Grammar Test

Directions: In the following questions choose the correct options to fill the blanks.

1. The boy _____________ broke the chair was punished.
   (a) Whose
   (b) Whom
   (c) Who
   (d) None of these

2. He ___________ nobody ever loved became a saint later.
   (a) Who
   (b) Whose
   (c) Whom
   (d) None of these

3. The snake ___________ we saw in the forest was a cobra.
   (a) Who
   (b) Which
   (c) Whom
   (d) None of these

4. The books ___________ you gave me are interesting.
   (a) Which
   (b) Whom
   (c) Who
   (d) None of these

5. The place was so dirty that __________ wished to run away from there.
   (a) Everybody
   (b) Anybody
   (c) Few
   (d) None of these

6. __________ was there to help me.
   (a) Somebody
   (b) Anything
   (c) Nobody
   (d) None of these

7. Is there __________ to eat?
   (a) Any
   (b) Something
   (c) Few
   (d) None of these

8. __________ of us should try our best to make India a heaven.
   (a) Anybody
   (b) Somebody
   (c) All
   (d) None of these

9. __________ of us do not know the real meaning of our lives.
   (a) Several
   (b) Something
   (c) Many
   (d) None of these

10. My __________ black.
    (a) hairs are
    (b) hair is
    (c) hair will
    (d) None of these

11. She saw two __________ on the last Sunday.
    (a) thieves
    (b) thieves
    (c) theives
    (d) None of these

12. Take anything __________ you want.
    (a) that
    (b) which
    (c) than
    (d) None of these

13. He is __________ faithful partner.
    (a) yours
    (b) you
    (c) your
    (d) None of these

14. Ajay is more smart than ____________.
    (a) her
    (b) herself
    (c) she
    (d) None of these

15. Vivek works harder than ________.
    (a) me
    (b) I
    (c) his
    (d) None of these

16. This is the girl __________ father is a scientist.
(a) whose  
(b) whom  
(c) who  
(d) None of these

17. The birds ________ have long tails are liked by all.  
(a) who  
(b) whom  
(c) which  
(d) None of these

18. This is the boy __________ uncle is an army officer.  
(a) whom  
(b) which  
(c) whose  
(d) None of these

19. That boy __________ father is a doctor is an intelligent one.  
(a) whose  
(b) which  
(c) whom  
(d) None of these

20. Those ________ love violence finally bow down to the more powerful.  
(a) whose  
(b) whom  
(c) who  
(d) None of these

21. She is the girl __________ we saw in the theater.  
(a) who  
(b) whom  
(c) whose  
(d) None of these

22. ________ of the students were making a great noise.  
(a) Anyone  
(b) Somebody  
(c) Many  
(d) None of these

23. ________ of the students can solve this sum.  
(a) Someone  
(b) Anybody  
(c) Somebody  
(d) None of these

24. My sister is a __________.  
(a) bacheloress  
(b) bachelor  
(c) spinster  
(d) None of these

25. One is supposed to do __________.  
(a) our duty  
(b) their duty  
(c) one's duty  
(d) None of these

26. I cannot tolerate __________.  
(a) separated you  
(b) your separation  
(c) separation from you  
(d) None of these

27. They should help __________.  
(a) the poor people  
(b) the poor  
(c) the poor persons  
(d) None of these

28. ________ are mad.  
(a) All his sons  
(b) His all sons  
(c) Sons all his  
(d) None of these

29. The poor fellow _________ to fate.  
(a) resigned  
(b) resigned himself  
(c) resigned itself  
(d) None of these

30. Nobody will help you but _________.  
(a) I  
(b) me  
(c) ours  
(d) None of these
Answers

1. Who
2. Whom
3. Which
4. Which
5. Everybody
6. Nobody
7. Something
8. All
9. Many
10. hair is
11. thieves
12. that
13. your
14. she
15. I
16. whose
17. which
18. whose
19. whose
20. who
21. whom
22. Many
23. None of these
24.sspinster
25. one's duty
26.separation from you
27.the poor
28. All his sons
29.resigned himself
30. I

Idioms, Phrases & Proverbs

Directions: Pick out from the given alternatives the one that gives the correct meaning of the idiom/phrase/proverb.

