

AFCAT Memory Based Paper - 25 Aug 2023

Q1 Select the most appropriate synonym of the given word.

Berate

- (A) Supervise
- (B) Reproach
- (C) Indulge
- (D) Train

Q2 Select the most appropriate synonym of the given word.

Melancholy

- (A) Sadness
- (B) Intimidate
- (C) Slavish
- (D) Wit

Q3 Select the most appropriate ANTONYM of the given word.

Pensive

- (A) Frivolous
- (B) Unreflective
- (C) Hollow
- (D) Goofy

Q4 Select the most appropriate ANTONYM of the given word.

Mitigate

- (A) Appease
- (B) Enhance
- (C) Allay
- (D) Reduce

Q5 Select the option that can be used as a one-word substitute for the given group of words.

The nest of a squirrel, typically in the form of a mass of twigs in a tree

- (A) Drey
- (B) Hole
- (C) Lair
- (D) Burrow

Q6 Choose from the four options, the word that best defines/substitutes the given phrase.

"One who does not believe in God"

- (A) Devotee
- (B) Theist
- (C) Atheist
- (D) Anarchist

Q7 Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Cold turkey

- (A) To develop cold feet to do something
- (B) To suddenly stop a bad habit or addiction
- (C) To cook and cool turkey for a meal
- (D) To have an intense dislike of birds

Q8 In the following question, out of the four given options, select the one which best expresses the meaning of the idiom/phrase.

Play it by ear.

- (A) To focus on one thing.
- (B) Last try before giving up.
- (C) Act without preparation.
- (D) A fleeting moment.

Q9 Select the most appropriate synonym of the given word.

GRACEFUL

- (A) Natural
- (B) Decorated
- (C) Elegant
- (D) Artificial

Q10 Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Ring a bell

- (A) to worship
- (B) to play with a bell
- (C) to dance in a party
- (D) to evoke a memory

Q11 Mark the part of the given sentence on your answer-sheet, in which there is an error (of adjective, adverb, clause).

This road is the most shortest of all.

- (A) This road is
- (B) the most shortest
- (C) of all
- (D) No error



Q12 The following sentence has been split into four segments. Identify the segment that contains a grammatical error.

I earn / little money / than my / younger brother.

- (A) little money
- (B) than my
- (C) I earn
- (D) younger brother

Q13 In the given question, one part of the sentence may have an error. Find out which part of the sentence has an error and click the option corresponding to it. If the sentence is free from error, click the 'No error' option.

The number of obese (A)/ people is really (B) high in United States.(C)/ No error (D)

- (A) A
- (B) B
- (C) C
- (D) D

Q14 In the sentence identify the segment which contains the grammatical error.

The manager was referring about the previous instances of loss to the employees during his address.

- (A) The manager was referring about
- (B) the previous instances
- (C) during his address
- (D) of loss to the employees

Q15 The following question consists of a paragraph that is split into four parts. All four parts are jumbled up and are named A, B, C and D. These four parts are given in their proper order. Arrange the jumbled sentences and find out which of the four combinations from the given options will correctly complete the paragraph.

Mr Kalpesh Mishra and Dr Nath were spending a weekend in a University Town. _____ It was clear that something very unusual happened.

A. One evening, they received a visit of from an acquaintance Mr, Piyush Sharma.

B. Mr. Piyush Sharma was a tall, thin man of a nervous and excitable nature.

C. On that occasion he was in a state of great agitation.

D. They were staying in furnished rooms, close to the staircase.

- (A) CBAD
- (B) DABC
- (C) ABCD
- (D) BACD

Q16 The question below consists of a sentence, the parts of which have been jumbled. These parts have labelled P, Q, R, and S. You are required to re-arrange the jumbled parts of the sentence and mark your response accordingly.

Through their work and research _____ any out-of-the-box skills.

P: over the next ten years

Q: Chetana Charitable Trust understood

R: and were not acquiring

S: that children were not getting proper guidance

- (A) P Q R S
- (B) P S Q R
- (C) P Q S R
- (D) Q S P R

Q17 The following question, consists of an incomplete sentence or a sentence which is split into four parts. All four parts are jumbled up and are named as P, Q, R and S. These four parts are not given in their proper order. Arrange the jumbled parts of the sentence and find out which of the four combinations from the given options will correctly complete the sentence.

