

RAMCO INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY
MCQ Sample Questions for XII Standard Students
Subject: English

SYNONYMS

Choose the Correct Synonyms for the Underlined words from the options given.

1. Her father is too corpulent to play handball.
A. Lean B. Gaunt C. Emaciated D. Obese
Answer: D. Obese
2. A brief summary is given on a separate sheet.
A. Limited B. Small C. Little D. Short
Answer: D. Short
3. The man was arrested due to his conspiracy to embezzle money from the corporation
A. Misappropriate B. Balance C. Remunerate D. Clear
Answer: A. Misappropriate
4. I screamed because I needed a vent
A. Opening B. Stodge C. End D. Past tense of go
Answer: A. Opening
5. My guess is that you should go canny on that kind of deal.
A. Obstinate B. Handsome C. Clever D. Stout
Answer: C. Clever
6. He disliked the uncouth style of the Scriptures.
A. Ungraceful B. Rough C. Slovenly D. Dirty
Answer: B. Rough
7. In a matter of weeks the whole debacle could be quietly forgotten.
A. Collapse B. Decline C. Defeat D. Disgrace
Answer: A. Collapse
8. Frosts are infrequent, and snow does not lie long.
A. Never B. Usual C. Rare D. Sometimes
Answer: C. Rare
9. The Romans used to deify their emperors.
A. Flatter B. Challenge C. Worship D. Face
Answer: C. Worship
10. She gave us her candid opinion on the matter.
A. Apparent B. Explicit C. Frank D. Bright
Answer: C. Frank
11. His expression was wary, but he said nothing
A. Sad B. vigilant C. Distorted D. Tired
Answer: B. vigilant
12. Someone broke into this house of one of my targets and some sort of mayhem followed.
A. Jubilation B. Havoc C. Excitement D. Defeat
Answer: B. Havoc

13. Take a few minutes and ponder the question before you jump to a conclusion
 A. Think B. Evaluate C. Anticipate D. Increase
 Answer: A. Think
14. His face suddenly took on a morose expression
 A. Annoyed B. Gloomy C. Moody D. Displeased
 Answer: B. Gloomy
15. There are many people in the list of infamy.
 A. Dishonour B. Glory C. Integrity D. Reputation
 Answer: A. Dishonour
16. He gave a tepid performance.
 A. Hot B. Warm C. Cold D. Boiling
 Answer: B. Warm
17. Doctors are trying to combat the spread of COVID with a new miracle drug.
 A Conflict B. Quarrel C. Feud D. Fight
 Answer: D. Fight
18. Sarah knew better than to admonish him for his threat
 A. Punish B. Curse C. Dismiss D. Reprimand
 Answer: D. Reprimand
19. She is a pious follower of the faith, never missing her prayers.
 A. Pure B. Pretentious C. Clean D. Devout
 Answer: D. Devout
19. The reasons for India's frugality are not all that creditable.
 A. Foolishness B. Extremity C. Enthusiasm D. Economy
 Answer: D. Economy
20. The twins have distinct personalities; you can definitely tell them apart.
 A. Different B. Strong C. Similar D. Unusual
 Answer: A. Different

ANTONYMS

Choose the Correct Antonyms for the Underlined words from the options given.

1. I didn't mean to annoy her with all of my questions, but she was the only one who knew what was happening.
 A. Praise B. Rejoice C. Please D. Reward
 Answer: C. Please
2. Magnets can both repel and attract one another
 A. Attend B. Concentrate C. Continue D. Attract
 Answer: D. Attract
3. The impasse of the bureaucracy created widespread disillusionment in the working class
 A. Resurgence B. Breakthrough C. Continuation D. Combination
 Answer: B. Breakthrough
4. Sasha's moods were varied and fickle, never lasting too long.

A. Courageous B. Sincere C. Steadfast D. Humble

Answer: C. Steadfast

5. He must furnish the proofs, which are collected according to very stringent rules.

A. General B. Vehement C. Lenient D. Magnanimous

Answer: C. Lenient

6. Going to the play will be our one extravagance for this vacation

A. Luxury B. Poverty C. Economical D. Cheapness

Answer: C. Economical

7. The Deans took turns relating the story, careful to include all the pertinent details.

A. Irrational B. Irregular C. Insistent D. Irrelevant

Answer: D. Irrelevant

8. Her poetry is full of obscure literary allusions.

A. Implicit B. Obnoxious C. Explicit D. Pedantic

Answer: C. Explicit

9. He was always well informed and brought an urbane authority to everything he did.

A. Illiterate B. Backward C. Discourteous D. Orthodox

Answer: C. Discourteous

10. Some people enjoy tangible gifts, while others would rather time spent with friends or a phone call.

A. Ethereal B. Concrete C. Actual D. Solid

Answer: A. Ethereal

11. The handsome actor's vanity was well-known.

A. Pride B. Humility C. Conceit D. Ostentatious

Answer: B. Humility

12. He took a sort of malicious pleasure in irritating the monks.

A. Kind B. Boastful C. Generous D. Indifferent

Answer: A. Kind

13. At the end of the play, the actor presented an epilogue to summarize the tale.

A. Dialogue B. Prelude C. Post script D. Epigram

Answer: B. Prelude

14. The harbour is capacious and secure, with a sufficient depth of water for the largest vessels

A. Limited B. Caring C. Foolish D. Changeable

Answer: A. Limited

15. I told them that I drank at the pond, and offered to lend them a dipper.

A. Borrow B. Cheat C. Pawn D. Hire

Answer: A. Borrow

16. She was extremely remiss in performing the tasks.

A. Forgetful B. Watchful C. Dutiful D. Harmful

Answer: C. Dutiful

17. He's an honorary member of the club
 A. Dishonourable B. Reputed C. Paid D. Official
 Answer: C. Paid
18. His clear mind and industrious habits drew him to questions of finance.
 A. Indifferent B. Indolent C. Casual D. Passive
 Answer: B. Indolent
19. It was a lucid dream; half awake, half asleep.
 A. Glory B. Noisy C. Obscure D. Distinct
 Answer: C. Obscure
20. It was a long time before the dragoons could extricate the bleeding youth, beaten almost to death.
 A. Manifest B. Palpable C. Release D. Entangle
 Answer: D. Entangle

PREFIX / SUFFIX

Add Appropriate Prefixes or Suffixes to complete the sentence.

