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English Practice set-3

Directions: (1-4) Out of the four alternatives, choose the one which is the appropriate opposite/antonym of a given word & mark it as answer..

#### 1. SCANTY

(a) arrogant (b) plentiful (c) painful (d) handsome

## 2. IMPROMPTU

(a) rehearsed (b) foolish (c) appropriate

#### 3. PROLIFIC

(a) controversial (b) barren (c) wise (d) unfocussed

#### 4. ENCOMIUM

(a) meagre (b) unethical (c) diffidence (d) hypercriticism Directions: (5-6) Out of the four altanatives, choose the one which best express the meaning of given word and mark it in the Answer

#### 5. Furore

(a) Excitement (b) Attraction (c) Enjoyment (d) Celebration

#### 6. Refrain

(a) Decline (b) Shum (c) Refuse (d) Abstain

## 7. Spasmodic

(a) Irregular (b) Fleeting (c) Capricious (d) Desultory

#### 8. Derive

(a) Sustain (b) obtain (c) contain (d) Attain

Directions: (9-13) Four alternatives are given for the idiom/Phrase bold in the sentences. Choose the alternative which best expresses the meaning of the given idiom /phrase and mark it in the Answer –sheet.

- 9. He is a nationalist **to the core**.
- (a) Partically (b) Ultimately (c) completely (d) consequently
- 10. He **burnt his fingers** by interfering in his neighbour's affair
- (a) got himself into trouble (b) burnt himself
- (c) got rebuked (d) got himself insulted
- 11. With my limited means, to think of buying a house in Mumbai is crying for the moon.
- (a) wishing for something impossible (b) crying in vain
- (c) wishful drinking (d) living in a fool's paradise
- 12. The Director of Sports **gave away** the prizes to the participants
- (a) donated (b) promised (c) handed over (d) distributed
- 13. She kept her home spick and span.
- (a) well-furnished (b) clean and tidy (c) untidy (d) closed

Directions: (14-18) Sentences are given with blanks to be filled in with an appropriate word (s) Four alternatives are suggested for each question. Choose the correct alternatives out of the four and indicate it by blackening the appropriate rectangle in the Answer – sheet.

14. When Wilbur Wright tried to sell his flying machine to the U.S. Government, the officials in charge were\_\_\_\_

- (a) highly misunderstood (b) grudging skeptical
- (c) grudgingly unhappy (d) highly skeptical
- 15. All of them are surprised her rudeness.
- (a) with (b) upon (c) at (d) on
- 16. Tables are usually made\_\_\_\_ wood.
- (a) from (b) of (c) with (d) by
- 17. can be no excuses this time students.
- (a) They're (b) They (c) Their (d) There
- 18.I hate him for the simple reason that he keeps singing his own praises continual talking about himself. He is an irritating ......,he is a real.....because for anything ,he does he always expects something in return, a selfish person indeed.
- (a) egoist, misanthrope (b) egotist, egoist
- (c) poser, misanthrope (d) poser, egotist

Directions: (19-23) Some of the sentences have errors and some are correct. Find out which part of a sentence has an error and blacken the rectangle corresponding to the appropriate letter (a,b,c). If a sentence is free from errors, blacken the rectangle corresponding to (d) in the answer Sheet.

- 19. Ragu came out of the bathroom (a)/ with a towel (b)/ in the hand (c)/ No error (d)
- 20. Neither the girl nor her parents(a)/ was present (b)/ to receive the award (c)/ No error (d)
- 21. His stamp in only one (a)/ of the design (b)/ ever printed (c)/ No error (d)
- 22. 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)
- 23. During the last few years (a)/ the company works hard (b)/ to modernise the image (c)/ No error (d)

Directions: (24-33): A part of the sentences is bold. Below are given alternatives to the bold part at a,b, and c which may improve the sentence. Choqose the correct alternative. In case no improvement is needed, your answer is 'd'.

- 24. A thing of beauty **is joy** forever.
- (a) is the joy (b) is joyous (c) is a joy (d) No improvement
- 25.If the room had been brighter, Shweta would have been able to read for a while before bedtime.
- (a) If the room was brighter, Shweta would have been able to read for a while before bedtime
- (b) If the room been brighter , Shweta would have before bedtime
- (c) Had the room been brighter, Shewta would have been able to read for a while before bedtime.
- (d) No improvement
- 26. He is so intelligent that he **could** win the quiz competition.

