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Q1. Select the **synonym** of the given word.

COERCE

- 1. cajole - persuade, coax, seduce
- 2. pressurize - coerce, push, force
- 3. enchant - captivate, charm, delight
- 4. leave - abandon, quit, evacuate

Correct Answer: 2

Q2. Select the **synonym** of the given word.

CHRONIC

- 1. common - usual, ordinary, customary
- 2. persistent - constant, tenacious, chronic
- 3. temporary - transient, ephemeral, evanescent
- 4. ordinary - usual, normal, standard

Correct Answer: 2

Q3. Select the **antonym** of the given word.

SCARCE

- 1. plentiful - abundant, copious, ample
- 2. few - scarce, insufficient, rare
- 3. seldom - hardly, scarcely, rarely
- 4. scanty - limited, minimal, meager

Correct Answer: 1

Q4. Select the **antonym** of the given word.

EXPANSION

- 1. augmentation - making greater in size or amount
- 2. extension - a part that is added to something
- 3. compression - the reduction in volume
- 4. inflation - enlarging or increasing something

Correct Answer: 3

Q5. Select the most appropriate meaning of the given **idiom**.

At daggers drawn

- 1. deceiving somebody
- 2. bitterly hostile
- 3. without hope
- 4. friendly with each other

Correct Answer: 2

Q6. Select the most appropriate meaning of the given **idiom**.

To play ducks and drakes

- 1. to use recklessly
- 2. to act cleverly
- 3. to change places
- 4. to be friendly

Correct Answer: 1

Q7. Select the word which means same as the group of words given.

A student who idly or without excuse absents himself/herself from school.

- 1. vagrant - a person without a settled home.
- 2. truant - a pupil who bunks school
- 3. itinerant - a person who travels from place to place
- 4. migrant - a person who moves to another place

Correct Answer: 2

Q8. Select the word which means same as the group of words given.

A person, animal or plant much below the usual height.

- 1. witch - a woman with evil or magical powers
- 2. dwarf - a short heighted person or plant
- 3. wizard - a man who has magical powers
- 4. creature - an animal as distinct from a human being

Correct Answer: 2

Q9. Select the **wrongly spelt word**.

- 1. expire
- 2. explicit
- 3. explode
- 4. exploite

Correct Answer: 4 (It should be **exploit**)

Q10. Select the **wrongly spelt word**.

1. career
2. callous
3. calander
4. carriage

Correct Answer: 3 (It should be **calendar**)

Q11. Select the most appropriate word to **fill in the blank**.

Around sixty bands in colourful _____ took part in the Notting Hill Carnival.

1. clothings
2. apparels
3. costumes
4. dressing

Correct Answer: costumes

Q12. Select the most appropriate word to **fill in the blank**.

His company has the _____ of producing the best cricket balls in the country.

1. brand
2. position
3. reputation
4. opinion

Correct Answer: reputation

Q13. In the sentence identify the segment which contains the **grammatical error**.

We had to decline several orders in case that the production was held up due to labour strike.

1. the production was held up
2. due to labour strike
3. We had to decline
4. in case that

Correct Answer: in case that

Q14. In the sentence identify the segment which contains the **grammatical error**.

Cyclone Idai killed at least 157 people in Zimbabwe and Mozambique although it tore across Southern Africa.

1. although
2. at least 157 people
3. Cyclone Idai killed
4. it tore across

Correct Answer: although

Q15. Select the most appropriate option to substitute the underlined segment in the given sentence. If no substitution is required, select No improvement.

If you park your car here, the traffic police **has fined you**.

1. fine you
2. will fine you
3. fined you
4. No improvement

Correct Answer: will fine you

Q16. Select the most appropriate option to substitute the underlined segment in the given sentence. If no substitution is required, select No improvement.

The workers of this textile factory **demand higher wages** for a long time.

1. demanded higher wages
2. has demanded higher wages
3. have been demanding higher wages
4. No improvement

Correct Answer: have been demanding higher wages

Q17. Select the correct **active form** of the given sentence.

Every passing vehicle was being thoroughly checked by the guards.

1. The guards have thoroughly checked every passing vehicle.
2. Every passing vehicle were thoroughly checking the guards.
3. The guards were thoroughly checking every passing vehicle.
4. The guards have been thoroughly checking every passing vehicle.

Correct Answer: The guards were thoroughly checking every passing vehicle.

Q18. Select the correct **passive form** of the given sentence.

Do not buy medicines without the doctor's prescription.

1. Medicines should not be bought without the doctor's prescription.
2. Medicines need not be bought without the doctor's prescription
3. Medicines might not be bought without the doctor's prescription
4. Medicines could not be bought without the doctor's prescription

Correct Answer: Medicines should not be bought without the doctor's prescription.

Q19. Given below are four jumbled sentences. Select the option that gives their correct order.

A. An environmental group performed a necropsy on the animal and found about 40 kilograms of plastic, including grocery bags and rice sacks.

B. A 4.7-metre long whale died on Saturday in Phillipines where it was stranded a day earlier.

C. "It's very disgusting and heartbreaking," he said. "We've done necropsies on 61 dolphins and whales in the last 10 years and this is one of the biggest amounts of plastic we've seen."

D. "The animal died from starvation and was unable to eat because of the trash filling its stomach," said Darrell Blatchley, Director of D' Bone Collector Museum Inc..

1. BACD

2. ABCD

3. DABC

4. BADC

Correct Answer: BADC

Q20. Given below are four jumbled sentences. Select the option that gives their correct order.

A. The cafe's owner says he's interested in conservation, and hopes customers will realise the animals are worth saving, even though they often have a bad reputation.

B. None of them are venomous, meaning customers can get up close and personal with the reptiles.

C. Here you sip your drink in the company of 35 snakes.

D. This cafe, which has just opened in Tokyo, is not for the faint-hearted.

1. DCBA

2. ABDC

3. DBCA

4. ABCD

Correct Answer: DCBA