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

**GARRULOUS**

- 1. guttural - throaty, growly, harsh
- 2. throaty - guttural, harsh
- 3. concise - short, brief, abridged
- 4. talkative - chatty, loquacious, garrulous

Correct Answer: talkative

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

**TILT**

- 1. support - assist, help, aid
- 2. straighten - align, arrange, uncoil
- 3. cross - intersect, interweave
- 4. slant - slope, tilt, incline

Correct Answer: slant

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

**TENDER**

- 1. soft - mushy, squashy, pulpy
- 2. warm - cosy, mild, cordial
- 3. gentle - tender, benign, lenient
- 4. rough - rocky, rugged, uneven

Correct Answer: rough

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

**ESCALATE**

- 1. reduce - lessen, decrease, diminish
- 2. enlarge - expand, extend, amplify
- 3. raise - lift, augment, escalate
- 4. heighten - intensify, raise, augment

Correct Answer: reduce

Q5. Select the word which means the same as the **group of words**.

**A person without a settled home or regular work who wanders from place to place and lives by begging.**

- 1. truant - a pupil who bunks school
- 2. vagrant - a person without a settled home
- 3. itinerant - a person who travels from place to place
- 4. migrant - a person who moves to a place in search of a job or better living

Correct Answer: vagrant

Q6. Select the word which means the same as the **group of words**.

**A person, animal or plant belonging originally to a place**

- 1. native - a person born in a specified place
- 2. resident - a person who lives sw h permanently
- 3. occupant - a person who is present in a house
- 4. alien - belonging to a foreign location

Correct Answer: native

Q7. Select the **wrongly spelt word**.

1. exemplify
2. exempt
3. example
4. exhale

Correct Answer: exemplify

Q8. Select the **wrongly spelt word**.

1. comparable
2. comparison
3. compitition
4. communication

Correct Answer: competition

Q9. Select the most appropriate meaning of the given **idiom**.

**get out of hand**

1. give up something
2. get out of control
3. to complete a task
4. get upset

Correct Answer: get out of control

Q10. Select the most appropriate meaning of the given **idiom**.

**costs an arm and a leg**

1. rarely available
2. easy to obtain
3. nothing to lose
4. very expensive

Correct Answer: very expensive

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

Scientists at Cambridge University are \_\_\_\_\_ how plants can give us sustainable energy.

1. scrutinizing
2. investigating
3. looking
4. inspecting

Correct Answer: investigating

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

The State Government argued that it could not \_\_\_\_\_ the increase in the teachers' salaries as awarded by the court.

1. stand
2. afford
3. spare
4. get

Correct Answer: afford

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

She got two quick promotions in order that she has good communication skills.

1. in order that
2. She got
3. she has good communication skills
4. two quick promotions

Correct Answer: in order that (Replace “in order that” with “because”)

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

Due to the Cyclone Idai vast areas of land have been flooded, roads destroyed and communications disrupting in Zimbabwe and Mosambique.

1. vast areas of land have been flooded
2. and communications disrupting
3. Due to the Cyclone Idai
4. roads destroyed

Correct Answer: and communications disrupting (Replace “disrupting” with “disrupted”)

Q15. Select the correct **active form** of the given sentence.

The main gate of the building was being guarded by gun-totting guards.

1. The main gate of the building were guarding gun-totting guards.
2. Gun-totting guards guarded the main gate of the building.
3. Gun-totting guards were guarding the main gate of the building.
4. Gun-totting guards have been guarding the main gate of the building.

Correct Answer: Gun-totting guards guarded the main gate of the building.

Q16. Select the correct **passive form** of the given sentence.

**Do not park your car in front of my house.**

1. Your car could not be parked in front of my house.
2. Your car should not be parked in front of my house.
3. My house should not be parked in front of your car.
4. Your car need not be parked in front of my house.

Correct Answer: Your car should not be parked in front of my house.

Q17. Select the most appropriate option to **substitute the underlined segment** in the given sentence. If no substitution is required, select No improvement.

If you join this job now, it proves to be good in the long run.

1. it will prove to be good
2. it proves good
3. No improvement
4. it has proved to be good

Correct Answer: it will prove to be good

Q18. Select the most appropriate option to **substitute the underlined segment** in the given sentence. If no substitution is required, select No improvement.

I look for a better job for the last two months, but nothing is in sight.

1. have been looking for a better job
2. have looked for a better job
3. No improvement
4. looked for a better job

Correct Answer: have been looking for a better job



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

A. That sort of pollution, which is also widespread in other south east Asian nations, regularly kills wildlife like whales and turtles that ingest the waste.

B. Environmental groups have tagged the Philippines as one of the world's biggest ocean polluters due to its reliance on single-use plastic.

C. In Thailand also, a whale died last year after swallowing more than 80 plastic bags.

D. In the latest case, a whale with 40 kilos of plastic trash in its stomach died on Saturday in southern Philippines where it was stranded a day earlier.

1. ABCD

2. BADC

3. BCAD

4. DABC

Correct Answer: BADC

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

A. The elephant tusks were tracked from the Democratic Republic of Congo for two months.

B. Customs officials in Thailand say it's the biggest seizure in the country's history.

C. Four tonnes of ivory, with a market value of \$6 million - it was an impressive haul.

D. Officials say they were being transported to Laos, from where they believed the ivory would be sold to customers across Asia.

1. ABCD

2. CABD

3. ACDB

4. CBAD

Correct Answer: CBAD

### Comprehension:

In the following passage some words have been deleted. Fill in the blanks with the help of the alternatives given. Select the most appropriate option for each blank.

An Italian mayor has been cleaning the streets along with his councilors after their town (1)\_\_\_\_\_ with no manual workers, it's reported. In fact, (2)\_\_\_\_\_ was sweeping the piazza in front of the (3)\_\_\_\_\_ church in preparation for market day, (4)\_\_\_\_\_ the deputy mayor's father and a town councilor armed with a high-pressure hose. The town Zerfaliu's last (5)\_\_\_\_\_ retired six months ago and nobody has been hired since then. "We can't do anything - we are blocked by bureaucracy," the mayor says.

Q21. Select the most appropriate option for blank No. 1.

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| 1. has left | 2. leaves      |
| 3. was left | 4. was leaving |

Correct Answer: was left

Q22. Select the most appropriate option for blank No. 2.

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| 1. he   | 2. she |
| 3. they | 4. it  |

Correct Answer: he

Q23. Select the most appropriate option for blank No. 3.

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| 1. local    | 2. next |
| 3. neighbor | 4. near |

Correct Answer: local

Q24. Select the most appropriate option for blank No. 4.

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| 1. also    | 2. along     |
| 3. as well | 4. alongside |

Correct Answer: alongside

Q25. Select the most appropriate option for blank No. 5.

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| 1. worker | 2. councillor |
| 3. mayor  | 4. member     |

Correct Answer: worker