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ABOUT THE ONLINE ENGLISH TEST

The role of English written communication skills in the CSS and PMS preparation and qualifying for these examinations is critically crucial. Learning typical grammar from books such as Wren & Martin, etc., usually does not help aspirants learn to communicate with the examiners because typical grammar has nothing to do with the CSS and PMS examinations. However, writing and qualifying for the essay paper demands aspirants crack the topic, write the thesis statement, build a relevant outline, craft a concise and to-the-point introduction, and write arguments with appropriate evidence in the body paragraphs to make their examiners agree with their point of view. And all this can only be possible if aspirants know their level of English. Contrary to this fact, almost 99% of aspirants join academies or English coaches without judging their level of English. Consequently, they never understand how to give their ideas and thought words relevantly, fluently, and grammatically correct and, ultimately, fail their essays.

Remember, there are three types of competitive aspirants. The first type of them are those aspirants whose level of English is already good enough and do not need any teacher. Instead, they need just a guideline about what and how to do it. Second, there are those aspirants who even lack the basics of English. They are those aspirants who cannot even learn to give their thoughts words like their fellows unless they learn the basics first. Instead of revising the basics of English, they start believing that qualifying for the CSS and PMS is a hard nut to crack. The third category of aspirants are those with a good grip on Functional English but lack writing skills. These aspirants need expert English writing teachers rather than college-level teachers, qualifiers or officers.

Every time I open admission to an **Extensive English Essay & Precis** Course or a **2-Month Crash Course for CSS and PMS**, thousands of aspirants start applying for admission without knowing their level of English skills. However, I always grant admission to a very limited number of aspirants who, at least, have a reasonable grip on functional English grammar. I do not grant admission to all aspirants because they lack the basics of the English language, and I know if they are granted admission, they will waste money. So, aspirants must know their English level before joining a teacher for their CSS and PMS preparation. If they do not consider this fact, they can easily get trapped by social media teachers, and you have already seen thousands of aspirants fail because of inept teachers who teach aspirants precis and essay papers within 10 to 30 days. Nevertheless, learning to communicate properly requires aspirants to give proper time, dedication, and a lot of practice.



OVERVIEW OF THE TEST

While learning English written communication skills, grammar is not the most important thing. Still, if you make many mistakes, you may become more difficult to be understood by the listener or examiner. Hardly anybody worldwide writes a foreign language perfectly, but you can communicate more successfully if you learn the art of writing from an expert teacher or work on your weak areas. To help thousands of aspirants know their level of English, I have designed the **first free practical and standardized English language test**. By taking this test, aspirants can easily get an assessment of their English level from home. This test will help you decide whether you need to join a teacher or what area you need to learn.

This test includes all the practical errors that aspirants make while writing, for example, sentence structuring, vocabulary, tenses, punctuation, prepositions, voices, narration, subject-verb agreement, articles, sentence correction, sentence completion, sentence improvement, and common errors, and fail their CSS and PMS essay and precis papers.

IMPORTANT FEATURES OF THE TEST

- This test is set to judge your English level, covering almost everything from grammar to writing for CSS and PMS aspirants.
- This test doesn't cover grammar areas normally not taught at the elementary level.
- Each question focuses on a particular area essential for competitive aspirants.
- Each question carries a detailed logical explanation, explained by Sir Syed Kazim Ali.
- This test is for serious aspirants who know English is the base for their CSS or PMS success.

HOW TO GET ANSWER KEY?

Sir Syed Kazim Ali, Pakistan's top CSS and PMS English essay and precis coach with the highest success rate of his students, has already explained all the answers. For the answer key and detailed explanation, contact Howfiv's admins on WhatsApp at **0300-6322446** or **0332-6105842**.



WHAT DO ENGLISH LEVELS MEAN?

After attempting the test yourself, assess your level of English and see at what level you stand.

Beginner Level (1 to 10%)

If you score between 1% to 10%, you need a basic English grammar teacher who can help you revise all the grammar basics before you start learning Functional English Grammar. Basic English grammar teacher means college-level teacher.

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If you score between 10% to 25%, you need a Functional English grammar teacher who can help you revise some advanced-level grammar rules dealing with the nature of words, their forms, functions, and sentence relations. A functional English grammar teacher means a university-level teacher.

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If you score between 25% to 40%, you still need a Functional English grammar teacher who can help you revise some advanced-level grammar rules dealing with the nature of words, their forms, functions, and sentence relations. A functional English grammar teacher means a university-level teacher.

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If you score between 65% to 100%, you do not need any teacher, whether functional or expert writing coach. All you need to do is to cover your weak areas yourself. For this, you just take help from Google and free orientation sessions set by known English writing teachers rather than officers or qualifiers.

***Miss Syeda Saba, Miss Iqra Ali, and Miss Minahil Mohsin** are Pakistan's best online Functional English grammar and writing teachers, whom **Sir Syed Kazim Ali** always recommends to all serious English learners.



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He is **Pakistan's top CSS and PMS English essay and precis teacher** with the highest success rate of his students. The way he explains and simplifies the concepts no other English teacher across the country can do. He knows that CSS and PMS aspirants' approach to learning the English language is different, and over the years, he has developed a unique teaching methodology that helps his students crack English essays and precis papers easily. His online creative English writing sessions give aspirants the skills and confidence to get the best possible exam results. He focuses on aspirants' exam's critical areas, helps them identify their strengths and weaknesses, and equips them with the writing skills they need to correctly and confidently express their thoughts and opinions.



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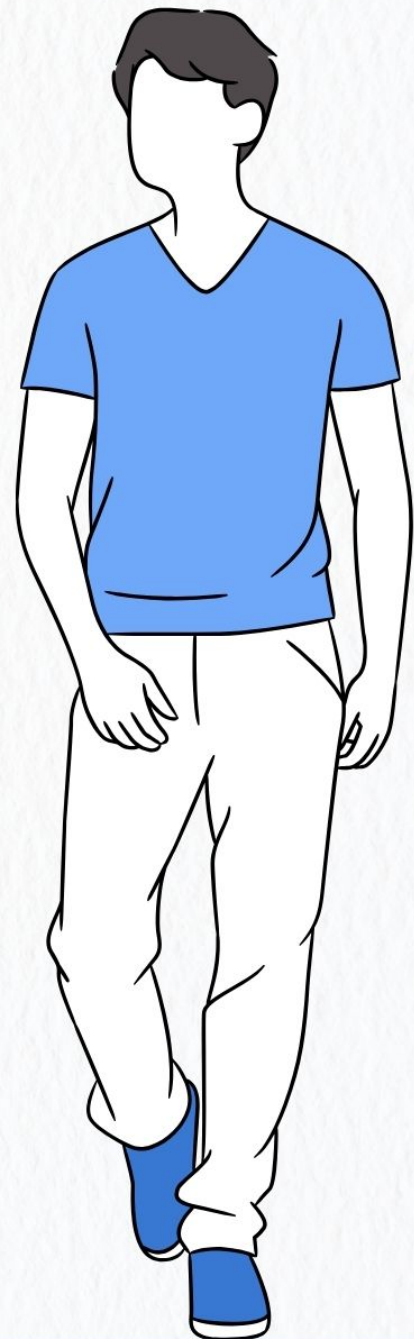
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The Use of Vocabulary

- Q1** His attempt to make fun of the situation was considered to be in bad taste and _____ in the extreme.
(a) fertile (b) frequent (c) febrile (d) facetious
- Q2** Though Ali and Sara did not speak to each other much, there was a _____ understanding between them.
(a) placid (b) contractual (c) tacit (d) verbal
- Q3** Mr. Hamza reached the _____ of his profession when he was named chairman of the chemistry department.
(a) vigil (b) precipice (c) pinnacle (d) threshold
- Q4** The lorry was lodged in a very _____ way, with its front wheels hanging over the cliff.
(a) precipitate (b) peculiar (c) pertinent (d) precarious
- Q5** Although his manager knew that he was not telling the truth, his explanations for being late were always so reasonable and totally _____ that he believed him.
(a) pleasant (b) perceptive (c) penetrating (d) plausible
- Q6** The secret of a good interview is to get straight to the point and ask _____ questions.
(a) incisive (b) inserting (c) introducing (d) inductive
- Q7** It was quite obvious from the secretive manner in which he left the shop and the _____ looks he kept giving that he hadn't paid for the items of clothing.
(a) furtive (b) fugitive (c) furious (d) famous
- Q8** Many of the safety instructions on things we buy often seem unnecessary and often quite _____ to the average person.
(a) superb (b) supreme (c) superfluous (d) superficial
- Q9** In spite of his best efforts, the officer failed to _____ any new facts from them.
(a) eject (b) evoke (c) elicit (d) enlist
- Q10** He is _____ to criticism and rational argument.
(a) important (b) impenetrable (c) immediate (d) impervious

Q1 She had no _____ about lying to the police.

