

General English Question & Answers

Question 1. In the following question, out of the four alternatives, choose the word which best expresses the meaning of the given word.

PALLID

- a. FRIENDLY
- b. PALE
- c. WORTHLESS
- d. COMFORTING

Ans. PALE

Explanation: 'Pallid' is an adjective typically used for poor health. Similarly, 'pale' is also used for showing the bad health, generally yellowness of body/eyes.

Question 2. In the following question, out of the four alternatives, choose the word which is opposite in meaning to the given word.

INTANGIBLE

a. ETHEREAL

b. CONCRETE

c. INSUBSTANTIAL

d. ABSTRACT

Ans. CONCRETE

Explanation: 'Intangible' is used for describing the things, which cannot be touched or felt. While 'concrete' is used to represent some materialistic or physical form of the substances.

Question 3. Four words are given, out of which only one word is spelt correctly. Choose the correctly spelt word.

a. Pontifical

b. Pontiffical

c. Pontifecal

d. Pontifical

Ans. Pontifical

Explanation: 'Pontifical' word is used to describe the things, which is related to the roman pope.

Question 4.In the following questions, one part of the sentence may have an error. Find out which part of the sentence has an error. If the sentence is free from error, click the "No error" option.

I always enjoy (A)/ to read (B)/ books (C)/ No Error (D)

a. A

b. B

c. C

d. D

Ans. B

Explanation: The correct sentence formation will be-“I always enjoy reading book.” Hence, option(b.) is the correct answer.

Question 5.In the following questions, one part of the sentence may have an error. Find out which part of the sentence has an error . If the sentence is free from error, click the "No error" option.

Variety (A)/ is (B)/ spice of life (C)/ No Error (D)

a. A

b. B

c. C

d. D

Ans. C

Explanation: The error-free sentence will be-“Variety is the spice of life.” Hence, option(c.) is the correct choice.

Question 6.In the following questions, one part of the sentence may have an error. Find out which part of the sentence has an error . If the sentence is free from error, click the "No error" option.

Neither of the scout leaders know (A)/ how to trap wild animals (B)/ or how to prepare them for mounting (C)/ No Error (D)

a. A

b. B

c. C

d. D

Ans. A

Explanation: The correct sentence formation in the above case will be-“None of the scout leaders know how to tarp wild animals or how to prepare them for mounting.”

Question 7.The sentences given with blanks are to be filled with an appropriate word(s). Four alternatives are suggested for each question. For each question, choose the correct alternative.

We can _____ see anything in the dim light.

- a. badly
- b. scarcely
- c. fairly
- d. rather

Ans. scarcely

Explanation: In such sentences, we have to use only those words, which make appropriate sense. Hence, the most suitable word in this case is 'scarcely'.

Question 8. The sentences given with blanks are to be filled with an appropriate word(s). Four alternatives are suggested for each question. For each question, choose the correct alternative .

Few countries can _____ India in variety, colour and the richness of dance forms.

- a. compare

b. rival

c. perform

d. prevail

Ans. rival

Explanation: The correct sentence after applying the word will be-“Few countries can rival India in variety, colour, and the richness of dance forms.”

Question 9.The sentences given with blanks are to be filled with an appropriate word(s). Four alternatives are suggested for each question. For each question, choose the correct alternative .

The scheme allows students from different countries to communicate _____.

a. each other

b. with each others

c. themselves

d. with one another

Ans. with one another

Explanation: The most appropriate word to be use here is “with one another”.

Question 10.In each of the questions, four alternatives are given for the Idiom/Phrase. Choose the alternative which best expresses the meaning of the Idiom/Phrase.

Straw in the wind

a. A light-weight object

b. A lucky charm

c. A game that kids play

d. An indication of what might happen

Ans. An indication of what might happen

Explanation: ‘Straw in the wind’ is an idiom used for a minor event that predicts the future events. Hence, option(d.) is the most appropriate answer.

Question 11.In each of the questions, four alternatives are given for the Idiom/Phrase. Choose the alternative which best expresses the meaning of the Idiom/Phrase.

Face the music

- a. Be applauded**
- b. Be ridiculed**
- c. Be punished**
- d. Be dismissed**

Ans. Be punished

Explanation: The phrase for the idiom 'Face the music' is 'to experience negative repercussions for one's actions or words'. Hence, the most suitable option for this idiom is (c.).

Question 12.In each of the questions, four alternatives are given for the Idiom/Phrase. Choose the alternative which best expresses the meaning of the Idiom/Phrase.

Curry favour

- a. Seek impartial judgement**
- b. Seek favourable attention**
- c. Prepare a dish**
- d. Attract attention**

Ans. Seek favourable attention

Explanation: The phrase for the idiom 'curry favour' is 'To ingratiate oneself to someone'.

