

ENGLISH

ADJECTIVES / ADVERBS

- 1 I would like you to give me an honest / honestly answer (Honest)
- 2 The position took instant / instantly effect (instant)
- 3 The snow fell silent / silently (silently)
- 4 His clothes are all neat / neatly folded in their desks (neatly)
- 5 He was very cool / coolly and calm about the mishap (cool)

PREPOSITIONS

- 1 The dog ran on / along the road (along)
- 2 The work was done in / with haste (in)
- 3 He is afraid from / of the dog (of)
- 4 The burgler jumped over / on the compound wall (over)
- 5 They live in / under the same roof (under)
- 6 I have known him for / since a long time (for)
- 7 The moon does not shine on / by its own light (by)
- 8 I am tired from / of walking (of)
- 9 I am sorry to / for what I have done (for)
- 10 It has been raining since / from yesterday (since)
- 11 It is ten o'clock on / by my watch (by)

ARTICLES

- 1 Copper is a / an useful metal (a)
- 2 He is not an / a honourable man (an)
- 3 Rustum is a / an young parsee (a)
- 4 Do you see a / the blue sky ? (the)
- 5 He returned after a / an hour (an)

Keep The Articles where necessary

- 1 Sun rises in east - - The sun rises in the east

2 The brave soldier lost arm in battele --- The brave soldier lost an arm in the battle

3 Eskimos make houses of snow and ice - -- The Eskimos make houses of snow and ice

ORDER OF WORDS

1 Q: For sale, Piano, the property of a musician, with carved legs

A: For slae, a piano with carved legs the property of a musician

2 Q: They only work when they have no money

A: They work only when they have no money

3 Q: He was very fond of her, he thought of marrying her more than once.

A: He was very fond of her, more than once he thought of marrying her.

4 Q: A nurse maid is wanted for a baby about twenty years old

A: A nurse maid, about twenty years old, is wanted for a baby

5 Q: They left the hotel where they had been staying in a motor car

A: In a motor-car they left the hotel where they had been staying.

ADJECTVIES

1 A few / the few public libraries that we have are not well equipped (the few)

2 A few / the few days rest all that is needed (A few)

3 A little / the little precaution is necessary in handling that machine (A little)

4 A little / the little knowledge of french that he has is very useful (The little)

DEGREES OF COMPARISION

1 Rama's intelligence is superior than / to Hari's (to)

2 He is junior than / to all his colleagues (to)

POSITION OF ADVERBS

1 Q: I am determined to yield this point (never)

A: I am determined never to yield this point

2 Q: The train has left (just)

A: The train has just left

3 Q: He is in time for meals (never)

A: He is never in time for meals

4 Q: That is not good (enough)

A: That is not good enough

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EXERCISE - 1

I) Fill in the blanks with the correct word from the given alternatives.

- 1 I am preparing ____ promotion examination. (a)
a) for b) to
c) by d) at
- 2 There is no substitute ____ hard work. (b)
a) for b) to
c) by d) at
- 3 The boy is suffering _____ fever. (c)
a) for b) with
c) from d) by
- 4 Have faith ____ yourself. (d)
a) for b) With
c) on d) In
- 5 _____ book is this? (d)
a) who b) What
c) which d) Whose
- 6 My manager is senior ____ me. (c)
a) by b) From
c) to d) For
- 7 _____ he is old, he rides a bicycle without any trouble. (b)
a) if b) though
c) but d) so
- 8 Ramya is a singer _____ a dancer. (a)
a) as well as b) and
c) also d) but
- 9 The box is ____ heavy to lift. (a)
a) too b) to
c) very d) so
- 10 One of the windows ____ been opened. (b)
a) have b) Has