1. He was sitting _____ in his seat on the train. (comfort)
2. He decided to study _____ at university. (journal)
3. He was acting in a very _____ way. (child)
4. This word is very difficult to spell, and even worse, it's _____. (pronounce)
5. He's lost his book again. I don't know where he has _____ it this time. (place)
6. You shouldn't have done that! It was very _____ of you. (think)
7. He didn't pass his exam. He was _____ for the second time. (succeed)
8. Some of the shanty towns are dreadfully _____. (crowd)
9. The team that he supported were able to win the _____. (champion)
10. He wants to be a _____ when he grows up. (mathematics)
11. I couldn't find any _____ in his theory. (weak)
12. You need to be a highly trained _____ to understand this report. (economy)
13. There were only a _____ of people at the match. (hand)
14. She arrived late at work because she had _____. (sleep)
15. The road was too narrow, so they had to _____ it. (wide)
16. I think that you should _____. It may not be the best thing to do. (consider)
17. I try not to go to the supermarket at 5pm because it's _____. (practice)

18. The rate of _____ in Brazil has been rising steadily. (employ)

19. The party was _____, everything went wrong. (disaster)

20. There is a small _____ explaining the new traffic code. (book)

Answers:

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| 1. Comfortably | 2. Journalism | 3. Childish | 4. Mispronounced |
| 5. Misplaced | 6. Thoughtless | 7. Unsuccessful | 8. Overcrowded |
| 9. Championship | 10. Mathematician | 11. Weaknesses | 12. Economist |
| 13. Handful | 14. Overslept | 15. Widen | 16. Reconsider |
| 17. Impractical | 18. Unemployment | 19. Disastrous | 20. Booklet |

COMPOUND WORDS

Noun and Verb List

Noun	Verb	Compound Word
snow	drop	snow drop
air	dash	air dash
tongue	slip	tongue slip
book	mark	book mark
time	line	timeline
sun	set	sunset
tooth	ache	toothache
head	line	headline
ear	mark	earmark
back	bite	backbite
way	lay	waylay
cloud	burst	cloud burst
bee	sting	bee sting
hand	shake	hand shake
house	arrest	house arrest
earth	quake	earth quake
head	ache	head ache
moon	lit	moonlit
blood	shed	blood shed
telephone	call	telephone call

Noun and Gerund List

Noun	Gerund	Compound Word
cat	walking	cat walking
air	blowing	air blowing
white	washing	white washing
time	consuming	time consuming
account	checking	account checking
time	serving	time serving
ear	piercing	ear piercing
heart	rending	heart rending

English	training	English training
book	binding	book-binding
day	dreaming	day dreaming
bread	baking	bread baking
test	driving	test driving
mind	reading	mind reading
snow	skidding	snow skidding
mountain	trekking	mountain trekking
cross	heading	cross heading
slow	cycling	slow cycling
thought	provoking	thought provoking
bird	provoking	bird watching
eve	teasing	eve teasing
house	cleaning	house cleaning

Gerund and Noun List

Gerund	Noun	Compound Word
waiting	hall	waiting hall
cooking	gas	cooking gas
learning	material	learning material
driving	school	driving school
fishing	net	fishing net
starring	hero	starring hero
glittering	jewels	glittering jewels
visiting	card	visiting card
waiting	list	waiting list
helping	hand	helping hand
peeping	Tom	peeping Tom
blotting	paper	blotting paper
living	room	living room
cleaning	lady	cleaning lady
spinning	wheel	spinning wheel
steering	wheel	steering wheel
swimming	pool	swimming pool
washing	machine	washing machine
drinking	water	drinking water
sleeping	pill	sleeping pill
working	day	working day

Noun and Noun List

Noun	Noun	Compound Word
tax	payer	taxpayer
time	table	timetable
field	glasses	field glasses
engine	driver	engine driver
crime	novel	crime novel
black	board	blackboard
cell	phone	cell phone
blue	whale	blue whale
rail	road	railroad

servant	maid	servant maid
cricket	ball	cricket ball
garden	flowers	garden flowers
family	business	family business
post	card	postcard
air	ticket	air ticket
hand	bag	handbag
sun	light	sunlight

Noun and Adjective List

Noun	Adjective	Compound Word
force	full	forceful
care	full	careful
bad	tempered	bad tempered
beauty	full	beautifully
down	ward	downward
grate	full	grateful
harm	less	harmless
black	gold	black gold
silk	soft	silk soft
milk	white	milk white
dead	slow	dead slow
picture	perfect	picture perfect
snow	white	snow white
home	sick	homesick
honey	sweet	honey-sweet
age	less	ageless
accident	prone	accident prone
round	about	roundabout
red	hot	red hot

Preposition and Noun List

Preposition	Noun	Compound Word
over	bridge	over bridge
in	box	inbox
off	day	off day
by	line	by line
under	class	underclass
out	law	outlaw
fore	thought	forethought
fore	sight	foresight
over	coat	overcoat
off	spring	offspring
after	noon	afternoon
by	path	bypath
in	mate	inmate
down	fall	downfall
in	side	inside
down	hill	downhill
up	land	upland
top	hat	top hat

DEFINITION OF WORDS

1. Choose the right definition for the given term 'Fatalism'.
 - (a) The belief in after life
 - (b) The belief that God manifests everywhere
 - (c) The belief in attacks by ghosts
 - (d) The belief that all events in life are predetermined and inevitable

2. Choose the right definition for the given term 'Anthology'.
 - (a) A collection of selected literary passages
 - (b) A collection of archeological substances
 - (c) A collection of maps
 - (d) A collection of lyrics

3. Choose the right definition for the given term 'Apology'.
 - (a) A feeling of delight at seeing others sorrows
 - (b) A feeling of relief
 - (c) A feeling of jealousy at someone's growth
 - (d) An expression of regret at having caused trouble for someone