Question 13. Out of the four alternatives, choose the one which can be substituted for the given words/sentences.

A brief or short stay at a place

- a. Solitude**
- b. Soiree**

c. Sojourn

d. Solistice

Ans. Sojourn

Explanation: Sojourn is used to stay somewhere temporarily. Hence, this is most appropriate word to be used here.

Question 14. Out of the four alternatives, choose the one which can be substituted for the given words/sentences .

That which can be believed

a. Miraculous

b. Creditable

c. Credible

d. Gullible

Ans. Credible

Explanation: 'Credible' is a word generally used for a person, who can be trusted. Hence, this is most appropriate word to be used here.

Question 15. Out of the four alternatives, choose the one which can be substituted for the given words/sentences.

One who is indifferent to pain or pleasure

- a. Eccentric
- b. Philosopher
- c. Fatalist
- d. Stoic

Ans. Stoic

Explanation: 'Stoic' word is used for a person, who can endure pain or hardship without showing his feelings or complaining.

Question 16. A sentence/a part of the sentence is underlined. Four alternatives are given to the underlined part which will improve the sentence. Choose the correct alternative . In case no improvement is needed, choose "No improvement".

Knowing that the area was prone to earthquakes, all the buildings were reinforced with additional concrete.

- a. On being prone to earthquakes,
- b. Having been knowing that the area was prone to earthquakes,
- c. Since the area was known to be prone to earthquakes,
- d. No improvement

Ans. Since the area was known to be prone to earthquakes,

Explanation: The correct sentence formation complying to the grammar rules will be-“Since the area was known to be prone to earthquakes, all the buildings were reinforced with additional concrete.”

Question 17. A sentence/a part of the sentence is underlined. Four alternatives are given to the underlined part which will improve the sentence. Choose the correct alternative . In case no improvement is needed, choose "No improvement".

I will not buy some mangoes.

- a. a little

b. much

c. any

d. No improvement

Ans. any

Explanation: In negative sentences, we use 'any' instead of 'some'. Hence, the correct word will be-"I will not buy any mangoes".

Question 18.A sentence/a part of the sentence is underlined. Four alternatives are given to the underlined part which will improve the sentence. Choose the correct alternative . In case no improvement is needed, choose "No improvement".

He would surely assist me if I had requested him to do so.

a. would surely assisted me

b. would have surely assisted me

c. will have surely assisted me

d. No improvement

Ans. would have surely assisted me

Explanation: if the second sentence is in past perfect tense, then the first sentence must be formed in past perfect tense. Hence, the correct sentence will be-“He would have surely assisted me if I had requested him to do so”.

Question 19.A sentence/a part of the sentence is underlined. Four alternatives are given to the underlined part which will improve the sentence. Choose the correct alternative . In case no improvement is needed, choose "No improvement".

The alarming report of the plane crash left everyone in a state of shock.

- a. alarmed report**
- b. alarmed reporting**
- c. reported alarm**
- d. No improvement**

Ans. No improvement

Explanation: This sentence comply to the rules of English grammar and language. Hence, it does not require any changes.

Question 20. A sentence/a part of the sentence is underlined. Four alternatives are given to the underlined part which will improve the sentence. Choose the correct alternative . In case no improvement is needed, choose "No improvement".

We were not the wiser after hearing the explanation.

- a. none
- b. neither
- c. nevertheless
- d. No improvement

Ans. none

Explanation: The appropriate sentence will be—"We were none the wiser after hearing the explanation".

Question 21. A passage is given with 5 questions following it. Read the passage carefully and choose the best answer to each question out of the four alternatives.

Another marvel on the far side of the lake was a little farm that felt like a secret in the city. Some of the gaunt Karnataka labourers even looked away when children

came to dig and eat. But the greatest pleasure, this side of the lake, was the jamun tree. A few months back, Kalu and Sunil had a feast in the branches, shaking down a few berries for Mirchi.

That's when they came to know the second-coolest thing about the jamun tree : There were parrots nesting in it. Since then, some other road boys had been capturing the parrots one by one to sell at the Marol Market, but Sunil had brought Kalu around to the belief that the birds should be left as they were. Sunil listened for their squawks each morning, to make sure they hadn't been abducted in the night.

Kalu's expertise was in the recycling bins inside airline catering compounds. Private waste collectors emptied these dumpsters on a regular basis, but Kalu had mastered the trash truck's schedules. The night before pickup, Kalu would climb over the barbed-wire fences and raid the overflowing bins.

Kalu's routine had become known by the local police, however. He kept getting caught, until some constables proposed a different arrangement. Kalu could keep his metal scrap if he'd pass on information he picked up on the road about local drug dealers.

