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GENERAL ENGLISH

No. of Questions : 25 (1 - 25)

Marks : 25

Time : 20 minutes.

Directions (1 - 5) : In the following questions, a part of the sentence is printed in bold. Below are given alternatives to the bold part as (1), (2), (3) and (4) which may improve the sentence. Choose the correct alternative. In case no improvement is needed, your answer is (5).

- The entire blame for crime cannot **be led at the doors** of the State.
 - 1) Be laid at doors
 - 2) Been laid at the doors
 - 3) Be laid at the doors
 - 4) be lain of the doors
 - 5) No improvement
- Adversities **bring in the best and worst** in different human beings.
 - 1) Bring out the best and the worst
 - 2) Bring about the best and worst
 - 3) Bring out best and worst
 - 4) brought in better and worse
 - 5) No improvement
- During the Miss Asia contest in China, it was a difficult moment to decide whether Miss Japan or Miss India **is the most beautiful**.
 - 1) Was more beautiful
 - 2) Was the most beautiful
 - 3) Is more beautiful
 - 4) are being most than beautiful
 - 5) No improvement
- It obviously did not happen because of the Court's order **placing a ban on cash transaction** above Rs 2 lakhs.
 - 1) Placing a ban to cash transaction
 - 2) To place a ban at cash transaction
 - 3) To place a ban on cash transaction
 - 4) doing placing on cash transaction
 - 5) No improvement
- Harold was 45 years old when his first book 'Lost King' **had been published** by ABC Publisher.
 - 1) Was published
 - 2) Got published
 - 3) Had been published
 - 4) Did got been published
 - 5) No improvement

Directions (6 - 15) : Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions given below it.

There once lived a rich businessman who had a lazy and fun loving son. The businessman wanted his son to be hard-working and responsible. He wanted him to realize the value of labour. One day he summoned his son and said: "Today, I want you to go out and earn something, failing which you won't have your meals tonight". The boy was callous and not used to any kind of work. This demand by his father scared him and he went crying straight to his mother. Her heart melted at the sight of tears in her son's eyes. She grew restless. In a bid to help him she gave him a gold coin. In the evening when the father asked his son what he had earned, the son promptly presented him the gold coin. The father then asked him to throw it into a well. The son did as he was told. The father was a man of wisdom and experience and guessed that the source of the gold coin was the boy's mother. The next day he sent his wife to her parent's town and asked his son to go and earn something with the threat of being denied the night meals if he failed. This time he went crying to his sister who sympathized with him and gave him a rupee coin out of her own savings. When his father asked him what he had earned the boy tossed the rupee coin at him. The father again asked him to throw it in a well. The son did it quite readily. Again the father's wisdom told him that the rupee coin was not earned by his son. He then sent his daughter to her in-laws' house. He again asked his son to go out and earn with the threat that he shall not have anything for dinner that night. This time since there was no one to help him out; the son was forced to go to the market in search of work. One of the shopkeepers there told him that he would pay him two rupees if he carried his trunk to his house. The rich man's son could not refuse and was drenched in sweat by the time he finished the job. His feet were trembling and his neck and back were aching. There were rashes on his back. As he returned home and produced the two rupee note before his father and was asked to throw it into the well, the horrified son almost cried out. He could not imagine throwing his hard-earned money like this. He said amid sobbing: "Father! My entire body is aching. My back has rashes and you are asking me to throw the money into the well". At this the businessman smiled. He told him that one feels the pain only when the fruits of hard labour are wasted. On earlier two occasions he was helped by his mother and sister and therefore had no pain in throwing the coins into the well. The son had now realized the value of hard work. He vowed never to be lazy and safe keep the father's wealth. The father handed over the keys of his shop to the son and promised to guide him through the rest of the life.

- The boy felt no pain in throwing the coins into the well, the first two times because
 - 1) his father asked him to do so
 - 2) he was curious to know what would happen
 - 3) he was helped by his mother and sister
 - 4) it was his earned money
 - 5) he trusted his father
- What ultimatum did the father give to the son?
 - 1) He would throw away all his money if he continued to be casual
 - 2) He would not be given his meal if he did not earn something
 - 3) He would have to earn one gold coin in order to stay in the house
 - 4) He would give him the keys of the shop if he studied well
 - 5) He would throw him into the well if he continued to be lazy.