4. Choose the right definition for the given term 'Etymology'.
 - (a) A study about the history and origin of a rocks
 - (b) A study about the history and origin of a word
 - (c) A study about the world beyond our galaxy
 - (d) A study of evolution

5. Choose the right definition for the given term 'Philology'.
 - (a) The humanistic study of language and literature
 - (b) The study of phylogenetic trees
 - (c) The study of cell and its structure
 - (d) The study of the physical world

6. Choose the right definition for the given term 'Numismatist'.
 - (a) The one who collects photos
 - (b) The one who collects antiques
 - (c) The one who collects newspaper
 - (d) The one who collects coins

7. Choose the right definition for the given term 'chronophobia'.
 - (a) Fear of writing
 - (b) Fear of time
 - (c) Fear of crocodile
 - (d) Fear of colour

8. Choose the right definition for the given term 'Apiologist'.
 - (a) A person who studies about bees
 - (b) One who rears horse
 - (c) One who studies about cattle
 - (d) One who rears and studies about hen

9. Choose the right definition for the given term 'Cumulatist'.
- (a) One who is cumbersome
 - (b) One who likes cucumber
 - (c) One who accumulates
 - (d) One who shatters
10. Choose the right definition for the given term 'Cartography'.
- (a) The science of drawing maps
 - (b) The art of making horse carriages
 - (c) The art of making bullock carts
 - (d) Study of ancient monuments
11. Choose the right definition for the given term 'Choreography'.
- (a) Movie making in Chinese language
 - (b) Movie making in Korean language
 - (c) The study of earth's core
 - (d) The art of designing steps in ballet or another staged dance, or the written steps for such movements.
12. Choose the right definition for the given term 'Philanthropist'.
- (a) A person who is an expert in playing the piano
 - (b) A person who donates for good causes
 - (c) A person having strong desire to pen poetry
 - (d) A person who sells pistols
13. Choose the right definition for the given term 'Archive'.
- (a) Accumulation of old musical records
 - (b) Accumulation of historical records or the physical place they are located
 - (c) Record of extra-terrestrial facts
 - (d) Record of ancient culture
14. Choose the right definition for the given term 'Farce'.
- (a) A humourous animated movie
 - (b) A documentary on the relationship of a Falcon and a man
 - (c) Review of a film
 - (d) A humorous play or film where the characters become involved in unlikely situations
15. Choose the right definition for the given term 'Eclogue'.
- (a) A short poem, especially a pastoral dialogue between shepherds
 - (b) Dialogues shared between sages
 - (c) Information shared between poets of different countries
 - (d) Information shared by spies to the government
16. Choose the right definition for the given term 'Epic'.
- (a) A short story of a film actor
 - (b) Documentary on a national leader
 - (e) Biography of a cricketer
 - (d) Long narrative poems on the adventures and deeds of one or more heroic characters
17. Choose the right definition for the given term 'Assonance'.
- (a) The repetition of verbs
 - (b) The repetition of Consonant

- (c) The repetition of a vowel sound
 - (d) The repetition of phrases
18. Choose the right definition for the given term 'Hyperbole'.
- (a) Art of mimicry
 - (b) The rhetoric art of exaggeration
 - (c) Overreacting to a particular situation
 - (d) Fast bowler
19. Choose the right definition for the given term 'Elegy'.
- (a) The songs were written as a lament, usually for a person who is dead
 - (b) A humourous play script
 - (c) Lyrics of a poem
 - (d) Dialogues of a play
20. Choose the right definition for the given term 'Feminism'.
- (a) A doctrine that advocates equal rights to education
 - (b) A doctrine that advocates safety of Pelicans
 - (c) A doctrine that advocates equal rights for women
 - (d) Description of a beautiful women

ANSWERS:

1. (d) The belief that all events in life are predetermined and inevitable
2. (a) A collection of selected literary passages
3. (d) An expression of regret at having caused trouble for someone
4. (b) A study about the history and origin of a word
5. (a) The humanistic study of language and literature
6. (d) The one who collects coins
7. (b) Fear of time
8. (a) A person who studies about bees
9. (c) One who accumulates
10. (a) The science of drawing maps
11. (d) The art of designing steps in ballet or another staged dance, or the written steps for such movements
12. (b) A person who donates for good causes
13. (b) Accumulation of historical records or the physical place they are located
14. (d) A humorous play or film where the characters become involved in unlikely situations
15. (a) A short poem, especially a pastoral dialogue between shepherds
16. (d) Long narrative poems on the adventures and deeds of one or more heroic characters
17. (c) The repetition of a vowel sound
18. (b) The rhetoric art of exaggeration
19. (a) The songs were written as a lament, usually for a person who is dead
20. (c) A doctrine that advocates equal rights for women

CONFUSABLES

1. Those tablets are really My headache is much better now.
(a) efficient (b) effective
2. The postal service is not as as the telephone service.
(a) efficient (b) effective
3. That idea has been for years.

- (a) died (b) dead
4. So far 50 people have in the fighting.
(a) died (b) dead
5. She was standing a crowd of children.
(a) among (b) between
6. I think we are making a mistake.
(a) big (b) large
7. She has got longer hair I have.
(a) than (b) then
8. It was good soup that we couldn't stop drinking it.
(a) such (b) so
9. When I was twelve, I knew that I wanted to be a scientist.
(a) still (b) already
10. Have you got a cold cream for skin?
(a) sensitive (b) sensible
11. 'I want to buy that car.' 'Be, my dear. We haven't got that much money.'
(a) sensitive (b) sensible
12. I am going to down for an hour.
(a) lie (b) lay
13. The disappearing penny was simply an optical
(a) allusion (b) illusion
14. From your words, I can that you think he is guilty.
(a) infer (b) imply
15. The weather greatly the outcome of the race.
(a) effected (b) affected
16. We discussed the multiple literary within the text.
(a) illusions (b) allusions
17. The gas prices continue to
- (a) raise (b) rise
18. Haley did not mean to..... that Jenny was to blame.
(a) infer (b) imply
19. Earlier today we walked the ice cream parlour.
(a) to (b) too
20. Mark wanted the flag at the assembly today.
(a) to raise (b) to rise
21. It is not my to believe everything I hear.
(a) politics (b) policy

