

08 || Conceptual - Sentence Completion

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Explanation:

The best response is B.

Here in this example the signal word "but" indicates a contrast in the second part of the sentence. Apparently, noble looking person should do wrong in the second part of the sentence; hence, the right choice is "obstacle for" the good deed.

but	though	on the other hand	on the contrary	despite
however	although	while	instead of	still

Similarity

In this type of sentence, one part of the sentence expresses an idea, and the other part gives the explanation, elaboration or an example of that idea.

Example

3. Jahania city council representative promised that he would consider all suggestions from down town residents and that he was willing, not only to discuss his proposal, but also to _____ it.

- | | |
|-----------|---------------|
| A. Change | B. Vanish |
| C. accept | D. disapprove |

Explanation:

The best response is A.

The structural construction of the sentence "not only ... but also" that the same idea should be in the "but also" part.

Indicators for Similarity

not only ... but also	in the same way	like	similarly	resembles	in
the same way	for example	for instance	such as	specifically	

Restatement

In this type of sentence, one part of the sentence rephrases or repeats what is expressed in other part of the sentence.

4. Just as people of Jahania are doing their best to eradicate the social evils like family marriages, so the people of Khanewal are making efforts _____ the penetration of foreign culture in their social norms.

- | | |
|-----------------|--------------|
| A. to absorb | B. to accept |
| C. to normalize | D. to stop |

Explanation:

The best response is D.

The composition of "Just as ... as" leads towards restatement of the idea. What the people of Jahania are doing, the people of Khanewal are doing the same thing. This is the restatement of the idea.

Indicators for Restatement

that is	Just as As	in short	in fact
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TYPE OF QUESTIONS

Following are some examples of each type of questions normally tested on the GAT.

Vocabulary Based Questions

To answer this type of question, you need to know how the words are used in the context of the sentence. If you know the definitions of the words involved, you have a better chance of selecting the correct answer.

There are both one blank and two blank vocabulary based questions.

Examples:

5. Sajid appears to behave _____, actively helping class fellows to have their home assignment done.
- | | |
|-----------------|------------------|
| A. aggressively | B. cooperatively |
| C. rudely | D. suspiciously |
| E. mysteriously | |

Explanation:

B is the best response.

The sentence asks you to look for a word that describes how Sajid behaves. The information after the comma told that Sajid "actively help his class fellows." Only one word among the choices accurately describes this behavior: "cooperatively".

6. Both _____ and _____ Mazhar seldom calm and never spent money.
- | | |
|-------------------------|-----------------------------|
| A. defensive ... stingy | B. quarrel some ... miserly |
| C. smart ... attractive | D. cool... generous |
| E. garrulous ... frugal | |

Explanation:

B is the best response.

In this sentence, you are looking for two words that describe Mazhar. One of the words has to mean that he "seldom calm" and the other that he "never spent money."

Think carefully about the standard dictionary definitions of the important words in the sentence.

Logic Based Questions

This type of questions requires you to know not only the meanings of the words but also the understanding of the logic of a rather complicated sentence.

Example

7. After observing several successful test takers' responses to the analytical section, Subhan had to revise his earlier opinion that the students of this region were always less _____.
- | | |
|---------------|----------------|
| A. critical | B. ignorant |
| C. active | D. inquisitive |
| E. analytical | |

Explanation:

E is the best response.

To answer this question, you have to follow the logical flow of the ideas expressed in the sentence. First, the starting word "After" affect that comes later. The word after also gives order to the events in the sentence.

Second, the word "revise" tells you that something is going to change. Therefore, the events at the beginning really cause the change.

Finally, the word filling the blanks should convey a meaning you would have to revise after seeing the test takers'. Analytical is the only such word among the five choices.

STRATEGY

Read the complete sentence

To make a comprehensible sense of the sentence, read the entire sentence, saying blank for the blank (s).

Fill in your own word

Figure out what sort of word (s) should fill the blank (s) before looking at the choices; then look for a choice that is similar to the one (s) you thought of.

Avoid non Standard Meaning

To answer sentence completion questions, you usually don't have to know a nonstandard meaning of a word.

Explore Logical Combination

Keep eye on logical combination of the clue words used in the sentence.

Negative Sentences

Be aware that some of the most difficult sentence completion questions contain negatives, which can make it hard to follow the logic of the sentences. Negatives in two clauses of a sentence can be even more of a challenge, as in this example.

According to Altaf Hussain Hali, a legend of Urdu writing should not preach for sermonizing, has no place in effective writing.

A negative appears in each clause of this sentence. The clue word "for" indicates that the second part of the sentence will explain the first.

