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General English

Directions—(Q.1 to 3) Substitute the Bold phrases with any of the given choices to express the opposite meaning in the sentences in following questions

1. She always **praises** everything I say

- (A) picks holes in
- (B) dislikes
- (C) rebukes
- (D) picks holes to

2. He often says **how wonderful** his school is?

- (A) says he is unworthy
- (B) appreciates
- (C) runs up
- (D) runs down

3. She said I was the best boss they'd ever had. It was obvious she was **praising me sincerely**.

- (A) not appreciating me
- (B) fooling me
- (C) buttering me up
- (D) disliking me

Directions—(Q. 4 to 6) Identify the part of speech of the Bold words in the given sentences from the following questions

4. I must perfect the operation to make the **perfect** robot.

- (A) verb
- (B) adverb
- (C) adjective
- (D) noun

5. A **kindly** person is one who behaves kindly.

- (A) noun
- (B) preposition
- (C) adverb
- (D) verb

6. He is not normally a **very** fast runner, but he runs fast in major events.

- (A) adverb
- (B) adjective
- (C) verb
- (D) noun

Directions—(Q. 7 to 16) Read the following passage carefully and answer the following questions

Antigone was one of the daughters of Oedipus, that tragic figure of male power who had been cursed by Gods for mistakenly killing his father and subsequently marrying his mother and assuming the throne of Thebes. After the death of Oedipus civil war broke out and a battle was waged in front of the seventh gate of Thebes, his two sons led opposing factions and at the height of the battle fought and killed each other. Oedipus' brother, Creon, uncle of Antigone, was now undisputed master of the city. Creon resolved to make an example of the brother who had fought against him, Polynices, by refusing the right of honorable burial. The penalty of death was promulgated against any who should defy this order.

Antigone was distraught. Polynices had been left unburied, unwept, a feast of flesh for keen eyed carrion birds. Antigone asks her sister Ismene, for it was a challenge to her royal blood. "Now it is time to show whether or not you are worthy of your royal blood, is he not my brother and yours ? Whether you like it or not ? I shall never desert him- never I" But Ismene responds, "How could you dare, when Creon has expressly forbidden it? Antigone, we are women, it is not for us to fight against men." With a touch of bitterness, Antigone releases her sister from the obligation to help her, but argues she cannot shrug off the burden. "If I die for it what happiness Live, if you will live, and defy the holiest of laws of heaven."

7. What is the main theme of the story of Antigone?

- (A) One must be truthful and honest
- (B) There is a conflict between the laws of men and heavenly laws
- (C) One must be true to one's kins
- (D) War is an evil

8. Why did Antigone decide to defy the orders of Creon?

- (A) She loved her brother
- (B) She was to give an honorable burial to her brother
- (C) She felt she was bound by her heavenly obligation
- (D) To teach Creon a lesson

9. What, in your opinion, would have been the logical end of the story?

- (A) Antigone might have agreed with her sister and refrained from giving a burial to Polynices
- (B) Antigone might have been allowed by Creon to give a decent burial to her brother

- (C) Antigone might have defied the order of Creon but forgiven by him
- (D) Antigone might have been executed for defying the order of the king

10. What was the status of women in the contemporary society ? They

- (A) were liberated
- (B) could have taken their own decisions
- (C) considered themselves inferior and subordinate to men
- (D) claimed equality with men

11. Why did a civil war break out in Thebes ? The war broke out because

- (A) of the curse of the Gods
- (B) the brothers of Antigone were greedy
- (C) there was a fight among sons of Oedipus for the inheritance of the kingdom
- (D) there was a conflict between a son of Oedipus and Creon

12. A carrion bird is a bird

- (A) of prey
- (B) which eats human flesh
- (C) which eats dead bodies
- (D) which eats only grain

13. Why did Creon deny decent burial to Polynices ? He did so because?

- (A) he did not love Polynices
- (B) Polynices fought against Creon
- (C) Polynices was disobedient to Creon
- (D) Polynices did not show bravery

14. Why did Ismene not support Antigone ? Ismene

- (A) was weak and did not have the courage to defy orders of the powerful king
- (B) did not consider it right to defy the king
- (C) did not think it fit to defy her uncle especially after the death of her father
- (D) did not believe that Polynices deserved better treatment

15. Why did the Gods curse Oedipus? Because Oedipus

- (A) killed his father and married his mother
- (B) killed his father

(C) married his mother

(D) committed an unknown sin

16. Does the story approve the principle of vicarious liability ?

(A) No, it does not

(B) Yes, it does, because of the acts of Oedipus his children suffered

(C) Yes, it does, because his father was killed by Oedipus

(D) Yes, it does, because he married his mother

Directions—(Q. 17 to 22) Select the meaning of the Bold idioms and phrases in sentences in following questions