- c) are d) Were
- 11 My brother bought a pen ____ me. (c)
a) to b) by
c) for d) with
- 12 Gopal is one of my best _____. (d)
a) friend b) friendly
c) friendship d) friends
- 13 Venkat is my brother. ____ is working in a college. (d)
a) him b) His
c) who d) He
- 14 I am ____ employee in a public sector organisation. (c)
a) a b) The
c) an d) It
- 15 Please give me _____ a note book or a sheet of paper. (b)
a) neither b) Either
c) whether d) Or
- II) Read the following sentences and choose appropriate one that conveys the same meaning from the four alternatives given.
- 16 Valmiki wrote the Ramayana. (a)
a) The Ramayana was written by Valmiki b) Valmiki was written by the Ramayan
c) The Ramayana wrote Valmiki d) The Ramayana was wrote by Valmiki
- 17 He is too weak to do the work. (a)
a) He is so weak that he cannot do the work b) He is very weak so he can do the work
c) Though he is weak he can do the work. d) He is so weak that he can do the work
- 18 He is old but he is strong. (b)
a) He is old but not strong b) Though he is old he is strong
c) He is strong but he is not old d) He is old yet not strong.
- 19 I have some commitments. I have to fulfill them. (c)
a) I need not fulfil the commitments I have. b) I have no commitments to fulfil.
c) I have some commitments to fulfil. d) I have some commitments but I can not fulfil them.
- 20 I do not have an ATM card. I do not have a credit card. (d)
a) I have either an ATM card or a credit card b) I have an ATM card and no credit card.
c) I do not have neither an ATM card nor a credit card d) I have neither an ATM card nor a credit card
- 21 The painting is beautiful. It is attractive. (d)
a) The painting is attractive but not beautiful. b) The painting is not only beautiful and attractive
c) The painting is only beautiful but not attractive. d) The painting is not only beautiful but also attractive

- 22 He worked hard. He failed in the examination. (c)
a) As he worked hard, he failed in the examination b) He failed in the examination due to his hard work.
c) Though he worked hard he failed in the examination d) He did not work hard but failed in the examination.
- 23 He is a rich man. He is a miser. (b)
a) Though he is a rich man he is not a miser. b) He is a rich man but is a miser.
c) He is a miser due to richness. d) His richness made him a miser.
- 24 Study well. You will definitely pass the test. (a)
a) If you study well, you will definitely pass the test b) Though you study well, you will not pass the test
c) Studying well may not be a way to pass the examination. d) Even if you study well you won't pass the test
- 25 I have finished my job. You have not finished your job. (a)
a) I have finished my job but you have not finished yours. b) Though I have finished my job, you have not finished your job.
c) You have to finish your job before I have finished mine. d) By the time I finished my job, you also finished your job

III) Fill in the blanks with appropriate alternatives (article) provided.

- 26 He is ___ nice man. (b)
a) the b) a
c) an d) either a or an
- 27 I have purchased ___ umbrella. (c)
a) a b) either a or an
c) an d) the
- 28 Raghu is ___ first boy to enter the class. (d)
a) an b) a
c) a or an d) the
- 29 Kalidas is ___ Shakespeare of India. (d)
a) an b) a
c) a or an d) the
- 30 Suresh is ___ brightest student in the class. (c)
a) a b) an
c) the d) a or an
- 31 Sukanya is ___ young and charming girl. (b)
a) an b) a
c) the d) a or an
- 32 ___ Krishna is a great river. (a)
a) the b) a
c) a or an d) an
- 33 Honest man speaks ___ truth always. (a)

- a) the
c) a or an
- b) a
d) an
- 34 This book is ____ useful one for preparation of the examination. (b)
a) an
b) a
c) the
d) a or an
- 35 Sudarsan is not ____ honourable man. (c)
a) a
b) the
c) an
d) a or an
- IV) Choose the correct answer from the alternatives provided.
- 36 What ____ the latest news? (d)
a) was
b) are
c) were
d) is
- 37 I have been working in the Bank _____ 1st July, 1985. (d)
a) from
b) for
c) on
d) since
- 38 Mr. Kumar ____ two houses. (c)
a) have
b) is having
c) has
d) had
- 39 I go to office _____. (b)
a) by walk
b) on foot
c) on walk
d) by foot
- 40 Priya is clever ____ industrious. (a)
a) although
b) but
c) so
d) since
- 41 I can speak neither English ____ Hindi. (a)
a) nor
b) or
c) also
d) and
- 42 Unless you _____ hard, you would not get through the examination. (b)
a) would work
b) work
c) will not work
d) do not work
- 43 A bridge was built _____ the river. (c)
a) over
b) away
c) across
d) on
- 44 Sunil was late to office ____ an hour (d)
a) for
b) on
c) with
d) by
- 45 Gopal is ____ poor to buy the book. (d)
a) very
b) to
c) so
d) too
- 46 Man harnessed fire _____ cook food. (c)
a) for
b) at

