**IGNOU Openmat Solved Question Paper 2008**

**Question 1. Question consists of a word, in capital letters followed by four words or phrases. Choose the alternative that is most nearly opposite in meaning to the word in capital letters, in each case..?**  
RETROGRADE  
(1) progressing  
(2) reclining  
(3) evaluating  
(4) directing  
Answer: (1) progressing  
  
**Question 2. Question consists of a word, in capital letters followed by four words or phrases. Choose the alternative that is most nearly opposite in meaning to the word in capital letters, in each case..?**  
PROVIDENT  
(1) unholy  
(2) rash  
(3) miserable  
(4) disabled  
Answer: (2) rash.  
  
**Question 3. Question consists of a word, in capital letters followed by four words or phrases. Choose the alternative that is most nearly opposite in meaning to the word in capital letters, in each case..?**  
EUPHONIOUS  
(1) strident  
(2) lethargic  
(3) literary  
(4) significant  
Answer:(1) strident  
  
**Question 4. Question consists of a word, in capital letters followed by four words or phrases. Choose the alternative that is most nearly opposite in meaning to the word in capital letters, in each case..?**  
EXTRINSIC  
(1) reputable  
(2) inherent  
(3) ambitious  
(4) cursory  
Answer:(2) inherent.  
  
**Question 5. Question consists of a word, in capital letters followed by four words or phrases. Choose the alternative that is most nearly opposite in meaning to the word in capital letters, in each case..?**  
ASSUAGE  
(1) describe  
(2) wince  
(3) worsen  
(4) introduce  
Answer:(3) worsen  
  
**Question 6. Questions consists of a word, in capital letters, followed by four options. Choose the option that is most similar in meaning to the word in capital letters, in each case..?**  
GAUCHE  
(1) rigid  
(2) swift  
(3) awkward  
(4) taciturn  
Answer:(3) awkward  
  
**Question 9. Questions consists of a word, in capital letters, followed by four options. Choose the option that is most similar in meaning to the word in capital letters, in each case..?**  
INIMICAL  
(1) antagonistic  
(2) anonymous  
(3) accurate  
(4) fanciful  
Answer:(1) antagonistic  
  
**Question 10. Questions consists of a word, in capital letters, followed by four options. Choose the option that is most similar in meaning to the word in capital letters, in each case...?**  
POLEMIC  
(1) blackness  
(2) controversy  
(3) magnetism  
(4) lighting  
Answer: (2) controversy  
  
**Question 11. Questions consists of a word, in capital letters, followed by four options. Choose the option that is most similar in meaning to the word in capital letters, in each case...?**  
PLAINTTVE  
(1) mournful  
(2) senseless  
(3) rural  
(4) evasive  
Answer: (1) mournful  
  
**Question 12. Questions consists of a word, in capital letters, followed by four options. Choose the option that is most similar in meaning to the word in capital letters, in each case...?**  
BALEFUL  
(1) doubtful  
(2) virtual  
(3) deadly  
(4) virtuous  
Answer: (3) deadly  
  
**Question 13. Which of the following countries was the host of the 20th Winter Olympics in 2006 ?**  
(1) Italy  
(2) Australia  
(3) Spain  
(4) Canada  
Answer: (1) Italy  
  
**Question 14. "Beyond The Last Blue Mountain" is the biography of..?**  
(1) Sir Edmund Hillary  
(2) Bachhendri Pal  
(3) JRD Tata  
(4) Dhirubhai Ambani  
Answer: (3) JRD Tata  
  
**Question 15. To whom did Iltutmish dedicate the 'Qutab Minar'?**  
(1) Razia Sultan  
(2) Qutbuddin Aibak  
(3) Qutbuddin Bakhtiyar Kaki  
(4) Moinuddin Chisti  
Answer: (3) Qutbuddin Bakhtiyar Kaki  
  
**Question 16. Which of the following substances obtained by fractionation of human blood ?**  
(1) Antivenom Serum  
(2) Gamma Globulin  
(3) Polio Vaccine  
(4) Diphtheria Antitoxin  
Answer: (2) Gamma Globulin  
  
**Question 17. A body falling freely from a height towards the earth, moves with uniform..?**  
(1) Speed  
(2) Velocity  
(3) Acceleration  
(4) Weight  
Answer: (3) Acceleration  
  
**Question 18. The element of an electric stove is made up of what ?**  
(1) Copper  
(2) Invar  
(3) Magnalium  
(4) Nichrome  
Answer: (4) Nichrome  
  
**Question 19. Which of its states did the US purchase from Spain for 5 million dollars in L877 ?**  
(1) Arizona  
(2) New Mexico  
(3) Washington  
(4) Florida  
Answer: (4) Florida  
  
**Question 20. Who is the author of the book "Beyond Peace" ?**  
(1) Richard Nixon  
(2) Mikhail Gorbachev  
(3) Nelson Mandela  
(4) George Bush  
Answer:(1) Richard Nixon  
  
**Question 21. Which global communications giant was originally set up by Alexander Graham Bell as The Bell Telephone Company in 1877 ?**  
(1) Siemens  
(2) Nokia  
(3) A T & T  
(4) Ericsson  
Answer: (3) A T & T  
  
**Question 22. Which of the following poets coined the title 'Lady with a Lamp' for Florence Nightingale in his 1858 poem, 'Santa Filomena' ?**  
(1) T.S. Eliot  
(2) Robert Frost  
(3) William Wordsworth  
(4) Henry Longfellow  
Answer: (4) Henry Longfellow  
  
**Question 23. While considering the Gross National Product (GNP), which of the following is not required ?**  
(1) Governmental purchases of goods  
(2) Per capita income of individuals  
(3) Private investment  
(4) Net Foreign Investment  
Answer:(2) Per capita income of individuals  
  
**Question 24. A regressive tax will tend to redistribute income ?**  
(1) Equally  
(2) Unequally  
(3) Equitably  
(4) Proportionately  
Answer:(2) Unequally  
  
**Question 25. When did the World Trade Organization (WTO), which sets out rules for world trade, come into force ?**  
(1) 1948  
(2) 1951  
(3) 1954  
(4) 1995  
Answer:(4) 1995  
  
**Question 26. Elements of which one of the following pairs form ionic bonds between them when combined together ?**  
(1) Sodium and Chlorine  
(2) Carbon and Hydrogen  
(3) Chlorine and Chlorine  
(4) Nitrogen and Hydrogen  
Answer: (1) Sodium Chloride  
  
**Question 27. Which of the following authors was given the Booker Prize for the book "Half a Life"?**  
(1) Arundhati Roy  
(2) Vikram Seth  
(3) V.S. Naipaul  
(4) Kiran Bedi  
Answer: (3) V.S. Naipaul  
  
**Question 28. Which of the following is used as a food preservative ?**  
(1) Sodium Benzoate  
(2) Sodium Thiosulphate  
(3) Sodium Hydroxide  
(4) Sodium Bicarbonate  
Answer: (1) Sodium Benzoate