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1. Which of the following phrases A, B, C and D given below in the statement should replace the phrase printed in bold in the sentence to make it grammatically correct? If the sentence is correct as it is given and 'No Correction is required', mark E as the answer.

Since their son's demise last week, the old couple **were been** in shock.

- A. were
- B. will be
- C. have been
- D. was being
- E. No correction

2. Choose an appropriate word from the options to suitably fill the blank in the sentence below so that the sentence makes sense, both grammatically and contextually.

You _____ your report by this time next week.

- A. have finished
- B. has finished
- C. will have finished
- D. would have finished
- E. have been finished

3. Fill in the blank with the suitable article:

_____ sugar is bad for your health.

- A. Some
- B. a
- C. an
- D. the
- E. No article

4. Fill in the blank with the suitable article:

The government is planning to open ___ university in the city.

- A. some
- B. a
- C. an
- D. the
- E. No article is required

5. Which of the phrases A, B, C and D given below should replace the phrase given in bold in the following sentence to make the sentence grammatically correct? If the sentence is correct, as it is and 'No correction is required', mark E as the answer.

Radha's three children, Shantana, Manu and Meera are talented, but **the latter excels** over the other two.

- A. the last excels
- B. latter excel
- C. the latter excelling
- D. the last excelling
- E. No correction required

6. Which of the following phrases (A), (B), (C), (D) given below in the statement should replace the phrase printed in bold in the sentence to make it grammatically correct? If the sentence is correct as it is given and 'No Correction is required', mark (E) as the answer.

Our neighbours are always trying **to keep up** with our lifestyle.

- A. to keep on
- B. to keep at
- C. to keeping on
- D. to keep off
- E. No Correction is required

7. Select the correct tense.

Kiran had been working in a bank for some years.

- A. Simple past
- B. Past continuous
- C. Past perfect continuous
- D. Past perfect.
- E. None of the above

8. Select the correct plural form for the given word:

Thief

- A. Thiefs
- B. Thief
- C. Thieves
- D. Thievs
- E. None of the above

9. Select the correct plural form for the given word:

Roof

- A. Roofs
- B. Roof
- C. Roofes
- D. Roovs
- E. None of the above

10. Pick out the most effective words from the given words to fill in the blank to make the sentence meaningfully complete.

I _____ with my sister _____ I find an apartment.

- A. am living, until

- B. have been living, since
- C. had lived, since
- D. had been living, since
- E. am living, since

11. Which of the phrases A, B, C and D given below should replace the phrase given in bold in the following sentence to make the sentence grammatically correct? If the sentence is correct, as it is and 'No correction is required', mark 5 as the answer.

We must treat a statement as a rumour **until they are confirmed** with proof.

- A. till they are confirmed
- B. until they are confirming
- C. until it is confirmed
- D. until it is confirming
- E. No correction required

12. Which of the phrases 1, 2, 3 and 4 given below should replace the phrase given in bold in the following sentence to make the sentence grammatically correct? If the sentence is correct, as it is and 'No correction is required', mark 5 as the answer.

The officer appreciated his subordinate's **many attempt to bravely confront** the miscreants.

- A. many attempting brave confronts
- B. many brave attempts to confront
- C. repeated attempts to brave confront
- D. many attempts of brave confront
- E. No correction required

13. Which of the phrases 1, 2, 3 and 4 given below should replace the phrase given in bold in the following sentence to make the sentence grammatically correct? If the sentence is correct, as it is and 'No correction is required', mark 5 as the answer.

We admire **his attempting to climb** the summit in such bad weather.

- A. his attempting to climb
- B. his attempt of climbing
- C. him for attempt of climb
- D. his for attempt to climbing
- E. No correction required

14. Fill in the blank with suitable conjunction

He will never pass, _____ hard he may try.

- A. However
- B. Whatever
- C. Never
- D. Whenever
- E. Whichever

15. Form an adjective from the given word

Gold

- A. The Gold
- B. Golder
- C. Golden
- D. Goldest
- E. None

16. Select the one which expresses the same sentence in the passive voice.

John has been trying to get a new job for two years.

- A. Getting a new job is being tried by John for two years.
- B. Getting a new job is tried by John for two years.
- C. For two years getting a new job has been tried by John.
- D. For two years, John has tried to get a job.
- E. None of these

17. Which of the following phrases (A), (B), (C), (D) given below in the statement should replace the phrase printed in bold in the sentence to make it grammatically correct? If the sentence is correct as it is given and 'No Correction is required', mark (E) as the answer.

The doctor told him **to cut on** his daily sugar consumption.

- A. to cut down on
- B. to cutting on
- C. to caught on
- D. to catch on
- E. No Correction is required

18. The sentence below has been broken up into four parts sequentially. Choose the part which has a mistake or word(s) is (are) not quite appropriate. If there are no errors, mark 5 as the answer.

Advocates of non-violence (1)/ have always adviced (2)/ peaceful solutions (3)/ to the most complex problems (4)./ No error(5)

- A. 1
- B. 2
- C. 3
- D. 4
- E. 5

19. The sentence below has been broken up into four parts sequentially. Choose the part which has a mistake or word(s) is (are) not quite appropriate. If there are no errors, mark 5 as the answer.

The farmer (1)/ felt badly about (2)/ losing all of his crops (3)/ overnight (4)./ No error(5).

- A. 1
- B. 2
- C. 3
- D. 4
- E. 5

20. Fill in the blank with the correct form of tense:

He _____ a fortune by writing various kinds of books.

- A. Did making
- B. Would made
- C. Is making
- D. Will made
- E. Will make

ANSWERS				
1. C	2. E	3. E	4. B	5. A
6. E	7. C	8. C	9. A	10.A
11. C	12.B	13.B	14.A	15.C
16.E	17. A	18.B	19.B	20. A