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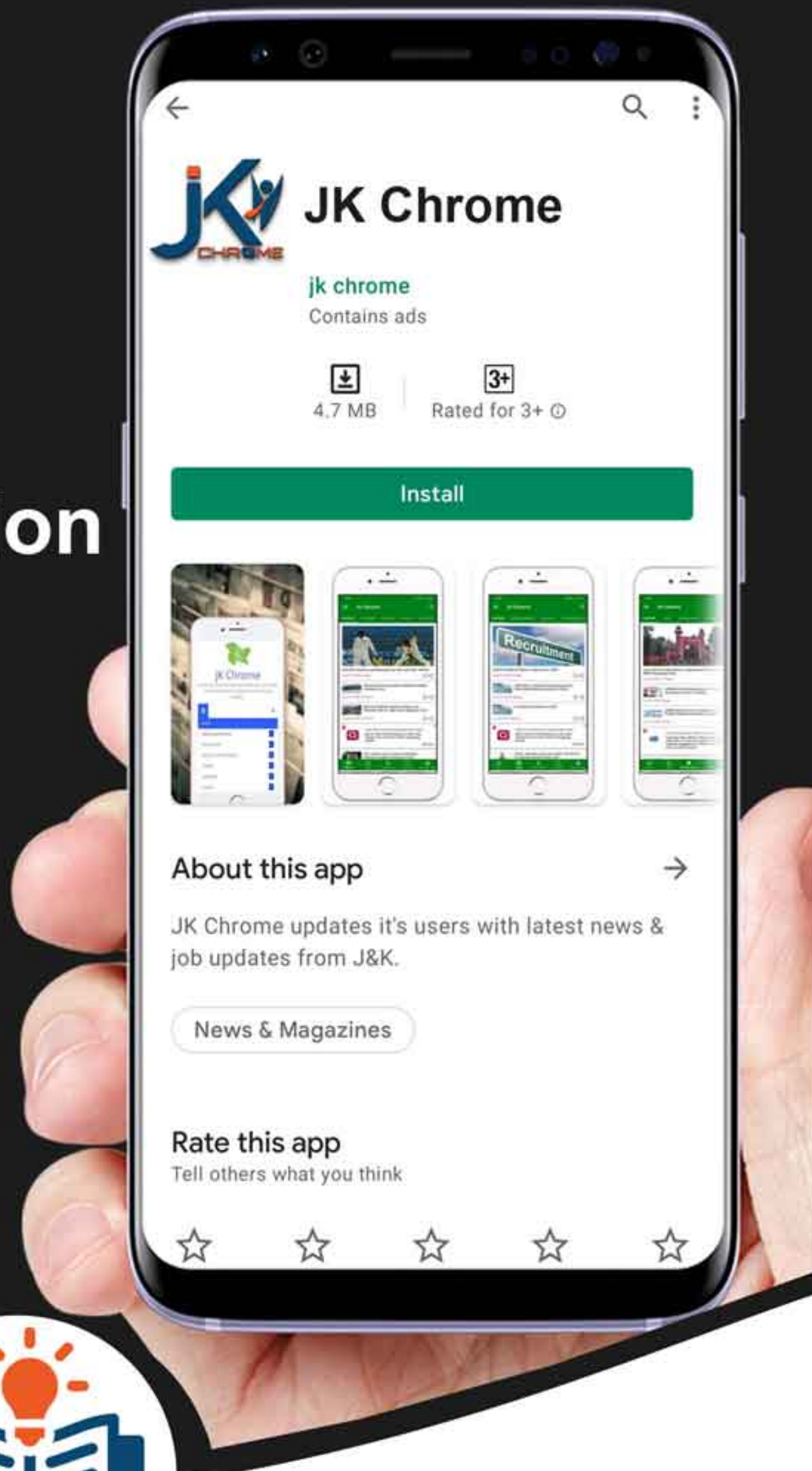
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DIRECTIONS (Qs. 1-5) : In the following questions, a part of the sentence is **bold**. Below are given alternatives to the **bold** part at (a), (b) and (c) which may improve the sentence. Choose the correct alternative. In case no improvement is needed, your answer is (d).

