TCS Verbal Ability Questions

DIRECTIONS for the question 1-2: The sentence has some blanks with four answer choices. Pick the best option which completes the sentence in the most meaningful manner.

1. He does not fight because he is a coward person
   A. He does not
   B. Fight because
   C. The is a coward person
   D. no error
   Answer: Option C
   Cowardly is an adjective

2. He is anxious not only to acquire knowledge but also eager to display it
   A. He is anxious not only
   B. to acquire knowledge
   C. but also eager to display it
   D. No error
   Answer: Option D
   The sentence has no error

DIRECTIONS for the question 3-4: Fill in the blank with the right options
3. ______ the new Safari Storme, Mahindra has more leverage in increasing the sales.

A. On
B. In
C. With
D. At

Answer: Option C

'with' is the right preposition here as it shows the 'possession'.

4. The passenger car sales showed a decline ______ 7% to 5.6%

A. of
B. to
C. from
D. for

Answer: Option C

To show the range the preposition pair is 'from....to'.

DIRECTION for question 5: In the sentence provided different ways of writing a sentence are indicated. Choose the best way of writing the sentence that is grammatically correct.

5. The vivid photos of majestic animals and colourful birds form the wild-life park is a graphic depiction of what is beautiful in the continent
of Africa.

A. is a graphic depiction of what was beautiful in

B. are graphic depictions of what is beautiful in

C. is a beautiful and graphic depiction of

D. No improvement.

DIRECTIONS for questions 6 to 10: Read the passage and answer the question based on it.

"Many people who are looking to get a pet dog get a puppy. There are many reasons why people get puppies. After all, puppies are cute, friendly, and playful. But even though puppies make good pets, there are good reason why you should consider getting an adult dog instead. When you get a puppy, you have to teach it how to behave. You have to make sure that the puppy is housebroken so that it does not got to the bathroom inside the house. You have to teach the puppy not to jump up on your guests or chew on your shoes. You have to train the puppy to walk on a leash. This is a lot of work. On the other hand, when you get an adult dog, there is a good chance that it will already know how to do all of the previously mentioned things. Many adult dogs have already been housebroken. Many adult dogs will not jump on or chew things that you do not want them to jump on or chew. Many adult dogs will be able to walk on a leash without pulling you to the other side of the street. Puppies also have a lot of energy and want to play all of the time. This can be fund, but you might not want to play as much as your puppy does. Puppies will not always sleep through the night or let you relax as you watch television. On the other hand, most adult dogs will wait on you to play. What is more, they will sleep when you are
sleeping and are happy to watch television on the couch right beside you. There is one last reason why you should get an adult dog instead of a puppy. When most people go to the pound to get a dog, they get a puppy. This means that many adult dogs spend a lot of time in the pound, and some never find good homes. So if you are looking to get a dog for a pet, you should think about getting an adult dog. They are good pets who need good homes.

6. The passage speaks of

A. How puppies do not make good pets.

B. How puppies can be very destructive

C. The work involved in training puppies

D. The immature acts of puppies

Answer: Option A

Author has given this in the first paragraph itself and after that he has explained that why should we get a dog instead of a puppy

7. Which is the best example of a dog that is housebroken?

A. Rex always breaks things inside the house

B. Rover never jumps on guests

C. Muffin chews on peoples shoes

D. Spot goes outside to use the bathroom

Answer: Option D

'housebroken' means one has to train the dog to not to excrete at
improper place so option D is the case in point.

8. The author apparently thinks that puppies are

A. Friendly and playful
B. Not as cute as adult dogs
C. Not as playful as adult dogs
D. Hardworking

Answer: Option A

clearly mentioned in the first few lines of the passage

9. Which is the best synonym for ‘behave’ as applicable to this passage?

A. Understand
B. Train
C. Act
D. Listen

Answer: Option C

the author says that one has to train a puppy 'how to behave' implies 'how to act'

10. The author begins paragraphs 2 and 4 with the phrase, “On the other hand”. This phrase is used to

A. Contradict previous information
B. Contradict a later statement
C. support the following paragraph
D. Highlight an example
Answer: Option A
on the other hand' means 'contrast the previous statement by giving examples/arguments.
In the following the questions choose the word which best expresses the meaning of the given word.

11. CORPULENT
A. Lean
B. Gaunt
C. Emaciated
D. Obese
Answer: Option D

12. BRIEF
A. Limited
B. Small
C. Little
D. Short
Answer: Option D

13. EMBEZZLE
A. Misappropriate
B. Balance
C. Remunerate
D. Clear
Answer: Option A

14. DIVA:OPERA
A. producer:theatre
B. director:drama
C. conductor:bus
D. thespian:play
Answer: Option D

15. GRAIN:SALT
A. shard:pottery
B. shred:wood
C. blades:grass
D. chip:glass
Answer: Option D

16. THRUST:SPEAR
A. mangle:iron
B. scabbard:sword
C. bow:arrow
D. fence:epee

Answer: Option D

Directions to Solve

In the questions below the sentences have been given in Direct/Indirect speech. From the given alternatives, choose the one which best expresses the given sentence in Indirect/Direct speech.

