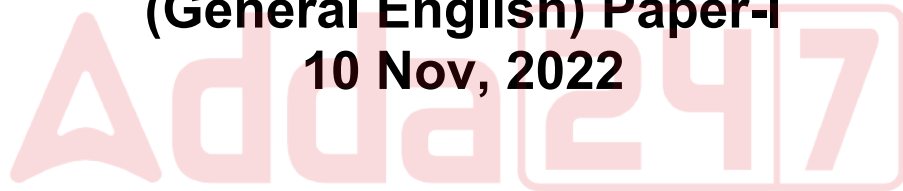


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### SENTENCE IMPROVEMENT

**Directions** (Q. Nos. 1 to 10) : Below each of the following sentences three possible substitutes are given for the underlined part. If one of them is better than the underlined part, indicate your response on the Answer-Sheet against the corresponding letter (A), (B) or (C). If none of the substitutes improves the sentence, indicate (D) as your response on the Answer-Sheet.

1. I have always be successful in all my examinations.  
 (A) being success  
 (B) been success  
☒ (C) been successful  
 (D) No improvement
2. Maharshi Kapil is one of holiest saints of India.  
 (A) has been one of holiest  
☒ (B) was one of holiest  
☒ (C) is one of the holiest  
 (D) No improvement
3. We should always stand with our friends in the hour of need.  
 (A) stand near our friends  
☒ (B) stand by our friends  
 (C) stand about our friends  
☒ (D) No improvement
4. You have done a great mistake, hasn't you?  
☒ (A) haven't you?  
 (B) hadn't you?  
 (C) don't you?  
 (D) No improvement
5. My friend does not speak unless he feels the necessity.  
 (A) as he feel  
 (B) so he feel  
 (C) when he feel  
☒ (D) No improvement
6. He said angrily : I will not do it. It is someone else job, not my job!  
 (A) else job, not mine job!  
☒ (B) else's job, not mine!  
 (C) else's job, not my!  
☒ (D) No improvement
7. Don't you know that I has been waiting here for you since 9 p.m.?  
 (A) is waiting  
 (B) was waiting  
☒ (C) have been waiting  
 (D) No improvement
8. These students always try to be polite with others.  
☒ (A) to others  
 (B) to other  
 (C) for others  
 (D) No improvement
9. The youth of today spend more time in watching films than to read books.  
☒ (A) to reading books  
☒ (B) in reading books  
 (C) at reading books  
 (D) No improvement
10. Please let me know if you have any objection to the proposal.  
☒ (A) for the proposal  
 (B) of the proposal  
 (C) about the proposal  
☒ (D) No improvement



### VOCABULARY

**Directions (Q. Nos. 11 to 15) :** Below each of the following words (in capital letters) four possible substitutes are given. Choose the word which is nearest in meaning to the word given in capital letters and indicate your response on the Answer-Sheet.

#### 11. APATHY

- ☒ (A) To appreciate  
☒ (B) Lack of interest  
 (C) To doubt  
 (D) To pacify

#### 12. INSOLENT

- (A) Insulting  
☒ (B) Arrogant  
☒ (C) Both (A) and (B)  
 (D) None of the above

#### 13. MANIFEST

- ☒ (A) Visible  
 (B) Forgive  
☒ (C) Declare  
 (D) None of the above

#### 14. ROBUST

- (A) Strong  
 (B) Healthy  
 (C) Vigorous  
☒ (D) All of the above

#### 15. SUBJUGATE

- (A) Strict  
 (B) Awesome  
☒ (C) Majestic  
☒ (D) Enslave

**Directions (Q. Nos. 16 to 20) :** Below each of the following words (in capital letters) four possible substitutes are given. Pick out the word that is most nearly opposite in meaning to the word given in capital letters and indicate your response on the Answer-Sheet.

#### 16. DISCRIMINATE

- ☒ (A) Equal  
 (B) Separate  
 (C) Division  
 (D) Differentiate

#### 17. ILLICIT

- ☒ (A) Legal  
 (B) Illegal  
 (C) Unlawful  
 (D) All of the above

#### 18. PRAGMATIC

- (A) Down to earth  
 (B) Practical  
☒ (C) Both (A) and (B)  
☒ (D) None of the above

#### 19. REPROACH

- (A) Scold  
 (B) Blame  
☒ (C) Disgrace  
☒ (D) None of the above

#### 20. TRANSIENT

- ☒ (A) Permanent  
 (B) Surpass  
 (C) Uncertain  
 (D) Temporary



### SELECTING WORDS

**Directions** (Q. Nos. 21 to 30) : Each of the following sentences is given with blank space to be filled in with appropriate word(s). Four alternatives are suggested for each sentence. Choose the correct alternative.

