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TIER-I

Directions (1–5): In the following questions, some of the sentences have errors and some have none. Find out which part of a sentence has an error and indicate corresponding to the appropriate letter (a, b, c). If there is no error, indicate corresponding to letter (d).

[SSC-CGL Tier-I on 16-5-2010 2nd Shift]

1. Judge in him (a)/previaled upon the father (b)/and he sentenced his son to death. (c) No error (d)

Ans. (b) previaled

The correct word is prevailed means triumphed i.e. gained ascendancy through strength or superiority.

2. Nine tenths (a)/of the pillar (b)/have rotted away. (c) No error (d)

Ans. (c) have

The correct word is has.

3. One major reason (a)/for the popularity of television is (b)/that most people like to stay at home. (c) No error (d)

Ans. (d) No error

4. Our efforts are aimed (a)/to bring about (b)/a reconciliation. (c) No error (d)

Ans. (b) bring about

The correct words are bring out in this sentence.

5. Three conditions critical (a)/for growing plants are soil, temperature, chemical balance or (b)/amount of moisture. (c) No error (d)

Ans. (b) or

The correct word is and.

Directions (6–15): In the following questions, some of the sentences have errors and some are correct. Find out which part of a sentence has an error. The number

of that part is your answer. If a sentence is free from errors, then your answer is (d) i.e., No error.

[SSC-CGL (Tier-I) Exam, 26-6-2011]

6. If you had told me (a)/I would have helped you (b)/solve the problem. (c)/No error (d)

Ans. (d) No error

7. “The Arabian Nights” (a)/are indeed (b)/an interesting book. (c)/No error (d)

Ans. (b) are indeed

‘The Arabian Nights’ is singular as it is the name of a book. So, is should be used instead of are.

8. He (a)/loved her (b)/despite of himself. (c)/No error (d)

Ans. (c) despite of himself

Despite himself should be used instead of despite of himself.

9. Of all the models (a)/Jessica is (b)/the more good-looking one. (c)/No error (d)

Ans. (c) the more good-looking one.

In superlative degree i.e. the most should be used instead of the more.

10. When I went there (a)/Charles is playing (b)/a game of chess. (c)/No error (d)

Ans. (b) Charles is playing

The event is in past time. So, Charles was playing should be used.

11. The future of food companies (a)/seems quite secure (b)/owed to ever-growing demand. (c)/No error (d)

Ans. (c) owed to ever-growing demand

Here, owing to (i.e. because of) ever-growing demand should be used.

12. The vaccine (a)/when it hit the Indian market (b)/is dogged by controversy. (c)/No error (d)

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Ans. (c) is dogged by controversy

The sentence is in simple past (Passive) so, 'was dogged by controversy' should be used.

13. His son (a)/is working (b)/very hardly. (c)/No error (d)

Ans. (c) very hardly

Here, 'very hard' should be used because hardly means almost none; almost not; almost no.

Hard means putting a lot of effort into an activity.

14. Do you know that it was I (a)/who has done (b)/this piece of beautiful work? (c)/No error (d)

Ans. (b) who has done

Here, the predecessor of Relative Pronoun 'who' is 'I' and so, 'who have done' should be used instead of 'who has done'.

15. The company has ordered (a)/some (b)/new equipments. (c)/No error (d)

Ans. (c) new equipments

Equipment is uncountable noun and its plural is not equipments. So, 'new equipment' should be used instead of 'new equipments'.

Directions (16–20): In the following questions, some of the sentences have errors and some are correct. Find out which part of a sentence has an error. The number of that part is your answer. If a sentence is free from errors, then your answer is (d) i.e., No error.

[SSC (CPO) CAPFs Exam, 28-8-2011]

16. The way to increase the production of the food (a)/is to bring more land (b)/under cultivation (c)/No error (d)

Ans. (a) The way to increase the production of the food

Here 'food' is not proper noun so, 'the' should not be used before 'food'.

17. The girls watched intently (a)/as the model applied her make-up (b)/with a practiced hand. (c)/No error (d)

Ans. (c) with a practiced hand

Here, skilled hand should be used instead of practiced hand.

18. If he is a millionaire (a)/he would help (b)/the millennium project. (c)/No error (d)

Ans. (a) If he is a millionaire

It shows supposition. Hence, If he were a millionaire should be used.

19. The Prime Minister along with his Cabinet colleagues (a)/have been welcomed by the Chief Minister (b)/at a formal ceremony. (c)/No error (d)

Ans. (b) have been welcomed by the Chief Minister

Here, 'was' should be used instead of 'have been'.

20. The political candidate talked (a)/as if she has already been elected (b)/to the presidency. (c)/No error (d)

Ans. (b) as if she has already been elected

Here, 'as if she had already been' should be used instead of 'as if she has already been'.

Directions (21–30): In the following questions, some of the sentences have errors and some have none. Find out which part of a sentence has an error. The number of the part is your answer. If a sentence is free from errors, then your answer is (d) i.e., No error.

[SSC-CGL Tier-I Exam, 01-07-2012]

21. World is producing enough (a)/for every citizen but still there is hunger and malnutrition (b)/and it is continuing year after year. (c)/No error (d)

Ans. (d) No error

22. The N.C.C. commandant along with his cadets (a)/are going to Delhi (b)/to participate in the Republic Day Parade. (c)/No error (d)

Ans. (b) are going to Delhi

When we use along with, together with, with, verb agrees according to first subject.

Here, 'is going to Delhi' should be used instead of 'are going to Delhi'.

23. He did not succeed (a)/to get the job (b)/though he tried his level best. (c)/No error (d)

Ans. (b) to get the job

Here, in getting (gerund) the job should be used.

24. Many of the famous (a)/advertising offices (b)/are located at Madison Avenue. (c)/No error (d)

Ans. (c) are located at Madison Avenue.

Here, 'the' should be used before Madison Avenue, as 'are located at the Madison Avenue'.

25. Nature has denied us (a)/the power of closing our ears (b)/which she gave in respect of our eyes. (c)/No error (d)

Ans. (c) which she gave in respect of our eyes.

Here, 'has given in respect of our eyes' should be used instead of 'gave in respect of our eyes'.

26. You do not (a)/look as (b)/your brother. (c)/No error (d)

Ans. (b) look as

Here, 'look like' should be used instead of 'look as'.

27. My elder brother (a)/is six (b)/foot high. (c)/No error (d)

Ans. (c) foot high

Here, 'foot tall' should be used instead of 'foot high'.

28. Without no proof of your guilt (a)/the only course open to me (b)/is to dismiss the case. (c)/No error (d)

Ans. (a) Without no proof of your guilt

Here, 'without any proof of your guilt' should be used instead of 'without no proof of your guilt'.

29. As we see it, (a)/she appears to be unreasonable (b)/anxious about pleasing her husband. (c)/No error (d)

Ans. (b) she appears to be unreasonable

Here, 'unreasonably' (Adverb) should be used instead of 'unreasonable' because an Adverb qualifies an Adjective.

30. The scissor is (a)/lying on (b)/the table. (c)/No error (d)

Ans. (a) The scissor is

Here, 'scissors are' should be used instead of 'scissor is'.

Directions (31–40): In the following questions, some part of the sentences have errors and some have none. Find out which part of a sentence has an error. The number of that part is your answer. If there is no error, your answer is (d) i.e. No error.

[SSC (CPO) CAPFs Exam, 27-5-2012]

31. Having lived (a)/in Kerala for ten years, (b)/my friend is used to speak Malayalam with his friends. (c)/No error (d).

Ans. (c) my friend is used to speak Malayalam with his friends

Here, 'used to speaking' should be used instead of 'used to speak'.

32. Much water (a)/has flown (b)/under this bridge. (c)/No error (d)

Ans. (b) has flown

Here, 'has flowed' should be used instead of 'has flown'. Because 3rd form of flow is flowed, not flown.

33. The law should specifically (a)/provide a clause (b)/to protect animals from poachers. (c)/No error (d)

Ans. (d) No error

34. What kind (a)/of a man (b)/are you? (c)/No error (d)

Ans. (b) of a man

Here a/an should not be used before man i.e. a noun used after kind of if it shows a kind/type. Hence, 'of man' should be used instead of 'of a man'.

35. The lady approached me timidly (a)/and trembling slightly (b)/she sat down besides me. (c)/No error (d)

Ans. (c) she sat down besides me.

Besides means in addition to and beside means next to or at the side of somebody or something. Hence, beside should be used.

36. The concentration of human and material resources at a few centres (a)/have resulted in (b)/large scale migration of rural population to urban area. (c)/No error(d)

Ans. (b) have resulted in

"The concentration" is a singular subject. So, "has resulted in" (singular verb) should be used.

37. Who wouldn't be triumphant (a)/in their success (b)/at the examination? (d)/No error (d)

Ans. (b) in their success

Here, 'at their success' should be used.

38. I dared/(a)/Mohan fights (b)/a duel. (c)/No error (d)

Ans. (b) Mohan fights

Here, fight (infinitive without to) should be used instead of fights.

39. All of you except Sheena (a)/have done your homework (b)/properly (c)/No error (d)

Ans. (d) No error.

40. The summit began (a)/on a much voiced (b)/optimism note. (c)/No error (d)

Ans. (c) optimism note

Here, optimistic (Adjective) should be used instead of optimism.

Directions (41–45): In the following questions, some part of the sentences have errors and some have none. Find out which part of a sentence has an error. The number of that part is your answer. If a sentence is free from error then your answer is (d) i.e. No error.

[SSC Delhi Police SI Exam, 19-8-2012]

41. Having deprived of their houses (a)/in the recent earthquake (b)/they had no other option but to take shelter in (c)/No error (d)

Ans. (a) Having deprived of their houses

Here, Being should be used instead of Having.

42. He (a)/is addicted (b)/with smoking. (c)/No error (d)

Ans. (c) with smoking

Here, to smoking should be used instead of with smoking.

43. Entering the hotel (a)/he ordered for (b)/a drink and a sumptuous dinner. (c)/No error (d)

Ans. (b) he ordered for

Here, he ordered should be used instead of he ordered for.

44. He is (a)/your brother (b)/isn't it? (c)/No error (d)

Ans. (c) isn't it?

Here, isn't he should be used instead of isn't it.

45. I have (a)/known him (b)/since two years. (c)/No error (d).

Ans. (c) since two years

Here, for two years should be used instead of since two years.

Directions (45–55): In the following questions, some part of the sentences have errors and some are correct. Find out which part of a sentence has an error. The

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number of that part is the answer. If a sentence is free from error your answer is (d), i.e., No error.

[SSC-CGL Tier-I Exam, 19-5-2013]

46. If I was he, (a)/I wouldn't accept (b)/this project. (c)/No error (d)

Ans. (a) If I was he

Here, If I were he should be used instead of If I was he

47. The teacher advised to (a)/the student to borrow (b)/a book from the library within three days. (c)/No error (d)

Ans. (a) The teacher advised to

Here 'advised' should be used instead of advised to...

48. I insisted (a)/on his going (b)/there immediately. (c)/No error (d)

Ans. (d) No error

49. We have been knowing (a)/each other (b)/since we were children. (c)/No error (d)

Ans. (a) We have been knowing

'Here, we know should be used instead of have been knowing...