Remember that the instructions for all the sentence completion questions ask you to choose the best answer. One choice may seem to make sense, but it still might not be the best of the five choices. Unless you read all the choices, you may select only the second best and thus answer incorrectly.

TWO BLANKS QUESTIONS

While dealing with two blanks questions, try eliminating some answers based on just one blank.

First:

Work with one of the blanks alone. Eliminate entire choice in which the word doesn't make sense.

Second:

Work on other blank alone. Eliminate any choices in which that word doesn't make sense.

If only one choice is left, that is the correct answer. If more than one choice remains, go to the next step.

Third:

Work on both blanks together only for the remaining choices. Read the complete sentence with both words in place to make sure your choice makes sense.

Fourth:

Check your choices by reading the entire sentence with the answer you have selected in place to make sure the sentence makes sense.

Example

8. In sole proprietorship, the management _____ its employees to be docile and finds it expedient to make outcasts of those who do not _____.

- A. forces ... rebel
- B. expects ... disobey
- C. requires ... conform
- D. allows ... withdraw
- E. forbids ... agree

Explanation:

C is the best response.

Answering this question, you have to know what the words docile and expedient mean.

The first word in each of the five choices is an action a sole proprietorship management might take, so you are more likely to find the correct answer by first examining the second word. Recognizing that the second word refers to what happens to "outcasts," and observing the crucial word not, you can eliminate rebel and disobey. That leaves conform, withdraw, and agree as behaviors a proprietorship management might want to see displayed in its people.

The tendency to withdraw is less likely, because people who are out of sight might also be out of the management's control, also. It is illogical to make outcasts of everyone who does not withdraw. So choice (D) can be eliminated. If a proprietorship management wants the people to conform, requiring them to be docile would help, so choice (C) looks good. In choice (E), The proprietorship management is going to cast out those who do not agree, which is a very possible managerial reality, the first part of the sentence is illogical: proprietorship management do not forbid people to be d docile (gentle). Choice (C) is clearly the most logical and meaningful of the set.

WARM UP EXERCISE

Directions: Each of the following sentences contains one or two blank spaces to be filled in by one of the four/five choices listed below each sentence. Select the word or words that best complete the meaning of the sentence and circle the letter that appears before you're answer.

The answers and explanation of each question has been given at the bottom of the question.

1. NADRA data show that the number of citizens receiving welfare _____ again last year even though an economic slowdown pushed more people into _____.

 - A. rescinded... beggary
 - B. reduced... affluence
 - C. jumped... subservience
 - D. tripled... pauperism
 - E. declined ... poverty

Explanation:

The best response is: E

Even though signals that there is a contrast from one part of the sentence to another. Choice E provides for the appropriate contrast. An economic slowdown cannot push people into affluence or subservience.

2. Karachi's teachers received the third largest salary hike in the country last year but still did not move up in national _____.

 - A. competition
 - B. readings

- C. ranting
- E. rankings

D. ratings

Explanation:

The best response is: E

There is no national competition for salaries. Choice B and C are irrelevant. Ratings are usually applied to a subjective quality, not a fact.

3. Despite signs of a truce, the country's dilemma remains, should they let the north country remain _____ or should they _____ it.
- A. autonomous... conquer
 - B. free... self-governing
 - C. independent... separated
 - D. quelled... annexed
 - E. subordinate... subservient

Explanation:

The best response is: A

The word *or* in the sentence signals that what is on either side of the word must be different options. Only A presents two different options.

4. As the last _____ slice of Arabian coastal plain bordering the continent's vast equatorial rain forests, the region, known as the Gawadar, is a biologically _____ mosaic of forests, savannas, lagoons, lakes and beaches that, until recently, was virtually unknown to science.
- A. underdeveloped... luxuriant
 - B. uncharted... broken
 - C. examined... plentiful
 - D. undeveloped... rich
 - E. explored... abounding

Explanation:

The best response is: D

Choices C and E are unidiomatic following *last*. *Broken mosaic* is illogical as a description of forests etc.

5. Shamim Durani has expressed his hope that the project can _____ support for conserving the Peerowal forests.
- A. raise
 - B. rally
 - C. mount
 - D. foster

E. booster

Explanation:

The best response is: B

To rally support is an idiomatic expression.

6. The term conservationist had been defined by some as a person who believes that the natural world is endlessly _____ and beautiful, and therefore as much of it as possible should be _____.
- A. irrational... preserved
 - B. abhorrent... salvaged
 - C. fascinating... saved
 - D. exhilarative... promoted
 - E. appealing... distinguished

Explanation:

The best response is: C

Because the blank appears before *and beautiful*, one can expect it to be filled with something positive. The *and therefore* indicates that the second blank should also be positive. Only C, D and E have two positive choices, and of them only C contains two words that are appropriate to describe the natural world.

