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Error Spotting

Direction(1-20): Read each sentence to find out if there is any error in it. The error, if any will be in one part of the sentence. The number of that part is the answer if there is no error, the answer is (e).

1. It is widely believe (a)/ that the village which is situated on the (b)/ eastern coast of India will be wiped out (c)/ within a decade. (d)/ No error. (e)
2. Yesterday I met (a)/ an old friend (b)/ when I am going (c)/ to the market. (d)/ No error.(e)
3. The criminal was (a)/ sentenced to the (b)/ death and was (c) hung for his crime (d)/ No error.(e)
4. FATF strongly urges (a)/ Pakistan to swiftly complete its action plan (b)/ by October 2019 to stop (c)/ terror funding in the country (d)/ No error.(e)
5. Elon musk is determined (a)/ to be success (b)/ in whatever field (c)/ he chooses. (d)/ No error.(e)
6. New purchasing power will increasingly (a)/ come from Asia and Africa where (b)/ the demographics are still favorable (c)/ for high income growth. (d)/ No error (e).
7. Not only the (a)/ students but also (b)/ the principal were(c)/ laughing at the joke he cracked.(d)/No error (e).
8. The priest together with (A)/his followers were fatally injured (B)/in the accident which occurred last night (C)/near the unmanned railway crossing. (D)/No Error (E)

9. The young woman who is watching television in that room (A)/lived here for more than (B)/a year but she has never created (C)/any problem for us. (D)/No Error (E)
10. Each of the employees, (A)/whom the company has chosen to take part (B)/in the international seminar to be conducted (C)/in the City Hall, are up to the mark. (D)/ No Error (E)
11. Needless to say, (A)/no sooner were all these large and rather expensive operations finished (B)/when the main electricity was brought in (C)/and the turbine became obsolete. (D)/No Error (E)
12. Plastic bags less than 50 microns thick (A)/are banned, (B)/but neither the states nor the city corporations (C)/cares to enforce this rule. (D)/No Error (E)
13. Tribal angst over economic issues (A)/leading to the scapegoating of nontribal longtime residents (B)/reflects the continued failure (C)/to forge a more inclusive politics in Meghalaya. (D)/No Error (E)
14. The Prime Minister has great power of (A)/implementing some useful (B)/schemes but the ministers (C)/have even greatest ability to foil them. (D)/No Error (E)
15. The blunder mistake (A)/was the apparent failure of detectives (B)/to inform the Parole Board that the murderer (C)/had threatened to return to kill her. (D)/No Error (E)

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16. Slicing a cake between pieces (A)/ is a fun tradition that many (B)/ newlyweds like to (C)/ incorporate into their ceremonies. (D)/ No Error (E)

17. She had stayed up (A)/ all night because (B)/ she had received (C)/ bad news. (D)/ No error. (E)

18. He as well as (A)/ his friends (B)/ were going (C)/ for picking. (D)/ No Error (E)

Directions(21-30): In each of the questions given below a sentence is given which is then divided into five parts out of which last part is correct. There is an error in three part of the sentence and only one part is correct. You have to choose the part as your answer.

21. After he had read (A)/ the first two chapters (B)/ to the novel, (C)/ he had felt like (D)/reading the book in one sitting. (E)

- (a) After he had read
- (b) the first two chapters
- (c) to the novel
- (d) he had felt like
- (e) All are incorrect

22. Since most of the urban people (A) / have been lived (B)/ at polluted areas (C) / they suffers from severe (D) / diseases caused by pollution. (E)

- (a) Since most of the urban people
- (b) have been lived
- (c) at polluted areas

19. The coaching industry in India (A)/ plays a pivotal role, (B)/ as it contributes significant (C)/ revenue to the education sector. (D)/ No Error (E)

20. If I don't (A)/ turn on my (B)/ air conditioner, my (C)/ house was hot. (D)/ No error (E)

- (d) they suffers from severe
- (e) All are incorrect

23. Broadly speaking of a (A)/ layman language disability (B)/ could be (C) / classified in two groups (D) / namely mental and physical. (E)

- (a) Broadly speaking of a
- (b) layman language disability
- (c) could be
- (d) classified in two groups
- (e) All are incorrect

24. Although there are some (A)/ similarities at the qualification (B)/ of both the candidate (C)/ the differences among them (D)/ are considerably pronounced. (E)

