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## SOLUTIONS

**Directions:** Questions 1 to 10

**Choose the word which best fills the blank from the four options given:**

1. The Colonel \_\_\_\_\_ his brave soldiers.  
(A) ordered (B) ordered to (C) requested to (D) said that

**Ans.** (A) ordered

**Sol.** Correct form of the correct verb 'order' applicable here.

2. I was \_\_\_\_\_ by the maddening behaviour of the clerk at the post office.  
(A) impressed (B) infuriated (C) delighted (D) admired

**Ans.** (B) infuriated

**Sol.** 'infuriated' means to make someone very angry

3. I played football \_\_\_\_\_.  
(A) today (B) yesterday (C) tomorrow (D) tonight

**Ans.** (B) yesterday

**Sol.** The time reference of this sentence is past, so an adverb of past tense will be used here.

4. I was not hungry, I had just \_\_\_\_\_ my lunch.  
(A) have (B) not have (C) not had (D) had

**Ans.** (D) had

**Sol.** Considering the time reference, Past perfect tense needs to be used in the sentence.

5. The dog was jumping around me, \_\_\_\_\_ my face and hands.  
(A) licking (B) liking (C) leaking (D) looking

**Ans.** (A) licking

**Sol.** 'licking' means to pass the tongue over a surface

6. When Neeta \_\_\_\_\_ to my home yesterday I was writing a letter.  
(A) come (B) has come (C) was coming (D) came

**Ans.** (D) came

**Sol.** The time reference of the sentence is Simple Past.

7. I last went to a tour two years \_\_\_\_\_.  
(A) before (B) ago (C) after (D) then

**Ans.** (B) ago

**Sol.** The only correct Preposition used in such a context is 'ago'.

8. \_\_\_\_\_ of the boys gave a rupee to the beggar.  
(A) Every (B) Anyone (C) All (D) Each

**Ans.** (D) Each

**Sol.** The only correct Determiner used in such a context is 'each'

9. The Himalayas \_\_\_\_\_ the highest mountain ranges in the world.  
(A) is (B) are (C) am (D) can

**Ans.** (B) are

**Sol.** A Plural subject takes a plural verb.

**10.** A wise enemy is \_\_\_\_\_ than a foolish friend.  
(A) good (B) better (C) best (D) none of these

**Ans.** (B) better

**Sol.** A commonly used proverb.

**Directions:** Questions 11 to 20

Choose the most appropriate word to fill in the blanks.