7. _____ temporary power lines and data cables, huddled around laptops and editing equipment, journalists and technicians were _____ out news to many outposts.
- A. Among... burning
 - B. Although... turning
 - C. Using... tossing
 - D. Despite... writing
 - E. Amid... churning

Explanation:

The best response is: E

Although and despite must precede clauses, not noun phrases. Amid and among are both reasonable choices. Churning out, however, is idiomatic while burning out, is not.

8. The country is a regional _____, an absolute but highly dynamic monarchy that has created an economic _____ out of little more than vision, geography and will.
- A. anomaly... powerhouse

- B. synchronicity... giant
- C. incongruity... dwarf
- D. paradox... dependency
- E. discrepancy... power

Explanation:

The best response is: A

Synchronicity and discrepancy have to relate to two or more things (i.e. a discrepancy between x and y). That is not the case here. Out of little more indicates that something was made out of next to nothing, which is only remarkable if what was created was positive, such as an economic powerhouse.

9. The editor found the articles so _____ that he hesitated to print them.
- | | |
|-----------------|---------------|
| A. positive | B. comical |
| C. improbable ✓ | D. Indecisive |
| E. interesting | |

Explanation:

The best response is: C

Printing something that is untrue would reflect negatively on the editor, so he hesitated to print the articles because they were "improbable." The answer is (C). "Indecisive" could also be the reason the editor hesitated to print the articles, but "improbable" is a stronger reason not to publish an article. One of the jobs of an editor is to verify the truth of an article. Publishing false material could subject the editor to ridicule or even legal action.

10. Children not only provide cheap labor, but they are also _____, as they do not complain about mental tensions given to them or about harsh treatment.
- | | |
|-----------------|-------------|
| A. impertinent | B. facile |
| C. presumptuous | D. hesitant |
| E. docile | |

Explanation:

The best response is: E

The word "as" in the sentence indicates that the missing word is explained or defined by the clause that follows it: "they do not complain about menial chores given to them or about

harsh treatment meted out." This aptly describes a "docile" person.

SOLVED EXERCISE

Directions: Each of the following sentences contains one or two blank spaces to be filled in by one of the four/five choices listed below each sentence. Select the word or words that best complete the meaning of the sentence and circle the letter that appears before you're answer.

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1. A judgment made before all the facts are known must be called _____.
- | | |
|-------------|---------------|
| A. harsh | B. deliberate |
| C. sensible | D. premature |
| E. fair | |

Explanation:

The best response is: D

Which of the choices describes a judgment made before "all the facts are known"? Such a judgment, by definition, is not "deliberate," and the sentence doesn't tell us whether the judgment was "harsh" or lenient, "sensible" or silly, "fair" or unfair. "Premature" means hasty or early; therefore, it fits the blank perfectly.

2. The study on Pseudomonas is so _____ that it leaves no part of life cycle of this notorious pathogen.
- | | |
|------------------|--------------|
| A. comprehensive | B. haphazard |
| C. sporadic | D. prolific |
| E. Clean | |

Explanation:

The best response is: A

Words like complete, thorough, or extensive could all fit. Now look at the answer choices. Choices A. comprehensive is very similar to the words suggested, and none of the other choices fit at all.

3. Bano's prize-winning novel Raja Gidh exemplifies the intrinsic strength of a person; the protagonist tells her own experiences so effectively that any additional commentary would be _____.

- | | |
|------------------|------------------|
| A. appreciable | B. controversial |
| C. superfluous | D. subjective |
| E. contradictory | |

Explanation:

The best response is: C

Words like prize-winning, strength, and effectively tell you that the writer thinks Bano's novel is well written. Therefore, would "additional commentary" be necessary or unnecessary? Once you've figured out that it is unnecessary, you can look for an answer with a similar meaning, which is choice (C), superfluous.

4. The Supreme Court's reversal of its previous ruling on the issue of provincial rights _____ its reputation for _____.
- | |
|--------------------------------|
| A. sustained ... inconsistency |
| B. compromised ... consistency |
| C. maintain ... fallacy |
| D. spoiled ... flexibility |
| E. dispelled ... vacillation |

Explanation:

The best response is: B

Most people would agree that the Supreme Court members think along and hard before they make a ruling. Reversing one of those rulings is probably an unusual and undesirable event. In each choice, the second word suggests a "reputation" the Court might have. Which of those words most probably names a reputation we most usually expect of the Supreme Court?

