

Section 1 - Grammar

Q: 1

Choose an appropriate answer to complete the conversation given below.

Kartika: How old are you?

Ron: I am turning twenty in the coming week.

Kartika: For how many years have you been playing the guitar?

Ron: _____

- 1 Next week, when I turn twenty, I have played the guitar for twelve years.
- 2 Next week, when I turn twenty, I am going to play the guitar for twelve years.
- 3 Next week, when I turn twenty, I will have been playing the guitar for twelve years.
- 4 Next week, when I turn twenty, I was going to be playing the guitar for twelve years.

Q: 2 In which of these sentences is the action expected to happen before a particular time in the future?

- 1 I will visit Aunt Rose and Cousin Sebastian in Paris this weekend.
- 2 My parents as well as my brother will have arrived at the venue by 7pm.
- 3 We suggest that you take the shorter route to the hospital to reach earlier.
- 4 They would have to take the train if they do not reach the airport by 10pm.

Q: 3 Choose the option that completes the sentence below correctly.

I just heard the journalist report that several highways in Uttarakhand _____ blocked due to landslides as incessant rain batters the hill state.

- 1 had been
- 2 have been
- 3 were being
- 4 will have been

Q: 4

Choose the correct option to complete the given dialogue.

Pintu:

Why do you look so stressed? Is everything alright? Mithu:

No! I just got some bad news. _____.

- 1 Aditya is in a car accident.
- 2 Aditya has been in a car accident.
- 3 Aditya had been in a car accident.
- 4 Aditya will have been in a car accident.

Q: 5 Complete the following sentences with the appropriate verbs.

The crew _____ work at the crack of dawn. Each of its members _____ for three hours before taking a break.

- 1 begin, work
- 2 begins, work
- 3 begin, works
- 4 begins, works

Q: 6 Which underlined phrase indicates that the subject will complete the action in the very near future?

- 1 Arvind will train for his tournament today.
- 2 Jay will be playing the piano at my wedding today.
- 3 Rehana will have reached the office by the time you get here.
- 4 Carol will be completing her exam preparations sometime this week.

Q: 7 Choose the option that best completes the given conversation correctly.

Ann: You are panting heavily. You _____ be exhausted!

Sofia: When I was in college, I _____ run everyday.

Ann: You _____ resume exercise. It will make you more fit.

1 could, would, might

2 must, would, should

3 must, ought to, would

4 might, ought to, should

Q: 8 Choose the option that correctly completes the sentence below.

She is highly creative and likes to work at her own pace. I doubt whether she _____ cope with the stress of a corporate job.

1 could have to

2 will be able to

3 may not have to

4 must not be able to

Q: 9 Choose the correct option below to meaningfully complete the conversation.

Sanith: I _____ get tickets for the football match last week.

Sanil: You _____ told me. I had extra tickets since my sisters backed out at the last minute.

1 did not, need to have

2 might not, could have

3 could not, should have

4 would not, ought to have

Q: 10 Raju makes the following statement:

If you are very hungry, you will eat a lot of food.

If Raju is not completely sure about his statement, he will change it to: _____

1 If you are very hungry, you had better eat a lot of food.

2 If you are very hungry, you should eat a lot of food.

3 If you are very hungry, you will not eat a lot of food.

4 If you are very hungry, you might eat a lot of food.

Q: 11 Which sentence shows that Edward is able to finish a painting in two days?

1 Edward can finish a painting in two days.

2 Edward may finish a painting in two days.

3 Edward has to finish a painting in two days.

4 Edward ought to finish a painting in two days.

Q: 12 The sentence below has been divided into three parts.

The President of Italy, accompanied by his cabinet members, is expected to arrive at the embassy by 5 pm.

- A. The President of Italy,
- B. accompanied by his cabinet members,
- C. is expected to arrive at the embassy by 5 pm.

Which of these options, when replaced with part B, will change the verb form in part C?

- 1** in addition to his cabinet members
- 2** together with his cabinet members
- 3** as well as his cabinet members
- 4** and his cabinet members

Q: 13 *How many shops in this lane are open during the night?*

Choose the option that BEST serves as a reply to the question above.

