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**Directions (Q. 1 – 7): Choose the Synonyms of the following words.**

**1. Foment**

- A. Interrogate
- B. Spoil
- C. Spray
- D. Incite

**Answer - D. Incite**

**2. Predicament**

- A. Truthful
- B. Easy
- C. Quandary
- D. Denial

**Answer - C. Quandary**

**3. Rupture**

- A. Shatter
- B. Reptile
- C. Tunnel
- D. Vein

**Answer - A. Shatter**

**4. Bustle**

- A. Body
- B. Break
- C. Return
- D. Hurry

**Answer - D. Hurry**

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### 5. Hesitated

- A. Stopped
- B. Paused
- C. Slowed
- D. Postponed

**Answer - B.** Paused

### 6. Manifest

- A. Easily perceived
- B. Easily acquired
- C. Easily infected
- D. Easily deflected

**Answer - A.** Easily perceived

### 7. Obstreperous

- A. Sullen
- B. Unruly
- C. Lazy
- D. Awkward

**Answer - B.** Unruly

**Directions (Q. 8 – 12): Choose the Antonyms of the following words.**

### 8. Quiescent

- A. Active
- B. Dormant
- C. Weak
- D. Unconcerned

**Answer - A.** Active

### 9. Fraudulent

- A. Candid

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- B. Direct
- C. Forthright
- D. Genuine

**Answer - D. Genuine**

### 10. **Belittle**

- A. Criticize
- B. Flatter
- C. Exaggerate
- D. Adore

**Answer - C. Exaggerate**

### 11. **Epilogue**

- A. Dialogue
- B. Prelude
- C. Postscript
- D. Epigram

**Answer - B. Prelude**

### 12. **Feasibility**

- A. Unsuitability
- B. Cheapness
- C. Impropriety
- D. Impracticability

**Answer - D. Impracticability**

**Directions (Q. 13 – 20): Fill in the Blanks. Choose the word which exactly suits in blank and makes the sentence meaningful.**

13. **Research suggests there will be an annual rise in \_\_\_\_\_ until 2042, before a decline sets in.**

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- A. fatalities
- B. vital
- C. healthful
- D. whole

**Answer – A. fatalities**

**Explanation:**

Fatalities – an occurrence of death by accident, in war, or from a disease.

14. **We become so anaesthetized that it almost seems normal, and we don't even question the choices we make or the values we are\_\_\_\_\_.**

- A. facing
- B. promoting
- C. permitting
- D. pretending

**Answer – B. promoting**

**Explanation:**

Promoting – actively encourage further the progress of.

15. **It will subsume multiple indirect taxes, including State-level sales tax, octroi and other levies, that make doing business in India a\_\_\_\_\_as well as a logistical nightmare.**

- A. dissent
- B. rigid
- C. veto
- D. compliance

**Answer – D. compliance**

**Explanation:**

Compliance – the act of complying with a wish.

16. **Over time, the number of antibiotics to which bacteria are \_\_\_\_\_ has been dwindling, and some pathogens have become resistant to most or all existing drugs.**

- A. defiant
- B. susceptible
- C. rebellious

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D. contrary

**Answer – B. susceptible**

**Explanation:**

Susceptible – likely to be harmed by a particular thing.

**17. This will arguably be one of the most important indicators for both China and the rest of the global economy for \_\_\_\_\_ to come.**

A. days

B. times

C. events

D. years

**Answer – D. years**

**Explanation:**

Years – the time is taken by the earth to make one revolution around the sun.

**18. India's job market is \_\_\_\_\_ overcrowded with school-leavers and even graduates and post - graduates who remain unemployed because they lack practical skills.**

A. desperately

B. content

C. recreant

D. reprehensible

**Answer – A. desperately**

**Explanation:**

Desperately – in a way that shows despair.

**19. To be successful, business models need to localise, adapt, and frequently re-invent themselves to create a \_\_\_\_\_ Indian product offering.**

A. bulky

B. rigidly

C. uniquely

D. ponderous

**Answer – C. uniquely**

**Explanation:**

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Uniquely – in a way that belongs or is connected to only one particular person or thing.

20. **Survival of mankind itself is in danger due to \_\_\_\_\_ of atomic weapons.**

- A. indictment
- B. proliferation
- C. encouragement
- D. preparation

**Answer – B. proliferation**

**Explanation:**

Proliferation – the rapid increase in the number or amount of something.

**Directions (Q. 21 – 23): Spotting Errors, Choose the phase which is grammatically mistaken in the given sentence.**

21. **When exposed, it revealed an ecosystem / of Vyapam officials in collision / with racketeers and middlemen who had/rigged the central examination systems thoroughly.**

- A. When exposed, it revealed an ecosystem
- B. of Vyapam officials in collision
- C. with racketeers and middlemen who had
- D. rigged the central examination systems thoroughly.

**Answer – D. rigged the central examination systems thoroughly.**

**Explanation:**

it should be system instead of systems.

22. **When politicians compare racism or corruption or / certain religions to cancer, they're certainly / suggesting some violent treatment – wrench it out, / irradiate it, destroy everything in the vicinity.**

- A. When politicians compare racism or corruption or
- B. certain religions to cancer, they're certainly
- C. suggesting some violent treatment – wrench it out,
- D. irradiate it, destroy everything in the vicinity.

**Answer – B. certain religions to cancer, they're certainly**

**Explanation:**

Replace 'certainly' with 'usually'

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Certainly – used to emphasize the speaker’s belief that what is said is true.

Usually – used under normal conditions only.

**23. It is not, according to many whom cover the / White House, a work of journalistic merit, / or a rigorously factual account / backed by cataloged evidence.**

- A. It is not, according to many whom cover the
- B. White House, a work of journalistic merit,
- C. or a rigorously factual account
- D. backed by cataloged evidence.

**Answer - A.** It is not, according to many whom cover the

**Explanation:**

Replace ‘whom’ with ‘who’. Whom is the object of a verb. The difference between who and whom is similar to that between he and him, or they and them.

**Directions (Q. 24 – 25): Spelling Correction.**

**24. Which of the following four words is wrongly spelt ?**

- A. Quandary
- B. Froliccsome
- C. Condolence
- D. Acclaim

**Answer – B.** Froliccsome

**Explanation:**

The correct spelling is Frolicsome.

**25. Which of the following four words is wrongly spelled?**

- A. Epigram
- B. Berate
- C. Dilative
- D. Buccolic

**Answer – D.** Buccolic

**Explanation:**

The correct spelling is Bucolic.