- c) to d) on
- 47 Siva is taller ____ me. (b)
 a) then b) than
 c) with d) to
- 48 Gandhiji fought ____ freedom. (a)
 a) for b) on
 c) with d) by
- 49 Our DGM presided _____ the function. (a)
 a) over b) with
 c) by d) for
- 50 The dog jumped _____ the wall. (b)
 a) from b) over
 c) across d) on

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EXERCISE - 2

I) Fill in the blanks with the suitable article.

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| 1 He is ____ engineer in Bangalore | an |
| 2 Does your brother have ____ car. | a |
| 3. ____ sun rises in the east. | the |
| 4. My sister is in ____ kitchen. | the |
| 5. Some children do not like ____ milk. | no article |
| 6. Surya has gone to ____ post office. | the |
| 7. She never goes to ____ collage late. | no article |
| 8. When do you go to ____ bed. | no article |
| 9. He is ____ European writer. | a |
| 10. Kalyan is ____ university player. | a |
| 11. These boys play ____ cricket every Saturday. | no article |
| 12. Does your mother like watching ____ television? | no article |
| 13. ____ telephone was invented by Alexander Grahambell. | the |
| 14. He goes to ____ Office by train. | the |
| 15. She is learning to play ____ piano. | the |
| 16. ____ gold is a valuable metal. | no article |
| 17. This is ____ best book on the subject. | the |
| 18. He has visited ____ Salarjung Museum. | the |
| 19. If you go out now you may catch ____ cold. | a |
| 20. He is swimming ____ good fun? | no article |
| 21. We had ____ good weather last week. | no article |

22. She does not enjoy _____ detective fiction. no article
23. _____ travel broadens your vision. no article
24. _____ books are our best friends. no article
25. _____ books we have just ordered are all novels. the

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EXERCISE - 3

(CORRECTION OF SENTENCES)

Direction: There is a mistake in each of the following sentences. Write the correct sentences.

1. The climate of Tirupati is better than Kurnool.
2. The office works from ten and five.
3. I saw an elephant in zoo.
4. I did not attend to the meeting.
5. I prefer coffee than tea.
6. He came to Tirupati on last Friday.
7. Why you are sad?
8. Please give me some informations.
9. I prayed God for help.
10. We heard him to speak in English.
11. The scooter is belonging to me.
12. I and James went to the zoo.
13. This plate is made of the silver.
14. His house is besides the temple.
15. There are twenty males in the bus.
16. The police is questioning two men.
17. These all mangoes are ripe.
18. I was angry on him.
19. I have given him one and half a rupee.
20. I am hating films.
21. I am staying on upstairs.
22. She died from cholera.
23. She got up in early morning.
24. One of the doors have been damaged.
25. Rahul is senior than Govind.
26. This short story is the best of the two.
27. Measles have broken out in our area.
28. He lives in Tirupati for five years.
29. The conductor comes and took fares.
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ANSWERS

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EXERCISE - 4

(ONE WORD SUBSTITUTION)

Directions: In each of the following questions, out of the four alternatives, choose the one which can be substituted for the given words/sentence.