- (a) questions (b) qualms (c) queries (d) quavers

Q2 I've no wish to disregard or _____ your achievements, but I think you could have done much more.

- (a) belittle (b) bemoan (c) bereave (d) betoken

Q3 Although all the athletes were full of life at the start of the marathon, towards the end of the race, a few were showing signs of tiredness and were clearly _____.

- (a) flogging (b) failing (c) flagging (d) foiling

Q4 Rather than be sombre all winter, Ali should try to be more _____.

- (a) energetic (b) jovial (c) depraved (d) depressed

Q5 Is she really desirous _____ visiting London?

- (a) of (b) in (c) to (d) about

Q6 Some of Shakespeare's historical plays are rather long and so there are editions where they are _____ to make them shorter.

- (a) abridged (b) accented (c) adopted (d) acquired

Q7 Family planning is essential for curbing the rapid _____ in population.

- (a) spread (b) increase (c) spurt (d) augment

Q8 Her _____ clothes and old-fashioned language marked her as an eccentric.

- (a) quaint (b) queer (c) quiet (d) queenly

Q9 Her persuasive tone was able to tackle the girl whom other teachers had found _____.

- (a) peripatetic (b) obdurate (c) tenacious (d) squeamish

Q10 The Government's economic policy includes certain projects for _____ the living conditions of the poor.

- (a) bettering (b) harmonizing (c) manipulating (d) doing away with

Synonyms

Q1 INVIGORATING

- (a) Vibrating (b) Refreshing (c) Exaggerated (d) Accelerating

Q2 APPOSITE

- (a) Kind (b) Favorable (c) Eloquent (d) Appropriate

Q3 LABYRINTH

- (a) Maze (b) Path (c) Skyscraper (d) Impasse

Q4 CREDULOUS

- (a) Funny (b) Silly (c) Innocent (d) Gullible

Q5 MORDANT

- (a) Stupid (b) Pensive (c) Senseless (d) Sarcastic

Q6 PURGE

- (a) Evacuate (b) Pressurize (c) Thrust (d) Float

Q7 OBSEQUIOUS

- (a) Defiant (b) Dishonest (c) Servile (d) Honest

Q8 ESPIONAGE

- (a) Hypnotism (b) Spying (c) Perception (d) Détente

Q9 GARRULOUS

- (a) Generous (b) Reticent (c) Taciturn (d) Voluble

Q10 SHEATH

- (a) Weapon (b) Hide (c) Encourage (d) Coat

Q1 EULOGY

- (a) Harmony (b) Euphoria (c) Praise (d) Homily

Q2 CONSCRIPT

- (a) Draft (b) Draw (c) Encircle (d) Subscribe

Q3 CONSTERNATION

- (a) Dismay (b) Anxiety (c) Hatred (d) Ignorance

Q4 MASTICATE

- (a) Chew (b) Choke (c) Bite (d) Swallow

Q5 DESICCATED

- (a) Dry (b) Drain (c) Clear (d) Fade

Q6 IMPECCABLE

- (a) Inoffensive (b) Harmless (c) Important (d) Faultless

Q7 CUPIDITY

- (a) Fear (b) Friendship (c) Greed (d) Love

Q8 VENERATE

- (a) Despise (b) Disobey (c) Disregard (d) Revere

Q9 PERNICIOUS

- (a) Filthy (b) Foul (c) Continuous (d) Injurious

Q10 PROFLIGATE

- (a) Talkative (b) Intelligent (c) Unconventional (d) Wasteful

Antonyms

Q1 PROCRASTINATE

- (a) Experiment (b) Expedite (c) Exclude (d) Propagate

Q2 PERNICIOUS

- (a) Prolonged (b) Ruinous (c) Ruthless (d) Beneficial

Q3 INCESSANT

- (a) Continuous (b) Intermittent (c) Unceasing (d) Constant

Q4 STATIONARY

- (a) Slowing (b) Standing (c) Moving (d) Writing

Q5 TRADY

- (a) Prompt (b) Gradual (c) Late (d) None

Q6 FRAILITY

- (a) Vehemence (b) Strength (c) Weak (d) None

Q7 FLIPPANT

- (a) Shallow (b) Successful (c) Serious (d) Strong

Q8 IMPETUOUS

- (a) Agitated (b) Impulsive (c) Cautious (d) Reckless

Q9 INDOLENT

- (a) Diligent (b) Malevolent (c) Brilliant (d) Solvent

Q10 SUSCEPTIBLE

- (a) Incredible (b) Immune (c) Predictable (d) Unpredictable

Q1 BETRAYAL

- (a) Deception (b) Treason (c) Loyalty (d) Distrust

Q2 PLAUSIBLE

- (a) Implausible (b) Friendly (c) Applicable (d) Flexible

Q3 PHILANTHROPIC

- (a) Self centered (b) Benevolent (c) Benign (d) Unsparring

Q4 WITHER

- (a) Shine (b) Bloom (c) Excel (d) Wilt

Q5 RANCID

- (a) Putrefied (b) Delicious (c) Fresh (d) Stale

Q6 RECEDE

- (a) Advance (b) Retrograde (c) Retreat (d) Withdraw

Q7 FOMENT

- (a) Repulse (b) Cease (c) Control (d) Quell

Q8 MALICIOUS

- (a) Malevolent (b) Spiteful (c) Baneful (d) Benign

Q9 CULMINATION

- (a) Completion (b) Climax (c) Conclusion (d) Beginning

Q10 REVEAL

- (a) Conceal (b) Insert (c) Excavate (d) Absolve

Pair of Words

- Q1** The footballer first _____ to the left, away from the goal post, and, then, immediately ran towards the goal post.
(a) Fainted (b) Feinted
- Q2** Incapable of doing something
(a) Enable (b) Unable
- Q3** The Muslims' cultural degeneration in the Mughal era was not something _____ to be avoided; thus, a number of religious and education movements were launched to improve the situation.
(a) Trifle (b) Trivial
- Q4** Her life had become but a _____ for her, and she could not navigate her way while dealing with her disturbed mental state.
(a) Maize (b) Maze
- Q5** Khalid's _____ behaviour is so annoying at times because he always meddles in everybody's work.
(a) Official (b) Officious
- Q6** She has the _____ to write an article on any given topic related to Pakistan.
(a) Ability (b) Capacity (c) Capability
- Q7** Someone not wearing clothes; exposed; nude
(a) Bare (b) Naked
- Q8** Anything that happens by chance; informal
(a) Casual (b) Causal
- Q9** A color, a particular shade of color
(a) Hew (b) Hue
- Q10** The solid and frozen state of water
(a) Ice (b) Snow

Q1 Very comfortable and expensive

- (a) Luxuriant (b) Luxurious

Q2 To trade something for money

- (a) Cell (b) Sell

Q3 Associated with the economy or economics

- (a) Economic (b) Economical

Q4 House plants wilt and _____ if one does not properly water them and take care of their nutritional requirements.

- (a) Die (b) Dye

Q5 Worldly

- (a) Temporal (b) Temporary

Q6 Although people think he does not have much to his name, he is quite _____ and never complains about not having enough money.

- (a) Complacent (b) Complaisant

Q7 Wise

- (a) Judicial (b) Judicious

Q8 A smaller group that is organized under the supervision of a larger one (usually in politics)

- (a) Fiction (b) Faction

Q9 After being pressured, they were forced to sign a _____ of claims against the cruel landlord.

- (a) Waiver (b) Waver

Q10 The President sent a _____ to his secretary to call a meeting of the cabinet.

- (a) Message (b) Massage

Q1 Artificial Intelligence is able to create _____ of historical events quite accurately.

- (a) Simulations (b) Dissimulation

Q2 You should not keep your wife under the _____ that you intended to take her along with you on your business tour.

- (a) Allusion (b) Illusion (c) Delusion

Q3 It was annoying us that we could not hear her speak even with her speaking into a mic; therefore, we asked her to speak _____.

- (a) Allowed (b) Permit (c) Aloud

Q4 The _____ prohibits building factories near public places, especially parks and hospitals.

- (a) Ordnance (b) Ordinance

Q5 _____ is useful for skin diseases and hair fall control.

- (a) Leak (b) Leek

Q6 Her teacher asked her to accept her _____ and apologize if she wanted to appear in the examination.

