

# Important HSC English Grammar



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(1) Soapy turned off Broadway. (July-2023)

**(Identify the correct tense form from the following options and rewrite)**

- (a) The simple present tense
- (b) The simple past tense
- (c) The present perfect tense
- (d) The past perfect tense

**Ans: (b) The simple past tense**

(2) Soapy took a stone and dashed it through the glass. (July-2023)

**(Choose the correct alternative to make it a simple sentence)**

- (a) Taking a stone Soapy dashed it through the glass.
- (b) Soapy took a stone to dashed it through the glass.
- (c) Soapy has taken a stone to dash it through the glass.
- (d) Soapy takes a stone to dash it through the glass.

**Ans: (a) Taking a stone Soapy dashed it through the glass.**

- (3) There were no boats to take the people across. (July-2023)

**(Identify and rewrite the correct transformation of the above sentence beginning with If )**

- (a) If there were no boats, they wouldn't have taken people across.
- (b) If there were no boats, they would have taken people across.
- (c) If there were boats, they would have taken people across.
- (d) If there were boats, they wouldn't have taken people across.

**Ans: (a) If there were no boats, they wouldn't have taken people across.**

- (4) He simply abandoned his sack by the stream. (July-2023)

**(Identify and rewrite the correct transformation of the above sentence beginning with 'His sack)**

- (a) His sack is abandoned by the stream by him.
- (b) His sack has been abandoned by him by the stream.
- (c) His sack was abandoned by him by the stream.
- (d) His sack had been abandoned by the stream by him.

**Ans: (c) His sack was abandoned by him by the stream.**

- (5) She said, "I have worked hard from childhood." (July-2023)

**(Identify the correct indirect narration of the above sentence from the given options and rewrite)**

- (a) She said that she had worked hard from childhood.
- (b) She said that she has worked hard from childhood.
- (c) She said that she worked hard from childhood.
- (d) She said that she has been working hard from childhood.

**Ans: (a) She said that she had worked hard from childhood.**

**(6) Spot the error: (July-2023)**

India pays tribute to Gandhiji for his birth anniversary.

**Ans: The sentence should be "India pays tribute to Gandhiji on his birth anniversary."**

(7) He laughed aloud on hearing of the problem. (July-2023)

**(Choose the correct change in the given options, if 'would' is used in the above sentence).**

- (a) He would laughed on hearing of the problem.
- (b) He would have laughed on hearing of the problem.
- (c) He would laugh on hearing of the problem.
- (d) He would be laughed on hearing of the problem.

**Ans: (c) He would laugh on hearing of the problem.**

(8) They all stood around and looked at him. (July-2023)

**(Choose the correct alternative to write it with 'not only... but also.')**

- (a) They all not only stood around but also looked at him.

(b) They all stood not only around but also looked at him.

(c) Not only they all stood around but also looked at him.

(d) They all stood not around only but also looked at him.

**Ans: (a) They all not only stood around but also looked at him.**

(9) 'I was quite happy getting into IIT, but my joy was short-lived' (Feb -2023)

**(Choose the correct alternative showing proper use of 'though')**

(a) Though I was quite happy getting into IIT, but my joy was short-lived.

(b) I was quite happy getting into IIT, though my joy was short-lived.

(c) Though I was quite happy getting into IIT, my joy was short-lived.

(d) I was quite happy though getting into IIT, my joy was short-lived.

**Ans: (c) Though I was quite happy getting into IIT, my joy was short-lived.**

(10) 'I felt extremely humiliated and upset.' (Feb -2023)

**(Identify the correct exclamatory form of the above sentence.)**

(a) What humiliated and upset I felt!

(b) How humiliated and upset I felt!

(c) How extremely humiliated do I feel!

(d) What a humiliated and upset I felt!

**Ans: (b) How humiliated and upset I felt!**

(11) Both the partners have signed this agreement in haste. (Feb -2023)

**(Identify the correct 'Passive Voice' form of the above sentence from the alternatives given below)**

- (a) This agreement had been signed in haste by both the partners.
- (b) This agreement has been signed in haste by both the partners.
- (c) This agreement have been signed in haste by both the partners.
- (d) This agreement was signed in haste by both the partners.

**Ans: (b) This agreement has been signed in haste by both the partners.**

(12) I asked my sister, "What can I do for you in this matter?" (Feb -2023)

**(Identify the correct 'Indirect Speech' form of the above sentence from the alternatives given below)**

- (a) I asked my sister what I could do for her in that matter.
- (b) He asked his sister what he could do for her in that matter.
- (c) I asked my sister what he could do for her in this matter.
- (d) He asked my sister what she could do for her in this matter.