50. Neither of the teams (a)/are sensible enough (b)/to do this task. (c)/No error (d)

Ans. (b) are sensible enough

Here, is sensible enough should be used instead of are sensible enough. Because 'Neither of/Either of' agrees with a singular verb.

51. The new dish (a)/that I ordered (b)/is tasting good. (c)/No error (d)

Ans. (c) is tasting good

Here, tasted good should be used here instead of is tasting good.

52. Increasing racism and hate crimes (a)/casted a shadow (b)/over elections. (c)/No error (d)

Ans. (b) casted a shadow

Here, cast a shadow should be used instead of casted. Because Cast (Present) – cast (Past) – cast (Past participle).

53. I have got your letter yesterday (a)/and felt happy to learn (b)/of your recovery. (c)/No error (d)

Ans. (a) I have got your letter yesterday

Here, I got should be used instead of have got.

54. Sam is working (a)/in a bank in Chennai (b)/for the past five years. (c)/No error (d)

Ans. (a) Sam is working

Here, 'Sam has been working' should be used because of Present Perfect Continuous tense.

55. People living in low-lying areas (a)/find it difficult (b)/to cope up with the floods. (c)/No error (d)

Ans. (c) to cope up with the floods

Cope with: manage; to deal successfully with something difficult.

Here, cope with (deal successfully with) should be used instead of cope up with.

Directions (56–65): In the following questions, some parts of the sentences have errors and some have none. Find out which part of a sentence has an error. The number of that part is your answer. If there is no error, your answer is (d) i.e., No error.

[SSC-CGL Tier-I Exam, 21-04-2013]

56. In India (a)/working woman lead a life of dual responsibilities (b)/if they are married and have family. (c)/No error (d).

Ans. (b) working woman lead a life of dual responsibilities

Here, working women should be used instead of working woman as verb (lead) is plural.

57. Greatly to our surprise (a)/we find the ringleader (b)/was lame. (c)/No error (d).

Ans. (b) we find the ringleader

Here 'found' should be used instead of 'find' as the sentence is in past tense.

58. They have (a)/played a game (b)/last week. (c)/No error (d).

Ans. (a) They have

Here, played (Past Simple) should be used instead of have played.

59. The teacher made the boys (a)/to do the sum (b)/all over again. (c)/No error (d).

Ans. (b) to do the sum

Here, do the sum should be used instead of to do the sum. As causative verbs are followed by infinitive without 'to'.

60. Many overseas students (a)/attend colleges (b)/in the Great Britain. (c)/No error (d).

Ans. (c) in the Great Britain

Here, it is not proper to use 'the' before Great Britain, but can be used 'the' before United Kingdom.

61. Each one of you (a)/must make up their mind (b)/as I did. (c)/No error (d).

Ans. (b) must make up their mind

Here, 'your' should be used instead of 'their'.

62. Sudoku was first designed in the 1970s (a)/by a retired architect (b)/and freelance puzzle constructor. (c)/No error (d).

Ans. (d) No error

63. During the last few years (a)/the company works hard (b)/to modernise its image. (c)/No error (d).

Ans. (b) the company works hard

Here, 'worked' should be used instead of 'works'.

64. This stamp is only one (a)/of the design (b)/ever printed. (c)/No error (d).

Ans. (b) of the design

Here, 'designs' should be used instead of 'design'.

65. After he had apologised to the magistrate Profusely (a)/for having broke the promise (b)/the magistrate was happy to forgive him. (c)/No error (d).

Ans. (b) for having broke the promise

Here, 'broken the promise' should be used instead of 'broke the promise'.

Directions (66–70): In the following questions, some parts of the sentences have errors and some are correct. Find out which part of a sentence has an error. The number of that part is the answer. If a sentence is free from error, then your answer is (d) i.e., No error.

[SSC (CPO) (APFs) Exam, 23-6-2013]

66. When one hears of the incident (a)/about the plane crash (b)/he feels very sorry. (c)/No error (d).

Ans. (a) When one hears of the incident

Here, indefinite article 'an' should be used instead of 'the'.

67. I went there (a)/with a view to survey (b)/the entire procedure (c)/No error (d).

Ans. (d) No error

68. It had laid (a)/in the closet (b)/for a week before we found it. (c)/No error (d).

Ans. (a) It had laid

Here, 'It had been lying' should be used instead of 'It had laid' as time period is given.

69. He was present (a)/in the court (b)/to give witness. (c)/No error (d).

Ans. (c) to give witness

Here, 'to provide evidence' should be used instead of 'to give witness'.

70. He laughed (a)/on her (b)/as she fell off the tree. (c)/No error (d).

Ans. (b) on her

Here, 'at her' should be used instead of 'on her'.

Directions (71–80): In the following questions, some parts of the sentences have errors and some have none. Find out which part of a sentence has an error. The

number of that part is your answer. If there is no error, your answer is (d) i.e., No error.

[SSC-CGL Tier-I Exam, 27-04-2014]

71. The manager told the boys (a)/that one ought to work hard (b)/to earn his living. (c)/No error (d).

Ans. (c) to earn his living

Here, 'to earn one's living' should be used instead of 'to earn his living'.

72. The Nile is said to be the longest (a)/than all other rivers (b)/in the eastern hemisphere. (c)/No error (d).

Ans. (b) than all other rivers

Here, 'of all the rivers' should be used instead of 'than all other rivers'.

73. Everything are packed (a)/and were ready (b)/to leave. (c)/No error (d).

Ans. (a) Everything are packed

Here, 'They packed everything' should be used instead of 'Everything are packed'.

74. The thief broke in the (a)/house at the (b)/dead up of the night. (c)/No error (d).

Ans. (a) The thief broke in the

The thief broke 'into' the house should be used instead of 'The thief broke in the'.

75. It is difficult (a)/to let go (b)/of bad memoirs. (c)/No error (d).

Ans. (c) of bad memoirs

Here, 'of bad memories' should be used instead of 'of bad memoirs'.

76. Whenever they go out (a)/shopping they (b)/take their pet cat with them. (c)/No error (d).

Ans. (a) Whenever they go out

Here, 'Whenever they go' should be used instead of 'Whenever they go out'

77. The museum depicts (a)/the story of human kind (b)/on time and space. (c)/No error (d).

Ans. (c) on time and space

Here, 'About time' should be used instead of 'on time'.

78. You must either pay the bill (a)/at once else return (b)/the goods immediately. (c)/No error (d).

Ans. (b) at once else return

Here, 'at once or return' should be used instead of 'at once else return'.

79. Each and everyone of the participants (a)/is expected to contribute (b)/generously to the cause. (c)/No error (d).

Ans. (d) No error

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80. Each person hold it (a)/in trust from God to promote (b)/the good of mankind. (c)/No error (d).

Ans. (a) Each person hold it

Here, 'Each person holds it' should be used instead of 'Each person hold it'.

Directions (81–90): In the following questions, some parts of the sentences have errors and some are correct. Find out which part of a sentence has an error. The number of that part is the answer. If a sentence is free from error, then your answer is (d) i.e., No error.

[SSC-CGL Tier-I Exam, 20-07-2014]

81. They dreamed of a society (a)/where everyone (b) were equal. (c)/No error (d).

Ans. (c) were equal

Here 'was equal' should be used instead of 'were equal'.

82. On Senegal (a)/it is considered impolite (b)/if you do not share your food. (c)/No error (d).

Ans. (a) On Senegal

Here, 'In Senegal' should be used instead of 'On Senegal'.

83. We discussed about the problem thoroughly (a)/on the eve of the examination (b)/that I found it very easy to work it out. (c)/No error (d).

Ans. (a) We discussed about the problem thoroughly

Here, use of 'about' is not needed.

84. The wise father told him (a)/that the mangoes had gone bad as they were (b)/in contact with the one rotten mango. (c)/No error (d).

Ans. (c) in contact with the one rotten mango

Here, 'in contact with a rotten mango' should be used instead of 'in contact with the one rotten mango'.

85. The box of eggs (a)/are lying (b)/on the table. (c)/No error (d).

Ans. (b) are lying

Here, 'is lying' (singular) should be used instead of 'are lying'.

86. He gave me a (a)/hundred rupees note (b)/as a gift on my birthday. (c)/No error (d).

Ans. (b) hundred rupees note

Here, 'hundred-rupee note' should be used instead of 'hundred rupees note'.

87. I have been (a)/suffering since (b)/the 10th of January. (c)/No error (d).

Ans. (d) No error

88. Douglas Engelbart, the inventor of the computer mouse (a)/have died (b)/at the age of eighty-eight. (c)/No error (d).

Ans. (b) have died

Here, 'died' should be used instead of 'have died'.

89. There is (a)/a flight to Britain (b)/every Mondays. (c)/No error (d).

Ans. (c) every Mondays

Here, 'every Monday' should be used instead of 'every Mondays'.

90. We arrived (a)/to the village (b)/at night. (c)/No error (d).

Ans. (b) to the village

Here, 'arrived at/in the village should be used.

Directions (91–100): In the following questions, some of the sentences have errors and some have none. Find out which part of a sentences has an error. The number of that part is your answer. If there is no error, your answer is (d) i.e., No error.

[SSC-CGL Tier-I Exam, 19-10-2014]

91. A chill wind blew (a)/and icy fingers of death (b)/crept up my spine. (c)/No error (d).

Ans. (d) No error.

92. Such rules (a)/do not apply to (b) you and I. (c)/No error (d).

Ans. (c) you and I

Here, 'you and me' (objective case) should be used.

93. The river (a)/has overflown (b)/its banks. (c)/No error (d).

Ans. (b) has overflown

Here, 'has overflowed' should be used instead of 'has overflown'.

94. IIM Calcutta's MBA programme (a)/is regarded (b)/as the finest in the country. (c)/No error (d).

Ans. (d) No error.

95. One of the most (a)/widely spread (b)/bad habit is the use of tobacco. (c)/No error (d).

Ans. (c) bad habit is the use of tobacco

Here, 'bad habits' should be used instead of 'bad habit'.

96. He feels his troubles (a)/as much or (b)/even more than they (c)/No error (d).

Ans. (c) even more than they

Here, 'even more than them' should be used.

97. I like reading (a)/more than (b)/to play. (c)/No error (d).

Ans. (c) to play

Here, 'playing' should be used instead of 'to play'.

98. The old lady swooned (a)/but was soon (b)/restored at senses. (c)/No error (d).

Ans. (c) restored at senses

Here, 'restored to senses' should be used instead of 'restored at senses'.

99. I shall have to (a)/withdraw from my savings (b)/to buy a new car. (c)/No error (d).

Ans. (b) withdraw from my savings

Here, 'withdraw my savings' should be used.

100. The whole block of flats (a)/including two shops were (b)/destroyed in fire. (c)/No error (d).

Ans. (b) including two shops were

Here, 'including two shops was' should be used for singular 'The whole block'.

Directions (101–110): In the following questions, some parts of the sentences have errors and some are correct. Find out which part of a sentence has an error. The number of that part is the answer. If a sentence is free from error, your answer is (d) i.e., No error.

