



1. Despite all the goodies that participants get, I am not **going for** the competition.

- I. **gunning for**
- II. **competing**
- III. **taking part in**

- A. I, II
- B. II, III
- C. III
- D. II

Answer – B. II, III

Explanation:

going for – to take part in

2. Many of us conform to the **outmoded customs** laid down by our forebears.

- I. **outdated practices**
- II. **in vogue traditions**
- III. **obsolescent conventions**

- A. I, III
- B. I
- C. I, II
- D. II, III

Answer – A. I, III

Explanation:

Outdated customs – old-fashioned and no longer useful or relevant to modern life.

3. The **amateur** pianist made one or two false starts before finally playing the piece a bit right at the culmination.

- I. **professional**
- II. **dabbler**
- III. **partisan**

- A. II
- B. II, III
- C. I, II
- D. I, II



Answer – A. II

Explanation:

Amateur – a person who engages in a pursuit on an unpaid rather than a professional basis/done in an incompetent or inept way.

4. Vikas **pulled a long face** when he was taken to task by his teacher for his carelessness.

I. showed arrogance

II. looked disappointed

III. mocked him

A. II, III

B. II

C. I, III

D. I, III

Answer – B. II

Explanation:

Pull a long face – to look sad, disappointed

5. We were **kept on tenterhooks** for hours while the judges chose the winner.

I. waiting nervously

II. in suspense

III. kept in dark

A. II, III

B. I, III

C. I, II

D. I

Answer – C. I, II

Explanation:

On tenterhooks – waiting nervously/anxiously for a result/ in anticipation for something eventful

Directions (Q. 6 - 9): Identify the Synonyms of the given word.

6. **Eccentric**

A. introvert

B. extraordinary

C. unconventional



D. usual

Answer – C. unconventional

Explanation:

Eccentric – unconventional or slightly strange often relating to a person's behavior

7. Discursive

- A. rambling
- B. methodical
- C. neglectful
- D. impolite

Answer – A. rambling

Explanation:

Discursive – moving from one point to another in a speech or writing, or simply leave the main subject temporarily in speech or writing

8. Sacrosanct

- A. indifferent
- B. voluble
- C. ineffable
- D. inviolable

Answer – D. inviolable

Explanation:

Sacrosanct – something which is regarded as too important or valuable to be interfered with.

9. Imposture

- A. charlatan
- B. deception
- C. claim
- D. status

Answer – A. charlatan

Explanation:

Imposture – an instance of pretending to be someone else in order to deceive others.



Directions (Q. 10 - 13): Identify the Antonyms of the given word.

10. Provident

- A. careless
- B. imprudent
- C. prudent
- D. gullible

Answer - A. careless

Explanation:

Provident – making or indicative of timely preparation for the future, wise, sensible

11. Procrastinate

- A. exclude
- B. propagate
- C. experiment
- D. expedite

Answer - D. expedite

Explanation:

Procrastinate – delay or postpone action; put off doing something.

12. Cessation

- A. unlevy
- B. renewal
- C. ongoing
- D. commencement

Answer - D. commencement

Explanation:

Cessation – the fact or process of ending or being brought to an end.

13. Susceptible

- A. immune
- B. unpredictable
- C. incredible
- D. predictable



Answer - A. immune

Explanation:

Susceptible – likely or liable to be influenced or harmed by a particular thing.

Directions (Q. 14 - 17): Spotting Errors, Choose the part of the sentence which is the incorrect format.

14. When Socrates was asked by interrogators / to clarify what he meant, / he is said to have affirmed that he / was a big fan of a method called “elenchus”.

- A. When Socrates was asked by interrogators
- B. to clarify what he meant,
- C. he is said to have affirmed that he
- D. No error

Answer - D. No error

Explanation:

The Given sentence is the incorrect format

15. In the complaint, the restaurant manager has said that / Socrates lurked behind a guest ordering wine / and than began harassing him to explain / the meaning of the French name of the wine.

- A. and than began harassing him to explain
- B. the meaning of the French name of the wine.
- C. In the complaint, the restaurant manager has said that
- D. Socrates lurked behind a guest ordering wine

Answer - A. and than began harassing him to explain

Explanation:

Replace ‘than’ with ‘then’.

16. Tata Steel last week announce that it had completed the / acquisition of Bhushan Steel, a company which / had the dubious record of being one of the largest / defaulters to the Indian banking system.

- A. defaulters to the Indian banking system.
- B. Tata Steel last week announce that it had completed the
- C. acquisition of Bhushan Steel, a company which
- D. had the dubious record of being one of the largest

Answer - B. Tata Steel last week announce that it had completed the



Explanation:

It should be 'announced' because given sentence talks about past events.