1. Above board
   (a) A voyage
   (b) Beyond doubt
   (c) Uncertainty
   (d) Honest and frank
   (e) None of these

2. Add fuel to the fire
   (a) to activate the flames of an existing controversy
   (b) to spread a rumour
   (c) to increase the differences
   (d) to speed up the work
   (e) None of these

3. A hard nut to crack
   (a) a difficult problem
   (b) a difficult situation
   (c) an intolerable person
   (d) a skinflint
   (e) None of these

4. At arm's length
   (a) one arm distance
   (b) to keep one at distance
   (c) to be indifferent
   (d) an intimate relationship
   (e) None of these

5. At one's wits end
   (a) to be in an embarrasing situation
(b) to be in a state of utter perplexity
(c) to satisfy one’s own desire
(d) to abrogate
(e) None of these

6. A black sheep
   (a) scoundrel
   (b) ruthless
   (c) vagabond
   (d) a traitorous person
   (e) None of these

7. A bolt from the blue
   (a) an unexpected and calamitous blow
   (b) a retaliating attack
   (c) tumult
   (d) a sudden pleasant surprise
   (e) None of these

8. At the mercy of
   (a) totally in the power of
   (b) to leave everything on God
   (c) to surrender
   (d) the supremacy of God’s will
   (e) None of these

9. At the bottom of
   (a) secret cause of
   (b) at another’s support
   (c) to find a base
   (d) a heavy loss
   (e) None of these

10. At daggers drawn
    (a) a duel
    (b) at enmity
    (c) a hot debate
    (d) one confronted with his rival
    (e) None of these

11. A man of words
    (a) a garrulous person
    (b) a trustworthy person
    (c) a gregarious person
    (d) a boastful person
    (e) None of these

12. In open arms
    (a) to welcome cordially
    (b) to be brave
    (c) fighting openly
    (d) ambitions to have all sorts of worldly pleasures

20. To pin one’s faith
   (a) to be sure of somebody’s favour
   (b) to be unsure of favour
   (c) to be insincere to others
   (d) to deceive a close friend
   (e) None of these

21. A fish out of water
   (a) a dangerous situation
   (b) death
   (c) being in a position which is disagreeable
   (d) a lonely person
   (e) None of these

22. At sixes and sevens
   (a) in a state of confusion or disorder
   (b) returning to an earlier or primitive form or state
   (c) in a state of retrospection
   (d) in the days of childhood
   (e) None of these

23. A labour of love
   (a) a hard-working staff
   (b) work done only for love
   (c) To believe in work and not in reward
   (d) an unpaid servant
   (e) None of these

24. A Herculean task
   (a) unmanageable assignment
   (b) confusing and tiring procedure
   (c) work requiring extra ordinary strength to be done
   (d) almost impossible to achieve something
   (e) None of these

25. At the eleventh hour
   (a) at the time of death
   (b) moment just after the work is completed

26. A hornet’s nest
   (a) a dangerous situation
   (b) a house built after great difficulty
   (c) an unpleasant situation
   (d) a difficult task
   (e) None of these

27. A man of parts
   (a) a man of superior ability
   (b) a highly responsible man
   (c) a workaholic person
   (d) a man of pretension
   (e) None of these

28. An out and outer
   (a) a traitor
   (b) a man living in the border area
   (c) a first rate person
   (d) at an extreme point
   (e) None of these

29. To make an ass of oneself
   (a) to behave foolishly
   (b) to laugh at oneself
   (c) to make someone fool
   (d) a ridiculous person
   (e) None of these

30. The Augustan Age
   (a) an age of great kings
   (b) the period of highest purity and refinement in any national literature.
   (c) a golden age in music
   (d) a period of prudent writers
   (e) None of these

Answers
1. Honest and frank
2. to activate the flames of an existing controversy
3. a difficult problem
4. to keep one at distance
5. to be in a state of utter perplexity
6. scoundrel
7. an unexpected and calamitous blow
8. totally in the power of
9. secret cause of
10. at enmity
11. a trustworthy person
12. fighting openly
13. improper influence
14. influencing events secretly
15. to be victorious
16. a comfortable situation
17. the cause of friction
18. worthless person
19. a person who is very dear to one
20. to be sure of somebody's favour
21. being in a position which is disagreeable
22. in a state of confusion or disorder
23. work done only for love
24. work requiring extra ordinary strength to be done
25. at the last moment
26. an unpleasant situation
27. a man of superior ability
28. a first rate person
29. to behave foolishly
30. the period of highest purity and refinement in any national literature.

