

Section – A (Language Conventions)

Note : This Section of the question paper contains 24 questions in the English Language. A student is required to attempt all the 24 questions.

(Question 1 – 8) : Read the following passage carefully and select the most suitable option from each list according to the corresponding number in the passage.

1. It has long been proven that meditation can reduce
2. stress but scientific research now shows
3. that it also provides that valuable benefits.
4. Practising meditation can lower blood
5. pressure which subsequently reduces the risk of
6. heart attacks. Meditation can also improve the
7. performance of your immune system, helping you to
8. stay healthy. It also has advantages for
9. students since it can improve the ability to
10. concentrate and deal with life's problems.

1. In line 4, the word 'practising' could best be replaced with
 - 1) Applying
 - 2) Rehearsing
 - 3) Trying to do
 - 4) Regularly doing

Solution: (4) regularly doing

2. In line 1, the word 'proven' could best be replaced with
 - 1) sure
 - 2) shown
 - 3) claimed
 - 4) revealed

Solution: (4) revealed

3. In line 3, the word 'valuable' could best be replaced with
 - 1) adequate
 - 2) generous
 - 3) important
 - 4) expensive

Solution: (3) important

4. In line 7, the word 'performance' could best be replaced with
- 1) routine
 - 2) operation
 - 3) achievement
 - 4) presentation

Solution: (2) operation

5. In line 5, word 'subsequently' could best be replaced with
- 1) also
 - 2) then
 - 3) similarly
 - 4) successively

Solution: (2) then

6. In line 10, the word 'problems' could best be replaced with
- 1) events
 - 2) efforts
 - 3) obstacles
 - 4) occurrences

Solution: (3) obstacles

7. Which of the following is the correct spelling of the word 'concentrait'?
- 1) concentrat
 - 2) concentrate
 - 3) consenstrate
 - 4) consentraite

Solution: (2) concentrate

8. Which of the following is the opposite in meaning to the words 'helping you to' as they are used in line 7 above?
- 1) aiding you in
 - 2) helping you in
 - 3) reducing you from
 - 4) preventing you from

Solution: (4) preventing you from

(Question 9 – 12) : Complete this passage by choosing the most suitable word/phrase from each list of fit the corresponding gap.

Teenagers from __9__ well-off families are becoming more independent of their parents. Although it is hard to __10__ the causes of this trend, mobile phones and shopping malls __11__ have given them the ability to choose their friends and activities __12__ parental supervision.

9. Which of these fits gap 12?

- 1) despite
- 2) without
- 3) involving
- 4) eliminating

Solution: (2) without

10. Which of these fits gap 9?

- 1) mostly in the
- 2) mostly from the
- 3) many of the fully
- 4) many of the more

Solution: (4) many of the more

11. Which of these fits gap 10?

- 1) link
- 2) show
- 3) identify
- 4) attribute

Solution: (3) identify

12. Which of these fits gap 11?

- 1) rather
- 2) perhaps
- 3) meanwhile
- 4) furthermore

Solution: (2) perhaps

(Question 13 – 16) : Complete this passage by choosing the most suitable word/phrase from each list of fit the corresponding gap.

The shop where __13__ work had been ransacked. Robberies cause wider problems than just the loss of property: and, __14__ the shop been forced to close, our lives would have been badly affected. __15__ because our boss called to reassure us that, __16__, the shop would soon re-open.

13. Which of these fits gap 16?

- 1) other than repairs
- 2) after some repairs
- 3) given the repairing
- 4) while it is repairing

Solution: (2) after some repairs

14. Which of these fits gap 13?

- 1) I and my friend
- 2) my friend and I
- 3) me and my friend
- 4) my friend and me

Solution: (2) my friend and I

15. Which of these fits gap 14?

- 1) if
- 2) has
- 3) had
- 4) have

Solution: (3) had

16. Which of these fits gap 15?

- 1) It hadn't
- 2) It wan't
- 3) They hadn't
- 4) They weren't

Solution: (2) It wasn't

(Question 17 – 20) : Complete this passage by choosing the most suitable word/phrase from each list of fit the corresponding gap.

Fire walking refers to the activity of walking on hot coals, rocks or cinders without burning the soles of __17__. In some cultures fire walking is part of a religious ritual, while in other it __18__ a confidence-building activity. Walking across hot coals without getting burned does seem impossible to __19__ people, but in fact there is a scientific explanation for why fire walking is possible. __20__ fire walking taps into mysterious human capabilities.

17. Which of these fits gap 15?

- 1) Therefore
- 2) Generally
- 3) Doubtfully
- 4) Presumably

Solution: (2) Generally

18. Which of these fits gap 17?

- 1) ones foot
- 2) ones feet
- 3) one's foot
- 4) one's feet

Solution: (3) one's foot

19. Which of these fits gap 18?

- 1) is considered
- 2) will be considered
- 3) had been considered
- 4) would have considered

Solution: (1) is considered

20. Which of these fits gap 19?

- 1) a few
- 2) many
- 3) more
- 4) several

Solution: (2) many

(Question 21 – 24) : Complete this passage by choosing the most suitable word/phrase from each list of fit the corresponding gap.

Ice sculpting is an artistic endeavour that uses ice as the raw __21__ for the creation of art works. Sculptures from ice can __22__ abstract or realistic forms and are __23__ associated with short term events or festivals __24__ their limited lifespan. Several ice festivals are held around the world each year.

21. Which of these fits gap 24?

- 1) due to
- 2) on behalf of
- 3) according to
- 4) for the sake of

Solution: (1) due to

22. Which of these fits gap 21?

- 1) form
- 2) aspect
- 3) material
- 4) equipment

Solution: (3) material

23. Which of these fits gap 22?

- 1) take on
- 2) take up
- 3) take off
- 4) take over

Solution: (2) take up

24. Which of these fits gap 23?

- 1) coldly
- 2) generally
- 3) extensively
- 4) infrequently

Solution: (2) generally