Choice A and C is illogical; as the courts do not want sustain inconsistencies. The choices D and E are also illogical, as the courts do not want to see vacillation and spoiled flexibility.

5. Fauzia presents herself as a bold journalist by asking people in politics the kinds of _____ questions that other reporters do not ask.
- | | |
|------------------|-------------------|
| A. controversial | B. circumnutating |
| C. abnormal | D. irrelevant |

Explanation:

The best response is: A

The sentence says that Fauzia earned a reputation for herself as a journalist by asking the questions

that other reporters avoided. Its mean she asks probing questions about controversial issues. The only right answer that describes such questions is (A) controversial.

6. Ozone in the Earth's atmosphere _____ living organisms from damaging ultraviolet radiation.
- | | |
|-------------|------------|
| A. protects | B. warms |
| C. reflects | D. absorbs |

Explanation

The best response is: A

Ozone shields harmful ultra violet radiation; hence it protects living things on the earth.

7. So _____ was the sales persons' tone about the qualities of the new computer system that Najam nearly missed the _____ in its calculations in his budget.
- | |
|----------------------------|
| A. persuasive ... flaw |
| B. adopted .. accuracy |
| C. harsh .. amount |
| D. irritating .. greatness |

Explanation:

The best response is: A

The sales person's tone is always persuasive during sales talk for the first blank and something like "flaw" for the second. Choice (A) is the right answer.

8. Despite his illness, Inzamam was _____ in winning his team.
- | | |
|------------------|-----------------|
| A. disappointing | B. useless |
| C. vigorous | D. Instrumental |

Explanation:

The best response is: D

"Despite" is the key word. It leads you to predict the importance of Inzamam. Hence, the right answer choice is D.

9. Salma's home looked as though it had been _____ from a rag bin; her expensive burner was her sole _____ of luxury.
- | |
|-------------------------|
| A. clean .. expensive |
| B. computerized .. cost |
| C. modernized .. symbol |
| D. salvaged .. sign |

Explanation:

The best response is: D

"from a rag bin" gives the idea of "salvaged". Opposite to it is sign of luxury. Hence, the right choice is D.

10. The applicant answered tough questions with _____ candor, winning over many interviewers who had previously supported his rival.

- A. planed
- B. Impatient
- C. Unintentional
- D. Disarming

Explanation:

The best response is: D

"disarming candor" means "with great confidence" in general. Obviously, it can get hold over the rival.

11. It was difficult to imagine Jameela, _____ woman, as a psychiatrist; listening while others talked was not her style.

- A. a talkative
- B. a cheering
- C. a smiling
- D. a aggressive

Explanation:

The best response is: A

Second part of the sentence indicates that Jameela is talkative and do not listen to others, so she cannot be a good psychiatrist. The right choice is A.

12. A rumor that the corporation was close to the _____ caused panic among its creditors and stockholders.

- A. new venture
- B. bankruptcy
- C. dividend declaration
- D. annual Board meeting

Explanation:

The best response is: B

Panic can be caused by bankruptcy.

13. A bus driver on Muree roads should have _____ trouble ahead when the road _____ into a blind path.

- A. expected - transformed
- B. seen - collapsed
- C. interrogated - grew
- D. anticipated - dwindled
- E. enjoyed - shrunk

Explanation:

The best response is: D

We may logically conclude that bus driver foresaw, or anticipated, trouble. A road doesn't grow into a path; nor does it collapse into one.

14. Although the community was usually considered, a safe haven but who expressed beliefs contrary to those of the majority were _____.

- A. applauded
- B. disgruntled
- C. democracy
- D. necessary
- E. persecuted

Explanation:

The best response is: E

Choice (E) makes sense because the contradiction between "a safe haven for individuality" and the fact that those who disagree were sometimes "persecuted" is clear and sharp.

15. The softness of the early morning light _____ the room, making it larger and cozier at once.

- A. scattered
- B. transformed
- C. transgenic
- D. classifying
- E. glared

Explanation:

The best response is: B

For the light to make the room cozier, it must be soft, not harsh. This implies that the light enhanced the room, rather than disfigured it.

16. Whereas Shahid's _____ personality made it difficult for his classmates to accept him, Javed ingratiated himself with his sweetness and modesty.

- A. susceptible
- B. pretentious
- C. dashing
- D. pleasing
- E. sociable

Explanation:

The best response is: B

There is contrast between Shahid and Javed. Therefore, we want a word whose meaning is strongly opposed to "sweetness and modesty". "Pretentious" works well in that role.