Answers

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| 1. Effective | 8. Such | 15. Affections |
| 2. Efficient | 9. Already | 16. Allusions |
| 3. Dead | 10. Sensitive | 17. Rise |
| 4. Died | 11. Sensible | 18. Imply |
| 5. Among | 12. Lay | 19. To |
| 6. Big | 13. Illusion | 20. Raise |
| 7. Than | 14. Infer | 21. Policy |

PHRASAL VERBS

1. A student may want to know how many stages insects before they become butterflies.
a) made up of b) become of c) **go through** d) put through e) turn down
2. If you yourself there is nothing in which you cannot succeed.
a) trust on b) black out c) bring in d) **believe in** e) get along with
3. I think he will not be able to this difficult schedule.
a) get along with b) look forward to c) **keep up with** d) keep on e) break through
4. Because of storm and the heavy rain the flight wascalled out
a) checked out b) carried out c) carried on d) **called off**
5. This encouraging explanation has given him the will to with his duties with great deal of enthusiasm.
a) call in b) **catch up with** c) carry on d) call up e) call down
6. After a long debate the problems were and the main problem turned out to be merely a misunderstanding at the end.
a) called for b) cared for c) **cleared up** d) cheered up e) carried for
7. When my parents were abroad, I my small sister.
a) **took after** b) kept in touch c) checked up d) looked upon e) cared for
8. We have to these mosquitoes in order to sleep without being interrupted.
a) count on b) cut down` c) do without d) fall in with e) **do away with**
9. The company should the price so as to sell more, otherwise the stocks will not be sold.
a) get along with b) back up c) bring in d) **cut down** e) come over
10. The old professor last night because of a heart attack.
a) came up b) ran across c) put through d) **passed away** e) turned out
11. You have to the things which you learn many times during a day in order not to forget them.
a) put aside b) **try on** c) do over d) come up with e) get along with
12. Can you how to use these tools?
a) get around b) give up c) turn down d) set out e) **figure out**
13. Let's go swimming. - Sorry but, I don't it. We may go tomorrow. I want to stay at home today.
a) get away b) hold on c) **feel like** d) get through e) get on
14. The doctor warned him to smoking as soon as possible if he did not want to die of cancer.
a) get along b) feel like c) get over d) **give up** e) give on
15. I missed the lesson on the short story yesterday, but the teacher told us that he would repeat the lesson, so I will be able to..... what I missed.
a) make out b) **make up for** c) hold up d) keep up with e) put on
16. - Hello, can I speak to Mr. Kurshad, please? - He has just entered his office, I can you, sir.
a) put up with b) put away c) **put through** d) hang up e) hold on
17. I will put this watch here for five minutes as I am going to swim. Please it so it doesn't get lost.
a) look before b) take in c) keep on d) hand in e) **keep an eye on**
18. In general, mice can't cats, in the same way, that cats can't with dogs.
a) get after b) go about c) **get along with** d) find out e) get through
19. I don't really like Mr. Ram. He may be very rich but it doesn't give him the right to poor people.
a) look up to b) look after c) put out d) pick out e) **look down on**
20. You have to your assignments on Friday.
a) take after b) **hand in** c) run after d) settle down e) take down

IDIOMS

1. It really gets my _____, the way she keeps interrupting all the time.
a) **goat** b) Lion c) nerves
2. William didn't get the promotion he wanted last year, and he's had a _____ in his bonnet about it ever since.
a) ant **b) bee** c) fly
3. Where have you been? You're soaking wet! You look like a drowned _____!
a) cat b) fly **c) rat**
4. Tony! What a surprise! It's wonderful to see you again. I haven't seen you for _____'s years!
a) donkey b) cat c) trillion
5. The hotel used to be the best in town, but since the new manager took over it's really gone to the _____s.
a) Donkey b) cat **c) dog**
6. Nobody knew who had been stealing money from the office, until the new salesman was caught _____-handed opening the safe.
a) green b) blue **c) red**
7. I feel terrible this morning because I was out painting the town _____ last night, and didn't go to bed until 3 o'clock.
a) green **b) red** c) blue
8. If I were you, I would avoid the boss today. You're in his _____ books after that rude comment you made about his wife.
a) Black b) green c) red
9. What's the matter with you? You've been in a _____ mood all evening.
a) Blue **b) black** c) green
10. It's only my parents who are coming to dinner tonight, not the Queen of England! There's no need to roll out the _____ carpet.
a) Black b) green **c) red**
11. My new camera cost me an arm and a _____.
a) leg b) toe c) hand
12. Dave works really hard, but he's still a bit wet behind the _____.
a) Feet b) ears c) palm
13. I'm sorry, but your explanation went right over my _____.
a) nose **b) head** c) eyes
14. There are lots of things wrong with the company I work for. I've got a list as long as my _____.
a) leg b) thumb **c) arm**
15. We caught the train by the skin of our _____.
a) teeth b) nails c) eyes
16. Andy and I get on very well together, even though we don't always see _____ to _____.
a) Nose **b) eye** c) mouth
17. Richard and Mark were at each other's _____ all through the meeting.
a) throats b) arms c) legs
18. Amy has a _____ of gold.
a) arm **b) heart** c) throat
19. Good luck in the exam. I'll be keeping my _____ crossed for you.
a) fingers b) legs c) toes
20. We need to end the conflict without losing _____.
a) Tongue b) eyes **c) face**