- (a) Mistake (b) Blunder

Q7 To be paid or scheduled

- (a) Dew (b) Due

Q8 Distant

- (a) Farther (b) Further

Q9 A small container with a handle and a lid, which is used to boil water or any liquid

- (a) Kettle (b) Cattle

Q10 A manner of walking

- (a) Gait (b) Door

Idioms & Phrases

Q1 Cordon off

- (a) To create a decorative border around something (b) To set up barriers
(c) To demarcate the map (d) To organize people or objects in a neat row

Q2 Don't _____ over a minor setback; there's always a solution.

- (a) give chapter and verse for things (b) get bent out of shape (c) hold in leash (d) None of these

Q3 Without proper maintenance, the vintage car collection would slowly _____ in the abandoned garage.

- (a) go to rack and ruin (b) keep a level head (c) pay through its nose (d) None of these

Q4 To bring grist to the mill

- (a) Something that is useful to someone for a particular purpose (b) Talk foolishly, wildly or ignorantly without understanding what you are talking about
(c) An easy and pleasant life (d) None of these

Q5 With one's tongue in one's cheek

- (a) Speaking or writing in an ironic or insincere way (b) A dominant or favorable position or situation
(c) To become extremely angry or excited (d) To praise someone excessively

Q6 To talk through one's hat

- (a) To cover intellectual inadequacies with pomps (b) To boast off one's skills
(c) To speak with little or no knowledge (d) To sell apples at a high price

Q7 Go for the jugular

- (a) To avoid conflict and confrontation (b) To make a quick decision without thinking
(c) To attack aggressively and decisively (d) To be indecisive and unsure

Q8 He _____ by asking for promotion before I did.

- (a) paled into insignificance (b) took to task (c) read between the lines (d) queered my pitch

Q9 To grin like a Cheshire cat

- (a) To smile warmly and genuinely (b) To smile mysteriously and mischievously
(c) To smile reluctantly (d) To smile nervously

Q10 The be-all and end-all

- (a) A never-ending journey (b) An ultimate goal
(c) A confusing and complicated situation (d) A temporary solution to a problem

Q1 It is the responsibility of our political leaders to _____ from the country.

- (a) do Yeoman's serves (b) make sweeping statements
(c) cleanse the Augean stables (d) turn to others' cheeks

Q2 Despite being confident in his abilities, he didn't expect his small startup _____ overnight.

- (a) to set the Thames on fire (b) to get on his nerves (c) to be under the cloud (d) None of these

Q3 Cap in hand

- (a) Having knowledge or awareness (b) To make it occur as immediately as possible
(c) In a respectful manner (d) In a magical way

Q4 To preen oneself

- (a) To work hard to make oneself prominent (b) To pride (oneself) on an achievement
(c) To secure (oneself) a dominant or favorable position (d) None of these

Q5 We should always be kind to strangers, as we never know when we might _____ .

- (a) be gate crashes (b) bring grist to mills (c) entertain an angel unawares (d) wear hat on sleeves

Q6 Shifa always _____ by never agreeing with anybody in the team.

- (a) becomes a green horn (b) cut the crackle (c) upsets the apple cart (d) None of these

Q7 My father is such a _____ that he never allows us to try anything new.

- (a) red-herring (b) god's acre (c) full of beans person (d) stick in the mud

Q8 Not to look a gift horse in the mouth

- (a) To be cautious when accepting gifts with respect to their value
(b) To examine a gift closely before accepting it
(c) To appreciate and accept gifts graciously without questioning their value
(d) To always question the motives behind gifts

Q9 He fell for the scam _____ , investing his entire savings in a fraudulent scheme.

- (a) hook, line, and sinker (b) by the rule of thumb (c) Huff and puff (d) foar in the mouth

Q10 My uncle had to stop smoking, so he _____ , which was awful.

- (a) decided to cut the crackle (b) ploughed the sands (c) made a clean breast (d) went cold turkey

One Word Substitutions

Q1 Severely abusive writing in journals

- (a) Imaginary (b) Speculative (c) Scurrilous (d) Sarcastic

Q2 The judges should have to _____ their powers if they cannot use them to maintain law and order in the country.

- (a) Abdicate (b) Attract (c) Get rid of (d) Gullible

Q3 A movement made with a person's body part, especially hands or face, to express an idea, feeling, information, or attitude.

- (a) Talk (b) Gesture (c) See (d) Smell

Q4 The professor failed almost all students in their mids because they used _____ instead of writing the central idea in their assignments on the title 'The Life'.

- (a) Extra (b) Opposite (c) Debate (d) Pleonasm

Q5 Waseem, a _____, has wasted all his hard-earned money on frivolous activities and never focused on securing his future.

- (a) Voluptuary (b) Passionate (c) Hedonic (d) Luxurious

Q6 Emilia's doctor after listening to her concerns advised her to attend _____-reduction sessions regularly, held in the town's most famous rehabilitation centre.

- (a) Achluophobia (b) Dentophobia (c) Aquaphobia (d) Glossophobia

Q7 Someone's aggressive behaviour or actions that are likely willing to start a fight or an argument.

- (a) Extreme (b) Belicose (c) Adverse (d) Lover

Q8 Ashfia wants to become the proficient _____ so that she would be awarded and interviewed by the world's best journalist.

- (a) Story teller (b) Pantomime (c) Recalcitrant (d) Raconteur

Q9 Something that is easy to digest.

- (a) Digestible (b) Eatable (c) Drinkable (d) Walk

Q10 The _____ student told everyone in his circle that he had qualified for the competitive examination to maintain his ego in front of everyone.

- (a) Ignorant (b) Deceptive (c) Honest (d) Truthfulness

- Q1 During the battle, the soldiers imposed a _____ to stop enemies from entering the central city where children and women were kept.**
(a) End (b) Blockade (c) Airlock (d) Stoppage
- Q2 A devoted person who is aggressive and shows undue attention towards his country or place of birth.**
(a) Pessimist (b) Optimist (c) Chauvinist (d) Realist
- Q3 The mushroom growth of _____ among people across the globe has distorted the peace and stability of countries, further aggravating the clash of civilisations.**
(a) Maladroit (b) Gynophobia (c) Acrophobia (d) Xenophobia
- Q4 Someone who is extremely hungry or voracious.**
(a) Full (b) Empty (c) Starved (d) Ravenous
- Q5 A person employed as a gatekeeper, guard, or caretaker of the building or institution.**
(a) Rest house (b) Janitor (c) Room (d) Guard
- Q6 Her _____ has won the hearts of many in the speech competition, so she received more votes than other fellows.**
(a) Prudent (b) Dull (c) Eloquence (d) Rude
- Q7 Someone responsible for his acts and is liable to report and explain them to the authority domain.**
(a) Answerable (b) Allowable (c) Punishable (d) Tidy
- Q8 The teacher told Akram that he failed the essay paper because he used _____ excessively, which reflected his wrong impression in front of the paper checker.**
(a) Diversion (b) Witticism (c) Come back (d) Dominate
- Q9 Someone who believes that pleasure is the most pivotal thing in life.**
(a) Gullible (b) Bookworm (c) Henpeacked (d) Hedonist
- Q10 A situation in which a person wishes to acquire the same thing that another person has.**
(a) Envious (b) Jealous (c) Hatred (d) Liable

Phrasal Verbs

Q1 You must _____ the possibility that it might rain on the day of the cricket match.

- (a) allow for (b) allow of (c) allow in (d) none of these

Q2 Zaineb was talking to her friends but broke _____ when Shayan entered the room.

- (a) out (b) through (c) off (d) of

Q3 He took his pistol and _____ the target.

- (a) aimed for (b) aimed at (c) aimed to (d) none of these

Q4 She is confident to _____ the first prize.

- (a) bear down (b) bear away (c) bear out (d) bear with

Q5 I don't understand what he's angry _____.

- (a) with (b) about (c) onto (d) towards

Q6 My wife will _____ Monday: she is coming from England.

- (a) arrive at (b) arrive in (c) arrive on (d) arrive to

Q7 Amreen has _____ her brother's request for more money.

- (a) agreed to (b) agreed on (c) agreed with (d) none of these

Q8 The summary presented to the president _____ building more hospitals.

- (a) argues against (b) argues for (c) argues in (d) none of these

Q9 My new mobile phone doesn't charge properly, so I am _____ a replacement.

- (a) asking after (b) asking for (c) asking around (d) asking in

Q10 The summary presented to the president _____ building more hospitals.

- (a) argues against (b) argues for (c) argues in (d) none of these

Appropriate Word Usage

Q1 Trump is a man of _____ simplicity.

