

RBI Assistant 2017 - Verbal Ability Question Paper

Directions (1-5): Read the sentence to find out whether there is any error in it. The error, if any, will be in one part of the sentence. If the given sentence is correct as it is, mark E i.e. No error as the answer. Ignore the errors of punctuation, if any.

Q 1. There have been news circulating among the members, / of the student body and their representatives, / that this year there is going to be a new theme /for the annual day in the college.

1. There have been news circulating among the members
2. of the student body and their representatives
3. that this year there is going to be a new theme
4. for the annual day in the college.
5. No error

Answer: 1

Solution 1:

'Have' will be replaced by 'has'

Q 2. The most vile creature in a novel that / I have ever come across has to / be the Hunchback of Notre Dame / because of his physical features.

1. The most vile creature in a novel that
2. I have ever come across has to
3. be the Hunchback of Notre Dame
4. because of his physical features
5. No error

Answer: 1

Solution 2:

'Most vile' has to be replaced by 'vilest'

Q 3. The archery team did not (1)/ account for the change in the (2)/ wind speed and eventually lost in (3)/ the competition against their arch rivals (4)/.

1. 4
2. 3
3. 2
4. 1
5. No error

Answer: 5

Q 4. Looking at the horizon (1)/, a few years back, I often wonder (2)/ about our proximity to the almighty (3)/ and yet the distance between us (4)/.

1. 2
2. 4
3. 1
4. 3
5. No error

Answer: 2

Q 5. The decline of old-fashioned' values such, (A)/ as honesty, tolerance, empathy, compassion, respect, (B)/ and reciprocity were identified as, (C)/ having damaging consequences for society. (D)

1. A
2. B
3. C
4. D
5. No error

Answer: 2

Solution 5:

'Were' should be replaced by 'was'

Directions (6-10): In the following question, four words are given, of which, one word may be wrongly spelt. If all the four words are correctly spelt, mark 5). ie "All correct", as the answer.

Q 6.

1. Acquirement
2. Comemoration
3. Solemnity
4. Ordinance
5. All are correct

Answer: 2

Solution 6:

The correct spelling is 'commemoration'

Q 7.

1. Solemnness
2. Bequest
3. Lethargy
4. Liturgy
5. All are correct

Answer: 5

Q 8.

1. Deteriorate
2. Pauperize
3. Flounder
4. Conive
5. All are correct

Answer: 5

Q 9.

1. Prodigious
2. Heteroclite
3. Flambouyant
4. Absurd
5. All are correct

Answer: 3

Solution 9:

The correct spelling is 'flamboyant'

Q 10.

1. Sparce
2. Outlandish
3. Eccentric
4. Bizarre
5. All are correct.

Answer: 5

Direction (11-15): Rearrange the following six sentences A, B, C, D, E and F in a proper sequence to form a meaningful paragraph then answer the questions that follow.

- A. The farmer called his neighbours and asked them to help him put mud into the well but the mule thought that he was calling the neighbours to help him get out of the well.
- B. A farmer wanted to get rid of his old mule and buy a new one but the mule always came back from wherever the farmer left him.
- C. He walked away from his cruel master and never returned.
- D. One day the mule fell into a well and the farmer thought, "Why not bury it there so that I don't have to worry about getting rid of it?"
- E. The mule started shaking off all the mud that fell on him and kept climbing on the heap of mud as it fell into the well, soon he was on top of the mud heap and he easily got out of the well.
- F. When they started putting mud in the well the mule realized his master's plan and started thinking of ways to save himself.

Q 11. Which of the following will be the FIFTH sentence after the rearrangement?

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

Answer: 5

Q 12. Which of the following will be the FOURTH sentence after the rearrangement?

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

Answer: 2

Q 13. Which of the following will be the LAST (SIXTH) sentence in the rearrangement?

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

Answer: 3

Q 14. Which of the following will be the FIRST sentence after the rearrangement?

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

Answer: 4

Q 15. Which of the following will be the SECOND sentence after the rearrangement?

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

Answer: 4

Solution (11-15):

The correct order of statements is:

- B. A farmer wanted to get rid of his old mule and buy a new one but the mule always came back from wherever the farmer left him.
- D. One day the mule fell into a well and the farmer thought, "Why not bury it there so that I don't have to worry about getting rid of it?"
- A. The farmer called his neighbours and asked them to help him put mud into the well but the mule thought that he was calling the neighbours to help him get out of the well.
- F. When they started putting mud in the well the mule realized his master's plan and started thinking of ways to save himself.
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- C. He walked away from his cruel master and never returned.

Direction (16-22): In the following question, you have a brief passage where some words have been left out. Read the passage carefully and choose the correct answer to each blank.

Birbal was in Persia at the invitation of the king of that country. During his stay parties were given in his honour. On the eve of his (16) for home, a nobleman (17) him how he would compare the king of Persia to his own king. "Your King is a full moon," said Birbal. "Whereas mine could be (18) of as the quarter moon." The Persians were very happy. But when Birbal went home he found that Emperor Akbar was furious with him. "How (19) you belittle your own. king?" demanded Akbar. "You are a traitor!"

"No, Your Majesty," said Birbal. "I did not belittle you. The full moon (20) and disappears whereas the quarter moon grows with strength. What I, in fact, (21) to the world is that your power is (22) from day to day whereas that of the king of Persia is about to go into decline." Akbar smiled in satisfaction and welcomed Birbal back giving a warm embrace.

