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Answer **all** the questions.

I. Choose the best option in the following questions.

A) 1) He was _____ first person to arrive.
a) Zero article b) An c) A d) The

2) She lives in _____ Netherlands.
a) a b) the c) zero article d) an

3) I want your reply within a week. In this sentence, 'within' is _____
a) an adverb b) a preposition
c) an adjective d) none of these

4) I was born _____ September.
a) in b) of c) by d) on

B) 5) I am confident _____ success.
a) for b) to c) of d) in

6) The committee is discussing _____ issues.
a) their b) its c) our d) none of these

7) "He writes fairly good English". Which word is the adverb in the sentence ?
a) writes b) fairly c) good d) English

8) In the sentence "You should help the poor". "should" shows _____
a) habit b) duty c) command d) suggestion

C) 9) World War II lasted _____ more than five years.
a) from b) in c) for d) by

10) I had to _____ his offer of help, since it was not a sincere one.
a) turn down b) turn out c) turn off d) turn over

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11) Which among the following has an '-ies' ending when pluralised ?
a) storey b) day c) chimney d) story

12) Which of the following pair is wrong ?
a) host-hostess b) count-countess
c) priest-priestess d) duke-dukess

D) 13) The plural of 'son-in-law' is _____
a) son-ins-law b) son-in-laws
c) sons-in-law d) sons-in-laws

14) Neither you nor she _____ responsible for what happened.
a) am b) are c) is d) has

15) He gave me _____ good advice.
a) much b) many c) several d) lots

16) Which of the following is correct ?
a) This is all my luggages b) This are all my luggage
c) This is all my luggage d) This are all my luggages

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II. Answer **eight** of **twelve** short questions as directed.

17) Transform the following Simple Sentence into a Complex Sentence.
He is too tired to walk

18) Transform into a Simple Sentence.
He is absent because he is ill.

19) Combine the sentences using a Noun Clause.
He will never qualify. It is a sad truth

20) Change the voice.
They have completed the work.

21) Rewrite the sentence with 'it'.
That he failed to win the championship came as a surprise to everyone.

22) Frame a question so as to get the underlined word as an answer.
Joseph goes to church every evening.

23) Change into the Comparative degree.
The elephant is the strongest animal on land.

24) Add the correct question tag.
I am right, _____ ?

25) Rearrange the jumbled words into a meaningful sentence.
Way the one Sun is in of stars the the Milky.

26) Identify the sentence pattern.
They played football for two hours.

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27) Rewrite the sentence beginning with 'never'.
She has never attended an interview in her life.

28) Rewrite the following sentence by replacing the underlined words with an adverb.
He always dresses in a very casual fashion.

(1×8=8 Weights)

III. Answer **any five** of the following as directed.

29) Complete the following sentences using the correct form of tenses.
a) He _____ (live) here since 1988.
b) She _____ (wash) her clothes at this moment.
c) My grandfather _____ (die) last year.
d) Have you ever _____ (eat) a Bengali sweet ?
e) The police arrived only after the thief _____ (escape).

30) Use the correct forms of words given.
The bomb _____ (explode) by the time the squad _____ (arrive). The police _____ (examine) the location and tried to _____ (question) the witnesses.

31) Rewrite the following sentences with correct prepositions.
1) Kalidasa lived _____ the reign of Chandragupta.
2) He goes to office _____ bus.
3) The meeting starts _____ 5 p.m.
4) He is a man you can confide _____.
4) Divide the money _____ the five of you.
6) He walked _____ my room unnoticed.
7) Don't do anything _____ haste.
8) One should abstain _____ drinking.

32) Rewrite the following conversation in indirect speech.
Ram Singh : Can I get a bus from here to the town ?
Sheela :There are a number of buses. You can take any route.
Ram Singh : I can't read Malayalam.
Sheela : Don't worry. I will show you the bus.

33) Correct the following sentences.
a) He gave us a lot of troubles.
b) We are ordering new equipments.
c) Wordsworth wrote poetries on nature.
d) He has been in the hospital for a week.

34) Complete the following sentences using suitable modes.
1) I _____ help you however I can. (will/shall/may)
2) You _____ not enter the class without apologizing to the Principal. (shall/will/must)
3) One _____ be loyal to one's superiors. (should/would/could)
4) There was a time when I _____ drive a truck. (could/would/should)

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35) Rewrite the following passage underlining the determinatives, quantifiers and possessives in it.

Millions of people watch advertisements on the television. My kids are fascinated by the ads on some chocolates. In one ad, three kids eat the chocolate and are transformed into three superkids. This is their favourite ad.

36) Fiil up using suitable articles.

We went to watch _____ play yesterday. _____ plot of _____ play was _____ interesting one. All _____ characters were realistic. The play was based on _____ historic incident.

(2×5=10 Weights)

IV. Answer **any two** of the following questions as directed.

37) Rewrite the following passage providing the correct punctuations :

albert einstein one of the great sons of modern science was born on March 14 1879 in ulm germany during his boyhood in munich he was shy sensitive and unhappy his harsh teachers whom he called non commissioned officers considered him stupid and tried to flog sense into him.

38) Rewrite the following passage editing the mistakes out.

Perhaps more blood has been sheded in the name of religion than in the name of anything else, wrote Nehru in his The discovery of India. Alas. How True. Communalism in Indian politics has been a great and formidable obstruct in the advancement of nation. There is too much communal violences in the names of religion in a state which is vowed secular and it has shaken the root of democracy in India. The multicommunity composition of the Indian society has, from times to times, released certain forces leading to communal fanaticism and bigotry.

39) Arrange the given sentences in the proper order.

[Hint : The first and the last sentences are in correct order. The rest have to be rearranged to give logical sense to the passage.]

The King of Sicilia, Leontes, invited Polixenes, the King of Bohemia to his castle.

Leontes insisted that Camillo should kill Polixenes. This aroused Leontes's suspicion. He asked his trusted lord, Camillo, to poison Polixenes. Polixenes decided to stay when she requested him to. Camillo told him that he was making a mistake. Leontes did not stop him, but asked Hermione to intervene. After a few days, Polixenes decided to leave. Polixenes arrived and Leontes asked his wife, Hermione, to look after the guest. *Camillo agreed, but escaped with Polixenes from Sicilia.*

(4×2=8 Weights)

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