[SSC-CGL Tier-I Exam, 26-10-2014]

101. The new device (a)/aims at eliminating (b)/the risk of short-circuiting (c)/No error (d).

Ans. (c) the risk of short-circuiting

Here, 'short-circuit' should be used instead of 'short-circuiting'.

102. I wish to heartily (a)/congratulate you for (b)/your as tounding success. (c)/No error (d).

Ans. (b) congratulate you for

Here, 'congratulate you on' should be used instead of 'congratulate you for'.

103. The visitor took the vacant seat (a)/next from mine (b)/on one of the many huge sofas in the room. (c)/No error (d).

Ans. (b) next from mine

Here, 'next to mine' should be used instead of 'next from mine'.

104. He was (a)/a learnt man among lords, (b)/and a lord among learned men. (c)/No error (d).

Ans. (b) a learnt man among lords,

Here, a learned (Adjective) man among lords should be used instead of 'learnt man among lords'.

105. With our great annoyance (a)/we found the ground (b)/filled with broken glasses. (c)/No error (d).

Ans. (a) With our great annoyance

Here, 'To our great annoyance' should be used instead of 'With our great annoyance'.

106. The priest emphasised (a)/that it is the duty (b)/of all Christians to love each other. (c)/No error (d).

Ans. (c) of all Christians to love each other

'One another' is used when you are saying that each member of a group does 'something to' or 'for' the other people in the group.

Here, 'of all Christians to love one another' should be used instead of 'of all Christians to love each other'.

107. The pond is flooded (a)/with water because it is raining (b) continuously for the last three days. (c)/No error (d).

Ans. (b) with water because it is raining

Here, 'with water because it has been raining' (Present Perfect Continuous) should be used.

108. Scaling the high wall, (a)/a vast expanse of greenery (b)/reaching up to the horizon was seen. (c)/No error (d).

Ans. (a) Scaling the high wall,

Here, 'While scaling the high wall' should be used.

109. Any of the two (a)/roads leads/(b) to the station. (c)/No error (d).

Ans. (a) Any of the two

Here, 'Neither of/Either of the two' should be used.

110. This is the boy (a)/who I think had won (b)/the gold medal in the dance competition. (c)/No error (d).

Ans. (d) No error.

Directions (111–113): In the following questions, one part of the sentences may have an error. Find out which part of the sentence has an error and choose the option corresponding to it. If the sentence is free from error, choose the "No error" option.

[SSC-CGL Tier-I Exam, 28-08-2016]

111. Each child (a)/was given a (b)/red beautiful balloon. (c)/No error (d).

Ans. (c) red beautiful balloon

Here, 'beautiful red balloon' should be used.

112. She has had the best medical facilities available (a)/but she will not be cured (b)/unless she does not have a strong desire to live. (c)/No error (d).

Ans. (c) unless she does not have a strong desire to live.

Here, 'has' should be used instead of 'does not have'.

113. As if aware of my condition (a)/the infuriated bird suddenly doubled back on its course (b)/and charged straight after me. (c)/No error (d).

Ans. (c) and charged straight after me

Charge (Verb): to rush forward and attack.

Here, 'at me' should be used instead of 'after me'.

Directions (114–116): In the following questions, one part of the sentence may have an error. Find out which part of the sentence has an error and choose the option corresponding to it. If the sentence is free from error, choose the "No error" option.

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114. I always enjoy (a)/to read (b)/books. (c)/No error (d).

Ans. (b) to read

Here, 'reading' should be used instead of 'to read'.

115. Variety (a)/is (b)/spice of life. (c)/No error (d).

Ans. (c) spice of life

Here, 'the (definite article) spice of life should be used.

116. Neither of the scout leaders know (a)/how to trap wild animals (b)/or how to prepare them for mounting. (c)/No error (d).

Ans. (a) Neither of the scout leaders know

Neither of is followed by a Plural Noun/Pronoun but agrees with a Singular Verb.

Here, 'Neither of the scout leaders knows' should be used instead of 'know'.

Directions (117–119): In the following questions, one part of the sentence may have an error. Find out which part of the sentence has an error and choose the alternative corresponding to it. If the sentence is free from error, choose the "No error" option.

[SSC-CGL Tier-I Exam, 11-09-2016]

117. I will not (a)/stay here another minute (b)/if I can help it! (c)/No error (d).

Ans. (d) No error.

118. Roger dressed (a)/in his best shirt, (b)/silver tie and black jacket. (c)/No error (d).

Ans. (a) Roger dressed

Here, 'Roger is dressed' should be used.

119. They are looking forward (a)/to meet (b)/their parents. (c)/No error (d).

Ans. (b) to meet

Here, 'meeting' should be used instead of 'to meet'.

Directions (120–129): In the following questions, some parts of the sentences have errors and some are correct. Find out which part of a sentence has an error. The number of that part is the answer. If a sentence is free from error, your answer is No error.

[SSC-CGL (Tier-I) Exam, 9-8-2015]

120. **By May next year I have been working in this college for twenty years:**

- (a) No error
- (b) By May next year
- (c) I have been working in this college
- (d) For twenty years.

Ans. (c) I have been working in this college

Here, 'I will have been'(future) should be used instead of 'I have been'.

121. **Everyone of us should realise that any act of negligence will cause a great harm to our country's security:**

- (a) No error
- (b) everyone of us should realise that
- (c) any act of negligence will cause
- (d) a great harm to our country's security.

Ans. (b) Everyone of us should realise that

Here, 'Each one' should be used instead of 'Everyone'.

122. **I shall look forward to being with you sometime next month:**

- (a) No error
- (b) I shall look forward
- (c) To being with you
- (d) Sometime next month

Ans. (a) No error

123. **I really do regret not to learn to play the violin when I had so many opportunities to learn and practise in school.**

- (a) No error
- (b) I really do regret not to learn to play the violin
- (c) When I had so many opportunities
- (d) To learn and practise in school.

Ans. (b) I really do regret not to learn to play the violin

Here, 'not learning' should be used instead of 'not to learn'.

124. **The government granted relief payments of ' 5,000 each to those who injured in the fire accident:**

- (a) No error
- (b) The government granted
- (c) Relief payments of ' 5,000 each
- (d) To those who injured in the fire accident.

Ans. (d) To those who injured in the fire accident

If two events relate to past, the event that happens earlier, should be expressed in past perfect.

Here, 'who were injured' should be used instead of 'who injured'.

125. **You are required to give an explanation for your conduct within two days of the receipt of this letter:**

- (a) No error
- (b) for your conduct
- (c) within two days of the receipt of this letter.
- (d) You are required to give an explanation.

Ans. (c) within two days of the receipt of this letter

Here, 'after the receipt of this letter' should be used instead of 'of the receipt of this letter'.

126. **The ruins of the spillway are a vital clue to the epic struggle that unfold as generations of Khmer engineers coped with a water system that grew complex and unruly:**

- (a) coped with a water system that grew complex and unruly.
 (b) to the epic struggle that unfold as generations of Khmer engineers
 (c) The ruins of the spillway are a vital clue
 (d) No error

Ans. (b) to the epic struggle that unfold as generations of Khmer engineers

Here, 'unfolded' should be used instead of 'unfold'.

127. Bobby learnt the alphabets at the age of two.

- (a) No error (b) age of two
 (c) Bobby learnt the (d) alphabets at the

Ans. (d) alphabets at the

Here, 'alphabet' should be used instead of 'alphabets'.

128. The sum and substance of this poem is as follows:

- (a) of this poem (b) no error
 (c) the sum and substance (d) is as follows

Ans. (b) no error

129. I watched how the pianoist used her left hand:

- (a) I watched how (b) the pianoist
 (c) No error (d) used her left hand

Ans. (b) the pianoist

Ans. (d) alphabets at the

Here, 'pianoist' should be used instead of 'the pianoist'.

Directions (130–139): In the following questions, some parts of the sentences have errors and some are correct. Find out which part of a sentence has an error. The number of that part is the answer. If a sentence is free from error, your answer is No error.

[SSC-CGL (Tier-I) Exam, 16-8-2015]

130. Who do you think I met?

- (a) Who (b) No error
 (c) do you think (d) I met?

Ans. (a) Who

Here, 'Whom' should be used instead of 'who'.

131. Just outside my house are a playground for school boys and girls:

- (a) Just outside my house (b) Are a playground
 (c) No error (d) For school boys and girls

Ans. (b) Are a playground

Here, 'is a playground' should be used instead of 'are a playground'.

132. He can be a basketball player since he is tall like a mule:

- (a) He can be (b) He is tall like a mule
 (c) No error (d) A basketball player since

Ans. (b) He is tall like a mule

Here, 'he is as tall as an oak tree' should be used.

133. It is not advisable to take heavy luggages while on a journey:

- (a) to take heavy luggages (b) while on a journey
 (c) no error (d) It is not advisable

Ans. (a) to take heavy luggages

Luggage: bags, cases etc. with somebody's clothes and things when they are travelling. Its plural is never luggages.

Here, 'luggage' should be used instead of 'luggages'.

134. A bird in the tree is worth two in the bush:

- (a) A bird in the tree (b) two in the bush
 (c) No error (d) is worth

Ans. (a) A bird in the tree

Here, 'A bird in hand' should be used instead of 'A bird in the tree'.

135. Several guests noticed Mr. Sharma falling back in his chair and gasping for breath:

- (a) failling back in his chair
 (b) several guests noticed Mr. Sharma
 (c) and gasping for breath
 (d) No error

Ans. (d) No error

136. We have finished our work three hours ago and have been waiting for you since then:

- (a) three hours ago and have been waiting
 (b) We have finished our work
 (c) for you since then
 (d) No error

Ans. (b) We have finished our work

Here, 'We had finished' should be used instead of 'We have finished'.

137. Many a man want to be rich quickly:

- (a) rich quickly (b) want to be
 (c) Many a man (d) No error

Ans. (b) want to be

Here, 'wants to be' (singular verb) should be used.

138. The Russian ambassador's where-abouts is not known to anyone.

- (a) No error
 (b) The Russian ambassador's
 (c) not known to anyone
 (d) where-abouts is

Ans. (a) No error

139. A study is going underway to determine the exact concentration of lead in the water supply:

- (a) to determine the exact concentration
 (b) No error
 (c) of lead in the water supply
 (d) A study is going underway

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Ans. (d) A study is going underway

Here, 'A study is underway' should be used.

Directions (140–144): In the following questions, some parts of the sentences have errors and some are correct. Find out which part of a sentence has an error. The number of that part is the answer. If a sentence is free from error, your answer is (d) i.e. No error.

[SSC (CPO) APFs Exam, 21-6-2015]

140. Professor Lal teaches both history as well as literature each semester:

- (a) Professor Lal teaches
- (b) No error
- (c) each semester
- (d) both history as well as literature

Ans. (d) both history as well as literature

Here, 'both history and literature' should be used instead of 'both history as well as literature'.

141. The media play a vital role in popularising a brand:

- (a) The media play
- (b) in popularising a brand
- (c) No error
- (d) a vital role

Ans. (a) The media play

Here, 'The media plays' (singular) should be used.

142. My friend will not come to attend this marriage unless he is not invited:

- (a) No error
- (b) My friend will not come
- (c) to attend this marriage
- (d) unless he is not invited

Ans. (d) unless he is not invited

Here, 'unless he is invited' should be used instead of 'unless he is not invited'.

