

**SENTENCE IMPROVEMENT & FILL IN THE BLANKS**

**Direction (Q. 1 - 5):** In the following sentence, a part of the sentence is underlined. Below are given alternatives to the underlined part, which may improve the sentence. Choose the correct alternative and in case no changes are required, select 'No improvement' as the correct option.

1. While in jail, Hitler prescribed the first volume of his autobiography and political manifesto "My Struggle".

- A. dictated the first volume
- B. dedicated the first volume
- C. tyrannized the first volume

- 1. Only A
- 2. Only B
- 3. Only C
- 4. Both A and B
- 5. No improvement

2. The vaunted American dream, the idea that life will get better, that progress is inevitable if we obey the rules and work hard, has been replaced by a hard and bitter truth.

- A. have been replaced
- B. has been replacing
- C. had been replacing

- 1. Only A
- 2. Both B and C
- 3. Both A and B
- 4. Both A and C
- 5. No improvement

3. They were embezzling funds right under his nose which later got him into trouble with the vice chairman.

- A. were embezzled funds
- B. are embezzled funds
- C. funds were being embezzled

- 1. Only A
- 2. Only B
- 3. Only C
- 4. Both B and C
- 5. No improvement

4. Although there are now stringent legal restrictions on the amount of lead in paint and gasoline, lead is still found on painted walls and window frames.

- A. there was now stringent
- B. there is now stringent
- C. there had been now stringent

- 1. Only C
- 2. Both A and B
- 3. Both C and B
- 4. Only A
- 5. No improvement

5. The cycle of violence hypothesis points to the likelihood that people who was abusing as children may turn into abusers as adults.

- A. people who were abused
- B. people who was abused
- C. people who are being abused

- 1. Only A
- 2. Only C
- 3. Only B
- 4. Both C and B
- 5. No improvement

**Direction (Q. 6 - 10):** In the following sentence, a part of the sentence is underlined. Below are given alternatives to the underlined part, which may improve the sentence. Choose the correct alternative. In case no improvement is needed, choose the alternative that indicates 'No improvement.'

6. Many banks are now on the verge of breaching critical risk threshold levels.

- A. at the verge for breaching
- B. at the verge of breaching
- C. near the verge of breaching

- 1. Only A
- 2. Only B
- 3. Only C
- 4. Both B and C
- 5. No improvement

7. Neither the RBI nor the Centre seem prepared to bite the bullet on such drastic resolution measures for PSBs.

- A. seems prepared to bite the bullet
- B. appears prepared to bite the bullet
- C. seems prepared for biting the bullet

- 1. Only A
- 2. Only B
- 3. Only C
- 4. Both A and B
- 5. No improvement

8. The time has come for Centre and the RBI to take tough decisions on public sector banks.

- A. Centre and RBI
- B. the Centre and the RBI
- C. the Centre and RBI

- 1. Only A
- 2. Only B
- 3. Only C
- 4. Both A and B
- 5. No improvement

9. With the financials of stressed public-sector banks (PSBs) having taking a rapid turn for the worse, the RBI has been tightening the screws on their operations and lending activities under the Prompt Corrective Action (PCA) framework.

- A. taking a rapid turn for the worse
- B. taking a rapid turn to the worse
- C. having taking a rapid turn for the worse

- 1. Only A
- 2. Only B
- 3. Only C
- 4. Both A and B
- 5. No improvement

10. Facebook chief Mark Zuckerberg has agreed to meet European Parliament members behind closed-doors to answer questions in the wake of the Cambridge Analytica scandal.

- A. European Parliament members inside closed-doors
- B. European Parliament members behind close-doors
- C. European Parliament members behind the closed-doors

- 1. Only A
- 2. Only B
- 3. Only C
- 4. Both A and B
- 5. No improvement

**Direction (Q. 11 - 13):** In the following sentence, a part of the sentence is underlined. Below are given alternatives to the underlined part, which may improve the sentence. Choose the correct alternative. In case no improvement is needed, choose the option 'No improvement.'