For some people patriotism _____ as much as to any one country.

P : today man belongs to the whole world

Q : should be condemned because

R : type of patriotism is an evil and it

S : means hatred for other countries, but this

- (A) SRQP
- (B) PQSR
- (C) RSPQ
- (D) QPSR



Q18 Fill up the blank with the correct option to complete the sentence:

They will not go to Japan this year for a vacation, _____?

- (A) didn't they (B) wont they
(C) dont they (D) will they

Q19 Choose the appropriate option to complete the given sentence:

_____ his parent's disapproval, he joined this university.

- (A) While (B) Despite
(C) Nonetheless (D) Until

Q20 Choose the phrasal verb that best fits the blank in the given sentence:

The Royale Gardens is a pleasant place to _____.

- (A) walk away
(B) walk out
(C) walk around
(D) walk off

Q21 Fill in the blank with the appropriate modal in the given sentence:

The battery of your phone is dead? No problem. You _____ use my phone.

- (A) should (B) will
(C) must (D) can

Q22 Choose the phrasal verb that best fits the blank in the given sentence:

The sun _____ on the weary travellers, forcing them to seek the shade of a tree.

- (A) beat against (B) beat up
(C) beat down (D) beat back

Direction (23 - 25) Read the following passage and answer the given questions.

In the following passage, some words have been deleted. Fill in the blanks with the help of the alternatives given. Select the most appropriate option for each number.

Khartal, also referred to as Kartal, kartah, Khar taal, khartaal, and khurtal, comes under the

category of (1) of the self-sounding variety, where the properties of vibrator and resonator are combined by the instrument. This wooden clapper is a Ghana Vadya, which has discs or plates that (2) a clinking sound when clapped together. It is traditionally made from Sheesham wood or teak (3) this produces the required nadam or sound. It is learned that the best Sheesham comes from the villages of Rajasthan.

Q23 Which of these should be filled at (1) as per the context of the passage?

- (A) Organology (B) colophone
(C) idiophones (D) doggone

Q24 Which of these should be filled at (2) as per the context of the passage?

- (A) produces (B) producing
(C) produced (D) produce

Q25 Which of these should be filled at (3) as per the context of the passage?

- (A) therefore (B) since
(C) hence (D) but

Direction (26 - 30) Read the following passage and answer the given questions. Read the passage below and answer the questions that follow.

A papal decree of 1493 had assigned all land in the New World west of 50 degrees W longitude to Spain and all the land east of that line to Portugal. Magellan offered to prove that the East Indies fell under Spanish authority. On September 20, 1519, Magellan set sail from Spain with five ships. More than a year later, one of these ships was exploring the topography of South America in search of a water route across the continent. This ship sank, but the remaining four ships searched along the southern peninsula of South America. Finally they found the passage they sought near 50 degrees S latitude. Magellan named this passage the Strait of All Saints, but



today it is known as the Strait of Magellan. One ship deserted while in this passage and returned to Spain, so fewer sailors were privileged to gaze at that first panorama of the Pacific Ocean. Those who remained crossed the meridian now known as the International Date Line in the early spring of 1521 after 98 days on the Pacific Ocean. During those long days at sea, many of Magellan's men died of starvation and disease.

Later, Magellan became involved in an insular conflict in the Philippines and was killed in a tribal battle. Only one ship and 17 sailors under the command of the Basque navigator Elcano survived to complete the westward journey to Spain and thus prove once and for all that the world is round, with no precipice at the edge.

Q26 When did Magellan set sail from Spain?

- (A) 1493 (B) 1519
(C) 1521 (D) 1523

Q27 What did Magellan ultimately prove?

- (A) Magellan proved that the moon moves around the Earth.

- (B) Magellan ultimately proved that the Earth was round.
(C) Magellan proved that the Earth has an edge.
(D) Magellan proved that the Sun moves the Earth.

Q28 What did Magellan name the passage he found?

- (A) Strait of Spain
(B) Saints Strait
(C) Strait of All Saints
(D) Magellan Strait

Q29 What magnificent sight were few sailors privileged to witness for the first time?

