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Lecture 13

Overview

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Writing Test

Time: 15 Minutes

Marks: 10

Write an essay with an appropriate title using as many words/ phrases as possible from the list below. Underlined the words/ phrases where used. You may use a single word/phrase more than once. You may use more than one word/ phrase in a sentence. You may use the given words in their various forms. You may write necessary sentences without the given words.

Violence	Conviction	Women's right	Unreported	Repercussion
Empower	Patriarchal society	Social mindset	Exemplary punishment	Domestic

Mixed Problems Test-3

Time: 40 Minutes

Marks: 40

Questions 1 to 10 are based on the following comprehension:

Instruction: Underlined parts of the following sentences may contain error(s) in grammar, diction, usage or idiom. Choose the underlined portion that contains such error. If there is no error, select (E).

1. The new law is too (A) stringent; it (B) will be (C) neither respected or (D) obeyed. No error (E).
2. I do not wish to make (A) a formal complaint, but I would have been better pleased (B) if you gave (C) the award to the person who (D) best deserved it. No error (E).
3. After you have written (A) a definition in your vocabulary notebook, add a few (B) ways to use the word or (C) a sentence to illustrate it's (D) meaning. No error (E).
4. The tribesmen made offerings to placate (A) the gods, whom (B), they believed, were (C) angry with them (D). No error (E).
5. Many physicists initially regarded (A) quantum theory as (B) unnatural, absurd, and (C) incompatible to (D) common sense. No error (E).
6. In such (A) areas as sports, ranking of individual performance is (B) relatively well accepted since (C) the parameters on which the rating are (D) based are generally objective. No error (E).
7. Determination of (A) the long-term effects of (B) aerosols on the upper atmosphere is (C) currently one of the more challenging (D) problems in climate research. No error (E).
8. Unlike her (A) best friend Margie, making (B) the varsity soccer team as (C) a freshman, Jill did not (D) make the team until her junior year. No error (E).
9. Although (A) he had never played organized sports, whenever Justin, who was (B) uncommonly tall, attends (C) a basketball game, fans would ask him for (D) an autograph. No error (E).
10. He is not sure if (A) he should (B) buy the new computer now or (C) wait until he receives (D) his next bonus. No error (E).

Questions 11 to 20 are based on the following instruction:

Instruction: Select the most appropriate word(s) / phrase(s) to fill in the gaps.

11. Several popular historians have created fictional scenarios in order to _____ what history would have been if earlier events had been different.
A. pontificate about B. obviate C. eliminated D. diffused E. conjecture about
12. While alcohol causes obvious and immediate changes in moods and behaviors, nicotine has _____ effects, but is equally deleterious to health over prolonged periods of time.
A. more pronounced B. equal C. less conspicuous D. less harmful E. similar
13. The study focused on the extent of the country's _____ of import and export processes _____ its access to efficient maritime services.
A. facilitation, as well as B. acceleration, and also C. improvement, coupled to
D. degeneration, caused by E. none of these
14. If every move you make is being _____, liberty is _____.
A. chronicled, curtailed B. preempted, buoyant C. obstructed, feted
D. observed, reinstated E. none of these
15. Because Istanbul lies in two continents - Asia and Europe, its culture is a fascinating _____ of both Asian and European cultures.
A. aberration B. amalgam C. galvanization D. travesty E. juxtaposition
16. The hypothesis that life is _____ throughout the universe is plausible, but on the available evidence it can't be proved or disapproved.
A. sentiment B. prevalent C. fecund D. rare E. innocuous
17. Along with a sharp rise in _____, a recession would eventually result in more men, women, and children living in _____.
A. crime, apathy B. unemployment, poverty C. deaths, slums
D. fatalities, poor E. migrations, streets
18. Sports for the visually challenged _____ their confidence and help them to mingle with the _____ of society.
A. enrichstalwarts B. plummet.....elite C. abate.....cream
D. curb.....best E. boost.....mainstream
19. In a debate one might be tempted to use techniques such as exaggeration and appeals to emotion, but generally these ultimately _____ one's argument.
A. undermine B. disapprove C. buttress D. embellish E. support
20. The mother _____ the little boy after she found him climbing _____ on a _____ balanced pile of boulders, completely unaware of the danger in which he was putting himself.
A. exhorted . . . sedulously . . . solicitously B. castigated . . . resolutely . . . itinerantly
C. harangued . . . perfidiously . . . intractably D. excoriated . . . obliviously . . . propitiously
E. admonished . . . blithely . . . precariously

Questions 21 to 30 are based on the following instruction:

Instruction: The underlined part of the given sentence may contain error. Select the choice that best replaces the underlined part keeping the original meaning intact. If you think that the original sentence is the best choice then select A.

