

# AFCAT Memory Based Paper - 17 Feb 2024

**Direction (1 - 3) Read the following passage and answer the given questions.**

**Read the following *passage* carefully and choose the best answer to each question out of the five given alternatives.**

A psycho motor test is a tool used to assess a child's coordination, dexterity, and ability to perform physical tasks. These tests are important in understanding a child's overall development and identifying any potential issues early on. One common psycho motor test is the finger tapping test, where a child is asked to tap their fingers as quickly as possible in a set amount of time. This test can help assess a child's fine motor skills and coordination.

Another psycho motor test is the balance test, where a child is asked to stand on one leg or walk along a straight line. This test can help assess a child's balance and coordination, which are important for activities like running, jumping, and playing sports.

Psycho motor tests can also assess a child's hand-eye coordination, which is important for activities like writing, drawing, and playing musical instruments. These tests typically involve tasks like throwing and catching a ball, stacking blocks, or threading beads.

Overall, psycho motor tests are valuable tools in understanding a child's physical development and identifying any areas that may need additional support or intervention.

- Q1** What is the purpose of a psycho motor test?
- (A) To assess a child's intelligence  
(B) To assess a child's physical coordination

- (C) To assess a child's emotional development  
(D) To assess a child's social skills

- Q2** Which of the following is an example of a psycho motor test?

- (A) Solving math problems  
(B) Throwing and catching a ball  
(C) Reading a story  
(D) Listening to music

- Q3** Why are psycho motor tests important?

- (A) To compare children's physical abilities  
(B) To identify potential developmental issues early  
(C) To determine a child's IQ  
(D) To assess a child's ability to make friends

- Q4** The following sentence has been divided into parts. One of them contains an error. Select the part that contains the error from the given options.

The more you (A)/ study, the most (B)/ you learn. (C)/ No error (D)

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

- Q5** The following sentence has been divided into parts. One of them contains an error. Select the part that contains the error from the given options.

Wise Solomon is famous (a)/ in history (b)/ for his infallible justice. (c)/ No error (d)

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

- Q6** The following sentence has been divided into parts. One of them contains an error.



**Select the part that contains the error from the given options.**

Though she is my friend, (a) /but I cannot help (b)/criticizing his speech. (c)/ No error (d)

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

**Q7 The following sentence has been divided into parts. One of them contains an error. Select the part that contains the error from the given options.**

I have (A)/ not seen him (B)/ since twenty years. (C)/ No error (D)

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

**Q8 Directions : Each of the following sentences in this section has a blank space and four words or group of words given after the sentence. Select the word or group of words you consider most appropriate for the blank space and indicate your response on the Answer Sheet accordingly.**

I wish I \_\_\_\_\_ her before we met.

- (A) know (B) have known  
(C) knew (D) known

**Q9 Each item in this section has a sentence with a missing preposition. Select the correct preposition from the given options and mark your response on your Answer Sheet accordingly.**

People who are averse \_\_\_\_\_ hard work, generally do not succeed in life.

- (A) to (B) about  
(C) at (D) on

**Q10 Each of the following sentences in this section has a blank space and four words or group of words given after the sentence. Select the word or group of words you consider most appropriate for the blank space and indicate your response on the Answer Sheet accordingly.**

The football match has to be \_\_\_\_ because of the weather.

- (A) called off (B) continued  
(C) put off (D) turned off

**Q11 Directions : Each of the following sentences in this section has a blank space and four words or group of words given after the sentence. Select the word or group of words you consider most appropriate for the blank space and indicate your response on the Answer Sheet accordingly.**

It was a \_\_\_\_\_ experience. Everybody was shocked.

- (A) terrified (B) horrified  
(C) terrifying (D) denouncing

**Q12 Select the option that is nearest the meaning to the given word**

Ostentatious

- (A) Inconspicuous (B) Pretentious  
(C) Simple (D) Witty

**Q13 Select the option that is nearest the meaning to the given word**

Equanimity

- (A) Composure (B) Idleness  
(C) Simplicity (D) Adversity

**Q14 Mark the synonym of the given word:**

Innocuous

- (A) Unoffending (B) Obnoxious  
(C) Nauseating (D) Scabrous

**Q15 Mark the antonym of the given word:**

Reticent

- (A) Garrulous (B) Taciturn  
(C) Reserved (D) Quiet

**Q16 Select the option that is antonym to the meaning of the given word**

Veracity

- (A) Truthfulness (B) Deceitfulness  
(C) Nefarious (D) Cupidity



**Q17 Select the option that is opposite in the meaning to the underlined word**

Laud

- (A) Censure (B) Praise  
(C) Observe (D) Nullify

**Direction (18 - 20) Read the following passage and answer the given questions.**

**Directions: In the following passage at certain points you are given a choice of four words marked (a), (b), (c) and (d), one of which fits the meaning of the passage. Choose the best word out of the four and mark the letter relating to this word on your Answer Sheet.**

What \_\_\_\_X\_\_\_\_ happen to them after us? This most distressing question continually torments the parents of these unfortunate children. So they are mainly interested in providing some kind of vocational training for them. Hence special schools for such children, spread all \_\_\_\_Y\_\_\_\_ the world, Lay emphasis on vocational training. Accordingly, they are taught to make paper bags, simple wall hangings, etc. This, of course, is quite \_\_\_\_Z\_\_\_\_ and admirable. But what about play and sport?