(SSC CGL 1st Sit. 2010)

- Obviously he isn't **cut up** to be a good teacher.
(a) cut out (b) cut in
(c) cut for (d) No improvement
- Power got with money is the most **craved for** today.
(a) sought after (b) wished for
(c) welcomed for (d) No improvement
- The brown shirt **wants washing**.
(a) has to wash
(b) is in need of a wash
(c) requiries a wash
(d) No improvement
- You are asked to copy this letter **word by word**.
(a) word for word (b) word with word
(c) word to word (d) No improvement
- The weak man is a slave to his **sensuous** pleasures.
(a) sensory (b) sensual
(c) secondary (d) No improvement

DIRECTIONS (Qs. 6-10) : In the following questions, a part of the sentence is printed in **bold**. Below are given alternatives to the **bold** part at (a), (b) and (c) which may improve the sentence. Choose the correct alternative. In case no improvement is needed, your answer is (d).

(SSC CGL 2nd Sit. 2010)

- To get into the building, I'll **disguise** as a reporter.
(a) disguise to be
(b) disguise as one
(c) disguise myself
(d) No improvement
- He denied that he **had not forged** my signature
(a) would not forge (b) had forged
(c) did not forge (d) No improvement
- If I **had played well**, I would have won the match.
(a) I played well (b) I play well
(c) I am playing well (d) No improvement
- Since the records are missing, the possibility of paying more than one compensation for the same piece of land cannot be ruled **aside**.
(a) out (b) off
(c) away (d) No improvement

- A callous system **generates** nothing but a misanthrope.
(a) develops (b) induces
(c) produces (d) No improvement

DIRECTIONS (Qs. 11-15) : In the following questions, a sentence or **Bold** part thereof is given which may need improvement. Alternatives are given at (a), (b) and (c) below, which may be a better option. In case no improvement is needed, your answer is (d).

(SSC CGL 1st Sit. 2011)

- He has for good left India.**
(a) He has left for good India.
(b) He has left India for good.
(c) Good he has left India.
(d) No improvement
- We are credibly informed that the murderer has given himself up.**
(a) We are informed that the murderer has credibly given himself up.
(b) We are informed that the murderer has given credibly himself up.
(c) We are informed that credibly the murderer has given up himself,
(d) No improvement
- We generally select **one of the most intelligent student of the school** for this award.
(a) one of the most intelligent students of the school
(b) one of the intelligent most students of the school
(c) one of the intelligent most student of the school
(d) No improvement
- My friend lives in a nearby street **whose name** I have forgotten.
(a) the name of which (b) which name
(c) of which name (d) No improvement
- He both won a medal and a scholarship.**
(a) He won a medal and a scholarship both.
(b) Both he won a medal and a scholarship.
(c) He won both a medal and a scholarship.
(d) No improvement

DIRECTIONS (Qs. 16-20) : In the following questions, a sentence is given, a part of which may need improvement. Alternatives are given at (a), (b) and (c) below which may be a better option. In case no improvement is needed, your answer is (d).

(SSC CGL 2nd Sit. 2011)

16. What do you go to school for?
 (a) For what do you go to school?
 (b) What do you go for to school?
 (c) What do you go to school for?
 (d) No improvement
17. He pleased the directors and this completed his report in good time.
 (a) He pleased the directors in good time and this completed his report.
 (b) He completed his report in good time and this pleased the directors.
 (c) He pleased the directors and completed his report and this in good time.
 (d) No improvement
18. The courtiers used to tell the King how efficient an administrator he was all day long.
 (a) The courtiers all day long used to tell the King how efficient an administrator he was.
 (b) The courtiers used all day long to tell the King how efficient an administrator he was.
 (c) The courtiers used to tell the King all day long how efficient an administrator he was.
 (d) No improvement
19. Every Saturday I go out for shopping.
 (a) for shops (b) to shopping
 (c) for shop (d) No improvement
20. We had a grand party and we enjoyed very much.
 (a) We had a grand party and enjoyed very much.
 (b) We had a grand party to enjoy very much.
 (c) We had a grand party and we enjoyed ourselves very much.
 (d) No improvement.