143. This is the second communication we have sent and we are much surprised at receiving no answer:

- (a) This is the second communication we have sent
- (b) at receiving no answer
- (c) and we are much surprised
- (d) No error

Ans. (a) This is the second communication we have sent

Here, 'we are sending' should be used instead of 'we have sent'.

144. She is wealthy and can afford all the pleasures of life:

- (a) and can afford
- (b) all the pleasures of life
- (c) No error
- (d) She is wealthy

Ans. (c) No error

Direction (145–147): In the following questions, one part of the sentence may have an error. Find out which part of the sentence has an error and click the button corresponding to it. If the sentence is free from error, click the "No error" option.

[SSC-CGL Tier-I on 28-8-2016 1st Shift]

145. The Statesman has (a)/the larger circulation of any (b)/English dailies. (c)/No Error (d)

- (a) A
- (b) B
- (c) C
- (d) D

Ans. (b) B: the largest circulation of all

"The Statesman has the largest circulation of all English dailies." superlative degree adjective will be used.

146. A period of six years(a)/have elapsed (b)/since I last saw her.(c)/No Error (d)

- (a) A
- (b) B
- (c) C
- (d) D

Ans. (b) B: has elapsed

A period of six years is a singular subject. Hence 'singular verb' i.e. has elapsed should be used.

147. For several years now (a)/my newspaper agent has been spelling (b)/my name in correctly.(c)/No Error(d)

- (a) A
- (b) B
- (c) C
- (d) D

Ans. (d) D: No Error

Direction (148–150): In the following questions, one part of the sentence may have an error. Find out which part of the sentence has an error and click the button corresponding to it. If the sentence is free from error, click the "No error" option.

[SSC-CGL Tier-I on 28-8-2016 2nd Shift]

148. Each child (a)/was given a (b)/red beautiful balloon. (c)/No error (d)

- (a) A
- (b) B
- (c) C
- (d) D

Ans. (c) C: beautiful red balloon

Each child was given a beautiful red balloon. Here the issue is of 'order of the adjectives' in a sentence.

149. She has had the best medical facilities available (a)/but she will not be cured (b)/unless she does not have a strong desire to live (c)/No error (d)

- (a) A
- (b) B
- (c) C
- (d) D

Ans. (c) C: unless she does have a strong desire to live

"She has had the best medical facilities available, but she will not be cured unless she has a strong desire to live." In C part, unless is already negative, hence negative 'not' will not be used with 'unless'.

150. As if aware of my condition (a)/the infuriated bird suddenly doubled back on its course (b)/and charged straight after me (c)/No error (d)

- (a) A (b) B
(c) C (d) D

Ans. (c) C

“As if aware of my condition the infuriated bird suddenly doubled back on its course and charged straight at me.”
Preposition ‘at’ is correct.

Direction (151–152): In the following question, some part of the sentence may have errors. Find out which part of the sentence has an error and select the appropriate option. If a sentence is free from error, select ‘No Error’.

[SSC-CGL Tier-I on 8-8-2017 1st Shift]

151. No sooner did I come out of my home to go to market (a)/when it started raining heavily (b)/which drenched me completely. (c)/No Error (d)

- (a) A (b) B
(c) C (d) D

Ans. (b) 2

In part-2 “when it started raining heavily” when should be replaced by then.

152. Unless you don’t obey (a)/your elders you (b)/will not succeed in your life. (c)/No Error (d)

- (a) A (b) B
(c) C (d) D

Ans. (a) 1

The conjunction ‘unless’ is never followed by a negative word, so removed don’t from part-1. Example- ‘Unless you obey your elders you will not succeed in your life.’

Direction (153–154): In the following questions, some part of the sentence may have errors. Find out which part of the sentence has an error and select the appropriate option. If a sentence is free from error, select ‘No error’.

[SSC-CGL Tier-I on 8-8-2017 2nd Shift]

153. Hardly had I reached the (a)/exhibition where I learnt (b)/about the major robbery. (c)/No Error (d)

- (a) A (b) B
(c) C (d) D

Ans. (b) 2- exhibition where I learnt

Use ‘when’ in place of ‘where’ because Hardly/scarcely are followed by conjunction “when”.

154. No sooner did the sun rise (a)/when we resumed the journey (b)/after having a hasty breakfast. (c)/No Error (d)

- (a) A (b) B
(c) C (d) D

Ans. (b) 2- when we resumed the journey

‘No sooner’ should be followed by ‘than’ and not ‘when’. The pair ‘no sooner... than’ is a subordinate conjunction of time. It indicates that the second event occurs immediately after the first one.

Direction (155–156): In the following questions, some part of the sentence may have errors. Find out which part of the sentence has an error and select the appropriate option. If a sentence is free from error, select ‘No Error’.

[SSC-CGL Tier-I on 8-8-2017 3rd Shift]

155. My elder son deals with (a)/spare parts and manages (b)/his bread and butter. (c)/No Error (d)

- (a) A (b) B
(c) C (d) D

Ans. (a) My elder son deals with

Preposition combination: Deal with someone and Deal in something.

Here “in” will be used in place of “with”

156. Sneha was accused for murder of her husband (a)/but the court found her (b)/not guilty and acquitted her. (c)/No Error (d)

- (a) A (b) B
(c) C (d) D

**Ans. (a) Sneha was accused for murder of her husband
Accused of is correct combination.**

Direction (157–158): In the sentence identify the segment which contains the grammatical error.

[SSC-CGL Tier-I on 04-06-2019 1st Shift]

157. We had to decline several orders(a)/in case that the production was held up(b)/due to labour strike(c)/No Error (d)

- (a) the production was held up
(b) due to labour strike
(c) We had to decline
(d) in case that

Ans. (d) in case that

158. Cyclone Idai killed at least 157 people in Zimbabwe and Mozambique (a)/although it tore (b)/across Southern Africa (c)/No Error (d).

- (a) at least 157 people (b) although
(c) Cyclone Idai killed (d) it tore across

Ans. (b) although

TIER-II

Directions (159–178): In the following question, some of the sentences have error and some have none. Find out which part of a sentence has an error. The number of that part is your answer. If there is No error, the answer is (d).

[SSC (CGL Tier-II Exam) 04-09-2011]

159. He reassured to his boss (a)/that he had no plans (b)/to leave the company. (c)/No error (d).

Ans. (a) He reassured to his boss

Here 'to' is wrongly used with the word reassured.

160. The company reports (a)/that the demand for their computers (b)/are growing everyday. (c)/No error (d).

Ans. (c) are growing everyday

Here, demand is singular. So 'is growing everyday'—should be used.

161. When I saw the dress (a)/I knew it was exactly (b)/what I had looked for. (c)/No error (d).

Ans. (c) what I had looked for.

Here, 'what I was looking for' should be used.

162. I promise (a)/I call you (b)/as soon as I get home. (c)/No error (d).

Ans. (c) as soon as I get home.

Here 'I will call you' is to be used.

163. I am afraid (a)/I did a mistake (b)/in the calculation. (c)/No error (d).

Ans. (b) I did a mistake

Here, 'I made a mistake'—should be used.

164. The number of applications has risen (a)/this year by (b)/as many as 50%. (c)/No error (d).

Ans. (d) No error.

165. I was driving under the bridge (a)/as a football (b)/hit my window. (c)/No error (d).

Ans. (b) as a football

Here, 'when' instead of 'as'.

166. If I would know (a)/what you wanted (b)/I would help you. (c)/No error (d).

Ans. (a) If I would know

'If I knew' should be used.

167. No source of energy is so cheap (a)/as solar energy (b)/in the present age of energy crisis. (c)/No error (d).

Ans. (a) No source of energy is so cheap

Here, 'No source of energy is as cheap as'—is to be used.

168. Last year (a)/she was married with (b)/a businessman in Australia. (c)/No error (d).

Ans. (b) she was married with

Here, 'she was married to'—is correct.

169. The students could not understand (a)/why the teacher was (b)/angry upon them. (c)/No error (d).

Ans. (c) angry upon them

Here, the word angry with them is correct.

170. This book (a)/is quite different than (b)/the previous one. (c)/No error (d).

Ans. (b) is quite different than

The word different 'from'.

171. That day when they brought her back for the last time (a)/there was many old-timers (b)/who were shocked and fearful. (c)/No error (d).

Ans. (b) there was many old-timers

Here, 'there were many old-timers' is to be used.

172. Though the project is in its infancy (a)/it is a progress (b)/by the day. (c)/No error (d).

Ans. (b) it is a progress

Here, 'it is progressing' is correct.

173. Gowri told me (a)/his name after (b)/he left (c)/No error (d).

Ans. (c) he left

Here, he had left—should be used.

174. Opportunities like these (a)/are not offered (b)/on everyday. (c)/No error (d).

Ans. (c) on everyday.

Here, only 'everyday' should be used.

175. I am completed (a)/a course (b)/in Spanish. (c)/No error (d).

Ans. (a) I am completed

Here, 'I have completed'—is to be used.

176. The briefing (a)/will be held (b)/between 2 P.M. to 3 P.M. (c)/No error (d).

Ans. (c) between 2 P.M. to 3 P.M.

Here, 'between 2 P.M. and 3 P.M.' is to be used.

177. He is empowered (a)/to act independently (b)/in routine matters. (c)/No error (d).

Ans. (d) No error.

178. Unless you do not meet (a)/all the requirements (b)/your application will be rejected. (c)/No error (d).

Ans. (a) Unless you do not meet

Here, 'unless you meet'—is to be used.

Directions (179–196): In the following questions some of the sentences have errors and some are correct. Find out which part of a sentence has an error. The number of that part is the answer. If a sentence is free from error, then your answer is (d) i.e. No error.

[SSC (CPO) APFs Exam Paper-II, 28-08-2011]

179. I had (a)/a test in Mathematics (b)/today morning. (c)/No error (d).

Ans. (b) a test in Mathematics

Here, 'a test on Mathematics' is correct.

180. A girl must be gracious (a)/if she wishes (b)/to be a ballerina. (c)/No error. (d).

Ans. (a) A girl must be gracious

Here 'graceful' is correct.

181. In a very harsh tone (a)/he shouted at his servants (b)/and told them that he does not need their services. (c)/No error. (d)

Ans. (c) and told them that he does not need their services.

Here, 'and told them that he did not need their service's' should be used.

182. The Committee is thinking (a)/not to bring around any change (b)/in the basic structure. (c)/No error. (d).

Ans. (b) not to bring around any change

Here, 'not to bring about any change' ...should be used.

183. The Chief Minister had no time (a)/to pay attention (b)/on such simple matters. (c)/No error (d).

Ans. (c) on such simple matters.

Here, 'to such simple matters' ... is to be used.

184. It was fortunate (a)/all of the inmates escaped (b)/from the blazing fire. (c)/No error (d).

Ans. (b) all of the inmates escaped 'that all the inmates escaped' is correct.

185. Drinking and driving (a)/are (b)/a major cause of accidents. (c)/No error (d).

Ans. (b) are

Here 'is' should be used here.

186. They are standing (a)/at the gate of the auditorium (b)/as there is no place inside. (c)/No error (d).

Ans. (c) as there is no place inside .

