APPENDIX – III

TEST ON WRITINGSKILLS IN ENGLISH
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Select the correct pronoun

1. The company always pays ___________ employees for overtime.
   a. its
   b. their
   c. it

2. ___________ Violinist brought his or her own instrument.
   a. Everyone
   b. Each
   c. Everybody

Select the best way of joining the two sentences using relative pronouns.

3. Tara’s computer is very fast. It can get this done in time.
   a. Tara’s computer which is very fast, can get this done in time.
   b. Tara’s computer, which is very fast, can get this done in time.
   c. Tara’s computer which is very fast can get this done in time.

4. Our only car is not available today. It is being repaired.
   a. Our only car, which is being repaired, is not available today.
   b. Our only car which is being repaired is not available today.
   c. Our only car that is being repaired, is not available today combine the two sentences into one sentence.

5. Alice found her hat. It was lying under the bed.
   a. Lying under the bed, Alice found her hat
   b. Alice, finding her hat, was lying under the bed.
   c. Alice found her hat lying under the bed.

6. I was traveling to Mexico. My car was broken in
   a. Traveling to Mexico, my car was broken into
   b. While I was traveling to Mexico, my car was broken into.
   c. Traveling to Mexico and breaking into my car.
Select the sentence or sentences in which the verb tenses are correct.

7. a. Geri drove fast, so we arrive ahead of time.
   b. Geri had driven fast, so we arrived ahead of time.
   c. Geri drove fast, so we arrived ahead of time.

8. a. I’m checking my e-mail now, but I saw no messages.
   b. I’m checking my e-mail now, but I see no messages.
   c. I checked my e-mail, but I see no messages.

Select the sentence in which all punctuation marks are correct.

9. a. Angela is making soup. Did you like some?
   b. Angela once making soup. Would you like some?
   c. Angela is making soup. Would you like some?

10. a. Just as Adam arrives, the store was closing.
     b. Just as Adam arrived, the store was closing.
     c. Just as Adam arrived, the store is closing.

Select the word or group of words that completes the sentence.

11. __________________ arrive on time.
    a. Manuel
    b. made sure to
    c. Manuel made sure to

12. Everyone I know __________________ for the holidays.
    a. Away
    b. Is
    c. Is away

Select correct noun.

13. I used one of the School’s __________________ to surf the internet.
    a. Computer
    b. Computers
    c. Computeres

14. we saw a group of __________________ standing outside the theater.
Choose grammatically incorrect word. Indicate your response by selecting. (a) (b) (c) (d)
15. The party (a) was beginning to (b) become dull, so Jean and Christine (c) called a taxi to take her/them home. (d) no error.
16. The class (a) were/ was going (b) on a trip to the (c) museum of civilization (d) no error.
17. The book (a) was very special as (b) they / it had been (c) passed down through three generations (d) no error.

Choose the most logical sequence for the sentences. Indicate your response by selecting (a) (b) (c) (d)
18. (a) By the end of January, many people experience what is known as “Cabin fever” (b) Winters in Canada are cold and long, (c) The symptoms are irritability, depression, and frustration (d) To treat this ailment, some people go on vacation to a warm destination while the rest of us just grit our teeth until spring.
   a. A-B-C-D
   b. A-C-D-B
   c. D-A-C-B
   d. B-A-C-D
19. (a) The hardened soap was cut into bars and left to cure for a month. (b) In the early pioneer days, modern luxuries such as ready made soap were non-existent. (c) During the soap-making process, hot lye and fats were mixed together and left for few days to harden. (d) People made their own crude, harsh soap with items they had on hand in the Kitchen.
   a. A-B-C-D
   b. B-D-C-A
Choose appropriate linker in the following sentences.

20. I do not know this person. ____________ I have never Spoken to him.
   a. But
   b. Yet
   c. Although
   d. Furthermore

21. All the figures have been checked ____________ the totals are still wrong.
   a. As a result
   b. likewise
   c. But
   d. also.

22. India has been plagued by frequent floods and droughts ____________, the prices of essential commodities have been continuously rising.
   a. But
   b. As a result
   c. Similarly
   d. After this

23. The children were doing their home work, ____________ their mother prepared dinner.
   a. Nevertheless
   b. Meanwhile
   c. As a consequence
   d. Similarly

24. People hold different opinions regarding the education system of India ____________, all agree that the future of the country depends on it.
   a. Nevertheless
Fill in the gaps with suitable prepositions.

25. Ajay got ______________ the bus.
26. Mr. V.P. has written a book ______________ Grammar.
27. It is two ______________ my watch.
28. She died ______________ cholera.
29. A button of my shirt has come ______________.
30. The lady stood ______________ the curtain.

Part-B

1. Write a paragraph of about 150 words on what kind of work would you like to do in the future? Write about your ideal job. Be sure to explain why you are well suited for the job, and why the job would be fulfilling for you. Support your writing with details. (10)

2. A newspaper reporter has been sent to report on a road accident. Below you can see one page of his notes. Use the information to complete the report he wrote for his newspaper. Do not add any new information. Write only the correct answer against the correct blank.

6.35 pm
Sevoke – 10 kms from Siliguri
Crash - jeep in ditch
Local bus - high speed - middle of rood
Jeep braked to avoid collision
Hit tree and overturned
Jeep driver (Mahinder Singh, 35 year) killed instantly
3 injured – taken hospital.
Accident in Sevoke: 1 Dead

Sevoke: 8 Aug. A road accident took place yesterday at 6.35 pm when a jeep (a) at Sevoke, 10 kms from Siliguri. According to an eyewitness, jeep braked in order to avoid collision with (b) [insert information]. The driver was unable to control the jeep, which (c) [insert information] the jeep driver, (d) [insert information] three (e) [insert information].

3. Ashok Mathur of class VIII-A has just passed his annual examination. Two of his books are in fairly good condition and he wants to sell them at reduced prices. He puts up a notice on the school notice board giving all the necessary details. Write this notice in not more than 50 words. Put notice in box.

5. You have recently been to a wedding. A British Penfriend asks you to describe it. Write a letter to your penfriend describing the wedding.

Sunil’s phone: reaching Nizamuddin Railway station on 10th May - Mangla Express - receive station - arrange for trip to Shimla - two days - returning to Cochin on 20th May - book tickets same train - AC 11.

4. Your brother made the following notes during a telephone conversation with your friend Sunil. Later he wrote a detailed message for you. Refer to the notes and using the information, complete the message in not more than 50 words. Put the message in box.

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