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Direction (1-4): Read each sentence to find out whether there is any grammatical or idiomatic error in it. The error, if any, will be in one part of the sentence. The number of that part is the answer. If there is 'No error', the answer is (e). (Ignore errors of punctuation, if any.)

1. She held something (a) / at her side which (b) / was totally hiding (c) / by the folds of her sari. (d) / No error. (e)
2. The father forbade his son (a) / to walk in the sun (b) / and play with (c) / his friends on the road (d) / No error (e)
3. The movement, which aims to (a) / raise awareness about climate change, hopes (b) / to bring people together to think about (c) / what they can do for reduce harmful pollution. (d) / No error (e)
4. I declined the invitation (a) / not because I did not (b) / want to go but (c) / because I have no time. (d) / No error (e)

Directions (5-8): In each of the questions given below a part of the sentence is given in bold. It is then followed by three options. Find the alternative that can replace the given bold part to make the sentence grammatically and contextually correct. If none of the alternatives is correct and the sentence is correct as it is then select option (e) as your choice.

5. Economist Deena Khatkhate, who will pass away at the age of 92 on September 15 in Bethesda, Maryland, in the US, was an unusual man.
(I) who passed away
(II) who shall passed away
(III) who has passed away

- (a) Only (ii)
(b) Both (i) and (iii)
(c) Both (ii) and (iii)
(d) Only (iii)
(e) No correction required

6. A misogynist is a person who is hating women.

- (I) Who are hating
(II) Who have hate
(III) Who hates
(a) (a) Both (i) and (iii)
(b) (b) Only (i)
(c) (c) Both (ii) and (iii)
(d) (d) Only (iii)
(e) (e) No correction required

7. Samira is the better of the two girls when it comes to solving hard mathematic problems.

- (I) is the better of two girls
(II) is better of the two girls
(III) is better of two girls
(a) Only (i)
(b) Only (ii)
(c) Both (ii) and (iii)
(d) Both (i) and (iii)
(e) No correction is required

8. There are two novels on the table which needs to be read before the exams, but neither one are interesting.

- (I) neither one has interested
(II) neither one is interesting
(III) neither one were interesting
(a) Only (i)
(b) Both (i) and (ii)
(c) Only (ii)
(d) Both (i) and (iii)
(e) No correction is required

Directions (9-11): In the following question, a word has been given. Choose the sentence(s) in which it is used correctly.

9. Hamper

- (I) Although the pain medication has its benefits, it can also hamper the body's capacity to break down toxins.
 - (II) Hamper and plain, the woman was known for her delicious cooking but not her looks.
 - (III) The runner hamper tossed the baton to his teammate who took off toward the finish line.
- (a) Only A
 - (b) Only B
 - (c) Only C
 - (d) Both A and B
 - (e) All are correct

10. Tact

- (I) Because he lacks discretion and tact, most of the things my brother says comes off as offensive.
 - (II)
 - (III) Even though Vincent van Gogh was an extremely tactful artist, he only sold one painting during his lifetime. Andrew is a man of great tact and is a skilled speaker when it comes to diplomacy.
- (a) Only A
 - (b) Only B
 - (c) Only C
 - (d) Both A and C
 - (e) All are correct

11. Trauma

- (I) The three girl's voices created a beautiful trauma over the loudspeaker.
 - (II) The trauma of spices was mixed in, with one of the three being pepper.
 - (III) The trauma of living in a concentration camp was a suffering that the survivors couldn't get over easily.
- (a) Only A
 - (b) Only B
 - (c) Only C
 - (d) Both A and B
 - (e) All are correct

Directions (26-30): In the following question, two columns are given containing incomplete sentences. In the first column, the phrases are (A), (B), and (C), and in the second column the phrases are (D), (E), and (F). You have to match the phrases of column (1) with those of column (2) and make grammatically and contextually correct sentences. If none of the options given forms a correct sentence after combination, select 'None of these' as your answer.

12.

Column (1)	Column (2)
A-If a man does not keep pace with his companions,	D-Stuart was often hard to find around the house
B-Her mom came home tired	E-perhaps it is because he hears a different drummer
C-Because he is so small,	F-but she still cooked dinner for her family

- (a) A-D
- (b) B-F
- (c) C-E
- (d) A-F
- (e) None of these

13.

Column (1)	Column (2)
A-My father used a dilatory strategy to keep me out of the house	D-evolution progresses
B-As genes change over time,	E-While my mother arranges my surprise birthday party
C-When I came into light after emerging from the dark depths of the cave	F-I only wanted two things: soap and water.

- (a) A-F
- (b) B-E
- (c) C-D
- (d) A-E and C-F
- (e) e) None of these

14.

Column (1)	Column (2)
A-When the soldiers put dynamite under the bridge,	D-they hoped it would enervate the foundation to the point of collapse
B-When Kyle died, nobody missed him because	E-he was a bully who liked to enervate women by hitting them
C-While the writing appeared simple, its meaning was esoteric	F-in the fact only a number of scholars could comprehend it.

- (a) A-F
- (b) B-E
- (c) C-E
- (d) A-E
- (e) None of these

15.

Column 1	Column 2
A-Because of advances in DNA testing, the police can now conduct	D- he started a crusade to rid his city of illegal drugs
B-When the mayor learned his son was killed by a drug leader	E- he bet all his savings on the game
C-His football team would pulverize its opponent	F- a belated investigation into the unsolved murder

- (a) A-F
- (b) A-E
- (c) A-D
- (d) B-F
- (e) None of these

16.