17. The investigator said the informer network / was activate and information / began trickling in that Plato / was a shadowy figure.

- A. was activate and information
- B. began trickling in that Plato
- C. The investigator said the informer network
- D. was a shadowy figure.

Answer - A. was activate and information

Explanation:

Replace 'activate' with 'activated'.

Directions (Q. 18 - 21): Fill in the Blanks which suits for the sentence

18. The State government is only postponing the _____, as upgrading academic _____ in its own schools and preparing students for future challenges are unavoidable _____.

- A. abolishing, abnormal, voluntary
- B. extirpation, different, optional
- C. avoidable, encroachment, proposals
- D. inevitable, standards, imperatives

Answer – D. inevitable, standards, imperatives

Explanation:

inevitable – certain to happen; unavoidable.

standards – a level of quality or attainment.

imperatives – an essential or urgent thing

19. Such a commitment is vital for _____ up reproductive and child health care to achieve a sharp _____ in India's deplorable infant and maternal mortality levels, besides _____ the spread of infectious diseases across States.

- A. preventable, stopping, inciting
- B. heighten, offensive, restraining
- C. scaling, reduction, preventing
- D. unsure, blitz, creating



Answer - C. scaling, reduction, preventing

Explanation:

scaling – remove scale or scales from.

preventing – keep (something) from happening.

20. **Besides its long-term structural benefits, the _____ of the GST, says Mr. Subramanian, would also _____ provide a short-term impetus by easing a cross-country logistics _____ following the removal of checkpoints.**

A. crashing, enshroud, varying

B. implementation, straightaway, constraint

C. leave, changing, deviating

D. crushing, ensconce, intermittent

Answer – B. implementation, straightaway, constraint

Explanation:

implementation – the process of putting a decision or plan into effect; execution.

straightaway – extending or moving in a straight line.

constraint – a limitation or restriction.

21. **According to the CEA, _____ would be the increasing stress to balance sheets that companies in the power and telecom sectors have to _____ with, and the deflationary bias to activity that such stress would _____.**

A. extinction, beard

B. contend, impart

C. abandon, irregular

D. abolition, camouflage

Answer – B. contend, impart

Explanation:

contend – struggle to surmount

impart – make known.

Directions (Q 22 - 25): Sentence Completion, Complete the given sentence by choosing the correct option

22. This is exactly the kind of situation that the Right to Information law is meant for. The RBI is always in the news for monetary policy or licensing or its leadership. That mostly obscures the fact that its track record in consumer protection is terrible. It's time for bank customers _____ changes.



- A. to why banks must continue to be allowed to dip
- B. into your pocket whenever they feel the need
- C. to step up, get organized and start forcing some
- D. the banks and their so-called regulator

Answer – C. to step up, get organized and start forcing some

Explanation: Option C is the correct, in order to complete the sentence.

23. Does it actually cost extra to use a networked computer system at a different branch from the customers' own? Is this bank going back to the days of branch banking? Now, we should not be asking these questions from these banks. They will spin something in polite PR language _____ they are following regulations.

- A. of each bank's income comes from such fines
- B. it even collects the data? Can we have a list of what
- C. but basically ask us to buzz off because
- D. are managed in such a way as to create non-compliance

Answer – C. but basically, ask us to buzz off because

Explanation: Option C is the correct, in order to complete the sentence.

24. Here in India the real clash of civilizations is taking place as I write this; not between castes and religions but between Hindus who deride Hindutva and they are called secular and tolerant and the vast majority who _____ by the so-called secularists as intolerant.

- A. have finally reacted against it and are termed
- B. the clash is between us and not from other religions
- C. are termed by the so-called secularists as intolerant
- D. I learned today is being Hindutva—believing in my heritage

Answer – A. have finally reacted against it and are termed

Explanation: Option A is the correct, in order to complete the sentence.

25. And the trends are ominous. Petrol prices are now rising by 16.7%, high-speed diesel by 33.1% and aviation fuel by a massive 67.3%. In contrast cereal prices have come down from 9.6% in November 2016 to 6.1% in February with _____ of a good rabi crop.



- A. global recovery in other commodity prices is also adding to the price pressures
- B. fuel and power prices which are driving the price line
- C. even wheat prices decelerating in anticipation
- D. wholesale prices very different is unlike in the past when food prices

Answer – C. even wheat prices decelerating in anticipation

Explanation: Option C is the correct, in order to complete the sentence.