DIRECTIONS (Qs. 21-25) : In the following questions, a part of the sentence is underlined. Below are given alternatives to the underlined part at (a), (b) and (c) which may improve the sentence. Choose the correct alternative. In case no improvement is needed, your answer is (d).

(SSC CGL 1st Sit. 2012)

21. Sordid and sensational books tend to vitiating the public taste.
 (a) divide (b) distract
 (c) distort (d) No improvement
22. By studying AIDS has engaged many researchers in the last decade.
 (a) Important study (b) Now that the study
 (c) The study of (d) No improvement
23. His Master's thesis was highly estimated and is now being prepared for publication.
 (a) was highly discussed
 (b) was highly commended
 (c) is highly appraised
 (d) No improvement
24. No sooner had she realized her blunder than she began to take corrective measures.
 (a) then she began to take
 (b) than she began taking

- (c) when she began to take
 (d) No improvement
25. A good scholar must be precise and possess originality.
 (a) must be precise and original
 (b) must be possess precision and original
 (c) must be precision and possess originality
 (d) No improvement

DIRECTIONS (Qs. 26-30) : In the following questions, a part of the sentence is bold. Below are given alternatives to the bold part at (a), (b), (c) which may improve the sentence. Choose the correct alternative. In case no improvement is needed, your answer is (d).

(SSC CGL 2nd Sit. 2012)

26. It took her a long time to get **past** her failure in the medical examination.
 (a) through (b) over
 (c) by (d) No improvement
27. The boy wanted to ask his father for money, but waited for a **propitious** occasion.
 (a) protective (b) prophetic
 (c) prospective (d) No improvement
28. I did not agree with him, he appeared to be **so** bigoted for me to concur.
 (a) much (b) very
 (c) too (d) No improvement
29. As soon as she noticed the workmen, she asked them what they **have been doing**.
 (a) have done (b) had been doing
 (d) are doing (d) No improvement
30. He was asleep before the mother tucked him **off**.
 (a) through (b) away
 (c) in (d) No improvement

DIRECTIONS (Qs. 31-35) : In the following questions, a part of the sentence is printed in bold. Below are given alternatives to the bold part at (a), (b), (c) which may improve the sentence. Choose the correct alternative. In case no improvement is needed, your answer is (d).

(SSC CGL 1st Sit. 2012)

31. His life is hanging **with** a thread.
 (a) from (b) by
 (c) to (d) No improvement
32. After twenty years of exile, the prisoner was **in** the end of his tether.
 (a) on (b) though
 (c) at (d) No improvement
33. Grandfather is often so tired that he **drops in to** his armchair.
 (a) slides away (b) falls out
 (c) slips in (d) No improvement
34. The court was forced to respect the **profundity** of the learned judge's knowledge.
 (a) probity (b) proximity
 (c) prodigality (d) No improvement

35. He has lost **his nearly all many pets**.
 (a) all his nearly many pets
 (b) his many pets nearly all of them
 (c) nearly all his many pets
 (d) No improvement

DIRECTIONS (Qs. 36-40) : In the following questions, a part of the sentence is underlined. Below are given alternatives to the underlined part at (a), (b) and (c) which may improve the sentence. Choose the correct alternative. In case, no improvement is needed, your answer is (d).