Here, 'as there is no room inside'is to be used.

187. He (a)/is having (b)/many friends here (c)/No error (d).

Ans. (b) is having 'has' should be used.

188. Looking forward (a)/to meeting you (b)/in person. (c)/No error (d).

Ans. (a) Looking forward

Here, 'I am looking forward'is to be used.

189. Galileo proved that (a)/the earth revolves (b)/around the Sun. (c)/No error (d).

Ans. (d) No error.

190. I want (a)/that you should (b)/perform well. (c)/No error (d).

Ans. (b) that you should

Here, 'you to'is correct.

191. The servant (a)/hanged the lamp (b)/on the wall. (c)/No error (d).

Ans. (b) hanged the lamp

Here, 'hung the lamp should'be used.

192. In the back side (a)/of our house (b)/we have a rock garden. (c)/No error (d).

Ans. (a) In the back side

Here, 'In the back yard or rear' is to be used.

193. Ask her to call me (a)/when she (b)/will come back (c)/No error (d).

Ans. (c) will come back

Here, 'comes back' ...should be used.

194. The curator told us (a)/the museum was not opened (b)/to the public on Sunday. (c)/No error (d).

Ans. (b) the museum was not opened

Here, 'the museum was not open' should be used.

195. Long car journeys (a)/are even less pleasant (b)/for it is quite impossible to read even. (c)/No error (d).

Ans. (c) for it is quite impossible to read even

196. I declined the invitation (a)/not because I did not want to go (b)/but because I have no time. (c)/No error (d).

Ans. (c) but because I have no time

Here, 'but because I had no time'should be used.

197. Kindly confirm by letter and telephone (a)/that you will be able (b)/to attend the interview. (c)/No error (d).

Ans. (b) that you will be able

Here, 'whether you will be/are' is correct.

Directions (198–217): In the following questions, some parts of the sentences have errors and some are correct. Find out which part of a sentence has an error. The number of that part is the answer. If there is no error, then your answer is (d) i.e. No error.

[SSC (CGL) Tier-II Exam, 16-09-2012]

198. I don't suppose (a)/anyone will volunteer, (b)/will they ? (c)/No error (d).

Ans. (d) No error.

199. I am (a)/looking forward for (b)/the day of my wedding. (c)/No error (d).

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Ans. (b) looking forward for

Here, 'looking forward to'..... should be used.

200. "Can you cope up (a)/with all this (b)/work?" he asked.
(c)/No error(d).

Ans. (a) "Can you cope up

Here, 'can you cope'is to be used.

'Cope with' means; to deal successfully with something difficult.

201. He served as President (a)/of the Lions Club (b)/since fifteen years. (c)/No error (d).

Ans. (c) since fifteen years.

Here, 'for fifteen years'.....should be used.

202. That was (a)/the most unique opportunity (b)/he got in his life. (c)/No error (d).

Ans. (b) the most unique opportunity

Here, 'a unique/very unique opportunity' should be used.

203. There is (a)/no place of you (b)/in this compartment. (c)/ No error (d).

Ans. (b) no place of you

Here, 'no room for you' is to be used.

204. Mother Teresa asked a building (a)/where she and her workers (b)/could care for the poor people always. (c)/ No error (d).

Ans. (a) Mother Teresa asked a building

Here, 'Mother Teresa asked for a building' is correct.

205. Shelley is (a)/superior than Byron (b) in his vision of democracy. (c)/No error (d).

Ans. (b) superior than Byron

Here, 'superior to Byron' should be used.

206. When at last (a)/we got to the theatre, (b)/the much publicized programme by the Bollywood stars was begun. (c)/No error (d).

Ans. (c) the much publicized programme by the Bollywood stars was begun.

Here, 'the much publicized programme by the Bollywood stars had begun' should be used.

207. Several prominent figures (a)/involved in the scandal are required to (b)/appear to the investigation committee. (c)/ No error (d).

Ans. (c) appear to the investigation committee.

Here, 'appear before the investigation committee'is to be used.

208. According to the radio (a)/it can rain (b)/this evening. (c)/ No error(d).

Ans. (b) it can rain

Here, 'may' should be used.

209. Due to heavy work (a)/in the office (b)/I was unable to catch the five thirty train. (c)/No error (d).

Ans. (a) Due to heavy work

Here, 'Due to a heavy workload' should be used.

210. Hari was appointed leader (a)/of a group of young social workers (b)/that have accepted to help and develop the village in three months. (c)/No error (d).

Ans. (c) that have accepted to help and develop the village in three months.

Here, 'a group of that has' should used.

211. No sooner (a)/they had received the guests (b)/than they began entertaining them. (c)/No error (d).

Ans. (b) they had received the guests

Here, 'did they receive/had they received' should be used.

212. Why (a)/on earth, (b)/has he not come? (c)/No error (d).

Ans. (d) No error.

213. Yesterday (a)/it rained (b)/like cats and dogs. (c)/No error (d).

Ans. (c) like cats and dogs

Here, it is not proper to use 'like'.

214. I would request to you (a)/to consider my application (b)/ and grant me job as early as possible. (c)/No error (d).

Ans. (a) I would request to you

Here, 'I would request you' should be used.

215. Each of these boys (a)/play games (b)/in the playground. (c)/No error (d).

Ans. (b) play games

Here, 'plays games' should be used.

216. Not one of his lectures (a)/have ever been (b)/printed. (c)/ No error (d).

Ans. (b) have ever been

Here, 'has ever been' should be used.

217. Either Sohan or his friends (a)/is to be blamed (b)/for this mischief. (c)/No error (d).

Ans. (b) is to be blamed

Here, 'are to blame' should be used.

Directions (218–237): In the following questions, some parts of the sentences have errors and some are correct. Find out which part of a sentence has an error and the number of that part is your answer. If a sentence is free from errors. Your answer is (d) i.e., No error.

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218. The reporter (a)/was unable (b)/to illicit information from the police. (c)/No error (d).

Ans. (c) to illicit information from the police.

Here, 'to elicit information' should be used here.

219. Each of these boys (a) play/(b) games. (c)/No error (d).

Ans. (b) play

Here, 'plays' (singular) should be used.

220. These all (a)/mangoes (b)/are ripe. (c)/No error (d).

Ans. (a) These all

Here, 'All these' should be used.

221. The students were (a)/awaiting for (b)/the arrival of the chief guest. (c)/No error (d).

Ans. (b) awaiting for

Here, 'waiting for/awaiting' should be used.

222. If you hear (a)/engaged tone (b)/relace the receiver and dial again. (c)/No error (d).

Ans. (b) engaged tone

Here, 'an/the engaged tone' should be used.

223. Henry asked his wife (a)/what had she prepared (b)/for dinner that night. (c)/No error (d).

Ans. (b) what had she prepared

Here, 'what she had prepared' should be used here.

224. The news (a)/I have received (b)/is not good (c)/No error (d).

Ans. (d) No error.

225. Who (a)/arranged (b)/the chairs? (c)/No error (d).

Ans. (d) No error

226. People who live on (a)/glass houses (b)/should not throw stones. (c)/No error (d).

Ans. (a) People who live on

Here, 'people who live in' should be used.

227. The library members were asked (a)/to return back the books (b)/to the library. (c)/No error (d).

Ans. (b) to return back the books

Here, it is not proper to use return back together.

Hence, 'return' is correct.

228. Raghu came out of the bathroom (a)/with a towel (b)/in the hand. (c)/No error (d).

Ans. (c) in the hand.

Here, 'in his hand' should be used here.

229. Neither the girl nor her parents (a)/was present (b)/to receive the award. (c)/No error (d).

Ans. (b) was present

Here, replace 'was' by 'were'.

230. College girls seldom wear (a)/sarees these days, (b)/do they? (c)/No error (d).

Ans. (c) do they?

Here, 'do not they' should be used.

231. Scarcely had (a)/the function started (b)/than it began to rain. (c)/No error (d).

Ans. (c) than it began to rain.

Here, 'Scarcelywhen' is the correct form of correlative.

232. My friend (a)/has invited me (b)/for tea this Sunday. (c)/No error (d).

Ans. (d) No error.

233. He discussed (a)/the murder case (b)/with his juniors. (c)/No error (d).

Ans. (d) No error

234. The paintings of natural sceneries (a)/are selling (b)/like hot cakes. (c)/No error (d).

Ans. (a) The paintings of natural sceneries

Here, 'The paintings of natural scenery' should be used.

235. I (a)/go to school (b)/by walk. (c) No error/(d).

Ans. (c) by walk.

'on foot' is correct

236. It is a (a)/desert (b)/place.(c)/No error. (d).

Ans. (b) desert

Here, 'deserted' should be used.

237. You shall get (a)/all the informations (b)/if you read this book carefully. (c)/No error (d).

Ans. (b) all the informations

Here, 'all the information' should be used.

Directions (238–257): In the following questions, some parts of the sentences have errors and some are correct. Find out which part of a sentence has an error. The number of that part is the answer. If a sentence is free from error, your answer is (d) i.e., No error.

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238. Many a man (a)/have come to India from Bangladesh (b)/to live here permanently. (c)/No error (d).

Ans. (b) have come to India from Bangladesh

Here, 'has come to India' should be used.

239. Our football team (a)/comprises of (b)/eleven skilled players. (c)/No error (d).

Ans. (b) comprises of 'be comprised of' is correct.

240. Knowledge and wisdom makes (a)/an individual truly complete (b)/and self-assured. (c)/No error (d).

Ans. (a) Knowledge and wisdom makes

Here, 'knowledge and wisdom make' should be used.

241. One of the boys (a)/who always give the correct answer (b)/is Samuel. (c)/No error (d).

Ans. (d) No error

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242. It is high time (a)/we renovate/(b) our old house. (c)/No error (d).

Ans. (b) we renovate

Here, 'we renovated' should be used.

243. Headmaster (a)/has instructed (b)/the teachers to follow the rules of the school. (c)/No error (d).

Ans. (a) Headmaster

Here, 'the headmaster' should be used.

244. The first inning (a)/of the match (b)/was very sensational. (c) No error (d).

Ans. (a) The first inning

'Innings' is used in both the numbers.

245. How long it takes (a)/to travel from Chennai to Trichy (b)/by train ? (c)/No error (d).

Ans. (a) How long it takes

Here, 'How long does it take' should be used.

246. One should respect (a)/the religions of others (b)/as much as his own. (c)/No error (d).

Ans. (c) as much as his own.

The correct is 'one's'.

One should do one's duty.

247. On a holiday (a)/I prefer reading story books (b)/than visiting my friends. (c)/No error (d).

Ans. (c) than visiting my friends

Here, 'to' should be used, not 'than' or 'rather than'.

248. I was (a)/laying down (b)/when the door bell rang. (c)/No error (d).

Ans. (b) laying down

Here, 'lying down' should be used.

249. I told the teacher (a)/that the homework set for the day (b)/was too much heavy for us to complete. (c)/No error (d).

Ans. (d) No error

250. Someone, they don't know (a) who, knocked at (b)/their door in midnight. (c)/No error (d).

Ans. (c) their door in midnight.

Here, 'their door at midnight' should be used.

251. Seldom if ever (a)/nature does operate (b)/in closed and separate compartments. (c)/No error (d).

Ans. (b) nature does operate

Here, 'nature operates' should be used.