**Q18 What will come in blank X?**

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

**Q19 What will come in blank Y?**

- (A) above (B) under  
(C) over (D) lower

**Q20 What will come in blank Z?**

- (A) agreeable (B) astute  
(C) additional (D) extra

**Q21 Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom:**

Tuck in

- (A) to make someone angry  
(B) to make someone comfortable in bed

- (C) to scold someone  
(D) to admire someone

**Q22 Fill in the blank with the most appropriate word from the given options.**

The athlete's performance has been \_\_\_\_\_ of controversy due to allegations of doping.

- (A) under a cloud  
(B) an ivory tower  
(C) under an influence  
(D) at the drop

**Q23 Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom:**

Wet blanket

- (A) Person who spoils other people's fun  
(B) A misleading advertisement  
(C) A deceptive person  
(D) Comforting words

**Q24 In the following question, there is a related pair of words given. Each pair is followed by four other pairs of words. Choose the pair from the given option the pair of words that best expresses the relationship like the original pair.**

Extraneous: Irrelevant

- (A) Onerous: Effortless  
(B) Scant: Meagre  
(C) Melee: Steer  
(D) Encumber: Aid

**Q25 In the following question, there is a related pair of words given. Each pair is followed by four other pairs of words. Choose the pair from the given option the pair of words that best expresses the relationship like the original pair.**

Quintessence: Exemplar

- (A) Meed: Disregard  
(B) Brickbat: Commendation  
(C) Hysteria: Self-possession  
(D) Treason: Betrayal



**Q26** In the following question, there is a related pair of words given. Each pair is followed by four other pairs of words. Choose the pair from the given option the pair of words that best expresses the relationship like the original pair.

Complaisant: Antagonistic

(A) Bedlam: Unrest

(B) Crotchety: Pleasant

(C) Incertitude: Skepticism

(D) Meddle: Intrude

**Q27** The following question consists of an incomplete sentence or a sentence that 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.

The construction of the pyramids in Egypt

\_\_\_\_\_.

P: a remarkable feat

Q: by ancient Egyptians

R: that was accomplished

S: is considered

(A) RQSP

(B) SPQR

(C) QSPR

(D) PQRS

**Q28** The following question consists of an incomplete sentence or a sentence that 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.

The discovery of penicillin by Alexander Fleming \_\_\_\_\_.

P: in 1928 revolutionized

Q: which had a profound impact on

R: antibiotics

S: the development of modern medicine

(A) PRQS

(B) PSRQ

(C) QSPR

(D) PQRS

**Q29** Each of the following items in this section consists of a sentence, the parts of which have been jumbled. These parts have been labelled P, Q, R and S. You are required to re-arrange the jumbled parts of the sentence correctly and mark your response accordingly from the options given below. The airlock \_\_\_\_\_

P: sealing her fate

Q: hissed shut,

R: with

S: the silent vacuum

(A) PQRS

(B) PRQS

(C) SRPQ

(D) QPRS

**Q30** Directions: For the expression which has been underlined in each of the following sentences, choose the response (a), (b), (c) or (d) which most nearly expresses its meaning.

A fortress on a commanding height for defense of a city is called

(A) citadel

(B) metropolis

(C) megapolis

(D) headquarters



# Answer Key

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

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



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# Hints & Solutions

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## Q1. Text Solution:

The best answer to the question "What is the purpose of a psycho motor test?" is:

### B. To assess a child's physical coordination

- The passage explicitly states that psycho motor tests are used to assess a child's coordination, dexterity, and ability to perform physical tasks (lines 1-2).
- Examples of these tests, like finger tapping and balance tests, further emphasize the focus on physical skills (lines 3-6).
- While psycho motor tests can indirectly connect to other aspects of development through hand-eye coordination (lines 7-8), the main focus remains on physical abilities.

## Q2. Text Solution:

The passage mentions **throwing and catching a ball** as an example of a task used to assess a child's hand-eye coordination, which is a key component of psycho motor skills (lines 7-8).

## Q3. Text Solution:

The passage highlights the importance of these tests in understanding a child's overall development and identifying any potential issues early on (lines 2-3). This allows for early intervention and support if necessary.