17. I have **hit upon** a good plan to get rid of him.

(A) found

(B) chanced upon

(C) decided to beat him

(D) borrowed

18. He is **sticking out** for better terms.

(A) threatens to take action

(B) insists on using the force

(C) decides to give concessions

(D) persists in demanding

19. He **broke off** in the middle of the story.

(A) failed

(B) began crying

(C) stopped suddenly

(D) felt uneasy

20. He refused to be **led by the nose**.

(A) to follow like an animal

(B) to be treated as a fool

(C) to follow submissively

(D) to be treated violently

21. The new cotton mill is mortgaged **up to the eye**.

(A) apparently

(B) completely

(C) deceptively

(13) actually

22. When they embraced a new religion, it is safe to say they did it for **loaves and fishes**.

(A) selflessly

(B) honest reasons

(C) material benefits

(D) because of fear

Directions—(Q. 23 to 27) Choose the correct spelling out of four choices

23.

(A) Misogynist

(B) Mysogynists

(C) Mysoginists

(D) Mysagynists

24.

(A) Aracnophobia

(B) Aranchophobia

(C) Arochnophobia

(13) Arachnophobia

25.

(A) Cinamon

(B) Cinnamon

(C) Cinnaman

(D) Cinaman

26.

(A) Alcohol

(B) Alchohol

(C) Alchohal

(D) Alchohel

27.

(A) Bioclymatalogy

(B) Bioclimatalogy

(C) Bioclimatology

(D) Bioclimatelogy

Directions—(Q. 28 to 32) Select the correct meanings of the given

words in the following questions?

28. Lexicon

(A) number

(B) legal document

(C) dictionary

(D) captain's dog

29. Hex

(A) Crude person

(B) herb

(C) parrot

(D) evil spell

30. Seminary

(A) chapel

(B) college

(C) convocation hail

(D) hostel

31. Liturgy

(A) prayer

(B) priest

(C) ritual

(D) church

32. Laity

(A) church members not baptized

(B) church members baptized

(C) priests

(D) church members who are not ordained priests

Directions—(Q. 33 to 37) Fill in the blanks in the following questions

33. Slavery was not done away.....until the last century.

(A) with

(B) for

(C) to

(D) off

34. Does he not take..... his father?

(A) before

(B) for

(C) after

(D) like

35. We will have to take..... More staff if we're to take on more work.

(A) up

(B) onto

(C) into

(D) on

36. Mother takes everything in her

(A) steps

(B) face

(C) stride

(D) work

37. Sale have really taken..... now.

(A) up

(B) on

(C) of

(D) off

Directions(Q. 38 to 40) The constituent phrases of a sentence are jumbled up in the following questions. Select the most appropriate sequence to make the sentence meaningful

38. (i) built on the site of a church destroyed
- (ii) in the hilly area of the city is the famous Shandon Steeple
- (iii) the bell tower of St. Anne's Church
- (iv) when the city was besieged by the Duke of Marlborough

- (A) (ii), (iii), (i), (iv)
- (B) (ii), (i), (iii), (iv)
- (C) (iv), (iii), (i), (ii)
- (D) (iii), (ii), (i), (iv)

39. (i) no law giving effect to the policy of the state towards securing all or any of the principles laid in part IV
- (ii) notwithstanding anything contained in Article 13

(iii) and no law containing a declaration that it is for giving effect for such policy shall be called in question in any court on the ground that it does not give effect to such policy

(iv) shall be deemed to be void on the ground that it is inconsistent with or takes away or abridges any of the rights conferred by Article 14 to 19

- (A) (ii), (i), (iii), (iv)
- (B) (iv), (i), (ii), (iii)
- (C) (ii), (i), (iv), (iii)
- (D) (i), (ii), (iii), (iv)

40. (i) neither House shall proceed further with the bill

(ii) if he does so, The houses shall meet accordingly

(iii) but the President may at any time after the date of his notification, summon the Houses to meet in a joint sitting for the purpose specified in the notification and

(iv) where the President has under clause (1) notified his intention of summoning the Houses to meet in a joint sitting

- (A) (iv), (i), (iii), (ii)
- (B) (iv), (i), (ii), (iii)
- (C) (iv), (ii), (iii), (i)
- (D) (i), (ii), (iii), (iv)

Answers:

1 B

2 D

3	C
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4	A
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9	D
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18	D
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20	C
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21	B
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22	C
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23	A
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24 D

25 B

26 A

27 C

28 C

29 D

30 B

31 C

32 D

33 A

34 C

35 D

36 C

37 D

38 A

39 A

40 B
