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English Practice set-5

Directions: (1-4) Out of the four altarnatives, choose the one which best expresses the meaning of given word and mark it in the Answer.

- 1 refinement
- (a) Rudeness (b) coarseness (c) anger (d) foolishness
- 2. **REVERENCE**
- (a) Contempt (b) Astonishment(c) Firmness (d) Displeasure
- 3. **BELANTED**
- (a) premature (b) outdated (c) delayed (d) defferd
- 4. PROPENSITY
- (a) disinclination (b) forecast (c) stagnation(d) restlessness 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. **INSOLENT**
- (a) Depreciating (b) The sole of a shoe (c) Disrespectful (d)insoluble
- 6. Odious
- (a) Hateful (b) Rotten (c) Infamous (d) Sick
- 7. Abandon
- (a) Excuse (b) Forsake (c) Urge (d) Risk
- 8. Granish
- (a) Honour (b) Respect (c) Obey (d) Adorn

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. She has a bee in bonnet and can say anything
 - (a) is a crazy person
 - (b) is a frank person
 - (c) is a foolish person
 - (d) is a proud person
- 10. Her mother **saw through** the excuse she gave.
 - (a) revealed
- (b) detected
- (c) viewed
- (d) hacked
- 11. The A.T.S. **set the bait** to arrest the terroirsts.
 - (a) laid the trap
 - (b) announced the reward
 - (c) set the record
 - (d) put the bet
- 12. The fashion of long flowing skirts will **run its course**.
 - (a) continue for a long time
 - (b) become very popular
 - (c) develop and then come to its usual end
 - (d) end very soon
- 13. All his schemes to murder the king **ended in smoke**.
 - (a) fructified gradually
 - (b) came to nothing
 - (c) were discarded
 - (d) were partially carried out

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. Sometime it is good to _____ your soul in front of your friends.
- (a) bear (b) bare (c) beer (d) bar

- 15. This movie is directed by Steven Spielberg,
- (a) hasn't he (b) hasn't it (c) isn't it (d) isn't he
- 16. The mother parted _____her married daughter in sorrow.
- (a) for (b) off (c) away (d) from
- 17. You smoke on the Metro now, it is illegal.
- (a) can't (b)needn't (c)don't (d) are not allowed to
- 18.Itvery hot tomorrow.
- (a) is (b) will be (c) is being (d) has been

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. My sister and myself (a)/ are pleased (b)/ to accept your invitation to dinner (c)/ No error (d)
- 20. Mahatma Gandhi is called (a)/ as the Father (b)/ of our nation (c)/ No error (d)
- 21. The theif escaped (a)/ before (B)/ I opend the door. (c)/No error(D)
- 22. A commission has been appointed (a)/ to investigate (b)/ into the scandal (C)/ No error (d)
- 23. Each of the students (a)/ stand up and say 'Yes' (b) when his or her name is called by the teacher. (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. The trains left before he **has reached** the station.
- (a) reaches (b) will reach (c) reached (d) NO improvement
- 25.We must start now **unless** it will be too late.
- (a) but (b) or (c) until (d) NO imporvement
- 26.Don't worry, there is **less** time for the train to arrive.
- (a) many (b) enough (c) more (d) No improvement
- 27. I was mad **on** him.
- (a) at (b) towards (c) for (d) No improvement
- 28.He decided to **reveal** the corruption in his department to the media.
- (a) expose (b) show (c) disclose (d) No improvement
- 29. The only way to solve the racial problem **is by** education.
- (a) because of (b) thanks to
- (c) on account of (d)No improvement
- 30. The transport workers have organised a strike **asking** for more salary.
- (a) demanding (b) begging
- (c) requesting (d) No improvement
- 31. She left the room feeling **contrite**
- (a) sorry for what she had done (b) rather all (c) extremely irritated (d) No improvement
- 32. The suspected couple was **taken** away from the airport through a side entrance to the police station for interrogation.
- (a) whisked (b) rushed (c) guided (d) No improvement **33. Them** shoes are mine.
- (a) Those (b) That (c) Their (d) No improvement

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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.