- (a) Although there are some
- (b) similarities at the qualification
- (c) of both the candidate
- (d) the differences among them

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(e) All are incorrect

25. When the group of teenagers (A)/ visits the entertainment centre (B)/ little did they knows (C)/ that its outing (D)/ would lead them to a hospital. (E)

(a) When the group of teenagers

(b) visits the entertainment centre

(c) little did they knows

(d) that its outing

(e) All are incorrect

26. If the present guidelines, (A)/ the bank are required (B)/ to obtaining a photograph (C)/ from any persons (D)/ who wishes to open an account. (E)

(a) If the present guidelines

(b) the bank are required

(c) the bank are required

(d) the bank are required

(e) All are incorrect

27. Although the clock struck twelve, (a)/we hear the big bang of (B)/ the fire crackers and saw (C)/ all the guests scream, (D)/ shouting and wishing each other with joy. (E)

(a) Although the clock struck twelve

(b) we hear the big bang of

(c) the fire crackers and saw

(d) all the guests scream

(e) All are incorrect

28. The Rupali wanted (A)/ to gets (B)/ the clear picture about (C)/ the incident so she spoke (D)/ to the victims. (E)

(a) The Rupali wanted

(b) to gets

(c) the clear picture about

(d) the incident so she spoke

(e) All are incorrect

29. The centre has accepted (A)/ the report of the judicial commission (B)/ that indicted a former chief minister (C)/ and six of his ministerial colleagues for corruption. (D)/ favouritism, nepotism and administrative impropriety. (E)

(a) The centre has accepted

(b) the report of the judicial commission

(c) that indicted a former chief minister

(d) and six of his ministerial colleagues for corruption

(e) All are incorrect

30. Before invested, (A)/ you should look at the (B)/ overall business dynamics for the company (C)/ along with its efficient management and (D)/ good corporate governance (E)

(a) Before invested

(b) you should look at the

(c) overall business dynamics for the company

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(d) along with its efficient management and

(e) All are incorrect

Direction(31-50):Find out the error, if any. If there is no error, the answer is (e), i.e. No error. (Ignore the errors of punctuation, if any)

31. Despite of their best efforts (a)/ they failed to retain (b)/ the contract due to (c)/ unwanted political interference. (d)/ No error (e).

32. We had decided (a)/ to scrap the project (b)/ but the chairman insisted with (c)/ its continuation on the same terms. (d)/ No error (e).

33. Because of his prolonged illness (a)/ he could not concentrate (b)/ on his studies although (c)/ he was very much desired to do so. (d)/ No error (e).

34. You must realize (a)/ how importance it is (b)/ to give away to the needy (c)/ whatever you possess in excess. (d)/ No error (e).

35. Most of the travellers experienced (a)/ a shock when they arrived (b)/ at the museum only to find (c)/ that it had been burgled. (d)/ No error (e).

36. How people do (a)/ to earn their bread (b)/ is dependent largely on (c)/ the locality where they live. (d)/ No error (e).

37. He took a sharp knife (a)/ and torn the covering. (b)/ made of cardboard (c)/ but could not open the packet. (d)/ No error (e).

38. All of us are aware that (a)/ Shankar has been suffering (b)/ from fever since ten days (c)/ and has been resting. (d)/ No error (e)

39. Both of them genuinely helped (a)/ each other when their (b)/ families were going (c)/ through a bad patch. (d)/ No error (e)

40. Some people have (a)/ generously contributed to the welfare fund (b)/ but they wanted that the renames (c)/ should not be published. (d)/ No error (e).

41. The farmer finds (a)/ it difficult to find (b)/ buyers to sell their (c)/ fresh organic produce (d)/ No error (e).

42. It were not Mr. Kejriwal's fault (a) /that the BJP Mayors are "incompetent" (b)/ and "corrupt" that they were not (c)/ invited, said Sanjay Singh (d)/ No error(e)

43. The Supreme Court says Canadian (a)/judges has been too soft on (b)/ punishment for 30 years in giving (c)/offenders the lowest possible sentence (d)/. No error(e)

44. The government is (a)/ expected to issue a statement (b) /regarding the investigation (c)/ to the press (d)/No error (e)

45. The company, Maruti Suzuki, (a) / has been producing ten million (b) / units since it was (c)/ established in 1982 (d)/ No error (e)