21. A good physician will perform not only a complete physical examination, but also takes a personal and family history of diseases.

- A. A good physician will perform not only a complete physical examination, but also takes a personal and family history of diseases.
- B. A good physician not only performs a complete physical examination, but also takes a personal and family history of diseases.
- C. A good physician performs a complete physical examination, and also a personal and family history of diseases.
- D. A good physician, performing a complete physical examination, also taking a personal and family history of diseases.
- E. Not only a complete physical examination, a good physician also takes a personal and family history of diseases.

22. It has been said that to be afraid of the dark is being afraid of all those things we cannot comprehend and, therefore, instinctively fear.

- A. said that to be afraid of the dark is being afraid
- B. said, that to be afraid of the dark, is being afraid
- C. said that to be afraid of the dark is to be afraid
- D. said being afraid of the dark is to be afraid
- E. said that to be being afraid of the dark is to be being afraid

23. The reason that Mr. Chowdhury was always late was because he lived along the busiest road in the city and usually was involved in at least two traffic jams on his way to work.

- A. The reason that Mr. Chowdhury was always late was because he lived
- B. The reason that Mr. Chowdhury was always late was because he was living
- C. Mr. Chowdhury was always living
- D. Mr. Chowdhury was living and was late
- E. Mr. Chowdhury was always late because he lived

24. Statistics show that unemployment rates _____ among the adults who attended school _____ years.

- A. is greatest; the least number of
- B. is higher; the lowest
- C. are largest; the least number of
- D. are the highest; the fewest
- E. are greatest; the smallest

25. **There have been many studies demonstrating** that people are happiest when they spend money on certain things.
- A. There have been many studies demonstrating
 - B. There has been many studies demonstrating
 - C. There has been many studies to demonstrating
 - D. There have been many studies to demonstrate
 - E. There have been many studies for demonstrating
26. **The reason for money demonstratively increases happiness levels up** until a point is that it takes a certain salary to feel financially secure.
- A. The reason for money demonstratively increases happiness levels up
 - B. The reason for demonstratively increases happiness levels up
 - C. The reason of money demonstratively increases happiness levels up
 - D. The reason of demonstratively increases happiness levels up
 - E. The reason that money demonstratively increases happiness levels up
27. Although you do not need a lot of money **to have certain experiences, to travel the world and doing so comfortably**, significant amounts of money can go a long way.
- A. to have certain experiences, to travel the world and doing so comfortably
 - B. to have certain experiences, to travel the world and do so comfortably
 - C. to having certain experiences, to travel the world and doing so comfortably
 - D. having certain experiences, to travel the world and do so comfortably
 - E. to have certain experiences, for travel the world and do so comfortably
28. **Another great way to spend money is on people you care about.**
- A. Another great way to spend money is on people you care about.
 - B. Another great way for spending money is on people you care about.
 - C. Another great way to spend money is people you care about.
 - D. Another great way to spend money is on people you care.
 - E. Another great ways to spend money is on people you care about.
29. Successful entrepreneurs **wouldn't have been able to manage** people effectively, if they hadn't started from nothing and earned the chance to get to every next step.
- A. wouldn't have been able to manage
 - B. wouldn't been able to manage
 - C. wouldn't have been able to managing
 - D. wouldn't has been able to manage
 - E. wouldn't have been able for managing

30. So the hard work, together with the time it takes, is a must on your journey to succeed.

- A. So the hard work, together with the time it takes, is a must on your journey to succeed.
- B. So the hard work, together with the time it takes, is a must on your journey to success.
- C. So the hard work, together with the time it takes, are a must on your journey to success.
- D. So the hard work, together with the time it takes, is a must on your journey to be successful.
- E. So the hard work, together with the time it takes, are a must on your journey to be successful.

Questions 31 to 35 are based on the following instruction:

Instruction: Choose the best option that completes the expression describing the given sentence.

31. We have been having this discussion over and over again, but all in vain. We are _____.
- A. through B. done with C. at an impasse D. at last straw E. repetitive
32. The new administrator seemed quite preoccupied during the management meeting. I wonder what's on her mind! I would _____
- A. rather keep something at bay B. expect a weighted word
C. have an open mind D. like to see actions speaking louder than words
E. give a penny for her thought
33. He would always try to copy what others are commonly doing and follow popular trends. He would _____.
- A. jump on the bandwagon B. jump on the show C. hear it on the grapevine
D. give in to others E. steal the show
34. If you don't know what that means, look it _____ a dictionary.
- A. up; from B. in; from C. up; in D. for; in E. from; inside
35. Our family has always _____ each other, and that's why our children have grown up to be confident people.
- A. looked at B. come up for C. get on to D. got out for E. looked out for

Questions 36 to 40 are based on the following comprehension:

Instruction: Read the following passage and answer the accompanying questions, base your answer on what is stated or implied in the passage. Mark your answers on the Answer Sheet.

The archer fish is a rather handsome creature found in the streams of Asia. It has evolved a most ingenious method of obtaining its prey, which consists of flies, butterflies, moths and other insects. Swimming slowly along under the surface it waits until it sees an insect a light on twig or leaf overhanging the water. Then the fish slows down and approaches cautiously. When it is within range it stops, takes aim and then suddenly and startlingly spits a stream of tiny water droplets at its prey. These travels with deadly accuracy, and the startled inset is knocked off its perch and into the water below, and the next minute the fish swims up beneath it, there is a swirl of water and a gulp, and the insect has vanished forever.

I once worked in a pet-shop in London, and one day, with a consignment of other creatures, we received an archer fish. I was delighted with it, and with the permission of the manager I wrote out a notice describing the fish's curious habits, arranged the aquarium carefully, put the fish inside and placed it in the window as the main display. It proved very popular, except that people wanted to see the archer fish actually taking his prey, and this was not easy to manage. Eventually I had a brainwave. A few doors down from us was a fish shop, and I saw no reason why we should not benefit from some of their surplus blowflies (type of small flying insects which feed on raw fish and meat). So I suspended a bit of very smelly meat over the archer fish's aquarium and left the door of the shop open. I did this without the knowledge of the manager. I wanted it to be a surprise for him. It was certainly a surprise.

By the time he arrived, there must have been several thousand blowflies in the shop. The archer fish was having the time of his life, watched by myself inside the shop and fifty or sixty people on the pavement outside. The manager arrived neck and neck with a very unzoological policeman, who wanted to know the meaning of the obstruction outside. To my surprise the manager, instead of being delighted with my ingenious window display, tended to side with the policeman. The climax came when the manager, leaning over the aquarium to unfasten the bit of meat that hung above it, was hit accurately in the face by a stream of water which the fish had just released in the hope of hitting a particularly succulent blowfly. The manager never referred to the incident again, but the next day the archer fish disappeared, and it was the last time I was allowed to dress the window.

36. What does the archer fish feed on in its natural habitat?

- A. Smaller fishes
- B. Blowflies
- C. Smelly meat
- D. Insect, including moths and flies
- E. Plankton

37. Why did the policeman arrive at the shop?

- A. He had a keen interest in the feeding habits of the archer fish
- B. He came to see the manager about a matter pertaining to the local zoo
- C. He wanted to find out the cause of the obstruction on the pavement
- D. He wanted to watch the spectacle, along with the rest of the crowd
- E. He was invited by the manager to investigate a crime

38. What three things does the archer fish do when it comes within range of its prey?

- A. Swims under the surface, slows down and acts cautiously.
- B. Swims slowly under the surface, waits for an insect, and approaches its prey cautiously.
- C. Stops swimming, takes aim and spits water at its prey.
- D. Knocks its prey off its perch, swims up beneath it and eats it.
- E. Stops swimming, cause a swirl on the surface, and gulps down its prey.

39. The manager's face was hit with a stream of water

- A. accidentally since the water was meant to hit a blowfly.
- B. spit by the archer fish which sensed that the manager was about to harm it.
- C. when he leant over the aquarium, holding a blowfly near his face.
- D. because the fish mistook his face for a succulent blowfly.
- E. by the archer, in order to entertain the crowd of people watching from outside.

40. The manager never again talked about the incident involving a stream of water being spit at his face by the fish because

- A. he suffered from memory loss soon after the incident.
- B. he thought it would offend the sensitivity of his employee.
- C. he was instructed to keep mum by the policeman.
- D. he suffered an injury to his vocal chords as a result of the incident.
- E. he was embarrassed by the incident.