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MISCELLANEOUS SPOTTING ERROR QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. Alms was (a) /given to(b) /the beggar(c) /No error

Ans - Replace 'was' with 'were'.

Explanation - Certain nouns like alms exist in plural forms only and they take plural verb with them.

2. The company(a) /has ordered(b) /some new equipments (c) /No error

Ans - 'Equipment' is the correct usage.

Explanation - It is an uncountable noun and has no plural form.

3. Envy strikes a woman (a) /when she sees her husband(b) /talking to another woman(c) /No error

Ans - 'jealousy' is the right usage here.

Explanation - Jealousy is the fear to lose the person/thing we have. while envy means the resentful desire of some

4. Two summons have been issued by the court(a) /but sohan has not (b) /yet appeared before the court(c) /No error

Ans - 'summonses' will be the right usage here.

Explanation - 'Summons' is a noun. The plural of summons is summonses whereas 'summon' is a verb.



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5. Sheeps are economically(a) /very useful and so they are reared(b) /for wool and meat(c) /No error

Ans - 'Sheep' is the correct usage here.

Explanation - It doesn't take 's' with it to make a plural formation.

6. All the evidences were (a) /against him and he was (b) /held guilty(c) /No error

Ans - 'evidence' is the correct usage. It's an uncountable noun.

Explanation - So 's' or 'es' is not added with it and takes singular verb.

7. Statistics shows that (a)/ there is going to (b)/ be a big economic slowdown (c)/ no error

Ans - 'Show' in place of shows.

Explanation - Statistics as a subject is used with a singular verb, but when taken as a collection of data, it is used with a plural verb.

8. Orders for his transfer (a)/ has been (b)/ issued by the ministry (c)/ no error

Ans - Have in place of has. 'Orders' is used in the plural sense.

Explanation - Order of his transfer has been issued.

(wrong),Orders of his transfer have been issued.(right)

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9. The twenty-days tour (a)/ in the southernmost part (b) of the country were very interesting (c)/ no error

Ans - 'twenty-day' and 'was' in place of twenty-days and were respectively.

Explanation - A compound noun (numerical+noun) is not used in plural if a noun does the work of an adjective.

10. Sara has given (a)/ me six dozens pens (b)/ of different varieties (c)/ no error

Ans - 'Dozen' in place of 'dozens'

Explanation - Nouns expressing numbers are used in singular with numerical adjectives.

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Ans - 'Show' in place of shows.

Explanation - Statistics as a subject is used with a singular verb, but when taken as a collection of data, it is used with a plural verb.

12. She made (a)/ your mention at (b)/ the farewell party (c)/ no error

Ans - 'mention of you' in place of 'your mention'

Explanation - A noun or pronoun in the possessive case should not be used sometimes with the nouns such as Mention, Separation, leave, excuse, report, pardon, Sight, Favour



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13. There is (a)/ no country but (b)/ is corrupt. (c)/ no error

Ans - no error. The sentence means there is no country which is not corrupt.

Explanation - Here 'but' has been used as a relative pronoun though it's a conjunction.

14. I will give you a novel (a)/ tomorrow and the same is (b)/ written by (c)/ one of the best selling authors (d)/ no error

Ans - use 'it' in place of 'the same'

Explanation - The use of 'the same' as a pronoun is wrong.

15. She is the same girl who (a)/ always likes to (b)/ boast of her beauty (c)/ no error

Ans - that in place of who

Explanation - The same... takes 'that' relative pronoun

16. You, I and he (a)/ should take this (b)/ examination seriously (c)/ no error

Ans - You, he and I in place of you, I and he

Explanation - bca order

17. You and I (a)/ will be punished (b)/ for this stupidity (c)/ no error

Ans - I and You in place of you and I

Explanation - unpleasant act so, abc order will be followed.



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18. They, you and we (a)/ are (b)/ leaving for Delhi tomorrow (c)/
no error

Ans - we, you and they in place of they, you and we.

Explanation - In plural 'we is used before' you' and 'they'. (abc order) is followed in this case.

19. Little that (a)/ Shivangi did (b)/ for me is unforgettable(c)/ no
error

Ans - use 'the' before little

Explanation - 'The little' means not much but all,'Little' means hardly any,'A little' means not much (some)

20. Shivangi is (a)/ cleverer than (b)/ honest (c)/ no error

Ans - use 'more clever' instead of cleverer.

Explanation - The comparative adjectives ending in 'er' (i.e., cleverer) should be used as 'more clever' while comparing the two qualities of one and the same thing or a person.