- 1** Only one of the shops are open during the night.
- 2** Only one of the shops is open during the night.
- 3** Neither of the shops are open during the night.
- 4** A number of shops is open during the night.

Q: 14 Which of these sentences is grammatically INCORRECT?

- 1** Shawn, as well as his friends, are studying for the test.
- 2** Neither the employees nor the manager was at the meeting.
- 3** The captain or the club members note down special requests every week.
- 4** Each of the employees, who attended the talk, was fine with the session being recorded.

Q: 15 Choose the correct option to complete the passage given below.

With a government always wanting more financial help, in season and out of season, with the reduced value of the currency and with enemies on _____ side, the position of the directors of the bank was no enviable one. It was only by great energy, united effort, and perseverance that they _____ able to keep their heads above water and struggle on until at last, they found themselves on safer and firmer ground.

- 1** all; was
- 2** some; is
- 3** each; are
- 4** every; were

Q: 16 The sentence below has been divided into five sections. Which of these sections contain errors?

(1) Although the sting of certain scorpions (2) are rarely dangerous , (3) they cause swelling (4) and pose health risks to infants, (5) who are vulnerable to its venom.

- 1** only sections (2) and (3)
- 2** only sections (3) and (5)
- 3** only sections (2), (3) and (4)
- 4** only sections (2), (4) and (5)

Q: 17 Read the following instruction for a Language exam. Identify the number of errors in the instruction below.

The sentences given below lists rules of grammar incorrectly. One out of every four sentences are designed to test basic grammatical rules while the other three sentences are created to test higher concepts.

- 1** one **2** two **3** three **4** four

Q: 18 Options 1, 2, 3 and 4 below together form a paragraph. There is a grammatical MISTAKE in one part of the paragraph.

Identify the option with the MISTAKE.

- 1** Neither Jeff nor Martin were paying attention when the outer lock swung open and a
2 grey, space-suited figure raced for protection under the shed. It was a dash of no more
3 than five seconds' duration, but to Jeff and Martin it seemed like their father took an
4 eternity to reach safety. Engulfed by fear and excitement, they ran to him.

REPORTED SPEECH

Q: 19 Read the conversation below and choose the option that best presents the designer's words to Rachel.

*Ross: Hey, Rachel! What did the interior designer say about the new design?
Rachel: The designer informed me that he would have the design ready by the following week.*

- 1** The designer said, "I will have the design ready by next week."
2 The designer said, "I would have had the design ready by next week."
3 The designer said, "I would have the design ready by the following week."
4 The designer said, "I will be having the design ready by the following week."

DETERMINERS

Q: 20 *The cash prize will be awarded to _____ student who scores the highest in English across all sections.*

Choose the option that completes the sentence above correctly. (Here, 'X' signifies 'no determiner needed'.)

- 1** a **2** X **3** the **4** this

PASSIVE VOICE

Q: 21 Which of these does NOT use passive voice?

- 1** My peer assured me that he'd have my parcel delivered by evening.
2 Alex finished her shopping for the farewell party on Monday.
3 The place will be decorated in time before the guests arrive.
4 The town was flocked by visitors from far and wide.

Q: 22 The sentence given below is divided into five parts.

(i) The company (ii) has instructed (iii) the interns (iv) to watch an instructional video (v) on fire safety.

If converted to passive voice, which of these options can be used to begin the converted sentence?

- 1 only (i) 2 only (iii)
3 either (i) or (iii) 4 both (iv) and (v)

Q: 23 Read the following sentences carefully.

- A. *The house was broken into last night.*
B. *Some robbers broke into the house last night.*

Which of these highlights the difference between the above sentences?

- 1 Only sentence B indicates where the action took place.
2 There is no difference between sentence A and sentence B.
3 Only sentence A lays emphasis on the action being carried out.
4 Only sentence B provides relevant information about the doer of the action.

CLAUSES

Q: 24 Which of these sentence(s) will become grammatically INCORRECT if we omit the underlined word?