Sentence Corrections

Directions: Read each sentence to find out whether there is any grammatical error in it. The error, if any will be in one part of the sentence. The letter of that part is the answer. If there is no error, the answer will be 'E'.

1. (a) It is essential that
   (b) AIDS is diagnosed and treated
   (c) as early as possible in order
   (d) to achieve a successful cure
   (e) No error

2. (a) There has been
   (b) little change in the patient's condition
   (c) until he was
   (d) shifted to the intensive care unit
   (e) No error

3. (a) Each of the candidates whom
   (b) I have chosen to contest election
   (c) have indicated that
   (d) he will be happy to do so
   (e) No error

4. (a) The alarmed report of
   (b) earthquake in Ahmedabad
   (c) frightened everyone of
   (d) the adjoining region
   (e) No error

5. (a) While interrogating, he disclosed
   (b) that he used to snatch chains
   (c) along with his accomplice
   (d) who was recently killed in a road accident
   (e) No error

6. (a) The decomposed body of a 13-year old boy
   (b) who was
   (c) suspected to have been kidnapped
   (d) was find lying
   (e) No error

7. (a) Although the marks
   (b) obtained in written examination by both the candidates
   (c) are same yet the
   (d) differences among them are considerable in the marks obtained in interview
   (e) No error

8. (a) Aristotle systematically
   (b) set out the various forms of the syllogism
   (c) that has remained
   (d) an essential reference for logic
   (e) No error

9. (a) I don't even
   (b) let anyone know
   (c) about what
10. (a) Today, while standing
(b) at the crossroads of life, and
(c) nowhere to go
(d) I see life to be meaningless
(e) No error

11. (a) You can find many persons
(b) who have made fortunes because
(c) their mind
(d) were well focussed on success
(e) No error

12. (a) The unexpected increased demand of this newspaper everyday
(b) from all over India
(c) is a matter of great satisfaction and motivation
(d) for the editor
(e) No error

13. (a) Was it her
(b) who got injured
(c) when the stove
(d) bursted
(e) No error

14. (a) I have cooked
(b) for two hours
(c) and I am
(d) now tired
(e) No error

15. (a) At the moment Sachin
(b) play
(c) in
(d) the garden
(e) No error

16. (a) Children ran
(b) into the school building
(c) when
(d) the bell started ringing
(e) No error

17. (a) To the volunteers
(b) who worked so hard
(c) on campaigning the election result was profound
(d) disappointing
(e) No error

18. (a) We have heard his speech
(b) many a time
(c) but today he was
(d) best
(e) No error

19. (a) The people gathered there
(b) were very much surprised
(c) at hearing the news of a child surviving
(d) under the debris
(e) No error

20. (a) The burning of leaves
(b) have been
(c) declared illegal in Delhi
(d) due to the pollution it causes
(e) No error

21. (a) The lucky number will be announced
(b) just one time therefore
(c) you must listen
(d) very careful in order to tally your own number
(e) No error

22. (a) Traveling deep down the memory lane, I find it
(b) fairly difficult
(c) to reach out to the early days
(d) when I was still a toddler
(e) No error

23. (a) Every citizen
(b) should cast vote
(c) for the candidate
(d) of their choice
(e) No error

24. (a) I believe
(b) you to have read
(c) the latest issue
(d) of this magazine
(e) No error

25. (a) He said
(b) he would go
(c) to see a movie
(d) this evening
(e) No error

26. (a) I agree
(b) in part with
(c) many of these arguments and
d(even at one time endorsed them
(e) No error

