

SELECTING THE CORRECT SENTENCES

In this section, each set consists of four alternatives where different forms of the same sentence are given. The students need to identify whether the sentence is grammatically correct. The correct alternative is supposed to give the exact meaning besides being grammatically correct.

For this, the students need to focus on the following areas to tackle questions based on choosing the correct sentence.

1. Subject-verb agreement
2. Repetition
3. Error in modifiers
4. Parallelism
5. Error in diction
6. Wrong comparisons

Choose the sentence which is most appropriate, grammatically, semantically and logically.

1. (a) I was impressed by the manner of the speaker rather than by his matter.
 (b) I was impressed rather by the manner of the speaker than by his matter.
 (c) I was rather impressed by the manner of the speaker than by his matter.
 (d) Rather, I was impressed by the manner of the speaker than by his matter.
2. (a) It is too hard an essay for me to far attempt.
 (b) Too far, it is an essay hard for me to attempt.
 (c) It is far too hard an essay for me to attempt.
 (d) It is too far hard an essay to attempt for me.
3. (a) The teacher asked the student to leave the room with a frown on his face.
 (b) With a frown on his face, the teacher asked the students to leave the room.
 (c) The teacher asked the students, with a frown on his face, to leave the room.
 (d) The teacher asked with a frown on his face the student to leave the room.
4. (a) This is one of the most difficulty question that is ever asked.
 (b) This is one of the most difficult question that have ever been asked.
 (c) This is one of the most difficult question that has ever been asked.
 (d) This is one of the most difficult questions that has ever been asked.
5. (a) None of they is of much use in practical life.
 (b) None of them is of much use in practical life.
 (c) None of them is of very use in practical life.
 (d) None of them are of much use in practical life.
6. (a) The Prime Minister has not introduced and probably will not introduce the bill.
 (b) The Prime Minister has not and probably would not introduce the bill.
 (c) The Prime Minister has not and probably will not introduce the bill.
 (d) The Prime Minister has not and probably is not introducing the bill.

7. (a) How long have you been joined this company?
(b) How long are you joined this company?
(c) When have you joined this company?
(d) When you do join this company?
8. (a) We saw a wonderful show next day.
(b) We show a wonderful saw yesterday.
(c) We show a wonderful saw today.
(d) We saw a wonderful show yesterday.
9. (a) After the picnic, we had lots of bread left.
(b) After the picnic we had lot of breads left.
(c) After the picnic we had lot of bread left.
(d) After the picnic we had lots of breads left.
10. (a) I did my work quick.
(b) I did my work very quick.
(c) I did my work quickly.
(d) None of the above
11. (a) The dacoits being stopped to divide the booty, the police overtook them.
(b) Since the dacoits stopped to divide the booty, the police had overtaken them.
(c) The dacoits having been stopped for dividing the booty, the police overtook them.
(d) The dacoits having stopped to divide the booty, the police overtook them.
12. (a) The receptionist should answer courteously the questions of all the callers.
(b) The receptionist must answer courteously the questions what are asked by the callers.
(c) The receptionist must answer courteously the questions of all the callers.
(d) The receptionist courteously should answer the questions of all the callers.
13. (a) Many works must close owing to lack of fuel if the strike lasts till the weekend.
(b) Owing to lack of fuel, many works must close if the strike lasts over the weekend.
(c) If the strike lasts for the weekend, owing to lack of fuel, many works must close.
(d) Having the strike lasting to the weekend, many works must close for lack of fuel.
14. (a) The harassed wife shot herself with a gun after bidding her husband the last goodbye.
(b) The harassed wife shot herself after bidding her husband the last goodbye with a gun.
(c) The harassed wife with a gunshot herself after bidding her husband the last goodbye.
(d) With a gun, the harassed wife shot herself after bidding her husband the last goodbye.
15. (a) He came in too quickly to avoid waking his father.
(b) He entered in quickly so as not to wake his father.
(c) Having not to wake his father, he came in quickly.
(d) He came in very quickly so that he might avoid waking his father.
16. (a) Neither the king nor his ministers desires war.
(b) Neither king nor his ministers desires war.
(c) Neither the king nor his ministers desire war.
(d) Neither king nor his ministers desire war.
17. (a) The company has greatly enhanced it's advertising expense.
(b) The company has greatly increased its advertising expense.
(c) The company has greatly enhanced its advertising expense.
(d) The company have greatly increased its advertising expense.