Q 16. Find out the appropriate word

1. Arrival
2. Depart
3. Leave

4. Departure
5. Exit

Answer: 4

Q 17. Find out the appropriate word

1. Asked
2. Commented
3. Said
4. Made
5. Question

Answer: 1

Q 18. Find out the appropriate word

1. Pass
2. celebrated
3. Imagined
4. Wished
5. Thought

Answer: 5

Q 19. Find out the appropriate word

1. Must
2. Could
3. Should
4. Will
5. Willing

Answer: 2

Q 20. Find out the appropriate word

1. Appear
2. Decrease
3. Diminishes
4. Reduce
5. vanish

Answer: 3

Q 21. Find out the appropriate word

1. Proclaimed
2. Show
3. Restored
4. Promised
5. Announce

Answer: 1

Q 22. Find out the appropriate word

1. Sure
2. Fixed
3. Growing
4. New
5. Increase

Answer: 3

Directions (23-30): Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions given below it. Certain words are printed in bold to help you locate them while answering some of the questions.

Once upon a time, there were three brothers. They were very clever and one day decided to make a fortune by using their powers of reasoning and logic. As they walked to the nearest city to look for work, they saw some footprints on the mud road. As they stood looking at the marks, a merchant came rushing towards them. 'Did you see anyone go by this road '?' he asked in **panic**. The first brother looked **closely** at the prints and said, 'Yes, a large camel'. The second said, 'The camel could see with only one eye'. The third, who had been looking further down the road, said, 'The camel was carrying a woman and a child on its back'. Now the merchant was furious and shouted, 'You have kidnapped my wife and child. Come with me to the king.' The brothers could not get him to reason out and the four men ended up in the king's court. 'Hrnm,' the king said, after he had heard the entire story. 'If you three claim to be so clever, let me set a task for you. I will place before you a wooden box which will be locked. You will have to tell me what it contains without looking inside.'

The three brothers agreed, and soon the king's men placed before them a stout wooden box, **firmly** shut. The first brother said immediately, 'It has something round inside.' The second said, 'It is a pomegranate.' An unripe pomegranate' added the third. The box was opened and indeed, inside there was an unripe pomegranate.

The king now asked them for an explanation. The first man said, 'When your servant was bringing the box, I heard something rolling inside. That meant there was a round object in it. The second man said, 'I saw your servant coming from the pomegranate orchard, so I knew he had placed a pomegranate in the box.' And this is not the season for pomegranates, so it had to be an unripe one, commented the last brother.

The king had now witnessed the brother's powers of observation and was curious to know how they had discovered about the merchant's wife and child being on the camel's back. 'The footprints we saw were large ones, so I **deduced** it was a big camel that had passed that way,' said the first brother.' The camel had grazed on only one side of the road,' said the second, so I knew it was one- eyed.'

'And I saw the footprints of a woman and a child where the camel had sat down to rest,' said the third, 'which meant they were on the camel's back.' The king, now convinced of their cleverness, appointed the three brothers as ministers in his court.

Q 23. Why did the merchant take the three brothers to the king's court?

1. They confessed to having kidnapped his wife and child.
2. He found them acting very strange.
3. He thought they were responsible for his missing wife and child.
4. He found their observations hilarious and wanted them to narrate them to the king.
5. The king had heard about the clever brothers and was on the lookout for them.

Answer: 3

Q 24. How did the second brother arrive at the conclusion that the camel could see with only one eye?

- (A) He saw the camel passing by.
- (B) He took a guess.
- (C) The grass on only one side of the road was eaten.

1. Only (A)
2. Only (B)
3. Only (C)
4. Only (B) and (C)

5. Only (A) and (C)

Answer: 3

Q 25. Why did the king challenge the three brothers with a task?

1. He wanted to see if they would pass the test in order to be ministers in his court.
2. He wanted to show them off to his ministers.
3. He wanted to put their reasoning skills to the test.
4. He wanted the merchant to witness their cleverness.
5. None of these

Answer: 5

Q 26. Which of the following word is most opposite of the word '**panic**' printed in bold in the above story?

1. Calm
2. Frightened
3. Hesitation
4. Anxious
5. Worried

Answer: 1

Q 27. Choose the word which is most nearly the SAME in meaning as the word printed in bold as used in the passage,

Deduced

1. Predicted
2. Presented
3. Inferred
4. Confirmed
5. Targeted

Answer: 3

Q 28. Choose the word which is most nearly the SAME in meaning as the word printed in bold as used in the passage.

Firmly

1. Unevenly
2. Drastically
3. Tightly
4. Steadily
5. Gracefully

Answer: 3

Q 29. Choose the word which is most nearly the SAME in meaning as the word printed in bold as used in the passage.

Closely

1. Openly
2. Watchfully
3. Personally
4. Slyly
5. Carefully

Answer: 5

Q 30. Which of the following statements is false according to the passage?

1. One of the brothers saw the king's servant coming out from the pomegranate orchard.
2. One of the brothers saw the camel carrying a lady along with a child on its back.
3. The three brothers were appointed as ministers in the king's court.
4. The king was convinced of the brother's powers of reasoning after they figured out the contents of the wooden box correctly.
5. The merchant doubted the brothers and so took them to the king.

Answer: 2