(SSC CGL 2nd Sit. 2012)

36. You shall have attended if the court had instructed you to do so.
 (a) would have had to attend
 (b) would attend
 (c) would have to
 (d) No improvement
37. The relics of Greece over which such a great deal of evidence has been collected should be preserved.
 (a) from which (b) on which
 (c) ascent which (d) No improvement
38. When the beverage was ready, they drank possibly as much as they could.
 (a) as much as they possibly could
 (b) as much as possibly they could
 (c) as much as they could possibly
 (d) No improvement
39. A citizen is expected to give allegiance to his country of origin.
 (a) homage (b) loyalty
 (c) obedience (d) No improvement
40. We were with daggers drawn despite attempts to understand each other.
 (a) in (b) on
 (c) at (d) No improvement

DIRECTIONS (Qs. 41-50) : In the following questions, a sentence/part of the sentence is underlined. Below are given alternatives to the underlined sentence/part of the sentence at (a), (b) and (c) which may improve the sentence. Choose the correct alternative. In case, no improvement is needed, your answer is (d).

(SSC CGL 1st Sit. 2013)

41. If he had time he will call you
 (a) would have (b) would have had
 (c) has (d) No improvement
42. The workers are hell bent at getting what is due to them.
 (a) hell bent on getting
 (b) hell bent for getting
 (c) hell bent upon getting
 (d) No improvement
43. We are looking forward to see you tomorrow:
 (a) looking forward towards seeing
 (b) looking forward for seeing
 (c) looking forward to seeing
 (d) No improvement
44. They could not tell me why did he not eat his lunch.
 (a) why not had he eaten
 (b) why he did not eat

- (c) why had he not eaten
 (d) No improvement
45. He who will bid the highest will get the product.
 (a) who bids the highest
 (b) who the highest bids
 (c) who would bid the highest
 (d) No improvement
46. John had told me that he hasn't done it yet.
 (a) told (b) tells
 (c) was telling (d) No improvement
47. The clients are waiting outside since morning and will continue to wait until you meet them.
 (a) have waited (b) have been waiting
 (c) were waiting (d) No improvement
48. He may have grown taller when i last saw him
 (a) from when I last saw him
 (b) since I last saw him
 (c) before I last saw him
 (d) No improvement
49. While crossing the highway, a five year old child was knocked out by a passing car.
 (a) away (b) up
 (c) down (d) No improvement
50. During his long discourse, he did not touch that point.
 (a) touch upon (b) touch in
 (c) touch of (d) No improvement

DIRECTIONS (Qs. 51-60) : In the following questions, a sentence/part of the sentence is printed in **bold**. Below are given alternatives to the sentence/part of the sentence at (a), (b) and (c) which may improve the sentence. Choose the correct alternative. In case, no improvement is needed, your answer is (d).

(SSC CGL 2nd Sit. 2013)

51. The disparity of the GDP between the rich and the poor **has broadened in the last some decades**.
 (a) have widened in the last some decades
 (b) have widened in the last few decades.
 (c) have broadened in the last few decades.
 (d) No improvement
52. **How, is beyond my understanding, the boy could fall into the ditch.**
 (a) How the boy could fall into the ditch is beyond my understanding
 (b) Beyond my understanding is how the boy could fall into the ditch
 (c) How could the boy fall into the ditch is beyond my understanding.
 (d) No improvement
53. The pioneer spacecraft **went beyond** Pluto.
 (a) made its way past. (b) went across
 (c) went after (d) No improvement
54. The firm buys frozen seafood in bulk, packs it into smaller pouches and then they **sell them** to the local grocery stores.
 (a) it sells them
 (b) sell them
 (c) they sell the pouches
 (d) No improvement