Column 1	Column 2
A-The accidental firing of the missile broke the armistice	D-destroyed the chance of peace between the two nations
B-After a year of fighting, the two armies agreed to an armistice	E- do not realise they could be down-and-out too

C-People who think homeless people are dregs of society	F-that would allow the soldiers to rest on Christmas day
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- (a) A-F
- (b) B-F
- (c) A-D
- (d) C-D
- (e) None of these

17. **The cows were not producing enough milk and they also stopped lactating when the calf was not nursing.**

- (I) Not available at the right time.
- (II) Not as much is required.
- (III) Not belonging to any place or process
- (a) Only A
- (b) Only B
- (c) Only C
- (d) Both A and B
- (e) All A, B and C

18. **He was against the idea to start with, but he soon changed his tune when he realized how much money he'd get.**

- (I) Changing the way of speaking
- (II) Changing your mind
- (III) Strategically correct
- (a) Only A
- (b) Only B
- (c) Both B and C
- (d) Both A and C
- (e) All A, B and C

Directions (1-5): Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions given below it.

Investors can safely ignore **glimmers** of hope in the trade war between the United States and China. The latest round of U.S. tariffs on \$200 billion of Chinese goods, and Beijing's response, could have been worse, and that buoyed markets. The S&P 500 Index, Dow Jones Industrial Average and NASDAQ were all slightly up on Tuesday. Investors are missing the bigger picture, though, which is that there's little to stop things escalating further. First, the good. America and China reduced the rate at which they were going to tax each other's goods from a planned 25%. Since the latest import duties affect consumer goods such as bike helmets and car seats, President Donald Trump didn't want to **alienate** voters with high prices just before the November mid-term elections. But that just buys time, since the White House aims to boost the tariff rate to 25% next year. Which leaves

everything dependent on talks between Washington and Beijing that have so far been pointless. An August meeting between China's Ministry of Commerce and the U.S. Treasury failed to make progress. The latest round of tariffs will most probably kill plans for Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin to meet Chinese Vice-Premier Liu He.

- (c) explanation
- (d) rogue
- (e) censure

Directions (19-20): In which of the following given sentences the usage of the given word is correct.

19. According to the passage, the latest import duties affect consumer goods such as ?

- (I) Bike helmets
- (II) car engine
- (III) car seats
- (a) Both i and i aaa
- (b) Both i and iii
- (c) Only i
- (d) Only ii
- (e) All of the above

20. Choose the word which is most near to the meaning as the word "alienate" printed in bold as used in the passage

- (a) arouse
- (b) interpolate
- (c) cede
- (d) estrange
- (e) gander

21. According to the passage which stock markets are slightly high?

- (I) NASDAQ
- (II) Dow Jones Industrial Average
- (III) The S&P 500 Index
- (a) Both i and iii
- (b) Both ii and iii
- (c) Only i
- (d) Only ii
- (e) All of the above

22. According to the passage, White House aims to boost the tariff rate to how much percentage next year?

- (a) 70%
- (b) 55%
- (c) 35%
- (d) 25%
- (e) 20%

23. Choose the word which is most near to the meaning as the word "glimmers" printed in bold as used in the passage

- (a) inklings
- (b) antiques

24. Saddle

- (a) The chairman is back in the saddle after his heart attack.
- (b) I didn't mean to saddle you with my problems.
- (c) She waited until after the election, knowing that she'd be in the saddle then
- (d) Evans is retiring after ten years in the saddle as chief executive.
- (e) All are correct

25. Blemished

- (a) She hoped the book would restore her blemished reputation.
- (b) We blemished him in the whole procedure.
- (c) Sally blemished herself with the math problem.
- (d) With his meagre strength he blemished, and john managed to lower the body gently.
- (e) All are correct

Direction (26-30): In each question there are five parts A, B, C, D and E. The sentences can be jumbled or may be in proper order. Choose the correct sequence and arrange it so that the sentence is grammatically correct.

26. the RCR states and advocates integrating / (A) much beyond what /(B) the NAP report goes/(C) the teaching of humanities in STEM. /(D)

- (a) BACD
- (b) CBAD
- (c) CDAB
- (d) ADBC
- (e) BCDA

27. they cannot make fresh loans. /(A) their nonperforming loans, /(B) and unless banks are cleaned of /(C) recognition is the first step in a clean-up,/ (D)

- (a) DACB
- (b) BDAC
- (c) DCAB
- (d) ADBC
- (e) DCBA

28. shimmering green paddy fields in neat squares, Webi is one of 12 villages in Middle/ (A) set in a clearing and amidst /(B) Karen community lives/(C) and North Andamans where the minuscule/(D)

- (a) BADC
- (b) CABD
- (c) CDAB
- (d) DABC
- (e) CBDA

29. 29) numerous complaints by passengers about /(A) the move comes after/(B) the exorbitant rates charged for/(C) food and beverages at airport terminals/(D)

- (a) DACB
- (b) BDAC

(c) ACBD

(d) BACD

(e) DACB

30. drop-off point is between the junior /(A) and middle management levels/(B) in India's leaking pipeline of women employees, /(C) the first and most significant /(D)

(a) CABD

(b) BADC

(c) CDAB

(d) ADBC

(e) DBCA