252. Mohan leapt (a)/on the opportunity (b)/that came his way (c)/No error (d).

Ans. (b) on the opportunity

Here, 'an opportunity' is correct.

253. What contamination has become more serious (a)/since chemists have begun to use (b)/new substances. (c)/No error (d).

Ans. (b) since chemists have begun to use

Here, 'since chemists have begun using new substance' should be used.

254. Due to inflation (a)/the cost of living (b)/escalated in the last one year. (c)/No error (d).

Ans. (c) escalated in the last one year.

When past has effect on the present, 'Present Perfect' should be used.

255. Just as (a)/I was entering the room, (b)/the family was going for a party, (c)/No error (d).

Ans. (c) the family was going for a party

Here, 'the family was going to the party' should be used.

256. The arm was so badly injured (a)/that he must have (b)/it amputated (c)/No error (d).

Ans. (b) that he must have

Here, 'that he had to get/that he got' should be used.

257. You need not tell a lie (a)/when the judge asked you where you were (b)/when the crime was committed. (c)/No error (d).

Ans. (a) You need not tell a lie

Here, 'you needn't have told a lie' should be used.

Directions (258–266): In the following questions, some parts of the sentences have errors and some are correct. Find out which part of a sentence has an error. The number of that part is the answer. If a sentence is free from error, your answer is No error.

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258. **There be a long queue for entry into the exhibition ground.**

(a) for entry into

(b) No error

(c) there be a long queue

(d) The exhibition ground.

Ans. (c) there be a long queue

Here, 'There is/was a long queue' should be used.

259. **Until you are in the habit of putting off things you cannot ensure yourself of a good future.**

(a) No error

(b) the habit of putting off things

(c) you cannot ensure yourself of a good future.

(d) Until you are in

Ans. (b) the habit of putting off things

Here, 'put off' will be correct.

260. Let us vie to one another in doing good.

- (a) to one another (b) Let us vie
(c) In doing good (d) No error

Ans. (a) to one another

Here, 'with' should be used.

261. The article suggests that when a person is under unusual stress you should be especially careful to eat a well-balanced diet.

- (a) The article suggests that when a person is under unusual stress
(b) you should be especially careful
(c) to eat a well-balanced diet.
(d) No error

Ans. (b) you should be especially careful

Here, 'he/she should be especially careful' should be used.

262. The results of the survey were fairly disappointing.

- (a) of the survey were
(b) The results
(c) fairly disappointing.
(d) No error.

Ans. (c) fairly disappointing

Fairly (Adverb) - honestly; in a fair and reasonable way.

Here, 'very disappointing' should be used.

263. Some members of the committee were opposed to use the club member's money to redecorate the meeting hall.

- (a) the club members' money to redecorate the meeting hall.
(b) No error
(c) Some members of the committee
(d) were opposed to use.

Ans. (d) were opposed to use.

Here, Gerund i.e. 'were opposed to using' should be used.

264. I forbid you not to go there again.

- (a) there again (b) No error
(c) not to go (d) I forbid you

Ans. (c) not to go

Forbid (Verb) - to order somebody not to do something.

Here, 'to go' should be used.

265. We received much help from the neighbours.

- (a) We received (b) Much help
(c) No error (d) from the neighbours

Ans. (c) No error

266. He looked upon me eye to eye for a few moments before he spoke.

- (a) before he spoke
(b) No error

(c) eye to eye for few moments

(d) He looked upon me

Ans. (d) He looked upon me.

'He looked at me.'

Directions (267–277): In the following questions, some parts of the sentences have errors and some are correct. Find out which part of a sentence has an error and the number of that part is your answer. If a sentence is free from errors, your answer is No error.

267. As per the invitation card Rahim marries with Sayra on 13th December, Monday.

- (a) As per the invitation card
(b) No error
(c) on 13th December, Monday
(d) Rahim marries with Sayra

Ans. (d) Rahim marries with Sayra.

Here, 'Rahim marries Sayra' should be used.

268. I was convinced that the only thing I wanted to do ever, is to write novels.

- (a) I was convinced that
(b) No error
(c) the only thing I wanted to do
(d) ever, is to write novels.

Ans. (d) ever, is to write novels.

Here 'ever, was to write novels' should be used.

269. This book is different than that.

- (a) is different (b) This book
(c) No error (d) than that.

Ans. (d) than that

Here, 'different from' should be used.

270. Riches are uncertain things, and the fame that power give or is won by foul means is as shortlived as the dewdrop.

- (a) Is as shortlived as the dewdrop.
(b) that power give or is won by foul means
(c) Riches are uncertain things, and the fame
(d) No error.

Ans. (b) that power give or is won by foul means.

Here, 'that power gives or is won by foul means' should be used.

271. The doctor asked his patient to regularly take his medicine.

- (a) asked his patient
(b) to regularly take his medicine.
(c) No error
(d) The doctor

Ans. (b) to regularly take his medicine

Here, 'to take the medicine regularly' should be used.

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272. Did you hear many news about the political situation while you were in that country?

- (a) about the political situation while you were in that country?
- (b) many news
- (c) Did you hear
- (d) No error

Ans. (b) many news

Here, 'much news' 'any news' should be used here.

273. I meant to repair the any news but hadn't time to do it today.

- (a) No error
- (b) to do it today
- (c) I meant to repair the radio
- (d) but hadn't time

Ans. (d) but hadn't time

Here, 'but I have no time' should be used.

274. The heavy-weight fighter was knocking out in one punch.

- (a) The heavy-weight fighter
- (b) in one punch.
- (c) was knocking out
- (d) No error

Ans. (c) was knocking out

Here, 'was knocked out' should be used.

275. Thanks to an insight and persistence of the local doctor, hundreds of victims have been able to resume normal life.

- (a) No error
- (b) and persistence of the local doctor
- (c) hundreds of victims have been able to resume normal life
- (d) Thanks to an insight

Ans. (d) Thanks to an insight

Here, 'Thanks to the insight' should be used.

276. In twenty wrecks, five lives were fortunately lost.

- (a) In twenty wrecks
- (b) five lives were
- (c) No error
- (d) fortunately lost

Ans. (d) fortunately lost

Here, 'unfortunately lost' should be used.

277. Do you think you could lend me good pair of gloves to wear to the wedding?

- (a) Do you think you could lend me
- (b) to wear to the wedding
- (c) good pair of gloves
- (d) No error

Ans. (c) good pair of gloves

Here, 'a good pair of gloves' should be used.

Directions (278–297): In the following questions, some parts of the sentences have errors and some are correct. Find out which part of a sentence has an error and the number of that part is your answer. If a sentence is free from errors, your answer is No error.

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278. The childrens were happy when the film started.

- (a) The childrens
- (b) when the film started
- (c) were happy
- (d) No error

Ans. (a) The childrens

Here, 'the children' should be used.

279. His new job necessitated his getting up at six.

- (a) No error
- (b) His new job
- (c) getting up at six
- (d) necessitated his

Ans. (a) No error

280. This is Johns book on the table.

- (a) No error
- (b) Johns book
- (c) On the table
- (d) This is

Ans. (b) Johns book

Here, 'John's book' should be used.

281. It is not advisable to take heavy luggages while on a journey.

- (a) No error
- (b) to take heavy luggages
- (c) It is not advisable
- (d) while on travelling these days

Ans. (b) to take heavy luggages

'Luggage' is to be used.

282. An ancients considered that knowledge had its limits.

- (a) had its limits
- (b) No error
- (c) that knowledge
- (d) An ancients considered

Ans. (d) An ancients considered

Here, 'The ancients believed/considered' should be used.

283. Despite the speed in which he was driving he couldn't reach on time.

- (a) Despite the speed
- (b) No error
- (c) in which he was driving
- (d) he couldn't reach on time

Ans. (c) in which he was driving

Here, 'at which he was driving' should be used here.

284. Being a very cold I could not go out for a morning walk.

- (a) for a morning walk
- (b) No error
- (c) Being a very cold
- (d) I could not go out

Ans. (c) Being a very cold

Here, 'It was very cold' should be used.

285. This is the girl whose brother is a doctor.

- (a) is a doctor (b) This is the girl
(c) No error (d) Whose brother to

Ans. (c) No error

286. The children are driving me to distraction today.

- (a) No error (b) distraction today
(c) The children are (d) driving me to

Ans. (a) No error

287. Thoughts about the slaughtered children is uppermost on my mind.

- (a) is uppermost on my mind
(b) slaughtered children
(c) Thoughts about the
(d) No error

Ans. (a) is uppermost on my mind

Here, 'are uppermost in/on my mind' should be used here.

288. The luxuries of the riches are maintained by depriving the poor of their dues.

- (a) The luxuries of the riches
(b) the poor of their dues
(c) are maintained by depriving
(d) No error

Ans. (a) The luxuries of the riches

Here, 'The luxuries of the rich' should be used.

289. They brought to themselves this disaster.

- (a) No error (b) to themselves
(c) this disaster (d) They brought

Ans. (b) to themselves

Here, 'to themselves' should be used.

290. Everybody wants to enjoy habitual peace in mind.

- (a) peace in mind (b) No error
(c) Everybody wants to (d) enjoy habitual

Ans. (a) peace in mind

Here, 'peace of mind' should be used.

291. Orwell is one of those authors who do his best to irritate the reader.

- (a) Orwell is one of those
(b) No error
(c) Who do his best
(d) to irritate the reader

Ans. (c) Who do his best

Here, 'who have done their best' should be used.

292. He was conferred to his bed by illness.

- (a) by illness (b) to his bed
(c) No error (d) He was conferred

Ans. (d) He was conferred

Here, 'He was confined' should be used.

293. The full moon appearing in the sky and its silvery light spread across.

- (a) The full moon appearing
(b) silvery light spread across
(c) No error
(d) In the sky and its

Ans. (a) The full moon appearing

Here, 'The full moon appeared' should be used.

294. It began to rain as soon as we stepped out of the house.

- (a) out of the house (b) as soon as we stepped
(c) No error (d) It began to rain

Ans. (c) No error

295. It is not good to breed over past failure.

- (a) to breed over (b) It is not good
(c) No error (d) past failure

Ans. (a) to breed over

'To brood over' should be used.

296. Things in Nature die a temporary deaths only to appear again.

- (a) only to appear again (b) die a temporary death
(c) Things in Nature (d) No error

Ans. (b) die a temporary death

Here, 'die a temporary death' should be used.

297. The Ph.D. degree was confide on him in the convocation.

- (a) The Ph.D degree
(b) him in the convocation
(c) was confide on
(d) No error

Ans. (c) was confide on

Here, 'was conferred on' should be used.

Directions (298–317): Each the following sentences has four parts marked P, Q, R and S. Choose the part of sentence with the error as your answer. If there is no error, select 'No error (S)' as your answer.

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298. (P) Foolishly Rama threw (Q) some water on the electric heater (R) when it catches fire and he got a shock. (S) No error.

- (a) P (b) Q
(c) R (d) S

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Ans. (c) some water on the electric heater

Here, 'when it caught fire and he got a shock' should be used.

299. (P) The conference was (Q) attended (R) by more than one hundred delegates. (S) No error.