8. Why did the father want his son to earn something?
 1) He wanted him to realize the value of labour. 2) The father did not wish to work anymore.
 3) The father did not trust his son with money. 4) He wanted his son to add to the family income.
 5) He was envious of his son.
9. How did the son realize the value of hard work?
A. He was asked to throw his hard-earned money into the well.
B. He was paid only two rupees for all his manual labour. **C.** He found it difficult to secure a job in the market.
 1) Only A 2) Only B 3) Only C 4) Both A and C 5) All A, B and C
10. Why did the boy retaliate the third time when his father asked him to throw the money into the well?
 1) His entire body was aching. 2) He wanted some pocket money.
 3) He was tired of throwing all his money into the well.
 4) He wanted to invest his money. 5) It was his hard-earned money.

Directions (11 - 15) : Fill in the blank:

11. The famous singer _____ his success to his father's guidance.
 1) Credits 2) Accounts 3) Pertains 4) Attributes 5) Contributes
12. Whom would you prefer _____ the two of us?
 1) among 2) of 3) between 4) to 5) in
13. The cashier _____ the money and signed a receipt for it.
 1) collects 2) accepts 3) receives 4) measured 5) counted
14. Several campaigns were _____ for the eradication of illiteracy.
 1) established 2) run 3) implemented 4) launched 5) maintained
15. No sooner had he arrived than everyone _____ up in his honour.
 1) stood 2) stands 3) stand 4) got 5) bowed

Directions (16 - 20) : Below, a passage is given with five labeled blanks. Below the passage, five options are given for each blank, choose the word that fits each blank most appropriately in the context of the passage and mark the corresponding answer:

There was a man who had four sons. He ____(16)____ his sons to learn not to judge things too quickly. So he sent them each on a ____(17)____ in turn, to go and look at a pear tree that was a great distance away. The first son went in the winter, the second in the spring, the third in summer, and the youngest son in autumn. When they had all gone and come back, he ____(18)____ them together to ____(19)____ what they had seen. The first son said that the tree was ugly, bent, and twisted. The second son said, "No! It was covered with green buds and full of promise." The third son disagreed; he said it was laden with blossoms that ____(20)____ so sweet and looked so beautiful, it was the most graceful thing he had ever seen.

16. 1) created 2) wanted 3) placed 4) meant 5) teach
 17. 1) quest 2) airplane 3) expedition 4) pilgrimage 5) requested
 18. 1) followed 2) tied 3) called 4) said 5) bound
 19. 1) all 2) predict 3) maintain 4) describe 5) talk
 20. 1) was 2) fell 3) colour 4) smelled 5) cooked

Directions (21 - 25) : Which of the given below sentence(s) is / are correct ?

21. **a)** Could you help me look for an accommodation **b)** Accommodations in London are very expensive
c) I want some accommodation **d)** Accommodation and accommodations are used in American English.
From the above.
 1) only a is wrong 2) b and c are wrong 3) c and d are correct 4) a and d are correct 5) b and c are correct
22. **a)** According to me, he is wrong **b)** According to my opinion he is wrong
c) According to them, he is wrong **d)** As far as I am concerned, he is wrong
e) According to my view, he is wrong
From the above.
 1) only a is wrong 2) only b is wrong 3) only c and d are wrong 4) All are correct 5) None of the above
23. **a)** We have received a great deal of complaints **b)** A good deal of countries have already signed the agreement
c) We have to find a new way of dealing crime **d)** His father dead when he was still a baby
From the above.
 1) only a is wrong 2) all are correct 3) only b is wrong 4) all are wrong 5) None of the above
24. **a)** I have the degree in Economics. **b)** I know that Dad will be delightful if you come
c) There were over 17,000 deaths of AIDS
From the above.
 1) only a is correct 2) only c is correct 3) only b is wrong 4) only b and c are wrong 5) None of the above
25. **a)** It was a long way from the hotel to the beach.
b) The nearest town is ten miles away **c)** The original inhabitants of the region / area were probably Chinese.
From the above.
 1) only a is wrong 2) only b is wrong 3) only c is wrong 4) all are wrong 5) all are correct