1. Life history of a person written by another (b)
a) Autobiography b) Biography c) Bibliography d) Memoir
2. Custom of having many wives (c)
a) Monogamy b) Bigamy c) Polygamy d) Matrimony
3. One who takes control of a bus or an aircraft by force (c)
a) Pirate b) Swindler c) Hijacker d) Pilferer
4. A person who has no money to pay off his debts (d)
a) Debtor b) Pauper c) Beggar d) Insolvent
5. An entertainer who performs difficult physical actions (d)
a) Clown b) Gymnast c) Magician d) Acrobat
6. Child without both the parents (c)
a) Desolate b) Destitute c) Orphan d) Lout
7. List of heading of the business to be transacted at a meeting (b)
a) Schedule b) Agenda c) Proceedings d) Excerpts
8. The short remaining end of a cigarette (b)
a) Stump b) Stub c) Rag d) Scrap
9. A post without remuneration (c)
a) Voluntary b) Sinecure c) Honorary d) Involuntary
10. A person living permanently in a certain place (c)
a) Native b) Resident c) Domicile d) Subject
11. A disease which spreads by contact (b)
a) Infectious b) Contagious c) Contiguous d) Contextual
12. An animal story with a moral (a)
a) Fable b) Tale c) Anecdote d) Parable
13. Smallest form of plant life, present in air, water and soil, essential to life but may cause disease. (c)
a) Virus b) Amoeba c) Bacteria d) Toxin
14. A person who regards the whole world as his country (c)
a) Patriot b) Nationalist c) Cosmopolitan d) Metropolitan
15. One who cannot die (b)
a) Stable b) Immortal c) Perpetual d) Perennial

16. A workman who fits and repairs pipes (c)
a) Mechanic b) Blacksmith c) Plumber d) Technocrat

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EXERCISE - 5

ENGLISH COMPREHENSION

Please read the following passage and answer the questions given below the passage:-

The first thing children wanted to do at the zoo was to ride the elephant. They were frightened as they climbed the ladder to take their seats on the swaying back of the huge beast. Elephants seem awkward creatures as they move along heavily, their legs covered with loose folds of tough skin and their trunk swinging from side to side in search of food or drink. An elephant has great strength in its trunk, and drag heavy loads with ropes, but it can also use its trunk to pick up small articles such as coins or nuts from the ground.

After their ride on the elephant, the children went to see the lions and tigers. Crowds of people stood watching, protected from the cruel beasts from the strong metal bars of the cages.

From there they went to see the monkeys. Those merry creatures are jumping about the rocks, swinging on the wires of their cages, or begging for nuts from the passers-by. If anyone annoyed them, they would scold him angrily and beat their chests with their hands.

In the end, they saw some creatures like the giraffe with its long neck and the camel with short beard.

1. Which of the following is the reaction of monkeys when they get irritated?

- (A) They jump about the rock.
- (B) They swing on the wire of the cage.
- (C) They beat their chests.
- (D) They beg from their visitors.
- (E) They keep quiet.

2. The cages of lions are made of strong metals bars in order to?

- (A) Protect visitors from the lions.
- (B) Protect lions from other animals.
- (C) Ensure durability of the cages.
- (D) Enable the visitors to see the lions.
- (E) Enable lions to get fresh air.

3. Which of the following is the chief function of the trunk of the elephants?

- (A) Picking up small articles like coins from the ground.
- (B) Swaying from side to side.
- (C) Dragging heavy loads.
- (D) Searching for food and drinking water.
- (E) Creating fear among other animals.

4. The children were afraid of riding on the elephant as?

- (A) The elephant looked awkward.
- (B) The back of the elephant was swaying.
- (C) The trunk of the elephant was swinging.
- (D) The elephant was dragging heavy loads.
- (E) Its legs were covered loose folds.

5. Which of the following is a ferocious animal?

- A) Giraffe

- B) Elephant
C) Camel
D) Monkey E) None of these
6. Which of the following does not make the elephant awkward in appearance?
A) Its long trunk.
B) Its swinging trunk.
C) Its heavy movement.
D) Loose folds on its legs.
E) None of these.
7. Which of the following is typical of the giraffe?
A) Hump on the back.
B) Short beard.
C) Tough skin.
D) Swaying back.
E) Long neck.