ANALOGY

1. Water is to droplet as snow is to _____.
a) snowman b) blizzard c) flake d) drift e) storm
2. Above is to beneath as _____.
a) near is to under b) flying is to airborne c) mile is to distance d) flower is to tulip e) in is to out
3. Hand is to grasp as arm is to _____.
a) run b) sing c) bellow d) think e) reach
4. Xenophobia is to foreigners as zoophobia is to _____.
a) People b) Love c) Death d) Animals e) Outings
5. Quench is to thirst as satiate is to _____.
a) hunger b) ailment c) sleep d) poverty e) divide
6. Mitigate is to dispute as alleviate is to _____.
a) performance b) meeting c) crisis d) celebration e) display
7. Chainsaw is to tree as _____.
a) axe is to lumberjack b) school is to education c) saw is to chair
d) factory is to car e) jackhammer is to cement
8. Inscribe is to book as _____ is to mural.
a) perform b) demolish c) paint d) mend e) replicate
9. Annex is to land as _____ is to idea.
a) resume b) plagiarize c) maim d) surmount e) desist
10. Coronation is to _____ as inauguration is to president.
a) pope b) captain c) despot d) king e) friend
11. Olympian is to athletic as patriot is to _____.
a) brazen b) fecund c) unctuous d) gaunt e) nationalistic
12. Hymn is to _____ as anthem is to patriotic.
a) elusive b) religious c) meek d) lenient e) robust
13. Gentleman is to upstanding as orator is to _____.
a) infallible b) pompous c) aghast d) supple e) voluble
14. Trickle is to stream as meander is to _____.
a) Lake b) Dam c) Ocean d) River e) Water
15. King is to abdicate as army is to _____.
a) worship b) tactic c) surrender d) skill e) lose
16. Colour is to colour-blind as melody is to _____.
a) musical b) tone-deaf c) agile d) silent e) limping
17. Famine is to food as drought is to _____.
a) water b) disaster c) river d) desert e) shelter
18. Jungle is to humid as desert is to _____.
a) hot b) barren c) sandy d) arid e) oasis
19. Symptom is to disease as clue is to _____.
a) distraction b) mystery c) detective d) suspense e) hint
20. Puzzle is to piece as couch is to _____.
a) cushion b) drawer c) brown d) comfy e) seat

Answer Key

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| 1. c) flake | 11. e) nationalistic |
| 2. e) in is to out | 12. b) religious |
| 3. e) reach | 13. e) voluble |
| 4. d) Animals | 14. d) River |
| 5. a) hunger | 15. c) surrender |
| 6. c) crisis | 16. b) tone-deaf |
| 7. e) jackhammer is to cement | 17. a) water |
| 8. c) paint | 18. d) arid |
| 9. b) plagiarize | 19. b) mystery |
| 10. d) king | 20. a) cushion |

PREPOSITION

Fill in the blanks with suitable prepositions

- 1) My friends and I were waiting ___ a car.
- 2) ___ the past decade, several industries have come up in Chennai.
- 3) My dad loved listening to songs ___ the radio.
- 4) Niranjan works ___ The Times of India News Agency.
- 5) We have placed our TV ___ the living room.
- 6) She sat ___ the table for her dinner.
- 7) My apartment is ___ the third floor of this building.
- 8) My son sat ___ me to have his lunch.
- 9) Interested candidates can apply ___ the post of an Assistant Manager.
- 10) The woodcutter cut the tree ___ an old axe.
- 11) I hung my cap ___ the door.
- 12) The mouse is ___ the chair.
- 13) A bird flew ___ my head.
- 14) The train passed ___ the tunnel.
- 15) Accidentally, the cat fell ___ the well.
- 16) I prefer tea ___ coffee.
- 17) My sister is senior ___ me by 2 years.
- 18) My brother is good ___ playing the guitar.
- 19) I can't help it. I am very weak ___ mathematics.
- 20) My house is located ___ a mountain and mangrove.

Answer Key

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| 1. in | 11. behind |
| 2. In | 12. under |
| 3. On | 13. over |
| 4. for | 14. through |
| 5. in | 15. into |
| 6. at | 16. to |
| 7. on | 17. to |
| 8. beside | 18. at |
| 9. for | 19. in |
| 10. with | 20. between |

MODAL VERBS

1. On an average, a healthy heart _____ to pump 5 tablespoons of blood with every beat.
a) must b) ought c) can d) should
2. When I woke up, I _____ hear the dog barking outside.
a) might b) shall c) could d) need
3. I _____ swim when I was 5.
a) will b) have c) could d) might
4. They _____ be here soon.
a) can b) dare c) will d) need
5. I _____ tell you if I knew.
a) would b) should c) have d) ought to
6. You _____ be exhausted after your long trip.
a) can b) may c) must d) can't
7. _____ you come for a coffee after the meeting?
a) Have b) Can c) Might d) May
8. You _____ submit the assignment before Friday.
a) can b) must c) shall d) dare

9. I _____ sleep well because my dog kept barking the whole night.
 a) could b) mustn't c) couldn't d) haven't
10. ____ I get you another cup of coffee? It _____ help you to ease a bit.
 a) Will, can b) Might, should c) May, might d) Can, shall
11. Mandeep _____ be given a warm welcome if he wins the contest.
 a) can b) will c) shall d) couldn't
12. What are you doing here? You _____ be in class by this time.
 a) shall b) ought to c) can d) could
13. Sorry sir, I am late because I _____ get bus on time.
 a) will not b) shall not c) may not d) could not
14. I am confident that we _____ win this match.
 a) may b) can c) have to d) ought to
15. _____ you live long!
 a) Will b) Can c) Need to d) May
16. The document _____ be ready by Wednesday, as long as there aren't any unexpected problems.
 a) may b) might c) should d) must
17. Preeti _____ to lunch. She usually goes at this time.
 a) must have gone b) must go c) should go d) should have gone
18. It _____ been a great party if a few more people had come.
 a) would have b) should have c) must have d) might have
19. _____ you hand me the punching machine?
 a) Shall b) May c) Should d) Can
20. When you visit Agra, you _____ go and see the Taj Mahal.
 a) should b) can c) dare d) will

Answer Key

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|-------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. b) ought | 11. b) will |
| 2. c) could | 12. b) ought to |
| 3. c) could | 13. d) could not |
| 4. c) will | 14. b) can |
| 5. a) would | 15. d) May |
| 6. c) must | 16. c) should |
| 7. b) Can | 17. a) must have gone |
| 8. b) must | 18. a) would have |
| 9. c) couldn't | 19. d) Can |
| 10. c) May, might | 20. a) should |