55. The learners **are intended** to read the sources at home.
 (a) are meant (b) are suggested
 (c) are expected (d) No improvement
56. Fuji's invention of supercomputer **will be able to make Japan** supercede America in computer technology.
 (a) will make Japan (b) will enable Japan
 (c) can make Japan (d) No improvement
57. I could never repay the debt I owe to my **place of study**.
 (a) Alma Master (b) Motherland
 (c) Place of worship (d) No improvement
58. She cries **all the time**.
 (a) mostly everytime (b) Day in and day out
 (c) pretty frequently (d) No improvement
59. For a week last month, the team's 20 players were stranded because the **Government-issued passport is not up to international standards**.
 (a) Government-issued passports were not up to international standards.
 (b) Government-issued passports are not up to international standards
 (c) The passports issued by the government were not up to international standards
 (d) No improvement
60. Since July 2008, our customers **will be able to use** the ATM network of BNY Bank, the bank that was acquired by us during that year.
 (a) have been able to use
 (b) were using
 (c) will have been able to use.
 (d) No improvement
- (c) If I have had the money I would have bought the house
 (d) No improvement
65. Don't sit **in** the grass. It's wet.
 (a) by the side of (b) on
 (c) beside (d) No improvement
66. **The game is more important than the winning of the prize**.
 (a) The gaming is more important than the winning of the prize
 (b) The game is more important than winning of the prize
 (c) Gaming is more important than winning of the prize
 (d) No improvement
67. The actor is out of jail, **and not exactly a free man**, since he will be under house arrest for an additional 90 days.
 (a) but not exactly a free man
 (b) though exactly a free man
 (c) if not exactly a free man
 (d) No improvement
68. **Some players on the team suffer** from chronic knee problems and will not play in the next playoff.
 (a) Some player on the team suffered
 (b) Some player on the team suffer
 (c) Some players on the team suffers
 (d) No improvement
69. Sushma has wisdom, charm and **she has a good sense of humour**.
 (a) Sushma had a good sense of humour
 (b) a good sense of humour
 (c) has a good sense of humour
 (d) No improvement

DIRECTIONS (Qs. 61-70) : In these questions, a sentence/part of the sentence is bold. Below are given alternatives to the bold sentence/ part of the sentence at (a), (b) and (c) which may improve the sentence. Choose the correct alternatives. In case, no improvement is needed, your answer is (d).

(SSC CGL 1st Sit. 2013)

61. **I wish I knew what is wrong with my car**.
 (a) I wish I had known what is wrong with my car
 (b) I wish I know what is wrong with my car
 (c) I wish I knew what was wrong with my car
 (d) No improvement
62. **Just before he died, Amar, who is a poet, wrote this poem**.
 (a) Just before he died, Amar, who was a poet, wrote this poem
 (b) Amar, who is a poet, wrote this poem just before he died
 (c) Amar wrote this poem, who is poet, just before he died
 (d) No improvement
63. **The flag will be risen on the 15th of August**.
 (a) The flag will be roused on the 15th of August
 (b) The flag will be rising on the 15th August
 (c) The flag will be raised on the 15th of August
 (d) No improvement
64. **If I had the money I would have bought the house**.
 (a) If I had had the money I would have bought the house
 (b) If I have the money I would have bought the house

70. They **knocked down** ten houses when they built the new road.
 (a) ruptured (b) removed
 (c) pulled down (d) No improvement

DIRECTIONS (Qs. 71-80) : In the following questions, a sentence/part of the sentence is underlined. Below are given alternatives to the underlined sentence/part of the sentence at (a), (b) and (c) which may improve the sentence. Choose the correct alternative. In case no improvement is needed, your answer is (d).

(SSC CGL 1st Sit. 2013)

71. The climate of Karnataka is cooler than Tamil Nadu.
 (a) is cooler to
 (b) is cooler than of
 (c) is cooler than that of
 (d) No improvement
72. The Tsunami victims suffered of cholera.
 (a) suffered from (b) suffered under
 (c) suffered in (d) No improvement
73. I gave to Sana the keys.
 (a) I gave (b) I gave to the
 (c) I gave the (d) No improvement
74. If he smokes less he might get rid of his cough.
 (a) If he smoked less he would get rid of his cough.
 (b) If he had smoked less he might get rid of his cough.
 (c) If he smokes less he might have got rid of his cough.
 (d) No improvement.