17. He demanded _____ obedience from his roommates, and was always telling them they must be compliant subjects.
- | | |
|-------------|-------------|
| A. total | B. partial |
| C. formal | D. complete |
| E. marginal | |

Explanation:

The best response is: D

We may assume that no one demands partial or marginal obedience.

18. The _____ of the Fokker crash near Multan airport could have been avoided if more safety _____ had been taken.
- | |
|-------------------------------|
| A. tragedy precautions |
| B. incident preserves |
| C. fiasco inspectors |
| D. crew measures |
| E. disaster reservations |

Explanation:

The best response is: A

The crash of an aero plan is best described as a tragedy or a disaster. Precautions, not reservations, is the second word that is required, making (A) the correct response.

19. Though many people thought him a tedious old man, he had a _____ spirit that delighted his friends.
- | | |
|-------------|-------------|
| A. perverse | B. juvenile |
| C. meek | D. leaden |
| E. youthful | |

Explanation:

The best response is: E

A youthful spirit, however, may be mature as well as vigorous.

20. For his diligent work in chemistry, Professor Jahangir was lauded at the banquet as _____ of the Year.
- | | |
|------------------|---------------|
| A. teacher | B. manager |
| C. scientist | D. astrologer |
| E. administrator | |

Explanation:

The best response is: C

A professor in chemistry would be honored as a scientist.

SWEET CANDIES

Directions: Each of the following sentences contains one or two blank spaces to be filled in by one of the four/five choices listed below each sentence. Select the word or words that best complete the meaning of the sentence and circle the letter that appears before you're answer.

Answer of each question has been given at the end of the exercise.

- In many cases, the formerly _____ origins of disease have now been identified though modern scientific techniques.

A. insightful	B. mysterious
C. cruel	D. notable
E. useful	
- Freeing embedded fossils from rock has become less _____ for paleontologists, who now have tiny vibrating drills capable of working with great speed and delicacy.

A. exploratory	B. conclusive
C. tedious	D. respected
E. demeaning	
- Many people find Ustad Salamat Ali's music not only entertaining but also _____; listening to it helps them to relax and to _____ the tensions they feel at the end of a tiring day.

A. soothing ... heighten
B. therapeutic... alleviate
C. sweet... underscore
D. exhausting ... relieve
E. interesting ... activate
- Famous educationist Farrukh Khan makes a career of expanding the limits of tuition jobs by starting ICON, making hitherto - impossible takes _____ through the new teaching methodology designed by his academy.

A. famous	B. feasible
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- C. fantastic D. controversial
E. captivating
5. In many parts of East Africa at that time, wild animals were so _____ that it was almost impossible for a photographer to approach close enough to film them.
- A. rare B. large
C. wary D. numerous
E. unsightly
6. The unflattering reviews that his latest recording received were _____ by his fans, who believe that everything he performs is a triumph of artistic _____.
- A. dismissed ... creativity
B. hailed...responsibility
C. suppressed...self-promotion
D. accepted...genius
E. regretted...pretension
7. The board members, accustomed to the luxury of being chauffeured to corporate meetings in company limousines, were predictably _____ when they learned that this service had been _____.
- A. satisfied...annulled
B. stymied...extended
C. displeased...upheld
D. disgruntled...suspended
E. concerned...provided
8. Misrepresentative graphs and drawings _____ the real data and encourage readers to accept _____ arguments.
- A. obscure...legitimate
B. distort...spurious
C. illustrate...controversial
D. complement...unresolved
E. replace...esteemed
9. Conservative historians who represent a traditional account as _____ because of its age may be guilty of taking on trust what they should have _____ in a conscientious fashion
- A. ancient...established
B. false...reiterated
C. mythical...fabricated
D. accurate...examined
E. suspicious...challenged

10. The art of Shehnaz Begum often presents us with an idyllic vision that is subtly _____ by more sinister elements, as if suggesting the _____ beauty of our surroundings.
- A. enhanced...pristine
B. invaded...flawed
C. altered...unmarred
D. redeemed...hallowed
E. devastated...bland
11. City Nazim Ghafoor Merani expected that his proposal on local Trade would not merely _____ the further effects of competition on local business but would also offer practical strategies for successfully resisting such competition.
- A. counteract B. intensity
C. imagine D. forecast
E. excuse
12. Since many teachers today draw on material from a variety of sources, disciplines, and ideologies for their lessons, their approach could best be called _____.
- A. eclectic B. simplistic
C. invidious D. impromptu
E. dogmatic
13. Unprecedented turmoil in the usually thriving nation has made the formally _____ investors leery of any further involvement.
- A. pessimistic B. cautious
C. clandestine D. reticent
E. sanguine
14. Despite its apparent _____, much of early Greek philosophical thought was actually marked by a kind of unconscious dogmatism that led to _____ assertions.
- A. liberality...doctrinaire
B. independence...autonomous
C. intransigence...authoritative
D. fundamentalism...arrogant
E. legitimacy...ambiguous
15. Maria forced herself to eat every piece on her plate; although she found the food practically _____.
- A. delicious B. spicy
C. inedible D. nourishing