11. Delhi is unsafe after sun down and women are advised for going out on their own.

- A. Advised against
- B. Advised to
- C. Advised by

- 1. Only A
- 2. Only C

3. Both A and C  
5. No improvement

12. Let the tailor stitch the dress loose, it will allow if weight gain.

- A. Allow about  
B. Allow in  
C. Allow for

1. Only C  
3. Only B  
5. No improvement
2. Only A  
4. Both A and B

13. His portfolio shots are so beautiful, the current generation of models will have to watch over for him.

- A. Watch here  
B. Watch it  
C. Watch out

1. Both A and B  
3. Only A  
5. No improvement
2. Both B and C  
4. Only C

**Direction (Q. 14 - 18):** In the following sentence, a part of the sentence is underlined. Below are given alternatives to the underlined part, which may improve the sentence. Choose the correct alternative and in case no changes are required, select 'No improvement' as the correct option.

14. Minor illnesses help children build up immunity to more severe illnesses behind which they may be exposed in the future.

- A. to which they may  
B. than which they may  
C. over which they may

1. Only A  
3. Only C  
5. No improvement
2. Only B  
4. Both B and A

15. Only in the past several decades has lifespan developmentalists given serious study to the developmental implications of dying.

- A. have lifespan developmentalists  
B. have lifespan developmentalist  
C. has developmentalists concerned with lifespan

1. Only B  
3. Only C  
5. No improvement
2. Only A  
4. Both B and C

16. If the genes controlling the body's ability over overcome environmental challenges can be harnessed, they may provide a way of increasing the life span.

- A. environmental challenges can be overcome  
B. ability to overcome environmental challenges  
C. abilities of environmental challenges

1. Only A  
3. Only B  
5. No improvement
2. Only C  
4. Both A and B

17. Despite the lingered belief that middle adulthood is a time of stagnation, crisis, and dissatisfaction, we have seen that people continue to grow and change during this period.

- A. despite an lingered belief  
B. belief that has been lingering  
C. despite the lingering belief

1. Only A  
3. Both A and C  
5. No improvement
2. Both B and C  
4. Only C

4. Both B and C

18. Since 2010, Wi-Fi hotspots have been seen an increase by 568% all over the world.

- A. Wi-Fi hotspots has seen an increase  
B. Wi-Fi hotspots saw an increase  
C. Wi-Fi hotspots have seen an increase

1. Only A  
3. Only C  
5. No improvement
2. Only B  
4. Both A and C

**Direction (Q. 19 - 22):** In the following question, a part of the sentence is underlined. Below are given alternatives to the underlined part, which may improve the sentence. Choose the correct alternative. In case no improvement is needed, choose the option that indicates 'No improvement'.

19. The economic forecasters are on the defensive or taking a turn down the confessional, admitting that the forecasting profession 'is to some extent in crisis'.

- A. Turn off  
B. Turn on  
C. Turn in

1. Only A  
3. Only C  
5. No improvement
2. Only B  
4. Both A and B

20. Analogical language holds a place among the abstract contraries of metaphysics and the concrete imagery of poetic imagination.

- A. Between  
B. Across  
C. In

1. Only A  
3. Only C  
5. No improvement
2. Only B  
4. Both A and C

21. Sofia asked Sareena to calm out before her bungee jump.

- A. To calm yet  
B. To calm up  
C. To calm down

1. Both A and C  
3. Only B  
5. No improvement
2. Both B and C  
4. Only C

22. He was thought to have the potential to play the point-forward position, which was a delusion in our part, as his game unfolded.

- A. As our part  
B. On our part  
C. On parting

1. Only C  
3. Only B  
5. No improvement
2. A and B  
4. B and C

**Direction (Q. 23 - 25):** In the following sentence, a part of the sentence is underlined. There are some alternatives to the underlined part which may improve the sentence. Choose the correct alternative. In case no improvement is needed to choose option 4 'No improvement' as your answer.