**Ans: (a) I asked my sister what I could do for her in that matter.**

(13) As soon as he left the house, he met with an accident. (Feb -2023)

**(Identify the correct 'No sooner ....than' form of the above sentence from the alternatives given below.)**

- (a) No sooner does he leave the house than he met with an accident.
- (b) No sooner had he left the house than he met with an accident.
- (c) No sooner did he leave the house than he met with an accident.
- (d) No sooner do he leave the house than he met with an accident.

**Ans: (c) No sooner did he leave the house than he met with an accident.**

**(14) Spot the error in the given sentence and rewrite the correct sentence. (Feb**

**-2023)**

She has been worked in this office since 1996.

**Ans: She has been working in this office since 1996.**

(15) 'Govt. of India is encouraging medical tourism in the country". (Feb -2023)

**(Choose the correct present perfect form of the given statement.)**

- (a) Govt. of India is encouraging medical tourism in the country.
- (b) Govt. of India had encouraged medical tourism in the country.
- (c) Govt. of India has been encouraged medical tourism in the country.
- (d) Govt. of India has encouraged medical tourism in the country.

**Ans: (d) Govt. of India has encouraged medical tourism in the country.**

(16) This may make it difficult to deal with any complication. (Feb -2023)

**(Identify the replaced version of the statement using the auxiliary of certainty or definiteness)**

- (a) This can make it difficult to deal with any complication.
- (b) This might make it difficult to deal with any complication.
- (c) This will make it difficult to deal with any complication.
- (d) This have made it difficult to deal with any complication.

**Ans: (c) This will make it difficult to deal with any complication.**

(17) There is no allowance for manners and intellectual damage in these matters.

**(Rewrite the sentence using 'as well as') (July-2022)**

**Ans:** There is no allowance for manners **as well as** intellectual damage in these matters.

(18) It is not necessary for you to wait any longer.

**(Which also means... )**

**You...not wait any longer.**

**(Rewrite the above sentence using correct modal auxiliaries from the given options) (July-2022)**

- (a) need
- (b) should
- (c) must
- (d) will

Ans: You **need** not wait any longer.

(19) I spent my high school years in Mumbai.

**(Choose the correct change into Past Perfect Continuous tense from the given options.) (July-2022)**

- (a) I had been spending my high school years in Mumbai.
- (b) I have spent my high school years in Mumbai.
- (c) I have been spending my high school years in Mumbai.
- (d) I had spent my high school years in Mumbai.

**Ans: (a) I had been spending my high school years in Mumbai.**

(20) You can gain the necessary knowledge and understanding.

**(Choose the correct alternative from the following options that shows the correct use of 'able to' in this sentence.) (July-2022)**

- (a) You should be able to gain the necessary knowledge and understanding.

- (b) You are able to gain the necessary knowledge and understanding.
- (c) You would be able to gain the necessary knowledge and understanding.
- (d) You will be able to gain the necessary knowledge and understanding.

**Ans: (b) You are able to gain the necessary knowledge and understanding.**

(21) New force enables you **to realise your hopes.**

**(Choose the correct alternative from the given options to frame 'Wh question', to get the underlined part as the answer).**

**(July-2022)**

- (a) How do new force enable you?
- (b) What does new force enable you?
- (c) When did new force enable you?
- (d) Where does new force enable you?

**Ans (b) What does new force enable you?**

(22) George Washington was elected president in 1788.

**(Choose the correct 'change the voice' answer from the following options)**  
**(July-2022)**

- (a) The elected president in 1788 was George Washington.
- (b) They elected George Washington as president in 1788.
- (c) The president George Washington was elected as president in 1788.
- (d) In 1788, President George Washington was elected.

**Ans: (b) They elected George Washington as president in 1788.**

(23) Discourtesy is not a legal offence.



**(The correct affirmative form of the sentence is...) July-2022**

- (a) Courtesy is a illegal offence.
- (b) Courtesy is always a illegal offence.
- (c) Discourtesy is never a illegal offence.
- (d) Discourtesy is an illegal offence.

**Ans: (d) Discourtesy is an illegal offence.**

**(24) Spot the error in the given sentence and rewrite. (July-2022)**

“Susan gave me a real nice bouquet of flowers.”

**Ans:**

“Susan gave me a **really** nice bouquet of flowers.”

- (25) Discourtesy is not a legal offence.

**(The correct affirmative form of the sentence is...) July-2022**

- (a) Courtesy is a illegal offence.
- (b) Courtesy is always a illegal offence.
- (c) Discourtesy is never a illegal offence.
- (d) Discourtesy is an illegal offence.