**11.** Alexander was taken \_\_\_\_\_ with the question.  
(A) aback (B) for (C) rough (D) rude

**Ans.** (A) aback

**Sol.** 'taken aback' as a Phrasal verb means greatly surprised.

**12.** My school building is bigger \_\_\_\_\_ my house.  
(A) then (B) den (C) than (D) that

**Ans.** (C) than

**Sol.** This comparative degree is followed by 'than'

**13.** Life is an eternal teacher for \_\_\_\_\_ of us.  
(A) none (B) all (C) some (D) any

**Ans.** (B) all

**Sol.** As a general truth, this sentence implies that 'Life is an eternal teacher for all of us'

**14.** I claim to be \_\_\_\_\_ to none in all Paris.  
(A) first (B) second (C) third (D) fourth

**Ans.** (B) second

**Sol.** A commonly used phrase 'second to none' meaning better than the others or the best.

**15.** Winners should not laugh \_\_\_\_\_ the losers.  
(A) on (B) over (C) at (D) in

**Ans.** (C) at

**Sol.** The preposition 'at' follows the verb 'laugh'

**16.** I had to go to the work \_\_\_\_\_ .  
(A) cite (B) sight (C) site (D) slight

**Ans.** (C) site

**Sol.** 'site' means a piece of land where something that we speak of is located.

**17.** My \_\_\_\_\_ brother is a doctor.  
(A) oldest (B) older (C) senior (D) eldest

**Ans.** (D) eldest

**Sol.** The correct Adjective used in this context of family relations.

**18.** Dr. Abdul Kalam had a \_\_\_\_\_ desire to fly.  
(A) long-cherished (B) dormant (C) dull (D) feeble

**Ans.** (A) long cherished

**Sol.** The only correct adjective in this context.

**19.** Do not search for God in \_\_\_\_\_ places.  
(A) clean (B) vague (C) obscure (D) known

**Ans.** (C) obscure

**Sol.** 'obscure' means remote and separate physically or socially as intended in this sentence.

**20.** Do not \_\_\_\_\_ to have wanted things in life.

- (A) aspire (B) expire (C) ceasefire (D) none of these

**Ans.** (A) aspire

**Sol.** 'aspire' means to have an ambitious plan or a lofty goal

**Directions:** Questions 21 to 30.

The following passage contains numbered blank spaces. Fill in the blanks with the appropriate word given in each case. Students who are very fond of reading are 21 labelled by their companions as 22. This criticism generally comes from 23 who consider 24 better in sports. Students who shine in athletics or in games consider that it is 25 to spend time and energy in 26 arena than in a classroom or at 27 desk. All the same they do envy their 28 who shine academically. Academic honour has a glamour 29 is unique. It is not to be 30 that playing games is a useful and healthy activity.

**21.** (A) just (B) often (C) now (D) never

**Ans.** (B) often

**22.** (A) readers (B) book-worms (C) fellows (D) friends

**Ans.** (B) bookworms

**23.** (A) students (B) readers (C) writers (D) none of these

**Ans.** (A) students

**24.** (A) them (B) him (C) themselves (D) himself

**Ans.** (C) themselves

**25.** (A) better (B) greater (C) healthier (D) finer

**Ans.** (A) better

**26.** (A) a report (B) a sport (C) a port (D) a court

**Ans.** (B) a sport

**27.** (A) write (B) read (C) reading (D) fine

**Ans.** (C) reading

**28.** (A) fellows (B) juniors (C) senior (D) none of these

**Ans.** (A) fellows

**29.** (A) who (B) whose (C) which (D) why

**Ans.** (C) which

**30.** (A) refused (B) denied (C) declined (D) referred

**Ans.** (B)

**Directions:** Questions 31 to 40. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions given below it.

Emperor Ashok was one of the earliest Indian monarchs who planted shady trees on roads and in public places. The Moghuls, too, realized the necessity of shade on the roads which they constructed. But there was no conscious planning and the peepal, banyan and pakur trees were indiscriminately mixed with neems, tamarinds and mahuas. It was only in Kashmir that they showed some preference for planning and planted magnificent avenues of chinar along the banks of the river Jhelum, which can be seen at their best at Ganderbal and Mattan on the way to Phalagam.

A plantation plan for our national, state and district highways is urgently needed. At present our roads are planted by the P.W.D engineers who are ignorant of trees. Ultimately, the planting of new trees and replacement of dead trees is left to gardeners alone who plant any tree which comes in handy. The result has been unfortunate and our roadside avenues have become a mixture of odd trees.

**31.** Who was one of the earliest Indian Monarchs who planted shady trees on roads and in public places?

- (A) Ashok (B) Moghul Empire (C) P.W.D (D) Engineer

**Ans.** (A) Ashok

**Sol.** Inferred from the line "Emperor Ashok was one of the earliest Indian monarchs"

**32.** The word 'monarch' has been used for

- (A) Emperor Ashok (B) Moghuls (C) Engineers (D) None

**Ans.** (A) Emperor Ashok

**Sol.** Inferred from the line "Emperor Ashok was one of the earliest Indian monarchs"

**33.** 'Public places' means

- (A) open places (B) places open for public  
(C) places of public interest (D) places to be used by public