- I. *Elena accidentally broke the sandals which she borrowed from me.*
II. *There's the lady who was found stranded on the street last evening.*
III. *That book that Walter gave me has some really interesting characters.*
IV. *The assistant that helped us with the admission procedure was really kind.*

- 1 only I 2 only IV 3 only I and III 4 only II and IV

Q: 25 Given below is a dialogue between Mr Rose and Alexis. From which of these statements can we remove unnecessary preposition(s) without changing their meaning?

Mr Rose: *Hey Alexis, where's your brother at? Why hasn't he returned yet? (1)*

Alexis: *He's probably outside practising some silly stunt on his bike. (2)*

Mr Rose: *Good God! Find him before he falls off of the bike and injures himself. (3)*

- 1 only 1 and 2 2 only 1 and 3 3 only 2 and 3 4 all 1, 2 and 3

PREPOSITIONS

Q: 26 The sentences given below may use some prepositions INCORRECTLY.

- A. In most districts, students start elementary school at the age of eleven. Research shows that they master their basics with this age.*
- B. Rashika has been practising Kathak since five years. She even practises at her free hours after work.*

Which of these is TRUE with respect to the number of errors in the above sentences?

- 1** The number of errors in A exceeds the number of errors in B.
- 2** The number of errors in B exceeds the number of errors in A.
- 3** A and B have an equal number of errors.
- 4** Only B has errors. A has no error.

Q: 27 *Wilson was reading the document very carefully this time yesterday.* [1]

Rewrite the given sentence to indicate that the action described will occur in the future and continue for an expected length of time.

Q: 28 The conversation given has two errors. Identify the INCORRECT phrases and rewrite them correctly. You need not rewrite the entire dialogue. [1]

Taylor: Why is everybody worried?

Selena: The news are pretty upsetting. Some wild animal has attacked Mrs Packletide's cattle that was grazing in the field.

Q: 29 Fill in the blanks to complete the sentences given below. Do not rewrite entire sentences. *The police _____ prepared a list of suspects for the robbery case. Each of the suspects _____ not allowed to leave the town until further notice.* [1]

Q: 30 Combine the phrases given below to form a passive sentence in the present continuous tense. [1]

investigate/for fraud/ t his organisation/ the government

Q: 31 Rewrite the given sentences by identifying and correcting the error. Underline the changed word in the sentence. [1]

1. Meera bought earrings for her mother, a ball for her brother and a new pair of shoes for her.

2. By showing us how to make baskets from bamboo, she has not only revived an old tradition but also showed us how to fend for herself.

Q: 32 Identify the type of phrase used in the underlined part below and make a sentence using the same type of phrase. [1]

Ray was determined to paint using the ancient fresco technique with natural dyes.

Q: 33 Given below is an excerpt from a newspaper article. There are two errors in the excerpt. Identify the phrases that need to be corrected and rewrite them correctly. Do not rewrite the entire sentence. [1]

To enable a greater number of COVID-19 tests and reduce the burden against laboratories, the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) has recently approved a COVID-19 home testing kit that can be used by all adults at home. The test kit is called CoviSelf and is designed to give results over 15 minutes of taking the test.

Q: 34 Given below is an edited extract from *Love and Friendship* by Jane Austen. Complete the extract with appropriate prepositions. [2]

Aarti, the sister of Aditya was _____ 1 _____ a visit to our town when we arrived. I found her exactly what her Brother had described her to be – of the middle size. She received me _____ 2 _____ equal surprise as Philippa. There was insensitivity and lack of interest _____ 3 _____ her reception _____ 4 _____ me which was equally distressing and unexpected.

Q: 35 Complete the sentences given below with appropriate determiners. [2]

Raju said, " _____ 1 _____ book is mine, I don't know where yours is. Check if its there on _____ 2 _____ table by the window."

Q: 36 Rewrite these sentences into indirect or reported speech without changing their meaning. [2]

1. "I want to be a motor mechanic," he repeats.
2. "Can a god-given lineage ever be broken?" she asks.

Q: 37 Identify the tense in the underlined part of the given sentences. [2]

1. We were shocked to find our house engulfed by the fire.
2. She had thought about the problem for a long time before attempting it.