ANSWERS

1	C	2	A	3	D	4	B	5	E
			6	A	7	E			

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EXERCISE - 6

ENGLISH COMPREHENSION

Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

Newton had a little dog. He called it diamond. One day it was lying in his reading room. In the room there were heaps of papers and writing and a lighted candle on the table. Newton left the room for a few minutes and suddenly diamond jumped up on the table. This caused the lighted candle to fall on the papers. All the papers caught fire and were burnt to ashes. On coming back, Newton saw to his surprise what diamond had done but he did not strike the dog. He rather patted his head and said "Diamond, you do not know what mischief you have done!".

Now, answer the following questions.

1. What was the name of Newton's dog?
2. What were the things laying on Newton's table?
3. How did they catch fire?
4. What was the result of the fire?
5. What did Newton do to Diamond?

ANSWERS

1. Diamond
2. Heaps of papers and writings and a burning candle
3. Newton was away for short time. Diamond jumped upon the table and pushed the lighted candle down. The things on the table got fire.
4. The papers were all burnt to ashes.
5. Newton simply patted his dog.

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EXERCISE - 7

(GENDER TEST)

I Write the feminine gender of the following words:-

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|----------------|---------------|------------------|---------------|
| 1. Lion | 2. Poet | 3. He-goat | 4. He-buffalo |
| 5. Man-servant | 6. Boy | 7. Husband | 8. Clock |
| 9. Tiger | 10. Author | 11. Cock-sparrow | 12. Milk man |
| 13. Son | 14. Man | 15. Master | 16. Peacock |
| 17. Dog | 18. Emperor | 19. Horse | 20. Ram |
| 21. God | 22. King | 23. Nephew | 24. Uncle |
| 25. Sir | 26. Gentleman | 27. Father | 28. Brother |
| 29. Bull | 30. Pig | | |

II. Write the sentences again using the other **gender** for the **nouns & pronouns** given below:-

- 1) He is ten years old.
- 2) Has he any brothers?
- 3) Where is his father?
- 4) He lives with his mother.
- 5) The king loves his daughter
- 6) The prince spoke to his brother.
- 7) He has three brothers and two daughters.
- 8) I know his father.
- 9) She lives with her grand-father.
- 10) The queen is very kind to her sons and brothers.
- 11) The boy lives with his mother.
- 12) The man shot the lion and the tiger with a gun.
- 13) Many men went to see the queen.
- 14) All my sons and sisters saw the king.
- 15) That man and his wife were at the meeting.
- 16) Both father and son went to Kolkata.
- 17) There is a cow in the middle of the road.
- 18) The farmer was having ten cocks.
- 19) The dog bit the young boy.
- 20) Sir, you are a great person..

ANSWERS

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|-----------------|---------------|-----------------|----------------|
| 1. Lioness | 2. Poetess | 3. She-goat | 4. She-buffalo |
| 5. Maid-servant | 6. Girl | 7. Wife | 8. Hen |
| 9. Tigress | 10. Authoress | 11. Hen-sparrow | 12. Milk-maid |
| 13. Daughter | 14. Woman | 15. Mistress | 16. Pea-hen |
| 17. Bitch | 18. Empress | 19. Mare | 20. Ewe |
| 21. Goddess | 22. Queen | 23. Niece | 24. Aunt |
| 25. Madam | 26. Lady | 27. Mother | 28. Sister |
| 29. Cow | 30. Sow | | |

II .

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- 2) Has she any sisters?
- 3) Where is her mother?
- 4) She lives with her father.
- 5) The queen loves her son.
- 6) The princess spoke to her sister.
- 7) She has three sisters and two sons.
- 8) I know her mother.
- 9) He lives with his grand-mother.
- 10) The king is very kind to his daughters and sisters.
- 11) The girl lives with her father.
- 12) The woman shot the lioness and the tigress with a gun.
- 13) Many women went to see the king.
- 14) All my daughters and brothers saw the queen.
- 15) That woman and her husband were at the meeting.
- 16) Both mother and daughter went to Kolkata.
- 17) There is an ox in the middle of the road.
- 18) The farmer was having ten hens.
- 19) The bitch bit the young girl.
- 20) Madam, you are a great person