16. Until its defeat by Ireland, Pakistani team won most of its test matches by innings and had achieved an _____ series of wins.
 A. defeated B. unbroken
 C. difficult D. aggressive
17. The whale shark is found in equatorial deep waters around the world, it is _____ encountered by divers.
 A. rarely B. successfully
 C. anxiously D. constantly
18. Some of the sculptures formerly _____ the Hindu artist are now thought to have been created by one of his Muslim students.
 A. denied by B. attributed to
 C. adapted from D. submitted to
19. Because its chief accountant altered figures and completely fabricated others, the company's financial records were entirely _____.
 A. hidden B. spurious
 C. transparent D. taxable
20. As _____ as she is original, Tahira has created songs for theaters, classical concerts, and Pakistani movies.
 A. versatile B. old fashioned
 C. sophisticated D. solo
21. The benefits of the cooperative program are _____, with both companies acquiring new production techniques.
 A. challenging B. exclusive
 C. normal D. mutual
22. The author monotonously numerates the _____ points of scientific development, while omitting the details that might _____ the reader's interest.
 A. week ... sell to
 B. trivial ... boost
 C. stylistic ... irritate
 D. essential ... limit
23. The final edition of the Love and Cheating consists of six volumes; however, only a small _____ of its full volume has ever been published.
 A. edition B. volume
 C. fraction D. chapter
24. Muslim alchemists tried to attain wealth by _____ copper and other base metals into gold.
 A. placing B. coin aging
 C. melting D. transforming
25. An editorial praised the generosity of an anonymous _____, who had donated over a million rupees and several priceless books to the college.
 A. donor B. benefactor
 C. promoter D. rich
26. Although officials claimed that its hull was _____, the Titanic sank after hitting an iceberg.
 A. iron made B. impenetrable
 C. prominent D. oval
27. In this historical arena, a single wall still stood in mute _____ to nature's force.
 A. evidence B. tribute
 C. testimony D. memory
 E. remainder
28. Our _____ objections finally got us thrown out of the examination hall.
 A. silent B. modest
 C. wary D. vocal
 E. suspicious
29. Over the wail of the sirens, you could still hear the hoarse _____ of his voice.
 A. harshness B. rhythm
 C. cries D. sound
 E. whisper
30. The myths of any society serve to explain their values; by examining a people's favorite _____.
 A. legends B. pastimes
 C. occupations D. rituals
 E. stories

Answers									
1.	B	2.	C	3.	B	4.	B	5.	C
6.	A	7.	D	8.	B	9.	D	10.	B
11.	D	12.	A	13.	E	14.	A	15.	C

16	B	17	A	18	D	19	B	20	A
21	D	22	B	23	C	24	D	25	B
26	B	27	C	28	D	29	D	30	E

BRAIN BUSTERS

Directions: Each sentence below has one or two blanks, each blank indicating that something has been omitted. Beneath the sentence, are five words labeled A through E. Choose the word or set of words that, when inserted in the sentence, best fits the meaning of the sentence as a whole?

Answer and explanation of each question has been given at the end of the exercise.

1. The _____ workshop had not been used in years

- A. orphan B. advanced
C. decorated D. renovated
E. derelict

2. Producers of Punjabi films have long decried the _____ of the Lahore movie critics, whose reviews can determine the fate of a film in a month.

- A. fallacy B. poverty
C. cruelty D. power
E. absent mindedness

3. With the current wave of crime, travelers on Lahore route are _____ to make sure their valet is secure.

- A. banned B. irreverent
C. illiterate D. urged
E. permitted

4. Working _____ under time pressure, Umbreen didn't notice her _____ mistake.

- A. continually – simple
B. carelessly – stupid
C. rapidly – careless
D. continuously – abnormal
E. leisurely – inevitable

5. The cheerful, lively sound of folk music _____ almost everyone.

- A. expired B. make lazy
C. revived D. accustomed
E. lethargy

6. The _____ manner in which the trainee manager candidate addressed the board of selection committee was a basic reason in his rejection; the board members agreed that enthusiasm is an essential quality in a manager.

