

# AFCAT Memory Based Paper - 14 Feb 2022

**Q1 Directions: Select the meaning of the following idiom/phrase:**

"Apple Pie Order"

- (A) Related to fruits packing
- (B) In random order
- (C) Related to dry fruits packing
- (D) In perfect order

**Q2 Which of the following is the synonym of POMPOUS?**

- (A) Modest (B) Pretentious
- (C) Humble (D) Unaffected

**Q3 Find the Synonym of this word -**

Quibble

- (A) Reason (B) Grumble
- (C) Investigate (D) Argue

**Q4 Find the Antonym of this word -**

Persecute

- (A) Harass (B) Annoy
- (C) Encourage (D) Molest

**Q5 Select the most appropriate ANTONYM of the given word.**

Comfort

- (A) Happiness (B) Discontentment
- (C) Luxury (D) Enjoyment

**Q6 Find the related word to this:**

**Granary : Grain :: Weapons :**

- (A) Cargo (B) Arsenal
- (C) Boneyard (D) None of these

**Q7 Select the word which means the same as the group of words given.**

Government by few or a small group of people.

- (A) Oligarchy (B) Bureaucracy
- (C) Ochlocracy (D) Aristocracy

**Q8 Directions: Select one word which is closest in meaning to the statement in the question:**

One who is indifferent to all pleasure and pain

- (A) Stern (B) Stoic
- (C) Egoistic (D) Eccentric

**Q9 In the following question, out of the four alternatives choose the word which can be substituted for the given words/sentence.**

A person who has renounced his faith

- (A) Quirk (B) Whim
- (C) Fancy (D) Apostate

**Q10 Find the meaning of the given idiom:-**

Pull a long face

- (A) Without hesitation
- (B) To present a counter argument
- (C) To look sad
- (D) To miss the chance

**Directions (11-13) Read the following passage and answer the given questions.**

**Direction: 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.**

India's history and culture are \_\_\_\_\_ (1) \_\_\_\_\_, spanning back to the beginning of human civilization. It begins with a mysterious \_\_\_\_\_ (2) \_\_\_\_\_ along the Indus River and in farming communities in the southern lands of India. The history of India is punctuated by the constant integration of migrating people with the diverse cultures that surround India. Available evidence suggests that the use of iron, copper, and other metals was widely prevalent in the Indian sub-continent at a fairly early period, which is indicative of the progress that this part of the world had made. By the end of the fourth millennium BC, India had emerged as a region of highly developed civilization. The History of India begins with the birth of the Indus Valley Civilization, more precisely known as the Harappan



Civilization. It \_\_\_\_\_ (3) \_\_\_\_\_ around 2,500 BC, in the western part of South Asia, what today is Pakistan and Western India.

**Q11 Which of these words most appropriately fits the blank labelled (1)?**

- (A) lethargic (B) dynamic  
(C) inactive (D) lazy

**Q12 Which of these words most appropriately fits the blank labelled (2)?**

- (A) fight (B) inelegance  
(C) family (D) culture

**Q13 Which of these words most appropriately fits the blank labelled (3)?**

- (A) halted (B) twirled  
(C) flourished (D) withered

**Directions (14-16) Read the following passage and answer the given questions.**

**Direction:** Given below is a short passage followed by some items based on the passage. First, read the passage and answer the items based on it. You are required to select your answers based on the contents of the passage and the opinion of the author only.

Political education has many connotations. It may be defined as the preparation of a citizen to take well informed, responsible and sustained action for participation in the national struggle in order to achieve the socio-economic objectives of the country. The predominant socio-economic objectives in India are the abolition of poverty and the creation of a modern democratic, secular and socialist society in place of the present traditional, feudal, hierarchical and in egalitarian one.

Under colonial rule, the Congress leaders argued that political education was an important part of education and refused to accept the official view that education and politics should not be mixed with one another. But when they came to power in 1947 they almost adopted the British policy and began to talk of education being defiled by politics. 'Hands off education' was the call to political parties. But in spite

of it, political infiltration into the educational system has greatly increased in the sense that different political parties vie with each other to capture the mind of teachers and students. The wise academicians wanted political support, without political interference.