Everyone keeps looking for signs of water . Then one day the men see patches of green. There are pools of water in the hollows. Men and animals begin to hurry, for they know that rain has fallen nearby. Further on, they find enough grass for pasture and enough water in the hollows for their animals. Chief omar gives the signal to make

Again, the camels kneel, and again, the men unload them. Quickly, they put up their tents, with the openings facing East. They spread rugs and blankets on the ground and place pillows on them.

A blanket divides the tent into two rooms. Then they unload the dishes and pots and bags of food and water. And once more, the nomads are at home.

Meanwhile the thirsty animals take a long drink at the water holes. The goats drink first. Next come the sheep. Then come the camels. They are the thristiest of all. They days without water. But at last they, too, turn away.

Rain has fallen here, and there will be pasture for many weeks. The animals will grow fat on the green grass. They want to sell. After they shear the sheep and fill the bags with wool, they will go to the big town on the oasis.

Again, the nomads break camp and move on. They pitch their tents on the sand at the edge of the oaiss. The first days in town are exciting days. Ther is the excitement of seeing shops and streets and crowds of people. The men must sell their animals and wool, and buy supplies. They bargain at the bazaars, and they drink coffee in the cool shade listen to the sound of flowing water.

But soon the men become restless. They begain to miss the freedom and the guiet of the great open desert. Then one morning , the black tents are gone. Far out from the oasis a caravan moves slowly out of sight.

- 34. "They drink and drink" Who does they refer to?
 - (a) The animals
- (b) The camels
- (c) The sheep
- (d) The goats
- 35. What sings of water did the men see?
 - (a) The hollows
- (b) Grass and the hollows
- (c) pools of water
- (d) Patches of green grass and pools of water in the hollows
- 36. Why did the nomads not stay in the big town?
 - (a) Because they felt ill at ease with strangers in the big town
 - (b) Becsaue they were with traders in the big town
 - (c) Because they found the big town a little too crowded and nosiy for comfort
 - (d) Because they felt restless, and missed the freedom and the quiet of the great open desert
- 37. The nomals....the big town on the oasis.
 - (a) liked
- (b) didn't like
- (c) avoided
- (d) remembered
- 38. Why do the nomads go to the big town?
 - (a) to do shopping
 - (b) to sell their animals and wool, and buy supplies
 - (c) to drink coffee
 - (d) to listen to the sound of flowing water

- 39. Which of the following statements is not true?
 - (a) The nomads put up tents when they make camp
 - (b) They spread rugs and bankets on the ground
 - (c) A blanket divides the tent into two rooms
 - (d) The nomals collect the dishes and pots and bags of food and water
- 40. Which of the following statements best sums up the main idea of the passage?
 - (a) water is more precious than gold in the desert
 - (b) The camel is the ship of the desert
 - (c) Men and animals are always on the move in the desert (d)The big towns are concrete deserts
- 41. Which word in the passage menas's palce for camels to feed"?
 - (a) pools
- (b) hollows
- (c) Pastsure
- (d) Oasis
- 42. What does the word 'Shear' menas in the passage?
 - (a) Cut the sheep
 - (b) Cut off the sheep's wool
 - (c) Wash the sheep
 - (d) Tend the sheep
- 43. Which is the order in which the thristy animals takes a long drink at? The water holes?
 - (a) Goats, sheep, camels
 - (b) sheep, goats, camels
 - (c) camels, sheep, goats
 - (d) camels, goats, sheep

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) Grievence (b) Greivence (c) Grievance (d) Grrievance
- 45. (a) Recommendation (b) Recomendation (c) Recommendation
- (d) Recammendation

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. The policy of extending a country's empire and influence
- (a) Imperialism (b) Capitalism (c) Internationalism
- (d) Communism
- 47. Government by a single person
- (a) Monarchy (b) Autocracy (c) Plutocracy (d) Aristocracy
- 48. Practice of a married woman having extra marital relationship
- (a) Polygamy (b) Puberty (c) Lechery (d) Adultery
- 49. A workman who fits and repairs pipes
- (a) Mechanic (b) Blacksmith (c) Plumber (d) Technocrat
- 50. Part of a church in which bells hang
- (a) Minaret (b) Chapel (c) Belfry (d) Spire