- (a) P (b) Q
(c) R (d) S

Ans. (d) No error

300. (P) Jayesh loved his Guru immensely (Q) and gave him fullest loyalty, (R) yet he have his own independent way of thinking. (S) No error.

- (a) P (b) Q
(c) R (d) S

Ans. (c) and gave him fullest loyalty

Here, 'yet he had his own independent way of thinking' should be used.

301. (P) We have done everything (Q) that could be done (R) to avert the storm which is now coming on. (S) No error.

- (a) P (b) Q
(c) R (d) S

Ans. (a) We have done everything

Here, 'we did everything' should be used.

302. (P) I was pretty sure that (Q) he would support me (R) for changing the age-old and static structure of our organization. (S) No error.

- (a) P (b) Q
(c) R (d) S

Ans. (c) for changing the age-old and static structure of our organization

Here, 'to change the age old and static structure' should be used.

303. (P) According to one survey (Q) only those forests which were (R) not under village management succumbed from fires recently. (S) No error.

- (a) P (b) Q
(c) R (d) S

Ans. (c) not under village management succumbed from fires recently

Here, 'succumbed to fires recently' should be used.

304. (P) While Mahendra was away (Q) on a long official tour (R) his office receive an important letter which was marked 'Urgent', (S) No error.

- (a) P (b) Q
(c) R (d) S

Ans. (c) his office receive an important letter which was marked 'Urgent'

Here, 'his office received an important letter which' should be used.

305. (P) The house (Q) is built in an (R) attractive manner. (S) No error

- (a) P (b) Q
(c) R (d) S

Ans. (b) is built in an

Here, 'has been built in an' should be used.

306. (P) Sakshi wrote essay (Q) so well that (R) her teacher was very pleased with her. (S) No error.

- (a) P (b) Q
(c) R (d) S

Ans. (a) Sakshi wrote essay

Here, 'the' i.e. 'Sakshi wrote the essay' should be used.

307. (P) I told him (Q) the story (R) in details to make him understand it fully. (S) No error.

- (a) P (b) Q
(c) R (d) S

Ans. (c) in details to make him understand it fully

Here, 'in detail to make him understand it fully' should be used.

308. (P) The report is candid in admitting (Q) that the investment by the Government (R) 'in health and family planning have eroded considerably.' (S) No error.

- (a) P (b) Q
(c) R (d) S

Ans. (c) 'in health and family planning have eroded considerably.'

Here, 'in health and planning has eroded considerably' should be used.

309. (P) That old man (Q) told his sons (R) that there was no such thing like luck. (S) No error

- (a) P (b) Q
(c) R (d) S

Ans. (c) that there was no such thing like luck

'Here, 'that there was no such thing as luck' should be used.

310. (P) We now look forward for (Q) some great achievements (R) which to some extent can restore the country's prestige once again. (S) No error

- (a) P (b) Q
(c) R (d) S

Ans. (a) We now look forward for

Here, 'We now look forward to' should be used.

311. (P) No method of making other (Q) people agree to (R) your view point is as effective as this method. (S) No error

- (a) P (b) Q
(c) R (d) S

Ans. (a) No method of making other

Here, 'No other method of making' should be used.

312. (P) Our school is making (Q) every possible effort (R) to provide best facilities and personal attention for each child. (S) No error.

- (a) P (b) Q
(c) R (d) S

Ans. (c) to provide best facilities and personal attention for each child

Here, 'to provide best facilities for and personal attention to' should be used.

313. (P) I did not like his (Q) comments on my paper (R) but I had no alternative as I had agreed to keep quiet. (S) No error.

- (a) P (b) Q
(c) R (d) S

Ans. (c) but had no alternative.

314. (P) Mahatma Gandhi did not solve (Q) all the future problems (R) but he did solve problems of his own age. (S) No error

- (a) P (b) Q
(c) R (d) S

Ans. (b) all the future problems

Here, 'the problems of the future' should be used.

315. (P) We will pack not only (Q) the material properly (R) but will also deliver it to your valued customers. (S) No error

- (a) P (b) Q
(c) R (d) S

Ans. (a) We will pack not only

Here, 'we will not only pack' should be used.

316. (P) No country can long endure (Q) if its foundations (R) were not laid deep in the material prosperity. (S) No error

- (a) P (b) Q
(c) R (d) S

Ans. (a) No country can long endure

Here, 'No country can endure long' should be used.

317. (P) This laboratory of physicists is (Q) not only equipped with (R) all state-of-the arts instruments but also with outstanding physicists. (S) No error.

- (a) P (b) Q
(c) R (d) S

Ans. (b) not only equipped with

Here, 'equipped not only with' should be used.

Directions (318–337): In the following question, some part of the sentence may have errors. Find out which part of the sentence has an error and select the appropriate option. If a sentence is free from error, select 'No Error'.

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318. In my opinion (a)/a pencil is always (b)/more preferable to a pen.(c)/No error (d)

- (a) A (b) B
(c) C (d) D

Ans. (c) more preferable to a pen

Explanation: The correct sentence would be "In my opinion a pencil is always preferable to a pen".

319. The climate (a)/of Mumbai (b)/is better than Hyderabad. (c)/No error(d)

- (a) A (b) B
(c) C (d) D

Ans. (c) is better than Hyderabad

320. The best known leader (a)/among them were (b)/Mahatma Gandhi, Sardar Patel and Jawaharlal Nehru. (c)/No error (d)

- (a) A (b) B
(c) C (d) D

Ans. (a) The best known leader

Explanation: The best known leaders among them were Mahatma Gandhi, Sardar Patel and Jawaharlal Nehru.

321. The burglar stole all the money (a)/in the house but surprisingly missed (b)/the jewelleryes in the locker. (c)/No error (d)

- (a) A (b) B
(c) C (d) D

Ans. (c) the jewelleryes in the locker

322. Owing to the disturbing noise, (a)/the speaker was forced (b)/to adjourn the meetings. (c)/No error (d)

- (a) A (b) B
(c) C (d) D

Ans. (c) to adjourn the meetings

323. No man can become a great (a)/artist unless he (b)/apply himself continually to his art. (c)/No error (d)

- (a) A (b) B
(c) C (d) D

Ans. (c) apply himself continually to his art

324. No one wants to drive to work anymore (a)/because of traffic jams (b)/at rush hour. (c)/No error (d)

- (a) A (b) B
(c) C (d) D

Ans. (d) No error

325. As they climb (a)/higher, the air (b)/became cooler. (c)/No error (d)

- (a) A (b) B
(c) C (d) D

Ans. (a) As they climb

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326. Rama has(a)/no taste(b)/in classical music.(c)/No error(d)
(a) A (b) B
(c) C (d) D

Ans. (c) in classical music

327. A unique feature of a mobile phone (a)/is that it enables seamless telephone calls even (b)/when the user are moving around wide areas. (c)/No error(d)
(a) A (b) B
(c) C (d) D

Ans. (c) when the user are moving around wide areas

328. My father (a)/though old (b)/goes everywhere by foot. (c) No error(d)
(a) A (b) B
(c) C (d) D

Ans. (c) goes everywhere by foot

329. You better (a)/consult a doctor(b)/immediately.(c)/No error(d)
(a) A (b) B
(c) C (d) D

Ans. (a) You better

330. Ann recieved the promotion instead of Susan (a)/as Ann is senior than Susan in age (b)/though Susan had worked there before Ann. (c)/No error (d)
(a) A (b) B
(c) C (d) D

Ans. (b) as Ann is senior than Susan in age

331. The officer has (a)/given orders to his(b)/soldiers yesterday.(c)/No error(d)
(a) A (b) B
(c) C (d) D

Ans. (a) The officer has

332. When your in doubt (a)/about your best friend's loyalty (b)/you can't help being disappointed. (c) No error(d)
(a) A (b) B
(c) C (d) D

Ans. (a) When your in doubt

Explanation: When you are in doubt

333. Scarcely had he gone (a)/than I remembered (b)/his name. (c)/No error
(a) A (b) B
(c) C (d) D

Ans. (b) than I remembered

334. Were I the President (a)/I would award (b)/you a title. (c)/No error(d)
(a) A (b) B
(c) C (d) D

Ans. (d) No error

335. patient died (a)/despite he had recieved (b)/the best medical help. (c)/No error (d)
(a) A (b) B
(c) C (d) D

Ans. (b) despite he had recieved

336. One of my friend (a)/has gone (b)/to Canada. (c)/No error (d)
(a) A (b) B
(c) C (d) D

Ans. (a) One of my friend

337. Florence Nightingale (a)/was called (b)/Lady with the lamp. (c)/No error (d)
(a) A (b) B
(c) C (d) D

Ans. (c) Lady with the lamp

Explanation: the lady with the lamp.

Directions (338–357): In each of the following questions, some part of the sentence may have errors. Find out which part of the sentence has an error and select the appropriate option. If a sentence is free from error, select 'No Error'.

[SSC (CGL) Tier-II Exam, 12-01-2017]

338. They will (a)/leave the office at six and (b)/reach at home by seven. (c)/No error (d).

Ans. (c) reach at home by seven.

Reach (Verb): to arrive at.

339. The new lecturer (a)/seems to be very popular with (b)/most of the class. (c)/No error (d).

Ans. (d) No error

Here 'class' means students.

340. **The museum's revolving doors (a)/stopped the crooks (b)/as they jam half way round. (c)/No error (d).**

Ans. (c) as they jam half way round.

Replace 'jam' by 'jammed'.

341. He had no (a)/accuse for attacking (b)/that old man. (c)/No Error (d).

Ans. (b) accuse for attacking

Accuse (Verb): to say that somebody has done something wrong or is guilty of something.

Excuse (Noun): a reason, either true or invented that you give to explain or defend your behaviour.

342. Mothers keep on (a)/to encouraging their children (b)/to study. (c)/No error (d).

Ans. (b) to encouraging their children

Keep on doing something: continue doing something.

343. Mohan wishes (a)/he will be (b)/richer. (c)/No Error (d).

Ans. (b) he will be

May/might is used when showing wishes and hopes.

344. I am not familiar with (a)/all the important places in this town (b)/although I had been living here for two years. (c)/No error (d).

Ans. (c) although I had been living here for two years.

Replace 'had' by 'have'.

345. The receptionist gave us (a)/much informations (b)/which we needed. (c)/No Error (d).

Ans. (b) much informations

Information (Uncountable Noun): facts or details about somebody/something. A piece of information; pieces of information.

346. Everyday we hear about (a)/senior citizens being robbed (b)/and even kill in cold blood. (c)/No error (d).

Ans. (c) and even kill in cold blood.

Replace 'kill' by 'killed'.

347. Ravi Shankar's performance was given (a) a standing ovation by the (b)/people who has come to hear him. (c)/No Error (d).

Ans. (c) people who has come to hear him.

Replace 'has' by 'had'.

348. People are wanting (a)/to see the home team (b)/win the game. (c)/No error (d).

Ans. (a) People are wanting

Want (not usually used in the progressive tenses): to have a desire or a wish for something.

349. He was elected (a)/as chairman (b)/of the college. (c)/No error (d).

Ans. (b) as chairman

'As' is superfluous.