- (A) a sunset at the ocean
(B) first panorama of the Atlantic Ocean
(C) first panorama of the Pacific Ocean.
(D) newly discovered islands

Q30 When did Magellan's crew cross the International Date Line?

- (A) early spring of 1521 (B) early spring of 1522
(C) summer of 1521 (D) summer of 1522



Answer Key

Q1 B
Q2 A
Q3 B
Q4 B
Q5 A
Q6 C
Q7 B
Q8 C
Q9 C
Q10 D
Q11 B
Q12 A
Q13 C
Q14 A
Q15 B

Q16 C
Q17 A
Q18 D
Q19 B
Q20 C
Q21 D
Q22 C
Q23 C
Q24 D
Q25 B
Q26 B
Q27 B
Q28 C
Q29 C
Q30 A



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Hints & Solutions

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Q1 Text Solution:

The most appropriate synonym of the word "berate" is: **B. Reproach**

- **Berate** means to scold someone harshly or angrily.
- **Reproach** also means to criticize someone in a harsh or disapproving way.
- **Supervise** means to oversee or manage someone's work.
- **Indulge** means to allow someone to have something they enjoy.
- **Train** means to teach someone a specific skill or behavior.

Q2 Text Solution:

The most appropriate synonym for "melancholy" is:

A. Sadness

- **Melancholy** refers to a pensive sadness.
- **Sadness** is a general term for a feeling of sorrow or unhappiness, which closely aligns with the meaning of melancholy.
- **Intimidate** means to frighten or threaten someone, which is the opposite of melancholy.
- **Slavish** means excessively devoted or submissive.
- **Wit** refers to mental sharpness and cleverness.

Therefore, "sadness" best captures the essence of melancholy.

Q3 Text Solution:

The most appropriate antonym for "pensive" is:

B. Unreflective

- **Pensive** describes someone who is engaged in deep or serious thought.

- **Frivolous** means lighthearted or carefree.
- **Unreflective** directly contradicts the idea of deep thought. It suggests someone who doesn't think deeply or consider things carefully.
- **Hollow** can describe a sound or feeling.
- **Goofy** implies silliness or foolishness.

Therefore, "unreflective" best captures the opposite of being in a thoughtful and pensive state.

Q4 Text Solution:

The most appropriate antonym for "mitigate" is:

B. Enhance

- **Mitigate** means to lessen, reduce, or make something less severe.
- **Appease** can mean to calm or satisfy someone.
- **Enhance** means to improve, intensify, or make something greater. This directly opposes the meaning of mitigate.
- **Allay** is a synonym for mitigate, meaning to lessen or soothe something.
- **Reduce** is very similar to mitigate, but the question asks for the opposite meaning.

Therefore, "enhance" best captures the opposite concept of making something less severe.

Q5 Text Solution:

The most appropriate option is: **A. Drey**

- **Drey** specifically refers to the nest of a squirrel, typically built from twigs and leaves in the branches of a tree. It's a perfect one-word substitute for the given description.



- **Hole** is a general term for a hollow place in a solid body or surface.
- **Lair** is typically used for the resting place of larger carnivorous mammals like lions or tigers.
- **Burrow** refers to a tunnel dug underground by animals like rabbits or foxes, not something built in a tree.

Therefore, "Drey" accurately matches the specific description of a squirrel's nest.

Q6 Text Solution:

The most appropriate option to substitute the phrase "one who does not believe in God" is:

C. Atheist

- **Devotee** refers to someone who is very interested in or enthusiastic about something, often religion.
- **Theist** refers to someone who believes in one or more gods.
- **Atheist** accurately describes someone who does not believe in the existence of a god or gods.
- **Anarchist** is someone who believes in abolishing all forms of government and authority.

Therefore, "atheist" is the most precise and direct substitute for the given phrase.

Q7 Text Solution:

The most appropriate meaning of the idiom "cold turkey" is:

B. To suddenly stop a bad habit or addiction

- "Cold turkey" refers to abruptly quitting something, particularly an addictive substance or habit, without any tapering off or gradual reduction. It implies a sudden and potentially difficult withdrawal process.