**Q14 Based on the passage, which is the major drawback of the present education system?**

- (A) The education system mainly represents the oppressed sections of the society.  
(B) The present education system promotes the domination of the privileged few.  
(C) It is based on the British model of education.  
(D) It is highly hierarchical and egalitarian in nature.

**Q15 How did the congress leaders argue under colonial rule?**

- (A) Socio-education was an important part of education.  
(B) Cultural education was an important part of education.  
(C) Economical education was an important part of education.  
(D) Political education was an important part of education.

**Q16 According to the passage, what should be the main purpose of political education?**

- (A) To champion the cause of elitism.  
(B) To bring qualitative change in the entire education system.  
(C) To create an egalitarian society.  
(D) To prepare the young generation with high intellectual acumen.

**Directions (17-19) Read the following passage and answer the given questions.**

**Direction:** Find out which part of this sentence has an error and select the appropriate option. If a sentence is free from error, select 'No error'.

**Q17** You should always(A)/ obey your teachers,(B)/ should you?(C)/No error. (D)



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

**Q18** Suman could not went (A)/ to picnic, because (B)/ her mother was not well. (C)/ No error (D)

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

**Q19** If parents could be physically in the same place as their children, they could simply carry on working as normal.

- (A) If parents could be physically in the  
(B) same place as their children, they could  
(C) simply carry on working as normal.  
(D) No error

**Directions (20-23) Read the following passage and answer the given questions.**

**Fill in the blanks with the idioms/phrases out of the given options.**

**Q20** Vinit does not like the logic and keeps his \_\_\_\_\_ all the time.

- (A) breadwinner  
(B) playoff  
(C) cart before the horse  
(D) head in the clouds

**Q21** It was a \_\_\_\_\_. They won the strike but then most of them lost their jobs.

- (A) castles in the air  
(B) burning candle at both ends  
(C) buying a pig in a poke  
(D) Pyrrhic victory

**Q22** I wish, I \_\_\_\_\_ a king.

- (A) was (B) were  
(C) would (D) can

**Q23** The stories in Arabian Nights are really full \_\_\_\_\_ excitement.

- (A) with (B) for  
(C) by (D) of

**Q24** Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Halycon days

- (A) Terrible days  
(B) Peaceful days  
(C) Horrific days  
(D) Be in a risky situation

**Q25** Direction: Fill in the blank with the most appropriate answer

The adjective form of 'COMMERCE' is \_\_\_\_\_.

- (A) Commercial  
(B) Commercialize  
(C) Commercially  
(D) Commercialism

**Directions (26-29) Read the following passage and answer the given questions.**

**Find the correct sequence for the given fill-up.**

**Q26** In \_\_\_\_\_ the African \_\_\_\_\_ folktales, \_\_\_\_\_ such as greed, jealousy, honesty, etc.

P. the stories reflect the culture where diverse types of animals abound.

Q. The animals and birds are often accorded human attributes,

R. so it is not uncommon to find animals talking, singing,

S. or demonstrating other human characteristics

- (A) PQRS (B) QPRS  
(C) RSPQ (D) SPQR

**Q27** There was once a queen who had no children, \_\_\_\_\_ of blood fell on the snow.

P. by the window sewing when she pricked her finger,

Q. and it grieved her sorely.

R. and three drops

S. One winter's afternoon she was sitting

- (A) PQRS (B) QSPR  
(C) RSPQ (D) PRQS

**Q28** Though Aesop's own story is a result of myth and legend, \_\_\_\_\_ masters as a



slave.

P. around 600 BC. Aesop lived at

Q. it is widely believed that he was a slave  
from Phrygia,

R. the court of King Croesus,

S. after having served many

(A) SPRQ (B) QPRS

(C) QRPS (D) PQRS

**Q29** There \_\_\_\_\_ were \_\_\_\_\_ once \_\_\_\_\_ a  
\_\_\_\_\_ to grant her  
desire.

P. had long in vain wished for a child.

Q. At length, the woman hoped

R. man and a woman who

S. that God was about

(A) PQRS (B) RPQS

(C) SRQP (D) RPSQ

**Q30** Directions: Select the most appropriate  
ANTONYM of the given word.

CHERISH

(A) distribute (B) disperse

(C) disturb (D) disregard



## Answer Key

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

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

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## Hints & Solutions

### Q1 Text Solution:

If a room or a desk is in **apple pie order**, it is **neat and tidy**, and everything is where it should be.