21. Why should they not rebel \_\_\_\_\_ their persecutors?

- (A) on  
✓(B) against  
X-(C) about  
(D) over

22. Go and distribute those bananas \_\_\_\_\_ your friends.

- ✓(A) amongst  
X(B) with  
(C) about  
(D) amidst

23. Do not hesitate to \_\_\_\_\_ if you do something wrong.

- (A) apologizing  
✓(B) apologize  
(C) apologetic  
(D) apology

24. The thieves had \_\_\_\_\_ the house under the guise of policemen.



- ✓(A) broken into  
(B) broken open  
X-(C) broke  
(D) None of the above

25. As soon as my name was announced for the first prize, there \_\_\_\_\_ a huge applause.

- (A) was being  
✓(B) was  
(C) is been  
(D) is being

26. The cart-puller \_\_\_\_\_ since the cart was overloaded.

- X(A) was not moving  
✓(B) could not move  
(C) will not moving  
(D) is not move

27. My father \_\_\_\_\_ to give me money to start a new business.

- ✓(A) does not want  
(B) has not want  
(C) is not want  
(D) was not want

28. Unlike elders, children always \_\_\_\_\_ their small fights.

- (A) made up  
✓(B) make up  
(C) making up  
(D) makes up

29. Aristotle believed that imagination \_\_\_\_\_ foundations of all knowledge.

- (A) having been the  
✓(B) is one of the  
(C) is one of  
(D) is being one of the

30. I \_\_\_\_\_ I will be able to answer these tough questions as I am a student of biology.

- (A) is not thinking  
✓(B) do not think  
(C) does not think  
(D) am not think



### PHRASES/IDIOMS

**Directions** (Q. Nos. 31 to 35) : Below each of the following underlined idioms or phrases four possible substitutes (words or group of words) are given. Select the one which is most nearly the same to the given idiom/phrase.

**31. By hook or by crook**

- ✓ (A) Using any method, even a dishonest one  
(B) Using hook or a crook  
(C) Both (A) and (B)  
(D) None of the above

**32. Kith and Kin**

- ✗ (A) Maternal and paternal grand parents  
✓ (B) Friends and relatives  
(C) Mother's brothers and sisters  
(D) Husband and wife

**33. Look up and down**

- ✓ (A) To look in a careful or critical manner  
(B) To look in a loving manner  
(C) To look as if to beat somebody  
(D) To look in a praising manner

**34. Be at your wits' end**

- (A) To know what is right  
✗ (B) Be aware of what is happening  
✓ (C) Be worried by a problem  
(D) At the end of intelligence

**35. To bring into force**

- ✓ (A) To cause a law, rule, etc., being used; to start  
(B) To work together  
(C) Make somebody do something by force  
(D) To bring something forcefully

**Directions** (Q. Nos. 36 to 40) : Below each of the following underlined definitions four possible substitutes (words) are given. Choose the correct word which may closely fit each definition.

**36. Unanimity or general agreement**

- (A) Unanimous  
✓ (B) Consensus  
(C) Anonymous  
✗ (D) All of the above

**37. To forgive or free from blame**

- ✗ (A) Resolve  
✓ (B) Absolve  
(C) Involve  
(D) None of the above

**38. Having to do with artistic beauty**

- ✓ (A) Aesthetic  
(B) Dogmatic  
(C) Pathetic  
✗ (D) Antagonistic

**39. Brief and to the point**

- (A) Comprise  
(B) Pious  
(C) Pacify  
✓ (D) Concise

**40. One who believes that future events are already determined**

- (A) Philosopher  
✗ (B) Theist  
✓ (C) Fatalist  
(D) Theologian



### SPOTTING ERRORS

**Directions** (Q. Nos. 41 to 50) : Read each of the following sentences to find out whether there is an error in any underlined part. No sentence has more than one error. If you feel there is no error in a sentence, write (D) to signify 'No error'.

41. Earth provide enough to satisfy every man's needs,

(A) ✓

(B)

but not every man's greed.

(C)

No error

(D) ✗

42. If I were you I would not have do that. No error

(A)

(B)

(C) ✓

(D)

43. Remember that we should be always content with what we has.

(A)

(B)

(C) ✓

No error

(D)

44. Suppose if you were left alone at home at midnight,

(A) ✓

(B)

would you really panic?

(C)

No error

(D) ✗

45. The student who stood first have lost her father

(A)

(B) ✓

in an accident.

(C)

No error

(D)



46. As a teacher (A) I was shocked (B) by the student remark. (C) ✓

No error

(D) ✗

47. As this is a serious matter, (A) it must be considered (B) ✗

from every point of view.

(C)

No error

(D) ✓

48. Many patients have plastic valves (A) inserted in his heart (B) ✓

when their hearts function in a faulty manner.

(C)

No error

(D) ✗

49. Thousands of candidates (A) ✗ compete with each other (B)

for a single post.

(C)

No error

(D) ✓

50. As a citizen of India (A) I cherishes both (B) ✓

our democracy and secularism.

(C) ✗

No error

(D)