75. He compensated the loss to me.
 (a) He compensated the loss for me.
 (b) He compensated me to the loss
 (c) He compensated me for the loss.
 (d) No improvement.
76. As employees, we are accountable for our stakeholders.
 (a) accountable with
 (b) accountable to
 (c) accountable against
 (d) No improvement
77. Recently he had insured for a mediclaim policy.
 (a) He had recently insured for
 (b) Recently he insured for
 (c) He insured recently for
 (d) No improvement
78. Everyday, we usually had lunch at 1.30 p.m.
 (a) we have had usually
 (b) we have usually
 (c) we usually have
 (d) No improvement
79. All nations must first become agricultural strong.
 (a) become agriculturally strong
 (b) become strong agriculture
 (c) become agriculture strong
 (d) No improvement
80. An orangutan's intelligence is as superior to that of man.
 (a) is more superior to
 (b) is superior to
 (c) is superior than that of
 (d) No improvement

DIRECTIONS (Qs. 81-90) : *In the following questions, a sentence/ part of the sentence is underlined. Below are given alternatives to the underlined sentence/part of the sentence at (a), (b) and (c) which may improve the sentence. Choose the correct alternative. In case no improvement is needed, your answer is (d).*

(SSC CGL 1st Sit. 2013)

81. It became clear that the strangers were heading into a serious disaster.
 (a) along (b) towards
 (c) on (d) No improvement
82. Twenty kms are not a great distance in these days of fast moving vehicles.
 (a) is not a great distance
 (b) are not too great a distance
 (c) aren't proving a great distance
 (d) No improvement
83. I adapted a new method to solve the problem.
 (a) I have been adopted (b) I adopted
 (c) I was adapted (d) No improvement
84. Hoping not to be disturbed, I sat down in my easy chair to read the book, I won as a prize.
 (a) I had won as a prize
 (b) I have won as prize
 (c) I had to win as a prize
 (d) No improvement

85. If you are living near a market place you should be ready to bear the disturbances caused by traffic.
 (a) to bear upon (b) to bear with
 (c) to bear away (d) No improvement
86. The more they earn, more they spend on luxury items.
 (a) more they should spend
 (b) the more they spend
 (c) the more they ought to spend
 (d) No improvement
87. You have come here with a view to insult me.
 (a) to insulting me (b) of insulting me
 (c) for insulting me (d) No improvement
88. A little rail-road engine was employed by a station yard for doing small pieces of work.
 (a) was made by a station yard
 (b) was used at the station yard
 (c) was employed at the station yard
 (d) No improvement
89. From an aesthetic point of view, the painting did not appeal to me.
 (a) From the viewpoint of aesthetics, the painting did not appeal to me
 (b) The painting had no aesthetic appeal to me
 (c) From an aesthetic point of view, the painting had a little appeal to me
 (d) No improvement
90. The child tossed in bed burning with fever.
 (a) The child in bed, burning with fever tossed
 (b) The child burning with fever, tossed in bed
 (c) The child burning in bed tossed with fever
 (d) No improvement

DIRECTIONS (Qs. 91-100) : *In the following questions, a sentence/a part of the sentence is underlined. Below are given alternatives to the underlined part at (a), (b), (c) which may improve the sentence. Choose the correct alternative. In case no improvement is needed, your answer is (d). Mark your answer in the Answer Sheet.*

(SSC CGL 2014)

91. Why should you be despaired of your success of your undertaking?
 (a) you despair of the success of your undertaking
 (b) you despair of success of undertaking
 (c) you be despaired of the success of your undertaking
 (d) No improvement.
92. As Rees was going to town in the High Street a savage dog attacked him and bit him.
 (a) going to town a savage dog attacked him and bit him in the High Street
 (b) in the High Street a savage dog attacked him and bit him in the town
 (c) going to town in the High Street a savage dog bit him and attacked him
 (d) No improvement
93. Something is pretty here that Vineeta can wear to the party.
 (a) Something here is pretty
 (b) Something is here pretty
 (c) Here is something pretty
 (d) No improvement