27. (a) With
(b) our every acts
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28. (a) very early
(b) we are
(c) going to
(d) advertise it
(e) No error

29. (a) There is a review of
(b) each and every
(c) articles being published
(d) in our journal
(e) No error

30. (a) being vengeful
(b) will not bring any result
(c) instead
(d) you should keep a cool head
(e) No error

31. (a) The old man was leading
(b) a happy and leisurely
(c) life after his retirement
(d) from service
(e) No error

32. (a) Normally I don’t wear spectacles
(b) but today
(c) I wear one
(d) because of the sun
(e) No error

33. (a) A little elder
(b) to myself me
(c) both were devoted
(d) to tennis and football
(e) No error

34. (a) You can get
(b) all the informations
(c) you want
(d) in this book
(e) No error

35. (a) The government has shown
(b) a lukewarm attitude
(c) to the sufferings of
(d) the aged
(e) No error

36. (a) It is the duty of the government
(b) of taking up measures
(c) for providing social care welfare
(d) to the old people
(e) No error

37. (a) The boy sitting
(b) at the corner of the classroom
(c) is constantly
(d) watching at the window
(e) No error

38. (a) Our laxity
(b) in duty increases
(c) with our dislike
(d) for work
(e) No error

39. (a) How to solve the financial crisis
(b) is the main concern
(c) of the government
(d) at the moment
(e) No error

40. (a) Each cigaretee
(b) which
(c) a person smokes
(d) does some harm to him
(e) No error

41. (a) The mother as well as
(b) the daughters were
(c) mysteriously missing
(d) from the house
(e) No error

42. (a) The Director has asked that
(b) each clerk and supervisor
(c) sign their name on the attendance register
(d) before leaving the office
(e) No error

43. (a) In India
(b) as early as the nineteenth century
(c) young boys enjoyed
(d) to play cricket
(e) No error

44. (a) Her ability to
(b) interact and communicate with strangers
(c) is one of her
(d) stronger points
(e) No error
45. (a) If he will follow
(b) his teacher's instructions
(c) he will secure good marks
(d) in his examination
(e) No error

46. (a) This company
(b) manufactures
(c) many
(d) cold drinks
(e) No error

47. (a) He is possessing
(b) this apartment
(c) for the last
(d) five years
(e) No error

48. (a) He was
(b) such a fast writer that
(c) he used to write a story
(d) during two hours
(e) No error

49. (a) Next summer
(b) there is a chance
(c) of my visiting
(d) a hill station
(e) No error

50. (a) He took
(b) computer
(c) coaching for three full
(d) academic years
(e) No error

51. (a) His
(b) knowledge
(c) of English are
(d) very limited
(e) No error

52. (a) This is
(b) the painting
(c) I was
(d) telling you
(e) No error

53. (a) It is
(b) extremely important
(c) for an engineer
(d) to know to use a computer
(e) No error

54. (a) She is
(b) more clever
(c) than
(d) I thought she was
(e) No error

55. (a) On hearing
(b) Gurmeet's screams, Surjeet
(c) came rushing
(d) and he too was stabbed
(e) No error

56. (a) The value of the rupee
(b) declines
(c) as the rate of inflation
(d) raises
(e) No error

57. (a) Everybody
(b) was in the lawn
(c) enjoying
(d) themselves
(e) No error

58. (a) Nobody offered to give up
(b) their seat
(c) to the blind man
(d) holding his stick in his palm
(e) No error

59. (a) Subhash Chandra Bose
(b) was a great nationalist
(c) and a
(d) great scholar
(e) No error

60. (a) What we do
(b) has some effect on others
(c) so has their actions
(d) upon us
(e) No error

61. (a) Everyone of the survivors
(b) of the train accident
(c) have told
(d) the same story
(e) No error

62. (a) As soon as the Managing Director
(b) entered the factory
(c) all the workers approached him and
(d) report the matter
(e) No error

63. (a) He studied
    (b) at
    (c) the Medical College
    (d) during three years
    (e) No error