23. To procrastinate is to put off doing something out of casual carelessness or common perspective.

1. laziness  
3. proactive  
5. No error.
2. decelerate  
4. retarded

24. A beautiful mortal, Medusa was the exception in the family, until she elapsd the wrath of Athena, either due to her boastfulness or because of an ill-fated love affair with Poseidon.

1. incurred  
2. gained  
3. passed  
4. lapse  
5. No error.

25. Winning or losing doesn't matter to a lethargic learner.

1. impatient  
2. dedicated  
3. tired  
4. weary  
5. No error.

**Direction (Q. 26 - 30):** The following question consists of a sentence(s) with one blank only. You are given six words as answer choices and from the six choices you have to pick up two correct answers, either of which will make the sentence meaningfully complete.

26. Your thoughts build your \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. Illusion  
B. Fantasy  
C. Idealism  
D. Authenticity  
E. Verity  
F. Betoken

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

27. Domestic violence is among the serious problems that should not be \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. Heed  
B. Pooh-pooh  
C. Disdained  
D. Slighted  
E. Transgressed  
F. Cognizance

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

28. \_\_\_\_\_ is something which is difficult to describe in words.

- A. Rapture  
B. Desolate  
C. Deplore  
D. Malaise  
E. Aptness  
F. Blissfulness

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

29. Organ trafficking is the issue that needs \_\_\_\_\_ attention.

- A. Solemn  
B. Jocular  
C. Uproarious  
D. Humorless  
E. Screaming  
F. Slight

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

30. Black money is basically the accumulation of income obtained \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. Illicitly  
B. Spuriously  
C. Legitimately  
D. Justifiably  
E. Statutory  
F. Feloniously

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

**Direction (Q. 31 - 36):** Fill in the blanks with the appropriate word.

31. He was dressed casually in jeans and a t-shirt and moved with the \_\_\_\_\_ of youth, someone without a care in the world.

1. Creep  
2. Deprecate  
3. Humility  
4. Swagger  
5. Timidity

32. The house was a good investment, as its value was sure to \_\_\_\_\_ over the years.

1. Despise  
2. Neglect  
3. Appreciate  
4. Understand  
5. Detest

33. A person couldn't avoid \_\_\_\_\_, but they could control the way they responded to it.

1. Fate  
2. Cause  
3. Source  
4. Origin  
5. Commencement

34. The soil of the island is almost wholly of modern formation, mainly alluvial, with \_\_\_\_\_ limestones as another prominent feature.

1. Savoury  
2. Superficial  
3. Mature  
4. Significant  
5. Sensible

35. Gross international happiness is a new concept in economic thinking aimed at replacing the western \_\_\_\_\_ of economic productivity and well-being.

1. Fake  
2. Paradigm  
3. Variation  
4. Alternative  
5. Sample

36. My \_\_\_\_\_ friend refuses to buy the candy to her daughter because she thinks it is overpriced.

1. Generous  
2. Lavish  
3. Extravagant  
4. Parsimonious  
5. Spendthrift

**Direction (Q. 37 - 41):** Fill in the blank(s) with the correct word(s)

37. Rudyard Kipling was not only an \_\_\_\_\_ writer, but he also won the Nobel Prize for Literature, becoming the youngest \_\_\_\_\_ till date.

1. Acknowledged, writer  
2. Famous, laureate  
3. Acclaimed, recipient  
4. Best-selling, Indian  
5. Known, European

38. He \_\_\_\_\_ to be in a bad mood today, maybe he won't be \_\_\_\_\_ us for drinks after work.

1. Looks, catching  
2. Seems, joining  
3. Wants, coming  
4. Is, meeting

5. Felt, driving

39. I heard a playful \_\_\_\_\_ from my dog, as he looked at me with \_\_\_\_\_ expecting me to play fetch.

1. Yelp, anger  
2. Bark, excitement  
3. Meow, sadness  
4. Squeal, enthusiasm  
5. Snort, hope

40. Rohan was \_\_\_\_\_ scolded by his mother, \_\_\_\_\_ misplacing the house keys.

1. Harshly, by  
2. Softly, with  
3. Reprimanded, for  
4. Severely, for  
5. Hardly, to

41. Meredith has achieved to \_\_\_\_\_ her dream of becoming a doctor. Her friends and family are very \_\_\_\_\_ of her.