- (a) childlike (b) childless (c) child (d) childish

Q2 Choose the correct sentence.

- (a) The boy, handsome, stupid, is my student. (b) The boy, handsome yet stupid, is my student.
(c) The boy, handsome and stupid, is my student. (d) The boy, handsome or stupid, is my student.

Q3 Choose the correct sentence.

- (a) Having finished the assignment, the TV was turned on. (b) Having finished the assignment, Anam turned on the TV.

Q4 _____ Ali was sleeping, a plane flew over his house.

- (a) While (b) When (c) After (d) None of these

Q5 Choose the correct sentence.

- (a) Walking in the rain, Arooj got her jacket wet. (b) Walking in the rain, Arooj's jacket got wet.

Q6 The old mother is happy _____ to her son again.

- (a) to have talk (b) to had talked (c) to have talked (d) have talked

Q7 A man from our village has been nominated _____ the ruling party's candidate for the post.

- (a) to (b) as (c) in (d) like

Q8 The discovery of new lands _____ not vital to the expansion of the French Empire.

- (a) were (b) was (c) are (d) had been

Q9 _____ the pizza arrived, John was checking his e-mail.

- (a) While (b) When (c) After (d) None of these

Q10 The crop will fail _____ it rains this week.

- (a) unless (b) until (c) till (d) when

- Q1 Alina, along with the members of the family and that of her friend, _____ a movie.**
(a) was watching (b) were watching (c) have been watching (d) watch
- Q2 Ali hopes _____ his CSS preparation by next month.**
(a) to have finished (b) have finished (c) to have finish (d) must finish
- Q3 Making pies and cakes _____ Mrs. Hamza's speciality.**
(a) has (b) are (c) were (d) is
- Q4 There are thirty teachers _____ the staff of this school.**
(a) under (b) in (c) at (d) on
- Q5 He agreed _____ my business proposal.**
(a) at (b) for (c) on (d) to
- Q6 He vowed to embrace a newfound _____ once the trial began; nonetheless, the accused resorted to his typical manner of _____ as soon as he took the stand.**
(a) ingenuousness, naiveté (b) candor, duplicity
(c) passion, exuberance (d) mendaciousness, deceitfulness
- Q7 If you worked hard, you _____ the examination.**
(a) would pass (b) would have passed (c) must have passed (d) will pass
- Q8 If she were younger, she _____ Trump.**
(a) would not marry (b) would not have married
(c) might not have married (d) must not have married
- Q9 The new discovery is _____ phenomenal.**
(a) novelly (b) indeed (c) always (d) beautifully
- Q10 Although worn and torn yet warm _____ the jacket was the only item that saved me that night from the cold.**
(a) Comma is needed (b) No comma is needed (c) Semicolon is needed (d) none of these

Article Usage

Q1 _____ lunch was not properly arranged.

- (a) a (b) an (c) the (d) no article

Q2 _____ boy who is coming here is my brother.

- (a) an (b) a (c) the (d) no article

Q3 Nearly _____ 30% of people are Muslim in the world.

- (a) a (b) an (c) the (d) no article

Q4 Shayan is _____ Shakespeare of Pakistan.

- (a) the (b) a (c) an (d) no article

Q5 Would he mind my visiting you on _____ Sunday sometime?

- (a) a (b) an (c) the (d) no article

Q6 That was _____ lovely evening.

- (a) a (b) an (c) the (d) no article

Q7 Woman is as wise as _____ man.

- (a) a (b) an (c) the (d) no article

Q8 You cannot imagine what _____ incredible movie I just saw.

- (a) a (b) an (c) the (d) no article

Q9 _____ 10% of the students have taken the CSS examination.

- (a) A (b) An (c) The (d) No article

Q10 _____ entrance exam student must have a good command of English.

- (a) A (b) An (c) The (d) Any

Q1 One of Akbar's most vigorous opponents during his lifetime was _____ outstanding scholar, Sheikh Ahmed Sirhindi, and he was also revered as the Perfect Man by his disciples.

- (a) a (b) an (c) the (d) no article

Q2 The majority of the computer professionals _____ that effective measures should be taken against software piracy.

- (a) recommends (b) recommend (c) has recommended (d) none of these

Q3 _____ poor were not happy at that place.

- (a) a (b) an (c) the (d) no article

Q4 She prefers _____ yellow to the blue.

- (a) a (b) an (c) the (d) no article

Q5 _____ number of workers in my factory is 400.

- (a) A (b) An (c) The (d) No article

Q6 _____ doctor must serve the patients honestly.

- (a) A (b) An (c) The (d) Any

Q7 A test match is usually a _____ match.

- (a) five days (b) five day

Q8 _____ man is mortal.

- (a) a (b) an (c) the (d) no article

Q9 _____ sun shines brightly today.

- (a) a (b) an (c) the (d) no article

Q10 The majority _____ the new rules and regulations.

- (a) supports (b) support (c) have supported (d) none of these

Preposition Usage

Q1 He generally goes to bed _____ midnight.

- (a) at (b) in (c) on (d) to

Q2 The baby resembles _____ its mother.

- (a) with (b) to (c) at (d) No preposition

Q3 Before medical advancements, many people died _____ malaria.

- (a) from (b) for (c) by (d) of

Q4 Parents are anxious _____ their children's success.

- (a) to (b) for (c) about (d) No preposition

Q5 She has always wanted to marry _____ Khaqan since she was only ten.

- (a) with (b) to (c) except (d) No preposition

Q6 She has been reading this book _____ four hours.

- (a) since (b) for (c) to (d) none of these

Q7 Our class is composed _____ forty students.

- (a) from (b) by (c) of (d) No preposition

Q8 The man was cured _____ his illness.

- (a) from (b) for (c) by (d) of

Q9 He was cured _____ malaria fever in a week.

- (a) by (b) for (c) from (d) of

Q10 I was asked to wait _____ the bus stop at three o'clock.

- (a) on (b) in (c) at (d) to

Q1 I think I am going to study English _____ two years.

- (a) in (b) at (c) on (d) to

Q2 You should complain _____ the teacher if anyone troubles you.

- (a) for (b) about (c) at (d) to

Q3 I will comply _____ your request.

- (a) with (b) to (c) for (d) in

Q4 We are doubtful _____ her ability to pass.

- (a) in (b) at (c) of (d) about

Q5 I owe allegiance _____ no one except God.

- (a) with (b) by (c) to (d) for

Q6 We have confidence _____ our team.

- (a) in (b) to (c) at (d) on

Q7 Sara takes a great interest _____ music.

- (a) to (b) on (c) in (d) at

Q8 Shayan was absorbed _____ his work.

- (a) at (b) on (c) in (d) for

Q9 I was not tired when I arrived _____ home.

- (a) in (b) at (c) on (d) No preposition

Q10 I absolve her _____ her promise.

- (a) by (b) to (c) from (d) for

Q1 We should never yield _____ evil.

- (a) before (b) by (c) into (d) to

Q2 She has been absent from the class _____ February.

- (a) for (b) since (c) from (d) none of these

Q3 One should try to tide _____ one's difficulties.

- (a) by (b) over (c) on (d) at

Q4 The court has absolved them _____ the crime.

- (a) for (b) by (c) to (d) from

Q5 What time do we arrive _____ the station.

- (a) to (b) at (c) in (d) on

Punctuation

Q1 Choose the sentence that is punctuated correctly.

- (a) The house where I was born is a very special place. (b) The house, where I was born, is a very special place.

Q2 Choose the sentence that is punctuated correctly.

- (a) I met a handsome, European man. (b) I met a handsome European man.
(c) I met a handsome, European, man. (d) I met a handsome European, man.

Q3 Choose the sentence that is punctuated correctly.

- (a) This picture, which I took on the south shore, always attracts others' attention.
(b) This picture which I took on the south shore always attracts others' attention.

Q4 Choose the sentence that is punctuated correctly.

- (a) Did he really say, "I can do it again?" (b) Did he really say, "I can do it again"?
(c) Did he really say: "I can do it again?" (d) Did he really say; "I can do it again?"

Q5 Choose the sentence that is punctuated correctly.

- (a) Dr Maryam, whom I taught, has recently qualified for the CSS examination.
(b) Dr Maryam whom I taught has recently qualified for the CSS examination.

Q6 Choose the sentence that is punctuated correctly.

- (a) Shakespeare's play Hamlet is popular due to the complex character of Hamlet.
(b) Shakespeare's play "Hamlet" is popular due to the complex character of Hamlet.
(c) Shakespeare's play (Hamlet) is popular due to the complex character of Hamlet.
(d) Shakespeare's play - Hamlet - is popular due to the complex character of Hamlet.