46. Under no circumstances (a)/you would be allowed to remain (b)/ out of home after ten o'clock , (c)/said Radhika to her son (d)/ No error(e)

47. She held something (a) / at her side which (b) / was totally hiding (c) / by the folds of her sari. (d) / No error. (e)

48. The father forbade his son (a) / to walk in the sun (b) / and play with (c) / his friends on the road (d) / No error (e)

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49. The movement, which aims to (a) / raise awareness about climate change, hopes (b) / to bring people together to think about (c) / what they can do for reduce harmful pollution. (d) / No error (e)

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

Solution And Detailed Explanation :

1. Ans. (a)

Sol. There is an error in part (a) of the sentence in place of “believe” we will use “believed”.

2. Ans. (c)

Sol. There is an error in part (c) of the sentence. In place of “am” we will use “was” because the events of the sentences are in past.

3. Ans. (d)

Sol. Use “hanged” in place of “hung”

4. Ans. (e)

Sol. There is no error in the sentence.

5. Ans. (b)

Sol. There is an error in part (b) of the sentence. Use “to succeed” in place of “to be success” because after “determined” we use “to infinitive”.

6. Ans. (e)

Sol. There is no error in the sentence.

7. Ans. (c)

Sol. Replace 'were' with was'. When two subjects are joined by 'not only...but also', the verb must agree with

the second subject. The correct sentence should be: “Not only the students but also the principal was laughing at the joke he cracked. The same rule applies when two subjects are joined by 'or', the verb must agree with the second subject. For e.g. Krish and his brothers were there. (Second subject is 'plural') Mohan or Sohan is responsible for this. (Second subject is 'singular')

8. Ans (b)

Sol. In the second part of the sentence, the word “were” will be replaced by the word “was” because when two subjects are combined with ‘together with’, the main subject is the one which is written before together with, and the verb follows the main subject. All other parts of the sentence are correct. Hence, option (b) will be the correct answer.

9. Ans (b)

Sol. In the second part of the sentence, the word “lived” will be replaced by “has lived” or “has been living” because “is watching” used in first part of the sentence and “has never created” used in the third part of the sentence signify that the sentence is in present tense. Hence, option (b) will be the correct answer.

10. Ans (d)

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Sol. In the fourth part of the sentence, “are” should be replaced by “is” because the subject of the statement starts with “Each of” and such sentences always follow singular Verb. Hence, option (d) will be the correct answer.

11. Ans (c)

Sol. In the third part of the sentence, “when” will be replaced by “than” because ‘No sooner’ is always followed by ‘than’ and ‘Hardly/Scarcely’ is followed by ‘when/before’. Hence, option (c) will be the correct answer.

12. Ans (d)

Sol. In the fourth part of the sentence, “cares” should be replaced by “care” because if two subjects are combined using ‘Either...or’ or ‘Neither...nor’ then the verb always follows the subject near to it, which in this case is ‘the city corporations’. So the verb will be plural. Hence, option (d) will be the correct answer.

13. Ans (e)

Sol. All the parts of the given sentence are grammatically correct. Hence, option (e) will be the correct answer.

14. Ans (d)

Sol. In the fourth part of the sentence, “greatest” should be replaced by “greater” because here we are comparing between two types of people, ‘Prime Minister’ and ‘Ministers’, and when we compare two types of people or things in Comparative Degree then the adjective used should also be of Comparative Degree. Hence, option (d) will be the correct answer.

15. Ans (a)

Sol. The error lies in the first part of the sentence where the usage of the words ‘blunder’ and ‘mistake’ together is superfluous as ‘blunder’ itself means ‘a stupid or careless mistake’. Hence, option (a) will be the correct answer.

16. Ans.(a)

Sol. Replace ‘between’ by ‘into’. “Into” is used to show when a person or thing is changing from one form or condition to another

17. Ans:(a)

Sol. The past perfect tense in a sentence or conversation describes an event that happened in the past before another event in the simple past tense was completed in the past. Thus the correct phrase should be “She stayed up”.

18. Ans.(c)

Sol. ‘were; should be replaced by ‘was’. Words joined to a singular subject by ‘with’, ‘together with’, ‘in addition to’, ‘or’, ‘as well as’, ‘besides’ etc. The verb must take place with the first subject of the sentence.

