

AFCAT Memory Based Paper - 27 Aug 2021

Q1 Fill in the blanks in the following sentences with the help of options that follow.

She was delighted _____ as well as surprised at her friend's fluke.

- (A) with (B) but
(C) to (D) None of these

Q2 Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Walking on thin ice

- (A) walking carefully
(B) performing a ballet
(C) slipping on ice
(D) doing something risky

Q3 Find the meaning of the given idiom.

Round peg in a square hole

- (A) Untrustworthy
(B) Invalid
(C) In an unpleasant situation
(D) A misfit

Q4 Choose the correct synonym of the word given below.

Garner

- (A) Collect (B) Dispel
(C) Disperse (D) Dissipate

Q5 In the following question, out of the four alternatives, select the one which is SIMILAR in meaning to the given word.

Prerogative

- (A) Privilege (B) Claim
(C) Grant (D) Afford

Q6 Choose the word OPPOSITE in meaning to the given word.

Erratic

- (A) Aberration (B) Normal
(C) Arcade (D) Sarcastic

Q7

Choose the word that is opposite in meaning to the given word.

Wrath

- (A) Anger (B) Happy
(C) Rage (D) Fury

Directions (8-10) Read the following passage and answer the given questions.

In the following passage, some of the words have been left out. Read the passage carefully and choose the answer for the given blank out of the four alternatives.

The Asian Development Bank has _____ (1) _____ India's economic growth forecast for the current financial year to 10 % from 11% that it had previously projected in the month of April. This downgrade was done taking _____ (2) _____ account the adverse impact of the second wave of the Coronavirus pandemic. In the last quarter of the fiscal year which _____ (3) _____ in March 2021, India's GDP growth recovered to 1.6%.

Q8 What should be the correct answer for the blank (1) ?

- (A) uplifted (B) projected
(C) downgraded (D) upgraded

Q9 What should be the correct answer for the blank (2)?

- (A) into (B) on
(C) over (D) across

Q10 What should be the correct answer for the blank (3)?

- (A) will end (B) ends
(C) ended (D) will ended

Directions (11-14) Read the following passage and answer the given questions.

Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions given below.



Just as some men like to play football or cricket, similarly some men like to climb mountains. This is often very difficult to do, for mountains are not just big hills. Paths are usually very steep. Some mountain sides are straight up and down, so it may take many hours to climb as little as one hundred feet. There is always the danger that you may fall off and be killed or injured. Men talk about conquering a mountain. It is a wonderful feeling to reach the top of a mountain after climbing for hours and maybe, even days. You look down and see the whole country below you. You feel god-like. Two Italian prisoners of war escaped from a prison camp in Kenya during the war. They did not try to get back to their own country, for they knew that was impossible. Instead, they climbed to the top of Mount Kenya, and then they came down again and gave themselves up. They had wanted to get that feeling of freedom that one has, after climbing a difficult mountain.

Q11 According to the passage, why is it difficult to climb mountains?

- (A) Mountains are big hills
- (B) It consumes more time
- (C) Prisoners often escape from camps and settle there
- (D) Paths are steep and uneven

Q12 Two Italian prisoners escaped from the camp and climbed on the top of Mount Kenya -

- (A) To get the feeling of freedom
- (B) To escape to Italy
- (C) To gain fame as mountaineers
- (D) None of these

Q13 In the passage, the sentence "It is a wonderful feeling to reach the top of a mountain after climbing for hours and maybe, even days." It refers to ____.

- (A) Mountain
- (B) They were not treated well in the prison
- (C) They liked climbing mountains

(D) None of these

Q14 Choose the correct word for the given sentence:

Exercise can be a very ____ activity as long as you do not overdo it.

- (A) beneficial
- (B) benefit
- (C) benefit
- (D) benefited

Q15 Read the sentence to find out whether there is any error in it or not. The error, if any, will be in one part of the sentence. The number of that part (which has the error) is the answer. If there is no error, the answer is (4). Ignore errors of punctuation, if any.