350. Candidates present in the examination hall (a)/should make use (b)/with such opportunities. (c)/No error (d).

Ans. (c) with such opportunities.

Make use of somebody/something: to use something/somebody, especially in order to get an advantage.

351. He said that it was the first time (a)/that such a trick (b)/is discovered. (c)/No Error (d).

Ans. (c) is discovered

Replace 'is' by 'was'.

352. I saw his (a)/unbelievable really quite (b)/delightful cottage. (c)/No error (d).

Ans. (b) unbelievable really quite

Replace 'unbelievably' by 'unbelievable'.

353. I was shocked (a)/to see how much my grand mother had aged (b)/since the last time we visited her. (c)/No Error (d).

Ans. (d) No Error

354. My heart (a)/is so full (b)/for words. (c)/No Error (d).

Ans. (b) is so full

My heart is too full for words: My heart is so full that I am out of words.

Too is used before adjectives and adverbs to say that something is more than is good, necessary etc.

355. It is not (a)/such a pretty place (b)/that I had expected. (c)/No Error (d). Replace 'that' by 'as'.

Ans. (c) that I had expected.

Replace 'that' by 'as'.

356. The Management Committee (a)/was divided (b)/in their opinion. (c)/No Error (d).

Ans. (b) was divided

'were divided'

357. Speech was given (a)/to man to (b)/conseal his thoughts. (c)/No Error (d).

Ans. (c) conseal his thoughts.

Replace 'conseal' by 'conceal'.

Directions (358–377): In the following question, some part of the sentence may have errors. Find out which part of the sentence has an error and select the appropriate option. If a sentence is free from error, select No Error.

[SSC (CGL Tier-II Exam) 17-02-2018]

358. Many firms fail because when they begin (a)/exporting, they have not research the (b)/targeted markets or have not planned enough. (c)/No error (d)

- (a) A (b) B
(c) C (d) D

Ans. (b) exporting, they have not research the

Explanation: Many firms fail because when they begin exporting, they have not researched the targeted markets or have not planned enough.

359. Part of what a man learns will measurable (a)/as specific knowledge and skills, while (b)/another part involves changes. (c)/No error(d)

- (a) A (b) B
(c) C (d) D

Ans. (a) Part of what a man learns will measurable

Explanation: Part of what a man learns will measure as specific knowledge and skills, while another part involves changes.

360. He explained that the pillars of tribalism (a)/that humans rely on for security would always (b)/counter any significant culture or social change. (c)/No error (d)

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- (a) A (b) B
(c) C (d) D

Ans. (c) counter any significant culture or social change

Explanation: He explained that the pillars of tribalism that humans rely on for security would always counter any significant cultural or social change.

361. There is a barrier among the egghead and (a)/the hoipolloi and it would be lazy (b)/idealism to ignore it. (c)/No error (d)
- (a) A (b) B
(c) C (d) D

Ans. (a) There is a barrier among the egghead and

Explanation: There is a barrier between the egghead and the hoipolloi and it would be lazy idealism to ignore it. Egghead is a man who is clever and interested in studying whereas hoipolloi means ordinary people.

362. Credit when used responsibly, can achieve a great number (a)/of positive things in our lives, such as (b)/financing and paying of our dream hybrid or college tuition fees. (c)/No error (d)
- (a) A (b) B
(c) C (d) D

Ans. (c) financing and paying of our dream hybrid or college tuition fees

Explanation: Credit when used responsibly, can achieve a great number of positive things in our lives, such as financing and paying of our college tuition fees.

363. As with people, some monkeys are lazy (a)/like those who sleep all day in the zoo (b)/and some were industrious. (c)/No error (d)
- (a) A (b) B
(c) C (d) D

Ans. (c) and some were industrious

Explanation: As with people, some monkeys are lazy, like those who sleep all day in the zoo, and some are industrious.

364. The postman travelled by the cycle, often wading through (a)/swamps or passed through jungles (b)/in order to reach the villages (c)/No error (d)
- (a) A (b) B
(c) C (d) D

Ans. (b) swamps or passed through jungles

Explanation: The postman travelled by the cycle, often wading through swamps or passed through jungle in order to reach the village.

365. No matter what Ashoka did in his earlier (a)/years, in the ending he proved to be uncommonly (b)/virtuous and wise. (c)/No error (d)
- (a) A (b) B
(c) C (d) D

Ans. (b) years, in the ending he proved to be uncommonly

Explanation: No matter what Ashoka did in his earlier years, in the end he proved to be uncommonly virtuous and wise.

366. Modern medicines has scored significant victories (a)/against both infection and trauma - (b)/the major causes of ill health and death. (c)/No error (d)
- (a) A (b) B
(c) C (d) D

Ans. (a) Modern medicines has scored significant victories

Explanation: Modern medicine has scored significant victories against both infection and trauma the major causes of ill health and death.

367. If life existed on Mars, it is most likely to be in (a)/the form of bacteria buried deep in (b)/the planet's permafrost or lichens. (c)/No error (d)
- (a) A (b) B
(c) C (d) D

Ans. (a) If life existed on Mars, it is most likely to be in

Explanation: If life existed on Mars, it is likely to be in the form of bacteria buried deep in the planet's permafrost or lichens.

368. Can India make it to a leadership position (a)/or will it be retained the 'fast train-going-slow' (b)/image it always had? (c)/No error (d)
- (a) A (b) B
(c) C (d) D

Ans. (b) or will it be retained the 'fast train-going-slow'

Explanation: Can India make it to a leadership position or will it be retain the 'fast train-going-slow' image it always had?

369. The priest class took upon itself the monopoly (a)/of scriptural knowledge and interpretation (b)/of the same to its own advantage. (c)/No error (d)
- (a) A (b) B
(c) C (d) D

Ans. (a) The priest class took upon itself the monopoly

Explanation: The priestly class took upon itself the monopoly of scriptural knowledge and interpretation of the same to its own advantage.

370. He said that he thought off politics right when (a)/he was studying Intermediate and that (b)/he had no fear of politics. (c)/No error. (d)
- (a) A (b) B
(c) C (d) D

Ans. (a) He said that he thought off politics right when

Explanation: He said that he thought of politics right when he was studying Intermediate and that he had no fear of politics.

371. While provisions on equality and non-discrimination (a)/would promote equal opportunity, (b)/in the process, reservation at jobs should not be denied. (c)/No error (d)

- (a) A (b) B
(c) D (d) D

Ans. (c) in the process, reservation at jobs should not be denied

Explanation: While provisions on equality and non-discrimination would promote equal opportunity, in the process, reservation in jobs should not be denied.

372. Government has reportedly made its displeasure known, (a)/particularly on the speed and stealth with which (b)/the negotiations are completed. (c)/No error. (d)

- (a) A (b) B
(c) D (d) D

Ans. (c) the negotiations are completed

Explanation: Government has reportedly made its displeasure known, particularly on the speed and stealth with which the negotiations have been completed.

373. This will explains the decision taken(a)/to impose a blockade on the country in (b)/the midst of a crisis. (c)/No error. (d)

- (a) A (b) B
(c) D (d) D

Ans. (a) This will explains the decision taken

Explanation: This will explain the decision taken to impose a blockade on the country in the midst of a crisis.

374. He built the theatre as a tribute to his rootings (a)/and the thought of it outlasting him, (b)/would surely have given him the greatest joy. (c)/No error. (d)

- (a) A (b) B
(c) D (d) D

Ans. (a) He built the theatre as a tribute to his rootings.

Explanation: He built the theatre as a tribute to his roots and the thought of it outlasting him, would surely have given him the greatest joy.

375. As several studies shows over (a)/the years, the annual data is useful in (b)/reviewing trends of extreme events. (c)/No error (d)

- (a) A
(b) B
(c) D
(d) D

Ans. (a) As several studies shows over

Explanation: As several studies show over the years, the annual data is useful in reviewing trends of extreme events.

376. The most effective measure to keep (a)/our roads safe is enforcement of rules (b)/with zero tolerance to any violate rule. (c)/No error. (d)

- (a) A
(b) B
(c) D
(d) D

Ans. (c)

Explanation: The most effective measure to keep our roads safe is enforcement of rules with zero tolerance to violate any rule.

377. Service providers cannot stand in the way of a (a)/consumer's access to content, it should have being provided (b)/without any hindrance. (c)/No error (d)

- (a) A
(b) B
(c) D
(d) D

Ans. (b) consumer's access to content, it should have being provided

Explanation: Service providers cannot stand in the way of a consumer's access to content, it should be provided without any hindrance.

TIER-I

Directions (1–5): In the following questions, groups of four words are given. In each group, one word is correctly spelt. Find the correctly spelt word and mark your answer.

[SSC-CGL Tier-I on 16-5-2010 2nd Shift]

1. (a) Parapharnelia (b) Parsimonious
(c) Peccadilo (d) Peadiatrics

Ans. (b) Parsimonious

Parsimonious means giving or sharing as little as possible.

2. (a) Measureable (b) Manageable
(c) Marriagable (d) Manoevrable

Ans. (b) Manageable

Manageable means capable of being managed.

3. (a) Tussel (b) Tunnle
(c) Tumble (d) Trable

Ans. (c) Tumble

Tumble means to fall suddenly and helplessly or to suffer a sudden downfall, overthrow, or defeat or to decline suddenly and sharply (as in price).

4. (a) Populus (b) Pompuous
(c) Prelious (d) Presumptuous

Ans. (d) Presumptuous

Presumptuous means bold, free or taking liberties.

5. (a) Impromptue (b) Illustrious
(c) Illusery (d) Impetous

Ans. (b) Illustrious

Illustrious means eminent i.e. notably or brilliantly outstanding because of dignity or achievements or actions.

Directions (6–15): In the following questions, groups of four words are given. In each group, only one word is correctly spelt while the other three are incorrectly spelt. Find the correctly spelt word.

[SSC-CGL (Tier-I) Exam, 26-6-2011]

6. (a) persistance (b) thesaurus
(c) conspicuous (d) renaissance

Ans. (b) thesaurus

Thesaurus means a book of words and their synonyms or of information about a particular field or set of concepts. And correct spellings in: (a) persistence (c) conspicuous (d) renaissance.

7. (a) acoustic (b) norcoctic
(c) pesimist (d) permentant

Ans. (a) Acoustic

Acoustic means Related to hearing and sound. And the correct spellings in: (b) narcotic (c) pessimist (d) permanent.

8. (a) impetous (b) ignoable
(c) ignominious (d) idiosyncrasy

Ans. (c) Ignominious

Ignominious means damaging to one's pride or reputation i.e. shameful. And the correct spellings in: (a) impetuous (b) ignoble (d) idiosyncrasy.

9. (a) inconsistant (b) repentant
(c) exponant (d) excultent

Ans. (b) Repentant

Repentant means feeling sorrow for a wrong that one has done. And the correct spellings in: (a) inconsistent (b) exponent (c) excellent.

10. (a) demagogue (b) deliverence
(c) dilinquency (d) delibarative

Ans. (a) Demagogue

Demagogue means a leader who makes use of popular prejudices and false claims and promises in order to gain power. And the correct spellings in: (b) deliverance (c) delinquency (d) deliberative.

11. (a) agnositik (b) accomplice
(c) advercity (d) acrimonous