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**(1) In each of the following questions, find out which part of the sentence has an error.**

[A] Jayesh loved his Guru immensely

[B] and gave him fullest loyalty,

[C] yet he had his own

[D] independent way of thinking.

[E] No error.

**Answer : [D]**

**Explanation:** way of thinking

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**(2) In each of the following questions, find out which part of the sentence has an error.**

[A] Foolishly Madhu threw

[B] some water on the electric heater

[C] when it catches fire

[D] and she got a shock.

[E] No error.

**Answer : [C]**

**Explanation:** when it caught fire

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**(3) In each of the following questions, find out which part of the sentence has an error.**

[A] He loosened his temper

[B] whenever he knows

[C] things do not take place

[D] as per his planning.

[E] No error.

**Answer : [A]**

**Explanation:** he lost his temper

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**(4) In each of the following questions, find out which part of the sentence has an error.**

[A] Very few employees

[B] in our company are

[C] so dedicated as

[D] Mahesh will.

[E] No error.

**Answer : [D]**

**Explanation:** Mahesh

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**(5) In each of the following questions, find out which part of the sentence has an error.**

[A] In order to save petrol,

[B] motorists must have to

[C] be very cautious

[D] while driving along the highways.

[E] No error.

**Answer : [B]**

**Explanation:** Motorists have to

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**(6) They have built a perfect dam across the river.**

[A] Across the river a perfect dam was built.

[B] A perfect dam has been built by them across the river.

[C] A perfect dam should have been built by them.

[D] Across the river was a perfect dam.

**Answer : [B]**

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**(7) Who is creating this mess?**

[A] Who has been created this mess?

[B] By whom has this mess been created?

[C] By whom this mess is being created?

[D] By whom is this mess being created?

**Answer : [D]**

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**(8) James Watt discovered the energy of steam.**

[A] The energy of steam discovered James Watt.

[B] The energy of steam was discovered by James Watt.

[C] James Watt was discovered by the energy of steam.

[D] James Watt had discovered energy by the steam.

**Answer : [B]**

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**(9) A child could not have done this mischief.**

- [A] This mischief could not be done by a child.
- [B] This mischief could not been done by a child.
- [C] This mischief could not have been done by a child.
- [D] This mischief a child could not have been done.

**Answer : [C]**

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**(10) I cannot accept your offer.**

- [A] Your offer cannot be accepted by me.
- [B] I cannot be accepted by your offer.
- [C] The offer cannot be accepted by me.
- [D] Your offer cannot be accepted.

**Answer : [A]**

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**(11) The train will leave at 8.30 pm, we have been ready by 7.30pm so that, we can reach the station in time.**

- [A] were
- [B] must be
- [C] are
- [D] should have
- [E] No correction required

**Answer : [B]**

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**(12) He hesitated to listen to what his brother was saying.**

- [A] listened to hesitate
- [B] hesitated listen to
- [C] hesitates to listening
- [D] is hesitated to listen to
- [E] No correction required

**Answer : [E]**

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**(13) If I would have realised the nature of job earlier, I would not have accepted it.**

- [A] If I have had
- [B] In case I would have
- [C] Had I been
- [D] Had I

[E] No correction required

**Answer : [A]**

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**(14) What happens to all those travellers on the ship was not known?**

[A] What happened of

[B] What happened in

[C] What is that happens to

[D] What happened to

[E] No correction required

**Answer : [D]**

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**(15) The long or short of it is that I do not want to deal with that new firm.**

[A] The long and short of it

[B] The long and short for it

[C] The long or short for it

[D] The shot and long for it

[E] No correction required

**Answer : [A]**

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**(16) Besides other provisions, that shopkeeper deals ..... cosmetics.**

[A] with

[B] in

[C] at

[D] for

**Answer : [B]**

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**(17) Walking at 3'o clock, I heard the ..... of thunder.**

[A] crackle

[B] rumble

[C] ripple

[D] clank

**Answer : [B]**

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**(18) Now, the management graduate can expect to have a prosperous life on a ..... income without having to depend on finding a place in family busiess having to tend the paternal estates.**

- [A] professional
- [B] regular
- [C] meaningful
- [D] dependable

**Answer : [B]**

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**(19) He is so ..... to light that he never leaves the house without sunglasses.**

- [A] insensitive
- [B] sensitive
- [C] afraid
- [D] immune

**Answer : [B]**

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**(20) A man remains narrow minded, self compliance and ignorant unless he visits other people and ..... from them.**

- [A] earns
- [B] borrows
- [C] learns
- [D] hears

**Answer : [C]**

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