The more you (1)/ work hard, (2)/ the more better you get (3)/ No error (4)

- (A) The more you
- (B) work hard,
- (C) the more better you get
- (D) No error

Q16 In the following 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.

He would succeeds / in his efforts only / if he tries hard.

- (A) He would succeeds
- (B) in his efforts only
- (C) if he tries hard
- (D) No error

Q17 In this question, a sentence is given with three underlined separate parts and each one is labelled a), b), c). Read the sentence to find out whether there is an error in any underlined part. The sentence has not more than one error. When you find an error in any one of the underlined parts a), b) or c), indicate it as your response. You may feel that there is no error in a sentence. In that case, the letter 'd)' will signify a 'No error' response.

I would a)/ rather buy a scooter b)/ or a cycle. c)/ No error d)



- (A) a) (B) b)
(C) c) (D) d)

Q18 Fill in the blanks with the correct word from the given option.

He made _____.

- (A) a mention of you
(B) a mention for you
(C) aa mention about you
(D) yours mention

Q19 Insert the correct idiom.

Hey, man, you are absolutely_____here
because I'm innocent.

- (A) a devil's advocate
(B) an eye candy
(C) set the bar
(D) barking up the wrong tree

Q20 Give one word for the following expression:

The expression of spoken sounds by an alphabet.

- (A) Alphabet
(B) Alphabetic
(C) Alphabeticiation
(D) Alphabetism

Q21 Give one word for the following expression:

One who does things for pleasure and not for money.

- (A) Magician (B) Amateur
(C) Employee (D) Clown

Q22 Select the meaning of the idiom which is given below.

Hold all the aces

- (A) Keep abreast (B) Have the floor
(C) Trump card (D) In the pickle

Q23 Complete the following maxim.

A bird _____ the hand is worth two in the bush.

- (A) out (B) in
(C) of (D) from

Q24 Fill in the blank with a suitable phrase preposition.

Ankit will _____ as managing director when
Rahul retires.

- (A) take away (B) take over
(C) take up (D) take down

Q25 Fill in the blank with a suitable phrase preposition.

I will introduce you _____ my boss this week.

- (A) on (B) to
(C) too (D) for



Answer Key

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

Q14 (A)
Q15 (C)
Q16 (A)
Q17 (C)
Q18 (A)
Q19 (D)
Q20 (D)
Q21 (B)
Q22 (C)
Q23 (B)
Q24 (B)
Q25 (B)



Hints & Solutions

Q1 Text Solution:

The correct answer is **Option A**.

From the given options, '**with**' is the most appropriate answer to fill in the blank.

As we can understand from the sentence that she was pleased with something. '**Delighted with**' means to please someone with something, such as a gift.

- Example: He was delighted with the gift.

So option A is the most appropriate answer as it fits with the context of the sentence.

The correct sentence is: She was delighted with as well as surprised at her friend's fluke.

Q2 Text Solution:

The most appropriate meaning of the idiom "**walking on thin ice**" is **D. doing something risky**.

- **Doing something risky** accurately reflects the figurative meaning of being in a precarious or dangerous situation, just like **walking on ice that might break**.
- Living this life is certainly like walking on thin ice.

Q3 Text Solution:

The meaning of the idiom "round peg in a square hole" is **D. A misfit**.

- **A misfit** perfectly captures the essence of the idiom - someone who doesn't fit well in a particular situation or role, just like a round peg wouldn't fit in a square hole.

Q4 Text Solution:

The correct synonym for "**garner**" is **A. Collect**.

- **Garner** means to acquire or accumulate something, often through effort.
- **Collect** also means to gather or bring things together.
- **Dispel, Disperse, and Dissipate** all have the opposite meaning of gathering things

together. They signify scattering or driving something away.

Q5 Text Solution:

The most similar meaning to "prerogative" is **A. Privilege**.