Hence the correct answer is option D.

### Q2 Text Solution:

**Let's go through the meanings of each word:**

**Modest:** Having or showing a moderate or humble estimate of one's merits, importance, etc.

- **Modest** individuals do not boast or show excessive pride.

**Pretentious:** Characterized by an assumption of dignity or importance, especially when exaggerated or undeserved.

- **Pretentious** individuals often make exaggerated claims about their importance, knowledge, or status.

**Humble:** Not having or showing any feelings of superiority, self-assertiveness, or showiness.

**Unaffected:** Not influenced or changed.

In the given options, "**Pretentious**" is the most appropriate synonym for "POMPOUS" as both words convey the idea of someone or something appearing more important or impressive than they actually are.

### Q3 Text Solution:

**Let's go through the meanings of each word:**

**Reason:** To think, understand, and form judgments logically.

**Quibble/Grumble:** To express dissatisfaction or complain quietly or in a low voice, often about something minor or trivial. It implies discontent or dissatisfaction.

**Investigate:** To carry out a systematic inquiry or examination into a subject in order to obtain information, discover facts, or reach a conclusion.

**Argue:** To present reasons for or against a matter; to contend in oral disagreement; to dispute.

In the context of "Quibble," which means to argue or complain about small, insignificant matters, "Grumble" is the closest synonym, as both involve

expressing dissatisfaction or complaints, particularly about minor details. I hope this clarifies the meanings of each word.

### Q4 Text Solution:

The correct antonym for "Persecute" is: Encourage  
**Persecute:** To subject someone to hostility or ill-treatment, especially because of their race, religious beliefs, or political opinions.

**Encourage:** To give support, confidence, or hope to someone; to inspire with courage, spirit, or hope. In contrast, encouraging someone is positive and supportive, opposite to the negative connotation of persecution.

**Molest** - to attack somebody, especially a child, sexually

### Q5 Text Solution:

The correct antonym for "Comfort" is: Discontentment

**Explanation:**

**Comfort:** A state of physical ease and freedom from pain or constraint

**Discontentment:** A state of dissatisfaction/unhappiness or lack of contentment; the opposite of being comfortable or at ease.

### Q6 Text Solution:

The correct term related to "Weapons" in the same way as "Granary" is related to "Grain" is: Arsenal

**Explanation:**

A granary is a storage facility for grain.

An **arsenal** is a storage facility for weapons.

### Q7 Text Solution:

**Let's go through the meanings of each term:**

**Oligarchy:** A form of government in which a small, often self-appointed, group of people hold power and decision-making authority.

**Bureaucracy:** A system of government or management in which decisions are made by state officials or administrators rather than by elected representatives.

**Ochlocracy:** A form of government in which power is



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in the hands of a mob or a mass of people; rule by the tumultuous and unruly crowd.

**Aristocracy:** A form of government in which power is held by a small, privileged ruling class, often based on hereditary nobility or wealth.

**Q8 Text Solution:**

**Let's go through the meanings of each term:**

**Stern:** Serious and unrelenting in manner or appearance; showing no sympathy or leniency.

**Stoic:** A person who is indifferent to pleasure and pain

**Egoistic:** Concerned with one's own interests or well-being; characterized by excessive self-centeredness.

**Eccentric:** Unconventional, peculiar, or odd in behavior, appearance, or mannerisms.

**Q9 Text Solution:**

**Apostate:** A person who has abandoned or renounced their religious or political beliefs or principles.

**Quirk:** A peculiar or unexpected behavior; a peculiar trait or idiosyncrasy.

**Whim:** A sudden and impulsive decision, desire, or change of mind; a capricious or eccentric notion.

**Q10 Text Solution:**

If you have a long face, **you look sad.**

**Q11. Text Solution:**

The word that most appropriately fits the blank labelled (1) is: **dynamic**

**Dynamic (Option 2):** This word is used to describe something that is characterized by constant change, activity, or progress. In the context of history and culture, using "dynamic" suggests that India's history and culture are vibrant, evolving, and full of energy. It conveys a sense of continuous development and change over time.