Q8 Text Solution:

The most appropriate meaning of the idiom "play it by ear" is:

C. Act without preparation.

- **Play it by ear** refers to dealing with a situation by improvising or figuring things out as you go, without a set plan or prior preparation.

Q9 Text Solution:

The most appropriate synonym for "graceful" is:

C. Elegant

- **Graceful** describes movement or form that is elegant, pleasing, and seemingly effortless.
- **Natural** suggests something that occurs or exists in nature, not necessarily related to elegance.
- **Decorated** means adorned with something decorative, which doesn't directly translate to graceful movement or appearance.
- **Elegant** signifies beauty, stylishness, and refinement, which aligns closely with the meaning of graceful.

Therefore, "elegant" best captures the essence of being graceful.

Q10 Text Solution:

The most appropriate meaning of the idiom "ring a bell" is:

D. To evoke a memory

- **Ring a bell** means something you hear or see triggers a memory, but you might not recall all the details. It's like a faint echo or reminder of something from the past.

Q11 Text Solution:

The error is in part (B) of the sentence.



- **the most shortest:** "Shortest" is already the superlative form of the adjective "short." Adding "most" before it creates a double superlative, which is grammatically incorrect. The correct construction is simply "the shortest."

Therefore, the answer is **B. the most shortest.**

Q12 Text Solution:

The segment containing the grammatical error is:

- **little money** (incorrect): "**Little**" is a positive adjective, not a comparative adjective.
- **Little** refers to non-countable nouns, and is used with the singular form.
- **Less** is the comparative form of little. Use **less** in comparative structures, especially before **uncountable nouns**.

Therefore, the error is in using "little" instead of a comparative adjective.

Q13 Text Solution:

The error is in option **C**.

- We use '**the**' in front of nations such as '**United States**' because their names collection of states.

Therefore, the corrected sentence is:

- The number of obese people is really high in the United States.

So the answer is **C**.

Q14 Text Solution:

The segment containing the grammatical error is:

A. The manager was referring about

- **about** (incorrect): The preposition "about" is not typically used with "referring" in this context. A more natural

preposition would be "to." "Referring to" something indicates mentioning or speaking of it.

Therefore, the error is in using "about" after "referring." The correct sentence would be:

- **The manager was referring to the previous instances of loss to the employees during his address.**

Q15 Text Solution:

The correct answer is **Option B- DABC**.

- **D. They were staying in furnished rooms, close to the staircase.** This sets the scene by describing where Mr. Kalpesh Mishra and Dr. Nath are.
- **A. One evening, they received a visit from an acquaintance Mr. Piyush Sharma.** This introduces a new event that happens during their stay.
- **B. Mr. Piyush Sharma was a tall, thin man of a nervous and excitable nature.** This describes Mr. Piyush Sharma, providing context for his upcoming behavior.
- **C. On that occasion he was in a state of great agitation.** This describes Mr. Piyush Sharma's emotional state during the visit, creating suspense about why he might be so agitated.

Q16 Text Solution:

The correct order is:

C. P Q S R

Here's the breakdown:

- **P (over the next ten years):** This sets the timeframe for the realization.
- **Q (Chetana Charitable Trust understood):** This introduces the subject and their action.
- **S (that children were not getting proper guidance):** This clarifies what the



Trust understood.

- **R (and were not acquiring any out-of-the-box skills):** This explains the consequence of the lack of proper guidance.

Therefore, the sentence reads:

Over the next ten years (P), Chetana Charitable Trust understood (Q) that children were not getting proper guidance (S), and were not acquiring any out-of-the-box skills (R).

Q17 Text Solution:

The correct answer is **A. SRQP**.

- **A. SRQP:** "For some people patriotism (S) means hatred for other countries, but this type of patriotism is an evil and it should be condemned because (R Q) today man belongs to the whole world (P)."
- This option makes logical sense, highlighting that patriotism based on hatred is wrong because we're all part of a larger world.

Q18 Text Solution:

The best option to complete the sentence is:

D. will they

- **"They will not go to Japan this year for a vacation"** is a negative statement.
- To form a question tag after a negative statement, we use the **positive auxiliary verb**.
- In this case, the auxiliary verb in the main clause is "will" (future tense), so the question tag uses the positive form "will."

