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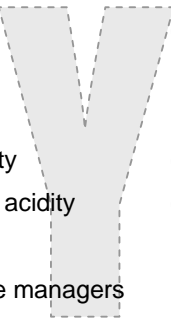
(Original questions from previous years' papers)

VERBAL ABILITY

Direction for questions 1 – 5: Select the word that is most opposite in meaning to the question text word.

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1. **Grudgingly**
(A) Hesitatingly (B) Willingly (C) Instantly (D) Angrily
 2. **Stomp**
(A) Steal (B) Crush (C) Understand (D) None of the above
 3. **Mope**
(A) Work (B) Loiter (C) Happy (D) Dirty
 4. **Peter**
(A) Grow (B) Pan (C) Noise of feet (D) None of the above
 5. **Rookie**
(A) Experienced (B) Novice (C) Gambler (D) Police

Directions for questions 6 – 8: Each of the following sentences has one or more grammatical errors. Select the grammatically correct option from amongst those given below each sentence:

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6. There are leader, there are leaders
(A) There are leaders and there are leaders (B) There are leaders, and there are leaders
(C) There are leaders and leaders (D) There are leaders, and leaders
 7. Five out six people suffer acidity
(A) Five out of six people suffer acidity (B) Five out six people suffer from acidity
(C) Five out of six people suffer from acidity (D) Five of six people suffer acidity
 8. Some people are simply not cut to be managers
(A) Some people simply not out to be managers
(B) Some people simply not cut out to be managers
(C) Some people are simply not cut to be managers
(D) Some people are simply not cut out to be managers

Direction for questions 9 – 13: Read the following three passages to answer these questions:

PASSAGE

The factor of geographical distribution is equally, possibly even more, significant that English is spoken as a first or native language on at least four continents of the world, Russian on two, Chinese and the Indian languages on one. English is without question the closest approach to a world language today.

It goes without saying that no two persons ever have an identical command of their common language. Certainly they have not precisely the same vocabulary. There are at least minor differences in pronunciation, indeed the same individual will not pronounce his vowels and consonants in absolutely identical fashion every time he utters them. Everyone possesses, in addition, certain individual traits of grammatical form and syntactical order, constituting that peculiar and personal quality of language which we term as style. All of this is implicit in the well-known phrase, 'Style is the man'. No men are identical, no two styles are the same. If this be true of but two persons, the potential of differences resident in a language spoken by, more than 200 million truly staggers imagination.

9. According to some authorities,
- (A) more people speak Chinese dialect than English.
 - (B) more people speak English as an auxiliary language than as a first language.
 - (C) more people speak English in the UK than in England.
 - (D) about one-fourth of the world's population speaks English.
 - (E) None of these.
10. The overall implication of the passage is that
- (A) to suppose that 230 million people speak English as a native language would certainly be an underestimate.
 - (B) the 55 million inhabitants of the British Isles speak like the 30 million inhabitants of the dominions and colonies.
 - (C) a little less than half the native English speakers in the world live in the US.
 - (D) about one-tenth of the total English-speaking world, population lives in British dominions and colonies.
 - (E) None of these
11. The author argues that English is the closest approach to a world language because
- (A) there are more native speakers of English than of any other language
 - (B) English has less number of mutually unintelligible dialects
 - (C) the geographical distribution of English covers a much greater area
 - (D) other languages are much, too complex to be world languages.
 - (E) None of these.

12. The fact that the same individual will not pronounce his vowels and consonants identically every time shows that
- (A) literary style varies from person to person.
 - (B) mutual intelligibility is a myth.
 - (C) vocabulary varies from individual to individual.
 - (D) no two persons speak the same language exactly the same way
 - (E) None of these
13. It is evident from the passage that style is:
- (A) a strange type of language.
 - (B) a language where one does not have to be particular about correctness and grammatically
 - (C) language used in a particular way by an individual.
 - (D) a question of grammatical and syntactic correctness.
 - (E) None of these.

Direction for questions 14 – 18: The following passage has five blanks which are numbered 11 to 15. Choose the word from the alternatives (A), (B), (C), (D) and (E), that best fills in the blank.

The collapse of capital and money market is so (14)_____ that Ministry of Finance is very concerned and this collapse in turn in restricting industrial (15)_____. The government is also wary of the reforms, the (16) _____ reports. It wants a meeting with all concerned to (17)_____ fears about the collapse. The Government is reported to be considering all possible (18)_____ before a decision is arrived.

- 14. (A) colossal (B) sharp (C) bad (D) steep (E) high
- 15. (A) production (B) policy (C) pricing (D) scenario (E) development
- 16. (A) commission (B) committee (C) panel (D) board (E) machinery
- 17. (A) remove (B) allay (C) dear (D) soothe (E) remedy
- 18. (A) possibilities (B) alternatives (C) actions (D) consequences (E) steps

Directions for questions 19 – 21: Mark the word nearest in meaning to the given word.

19. **EXIGUOUS:**
- (A) Tall (B) Large (C) Wide (D) Scanty (E) Broad
20. **RECREANCY:**
- (A) Recreation (B) Recuperation (C) Bravery (D) Cowardice (E) Obstinate
21. **PROSCRIBE:**
- (A) To nominate (B) To be supportive of (C) To give early warning signals
 - (D) Outlaw (E) None of the above

Direction for questions 22 – 25: In the following questions, four words or phrases have been highlighted. Choose one word or phrase which would not be appropriate in standard written English. Mark the alphabet following the chosen words or phrases as your answer. Mark (E) if you think that the sentence has no error.

22. Anyone is (A)/ welcome as (B)/ long as they are (C)/ willing to contribute to (D)/ the cause. No error (E)

23. The absconding member's (A) / whereabouts (B) / have (C) / not yet been (D) / determined.
No error (E)

24. Clearly (A) / our competitors have been (B) / more successful (C) / than us (D). No error (E)

25. Maharashtra is one (A)/ of the few states (B) / that (C) / has (D) / achieved a high level of industrialisation. No error (E).

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ANSWERS

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| 1. (B) | 2. (D) | 3. (C) | 4. (A) | 5. (A) | 6. (B) | 7. (C) | 8. (D) |
| 9. (E) | 10. (E) | 11. (C) | 12. (D) | 13. (C) | 14. (D) | 15. (A) | 16. (B) |
| 17. (B) | 18. (E) | 19. (D) | 20. (D) | 21. (E) | 22. (C) | 23. (E) | 24. (D) |
| 25. (D) | | | | | | | |