**Q12. Text Solution:**

The word that most appropriately fits the blank labelled (2) is: **culture**

In this context, the blank is referring to the mysterious aspect associated with the beginning of India's history and culture. The word "culture" fits well because it encompasses the traditions, beliefs, and practices that would have characterized the early societies along the Indus River and in farming communities. The mention of a mysterious culture implies a rich and enigmatic heritage from the past.

**Q13. Text Solution:**

The word that most appropriately fits the blank labelled (3) is: **flourished**

The term "flourished" is suitable here because it conveys the idea that the Harappan Civilization thrived or prospered around 2,500 BC. It suggests a period of growth, development, and cultural advancement for the Indus Valley Civilization during that time. This choice aligns with the historical context of the emergence of the Harappan Civilization as a highly developed and prosperous society.

**Q14. Text Solution:**

The major drawback of the present education system, according to the passage, is: **The present education system promotes the domination of the privileged few.**

**Q15. Text Solution:**

According to the passage, under colonial rule, the Congress leaders argued that: **political education was an important part of education**

**Q16. Text Solution:**

The passage highlights that the socio-economic objectives in India include the abolition of poverty and the creation of a modern democratic, secular, and socialist society. Therefore, the main purpose of political education is to contribute to the creation of an egalitarian (equal and just) society.

**Q17. Text Solution:**

The part C of the given sentence is erroneous because the word 'should' is not grammatically correct for this sentence.

The given is a positive statement and a tag question is used in this sentence. The tag question should be





negative as the given is a positive statement.

Therefore, 'shouldn't' is the correct form.

The correct sentence would be: "You should always obey your teachers, shouldn't you?"

**Q18. Text Solution:**

Replace 'went' with 'go'

Could - modal

Went - V2

Go - V1

Modals are followed by 1st form of the verb.

**Q19. Text Solution:**

Replace "could be" with "were"

This is the 2nd type of conditional

Structure of second conditional:

If clause - Subject + were

Main clause - Subject + would/could + V1

**Q20. Text Solution:**

Correct Option - 4: "head in the clouds"

Explanation: The idiom "head in the clouds" means to be daydreaming or not paying attention to what is happening in the real world. In the given sentence, it implies that Vinit does not like logic and is often lost in his own thoughts or dreams.

Breadwinner: The one who earns a family's livelihood; the primary income earner.

Playoff: A series of games to determine a championship or winner.

Cart before the horse: Doing things in the wrong order; putting secondary things first.

**Q21. Text Solution:**

Castles in the air: Unrealistic or impractical plans or ambitions.

Burning candle at both ends: Working excessively hard, often to the point of exhaustion.

Buying a pig in a poke: Purchasing something without inspecting it first; making a risky deal without knowing all the facts.

Pyrrhic victory: A victory that comes at a great cost, where the losses outweigh the benefits.

In the context of the sentence, the most suitable idiom is "Pyrrhic victory" as it refers to a situation where the

apparent success or victory comes with significant and often irreversible losses or consequences.

**Q22. Text Solution:**

In English, when expressing a hypothetical or unreal situation, especially after "I wish," it is more appropriate to use the subjunctive mood. In this case, the subjunctive form of the verb "to be" is "were." Therefore, the correct sentence is: "I wish I were a king."

**Q23. Text Solution:**

The preposition 'of' is used with the adjective 'full'.

**Q24. Text Solution:**

The given phrase is 'halcyon days' which means a very happy or successful period in the past.

**Q25. Text Solution:**

The adjective form of 'COMMERCE' is Commercial  
Commercialize - verb  
Commercially - Adverb  
Commercialism - Noun

**Q26. Text Solution:**

**The correct sequence is: PQRS**

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**Q29. Text Solution:**

**The correct sequence is:** RPQS

There were once a man and a woman who had long in vain wished for a child. At length, the woman hoped that God was about to grant her desire.

**Q30 Text Solution:**

The correct answer is d. disregard.

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The antonym, "disregard," means to ignore or pay no attention to something, going against the idea of holding it dear or valuing it.

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