Q: 38 Rewrite the following sentences by changing their tense to the form given in brackets. [2]

1. She has been feeling terrible and wants to apologise for her behaviour. (simple past tense)
2. They were working together on this project back in 2008. (past perfect tense)

Q: 39 Rewrite these sentences using the tense that is appropriate for the given context. [2]

1. *I did the exercise hundreds of times before.*
2. *If he had shown some patience, I answered his question.*

Q: 40 The sentences given below describe two different events/actions/situations. Write them down in the order of their occurrence in the box given below. One sample has been done for you. [2]

1. *Benson was surprised that someone had sent him a postcard.*
2. *The heavy rains destroyed the crops that we had planted.*
3. *Dany could not buy cupcakes because he had forgotten his wallet.*
4. *Sam did not place order for dinner until after Selin had left.*
5. *Abigail and Sarah hadn't spoken before attending the summer camp.*

Occured First	Occured Later
1. someone sending a postcard	Benson being surprised
2.	
3.	
4.	
5.	

Q: 41 Fill in the blanks with the appropriate form of the verbs given in the brackets. [3]

When we found out that the Prussians _____ (ask) M. Hamel to leave the school, we were shattered. Despite his strict demeanour and harsh words, M. Hamel _____ (take) great efforts with our French. Nothing would be the same now. I wished we _____ (defeat) the Prussians in the war—the wretches!

Q: 42 Rewrite each sentence using the tense given in brackets. [3]

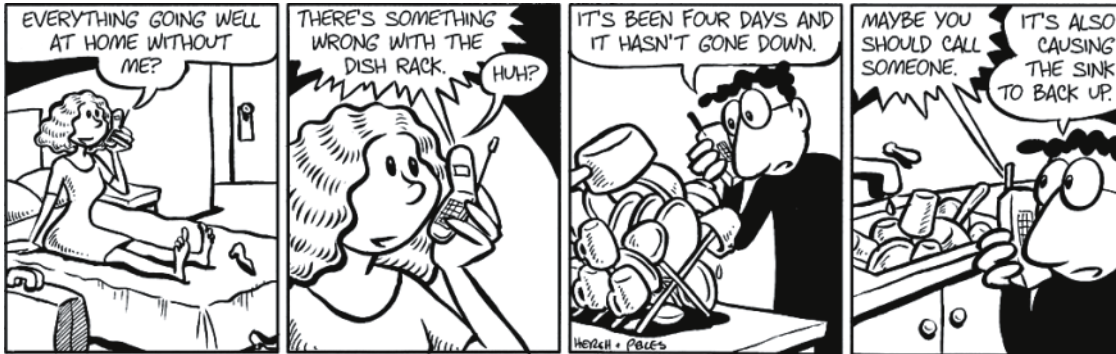
1. *Have you thought about the matter? (present continuous tense)*
2. *The doctor encourages his patients to exercise on a regular basis. (past continuous tense)*
3. *Does your leg hurt too much? (present continuous tense)*

Q: 43 Each of the given sentences has an error. Rewrite the sentences by correcting the error and underlining the change. Sentence 0 has been done for you as an example. [3]

0. *I does my homework in the evening.*
 Answer: I do my homework in the evening.

1. *A big group of people have arrived at the hotel today.*
2. *Why are everyone late for the most important event?*
3. *The unique features of a starfish makes it different from other sea creatures.*

Q: 44 Read the given comic strip. In the paragraphs below, there are numbered blanks. In your paper, write the serial number of each blank and the appropriate phrase to complete the text in INDIRECT SPEECH without any change in meaning. Do NOT copy the comic strip. [3]



Source (edited): 'Dishrack' - https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Hots_Dishrack.png

The wife called her husband from her hotel room. She _____ (i) _____.

The wife was _____ (ii) _____ there was something wrong with the dish rack. Her husband continued to say that it had been four days and it hadn't gone down. She _____ (iii) _____. He added that it was also causing the sink to back up.

Section 1 – Answer Key



The table below gives the correct answer for each multiple-choice question in this test.