## Q4 Text Solution:

The error is in part (B): "the most"

- The sentence uses a comparative structure "the more... the more" to indicate that as one thing increases, the other increases as well.
- In such constructions, we typically use "more" in both parts, not "most."

Therefore, the corrected sentence is:

- **The more you study, the more you learn.**

## Q5 Text Solution:

The error is in part (a): "is famous"

- The passage refers to Solomon being famous "in history," implying a **past event**.
- When referring to someone or something's established reputation or fame, especially achieved in the past, we typically use the past tense of the verb "to be."

Therefore, the corrected sentence is:

- **Wise Solomon was famous in history for his infallible justice.**

## Q6 Text Solution:

The error is in part (b): "but I cannot help"

- The sentence uses the phrase "though" to introduce a contrast.
- However, "but" is another conjunction that indicates contrast. Using both "though" and "but" creates redundancy.

**Remove "but":** "Though she is my friend, I cannot help criticizing his speech."

## Q7 Text Solution:

The error is in part (C): "since twenty years."  
Replace 'since' with 'for'.

- The preposition "since" typically requires a starting point of time like **days, weeks, months, or years** (e.g., since yesterday, since last week, since 2010).
- **'For'** specifies a duration of time.





**Change "since" to "for":** "I have not seen him for twenty years."

**Q8 Text Solution:**

**Option (c)** is correct.

The sentence is in **subjunctive mood**. The subjunctive mood is the verb form used to explore a hypothetical situation (e.g., If I were you) or to express a wish, a demand, or a suggestion.

One of the most straightforward ways of using the subjunctive mood is when we want to describe a wish for something to be different than it is or was.

We generally construct these sentences using the word **wish**, followed by the **past verb of the desired action**.

So, the sentence should read as: **I wish I knew her.**

**Q9 Text Solution:**

**Key Concept:** Preposition

**Explanation:**

The correct preposition for the sentence is "to". This is because the phrase "averse to" means "having a strong dislike or opposition to something", which fits in the context of the sentence.

The other prepositions "about", "at" and "on" are not appropriate for this sentence as they do not convey the meaning of dislike or opposition to hard work.

**Hence**, the correct answer is

**Option A, i.e., to**

**Q10 Text Solution:**

**Key Concept:** Phrasal verb

**Explanation:**

In the above question, we have to fill in the given blank space. Let's look into the meanings of the given options.

Call off:- cancel something.

Continue refers to keep existing or happening without stopping.

Put off refers to postpone, or to delay.

Turn off refers to leaving a road to travel onto another.

Here, the football match is called off due to bad weather.

Hence, the correct option is '**A**' i.e., **Called off**.

**Q11 Text Solution:**

**Option (c)** is correct.

The sentence says '**everyone was shocked**', which suggests the experience was not positive.

The blank should be an adjective because it is describing a noun 'experience'. Horrified, terrified, and denouncing are verbs.

So, all these options can be eliminated. Option (c), 'terrifying' is an adjective and is suitable for the blank.

**Q12 Text Solution:**

The option nearest in meaning to the word "Ostentatious" is: **B. Pretentious**

- **Ostentatious** describes something that is intended to attract attention in a showy or brash way, often to impress others.
- **Pretentious** refers to something that attempts to impress by affecting greater importance, talent, culture, etc., than is actually possessed.
- **Inconspicuous** means not noticeable.
- **Simple** refers to being plain or uncomplicated.
- **Witty** describes something clever or amusing.

**Q13 Text Solution:**

The option nearest in meaning to the word "Equanimity" is: **A. Composure**

**Equanimity** refers to a state of mental calmness and emotional control, especially in difficult situations.



**Composure** also signifies maintaining a calm and collected demeanor, even under pressure. It's the closest synonym to equanimity.

- **Idleness** means laziness or lack of activity.
- **Simplicity** refers to being plain or uncomplicated.
- **Adversity** signifies misfortune or hardship.

#### Q14 Text Solution:

- **Innocuous** - not harmful or offensive.
- **Unoffending** - not offensive

Other words are not **synonyms** of the given word.

- **Obnoxious** means very unpleasant or offensive.
- **Nauseating** means disgusting or sickening.
- **Scabrous** refers to being indecent or offensive in a shocking way.

#### Q15 Text Solution:

**Key concept:** Antonyms

**Explanation:**

'**Reticent**' means someone who does not reveal their thoughts and feelings easily.

'**Taciturn**' is someone who chooses to communicate less.

'**Reserved**' means someone who is slow to reveal emotions.

'**Quiet**' means not making a sound.

'**Garrulous**' refers to someone who is highly talkative. This word has the opposite meaning of 'reticent' which also means someone who is not talkative. Moreover, all other options are synonyms of 'reticent'.

