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1. Read the given passage carefully and answer the questions that follow. Once, on being asked whether the work had not been overextended, Mother Teresa laughed, 'If there are poor on the moon, we shall go there too.' Born an Albanian, Mother Teresa came to Kolkata at the age of 18, and in the course of her life's mission of caring for the poorest of the poor, dominated the Indian century. In the process she was respected almost everywhere. In the eyes of much of the world she was considered the Saint of the Gutters in her lifetime. Neither the highest honors nor the barbs flung at her could distract her from her chosen path. In spite of her early difficulties and, much later in life, her many near brushes with serious illness and death, she lived to complete much of her agenda. The major achievements in Mother Teresa's life are well-documented. After almost two decades in Kolkata's Loreto Convent, where she taught geography and catechism, Mother Teresa was permitted to step into the world that lay beyond the security of convent wall, to begin her mission which she said was an answer to a 'call' that she received on a train journey to Darjeeling. She started with three saris and a five-rupee note. From a single school which she started in a Kolkata slum in 1948, the Order grew into a multinational that continued to be run from a small office in Kolkata. In the year before her death, her Order ran 755 homes in 125 countries. During that year the Missionaries of Charity fed half a million hungry mouths in five continents, treated a quarter of a million sick, taught over 20,000 slum children and ran homes for the mentally retarded, the leprosy-afflicted, AIDS patients, the crippled and alcoholics and drug addicts. They ran day-crèches, night-shelters, soup-kitchens and TB hospitals.

a) Neither the highest honors nor the barbs flung at her could distract her from her 'chosen path.' What does the 'chosen path' mean? (A) Help the poor (B) Lead a life for helping the poor (C) Compassionate towards poor of the poorest (D) Caring for the poorest of the poor (E) None of these

b) Which one of the following statements is false in context to the Missionaries of Charity? (A) It looked after the pupils of Kolkata's Loreto Convent. (B) It provided

education to the slum children. (C) It ran day-crèches, hospitals and night shelters. (D) It treated a quarter of a million sick people. (E) None of these

2. Complete the sentence with correct option. The High Court_____the death sentence of the prisoner. (A) set down (B) set upon (C) set about (D) set aside (E) None of these

3. Below given is a sentence in four parts. One of the parts contains a grammatical error. Find the part. As though this were not bad enough (1)/nuclear power in India is vastly (2)/more expensive than it was (3)/ assumed to be. (4)

(A) 1 (B) 2 (C) 3 (D) 4 (E) None of these

4. Give the synonym of the word underlined in the given sentence. The intrepid mountaineer who scaled the peak in winter should be specially congratulated.

(A) Bold (B) Courageous (C) Vigorous (D) Brave (E) None of these

5. Which one of the following sentences is grammatically correct?

(A) He was extremely unhappy because of inordinately delay. (B) He was extremely unhappy because of inordinately delaying. (C) He was extremely unhappy because of inordinate delay. (D) He was extremely unhappy because of inordinate delaying. (E) None of these

6. Give the one word substitution of the sentence given below. A long wandering journey (A) Trip (B) Odyssey (C) Stroller (D) Excursion (E) None of these

7. Use the verb form of 'success' in the following sentence. He is sure of success.

(A) Success is sure to him. (B) He knows of his success. (C) That he will succeed is known to him. (D) He is sure that he will succeed. (E) None of these.

8. Fill in the blank as per subject verb agreement. _____I in your place, I would keep quiet. (A) Am (B) Were (C) Would (D) Was (E) None of these

9. Give the usage of the word underlined. I was about to go to bed when there was a knock at the door.

(A) Adjective (B) Adverb (C) Preposition (D) Pronoun (E) None of these

10. Change the voice. You will have finished this work by tomorrow.

(A) This work will have been finished tomorrow. (B) This work will be finished by

tomorrow. (C) This work will finish tomorrow. (D) This work will have been finished by tomorrow. (E) None of these

11. His duties were of a kind ill suited_____his ardent and daring character.

(A) To (B) for (C) by (D) with (E) None of these

12. If only he_____told us the truth in the first place, things wouldn't have gone wrong. (A) Has (B) would have (C) had (D) should have (E) None of these

13. _____the child down to sleep.

(A) Lie (B) Lay (C) Laid (D) Lain (E) None of these

14. The sentence given below is an example of which of the following figure of speech? The child is the father of man. (A) Epigram (B) Antithesis (C) Metaphor (D) Hyperbole (E) None of these

15. Fill in the blanks with correct conjunction. Our hoard is little,_____our hearts are great. (A) And (B) but (C) for (D) so (E) None of these

16. The underlined word in the given sentence is a/an: Are there any witnesses present? (A) Noun (B) Pronoun (C) Adjective (D) Infinitive (E) None of these

Give the synonyms for the words underlined in the sentences below in Q17 & 18.

17. The munificence of the businessman was great.

(A) Generosity (B) Stinginess (C) Misery (D) Tactfulness (E) None of these

18. If you don't care for the blemishes of his style, you will find that the writer has a powerful message to convey. (A) Excellence (B) Qualities (C) Accusations (D) Faults (E) None of these

19. Choose the appropriate filler. When I met her last year,_____.

(A) She had married since five years. (B) she had been married for five years (C) she was married for five years (D) she had been married since five years (E) None of these

20. Fill in the blank with correct determiners. I have to go to the bank because I have _____checks I need to deposit.

(A) Some (B) few (C) a few (D) little (E) None of these

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