64. (a) A body of volunteers
    (b) have been
    (c) organized to assist the committee
    (d) in their attempt to collect funds
    (e) No error

65. (a) The blue curtain
    (b) on the window
    (c) provides an appropriate contrast
    (d) with the pink wall
    (e) No error

66. (a) Sooner than she had arrived
    (b) her friends arranged a dinner
    (c) in her honour in the
    (d) best restaurant in town
    (e) No error

67. (a) Ever since this child
    (b) was taught by
    (c) its new tutor
    (d) it has done in exams
    (e) No error

68. (a) Before T.V., the common man haven't got
    (b) the opportunity
    (c) to see his leaders
    (d) express their views
    (e) No error

69. (a) The new model of the washing machine
    (b) costs
    (c) twice as much as
    (d) last year's model
    (e) No error

70. (a) He hoped to finish
    (b) the assignment
    (c) in the last month
    (d) but in fact he could not
    (e) No error

71. (a) If you would have seen
    (b) yesterday’s cultural programmer
    (c) I am sure you
    (d) would have enjoyed watching the little ones
dance
    (e) No error

72. (a) In evaluating your progress
    (b) I have taken
    (c) into account your classroom performance, your
attendance, your sincerity and
    (d) how you have improved
    (e) No error

73. (a) Very few persons march
    (b) straight to succeed
    (c) without going through
    (d) periods of temporary failure and
discouragement
    (e) No error

74. (a) I doubt
    (b) ifVineet
    (c) has few
    (d) than twenty tattoos
    (e) No error

75. (a) As long as
    (b) the rain
    (c) continued
    (d) I stayed at home
    (e) No error

Solution
1. AIDS is diagnosed and treated
2. until he was
3. have indicated that
4. The alarmed report of
5. While interrogating, he disclosed
6. was find lying

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7. differences among them are considerable in the marks obtained in interview
8. that has remained
9. about what
10. Today, while standing
11. who have made fortunes because
12. The unexpected increased demand of this newspaper everyday
13. Was it her
14. I have cooked
15. play
16. No error
17. disappointing
18. best
19. at hearing the news of a child surviving
20. have been
21. very careful in order to tally your own number
22. fairly difficult
23. of their choice
24. No error
25. No error
26. even at one time endorsed them
27. our every acts
28. very early
29. articles being published
30. instead
31. The old man was leading
32. I wear one
33. to myself me
34. in this book
35. No error
36. of taking up measures
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38. for work
39. No error
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41. the daughters were
42. sign their name on the attendance register
43. to play cricket
44. stronger points
45. If he will follow
46. many
47. He is possessing
48. during two hours
49. No error
50. He took
51. of English are
52. telling you
53. to know to use a computer
54. than
55. On hearing
56. raises
57. themselves
58. their seat
59. great scholar
60. What we do
61. have told
62. report the matter
63. during three years
64. have been
65. with the pink wall
66. Sooner than she had arrived
67. was taught by
68. Before T.V., the common man haven’t got
69. No error
70. He hoped to finish
71. If you would have seen
72. how you have improved
73. straight to succeed
74. has few
75. As long as

**one word substitutes**

Directions: In questions given below choose the options which can be substituted for the given words/sentences.

1. An assembly of listeners
   (a) Audience
   (b) Nostrum
   (c) Ostracise
   (d) Obituary
   (e) None of these

2. A person who hates mankind
   (a) Philanthropist
   (b) Misanthropist
   (c) Nihilist
   (d) Theist
   (e) None of these

3. Animals that suckle their young ones.
   (a) Mammals
   (b) Pisces
   (c) Amphibian
   (d) Birds
   (e) None of these

4. A truth which is often repeated
   (a) Aesthetics
   (b) Truism
   (c) Verbose
   (d) Truant
   (e) None of these

5. Belief in the role of a strong dictator is
   (a) Fanaticism
   (b) Fascism
   (c) Nepotism
   (d) Dogmatism
   (e) None of these

6. A person who practices celibacy
   (a) Celibate
   (b) Mature
   (c) Married
   (d) Widower
   (e) None of these

7. One who firmly believes in fate or destiny
   (a) Honorary
   (b) Gratis
   (c) Dermatologist
   (d) Fatalist
   (e) None of these