Q.No	Correct Answers
1	3
2	2
3	2
4	2
5	4
6	3
7	2
8	2
9	3
10	4
11	1
12	4
13	2
14	1
15	4
16	3
17	2
18	1
19	1
20	3
21	2
22	2
23	4
24	4
25	2
26	2



Q.No	Teacher should award marks if students have done the following:	Marks
27	Answer : Wilson will be reading the document very carefully this time tomorrow.	1
28	Identifies the incorrect phrases and rewrites them correctly (the news is pretty/news is pretty; cattle that were/Mrs Packetide's cattle that were) <i>Accept any other valid answer.</i> Award 0.50 marks for each correct answer.	1
29	Fills in the blanks with the correct answers (Blank 1: have Blank 2: is) Award 0.50 marks for each correct answer.	1
30	This organisation is being investigated for fraud./This organisation is being investigated by the government for fraud./The government is being investigated by this organisation for fraud. <i>Accept any other valid answers.</i>	1
31	1. Meera bought earrings for her mother, a ball for her cousin and a new pair of shoes for <u>herself</u> .	0.5
	2. By showing us how to make baskets from bamboo, she has not only revived an old tradition but also showed us how to fend for <u>ourselves</u> .	0.5
32	Type of phrase: adverbial phrase	0.5
	Sample sentence: I will go to the market tomorrow/She sang with her heart and soul/any other valid answer.	0.5
33	Identifies the incorrect prepositional phrases (against laboratories, over 15 minutes)	0.5



Q.No	Teacher should award marks if students have done the following:	Marks
	<p>Writes the phrases using the correct prepositions</p> <p>(on laboratories, within 15 minutes/in under 15 minutes)</p> <p><i>Accept any other preposition that fits the phrase correctly.</i></p>	0.5
34	<p>1. on 2. with 3. in 4. of</p> <p><i>Award 0.50 marks for every correct answer</i></p>	2
35	1. This/any other valid answer	1
	2. that/the/any other valid answer	1
36	1. He repeated that he wants to be a motor mechanic.	1
	2. She asked if a god-given lineage could ever be broken.	1
37	1. simple past tense	1
	2. past perfect tense	1
38	1. She felt terrible and wanted to apologise for her behaviour.	1
	2. They had worked together on this project back in 2008.	1
39	1. I had done the exercise hundreds of times before./I have done the exercise hundreds of times before. (past perfect tense/present perfect tense)	1
	2. If he had shown some patience, I would have answered his question. (past perfect tense for if clause)	1
40	<p>2. planting of crops; heavy rains destroying the crops</p> <p>3. Dany forgetting his wallet; Dany not able to buy cupcakes</p> <p>4. Selin leaving; Sam placing order</p> <p>5. Abigail and Sarah attending the summer camp; Abigail and Sarah speaking to each other</p> <p>Accept any other valid form of describing events</p> <p><i>Award 0.50 marks for every correct answer</i></p>	2



Q.No	Teacher should award marks if students have done the following:	Marks
41	a. had asked (perfect past tense)	1
	b. had taken (perfect past tense)	1
	c. had defeated (perfect past tense)	1
42	1. Are you thinking about the matter?	1
	2. The doctor was encouraging his patients to exercise on a regular basis.	1
	3. Is your leg hurting too much?	1
43	1. A big group of people <u>has</u> arrived at the hotel today.	1
	2. Why <u>is</u> everyone late for the most important event?	1
	3. The unique features of a starfish <u>make</u> it different from other sea creatures.	1
44	(i) wanted to know if everything was alright at home without her/wanted to know whether everything was alright at home without her/enquired if everything was alright at home without her/enquired whether everything was alright at home without her/asked him if everything was alright at home without her/asked him whether everything was alright at home without her/any other valid answer	1
	(ii) confused when she heard her husband tell her that/confused to hear her husband tell her that/surprised when she heard her husband tell her that/surprised to hear her husband tell her that/taken aback when she heard her husband tell her that/taken aback to hear her husband tell her that/bewildered when she heard her husband tell her that/bewildered to hear her husband tell her that/surprised to hear that/taken aback to hear that/confused to hear that/bewildered to hear that/any other valid answer	1
	(iii) suggested that he should call someone/advised that he should call someone/proposed that he should call someone/any other valid answer	1