18. (a) Sorry to keep you. How long are you waiting?
(b) I am sorry for delaying. How long have you been waiting?
(c) Sorry to keep you. How long have you been waiting?
(d) Sorry for the delay. Since how long are you waiting?
19. (a) Young people frequently fall into the trap of assuming that the difficulties they face today are greater and troublesome than those faced by previous generations.
(b) Young people frequently fall into the trap of assuming that the difficulties they face today are greater and more troublesome than those faced by previous generations.
(c) Young people today are trapped by assuming that their difficulties are troublesome and more great than the previous generations.
(d) By assuming they face troublesome difficulties than the previous generation, young people today are frequently trapped.
20. (a) Little she did understand the story.
(b) Little did she understood the story.
(c) She little did understand the story.
(d) Little did she understand the story.
21. (a) When he had lost the book, he searched it everywhere.
(b) When he lost the book, he searched for it everywhere.
(c) When he lost the book, he had searched for it everywhere.
(d) When he lost the book, he searched it up everywhere.
22. (a) An one-eyed person was seen roaming about the streets.
(b) A one-eyed person was seen roaming about the streets.
(c) The one-eyed person was seen roaming about the streets.
(d) One-eyed person was seen roaming about the streets.
23. (a) It is the duty of a housewife to wait on the guest.
(b) It is the duty of a housewife to wait for the guest.
(c) It is the duty of a housewife to wait the guest.
(d) It is the duty of a housewife to await the guest.
24. (a) You cannot win my confidence without ever believing me.
(b) You cannot win my confidence without never believing me.
(c) You cannot win my confidence without not believing me.
(d) You cannot win my confidence with ever believing me.
25. (a) Both my brother and my sister love me, but I should say that she loves me more than he.
(b) Both my brother and my sister love me, but I should say that she loves more than him.
(c) Both my brother and my sister love me, but I should say that she loves me more than him.
(d) Both my brother and my sister love me, but I should say that she loves I more than he.
26. (a) Due to want of rain, the wells have gone dry.
(b) Because of want of rain, the wells have gone dry.
(c) For want of rain, the wells have gone dry.
(d) Owing to want of rain, the wells have gone dry.
27. (a) He went to the wholesale market and bought the cheap rations.
(b) He went to the wholesale market and bought the rations cheap.
(c) He went to the wholesale market and bought rations cheaply.
(d) He went to the wholesale market and cheaply bought rations.

28. (a) The principal appointed him as a peon in the college.
(b) The principal appointed him a peon in the college.
(c) As a peon, the principal appointed him in the college.
(d) The principal as a peon appointed him in the college.
29. (a) The team is confident to win the match.
(b) The team is confident of winning the match.
(c) The team is confident of win the match.
(d) The team is confident for winning the match.
30. (a) My sister is the poet and the philosopher.
(b) My sister is a poet and the philosopher.
(c) My sister is a poet and a philosopher.
(d) My sister is a poet and philosopher.
31. (a) Many problems are staring at my face.
(b) Many problems are staring in my face.
(c) Many problems are staring me into my face.
(d) Many problems are staring me in my face.
32. (a) As one of his arms was amputated on account of an accident, the company will compensate the loss to him.
(b) As one of his arms was amputated on account of an accident, the company will compensate him for the loss.
(c) As one of his arms was amputated on account of an accident, the company will compensate him in the loss.
(d) As one of his arms was amputated on account of an accident, the company will compensate his loss.
33. (a) There will be a meeting in the long room at 4 o'clock of all the boys who play cricket and football.
(b) There will be in the long room at 4 o'clock a meeting of all the boys who play cricket and football.
(c) In the long room at 4 o'clock, there will be a meeting of all the boys who play cricket and football.
(d) There will be a meeting of all the boys who play cricket and football at 4 o'clock.
34. (a) The landlady made the servant to run to market to fetch her sweets.
(b) The landlady made the servant run to market to fetch her sweets.
(c) The landlady made to the servant to run to market to fetch her sweets.
(d) The landlady made to the servant run to market to fetch her sweets.
35. (a) Your answers are better than Mohan.
(b) Your answers are better than Mohan's.
(c) Your answers are better than those of Mohan's.
(d) Your answers are better than answered by Mohan.
36. (a) He will not pay unless he is compelled.
(b) He will not pay unless he will be compelled.
(c) He will not pay unless he is not compelled.
(d) He will not pay till he is compelled.
37. (a) As one travels from Karjat to Khandala, he finds the line most beautifully laid.
(b) If one travels from Karjat to Khandala, he will find the line most beautifully laid.
(c) While travelling from Karjat to Khandala, one would find the line most beautifully laid.
(d) Travelling from Karjat to Khandala, one finds the line most beautifully laid.