**Ans: (d) Discourtesy is an illegal offence.**

- (26) We can accept our life gracefully.

**(Rewrite using modal auxiliary showing ‘compulsion) (March -2022)**

**Ans:** We **must** accept our life gracefully.

- (27) The mother looks after her child. (March -2022)

**(Make it rhetorical question)**

**Ans:** Doesn't the mother look after her child?

(28) As I entered the post office, the Post Master presented me with a telegram.

**(Begin the sentence with 'No sooner....') (March -2022)**

**Ans:** **No sooner** did I enter the post office **than** the Postmaster presented me with a telegram.

(29) Men who smash windows do not remain to chat with the police.

**(Make the above sentence simple) (March -2022)**

**Ans:** Men smashing windows do not remain to chat with the police.

(30) He worked hard building a better consumer electronics division.

**(Rewrite the sentence using the infinitive form of the underlined word) (March -2022)**

**Ans:** He worked hard **to build** a better consumer electronics division.

(31) Tata Group launched the passenger car Tata Indica.

**(Rewrite it beginning with 'The passenger car Tata Indica.....') (March -2022)**

**Ans:** The passenger car Tata Indica was launched by the Tata Group.

(32) Summers in Delhi are extreme hot.

**(Spot the error in the given sentence and rewrite the correct sentence.) (March -2022)**

**Ans:** Summers in Delhi are **extremely** hot.

(33) I will not open my mouth. (Sept-2021)

**(Choose correct alternative to get affirmative form without changing the meaning of the sentence)**

- (a) I will not close my mouth.
- (b) I will open my mouth.
- (c) I will shut my mouth.

**Ans: (c) I will shut my mouth.**

(34) The teacher said, "The Earth revolves around the Sun." (Sept-2021)

**(Choose the correct alternative to get indirect narration of the given sentence.)**

- (a) The teacher said that the Earth revolved around the Sun.
- (b) The teacher said that the Earth is revolving around the Sun.
- (c) The teacher said that the Earth had revolved around the Sun.
- (d) The teacher said that the Earth revolves around the Sun.

**Ans: (a) The teacher said that the Earth revolves around the Sun.**

(35) He shook his head regretfully. (Sept. 2021)

**(Choose the correct alternative to get the Present Perfect tense form of the given sentence)**

- (a) He has shaken his head regretfully.
- (b) He had shaken his head regretfully.
- (c) He will shake his head regretfully.

**Ans: (a) He has shaken his head regretfully.**

(36) A child spends a major portion of his life in taking formal education: (Sept. 2021)

**(Choose the correct alternative that indicates modal auxiliary showing 'obligation'.)**

- (a) A child should spend a major portion of his life in taking formal education.

(b) A child must spend a major portion of his life in taking formal education.

(c) A child will spend a major portion of his life in taking formal education.

(d) A child can spend a major portion of his life in taking formal education.

**Ans (b) A child must spend a major portion of his life in taking formal education.**

(37) As soon as the captain gave an order, the soldiers fired. (Sept. 2021)

**(Choose the correct alternative to get 'No sooner....' form of the given sentence.)**

(a) No sooner the captain gave an order than the soldiers fired.

(b) No sooner did the captain give an order than the soldiers fired.

(c) No sooner does the captain give an order than the soldiers fired.

(d) No sooner has the captain given an order than the soldiers fired.

**Ans: (b) No sooner did the captain give an order than the soldiers fired.**

(38) I will not open my mouth. **(Choose correct alternative to get affirmative form without changing the meaning of the sentence) (Sept-2021)**

(a) I will not close my mouth.

(b) I will open my mouth.

(c) I will shut my mouth.

**Ans: (c) I will shut my mouth.**

(39) A peer group has its own group structure and expectations from its members:

**(Choose the correct alternative to get 'not only....but also' form of the above sentence.)**

**(Sept. 2021)**

(a) A peer group has not only its own group structure but also expectations from its

members.

(b) A peer group not only has its own group structure but also expectations from its members.

(c) Not only a peer group has its own group structure but also expectations from its members.

(d) A peer group has its own group structure not only but also expectations from its members.

**Ans:**

(a) A peer group has **not only** its own group structure **but also** expectations from its members.

**(40) Spot the error and rewrite the correct sentence. (Sept-2021)**

I know a man which is very tall.

Ans: I know a man **who** is very tall.

**(41) Use the correct articles and rewrite the sentence: (Sept. 2021)**

Covid-19 is one of .... most hazardous diseases witnessed by .... world.

**Ans:** Covid-19 is one of **the** most hazardous diseases witnessed by **the** world.