19. Ans.(e)

Sol. The sentence is grammatically correct.

20. Ans.(d)

Sol. ‘was’ should be replaced by ‘is’. Zero conditional sentences refer to the general truth about a situation. These sentences state that one condition always results in the same outcome. Note that the both clauses should be in the present tense.

21. Ans. (a)

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Sol. Option (b) is incorrect because 'The first two chapters' will be used in place of 'The two first chapters' as ordinal adjective (like...first, second...next, last etc.) is used first then after that cardinal adjective is used (one, two, three, four etc.). Other options are also incorrect similarly and only option (a) is correct.

22. Ans. (a)

Sol. Option (b) is incorrect because 'live' will be used in place of 'have been lived' as simple present tense is used for work done for some permanent work of present.

23. Ans. (d)

Sol. All the options except (d) are incorrect.

24. Ans. (a)

Sol. All the options are incorrect except option (a). Option (d) is incorrect as 'between' is used for two things or person.

25. Ans. (e)

Sol. All are incorrect.

26. Ans. (e)

Sol. All are incorrect.

27. Ans. (c)

Sol. All the options are incorrect except option (c).

28. Ans. (d)

Sol. All of the option are incorrect except option (d).

29. Ans. (d)

Sol. All of the given options are incorrect except option (d).

30. Ans. (b)

Sol. All of the given options are incorrect except option (b).

31. Ans.(a)

Sol. You can use either 'in spite of' or 'despite'. Despite is never followed by 'of'

32. Ans. (c)

Sol. Insist is always followed by 'on'

33. Ans. (d)

Sol. Replace 'desire' with 'desirous' because an adjective is required to qualify the subject 'He'.

34. Ans.(b)

Sol. Use 'important' in place of 'importance' because 'How' is an adverb and adverb cannot qualify Noun 'importance'

35. Ans.(e)

Sol. No error

36. Ans.(a)

Sol. Here an interrogative pronoun is required as the object to the verb 'do' so 'what' should be used because 'how' is not a pronoun. For example, what you have said is not true.

37. Ans.(b)

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Sol. Replace 'torn' with tore because 'torn' is V 3 and 'tore' is V 2 .

38. Ans (c)

Sol. Use 'for', not 'since'.

39. Ans.(e)

Sol. No error.

40. Ans.(c)

Sol. The possessive case of 'They' is 'their', so use 'their' in place of 'there'

41. Ans. (e)

Sol. There is no error in any part of the sentence. Verb "finds" is appropriate here because subject is "singular". Hence, answer would be (e).

42. Ans.(a)

Sol. There is a grammatical error in (A) part of the sentence. Whenever "it" is used as an introductory subject it always takes singular verb. Hence, "were" must be replaced with "was" to make the sentence grammatically correct. Hence, answer would be option (a).

43. Ans.(b)

Sol. There is a grammatical error in (B) part of the sentence. "Has" must be replaced with "have" to make the sentence grammatically correct because subject of the sentence is "judges" which is plural, hence, it will take plural verb. Hence, answer would be option (b).

44. Ans. (e)

Sol. There is no error in any part of the sentence. Hence our correct option is option (e).

45. Ans.(b)

Sol. There is a grammatical error in (B) part of the sentence. Here, use of "present perfect continuous" tense is incorrect because to show completion or to talk about the result "present perfect tense" is used. Hence, "has been producing" has to be replaced with "has produced" to make the sentence grammatically correct.

46. Ans.(b)

Sol. There is a grammatical error in (B) part of the sentence. Whenever a sentence starts with negative adverb like hardly, scarcely, barely, rarely, seldom, not only, under no circumstances and in no way inversion is used. Hence, "you would be allowed" has to be replaced with "would you be allowed" to make the sentence grammatically correct.

47. Ans. (c)

Sol. Use 'hidden' in place of 'hiding' as in passive voice 'To Be + third form of verb' is used.

48. Ans. (e)

Sol. The sentence is grammatically correct.

49. Ans. (d)

Sol. Use 'for reducing' in place of 'for reduce' because the verb coming after preposition 'for' should always be in fourth form of the verb.

50. Ans. (d)



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Sol. 'had' will be used in place of 'have' because words like 'declined' and 'did' infer that the sentence is in past.

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