- **Prerogative** refers to a special right or advantage that someone has because of their position or status.
- **Privilege** also signifies a special right, benefit, or advantage that someone enjoys.
- **Claim** implies asserting a right or title.
- **Grant** means to bestow a right or privilege.
- **Afford** refers to having the resources to do or buy something.

Q6 Text Solution:

The word opposite in meaning to "erratic" is **B. Normal**.

- **Erratic** means unpredictable, irregular, or inconsistent.
- **Normal** signifies something that is typical, usual, or expected. It's the opposite of being unpredictable.
- **Aberration** can be synonymous with erratic.
- **Arcade** is a roofed passageway with shops.
- **Sarcastic** describes using mocking or cutting remarks.

Q7 Text Solution:

While all the options (A, C, and D) are related to anger, the best opposite for "wrath" is **B. Happy**.

- **Wrath** signifies intense or uncontrolled anger, often associated with revenge or punishment.
- **Happy** is the complete opposite, representing a state of joy, contentment, and satisfaction.
- **Anger, Rage, and Fury** are all synonyms of wrath, indicating varying degrees of intense anger.

Q8. Text Solution:[Android App](#)[iOS App](#)[PW Website](#)

The correct answer for the blank (1) is **C. downgraded**.

- The passage discusses a revision of an earlier forecast to a lower number.
- **Uplifted** and **upgraded** suggest an upward revision, which isn't the case here.
- **Projected** simply means to make a forecast, without indicating a direction (up or down).
- **Downgraded** indicates a downward revision, which aligns with the context of the passage.

Q9. Text Solution:

The correct answer for the blank (2) is **A. into**.

- We need a preposition that shows that the revision is considered something.
- **Into** suggests the downgrade factored in the impact of the pandemic.

Q10. Text Solution:

The correct answer for the blank (3) is **C. ended**.

- The passage refers to a specific point in the past, the last quarter of the fiscal year.
- **Will end** indicates a future event, which isn't the case here.
- **Ends** is grammatically incorrect in this context. We need the past tense to describe a completed event.
- **Will ended** is not a valid verb tense.

Q11. Text Solution:

According to the passage, the reason why climbing mountains is difficult is because paths are usually very steep and some mountain sides are straight up and down [evidences from the passage: Paths are usually very steep. Some mountain sides are straight up and down, so it may take many hours to climb as little as one hundred feet.].
So the answer is **D**.

Q12. Text Solution:

The answer is most likely **A. To get the feeling of freedom**.

- The passage mentions that climbing a mountain gives a "**wonderful feeling of freedom**."
- It specifically states that the prisoners **didn't** try to escape to Italy.
- Gaining fame as mountaineers isn't directly mentioned, and escaping a prison camp seems counterintuitive to wanting fame.

Q13. Text Solution:

The answer is **D. None of these**.

- **A. Mountain:** While the sentence talks about reaching the top of a mountain, it doesn't specifically describe the mountain itself.
- **B. They were not treated well in the prison:** There's no mention in the sentence about the conditions of the prison camp.
- **C. They liked climbing mountains:** We can't definitively say from this sentence whether they enjoyed climbing in general. The focus is on the feeling of reaching the summit.

The sentence emphasizes the positive emotions associated with accomplishing a difficult climb. It doesn't provide details about the prisoners' background or preferences.

Q14. Text Solution:

The correct word for the sentence is **A. beneficial**.

- **Beneficial** is an adjective that means "producing good effects or helpful." This fits perfectly in the sentence, describing exercise as a positive activity.
- **Benefit** is a misspelling of "beneficial."
- **Benefit** is a noun that means "an advantage or something that is helpful." We need an adjective here to describe "activity."
- **Benefited** is the past participle of the verb "to benefit." We need an adjective, not a verb tense, in this context.

Therefore, "beneficial" is the grammatically correct and semantically appropriate word for the sentence.