- A. imaginative B. superior
C. superficial D. perfunctory
E. suspicious

7. As _____ of the Sindh supreme selection board, Allah Bachayo had free _____ to all Government rest houses throughout the country.

- A. a scholar – admission
B. a survivor – passage
C. an organizer – submission
D. an institution – advice
E. a member – entrance

8. His _____ painting style made it difficult to follow his thought processes – no surprise to his contemporaries, who were familiar with his _____ manner of talking.

- A. hypnotic ... attractive
B. complex ... affected
C. laborious ... tedious
D. convoluted ... circumlocutory
E. precise... arcane

9. After completing her usual morning walk, Salma found herself _____ tired.

- A. surprisingly B. more
C. unbelievably D. unceasingly
E. usual

10. The green supernova is still _____ cosmetologists, as it has never been seen clearly, making it impossible to study its nature.

- A. admiring for B. enigmatic to
C. dangerous to D. exploited by
E. famous among

11. Like Halakku Khan, who was never considered a major royal figure until Changez's death made him Khan; Halaku attained royal prominence only after _____ thrust him into the kingship.

- A. political intrigue
B. outside circumstances

- C. popular acclaim
- D. spending royal assets
- E. public demand

12. Held up only by a _____ steel cable, the chairlift at Muree was _____ to carry only two people.

- A. narrow – permitted
- B. hard – instructed
- C. massive – designed
- D. long – ordered
- E. single – intended

13. Zila Nazim's speech at the town meeting was quite _____, as it appeared to _____ the traditional beliefs held by many members of the region.

- A. provoking ... useless
- B. tricky ... defend
- C. inflammatory ... ridicule
- D. natural ... attack
- E. obvious ... degrade

14. The presence of armed guards at the building entrance _____ us from doing anything disruptive.

- A. defeated
- B. excited
- C. irritated
- D. prevented
- E. encouraged

15. The idea of "children's literature in Urdu" _____ in 1990, when prominent educators in Pakistan first decided that children needed special _____ of their own.

- A. emerged ... books
- B. articulated ... reading
- C. grew... development
- D. detracted ... training
- E. receded ... novels

16. In some of the poorest neighborhoods of Karachi gardens are springing up as _____ the filth and garbage of their urban surroundings.

- A. an accumulation of
- B. a strategy of
- C. a reaction to
- D. an deposition to
- E. a dispersion of

17. A careful _____ of the dead body revealed that it is just a case of violence.

- A. autopsy
- B. incision
- C. dereliction
- D. dissection
- E. examination

18. In Karachi, if you hear the _____ of a gun, you should ignore it and keep your activity continue.

- A. tone
- B. report
- C. retort
- D. flash
- E. volume

19. Today Pakistan faces the question of how to _____ the best of modern trends without losing the benefits of Pakistan's _____ way of life.

- A. reject ... modern
- B. adopt... outdated
- C. assimilate ... traditional
- D. implant... contemporary
- E. reshape ... economical

20. As the French archeologist expected, living conditions in the Ghandhara Civilization were _____ worse than those of today.

- A. broadly
- B. astonishing
- C. significantly
- D. begrudgingly
- E. awfully

21. After such _____ dinner, we were all quick to _____ Asiya for her delicious cooking.

- A. a wonderful – applaud
- B. a heavy – thank
- C. a delightful – avoid
- D. a comprehensive – admire
- E. an virtuous – console

22. The proposal to use indoor plants on porches has divided the city along _____ lines: the poor feel it financial burden, while affluent are _____ about what they feel is an attempt to restrict their lifestyle.

- A. religious ... angry
- B. community ... pleased
- C. aesthetic.. disappointing
- D. political ... vibrating
- E. socioeconomic ... incensed

23. Unlike the Pakistani worker, who expects to work for several different companies during his

career, until recently the Japanese worker regarded employment as a _____ commitment

- A. a lifetime B. a major
C. an obligatory D. an economic
E. a dual

24. Humera's gift for script writing seemed to be _____; both his mother and grandfather before him had been famed novelists.

- A. prodigious B. innate
C. conceptual D. attractive
E. practical

25. Many obvious hasty lapses in the umpire's decision make it _____ to accept the _____ of his decision of LBW.

- A. questionable...structure
B. attractive...judgment
C. clear... meaning
D. easy ... correctness
E. difficult...validity

26. Although the television was originally created to entertain people, today many of us consider it _____ enterprise, offering services marketed as sources of information and entertainment.

- A. a commercial B. overcrowded
C. fake D. a private
E. an obsolete

27. The qualities expected of a professional teacher seem _____, for he must be learned, agile, and technically impeccable.