17. "If you don't keep quiet I shall shoot you", he said to her in a calm voice.

A. He warned her to shoot if she didn't keep quiet calmly.
B. He said calmly that I shall shoot you if you don't be quiet.
C. He warned her calmly that he would shoot her if she didn't keep quiet.
D. Calmly he warned her that be quiet or else he will have to shoot her.

Answer: Option C

18. I told him that he was not working hard.

A. I said to him, "You are not working hard."
B. I told to him, "You are not working hard."
C. I said, "You are not working hard."

D. I said to him, "He is not working hard."

Answer: Option A

19. His father ordered him to go to his room and study.

A. His father said, "Go to your room and study."

B. His father said to him, "Go and study in your room."

C. His father shouted, "Go right now to your study room"

D. His father said firmly, "Go and study in your room."

Answer: Option A

Directions to Solve

Which of phrases given below each sentence should replace the phrase printed in bold type to make the grammatically correct? If the sentence is correct as it is, mark 'E' as the answer.

20. The small child does whatever his father was done.

A. has done

B. did

C. does

D. had done

E. No correction required
21. You need not come unless you want to.
A. You don't need come unless you want to
B. You come only when you want to
C. You come unless you don't want to
D. You needn't come until you don't want to
E. No correction required

Answer: Option A

22. There are not many men who are so famous that they are frequently referred to by their short names only
A. initials
B. signatures
C. pictures
D. middle names
E. No correction required

Answer: Option A

23. They were all shocked at his failure in the competition.
A. were shocked at all
B. had all shocked at
C. had all shocked by
D. had been all shocked on
E. No correction required
Answer: Option E

In questions given below out of four alternatives, choose the one which can be substituted for the given word/sentence.

24. Extreme old age when a man behaves like a fool
   A. Imbecility
   B. Senility
   C. Dotage
   D. Superannuation
   Answer: Option C

25. That which cannot be corrected
   A. Unintelligible
   B. Indelible
   C. Illegible
   D. Incorrigible
   Answer: Option D

26. The study of ancient societies
   A. Anthropology
   B. Archaeology
C. History
D. Ethnology

Answer: Option B

27. A person of good understanding knowledge and reasoning power
A. Expert
B. Intellectual
C. Snob
D. Literate

Answer: Option B

Directions to Solve

In the questions below the sentences have been given in Active/Passive voice. From the given alternatives, choose the one which best expresses the given sentence in Passive/Active voice.

28. After driving professor Kumar to the museum she dropped him at his hotel.
A. After being driven to the museum, Professor Kumar was dropped at his hotel.
B. Professor Kumar was being driven dropped at his hotel.
C. After she had driven Professor Kumar to the museum she had dropped him at his hotel.
D. After she was driven Professor Kumar to the museum she had dropped him at his hotel.
Answer: Option A

29. I remember my sister taking me to the museum.
A. I remember I was taken to the museum by my sister.
B. I remember being taken to the museum by my sister.
C. I remember myself being taken to the museum by my sister.
D. I remember taken to the museum by my sister.

Answer: Option B

30. Who is creating this mess?
A. Who has been created this mess?
B. By whom has this mess been created?
C. By whom this mess is being created?
D. By whom is this mess being created?

Answer: Option D

31. They greet me cheerfully every morning.
A. Every morning I was greeted cheerfully.
B. I am greeted cheerfully by them every morning.
C. I am being greeted cheerfully by them every morning.
D. Cheerful greeting is done by them every morning to me.

Answer: Option B

Directions to Solve
Pick out the most effective word(s) from the given words to fill in the blank to make the sentence meaningfully complete.

32. Fate smiles ...... those who untiringly grapple with stark realities of life.
A. with
B. over
C. on
D. round

Answer: Option C

33. The miser gazed ...... at the pile of gold coins in front of him.
A. avidly
B. admiringly
C. thoughtfully
D. earnestly

Answer: Option A

34. Catching the earlier train will give us the ...... to do some shopping.
A. chance
B. luck
C. possibility
D. occasion
35. I saw a ...... of cows in the field.

A. group
B. herd
C. swarm
D. flock

Answer: Option B

36. The grapes are now ...... enough to be picked.

A. ready
B. mature
C. ripe
D. advanced

Answer: Option C

37. Success in this examination depends ...... hard work alone.

A. at
B. over
C. for
D. on

Answer: Option D
In each question, an incomplete statement (Stem) followed by fillers is given. Pick out the best one which can complete incomplete stem correctly and meaningfully.

38. Despite his best efforts to conceal his anger ......

A. we could detect that he was very happy
B. he failed to give us an impression of his agony
C. he succeeded in camouflaging his emotions
D. he could succeed in doing it easily
E. people came to know that he was annoyed

Answer: Option E

39. Even if it rains I shall come means ......

A. if I come it will not rain
B. if it rains I shall not come
C. I will certainly come whether it rains or not
D. whenever there is rain I shall come
E. I am less likely to come if it rains

Answer: Option C

40. His appearance is unsmiling but ......

A. his heart is full of compassion for others
B. he looks very serious on most occasions
C. people are afraid of him
D. he is uncompromising on matters of task performance
E. he is full of jealousy towards his colleagues

Answer: Option A