What was the greatest pleasure this side of the lake?

a. A secret farm

b. The Jamun tree

c. Feasting on the branches of the Jamun tree

d. Labourers looking away when the children came to dig and eat

Ans. The Jamun tree

Explanation: The answer to this question can be found in the following lines taken from the paragraph-“But the greatest pleasure, this side of the lake, was the jamun tree.”

Question 22.A passage is given with 5 questions following it. Read the passage carefully and choose the best answer to each question out of the four alternatives.

Another marvel on the far side of the lake was a little farm that felt like a secret in the city. Some of the gaunt Karnataka labourers even looked away when children came to dig and eat. But the greatest pleasure, this side of the lake, was the jamun tree. A few months back, Kalu and Sunil had a feast in the branches, shaking down a few berries for Mirchi.

That's when they came to know the second-coolest thing about the jamun tree : There were parrots nesting in it. Since then, some other road boys had been capturing the parrots one by one to sell at the Marol Market, but Sunil had

brought Kalu around to the belief that the birds should be left as they were. Sunil listened for their squawks each morning, to make sure they hadn't been abducted in the night.

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Kalu's routine had become known by the local police, however. He kept getting caught, until some constables proposed a different arrangement. Kalu could keep his metal scrap if he'd pass on information he picked up on the road about local drug dealers.

What was the second coolest thing about the Jamun tree?

- a. Shaking down the berries for Mirchi
- b. There were parrots nesting in the tree
- c. Selling parrots in the Marol Market
- d. Capturing parrots in the tree

Ans. There were parrots nesting in the tree

Explanation: The correct answer can be found with the following lines-“That's when they came to know the second-coolest thing about the jamun tree : There were parrots nesting in it.”

Question 23.A passage is given with 5 questions following it. Read the passage carefully and choose the best answer to each question out of the four alternatives.

Another marvel on the far side of the lake was a little farm that felt like a secret in the city. Some of the gaunt Karnataka labourers even looked away when children came to dig and eat. But the greatest pleasure, this side of the lake, was the jamun tree. A few months back, Kalu and Sunil had a feast in the branches, shaking down a few berries for Mirchi.

That's when they came to know the second-coolest thing about the jamun tree : There were parrots nesting in it. Since then, some other road boys had been capturing the parrots one by one to sell at the Marol Market, but Sunil had brought Kalu around to the belief that the birds should be left as they were. Sunil listened for their squawks each morning, to make sure they hadn't been abducted in the night.

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had mastered the trash truck's schedules. The night before pickup, Kalu would climb over the barbed-wire fences and raid the overflowing bins.]

Kalu's routine had become known by the local police, however. He kept getting caught, until some constables proposed a different arrangement. Kalu could keep his metal scrap if he'd pass on information he picked up on the road about local drug dealers.

What did Sunil think of parrots?

- a. That they should be captured and sold.
- b. That they had been abducted in the night.
- c. That they should not be captured and sold.
- d. That they squawked every morning.

Ans. That they should not be captured and sold.

Explanation: The correct answer can be found with the following lines-“But Sunil had brought Kalu around to the belief that the birds should be left as they were.”

Question 24. A passage is given with 5 questions following it. Read the passage carefully and choose the best answer to each question out of the four alternatives.

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Kalu's routine had become known by the local police, however. He kept getting caught, until some constables proposed a different arrangement. Kalu could keep

his metal scrap if he'd pass on information he picked up on the road about local drug dealers.

How did Kalu manage to raid the airline recycling bins before they were emptied?

- a. He was an expert
- b. He jumped over the barbed wire fences.
- c. He had mastered the trash trucks schedules.
- d. He worked at night

Ans. He had mastered the trash trucks schedules.

Explanation: the answer to this question can be given using the following lines-“Kalu's expertise was in the recycling bins inside airline catering compounds.”

Question 25.A passage is given with 5 questions following it. Read the passage carefully and choose the best answer to each question out of the four alternatives.

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jamun tree. A few months back, Kalu and Sunil had a feast in the branches, shaking down a few berries for Mirchi.

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Kalu's routine had become known by the local police, however. He kept getting caught, until some constables proposed a different arrangement. Kalu could keep his metal scrap if he'd pass on information he picked up on the road about local drug dealers.

Why was a different arrangement proposed?

a. Because Kalu's routine was known by the police

- b. So that Kalu would be able to keep his metal scrap.
- c. So that Kalu could pass on information about local drug dealers
- d. Because Kalu kept getting caught

Ans. Because Kalu kept getting caught

Explanation: The answer can be given using the following lines-“ The night before pickup, Kalu would climb over the barbed-wire fences and raid the overflowing bins. Kalu's routine had become known by the local police, however. He kept getting caught, until some constables proposed a different arrangement.”