- A. ambiguous B. ephemeral
C. paradoxical D. varied
E. impossible

28. Khalid should be _____ to complain, since his salary is _____ with his productivity.

- A. loath - commensurate
B. brought - alleviated
C. right - balanced
D. entitled - gratuitous
E. foolish - proportionate

29. Although he had been a _____ child, Shazad went on to become one of our nation's most _____ politicians, both mentally and physically.

- A. learned...able
B. sickly...vigorous
C. healthy...active
D. competenttypical
E. athletic...unusual

30. Considering today's high student failure rate, it is _____ to learn that the majority of students still accept the _____ belief in the importance of tuition centers.

- A. surprising... traditional
B. curious... popular
C. illuminating... controversial
D. drastic... obsolete
E. unbelievableobvious

Answers

1.	E	2.	D	3.	D	4.	C	5.	C
6.	D	7.	E	8.	D	9.	A	10.	B
11.	B	12.	E	13.	C	14.	D	15.	A
16.	C	17.	E	18.	B	19.	C	20.	C
21.	A	22.	E	23.	A	24.	B	25.	E
26.	A	27.	C	28.	A	29.	B	30.	A

Explanations

1.	E	Derelict means "empty," "abandoned" in this case.
2.	D	If film critics can determine the fate of a movie in a month," then clearly they have "power"
3.	D	Urged is a better choice than any other choice.
4.	C	In this case, it appears that the mistakes are not inevitable; answer (C) is the only logical choice.
5.	C	This sentence assumes that cheerful, lively music has a positive effect on people, so they revived.
6.	D	The second half of "enthusiasm" in a trainee manager candidate. Therefore, the word that describes the candidate they rejected should mean the opposite of "enthusiastic." "Perfunctory" is the right choice.
7.	E	A person may be institution, but not an institution of a team. It is more likely that

		a member of the original team rather than a scholar would have a free pass.
8.	D	Case of similarity. The words "difficult to follow his thought processes" make it clear that both missing words should mean "hard to understand, unnecessarily complicated."
9.	A	It would be surprising to find yourself exhausted by routine exercise.
10.	B	This sentence has a cause and effect relationship, as indicated by the word "as". If the green supernova "has never been seen clearly," one could logically conclude that it would be "enigmatic."
11.	B	Case of similarity. We want a phrase to fit in the blanks that will match the description.
12.	E	Of the other options, only intended (E) completes the sentence logically.
13.	C	Case of Cause and effect. Choice (C) is right because the two words it contains work well together as a cause/effect pair: a speech that "ridicules" others would indeed be "inflammatory"
14.	D	Obviously, armed guards are intended to prevent any kind of disruption. Answer (D) is the only logical choice.
15.	A	If it wasn't until the late eighteenth century that educators decided children needed books of their own, then that must have been when the idea of children's literature "emerged" – choice (A).
16.	C	Only the word "reaction" makes sense as description of the relationship between a garden and surroundings that are full of "filth and garbage."
17.	E	Only an examination of the dead body can reveal something, (E) is the best choice.
18.	B	The sound of explosion, whether from a gun or a car, is called a report.
19.	C	There must be a desirable combination of the best of the old and the new. Choice (C) makes sense because it refers to "assimilating" (that is, absorbing) what is good today while retaining what is "traditional"
20.	C	The archeologist would expect conditions

		to be significantly worse.
21.	A	(A) is the only logical answer.
22.	E	The dividing line must base on social and economic factors; the most suitable word is socioeconomic.
23.	A	The word "Unlike" of course shows contrast. The idea of a "lifetime" commitment contrasts with the idea of changing job several times.
24.	B	Humera is a good writer because his parents were also novelist; word innate is the best response.
25.	E	A simple cause and effect relationship is required here; if the empire make "many obvious lapses," then accepting its decision would certainly be "difficult."
26.	A	If the television today offers "services" that are "marked," then it is clearly a "commercial" enterprise.
27.	C	We can see that the sentence is suggesting contradictory or opposing qualities that a teacher has, since "learned" and "agile" are usually thought of as very different. The blank, "paradoxical," captures this sense of contradiction.
28.	A	As Khalid's salary commensurate (equal to) his productivity, he must be reluctant to (loath to) complain.
29.	B	Case of Contrast. The word "Although" tell us to look for two words that are contradictory or opposite in meaning. "Sickly" and "vigorous" fill the bill nicely.
30.	A	Choice (A) is the better answer because the sentence clearly suggests that the belief in the tuition is surprising.