21. Sohan is a fortunate (a)/ person whose all (b)/ efforts succeed
(c)/ no error

Ans - place 'whose' after 'all' all whose efforts.

Explanation - Possessive case is placed after 'all' and 'both'.

22. Shivangi not only (a)/ came to see me (b)/ but also to take her
bag.(c)/ no error

Ans - place 'not only' after 'came'.

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23. Not only Sohan (a)/ likes to take coffee (b)/ but also tea (c)/
no error

Ans - Place 'not only' just before coffee

Explanation - " Either, neither, only, both, even, but also " should be placed immediately before the words they emphasize.

24. My pen is (a) / five times (b)/ cheaper than yours (c) / no error

Ans - Use 'as cheap as' instead of 'Cheaper than'

Explanation - No comparison is implied, when there is 'times' used for comparison. So positive degree is used.

25. A dark spacious (a)/ cell has been found (b)/ in a recent
discovery (c)/ no error

Ans - It should be 'spacious dark'

Explanation - Size - Shape - Age - color - Nationality - Material
- Noun (order is followed)

26. (a) Neither of them/ (b) are going to attend/ (c) the party on
10th October./ (d) No error

Ans - Use is in place of are.

Explanation - Use is in place of are. The noun / pronoun that comes after neither is the plural of them.

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27. Cricket has become so popular (a)/ that even elderly people are discussing (b)/ the game when they meet. (c)/ No error (d)

Ans - (b) Replace 'are discussing' with 'discuss'. According to the meaning of sentence, this part of sentence should be in Present Indefinite Tense.

28. If one of the candidates choose (a)/ to leave before the examination is over (b)/ allow him to do so. (c)/ No error (d)

Ans - (a) Replace 'choose' with 'chooses'. Sentence structure should be 'If + one of the + plural noun + singular verb'.

29. He being the oldest son (a)/ has requested us to look after (b)/ the problem faced by his father. (c)/ No error (d)

Ans - (b) Replace 'look after' with 'to look at'. • Look at - to analyze and find a solution • Look after - to keep under careful scrutiny

30. Old age and infirmity (a)/ had began to (b)/ catch up with him. (c)/ No error (d)

Ans - (b) Replace 'began' with 'begun'. The sentence is a Past Perfect Tense. Hence it should be had + V3. Begun is the V3 form of 'begin'

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31. This is the best (a)/ thing that (b)/ you ever have done. (c)/ No error (d)

Ans - (c) Correct place of 'ever' in the sentence is after have. 'You have ever done' is the appropriate formation.

32. This medicine (a)/ will cure you (b)/ from your fever. (c)/ No error (d)

Ans - (c) Replace 'from' with 'of'. 'Cure you of your fever' is the correct form. "Cure (V) + somebody + of + something". Cure (Noun) takes 'for'.

33. He is not well versed in Mathematics (a)/ that we all expect (b)/ him to be at this age. (c)/ No error (d)

Ans - (b) Replace 'that' with 'as'. 'As well as expect' is the correct formation. • 'So – as' is used for setting an example. • 'So – that' is used to tell the strength or capacity.

34. There are many a slips (a)/ between the cup and the lip and so (b)/ one has to be careful. (c)/ No error (d)

Ans - (a) Replace 'many a slips' with 'many a slip'. 'Many a + singular noun' is the correct formation.

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35. I met the gentleman (a) / this morning on my way (b) / to the market. (c) / No error (d)

Ans - I met the gentleman

Explanation - No certain gentleman is mentioned here. Hence, I met a gentleman should be used here. Hence, option A is correct.

36. Unless he apologizes (a)/he should not be (b)/allowed to stay with us. (c)/No error (d)

Ans - (d) No error

Explanation - The sentence is absolutely correct and thus has no error in it. Option D is hence the correct answer.

37. The redevelopment project is aimed (a) / not just providing good houses to shanty dwellers, (b) / but also developing infrastructure around the major Mumbai localities. (c) / No error (d)

Ans - (a)The redevelopment project is aimed

Explanation - Be aimed at = to have something as an aim. Hence, The redevelopment project is aimed at should be used here. Hence, option A is correct.

38. The police is investigating (a) / the recent happening (b) / in the area. (c) / No error (d)

Ans - (a)The police is investigating

Explanation - Police generally agrees with a plural verb. Hence, The police are investigating should be used here. Hence, option A is correct.

