

**ENGLISH – VERBAL REASONING, COMPREHENSION AND SENTENCE SKILLS**

1. In a certain code, VEDCXJKISWTO means EXIT. In the same code, what does PHSLOTYWY mean?  
 A. HOW                      B. LOT                      C. PLY                      D. STY

2. THREE is to TRIANGLE as FIVE is to:  
 A. SQUARE                  B. POLYGON                  C. OCTAGON                  D. PENTAGON

3. Which one does not belong?  
 GROW SHRINK ENLARGE BIGGER  
 A. GROW                      B. SHRINK                      C. ENLARGE                      D. BIGGER

4. If you arrange the words below to make the best sentence, what letter does the LAST word begin with?  
*the below roof the carpet leaked onto the through rain*  
 A. b                      B. c                      C. l                      D. t

5. LEVER is to REVEL as DRAWER is to  
 A. CUPBOARD                  B. PAINT                      C. REWARD                      D. WRITER

6. In a foreign language,  
 TAYO YETI means OLD MAN, ALI SOTI means YOUNG WOMAN, and ALI YETI means OLD WOMAN. What is the foreign word for YOUNG?  
 A. ALI                      B. TAYO                      C. SOTI                      D. YETI

7. Write the four letter word hidden at the end of one word and the beginning of the next word in this sentence.  
 The order of the letters may not be changed.

*We had bats and balls.* \_\_\_\_\_

8. If these names are placed in alphabetical order, which name comes 4th in the list?  
 anxiety auction ancient axiomatic auxiliary \_\_\_\_\_

9. Lions are animals. Animals are not stone.  
**From these statements, circle the one statement that must be true:**  
 A. Lions are cruel.                  B. Lions are flesh.                  C. Lions are not stone.                  D. Lions are animals because they hunt.

10. If A = 1, B = 2, C = 3, D = 4 and E = 5  
**Give the answer to this sum as a letter.**  
 B + D - E =                      Answer:

11. **Underline two words, one from each group, that go together to form a new word.** The word in the first group always comes first.

<i>Example</i> (hand, <u>green</u> , for)	(light, <u>house</u> , sure)	
a. (time, mess, carry)	(age, zone, fall)	_____
b. (net, full, for)	(fill, sent, tune)	_____
c. (cat, car, pen)	(mat, sill, pet)	_____
d. (view, stood, pen)	(sill, point, still)	_____
e. (hammer, finger, hit)	(tool, hard, nail)	_____
f. (alter, opera, mode)	(ate, rite, native)	_____

12. **Sentence correction. Select the best alternative/choice for the underlined part of the sentence.**

*Ms. Radha planning to teach a course in biology next summer.*  
 a) planning                  b) are planning                  c) with a plan                  d) plans

13. **Select the best way to rewrite the sentence without changing its meaning.**

*Being a female jockey, she was often interviewed.*  
 Rewrite, beginning with "She was often interviewed..."  
 a) on account of she was                  b) by her being                  c) because she was                  d) being as she was

14. **Find the TWO statements which together prove that DOGS CAN RUN FASTER THAN MICE**

A. Dogs are faster than cats  
 B. Some dogs have short legs  
 C. Cats chase mice  
 D. Mice cannot outrun cats  
 E. Some mice are fast runners  
 Answer:

15. **Identify the mistakes in the sentence parts given below.** Check grammar and Punctuation:  
 Note: Each sentence has mistake in only one part.

a. The police officer / write a long report / at the robbery / at the corner shop. / No error	<input style="width: 40px; height: 20px;" type="text"/>
A                      B                      C                      D                      E	
b. The girls money / was stolen from her purse / which she left / in her school locker. / No error	<input style="width: 40px; height: 20px;" type="text"/>
A                      B                      C                      D                      E	
c. The driver decided / to speed through the junction / and is hit by another car. / No error	<input style="width: 40px; height: 20px;" type="text"/>
A                      B                      C                      D	
d. The boy was returning / from the football match / when he saw his friend / who had missed the game. / No error	<input style="width: 40px; height: 20px;" type="text"/>
A                      B                      C                      D                      E	

**SENTENCE SKILLS:**

16. When George arrived at the station, Hari \_\_\_\_\_.  
a. already left      b. has already left      c. had already left
17. If I \_\_\_\_\_ on holiday to Goa, I wouldn't have met Shyam.  
a. didn't go      b. haven't gone      c. hadn't gone
18. By the time you get this letter I \_\_\_\_\_.  
a. will have left      b. am going to leave      c. would leave
19. A: What are you doing tonight? B: I'm not sure, I \_\_\_\_\_ to the cinema.  
a. will go      b. would go      c. might go
20. Senthil forgot \_\_\_\_\_ the lights before he left.  
a. turn off      b. turning off      c. to turn off
21. It's no use \_\_\_\_\_ to him. He doesn't listen.  
a. to speak      b. spoke      c. speaking
22. Kala was offered the job \_\_\_\_\_ having poor qualifications.  
a. despite      b. although      c. even though
23. The offer was too good for David to turn \_\_\_\_\_.  
a. off      b. down      c. away
24. Vimal's father ordered him \_\_\_\_\_ out late again.  
a. not to stay      b. not stay      c. not staying
25. If only I \_\_\_\_\_ to the barbecue instead of staying at home.  
a. went      b. had gone      c. did go

**READ THE TWO SENTENCES BELOW AND CHOOSE THE BEST WAY OF COMBINING THEM.**

26. Lisa plays the piano. Her sister Kavi plays the piano, too.  
A. Lisa and her sister Kavi plays the piano.  
B. Both Lisa and her sister Kavi play the piano.  
C. Lisa plays the piano and Kavi plays the piano.  
D. Lisa and Kavi too play the piano.
27. The road was slippery. We put chains on the tires.  
A. Although the road was slippery, we put chains on the tires.  
B. The road became slippery when we put chains on the tires.  
C. We put chains on the tires because the road was slippery.  
D. Putting chains on the tires, the road we were on was slippery.
28. Ram took his dog for a walk. They went to the park.  
A. Ram, going to the park, took his dog for a walk.  
B. Ram took his dog for a walk in the park.  
C. Ram took his dog for a walk because they went to the park.  
D. Ram and his dog went to the park, where they walked.

**THE SENTENCE BELOW HAS A BLANK SPACE. CHOOSE THE WORD OR PHRASE THAT MAKES A GRAMMATICALLY CORRECT SENTENCE.**

29. \_\_\_\_\_ washing her sweater, Mary hung it up to dry.  
a. After      b. Before      c. By      d. Until
30. Some day men and women \_\_\_\_\_ to Mars.  
a. will travel      b. will travels      c. will traveling      d. will traveled
31. Water \_\_\_\_\_ at a temperature of zero degrees Celsius.  
a. having frozen      b. freezing      c. freeze      d. freezes
32. Since my parents always insist that I get a good night's sleep, they were \_\_\_\_\_ when I stayed out last night past my curfew.  
a. very happy      b. very relieved      c. very tired      d. very angry

**WRITE DOWN THE FIRST THING THAT COMES INTO YOUR HEAD TO COMPLETE THE SENTENCE. YOU CAN WRITE ANYTHING YOU LIKE PROVIDED IT MAKES A COMPLETE SENTENCE.**

33. I am best when \_\_\_\_\_
34. The happiest time \_\_\_\_\_
35. The future \_\_\_\_\_