Hence, the correct answer to the question is option '**A**' i.e. '**garrulous**'

#### Q16 Text Solution:

The option that is the antonym (opposite) of the word "veracity" is: **B. Deceitfulness**

- **Veracity** refers to truthfulness, honesty, and accuracy.
- **Deceitfulness** signifies the act of deliberately misleading someone or being dishonest. These concepts are directly opposed.
- **Truthfulness** is a synonym of veracity and can be eliminated.
- **Nefarious** means wicked or evil, which doesn't directly relate to truth or honesty.
- **Cupidity** refers to a strong desire for money or possessions.

#### Q17 Text Solution:

The best option opposite in meaning to the underlined word "Laud" is:

**A. Censure**

- **Laud** means to praise or express admiration.
- **Censure** means to criticize or express disapproval.

Therefore, censure has the opposite meaning to laud.

- **Praise** is a synonym of laud and can be eliminated.
- **Observe** - watching or noticing something.
- **Nullify** means to make void or cancel.

#### Q18. Text Solution:

**Key concept:** Modals

**Explanation:**

let's look into the meaning of all options given.

- **Can** express the ability or possibility of doing something.





- **Will** expresses a future action or event that is expected to happen.
- **Must** express a strong necessity or obligation to do something.
- **Shall** is a modal verb used to indicate future actions or events, obligations, or suggestions.  
**shall** is used in the first person (I, we) and **will** is used in all other persons (you, he/she, they).

The blank can be filled with the **will** to form the sentence "**What will happen to them after us?**" This sentence is asking about the future, specifically about what will happen to a group of people or things after the speaker and/or other people are no longer present or alive.

**Hence** the answer is (b), i.e., Will

#### Q19. Text Solution:

**Key concept:** Cloze test

**Explanation:**

In the above question we have to fill the given blank space.

- Above:- in a higher place
- Under:- in or to a position that is below something
- **Over:- covering something**

Option C 'over' is the right answer.  
Hence, the correct answer is '**C' i.e., over.**

#### Q20. Text Solution:

**Key concept:** Cloze test

**Explanation:**

In the above question we have to fill the given blank space.

- **Agreeable:- pleasant, nice**
- Astute:- very clever, good at judging people or situations
- Additional:- extra

Option 'A' is the right answer.

Hence, the correct answer is '**a' i.e., Agreeable.**

#### Q21 Text Solution:

The most appropriate meaning of the idiom "Tuck in" is: **B. to make someone comfortable in bed**

- "Tuck in" typically refers to pulling the covers around someone to make them warm and cozy in bed, especially a child.

#### Q22 Text Solution:

The correct option is: A. under a cloud  
This phrase means that the athlete's performance has been surrounded by controversy or suspicion.

- **Under a cloud** is a common idiom that signifies suspicion, doubt, or uncertainty surrounding something.
- **An ivory tower** refers to a state of isolation or detachment from reality.
- **Under an influence** suggests being affected by something.
- **At the drop** is an idiom meaning "immediately" or "without hesitation," and doesn't fit the context of controversy.

#### Q23 Text Solution:

The most appropriate meaning of the idiom "Wet blanket" is: **A. Person who spoils other**



## people's fun

- A "wet blanket" metaphorically refers to something that dampens enthusiasm or excitement. It's used to describe someone who brings a negative attitude or discourages others from having fun.

### Q24 Text Solution:

The correct answer is **Option B**.

- **'Extraneous: Irrelevant'** - Pair of synonyms
- **'Scant: Meagre'** - Pair of synonyms
- All other pairs are not synonyms of each other.

### Q25 Text Solution:

The correct answer is **Option D**.

- **'Quintessence: Exemplar'** - Pair of synonyms
- **'Treason: Betrayal'** - Pair of synonyms
- All other pairs are not synonyms of each other.

### Q26 Text Solution:

The correct answer is **Option B**.

- **'Complaisant: Antagonistic'** - Pair of antonyms
- **'Crotchety: Pleasant'** - Pair of antonyms
- All other pairs are not antonyms of each other.

### Q27 Text Solution:

The correct order for the sentence is option A:

**The construction of the pyramids in Egypt that was accomplished by ancient Egyptians is considered a remarkable feat.**

### Q28 Text Solution:

The correct order for the sentence is option A:

**The discovery of penicillin by Alexander Fleming in 1928, revolutionized antibiotics which had a profound impact on the development of modern medicine**

### Q29 Text Solution:

The correct answer is 'QPRS'.

Complete sentence- **The airlock hissed shut, sealing her fate with the silent vacuum.**

### Q30 Text Solution:

**Key Concept:** Vocabulary

**Explanation:**

The correct answer for this question is **Option A: citadel**.

A citadel is a fortress or a strong defensive structure built on a high elevation, used for defense of a city. Option (b) metropolis is a large and important city.

Option (c) megapolis is a vast city or a metropolitan area.

Option (d) headquarters is the main office or center of operations for a business, organization, or military unit.

**Hence,** the correct option is **A**.



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