POLITE EXPRESSION

Replace the word(s) in bold with the appropriate polite expression

1. Currently, Sita is **unemployed**.
 a) between jobs b) at corssroads c) jobless d) idle
2. The Sports Meet is for the **handicapped**.
 a) lame b) physically challenged c) differently-abled d) crippled
3. Ram is **fat**.
 a) obese b) big boned c) heavy boned d) heavy-weight
4. Where is the **bathroom** here?
 a) rest room b) sick room c) ease room d) relax room
5. I come from a **poor** background.
 a) economically weak b) poverty-stricken c) economically disadvantaged d) malnourished

6. I just love **old people**.
 a) the grey-headed b) infirm c) senior citizens d) the frail in health
7. Kavita is **short**.
 a) dwarf b) ingrown c) vertically challenged d) puny
8. She was **buried** in the church's graveyard.
 a) laid to rest b) laid to idle c) laid to repose d) laid to frame
9. Our old cat was very sick. The vet had to **kill her**.
 a) remove her life b) put her to sleep c) squeeze her life out d) slay her
10. Several students in this class are **slow learners**.
 a) late bloomers b) sluggish learners c) slow experts d) late howlers
11. As soon as I got down at the bus stand, I had to rust to **the public toilet**.
 a) public urinal b) public privy c) comfort station d) communal toilet
12. We haven't seen the **garbage man**, for the past 2 days.
 a) trash man b) sweeper c) sanitation engineer d) litter engineer
13. We are mourning for our **dead**.
 a) deceased b) expired ones c) perished d) dearly departed
14. Please excuse me. I need to go to the **toilet**.
 a) rest room b) urinal c) lavatory d) commode
15. He is an **idiot**. He can't even frame one single rational thought.
 a) stupid b) illiterate c) uneducated d) intellectually challenged
16. My mother is a **housewife**.
 a) domestic slave b) domestic worker c) house worker d) homemaker
17. He is a **bald man**.
 a) thin on the top b) hairless c) partially haired d) shaven on the top
18. He is **deaf**. He can't hear.
 a) tone-deaf b) heedless c) aurally challenged d) stone-deaf
19. The inmates were taken to a different **prison camp**.
 a) penal centre b) relocation centre c) jail d) custodial centre
20. After completing his speech, he **fell dead**.
 a) fell numb b) died suddenly c) breathed his last d) exhaled to death

Answer Key

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|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 1. a) between jobs | 11. c) comfort station |
| 2. c) differently-abled | 12. c) sanitation engineer |
| 3. b) big boned | 13. d) dearly departed |
| 4. a) rest room | 14. a) rest room |
| 5. c) economically disadvantaged | 15. d) intellectually challenged |
| 6. c) senior citizens | 16. d) homemaker |
| 7. c) vertically challenged | 17. a) thin on the top |
| 8. a) laid to rest | 18. c) aurally challenged |
| 9. b) put her to sleep | 19. b) relocation centre |
| 10. a) late bloomers | 20. c) breathed his last |

QUESTION TAGS

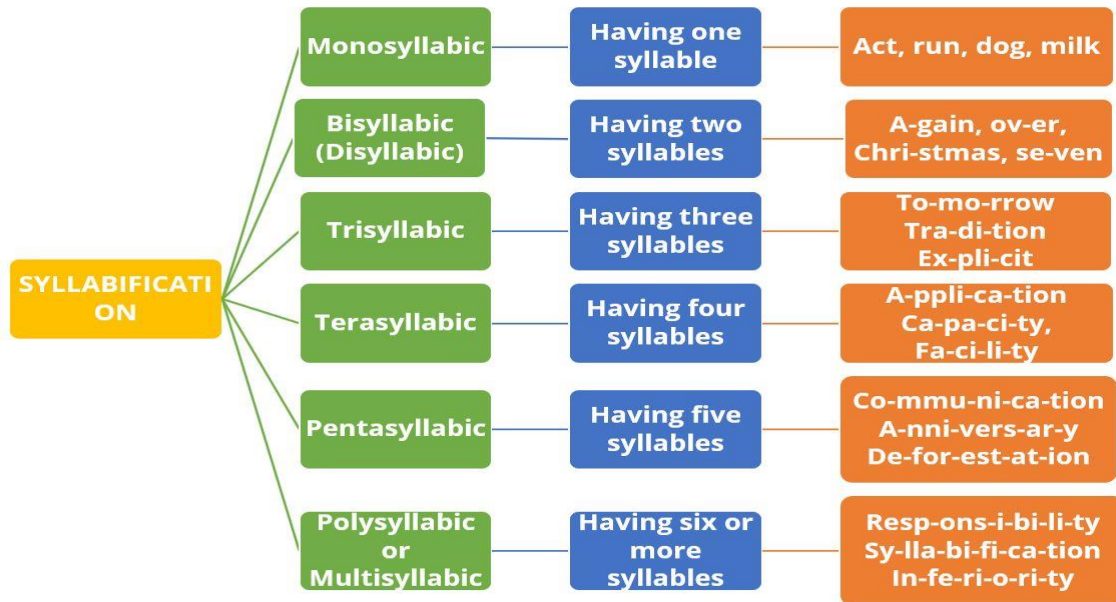
1. We often watch TV in the afternoon, _____?
(a) doesn't we (b) don't we (c) don't they (d) aren't they
2. Peter played handball yesterday, _____?
(a) hadn't he (b) didn't he (c) doesn't he (d) does he
3. Arjun and Guna don't like mathematics, _____?
(a) do they (b) did they (c) haven't they (d) didn't they
4. I'm clever, _____?
(a) am I (b) do I (c) aren't I (d) don't I
5. She is collecting stamps, _____?
(a) doesn't she (b) Isn't she (c) does she (d) aren't she
6. Asian people don't like rice, _____?
(a) don't they (b) didn't they (c) do they (d) aren't they.
7. She can rarely come these days, _____?
(a) can't she (b) do she (c) can she (d) isn't she
8. We must lock the doors, _____?
(a) mustn't they (b) shouldn't we (c) mustn't we (d) must we
9. Let's go for a walk, _____?
(a) shall we (b) shall not we (c) will we (d) do we
10. You wouldn't like to invite my Dad, _____
(a) do you (b) did you (c) would you (d) don't you
11. She speaks English well, _____?
(a) Doesn't she (b) is not she (c) does she (d) does not she
12. You are not joining the strike, _____?
(a) do you (b) haven't you (c) are you (d) don't you
13. He used to play cricket when he was young, _____?
(a) does he (b) didn't he (c) was not he (d) hadn't he
14. I need not stay long, _____?
(a) do I (b) don't (c) do I (d) am I
15. The trip is very expensive, _____?
(a) doesn't it (b) isn't it (c) wasn't it (d) didn't it
16. She went to the library yesterday, _____?
(a) was she (b) hadn't she (c) did she (d) didn't she
17. Cars pollute the environment, _____?
(a) Didn't they (b) don't they (c) will they (d) have they
18. That film was fantastic, _____?
(a) didn't that (b) do they (c) wasn't it (d) was it
19. Close the window, _____?
(a) do you (b) won't you (c) can't you (d) will you
20. You used to work here, _____?
(a) did you (b) was she (c) had she (d) didn't she
21. The meeting's tomorrow at 9am, _____?
(a) does it (b) isn't it (c) wasn't it (d) doesn't