38. (a) By June next year, Nitin will be twenty years working in the office.
 (b) Being twenty years completed, Nitin will be working in this office till June next
 (c) Till June next year, Nitin will work in the office for twenty years.
 (d) By June next year, Nitin will have been working in the office for twenty years.
39. (a) You are not allowed to enter into the house.
 (b) You are not allowed to enter the house.
 (c) You are not allowed to enter in the house.
 (d) You are not allowed to enter on the house.
40. (a) She is more intelligent than any other boy in the class.
 (b) She is more intelligent than any girl in the class.
 (c) She is more intelligent than any other girl in the class.
 (d) She is the most intelligent than any other girl in the class.
41. (a) Our school had won the match if only we have concentrated.
 (b) Our school would have won the match if only we would have concentrated.
 (c) Our school would win the match only if we had concentrated.
 (d) Our school had won the match if only we would have concentrated.
 (e) Our school would have won the match if only we had concentrated.
42. (a) The boy regretted that he had spend a greater part of his vacation in the chair with a plastered leg.
 (b) With a plastered leg, the boy regretted that he had spent a greater part of his vacation in the chair.
 (c) The boy regretted that with a plastered leg, he had spent a greater part of his vacation in the chair.
 (d) The boy with a plastered leg regretted that he had spent a greater part of his vacation in the chair.
43. (a) It is a pleasure to see an alligator basking in the sunshine on a riverbank as long as 90 feet.
 (b) It is a pleasure to see an alligator as long as 90 feet basking in the sunshine on a riverbank.
 (c) It is a pleasure to see an alligator basking in the sunshine as long as 90 feet on a riverbank.
 (d) It is a pleasure to see an alligator basking as long as 90 feet in the sunshine on a riverbank.
44. (a) Our friends left in an imported car the hill station where they had been staying for quite some time.
 (b) Our friends left the hill station in an imported car where they had been staying for quite some time.
 (c) Our friends left the hill station where they had been staying for quite some time in an imported car.
 (d) Our friends in an imported car left the hill station where they had been staying for quite some time.
45. (a) Since the dividend being declared than the notices were prepared for mailing.
 (b) Scarcely had the dividend been declared than the notices were sent out.
 (c) They had no sooner declared the dividend when they sent the notices to the stockholders.
 (d) No sooner had the dividend been declared than the notices were prepared for mailing
 (e) The company had hardly declared the dividend till the notices were prepared for mailing.
46. (a) Since he lacked needed money, he never turned down anyone who needed help.
 (b) He wasn't rich by any means, although he never turned down anyone who needed help.
 (c) Being not rich by any means, he never turned away anyone who needed help.
 (d) He wasn't rich by any means, but he never turned away anyone who needed help.
 (e) Since he wasn't rich by any means, he never turned away anyone who needed help.
47. (a) Since managers can motivate people in the tasks that need to be done by getting them involved.
 (b) The manages can motivate people in tasks by getting them involved that needs to be done.
 (c) The managers not only do the tasks that need to be done by getting them involved but also can motivate people.
 (d) People can be motivated by getting them involved in the tasks that need to be done by the managers.
 (e) The managers can motivate people by getting them involved in the tasks that need to be done.