Q7 Choose the sentence that is punctuated correctly.

- (a) The hallway, dingy and dark, was illuminated by a bare bulb hanging from a wire.
(b) The hallway dingy and dark was illuminated by a bare bulb hanging from a wire.

Q8 Choose the sentence that is punctuated correctly.

- (a) Theatrical performances are governed by one simple principle: the quality of play depends on the quality of pay.
(b) Theatrical performances are governed by one simple principle, the quality of play depends on the quality of pay.
(c) Theatrical performances are governed by one simple principle the quality of play depends on the quality of pay.
(d) Theatrical performances are governed by one simple principle; the quality of play depends on the quality of pay.

Q9 Choose the sentence that is punctuated correctly.

- (a) The ingredients included: salt, butter, and flour. (b) The ingredients included the following: salt, butter, and flour.

Q10 Choose the sentence that is punctuated correctly.

- (a) Who said these famous words, "I regret having just one life to lose for my country?"
(b) Who said these famous words, "I regret having just one life to lose for my country?
(c) Who said these famous words, "I regret having just one life to lose for my country"?"
(d) Who said these famous words, "I regret having just one life to lose for my country"?



Q1 Choose the sentence that is punctuated correctly.

- (a) "Did you know," said the nutrition expert, "that it is healthier to be twenty pounds overweight?"
- (b) "Did you know," said the nutrition expert, "That it is healthier to be twenty pounds overweight?"
- (c) "Did you know, said the nutrition expert, "that it is healthier to be twenty pounds overweight?"
- (d) "Did you know," said the nutrition expert, "that it is healthier to be twenty pounds overweight?"

Q2 Choose the sentence that is punctuated correctly.

- (a) "Now is the time to yield to temptation" my horoscope read.
- (b) "Now is the time to yield to temptation," my horoscope read.

Q3 Choose the sentence that is punctuated correctly.

- (a) The runner who is six feet tall took the lead.
- (b) The runner, who is six feet tall, took the lead.

Q4 Choose the sentence that is punctuated correctly.

- (a) Several of my photographs, that I took on the south shore, always attract others' attention.
- (b) Several of my photographs that I took on the south shore always attract others' attention.

Q5 Choose the sentence that is punctuated correctly.

- (a) The second runner who is six feet tall took the lead.
- (b) The second runner, who is six feet tall, took the lead.

Q6 Which of these is used between sentences which are grammatically independent?

- (a) Colon
- (b) Comma
- (c) Dash
- (d) Hyphen

Q7 Choose the sentence that is punctuated correctly.

- (a) The item was discussed and decided however members were by no means convinced.
- (b) The item was discussed and decided; however members were by no means convinced.
- (c) The item was discussed and decided; however, members were by no means convinced.
- (d) The item was discussed and decided, however, members were by no means convinced.

Q8 Choose the sentence that is punctuated correctly.

- (a) I really do not know, why he got so angry.
- (b) I really do not know why he got so angry.

Q9 Choose the sentence that is punctuated correctly.

- (a) Ali called his wife and asked her to pick him up from the hospital: he was feeling much better.
- (b) Ali called his wife and asked her to pick him up from the hospital, he was feeling much better.

Q10 Choose the sentence that is punctuated correctly.

- (a) Muttering under the breath Aqsa reviewed the terms she had memorized.
- (b) Muttering under the breath, Aqsa reviewed the terms she had memorized.

The Use of Tenses

Q1 According to yesterday's newspapers, astronomers in Pakistan _____ a planet in a galaxy close to our own.

- (a) discover (b) have discovered (c) discovered (d) none of these

Q2 The company _____ many setbacks in its 40-year history, but it is now flourishing.

- (a) has survived (b) survived (c) survive (d) none of these

Q3 They _____ back so much fish that the whole house stank when we arrived.

- (a) had brought (b) have brought (c) brought (d) none of these

Q4 Do you know how many people _____ on the moon?

- (a) have walked (b) walked (c) had walked (d) none of these

Q5 Choose the grammatically correct sentence.

- (a) Here came the bus! (b) Here comes the bus!

Q6 We _____ many major problems while working on this project.

- (a) had had (b) had (c) have had (d) none of these

Q7 This _____ his home for over 30 years and he does not want to leave it.

- (a) was (b) has been (c) is (d) none of these

Q8 I _____ about the problem for two days when the printer broke.

- (a) had known (b) have known (c) knew (d) none of these

Q9 The Pharaohs _____ Egypt for thousands of years.

- (a) rules (b) rule (c) ruled (d) have ruled

Q10 Iqra _____ fat.

- (a) gets (b) is getting (c) got (d) none of these

Q1 I _____ four quizzes and five tests so far this semester.

- (a) have had (b) had had (c) had (d) none of these

Q2 Choose the grammatically correct sentence.

- (a) The flight to Multan will leave at 8 a.m. and lands at 10 a.m. (b) The flight to Multan leaves at 8 a.m. and lands at 10 a.m.

Q3 Iqra _____ fat when she eats cookies.

- (a) gets (b) is getting (c) got (d) none of these

Q4 Naila and I _____ to Multan three times. We are familiar with the culture.

- (a) have been (b) was (c) had been (d) none of these

Q5 With this promotion, I feel that I _____ a turning point in my career.

- (a) reaches (b) reached (c) have reached (d) none of these

Q6 Nimra graduated from university less than three years ago. She _____ for three different companies in the last year.

- (a) has worked (b) worked (c) had worked (d) none of these

Q7 He once _____ the support of the majority of the democratic party.

- (a) have enjoyed (b) enjoyed (c) enjoy (d) none of these

Q8 I _____ all the inspiration I need to prepare for the examination.

- (a) got (b) had got (c) have got (d) have had

Q9 I _____ Ali when we both were working for the same company.

- (a) have known (b) knew (c) know (d) none of these

Q10 I _____ forever waiting for your mother to do her make-up before going anywhere.

- (a) am (b) was

Q1 A German yachtsman _____ the record for sailing round the world single-handed.

- (a) breaks (b) broke (c) has broken (d) none of these

Q2 Ali _____ to lend me his car.

- (a) agrees (b) agreed (c) has agreed (d) none of these

Q3 The children _____ their homework when I got home.

- (a) were doing (b) are doing (c) has been doing (d) have been doing

Q4 Unemployment in Pakistan _____.

- (a) raises (b) is rising (c) raise (d) has risen

Q5 Choose the grammatically correct sentence.

- (a) She is always working hard. (b) She always works hard.

Q6 Ali and Sarah _____ some difficulties in their relationship lately, so they _____ to a marriage counselor. I hope they work everything out.

- (a) have had, went (b) had had, have gone (c) have had, have gone (d) have gotten, have gone

Q7 You _____ just _____ a bottle down your throat; you can't have it anymore.

- (a) had, had (b) have, had (c) have, have (d) none of these

Q8 My wife _____ into town to buy some new shoes.

- (a) go (b) went (c) gone (d) has gone

Q9 I _____ in a small house located next to a shoe shop since 1995.

- (a) have lived (b) lived (c) had lived (d) none of these

Q10 Quite early in the negotiation, they _____ to lower the prices.

- (a) agree (b) have agreed (c) agreed (d) none of these

Q1 Choose the grammatically correct sentence.

- (a) I usually have gone swimming at weekends. (b) I usually go swimming at weekends.

Q2 Choose the grammatically correct sentence.

- (a) How will I get to Howfiv office, tell me please? (b) How do I get to Howfiv office, tell me please?

Q3 My family _____ thinking of moving to Birmingham.

- (a) are (b) was (c) were (d) had been

Q4 Alia _____ her books at home, so she did not study in the café.

- (a) has left (b) left (c) had left (d) none of these

Q5 I _____ for hours when I fell asleep.

- (a) have been reading (b) had been reading (c) have read (d) had read

Passive Voice

Q1 People ought to keep dogs on the leash.

- (a) Dogs ought to be kept on leash. (b) Dogs must be kept on leash.
(c) Dogs should be kept on leash. (d) None of these

Q2 Let all our family members be met one by one.

- (a) Let us meet all our family members one by one. (b) All our family members let us meet one by one.
(c) We are meeting all our family members one by one. (d) Let meet we all our family members one by one

Q3 My studio needs cleaning.

- (a) Cleaning is needed to studio. (b) Cleaning is needed by my studio.
(c) Cleaning is needed by his studio. (d) Cleaning is needed by their studio.