Answers:

1	don't we	7	can she	13	didn't he	19	Will you
2	didn't he	8	mustn't we	14	do I	20	didn't she
3	do they	9	shall we	15	isn't it	21	isn't it
4	aren't I	10	would you	16	didn't she		
5	Isn't she	11	doesn't she	17	don't they		
6	do they	12	are you	18	wasn't it		

SYLLABIFICATION

Syllabification refers to the process of division of words into smaller parts, known as syllables - based on the sounds they produce. The method involves splitting of words into units of sounds or sounds of vowels. A syllable is a unit of pronunciation having one vowel sound.



Syllabification Exercise:

No.	Word	Split into	No. of syllables	Syllabification type
1	English		2	Disyllabic
2	School		1	Monosyllabic
3	Fundamentally		5	Penta syllabic
4	Concerned		2	Disyllabic
5	Fertilizer		4	Tera syllabic
6	Nauseated		4	Tera syllabic
7	Giddy		2	Disyllabic
8	Exhausted		3	Trisyllabic
9	Grandfather		3	Trisyllabic
10	Scorching		2	Disyllabic
11	Inevitable		5	Pent asyllabic
12	Magnificent		4	Tera syllabic
13	Communication		5	Penta syllabic
14	Checklist		2	Disyllabic

15	Incidentally		5	Penta syllabic
16	Computer		3	Trisyllabic
17	Classroom		2	Disyllabic
18	Cellphones		3	Trisyllabic
19	Kingdom		2	Disyllabic
20	Notebook		3	Trisyllabic

Answer:

No.	Word	Split into	No. of syllables	Syllabification type
1	English	<u>Eng-lish</u>	2	Disyllabic
2	School	<u>Sch-ool</u>	1	Monosyllabic
3	Fundamentally	<u>Fu-da-men-ta-ly</u>	5	Penta syllabic
4	Concerned	<u>Con-cerned</u>	2	Disyllabic
5	Fertilizer	<u>Fer-ti-li-zer</u>	4	Tera syllabic
6	Nauseated	<u>Nau-se-at-ed</u>	4	Tera syllabic
7	Giddy	<u>Gid-dy</u>	2	Disyllabic
8	Exhausted	<u>Ex-haust-ed</u>	3	Trisyllabic
9	Grandfather	<u>Grand-fa-ther</u>	3	Trisyllabic
10	Scorching	<u>Scorch-ing</u>	2	Disyllabic
11	Inevitable	<u>In-ev-i-ta-ble</u>	5	Pent asyllabic
12	Magnificent	<u>Mag-nif-i-cent</u>	4	Tera syllabic
13	Communication	<u>Com-mu-ni-ca-tion</u>	5	Penta syllabic
14	Checklist	<u>Check-list</u>	2	Disyllabic
15	Incidentally	<u>In-ci-den-tal-ly</u>	5	Penta syllabic
16	Computer	<u>Com-pu-ter</u>	3	Tri syllabic
17	Classroom	<u>Class - room</u>	2	Disyllabic
18	Cellphones	<u>Cel-pho-nes</u>	3	Tri syllabic
19	Kingdom	<u>Kind-dom</u>	2	Disyllabic
20	Notebook	<u>No-te-book</u>	3	Tri syllabic

BRITISH ENGLISH VS AMERICAN ENGLISH

Identify correct equal American for the given British English Words:

S. NO	British English	American English
1.	Flat	
2.	Mobile phone	
3.	Chemist	
4.	Motorway	
5.	Postbox	
6.	Pavement	
7.	Football	
8.	Underground	
9.	Holiday	
10.	Postcode	
11.	Biscuit	
12.	Flyover	
13.	Maize	
14.	Public toilet	
15.	Trousers	
16.	Lorry	
17.	Shop	
18.	Antenna	
19.	Gasoline	
20.	Dessert	

ANSWER

S. NO	British English	American English
1.	Flat	Apartment
2.	Mobile phone	Cellphones
3.	Chemist	Druggist
4.	Motorway	Freeway, expressway
5.	Postbox	Mail box
6.	Pavement	sidewalk
7.	Football	soccer
8.	Underground	subway
9.	Holiday	vacation
10.	Postcode	zip code
11.	Biscuit	cookies
12.	Flyover	overpass
13.	Maize	Corn
14.	Public toilet	Rest room, public bathroom
15.	Trousers	Pant, trousers
16.	Lorry	truck
17.	Shop	Store
18.	Antenna	Ariel
19.	Gasoline	petrol
20.	Dessert	Sweet

SINGULAR VS PLURAL

Supply Plural words for the following Singular words:

S No	<u>Singular Words</u>	<u>Plural Words</u>
1.	Child	
2.	Datum	
3.	Criterion	
4.	Mouse	
5.	Knife	
6.	Nucleus	
7.	Diagnosis	
8.	Fungus	
9.	Index	
10.	Fox	
11.	Shelf	
12.	Syllabus	
13.	Son-in-Law	
14.	Runner-Up	
15.	Octopus	
16.	Half	
17.	Curriculum	
18.	Dwarf	
19.	Beach	
20.	Batch	

Answer:

S No	<u>Singular Words</u>	<u>Plural Words</u>
1.	Child	Children
2.	Datum	Data
3.	Criterion	criteria
4.	Mouse	mice
5.	Knife	knives
6.	Nucleus	Nuclei
7.	Diagnosis	Diagnoses
8.	Fungus	Fungi
9.	Index	Indices. Indexes
10.	Fox	Foxes
11.	Shelf	Shelves
12.	Syllabus	Syllabi
13.	Son-in-Law	Sons-in-Law
14.	Runner-Up	Runners-up
15.	Octopus	Octopi
16.	Half	Halves
17.	Curriculum	Curricula
18.	Dwarf	Dwarves
19.	Beach	Beaches
20.	Batch	Batches

SENTENCE PATTERN

Identify the sentence pattern of the followings:

1. The creative chef methodically cooked.
(a) SVO (b) SOV (c) SAV (d)SVA
2. Many students witnessed the play
(a) SVA (b) SV (c) SVO (d)SVC
3. They went to the market
(a) SVO (b) SVA (c) SVC (d) SVIODO
4. Mother Teresa is India's gift to the world
(a) SVA (b) SVC (c) SVO (d)SVV
5. Tomorrow she leaves....
(a)SVA (b) ASV (c) AVS (d) SVC
6. Students elected him representative.
(a)SVAA (b) SVOC (c) SVIODO (d)SVAA
7. The Doctor gave him medicine.
(a) SVOA (b)SVCC (c) SVOA (d)SVIODO
8. She had made his life a success long back
(a) SVOCA (b) SVCAA (c) SVOAA (d) SVAIODO
9. she bought a new dress yesterday.
(a) SVCC (b) SVOA (c) SVIODO (d) SVAA
10. They pushed the bus from behind to make it move
(a) SVOAA (b) SVACC (c) SVAIODO (d)SVOCA
11. My father is an engineer in India
(a)SVAA (b) SVOA (c) SVCA (d) SVOO
12. This year he is the captain
(a)SVAO (b)ASVO (c) SVAA (d)ASVA
13. Every day she noticed the poor, half dead in the street corners
(a) ASVOCA (b)SVOCA (c) ASVIODO (d)ASCOCC
14. She learnt music lost year
(a) SVOA (b) SVCC (c) SCIODO (d) SVOC
15. Kumar is working in a second-hand bookshop.
(a) SVO (b) SVA (c) SVCA (d) SVAA
16. The Police arrested the thief.
(a) SVO (b) SVC (c) SVIODO (d) SVA
17. The news made his name popular.
(a) SVOA (b)SVOC (c) SVIODO (d) SVOA
18. People will understand the truth one day.
(a) SVOC (b) SVAA (c) SVOA (d)SVIODO
19. She got well slowly.
(a) SVOA (b)SVCC (c) SVOO (d) SVCA
20. The Truck came here.
(a) SVA (b) SVO (c) SVC (d) SVV

Answers:

1	SAV	7	SVIODO	13	ASVOCA	19	SVCA
2	SVO	8	SVOCA	14	SVOA	20	SVA
3	SVA	9	SVOA	15	SVAA		
4	SVO	10	SVOAA	16	SVO		
5	ASV	11	SVCA	17	SVOC		
6	SVOC	12	ASVO	18	SVOA		

COMPOUND WORDS

Complete the sentences using appropriate compound words:

1. Even a straight walking stick has a crooked end.
2. The time table for the examination will be announced next week
3. The new boss overhauled the existing pattern of work
4. I overheard some abusive remarks but ignored them
5. You can overcome any challenge in life, if you have hope
6. The earth quake shook the whole of Asia
7. My school is at a stone's throw from my home
8. I hate blood shed even for a holy sacrifice
9. Food ball lovers often end up in violence
10. Tape recorders have become obsolete after the advent of DVD players
11. Black boards still dominate class room teaching in India
12. Eye sight is God's gift to us
13. Drive slowly since your car has air brake
14. Eve teasing is an offence
15. Don't be a devil behind the steering wheel
16. Child marriage is an offence
17. Learning is a life-long journey
18. Education can elevate a low-born child to the highest office in the world
19. The air-crew was disturbed by a strange signal in the radar
20. As the engine driver received all clear signal, he started the train

ABBREVIATIONS AND ACRONYMS:

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|-----------|------------|
| 1. ATM | 11. NGO |
| 2. AIR | 12. PAN |
| 3. CBI | 13. SMS |
| 4. CGST | 14. TESMA |
| 5. CSIR | 15. UNICEF |
| 6. GATE | 16. NTPC |
| 7. GSLV | 17. ONGC |
| 8. IELTS | 18. KVIC |
| 9. NATO | 19. BIOS |
| 10. NPCIL | 20. SARS |

Answers:

1. ATM Automated Teller Machine
2. AIR All India Radio
3. CBI Central Bureau of Investigation
4. CGST Central Goods and Services Tax
5. CSIR Council of Scientific and Industrial Research
6. GATE Graduate Aptitude Test in Engineering
7. GSLV Geo-Synchronous Satellite Launch Vehicle
8. IELTS International English Language Testing System
9. NATO North Atlantic Treaty Organization
10. NPCIL Nuclear Power Corporation of India Limited
11. NGO Non-Governmental Organisation
12. PAN Permanent Account Number
13. SMS Short Message Service

14. TESMA Tamilnadu Essential Services Maintenance Act
15. UNICEF United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund
16. NTPC National Thermal Power Corporation
17. ONGC Oil and Natural Gas Corporation
18. KVIC Khadi and Village Industries Commission
19. BIOS Basic Input Output System
20. SARS Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome