

Verbal Session – 01

Grammar Rules

Problems for Discussion

Error Type: 01

Direction: select the sensible one from each of the following pairs of sentences.

01. (A) I almost listened to the whole album.
(B) I listened to almost the whole album.
02. (A) The faulty alarm system sounded nearly five times yesterday.
(B) The faulty alarm system nearly sounded five times yesterday.
03. (A) He drove the car for nearly six hours a day.
(B) He nearly drove the car for six hours a day.

Now try this-

Instruction: Identify the correct sentence from the four sentences given below. If none of them is correct choose option "E".

04. Questions

- (A) Rony almost ate the whole fish. (B) Rony ate almost the whole fish.
(C) Almost Rony ate the whole fish. (D) Rony ate the whole fish almost.
(E) None of these are correct.

Error Type: 02

Direction: From the following pairs of sentences, select the one which is correct.

05. (A) As a nine year old boy, the teacher asked me to lead a team
(B) As a nine year old boy, I was asked by my teacher to lead a team
06. (A) While John was talking on the phone, the doorbell rang.
(B) While talking on the phone, the doorbell rang.

Now try this-

Instruction: Identify the correct sentence from the four sentences given below. If none of them is correct choose option "E".

07. Questions

- (A) While making breakfast, the smoke alarm went off and woke the baby.
(B) While I was making breakfast, the smoke alarm went off and woke the baby.
(C) When making breakfast, the smoke alarm went off and woke the baby.
(D) While I was making breakfast, going off the smoke alarm and woke up the baby.
(E) None of these

Error Type: 03

08. (A) Dark and threatening, the artist studied the stormy sky.
(B) The artist studied the dark and threatening stormy sky.
09. (A) Warm and mild, everyone enjoys the climate of the Virgin Islands.
(B) Everyone enjoys the warm, mild climate of the Virgin Islands.

Now try these-

Instruction: Identify the correct sentence from the four sentences given below. If none of them is correct choose option "E".

- 10.
- (A) Worn and tattered, the group leader took down the flag.
(B) Taking down the flag the group leader was worn and tattered
(C) Wearing and tattered, the group leader took down the flag.
(D) The group leader took down the flag, which was worn and tattered
(E) None of these

Instruction: Select the words/phrases to complete the sentence

11. ____ lived in Uganda and Sri Lanka, and first came to the United States in 1981 to work as a physician.
- (A) Born in Dhaka in 1940, Mr. Sajed became a US citizen in 1998; he has
(B) Was born in Dhaka in 1940, Mr. Sajed became a US citizen in 1998; he has
(C) Being a United States citizen Mr. Sajed born in Dhaka in 1940 has
(D) Having born in Dhaka in 1940 and being a United States citizen since 1988 Mr. Sajed
(E) None of these

Instruction: Select the correct sentence form the alternatives.

- 12.
- (A) A person long devoted to serving the poor, the President awarded a medal to Mr. Dastagir.
(B) A person long devoted to serve the poor, the president awarded the medal to Mr. Dastagir.
(C) A person long devoted to serving the poor, Mr. Dastagir was awarded a medal by the President.
(D) A person long devoted to serving the poor, the President awarded the medal to Mr. Dastagir.
(E) A person long devoted to serving the poor, Mr. Dastagir was awarded by the President a medal.

Error Type: 04

13. (A) Unlike the general public, film critics did not seem to enjoy the movie
(B) Film critics did not seem to enjoy the movie unlike the general public
14. (A) Unlike most birds, the heads and necks of vultures lack feathers.
(B) Unlike most birds, vultures do not have feathers on their heads and necks
15. (A) Unlike most modernist poets, Robert Frost's poems were based on ordinary speech.
(B) Unlike most modernist poets, Robert Frost wrote poems that were based on ordinary speech.

Now try this-

Instruction: Select the best option that best replaces the underlined part.

16. Questions

Unlike the many vegetables that have tough leaves and thus require a lengthy cooking time, those of carrot need little cooking time

- (A) those of carrot need little cooking time (B) carrot needs little cooking time
(C) carrot need little cooking time (D) those of carrot need little cooking time
(E) None of these

Instruction: Select the words/phrases to complete the sentence

17. Questions

Joint Stock Companies, _____, often raise funds from the sale of stock to operate

- (A) unlike sole proprietorship business (B) unlike what sole proprietorship business does
(C) like sole proprietorship business (D) unlike sole proprietorship business does
(E) None of these

Error Type: 05

18. (A) Swimming in our very best form, the trophy was richly deserved
(B) Swimming in our very best form, we richly deserved the trophy.
19. (A) As I was Relaxing with nothing to do, the sunny afternoon made me sleepy.
(B) Relaxing with nothing to do, the sunny afternoon made me sleepy.
20. (A) Published in Harlem, two young journalists owned and edited the *Messenger*.
(B) Published in Harlem, the *Messenger* was owned and edited by two young journalists.

Now try this-

Instruction: Select the best option that best replaces the underlined part.

21. Questions

Using it wisely, leisure promotes health, efficiency and happiness.

- (A) Because of usefulness (B) Having used it wisely
(C) If used wisely (D) Because it is used wisely (E) None of these

22. Questions

Having stole the money, the police searched the thief.

- (A) Having stole the money, the police searched the thief.
(B) Having stolen the money, the thief was searched by the police
(C) Having stolen the money, the police searched the thief.
(D) Having stole the money, the thief was searched by the police

Instruction: Select the correct sentence form the alternatives.

23. Questions

- (A) Satisfied by the great result in the HSC, it was decided by Taufik to take a one week rest.
(B) Satisfied by the great result in the HSC, a one week rest was given by Taufik to himself.
(C) Satisfied by the great result in the HSC, Taufik decided to take a one week rest.
(D) Satisfied by the great result in the HSC, Taufik's decision was to take a one week rest.
(E) None of these

Questions for Self Study

Step 1: Synonym Questions

Direction: Choose the word which is most nearly similar in meaning to the word in capital letter.

24. DILIGENT(অধ্যবসায়ী)

- (A) laid-back (B) large (C) industrious
(D) lethargic(অলস, নিশ্চেষ্ট) (E) None of them

25. INGENUOUS(ইন্জেনিউআস্ - অকপট)

- (A) sophisticated(জটিল) (B) clever (C) cunning
(D) devious(ডীভিআস্ - সর্পিল, অসরল) (E) None of them

26. ENHANCE(ইন্হান্স্ - বৃদ্ধি করা)

- (A) doubt (B) improve (C) indolent(ইনডালান্ট্ - অলস)
(D) agree (E) None of them

27. HYPOTHETICAL(প্রকল্পিত)

- (A) logical (B) alternative (C) assumed (D) reasonable (E) None of them

28. RESORT:

- (A) efficiency (B) defects (C) remedy (D) disadvantages (E) paradise

Direction: Select the word/phrase that can be substituted in place of the underlined word/phrase in each of the sentences to keep the meaning unchanged

29. Mr. Arman was instigated by his colleagues to speak against the director in the meeting.

- (A) provoked(খ্যাপানো) (B) followed
(C) restrained(রিস্ট্রইন্ড্ - নিয়ন্ত্রিত) (D) protected(সুরক্ষিত) (E) None of these

30. Many employers have discovered that elderly persons are very reliable workers and are actively recruiting them to fill positions.

- (A) Cooperative (B) Experienced (C) Available (D) Dependable

31. The common shearwater is seldom encountered off these rugged coasts.

- (A) often (B) sometimes (C) rarely (D) inevitably(অনিবার্যভাবে)

32. Civil-rights marchers in the early fifties often had to contend with(কন্টেন্ড্ উয়িথ - প্রতিদ্বন্দিতা করা; তর্ক করা; মতামত দেয়া) the wrath(ব্যার্থ্ - তীব্র ক্রো(অ) of local residents.

- (A) generosity (B) opposition (C) dislike (D) anger

Step 2: Sentence Completion Questions

Direction: Each sentence below has one or two blanks, each blank indicating that something has been omitted. Beneath the sentence are five lettered words or sets or words. Choose the word or set of words for each blank that best fits the meaning of the sentence as a whole