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39. She regards (a)/negotiating prices with customers (b)/as her special expertise. (c)/No error (d)

Ans - (c)as her special expertise

Explanation - Expertise (Noun) = expert/special knowledge or skill in a particular subject, activity or job. Ex. We have the expertise in dealing with oil spills. (Correct) Ex. We have the special expertise in dealing with oil spills. (Incorrect) In the given sentence, usage of the word 'special' before 'expert

40. I had asked him (a)/how he could go out (b)/if it started raining. (c)/No error (d)

Ans - (a)I had asked him

Explanation - Here, Past Simple i.e. I asked him (recent past) should be used. Hence, option A is correct.

41. Another baffling change (a) / that I noticed in him nowadays (b) / is that he avoids speaking to me. (c) / No error (d)

Ans - (b)that I noticed in him nowadays

Explanation - The sentence shows present time. Hence, Present Simple i.e. that I notice in him now a days (present time) should be used. Hence, option B is correct.

42. It being a rainy day (a) / I will decide to skip work (b) / and stayed at home. (c) / No error (d)

Ans - (b) I will decide to skip work

Explanation - The sentence shows a past event. Hence I decided to skip work should be used here. Hence, option B is correct.

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43. His voice shook with emotion (a)/and it was so funny to hear him (b)/that all we longed to laugh and to cry. (c)/No error (d)

Ans - (c)that all we longed to laugh and to cry

Explanation - Here it is position of words related error. Hence, all of us or we all longed to laugh and cry ... should be used here. Hence, option C is correct.

44. Eighty-five thousand rupees (a)/is a large sum of money (b)/to earn in a month. (c)/No error (d)

Ans - (d)No error

Explanation - The sentence is absolutely correct and thus has no error in it. Option D is hence the correct answer.

45. In parallel, the building up (a) of a defence base (b) should gather great momentum (c) than the snail's pace it has now. (d) / No error (E)

Ans - (c)should gather great momentum

Explanation - The fragment C of the sentence is erroneous as the adjective (great) used in it must be of comparative degree. The correct sentence would therefore be, "In parallel, the building up of a defence industrial base should gather greater momentum than the snail's pace it has now."

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46. The economics of the city plays itself out, (a) / when presenting sharp contrasts in the choices (b) / that the privileged and economically independent have, (c) / compared to those that are not. (d) / No error (E)

Ans - (d) compared to those that are not.

Explanation - The sentence is in Present Indefinite Tense and the fragment D must be "compared to those that do not." as per the rule of Subject-verb agreement. Hence, option D is correct.

47. What has helped these centers develop (a) / so rapidly is the development of (b) / social infrastructure like schooling, healthcare, (c) / housing and urban transport tandemly. (d) / No error (E)

Ans - (d) housing and urban transport tandemly.

Explanation - 'Tandemly' is a wrong expression used in the fragment D of the sentence. The appropriate adverbial phrase is 'in tandem'. In tandem: if two things happen or are used in tandem, they happen or are used at the same time. Ex. The new system is designed to be used in tandem with the existing commu

48. South Asian religious traditions (a) / have long attracted admirers (b) / from the West, but none (c) / have been flamboyant as Maximiani Portaz. (d) / No error (e)

Ans - (d) have been flamboyant as Maximiani Portaz.

Explanation - The fragment D has an error and it should be 'have been as flamboyant as Maximiani Portaz. We use as + adjective/adverb + as to make comparisons when the things we are comparing are equal in some way. Ex. The world's biggest bull is as big as a small elephant. Hence, option D is correct.

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49. The National Technical Advisory Group on Immunization (NTAGI) is a group of experts (a) / who meet on an annual basis to discuss the technical and policy issues (b) / pertaining with the program and suggest introduction of (c) / newer vaccines based on the available disease burden data. (d) / No error (e)

Ans - (c) pertaining with the program and suggest introduction of
Explanation - Explanation - Kindly replace 'pertaining with' by 'pertaining to' because the word 'pertain' takes the preposition 'to' after it. To pertain is to be relevant or somehow associated with something. Ex. If you're a lawyer, you try to find evidence that will pertain to the case and eliminate anything that is not

50. The prevalence of violence and aggression are being attributed (a) / to caste barriers, the changing mores brought in by the information technology boom, (b) / the education system, the breakdown in morality, lack of family interventions, (c) / and of course, the biggest villain, Tamil cinema. (d) / No error (e)

Ans - (a) The prevalence of violence and aggression are being attributed

Explanation - Explanation - Kindly replace 'are being attributed' by 'is being attributed' to make it a grammatically correct sentence. 'Prevalence', which means the fact or condition of being prevalent or commonness, is a state and hence an abstract noun and must take a singular verb. Option A hence is the correct answer.