Therefore, "will they" creates a grammatically correct and natural question tag, confirming the information in the main sentence.

Q19 Text Solution:

The best option to complete the sentence is:

B. Despite

- **While:** This suggests a contrast, but it implies the disapproval happened at the same time he joined.
- **"Despite"** indicates the disapproval happened before but didn't stop him.
- **Nonetheless** used as conjunctive adverbs, or adverbs that are used to connect two independent clauses.
- **Until:** This indicates a time limit, which wouldn't make sense in this context.

Therefore, **"Despite"** is the most appropriate choice to show that his parents' disapproval did not prevent him from joining the university.

Q20 Text Solution:

The best phrasal verb to fill the blank is: **C.**

walk around

- **Walk away** suggests leaving a place.
- **Walk out** implies leaving abruptly.
- **Walk off** can mean leaving but also suggests walking away to reduce anger or frustration.
- **Walk around** indicates strolling or moving leisurely within a space, which perfectly captures the idea of enjoying The Royale Gardens.

Q21 Text Solution:

The best option to fill the blank is: **D. can**

- **Should** suggests a recommendation.
- **Will** wouldn't be appropriate because you're not predicting their action, just offering the option.
- **Must** implies obligation.
- **Can** is the most natural choice to offer permission or possibility. It indicates they



are able to use your phone if they want to.

Q22. Text Solution:

The best phrasal verb to fill the blank is: **C. beat down**

- **Beat against** implies hitting something repeatedly.
- **Beat up** means to physically assault someone.
- **Beat down** refers to strong sunlight shining intensely downwards.
- **Beat back** means to force something or someone to retreat, which doesn't fit the scenario.

Therefore, "beat down" vividly describes the sun's intense heat forcing the travelers to seek shade.

Q23. Text Solution:

The most appropriate option to fill in the blank (1) is:

C. idiophones

- **Organology** refers to the study of musical instruments.
- **Colophone** is a type of resin used for bows of string instruments.
- **Idiophones** are instruments that produce sound by the vibration of the instrument itself, which perfectly describes the khartal.
- **Doggone** is an informal exclamation.

Q24. Text Solution:

The best option is: **D. produce**

- We need a present tense verb to describe the ongoing characteristic of the khartal. "Produce" is the correct verb for plural nouns. Since this is a pair instrument we will use plural verbs.

Q25. Text Solution:

The best option is: **B. since**

- **Since** introduces a reason or explanation for the previous statement. In this case, the type of wood (Sheesham or teak) is specified because it affects the sound (nadam).

Q26. Text Solution:

According to the passage:

On September 20, 1519, Magellan set sail from Spain with five ships.

Therefore, the answer is: **B. 1519**

Q27. Text Solution:

The answer is: **B. Magellan ultimately proved that the Earth was round.**

- The passage states: "Only one ship and 17 sailors [...] survived to complete the westward journey to Spain and thus prove once and for all that the world is round, with no precipice at the edge."
- Completing a westward journey and returning to the starting point strongly suggests the Earth is spherical, not flat with an edge.

Q28. Text Solution:

The answer is: **C. Strait of All Saints**

The passage directly tells us:

"Finally they found the passage they sought near 50 degrees S latitude. Magellan named this passage the Strait of All Saints..."

Even though it's known today by a different name, the passage mentions Magellan's original naming.

Q29. Text Solution:

The answer is: **C. first panorama of the Pacific Ocean.**



The passage states:

"One ship deserted while in this passage and returned to Spain, so fewer sailors were privileged to gaze at that first panorama of the Pacific Ocean."

While they were on a westward journey, the Atlantic would have already been familiar to them. The "first panorama" refers to something they hadn't seen before, which aligns with the Pacific Ocean.

Q30. Text Solution:

The answer is: **A. early spring of 1521**

- The passage states, "Those who remained crossed the meridian now known as the International Date Line in the **early spring of 1521** after 98 days on the Pacific Ocean."
- It doesn't mention any other timeframe for crossing the International Date Line.



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