Q4 He is being taken to the party by his friends.

- (a) His friends took him to the party. (b) His friends taking him to the party are.
(c) His friends are taking him to the party. (d) To the party his friends take him.

Q5 Forget it.

- (a) That should be forgotten. (b) It must be forgotten. (c) Let that be forgotten. (d) Let it be forgotten.

Q6 This fake news must have been spread by our competitors.

- (a) Our competitors have been spread this fake news. (b) Our competitors must be spreading this fake news.
(c) Our competitors must has spread this fake news. (d) Our competitors must have spread this fake news.

Q7 I have been invited to the party.

- (a) Someone has invited me to the party. (b) Someone had invited me to party.
(c) To a party I had been invited. (d) I am being invited to the party.

Q8 Is this how you treat the birds?

- (a) Is this how the birds were treated by him? (b) Is this how the birds was treated by them?
(c) Is this how the birds is treated by you? (d) Is this how the birds are treated by you?

Q9 He will have killed a lion.

- (a) A lion had been killed by him. (b) A lion will be been killed by him.
(c) A lion will have been killed by him. (d) None of these

Q10 Who rings the bell?

- (a) By whom has the bell ring? (b) By whom is the bell rung?
(c) By whom did the bell ring? (d) By whom is bell ring?

Q1 You will have to do it.

- (a) It will have to be done by you. (b) It will have done by you.
(c) It must have to be done by you. (d) None of these

Q2 The requirements of holding the event could not be completed on time.

- (a) They could not complete the requirements of been holding the event.
(b) They should not complete the requirements of holding the event.
(c) They could not complete the requirements of holding the event.
(d) They would not been complete the requirements of holding the event.

Q3 Why did I not win the game?

- (a) Why was the game not won by me? (b) Why was being the game not won by me?
(c) Why has the game not won by me? (d) None of these

Q4 Get this done later.

- (a) Let this get done later. (b) Let this be get done later.
(c) Let this being done later. (d) Let this be done later.

Q5 Who stole it?

- (a) It was stolen by whom? (b) It was stolen by who?
(c) By whom was it stolen? (d) By who it was stolen?

Q6 Why should I be suspected by her?

- (a) Why did she suspect me? (b) Why should she suspect me?
(c) Why does she suspect them? (d) Why did she suspect him?

Q7 Had the peon rung the bell?

- (a) Was the bell been rung by the peon? (b) Had the bell been rung by the peon?
(c) Had the bell rung by the peon? (d) None of these

Q8 Thousands of innocent Palestinians were massacred.

- (a) Israel is massacring thousands of innocent Palestinians. (b) Thousands of innocent Palestinians are massacring Israel.
(c) Israel massacred thousands of innocent Palestinians. (d) Thousands of innocent Palestinians Israel was massacring

Q9 Hunger makes coarse meals tasty.

- (a) Coarse meals are being made tasty by hunger. (b) Coarse meals are made tastier by hunger.
(c) Coarse meals are made tasty by hunger. (d) None of these

Q10 They were not deceiving us.

- (a) We were not deceived by them. (b) We were not being deceived by them.
(c) We were being deceived by them. (d) None of these



Direct and Indirect

Q1 The teacher said, "Come here."

- (a) The teacher instructed to come there. (b) The teacher instructed to go there.
(c) The teacher instructed that come there. (d) None of these

Q2 I said , "May her soul rest in peace!"

- (a) I prayed that her soul might rest in peace. (b) I prayed that may her soul rest in peace.
(c) I said may her soul rest in peace. (d) I prayer for her soul to rest in peace.

Q3 He said, " Let's leave the case at the station."

- (a) He proposed to leave the case at the station. (b) He suggested let us leave the case at the station.
(c) He suggested leaving the case at the station. (d) He suggested that they leave the case at the station.

Q4 My parents said, "How much rent do you pay for your apartment?"

- (a) My parents inquired how much rent I paid for my apartment.
(b) My parents inquired how much rent I had paid for my apartment.
(c) My parents inquired how much rent I have paid for my apartment.
(d) My parents inquired how much rent you have paid for your apartment.

Q5 "Where do you live?", asked the stranger.

- (a) The stranger said where I live. (b) The stranger asked where do I live.
(c) The stranger enquired where I lived. (d) The stranger told where I lived?

Q6 He said, "Alas! I have lost my car keys."

- (a) He exclaimed with sorrow that he had lost his car keys. (b) He exclaimed with sorrow that he has lost his car keys.
(c) He exclaimed with sorrow that he lost his car keys. (d) None of these

Q7 He said, "Happy Christmas!"

- (a) He told happy Christmas to me (b) He said me happy Christmas.
(c) He wished me a happy Christmas. (d) He said to me a happy Christmas.

Q8 "Call the convicted, "said the jury.

- (a) The jury said that to call the convicted. (b) The jury commanded them to call the first witness.
(c) The jury says to call the convicted. (d) The jury said if to call the convicted

Q9 Ali said to Ahmad, "I am going to Lahore tomorrow."

- (a) Ali said Ahmad I am going to Lahore tomorrow. (b) Ali said to Ahmad that he was going to Lahore tomorrow.
(c) Ali told to Ahmad he was going to Lahore the next day. (d) Ali told Ahmad that he was going to Lahore the next day.

Q10 The boy said, "I know all the mathematics."

- (a) The boy told that he knew all the mathematics. (b) The boy tells that he knew all the mathematics.
(c) The boy tells that he knows all the mathematics. (d) The boy told that he knows all the mathematics.



Q1 Aliyan said, "I saw a pen here."

- (a) Aliyan told that he had been seeing a pen there. (b) Aliyan said that he had seen a pen there.
(c) Aliyan said that he has seen a pen there. (d) Aliyan told that he had to see a pen there.

Q2 He said, "Will you have lunch with me tomorrow?"

- (a) He invited me to lunch with him the following day. (b) He asked me if I would have lunch with him tomorrow.
(c) He said whether I would lunch with him the next day. (d) He asked I should lunch with him the following day.

Q3 You said, "I never go there."

- (a) You said that you never went there. (b) You said that you never gone there.
(c) You said that you have never went there. (d) You told that you never went here.

Q4 Zeeshan says, "I wasn't at home."

- (a) Zeeshan tells that he isn't at home. (b) Zeeshan tells that he hasn't been at home.
(c) Zeeshan says that he hadn't been at home. (d) Zeeshan says that he wasn't at home.

Q5 My mother said, "Well done ! You have scored so well in your exams."

- (a) My mother appreciated me that I had scored so well in my exams.
(b) My mother appreciated me that I scored so well in my exams.
(c) My mother appreciated me that you had scored so well in my exams.
(d) My mother appreciated me that you scored so well in my exams.

Q6 The principal said, "Allah is one, and the Holy Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) is his last prophet."

- (a) The principal told Allah is one, and the Holy Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) is his last prophet.
(b) The principal said that Allah is one, and the Holy Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) is his last prophet.
(c) The principal said Allah was one and the Holy Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) was his last prophet.
(d) The principal said Allah was one and the Holy Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) is his last prophet.

Q7 My father says, "Respect your elders."

- (a) My father advised to respect my elders. (b) My father advises that you should respect my elders.
(c) My father advises that it's better to respect my elders. (d) My father advises to respect my elders.

Q8 Majid asked us, "How are you?"

- (a) Majid inquired us how we were? (b) Majid inquired us how were we.
(c) Majid inquired us how we were. (d) Majid inquired us how we are.

Q9 Sara said, "How I miss old friends!"

- (a) Sara said that she miss old friends. (b) Sara exclaimed in wonder that she missed old friends.
(c) Sara exclaims with wonder that she miss old friends. (d) None of these

Q10 "Don't go near the water, students," the teacher said.

- (a) The teacher warned the students not to go near the water. (b) The teacher asked the students not go near the water
(c) The teacher ordered the students to not go near the water. (d) The teacher said the students not going near the water.

Subject-Verb Agreement

Q1 Every aspirant and every applicant _____ invited to take a mock exam.

- (a) is (b) are

Q2 I wish I had a car, so I _____ you to the mosque.

- (a) could take (b) can take (c) should take (d) have taken

Q3 You, as well as I, _____ going to watch a movie.

- (a) is (b) are

Q4 My American friend and poet, Mickel, _____ killed last week.

- (a) was (b) were

Q5 Ali, not his friends, _____ going to school.

- (a) is (b) are

Q6 Everyone _____ given bonus.

- (a) was (b) were

Q7 Ali has met with his friends who _____ completed their degrees.

- (a) has (b) have

Q8 The cattle _____ the most important livestock.

