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Do as directed:

1. 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 Post Master presented me with a telegram.

1. 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.

(3) 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.

1. 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 Tata Group.

1. 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 **extreme** hot. (error)

Summers in Delhi are **extremely** hot. (correct)

1. 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.

1. I spent my high school years in Mumbai. **(Choose the correct change into Past Perfect Continuous tense from the given options.)**

(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: (c) I have been spending my high school years in Mumbai.

(8) George Washington was elected president in 1788. (Choose the correct 'change the voice' answer from the following options) (July. 022)

(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.

(9) 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: (a) Courtesy is a illegal offence.

(10) 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 **real** nice bouquet of flowers."

"Susan gave me a **really** nice bouquet of flowers." (correct)

(11) The teacher said, "The Earth revolves around the Sun." **(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: (d) The teacher said that the Earth revolves around the Sun.

(12) He shook his head regretfully. **(Choose the correct alternative to get the Present**

Perfect tense form of the given sentence) (Sept. 2021)

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

Ans: (b) He has shaken his head regretfully.

(13) 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.

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

(15) 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.

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

I know a man which is very tall.

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

I know a man **who** is very tall. (correct)

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1. I pay tribute to a particular member of that class. **(Rewrite your answer beginning with 'A tribute')**

Ans: A tribute is paid to a particular member of that class by me.

1. I couldn't pay the fare. **(Use 'be able to' and rewrite)**

Ans: I was not able to pay the fare.

(3) There was farmer who grew superior quality rice and every year, his rice won prizes in state competition.

(Insert an appropriate article wherever necessary and rewrite the sentence.)

Ans: There was **a** farmer who grew superior quality rice and every year, his rice won prizes in **the** state competition.

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Textual-Passage

1. The quiz master said, "When did Quit India Movement take place?" **(Change it into indirect speech)**

Ans: The quiz master asked when Quit India Movement had taken place.

1. I learned everything about the game. **(Change the voice)**

Ans: Everything was learned about the game by me.

1. The place was lit up by the shop lights. **(Rewrite your answer beginning with 'Shop lights.....')**

Ans: Shop lights lit up the place.

1. He opened his bag and spread out his professional equipment. **(Make it Simple)**

Ans: After/by opening his bag, he spread his professional equipment.

1. ATM is useful Machine. **(Fill in the blanks with suitable articles and rewrite the sentence)**

Ans: The ATM is **a** useful Machine

(9) The story traces the downfall a man who is overcome greed.

(Fill in the blanks with suitable prepositions and rewrite the sentence)

Ans: The story traces the downfall **of** a man who is overcome **by** greed.

(10) The Padma Shri is one of the most prestigious civilian awards in India.

(Begin your answer with 'Very few and rewrite the sentence.)

Ans: Very few civilian awards in India are as prestigious as The Padma Shri

(11) Although the sea has a great capacity to break down all kinds of waste, this capacity is

not unlimited.

(Use 'but' and rewrite the sentence.)

Ans: The sea has a great capacity to break down all kinds of waste but this capacity is not unlimited.

(12) Fertilizer and insecticides have increased agricultural output. **(Rewrite your answer beginning with 'Agricultural output....')**

Ans: Agricultural output has been increased by fertilizer and insecticides.

(13) We travel in essence to become your young fools again. **(Use 'ing' form of the underline word and rewrite)**

Ans: We travel in essence **becoming your young fools again.**

(14) The first great of joy travelling is simply the luxury of leaving all my beliefs.

(Frame a 'Wh' question to get the underlined part as an answer.)

Ans: What is the first great of joy travelling?

(15) It was..... excellent lunch. The meal cost him..... two hundred and fifty rupees.

(Fill in the blanks with suitable articles and rewrite)

Ans: It was an excellent lunch. The meal cost him a two hundred and fifty rupees

(16) She looked.....and her eyes shone.....an eternal light.

(Fill in the blanks with suitable prepositions and rewrite the sentence)

Ans: She looked up, and her eyes shone with eternal light.

(17) The entire process will centre-stage the community. **(Rewrite beginning with, "The community.....")**

Ans: The community will be centred staged by the entire process.

(18) The disaster drew the attention of affected countries for setting up effective Tsunami

warning system. (Use 'infinitive' and rewrite)

Ans: The disaster drew the attention of affected countries **to set** up effective Tsunami warning system.

SET 1: Q. 2 TEXTUAL PASSAGES (20 Marks)

(19) It was absurd to pretend it. (Use "gerund" and rewrite the sentence)

Ans: It was absurd **for pretending** it.

(20) She could not face the whole horror. (Make it affirmative)

Ans: She **was unable to** face the whole horror.

(21) primary cause of disease iswakened organism or lowered resistance in the human body.

(Fill in the blanks with suitable articles and rewrite the sentence)

Ans: **The** primary cause of disease is **the** weakened organisms or lowered resistance in the human body.

(22) That remind me the night, way midnight. (Fill in the blanks with suitable preposition and the sentence)

Ans: **That reminds me of** the **night** **way in** the **midnight**.

(23) Why waste time in reading trash? (Make it assertive)

Ans: You should not waste time in reading trash.

(24) The ignite mind of the youth is the most powerful resource on the earth. (Rewrite beginning with "No other")

Ans: No other resource on the earth is as powerful as the ignite mind of the youth.

(25) He was nervous and a typical representative of the youth of India. (Rewrite using 'ing' form of the underlined word)

Ans: **He was being nervous and a typical representative of the youth of India.**

(26) I found a bright red soil trail. **(Rewrite beginning with 'A bright.....')**

Ans: A bright red soil trail was found by me.

(27) I have no other way to climb the hillock before me. **(Rewrite as an affirmative sentence)**

Ans: I hardly had any other way to climb the hillock before me.

(28) Revenue was obtained through advertising. **(Add a question tag)**

Ans: Revenue was obtained through advertising, **wasn't it?**

(29) How impossible it is! **(Rewrite as an assertive sentence)**

Ans: it is very impossible.

(30) As this material hardens, it becomes sedimentary rock. **(Make it a compound sentence)**

(31) The place was lit up by shop lights. **(Change the voice)**

(32) Long practice had sharpened his perception. **(Pick out the verb and state the tense)**

(33) The nuts vendor blew out his flare and rose to go home. **(Rewrite beginning 'Blowing out.....')**

(34) The astrologer felt changed. **(Frame a 'Wh' question to get underlined word as the answer)**

(35) We infect the world with our ill-humours. **(Add a question tag.)**

(36) I know that stale old trick. **(Rewrite using 'which'.)**

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(37) The polite man may lose the material advantage, but he always has the spiritual victory.

(Rewrite beginning 'Though.....')

(38) Every student's comprehension level is different. **(Add question tag)**

(39) I did not fully understand their discussion in depth, but I was immensely impressed.
(Use "Though or make it complex)

(40) The surroundings were reminding me. **(Rewrite beginning the sentence with 'I.....**

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