33. These flowers are not _____ to Bangladesh because these are not found here
 (A) indigenous (B) ingenuous (C) fluent (D) exigent (E) None of these
34. I put the camera _____ a tripod so that I can take a steady picture
 (A) by (B) above (C) in (D) on (E) None of these
35. It is not difficult to _____ an alarm clock.
 (A) soothe (B) disassemble (C) fort (D) manual (E) None of these
36. The committee chairperson became so forceful, so _____ in his expression of opinions that committee members began to leave the meeting.
 (A) dormant (B) credible (C) dogmatic (D) lucid (E) None of these
37. The teacher would understand it if you _____ it to him more slowly.
 (A) would explain (B) had explained (C) explain (D) explained (E) None of these
38. The plot of this story is so _____ that I can predict the outcome
 (A) intricate (B) theoretical (C) pivotal (D) trite (E) fictitious
39. The fundraising concert turned out to be a _____ it started late, attracted too few audiences, and lost almost a million bucks.
 (A) debacle (B) blockbuster (C) deluge (D) gala (E) milestone
40. She was pleased by the accolades she received; like everyone else, she enjoyed being _____.
 (A) entertained (B) praised (C) playful (D) vindicated (E) charitable
41. Although frugal by nature, on this special occasion he refused to _____, but instead feasted his guests _____.
 (A) splurge ... munificently (B) conserveintangibly (C) stint...lavishly
 (D) temporizeausterely (E) cooperateexorbitantly
42. Surprisingly enough, it is more difficult to write about the _____ than about the _____ and strange
 (A) specificforeign (B) abstract ...prosaic (C) commonplace...exotic
 (D) simple.....routine (E) ludicrousdejected

Step 3: One Word Substitution Questions

Direction: In each of the following questions, out of the four alternatives choose the one which can be substituted for the given words/ sentence

43. A poem written on the death of someone loved and lost
 (A) Ode (B) Elegy (C) Sonnet (D) Epic
44. Commencement(কমেন্স্‌মেন্ট - শুরু) of words with the same letter.
 (A) Rhyme (B) Alliteration (C) Pun(শব্দ কৌতুক) (D) Oxymoron
45. Medicine which lessens(লেসেন্স - কমিয়ে দেয়া) pain.

- (A) Balm(যা কোনো *pain*-কে কমিয়ে দেয়) (B) Panacea(প্যানাশিয়া - সর্বরোগের ঔষ(অ) (C) Anodyne
(D) Antibiotic(অ্যান্টিবাইওটিক্ - যে ঔষধ ক্ষতিকর জীবাণু ধ্বংস করে)
46. To examine one's own thoughts and feelings (নিজের চিন্তাভাবনা এবং অনুভূতি পর্যালোচনা)
(A) Meditation (B) Retrospection (C) reflection (D) Introspection
📖 Introspection [ইন্ট্রাসপেকশন] অন্তর্দর্শন; অন্তর্দর্শন; অন্তর্দর্শলোকন।
47. A short, usually amusing, story about some real person or event(বাস্তব কোনো ব্যক্তি বা ঘটনা সম্পর্কে সংক্ষিপ্ত, এবং মজার কাহিনী)
(A) Anecdote (B) Antidote (C) Tale (D) Allegory
📖 Anecdote [অ্যানিকডোট] সংক্ষিপ্ত মজার কাহিনী।
48. A Person interested in reading books and nothing else (বই পড়া ছাড়া অন্য কিছুতে আগ্রহী নয় এমন ব্যক্তি)
(A) Student (B) Book worm (C) Scholar (D) Book-keeper
📖 Book worm [বুকওয়ারম] বইয়ের পোকা, বই পাগল।
49. Custom of having many wives (বহুবিবাহের প্রথা)
(A) Monogamy (B) Bigamy (C) Polygamy (D) Matrimony
📖 Polygamy [পলিগামী]; বহুপত্নীত্ব বা বহুবিবাহ।
50. One who forcibly seizes control of a bus or an aircraft (জোরপূর্বক বাস বা এরোপে- নের নিয়ন্ত্রন দখলে নেয় যে)
(A) Prate (B) Swindler (C) Hijacker (D) Pilferer
📖 Hijacker [হাইজ্যাকার] ছিনতাইকারি

Answer key of Lesson # 01

1	B	2	B	3	A	4	B	5	B
6	A	7	B	8	B	9	A	10	D
13	A	14	B	15	A	16	B	17	A
18	B	19	A	20	B	21	C	22	B
23	C	24	C	25	E	26	B	27	C
28	E	29	A	30	D	31	C	32	D
33	A	34	D	35	E	36	C	37	D
38	D	39	A	40	B	41	C	42	C
43	B	44	B	45	A	46	D	47	A
49	C	50	C	48	B				