**Ans.** (B) places open for public

**Sol.** 'Public places' means any place to which the public has access.

**34.** Who realized the necessity of shade on the roads after Ashok?

- (A) The public (B) The Moghuls  
(C) The engineers (D) None of these

**Ans.** (B) The Moghuls

**Sol.** Inferred from the line "The Moghuls, too, realized the necessity of shade...."

**35.** Planting of trees was first planned in

- (A) Kashmir (B) public places  
(C) states (D) None of these  
(A) Kashmir

**Sol.** Inferred from the line "It was only in Kashmir that they showed some preference for planning"

**36.** At present, who plants the roads?

- (A) The government (B) The P.W.D  
(C) The state (D) Engineers

**Ans.** (B) The P.W.D

**Sol.** Inferred from the line "At present our roads are planted by the P.W.D engineers"

**37.** The avenues of chinar are to be found

- (A) on highways (B) on state ways  
(C) in public places (D) Along the banks of Jhelum

**Ans.** (D) along the banks of Jhelum

**Sol.** inferred from the line "magnificent avenues of chinar along the banks of the river Jhelum,"

**38.** What do 'tamarind' and 'mahua' represent?

- (A) Name of trees (B) Name of the roads  
(C) Name of places (D) Name of the river

**Ans.** (A) Name of trees

**Sol.** Inferred from the lines "the peepal, banyan and pakur trees were indiscriminately mixed with neems, tamarinds and mahuas"

**39.** The word 'ultimately' means

- (A) firstly (B) lastly (C) finally (D) finely

**Ans.** (C) finally

**Sol.** Ultimately means Finally

**40.** The planting of new trees and replacement of dead trees is left to gardeners who plant?

- (A) Systematically (B) Methodically  
(C) any tree that comes handy (D) nothing

**Ans.** (C) any tree that comes handy

**Sol.** Inferred from the lines "gardeners alone who plant any tree which comes in handy."

**Directions:** Questions 41 to 50. Fill in the blanks with appropriate words given at the end.

**41.** Rabindranath Tagore was awarded the Nobel Prize for

- (A) History (B) Science (C) Music (D) Literature

**Ans.** (D) Literature

**Sol.** As evident from our knowledge of history

**42.** She is \_\_\_\_\_ a nurse nor a doctor.

- (A) either (B) or (C) neither (D) none

**Ans.** (C) Neither

**Sol.** The Correlative Conjunction 'Neither... nor' is used in this sentence of negative connotation

**43.** The patient had died \_\_\_\_\_ the doctor came.

- (A) before (B) after (C) just (D) soon

**Ans.** (A) before

**Sol.** The most logical adverb of time that fits in here.

**44.** Nitin is richer \_\_\_\_\_ his elder brother Sachin.

- (A) as (B) than (C) then (D) with

**Ans.** (B) than

**Sol.** This comparative degree is followed by 'than'

**45.** He played cricket \_\_\_\_\_ I worked.

- (A) and (B) but (C) at (D) test

**Ans.** (B) but

**Sol.** A Coordinating Conjunction indicating contrast as required in this sentence.

**46.** Just look after my luggage while I go and get the ticket from the \_\_\_\_\_.

- (A) Book office (B) Booking office (C) Office (D) None of these

**Ans.** (B) Booking office

**Sol.** 'Booking Office' means a place where tickets are booked.

**47.** He is sad but hoping for the \_\_\_\_\_

- (A) Last (B) best (C) jest (D) None of these

**Ans.** (B) best

**Sol.** The only logical adjective that can fit in here.

**48.** The bird \_\_\_\_\_ the branch.

- (A) flew on (B) fell (C) flew off (D) flew of

**Ans.** (C) flew off

**Sol.** The only correct Phrasal Verb that fits in here.

**49.** Which house did you live \_\_\_\_\_ ?

- (A) on (B) in (C) into (D) at

**Ans.** (B) in

**Sol.** The correct preposition that would follow the verb 'live' in this context.

**50.** The dog jumped \_\_\_\_\_ the river.

- (A) in (B) into (C) with (D) on

**Ans.** (B) into

**Sol.** 'Into' is the preposition used for expressing movement to a position in something.