones. Their possible effects on the brain are controversial and not well understood.

Dr. Paolo Rossini of Fatebenefratelli hospital in Milan and colleagues used Transcranial Magnetic Stimulation or TMS to check brain function while people used these phones.

They had 15 young male volunteers use a GSM 900 cell phone for 45 minutes. In 12 of the 15, the cells in the motor cortex adjacent to the cell phone showed excitability during phone use but returned to normal within an hour.

The cortex is the outside layer of the brain and the motor cortex is known as the "excitable area" because magnetic stimulation has been shown to cause a muscle twitch.

The researchers stressed that they had not shown that using a cell phone is bad for the brain in any way, but people with conditions such as epilepsy, linked with brain cell excitability, could potentially be affected.

"It should be argued that long-lasting and repeated exposure to EMFs (electromagnetic frequencies) linked with intense use of cellular phones in daily life might be harmful or beneficial in brain-diseased subjects," they wrote.

"Further studies are needed to better circumstantiate these conditions and to provide safe rules for the use of this increasingly more widespread device."

Medical studies on cell phone use have provided mixed results. Swedish researchers found last year that using cell phones over time can raise the risk of brain tumors. But a study by Japan's four mobile telephone operators found no evidence that radio waves from the phones harmed cells or DNA.

The Dutch Health Council analyzed several studies and found no evidence that radiation from mobile phones was harmful

31. According to the passage, the text researches conducted on the hazards of cell phone use

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1. are conclusive
 2. prove that it could lead to cancer
 3. prove that people with conditions such as epilepsy could be affected
 4. are inconclusive as the results are mixed
32. From the above passage we get to know that electromagnetic fields
- A. cause epilepsy
 - B. are emitted by GSM radio phones
 - C. occur only with concurrent use of millions of phones
1. A, B & C
 2. A only
 3. A & C
 4. B only
33. Which of the following did Dr. Paolo Rossini of Fatebenefratelli hospital in Milan use to check brain functions?
1. GSM
 2. TMS
 3. DNA
 4. EMF
34. Out of the four different nations that have carried out researches the one that says that cell phone use is risky is:
1. Italian
 2. Japanese
 3. Swedish
 4. Dutch
35. The author feels that the controversy and the mixed results of the various researches will
1. affect the cell phone business
 2. make cell phone users skeptical
 3. affect people's health
 4. none of the above

Directions: Read the following passage below and answer the questions that follow on the basis of what is stated / implied in that passage.

This Essay shows how I think people should live, and the Necessities to do so. This quote is from Buddha "Do not dwell in the past; do not dream of the future, concentrate the mind on the present moment". I think this a good quote that shows how people should live, because if you dwell in the past on relationships, or things that you did for too long you won't be able to move forward in life which is needed, if you want to make new relationships, and if you dream of what the future will bring to you, too often you'll forget what is at hand, it's best to focus on what you are doing. I think that People need five things to live a happy and successful life.

The first thing that people need is common sense so that they can know what's right and wrong. Common sense is an important thing because it is what we use to make good decisions. The second thing that people need to live a good life is support from others because it helps you get through hard

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times in life. Without it, you'll have hard times and nobody to help you through them. The third thing, I think, people need is a good attitude so that they can get along with others. This will help you get somewhere by being nice to others, because if you're always being negative, nobody will want to be around you, which can cause a hard time at getting a job, which will keep you from being successful.

The fourth thing people need is a basic knowledge so that you can get a diploma, go to college and get a high end job and become successful and wealthy in life. Without a basic education the colleges you want to go to won't want you because you don't have the requirements. The fifth, and finally what people need is love because it is what drives us to do everything we do. People need this most so that they have something to help them get through life. But love is much more important than just having others support you. It shows someone personally cares for you. These five things are what I think are needed the most to live a life successfully and be happy. I believe people should live doing what makes them and others happy and allows you to enjoy your life.

The reason why people should live like this is that if you have a job or do something that you like, you won't end up turning to alcohol or drugs to feel good about yourself. But when you are doing something you don't enjoy and you're unhappy, you could eventually turn to using drugs and alcohol, which can end with you in jail or even dead. If you do something that you like to do and are good at it you will eventually be able to enjoy your life and be wealthy. When people do something for a career and they really don't like the way they are going, they eventually turn to drugs or alcohol so that they can forget about it. When people waste money on drugs and become addicted, they will sooner or later have to increase how much they use to be just normal, which will cause psychological problems. These are the reasons why people should live doing what brings them and others happiness, and allows them to enjoy life. With these things in mind I can make sure that I live a happy and successful life.

36. According to the passage, if you dream of the future

1. you can be successful
2. you will forget what can come to your hand
3. you will forget what is at hand
4. you will not forget anything.

37. What, according to the author, is required to make good decisions?

1. common sense
2. Love
3. sound mind
4. happiness

38. According to the passage

1. Love makes you live a good life.
2. Love can prevent people from getting addicted to drugs or alcohol.
3. People should do what they feel happy about.
4. Love makes an alcoholic feel good about himself.

39. it can be inferred from the passage that

1. All those who are in good jobs have had a public school education.
2. Psychological problems increase when people do not enjoy the work they do.

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3. No matter what man does, he cannot be happy.
 4. Education has ensured that people do not take to alcohol.
40. Which of the following is/are true, according to the passage?
- A. Good attitude helps one get along with others.
 - B. Even without basic knowledge it is possible to get a high- end job.
 - C. Support from others helps one get through difficult times in life.
1. A & B
 2. B & C
 3. A & C
 4. All of the above

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