- (a) is (b) are

Q9 Not economy but politics _____ the key to success.

- (a) is (b) are

Q10 Neither you nor I _____ going to see them.

- (a) are (b) is (c) am (d) none of these

Q1 He, along with his friends, _____ going to watch a movie.

- (a) is (b) are

Q2 The Angel says that everything, together with other matters, _____ been noted.

- (a) have (b) has

Q3 The wages of sin _____ death.

- (a) is (b) are

Q4 Two-thirds of the population _____ better job opportunities.

- (a) need (b) needs

Q5 The development of the new websites, web portals, android and IOS applications, and cryptic web extensions _____ day by day.

- (a) increases (b) increase

Q6 Time and tide _____ for none.

- (a) wait (b) waits

Q7 If Kamil _____ there, you'd be sorry.

- (a) were (b) was

Q8 I wish (that) I _____ harder to qualify for the CSS examination.

- (a) have studied (b) had studied (c) studied (d) study

Q9 There _____ a number of cases of Covid-19 in the city.

- (a) has been (b) have been

Q10 Her father would rather (that) his daughter _____ so late with her friends.

- (a) does not stay (b) did not stay (c) must not stay (d) had not stayed

Sentence Corrections

Q1 Choose the correct sentence

- (a) Anam told me that she gets up early in the morning. (b) Anam told me that she got up early in the morning.

Q2 Choose the correct sentence

- (a) He enjoyed during the holidays. (b) He enjoyed himself during the holidays.

Q3 Choose the correct sentence

- (a) They are quite capable of doing that. (b) They are quite capable to do that.

Q4 Choose the correct sentence

- (a) Have they finished speaking? (b) Have they finished to speak?

Q5 Choose the correct sentence

- (a) Many a student wants to learn English grammar. (b) Many a students want to learn English grammar.

Q6 Choose the correct sentence

- (a) The scientists are trying to probe into the uttermost depths of the ocean.
(b) The scientists are trying to probe into the utmost depths of the ocean.

Q7 Choose the correct sentence

- (a) I couldn't but laugh. (b) I could not help but laugh.

Q8 Choose the correct sentence

- (a) You could have bought proper shoes to go hiking in the mountain because the ground there is rough and hard.
(b) You could have bought proper shoes to go hiking in the mountain because the ground there was rough and hard.

Q9 Choose the correct sentence

- (a) She would rather stay with you. (b) She would rather to stay with you.

Q10 Choose the correct sentence

- (a) I regret the delay. (b) I regret at the delay.

Q1 Choose the correct sentence

- (a) All his valuable were stolen. (b) All his valuables were stolen.

Q2 Choose the correct sentence

- (a) When he reaches to manhood, he will visit to England. (b) When he reaches manhood, he will visit England.

Q3 Choose the correct sentence

- (a) She insisted to go to Lahore. (b) She insisted on going to Lahore.

Q4 Choose the correct sentence

- (a) My son is learning to write with a pen. (b) My son is learning to write in a pen.

Q5 Choose the correct sentence

- (a) He came later than I expected. (b) He came latter than I expected.

Q6 Choose the correct sentence

- (a) He's always fond of talking. (b) He's always fond to talk.

Q7 Choose the correct sentence

- (a) She is elder than any other woman in the village. (b) She is the oldest woman in the village.

Q8 Choose the correct sentence

- (a) Kamran is his eldest brother. (b) Kamran is elder than his brother.

Q9 Choose the correct sentence

- (a) They work only when they have no money. (b) They only work when they have no money.

Q10 Choose the correct sentence

- (a) We enjoy to play football. (b) We enjoy playing football.

Q1 Choose the correct sentence

- (a) She talked as though she were a celebrity. (b) She talked as though she had been a celebrity.

Q2 Choose the correct sentence

- (a) He is able of doing that. (b) He is able to do that.

Q3 Choose the correct sentence

- (a) Please excuse her to be so late. (b) Please excuse her being so late.

Q4 Choose the correct sentence

- (a) I was rather impressed by the manner of the orator than by his matter.
(b) I was impressed by the manner of the orator rather than by his matter.

Q5 Choose the correct sentence

- (a) She loved me more than she loved you. (she is alive) (b) She loved me more than she loves you. (she is alive)

Q6 Choose the correct sentence

- (a) She went away instead to wait. (b) She went away instead of waiting.

Q7 Choose the correct sentence

- (a) Sarah has no ulterior motive in offering them help. (b) Sarah has no more ulterior motive in offering them help.

Q8 Choose the correct sentence

- (a) My farmhouse is further than yours. (b) My farmhouse is farther than yours.

Q9 Choose the correct sentence

- (a) He is the wisest and a noble person of this country. (b) He is the wisest and noblest person of this country.

Q10 Choose the correct sentence

- (a) He is abusing the money of his father. (b) He is wasting his father's money.

Sentence Structuring

Q1 You could have bought proper shoes to go hiking in the mountain because the ground there is rough and hard.

- (a) Complex Sentence (b) Simple Sentence (c) Compound Sentence (d) Compound Complex Sentence

Q2 Functional English Grammar by Sir Syed Kazim Ali is my favorite book.

- (a) Complex Sentence (b) Simple Sentence (c) Compound Sentence (d) Compound Complex Sentence

Q3 Pakistan is a country rich in culture and diversity, and it has a rich history that dates back thousands of years.

- (a) Complex Sentence (b) Simple Sentence (c) Compound Sentence (d) Compound Complex Sentence

Q4 Ali and his friends studied for their exams, completed their homework, and reviewed their notes to prepare for their upcoming test.

- (a) Complex Sentence (b) Simple Sentence (c) Compound Sentence (d) Compound Complex Sentence

Q5 After finishing his work, Rohan went to the gym, lifted weights, and ran on the treadmill to stay in shape.

- (a) Complex Sentence (b) Simple Sentence (c) Compound Sentence (d) Compound Complex Sentence

Q6 I finished reading my book; afterwards, I wrote a review and posted it online.

- (a) Complex Sentence (b) Simple Sentence (c) Compound Sentence (d) Compound Complex Sentence

Q7 Despite the high cost, she decided to pursue her dream of studying abroad; she believed the experience would be invaluable.

- (a) Complex Sentence (b) Simple Sentence (c) Compound Sentence (d) Compound Complex Sentence

Q8 His declaration that he will be the Prime Minister in the coming June is rather hard to be believed.

- (a) Complex Sentence (b) Simple Sentence (c) Compound Sentence (d) Compound Complex Sentence

Q9 The store has already restocked the items.

- (a) Complex Sentence (b) Simple Sentence (c) Compound Sentence (d) Compound Complex Sentence

Q10 The country's cuisine is known for its rich flavors and spices; it is loved by many food enthusiasts.

- (a) Complex Sentence (b) Simple Sentence (c) Compound Sentence (d) Compound Complex Sentence

Q1 The Mongols were unsuccessful in winning that impregnable castle because Ertugal Ghazi protected it well.

- (a) Complex Sentence (b) Simple Sentence (c) Compound Sentence (d) Compound Complex Sentence

Q2 My friend Sahra's child is completely untamable although she always teaches him good manners.

- (a) Complex Sentence (b) Simple Sentence (c) Compound Sentence (d) Compound Complex Sentence

Q3 What she told me was wrong.

- (a) Complex Sentence (b) Simple Sentence (c) Compound Sentence (d) Compound Complex Sentence

Q4 The people of Pakistan are known for their resilience in the face of adversity, yet they continue to face many challenges, including poverty, corruption, and terrorism.

- (a) Complex Sentence (b) Simple Sentence (c) Compound Sentence (d) Compound Complex Sentence

Q5 The complexity of the problem demanded a creative approach; therefore, they brainstormed new ideas.