8. Allowance due to a wife from her husband on legal separation
   (a) Wage
   (b) Compensation
   (c) Debt
   (d) Alimony
   (e) None of these

9. Birds moving from one place to another
   (a) Migratory
   (b) Respiratory
   (c) Obituary
   (d) Transitory
   (e) None of these
10. The study of the art of printing is
   (a) Typography
   (b) Phenology
   (c) Astrology
   (d) Graphology
   (e) None of these

11. A handwriting which cannot be easily read.
   (a) Lucid
   (b) Edible
   (c) Illegible
   (d) Legible
   (e) None of these

12. Government in which all religions are honoured is called
   (a) Fanatic
   (b) Ascetic
   (c) Catholic
   (d) Secular
   (e) None of these

13. A style that is full of words is known as
   (a) Elegant
   (b) Complicated
   (c) Verbose
   (d) Bombastic
   (e) None of these

14. Those are practised by statesmen is called
   (a) Diplomacy
   (b) Viewpoint
   (c) Statesmanship
   (d) Politics
   (e) None of these

15. What we say about a man after his death is called
   (a) Epitome
   (b) Elegy
   (c) Posthumous
   (d) Epitaph
   (e) None of these

16. Murder of infants
   (a) Regicide
   (b) Suicide
   (c) Homicide
   (d) Infanticide
   (e) None of these

17. Short lived or fleeting
   (a) Permanent
   (b) Ephemeral
   (c) Effeminate
   (d) Optimist
   (e) None of these

18. A person whose thoughts are turned inward and who never opens his heart to others.
   (a) Extrovert
   (b) Introvert
   (c) Sceptic
   (d) Ambivert
   (e) None of these

19. Word for word
   (a) Verbatim
   (b) Compound
   (c) Synonym
   (d) Oral
   (e) None of these

20. A person who does things only for pleasure
   (a) Professional
   (b) Radical
   (c) Amateur
   (d) Empiric
   (e) None of these

21. That which can be easily carried
   (a) Portable
   (b) Impregnable
   (c) Invisible
   (d) Apostate
   (e) None of these

22. One who flirts with ladies
   (a) Solvent
   (b) Gentleman
   (c) Philanderer
   (d) Popular
   (e) None of these

23. An office for which no salary is paid
   (a) Hospitable
   (b) Free
   (c) Honorary
   (d) Gratis
   (e) None of these

24. A word which has the same meaning as another
   (a) Contemporary
   (b) Substitute
   (c) Synonym
   (d) Antonym
(e) None of these

25. Four children born at the same time
   (a) Forte
   (b) Twins
   (c) Fortis
   (d) Quadruplets
   (e) None of these

26. An insect with many legs
   (a) Biped
   (b) Butterfly
   (c) Centipede
   (d) Quadruped
   (e) None of these

27. To change hostility into friendship
   (a) Surrogate
   (b) Castigate
   (c) Placate
   (d) Complicate
   (e) None of these

28. One who studies the history of development of mankind is
   (a) Anthropologist
   (b) Botanist
   (c) Economist
   (d) Historian
   (e) None of these

29. One who does not show favour to anyone is called
   (a) Impartial
   (b) Unfavourable
   (c) Prejudiced
   (d) Rude
   (e) None of these

30. To throw light on something difficult
   (a) Amplify
   (b) Expand
   (c) Explain
   (d) Elucidate
   (e) None of these

Answers
1. Audience
2. Misanthropist
3. Mammals
4. Truism
5. Fascism
6. Celibate
7. Fatalist
8. Alimony
9. Migratory
10. Typography
11. Illegible
12. Secular
13. Verbose
14. Diplomacy
15. Epitaph
16. Infanticide
17. Ephemeral
18. Introvert
19. Verbatim
20. Amateur
21. Portable
22. Philanderer
23. Honorary
24. Synonym
25. Quadruplets
26. Centipede

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27. Placate
28. Historian
29. Impartial
30. Elucidate