1. Accomplish, proud  
2. Become, proud  
3. Quit, proud  
4. Passion, embarrassed  
5. Plan, worried

**Direction (Q. 42 - 45): Fill in the blanks with an appropriate word.**

42. Soldiers who get martyred while on duty leave behind \_\_\_\_\_ families to survive on their own.

1. Detached  
2. Unknown  
3. Bereaved  
4. Shattered  
5. Alone

43. Majority of cases of \_\_\_\_\_ against women in 2016 were reported about cruelty by husband or relatives followed by sexual assaults, kidnapping, abduction and rape.

1. Assaults  
2. Abuse  
3. Empowerment  
4. Crimes  
5. Reports

44. It also acknowledged that disputes between India and Pakistan must be resolved \_\_\_\_\_.

1. Structurally  
2. Magically  
3. Bilaterally  
4. Economically  
5. Thereafter

45. The Bandipur Tiger Reserve in Karnataka has turned into a raging \_\_\_\_\_ after a massive fire broke out.

1. Outbreak  
2. Inferno  
3. Chaos  
4. Fight  
5. Turmoil

**Direction (Q. 46 - 50): In the given sentence, a blank is given indicating that a word is missing. Among the four given options, a combination of words would fit the blank thereby making it grammatically and contextually correct. Choose that option as your answer.**

46. It was \_\_\_\_\_, how often the safety of women was discussed in Parliament and yet there was no effective solution that was brought forth.

A. Admirable

B. Pleasurable

C. Appalling

D. Atrocious

1. DA  
2. AC

3. CB  
4. DC

5. None of the above

47. Katherine was \_\_\_\_\_ from all the hard core training she had engaged in the morning and thus had to look for something to eat really soon.

A. Parched

B. Famished

C. Assuaged

D. Ravenous

1. CD  
2. DB

3. BA  
4. AC

5. None of these

48. Their friendship may have started out as \_\_\_\_\_ but soon Patricia became malicious and ruined all meaningful relationships in Sunil's life.

A. Malignant

B. Benign

C. Benevolent

D. Maleficent

1. BC  
2. CA

3. AD  
4. BA

5. None of the above

49. Alex was \_\_\_\_\_ by the lack of sympathy that today's youth – the one that claims to be 'awake' – shows a person so clearly suffering from schizophrenia.

A. Dumbfounded

B. Assiduous

C. Astonished

D. Aesthetic

1. DB  
2. BC

3. AC  
4. CD

5. None of the above

50. False \_\_\_\_\_ have been made against the BJP for destroying the statue of the noted reformed Ishwar Chandra Vidyasagar.

A. allegations

B. accusations

C. protests

D. maintenance

1. BC  
2. AC

3. AB  
4. CD

5. BD

**ANSWER KEY**

1. (1)	2. (5)	3. (5)	4. (5)	5. (1)	6. (5)	7. (4)	8. (2)	9. (1)	10. (5)
11. (1)	12. (1)	13. (4)	14. (1)	15. (2)	16. (3)	17. (4)	18. (3)	19. (3)	20. (1)
21. (4)	22. (3)	23. (1)	24. (1)	25. (2)	26. (4)	27. (5)	28. (1)	29. (3)	30. (3)
31. (4)	32. (3)	33. (1)	34. (2)	35. (2)	36. (4)	37. (3)	38. (2)	39. (2)	40. (4)
41. (1)	42. (3)	43. (4)	44. (3)	45. (2)	46. (4)	47. (2)	48. (1)	49. (3)	50. (3)