Q15. Text Solution:



The error is in part (3) of the sentence.

- **the more better you get (3):** This is incorrect. "Better" is already a comparative adjective. Using "more" before it creates a **double comparative**, which is not grammatically correct.

Therefore, the answer is **C. the more better you get.**

The corrected sentence should be: **The more you work hard, the better you get.**

Q16 Text Solution:

Error: "He would succeeds" - "Succeeds" should be "succeed"

The modal verb "would" indicates a conditional situation, and in such cases, the main verb should be in the base form (succeed, not succeeds).

Therefore, the answer is **A. He would succeeds.**

Q17 Text Solution:

The error lies in Part c) of the sentence.

In Part c) of the given sentence, the use of the conjunction 'or' is wrong.

We use '**rather than**' to give more importance to one thing when two alternatives or preferences are being compared.

After rather /other, the conjunction **than** should be used.

Example: Maybe he'd rather listen than talk.

Hence, the conjunction 'or' in Part c) of the sentence should be replaced by the conjunction 'than' to make the sentence grammatically correct.

Hence, the correct answer is 'c'.

Q18 Text Solution:

The best option to fill the blank is:

- **A. a mention of you**

a mention of you: This is the most natural and grammatically correct way to express that someone spoke about you. "Mention" is a noun here, and "of" is the preposition used to introduce the topic of the mention.

Q19 Text Solution:

The most fitting idiom for the sentence is: **D.**

barking up the wrong tree

- **D. barking up the wrong tree:** This idiom perfectly captures the situation. It means someone is pursuing the wrong course of action or looking in the wrong place. In this case, you're implying that the person accusing you is on the wrong track because you're innocent.

Therefore, "barking up the wrong tree" is the most appropriate idiom to use.

Q20 Text Solution:

The best option for the expression "The expression of spoken sounds by an alphabet" is:

- **Alphabetism:** This word specifically refers to the ability to understand and use a writing system that represents spoken language with letters. It's the most precise term for the given expression.

Therefore, "Alphabetism" is the most suitable one-word answer.

Q21 Text Solution:

The best option for the expression "One who does things for pleasure and not for money" is: **B. Amateur**

- **Amateur** is the most precise term for someone who engages in an activity for enjoyment, not financial gain.

Q22 Text Solution:

The idiom "hold all the aces" means **C. Trump card.**

- **Keep abreast** means to stay up-to-date on something.
- **Have the floor** refers to having the right to speak in a meeting or discussion.
- **Trump card** signifies a secret or powerful advantage that can ensure success. This closely matches the meaning of "hold all the aces."



- **In the pickle** means to be in a difficult situation.

Q23 Text Solution:

The correct answer is:

- **B. in**

The full proverb is "A bird **in** the hand is worth two in the bush." It means it's better to have something certain, even if it's small, than to risk losing it in pursuit of something bigger that might not be attainable.

Q24 Text Solution:

The most suitable phrase preposition to fill the blank is: **B. take over**

- **Take away:** This implies removing something from someone, which wouldn't be the case here.
- **Take over:** This perfectly captures the situation. It means to assume control or responsibility for something from someone else. In this context, Ankit will take over the managing director role when Rahul retires.

- **Take up:** This can imply starting a new activity.
- **Take down:** This suggests removing something or defeating someone.

Therefore, "take over" is the most appropriate phrase preposition for the sentence.

Q25 Text Solution:

The best option to introduce someone is: **B. to**

- **On** - The word on is used to refer to something that is touching the surface of something else.
- **To** is the most common preposition used to indicate the recipient of an introduction. "I will introduce you **to** my boss" means you'll be presented to your boss for the first time.
- **Too** is an adverb used for emphasis or comparison, not for introductions.
- **For** - We use for to talk about a purpose or a reason for something

Therefore, "I will introduce you **to** my boss this week" is the grammatically correct and natural way to express this.

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