- (a) Complex Sentence (b) Simple Sentence (c) Compound Sentence (d) Compound Complex Sentence

Sentence Completion

- Q1** After making me wait for two agonising hours, the great man called me in and _____.
(a) asked me what do I want (b) asked me what I wanted
(c) asked me what did I wants (d) asked me what I am wanting
- Q2** When viewed _____, the entire episode assumes a different colour altogether.
(a) from his point of view (b) with his point of view (c) at his point of view (d) none of these
- Q3** On many occasions, we _____ the poor people by way of giving them food to eat and clothes to put on.
(a) did helped (b) did helping (c) did help (d) do helped
- Q4** Unless it is _____ both the parties, an arbitrator would be of no use to settle this dispute.
(a) accepted to (b) accepted by (c) acceptable to (d) acceptable by
- Q5** Although the manager was keen on getting the work done through Uraiz yesterday, he _____ to avoid it.
(a) tries (b) tried (c) trying (d) none of these
- Q6** You must either be regular with your studies _____ before the examination.
(a) and study for longer period (b) or study for longer period
(c) whether study for longer period (d) ,next, study for longer period
- Q7** Scarcely did I reach the airport, nervous and tense _____, leaving me stranded in an alien place.
(a) than the plane took off (b) rather the plane took off (c) when the plane took off
- Q8** Having finished at school, Zainab thought of going to Lahore _____ some job.
(a) in search of (b) in search (c) in searching (d) none of these
- Q9** The various consequences of the decision taken by the finance ministry _____ by the bureaucrats.
(a) were not seen (b) was not seen
- Q10** I never considered Danish to be a person who would go back on his promise and _____ apologise.
(a) then do not even (b) then did not even (c) then not even (d) none of these

Common Essay Errors

Q1 Choose which one of the paragraphs is written correctly.

(a) The role of basic education in the process of development and social progress is very wide and critically important. For instance, the capability to read and write and count has powerful effects on our quality of life: the freedoms we have to understand the world, to lead an informed life, to communicate with others, and to be generally in touch with what is going on. Therefore, in a society, particularly in the modern world, where so much depends on the written medium, being illiterate is like being imprisoned, and school education opens a door through which people can escape incarceration.

(b) The role of basic education in the process of development and social progress are very wide and critically important. The capability to read and write and count has powerful affects on our quality of life, the freedoms we have to understand the world, to lead an informed life, to communicate with others, and to be generally in touch with what going on is. In a society, particularly in the modern world, there so much depend on the written medium, being an illiterate is like being an imprisoned, and school education opens a door through which people can escape incarceration.

Q2 Which statement is the perfect thesis statement for the topic “Universal Human Equality is Utopic”?

(a) Universal human equality is a utopic notion because it has never been welcomed by the world in its true sense. Despite numerous endeavors, global economic, political, and social inequality have been the main reason behind being it utopic.

(b) Equality stands as a beacon of light that illuminates the path of the world where every individual is valued, recognized, and empowered with equal rights, irrespective of his identity.

Q3 Choose which paragraph is written coherently.

(a) Early childhood education programs like Head Start provide cognitive benefits beyond preschool. Recent studies comparing student test scores show that children exposed to structured learning activities outside the home environment are better able to adapt to formalized instruction than children who remain at home. This is particularly true among children from low-income families and children whose parents have limited proficiency in English. On the other hand, children living in states that do not provide early childhood programmes lag behind their peers. State and local governments must continue bridging the achievement gap so that students may reach their full potential early.

(b) Micronutrients play a vital role in maintaining healthy skin and immune function. Of course, nothing is better for healthy skin than sleep and proper hydration. Many Americans drink too little water every day. Much debate has been about the 8-glasses-of-water advice that many of us remember from growing up. Will this advice go the way of the food pyramid? As it turns out, the food pyramid does not represent a medically ideal diet. Several health organizations have criticized the food pyramid's advice, and some have even suggested that the food industry had far too great a role in its creation. It certainly wouldn't be the first time the food industry has intervened in public health policy.

Q4 Choose which paragraph is written cohesively & coherently.

(a) For many economists, the Great Depression was less a result of historical events than it was of poor international monetary policy. Great Britain's return to Pre-WWI gold standard rate was such the policy that included the Federal Reserve's failure to regulate interest rates.

(b) For many economists, the Great Depression was less a result of historical events than it was of poor international monetary policy. Such policy included the Federal Reserve's failure to regulate interest rates and Great Britain's return to Pre-WWI gold standard rate.

Q5 Which statement is the perfect thesis statement for the topic “Both Parents Should Assume Equal Responsibility in Raising a Child”?

- (a) The traditional notion of parenthood has long assigned distinct roles to mothers and fathers, with the former bearing the primary burden of child-rearing responsibilities. However, as society evolves and embraces more egalitarian values, equal parental responsibility becomes more prominent.
- (b) As society has evolved and embraced more egalitarian values, the concept of equal parental responsibility gains prominence. When both parents actively participate in the upbringing of their child, a stronger foundation is laid for the child’s emotional, cognitive, and social development.

Q6 Which statement is the perfect thesis statement for the topic “The Civil War between the North and the South”?

- (a) The North and South fought the Civil War for many reasons, some of which were the same and some different.
- (b) While both Northerners and Southerners believed they fought against tyranny and oppression, Northerners focused on the oppression of slaves while Southerners defended their own right to self-government.

Q7 Choose which paragraph is written coherently.

- (a) Social media has become an indispensable part of the lives of the masses worldwide in this contemporary era of technological advancements. Indeed the ubiquitousness of electronic and print media is evident in the popularity and proliferation of famous media platforms like Facebook, WhatsApp, news channels, newspapers, etc. On the one hand, it have benefited the masses in many ways, such as making people connect regardless of the physical distance between them; on the other hand, it has harmed the masses by invading their privacies. Speaking of the advantages of social media, the first one is its role as a platform for education. Social media allows the masses to acquire the best education while living in most backward areas. Online education through Zoom and similar applications and websites is an example of social media's role as an education platform. Moreover, social media has become a platform for promoting the marginalized and suppressed voices of society.
- (b) Scientists have learned to supplement the sense of sight in numerous ways. In front of the tiny pupil of the eye, they put, on Mount Palomar, a great monacle 200 inches in diameter, and with it, see 2000 times farther into the depths of space. Or they look through a small pair of lenses arranged as a microscope into a drop of water or blood and magnify the living creatures by as much as 2000 diameters, many of which are among man's most dangerous enemies. Or, if we want to see distant happenings on Earth, they use some of the previously wasted electromagnetic waves to carry television images, which they re-create as light by whipping tiny crystals on a screen with electrons in a vacuum. Or they can bring happenings of long ago and far away as coloured motion pictures by arranging silver atoms and colour-absorbing molecules to force light waves into the patterns of original reality. Or if we want to see into the centre of a steel casting or the chest of an injured child, they send the information on a beam of penetrating short-wave X-rays and then convert it back into images we can see on a screen or photograph. Thus, almost every type of electromagnetic radiation yet discovered has been used to somehow extend our sense of sight.

Q8 Choose which paragraph is written cohesively & coherently.

(a) Robert Bee wrote, “The Zeeland massacre illustrates the need for greater control and vigilance.” This is related to the thesis. Some 20,000 people disappeared from the villages. Financial mishandling can lead to great misfortune. Corruption in the government was exposed repeatedly to no avail. A police force, under orders to eliminate suspected terrorists, grabbed political dissidents and their families.

(b) The pogrom of May 3, 1987, exemplifies how foreign aid funds were appropriated for repressive rather than social development purposes. On that day, some 20,000 people were abducted from villages in the countryside, charged as traitors and summarily executed. Then governor-for-life Zeely Zeelafsun had recently used \$5 billion in aid to create a standing paramilitary police force. Without some restrictive control over the aid, human rights organizations were unable to prevent the buildup and unleashing of this disaster. Robert Bee, the Development as Freedom Foundation director, wrote, “The Zeeland massacre illustrates the need for greater control and vigilance.”

Q9 Choose which one of the paragraphs is written correctly.

(a) Instead of that grim beginning the independent state of Pakistan rapidly has gone on to had a cluster of significant political and economic successes. Their bold decision to go straight from centuries of colonial rule to resolutely democratic government, without a pause, proved to be sound and sustainable.

(b) Despite that grim beginning, the independent state of Pakistan has rapidly gone on to have a cluster of significant political and economic successes. Its bold decision to go straight from centuries of colonial rule to a resolutely democratic government, without a pause, has proved to be sound and sustainable.

Q10 Choose which paragraph is written cohesively & coherently.

(a) Readers look for the topics of sentences to tell them what a whole passage is "about." If they feel that its sequence of topics focuses on a limited set of related topics, they will feel that they are moving through that passage from a cumulatively coherent point of view. But if topics seem to shift randomly, readers have to begin each sentence from no coherent point of view, and when that happens, readers feel dislocated and disoriented, and the passage seems out of focus. For many readers, such an experience is like riding in a car that has a poor transmission.

(b) The particular ideas toward the beginning of sentences define what a passage is “about” for a reader. Moving through a paragraph from a cumulatively coherent point of view is made possible by a sequence of topics that seem to constitute a limited set of related ideas. A seeming absence of context for each sentence is one consequence of making random shifts in topics. Feelings of dislocation, disorientation, and a lack of focus in a passage occur when that happens.



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