48. (a) My sister had left for America last week.
(b) My sister has been left for America last week.
(c) My sister left for America last week.
(d) My sister has left for America last week.
49. (a) He did not report for work today. He must has gone to the party.
(b) He did not report for work today. He must go to the party.
(c) He did not report for work today. He must have gone to the party.
(d) He did not report for work today. He must had gone to the party.
50. (a) Neither she comes nor she writes.
(b) Neither does she come nor does she write.
(c) Neither does she come nor writes.
(d) Neither does she comes nor she writes.
51. (a) Common people are rather impressed by the style of a speech than by its substance.
(b) Common people are impressed rather by the style of a speech than by its substance.
(c) Rather, common people are impressed by the style of a speech than by its substance.
(d) Common people are impressed by the style of a speech than by its substance.
52. (a) The committee was useless because there was no needed power to it.
(b) Since the committee lacked the needed power, it would not have delivered expected result.
(c) Since the committee lacked the needed power, it could not deliver the expected result.
(d) Since committee did not have the needed power, it has not delivered useful result.
(e) Being that the committee lacked the needed power, it could not deliver expected result.
53. (a) The report was useless to them because there was no needed information.
(b) Since the report lacked needed information, it would have not been useful to them.
(c) Since the report did not contain the needed information, it was not real useful to them.
(d) Being that the report lacked the needed information, they could not use it.
(e) Since the report lacked needed information, it was of no use to them.
54. (a) In thirty-seven bomb blasts, fortunately only five lives were lost.
(b) In thirty-seven bomb blasts only five lives were fortunately lost.
(c) In fortunately thirty-seven bomb blasts, only five lives were lost.
(d) Fortunately, in thirty-seven bomb blasts, only five lives were lost.
55. (a) As soon as holidays begin than this beach will become very crowded.
(b) Since the holidays being started this beach becomes very crowded.
(c) As soon as the holidays begin, this beach will become very crowded.
(d) No sooner did the holidays begin than this beach will become very crowded.
(e) Scarcely had the holidays begin when this beach becomes very crowded.
56. (a) Anita, was sitting with her husband on the steps of the temple with her lap full of newspapers, when Bunty and Bittoo came up.
(b) Anita, with her lap full of newspapers, was sitting with her husband on the steps of the temple when Bunty and Bittoo came up.
(c) With her lap full of newspapers, Anita was sitting with her husband on the steps of the temple when Bunty and Bittoo came up.
(d) Anita was sitting with her husband on the, steps of the temple when Bunty and Bittoo came up with her lap full of newspapers.

57. (a) If you had told me that you were in Mumbai, I had certainly contacted by you instead of getting bored there.
 (b) If you had told me that you were in Mumbai, I would have certainly contacted you despite getting bored there.
 (c) If you had told me that you were in Mumbai, I would have certainly contacted you instead of getting bored there.
 (d) If you would have told me that you were in Mumbai, I had certainly contacted you instead of getting bored there.
 (e) If you would have told me that you were in Mumbai, I would, have certainly contacted you instead of getting bored there.
58. (a) The teaching staff must take their lectures regularly when are asked by the Principal.
 (b) The teaching staff had taken the lectures regularly had they known that the Principal would come to know about it.
 (c) The teaching staff would have taken lectures regularly had they known that the Principal would know about it.
 (d) Many irregularities were found in their lectures by the Principal and he could not be disregarded them.
59. (a) Nobody will want to play in his team if he does not treat people kindly.
 (b) If he does not treat people kindly, nobody will play to want his team.
 (c) Nobody will treat people kindly if he does not want to play in his team.
 (d) Nobody will want to treat people if he does not play in his, team kindly.
60. (a) The typists had corrected the errors had they known that the supervisors would have seen the report.
 (b) The supervisors reprimanded the typists whom believed had made careless errors.
 (c) The errors in the typed reports were so numerous that they could hardly be overlooked.
 (d) The typists would have corrected the errors had they of known that the supervisors would see the report.
 (e) Many errors were found in the report which the typed and could not disregarded them

ANSWERS

1. (a)	2. (c)	3. (b)	4. (d)	5. (b)	6. (a)	7. (c)	8. (d)	9. (a)	10. (c)
11. (d)	12. (a)	13. (b)	14. (a)	15. (d)	16. (c)	17. (b)	18. (b)	19. (b)	20. (d)
21. (b)	22. (b)	23. (b)	24. (a)	25. (c)	26. (c)	27. (a)	28. (b)	29. (b)	30. (d)
31. (d)	32. (b)	33. (c)	34. (b)	35. (c)	36. (a)	37. (d)	38. (d)	39. (b)	40. (c)
41. (e)	42. (c)	43. (b)	44. (d)	45. (d)	46. (d)	47. (c)	48. (c)	49. (c)	50. (b)
51. (d)	52. (c)	53. (e)	54. (d)	55. (c)	56. (a)	57. (c)	58. (c)	59. (a)	60. (c)