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- (a) will (b) can (c) should (d) NO improvement
- 27. I must quite the job now if I prefer a better one.
- (a) It's time I quite the job if I prefer a better one (b) it's time I quite the better job if I prefer (c) it's time the job quits me before I get the better job (d) No improvement.
- 28. She hurt her back while she worked yesterday.
- (a) worked out  $\,$  (b) had worked (c) was working (d) No improvement
- 29. **Seeing that she is very tired**, I walked out of the room and let her sleep.
- (a) seeing that she are very tired (b) seeing that she was very tired (c) seeing she is tired (d) No improvement
- 30. **Anyone who would speak** with authority on the poets of the Renaissance must have a broad acquaintance with the written classical antiquity.
- (a) Anyone who will speak (b) If one would speak
- (c) Anyone desiours for speaking (d) No improvement
- 31. I took the cycle which he bought yesterday.
- (a) that he bought yesterday (b) which he had bought yesterday (c) that he has bought yesterday (d) No improvement
- 32. Will you **lend me few rupees** in this hour of need?
- (a) lent me a little rupees (b) borrow me a few rupees
- (c) lent me a few rupees (d) No improvement
- 33. Having only a few hours left, she wondered **as** she would finish the assignment.
- (a) that if(b) whether (c) that (d) No improvement Directions: (34-43)You have a passage with 10 questions. Read the passage carefully and choose the best answer to each question out of the four alternatives.
- 1. Animals do not know worry. What bird could raise a family if it worried about the problems to be overcome, the impossible number of feeding trips in a day to keep those calmuring mouths stilled with food? That is not the way birds or animals respond to life. Nature says, "Feed them!" and the mother brids goes ahead and does it. Between dawn and sunset a tiny wren must make hundreads of such round trips to feed her brood.

An animal doesn't know what brotherhood means, but when it hears the call "Help!" it answers instinctively, if a prarie dog is shot, the others in the prarie dog village come tumbling out, one not worried about gunfire and pull their wounded fellow underground. Big same hunters have seen elephants, disregarding danger, life a wounded elephant to his feet with their tusks and by supporting him with one member of the herd on each side, help him walk to the forest depths.

- 34. The mothers bird feeds the brood
- (a) when it sees them hungry (b) when her instinct tells her to do so (c) when they cry (d) after it feeds itself and its mate
- 35. When an animals hears the call for help,

- (a) it doesn't bother (b) it rushes to the spot(c) it gets scared and runs away (d) it responds instinctively
- 36. If a praire dog is shot, the others
- (a) go underground (b) chase away their enemy (c) pull the wounded dog to safety (d) Start barking together
- 37. Elephants lift a wounded fellow elephant to his feet
- (a) with their tusks (b) with their trunks
- (c) with their feet (d) by pushing on his side
- 38. Which of the following statements is true in the context of the passage?
- (a) Animals worry behave raising a family (b) Animals often behave sensibly (c) Animals do not know what brotherhood means (d) Animals make several feeding trips in a day to collect food for their young ones.
- 39. As used in the passage, the word 'Stilled' means
- (a) Calmed (b) Supplied (c) Provided (d) Filled
- 40. The author's tone in the passage can best be described is
- (a) sentimental (b) biased (c) critical (d) informative
- 41. A bird makes innumerable trips to collect food to
- (a) feed its mate (b) feed itself and its mate
- (c) feed its young in the nest (d) store food for the winter
- 42. The expression 'tumbling out' in one of the sentences in the passage means
- (a) reacting aggressively (b) flowing out hurriedly and confusedly (c) moving out steadily (d) attacking the enemy collectively
- 43. The author is primarily concerned with
- (a) Expressing the and animals (b) Discussing how birds and an evolved (c) explaning that birds and animals are free from worry (d) Expaining that brids and animals respond to life instinctively

# Direction (Q. nos. 44-45): Groups of four words are given. In each group, one word is correctly spe;t. find the correctly spelt word and mark your answer in the Answer Sheet.

- 44. (a) Tranquility (b) Tranquillity (c) Trancuility (d) Trancuillity
- 45. (a) Nightingle (b) Nightingale (c) Nitingale (d) Nightabgle

**Directions**(46-50): In each of the following questions, out of the four alternatives, choose the one which can be substituted for the given words/ sentence.

- 46. One who forcibly seizes control of a bus or an aircraft
- (a) Pirate (b) Swindler (c) Hijacker (d) Pilferer
- 47. The act of killing one's wife
- (a) Genocide (b) Uxoricide (c) Canicide (d) Avicide
- 48. Music sung or played at night below a person's window
- (a) Serenade (b) Sonnet (c) Lyric (d) Primo
- 49. A government by the nobles
- (a) Democracy (b) Bureaucracy (c) Autocracy (d) Aristocracy
- 50. Anything written in a letter after it is signed
- (a) Posterity (b) Postdiction (c) Postscript (d) Corrigendum