94. I have dreamt all my life to own a beautiful maroon coloured car.
 (a) of owning (b) to owning
 (c) at owning (d) No improvement
95. Sitting on the hill top, the sun went down watching before him.
 (a) he watched the sun go down.
 (b) the sun went down with him watching
 (c) the sun went down when he watched
 (d) No improvement
96. The office is soon to be close.
 (a) just to (b) about to
 (c) immediately to (d) No improvement
97. He has achieved nothing out of his way worth mentioning.
 (a) out of the way (b) by the way
 (c) in a big way (d) No improvement
98. I prevailed on him to vote for you.
 (a) to (b) at
 (c) upon (d) No improvement
99. Eager to pass his final exams, studying was the students top priority.
 (a) the student's top priority was studying.
 (b) the student made studying his top priority.
 (c) the top priority of studying was made by the student.
 (d) No improvement.
100. Mr. Dev will not go to the wedding reception without being called.
 (a) if he is not invited (b) till he is invited
 (c) unless he is invited (d) No improvement

DIRECTIONS (Qs. 101-110): In the following Ten Questions, a sentence/a part of the sentence is underlined. Below are given alternatives to the underlined part which may improve the sentence. Choose the correct alternative. In case no improvement is needed, mark your answer as "No improvement".

(SSC CGL 1st Sit. 2015)

101. It's high time that you go home.
 (a) are going (b) went
 (c) gone (d) No improvement
102. Drinking tea is an English habit.
 (a) tradition (b) convention
 (c) custom (d) No improvement
103. He is wanting in a little common sense.
 (a) lacks (b) is lacking in
 (c) needs some (d) No improvement
104. The second pigeon flew just as the first pigeon had flown.
 (a) one had done (b) one had flown away
 (c) had done (d) No improvement
105. The old man has acquired experience through age.
 (a) developed experience
 (b) experienced
 (c) got experience
 (d) No improvement
106. Water and soil pollutants find their entry into the body through ingestion of contaminated water or food.
 (a) digestion of contaminated
 (b) injection of contaminated

- (c) passage of contaminated
 (d) No improvement
107. He lives far from the station.
 (a) away from the station
 (b) a long way from the station
 (c) off the station
 (d) No improvement
108. Mumbai is famous because of its textiles.
 (a) at (b) in
 (c) for (d) No improvement
109. They spoke about the weather.
 (a) said (b) talked
 (c) expressed (d) No improvement
110. Mr. Mukherjee knows ten languages, isn't it?
 (a) doesn't Mr. Mukherjee
 (b) hasn't he
 (c) doesn't he
 (d) No improvement

DIRECTIONS (Qs. 111-120): In the following questions, a sentence/ a part of the sentence is underlined. Below are given alternatives to the underlined part which may improve the sentence. Choose the correct alternative. In case, no improvement is needed, choose "No Improvement".

(SSC CGL 1st Sit. 2015)

111. He does not laugh, nor he smiles.
 (a) nor he does smile (b) No improvement
 (c) neither he does smile (d) nor does he smile
112. If I will get an opportunity, I shall attend the seminar.
 (a) get (b) No improvement
 (c) shall get (d) got
113. The others shook their heads and made vague noises of approval.
 (a) nodded (b) No improvement
 (c) turned around (d) hung
114. The world is being faced with a crisis.
 (a) No improvement (b) facing
 (c) confronted (d) in front of
115. She insisted on she was innocent.
 (a) No improvement (b) insisted on that
 (c) insisted that (d) insisted with
116. She could not help but laugh.
 (a) but laughing (b) No improvement
 (c) laughter (d) laughing
117. I took my mother some grapes when she was in hospital.
 (a) I took some grapes for my mother
 (b) No improvement
 (c) I took for my mother some grapes
 (d) I brought my mother some grapes
118. We met yesterday, haven't we ?
 (a) isn't it ? (b) No improvement
 (c) didn't we ? (d) hadn't we ?
119. Both the teams played the game fairly.
 (a) played fairly the game (b) No improvement
 (c) fairly played the game (d) played a fair game
120. You must endure what you cannot cure.
 (a) suffer (b) No improvement
 (c) prevail (d) accept

DIRECTIONS (Qs. 121-125): In the following questions, a sentence/ a part of the sentence is given in bold. Four alternatives are given to the underlined part which will improve the sentence. Choose the correct alternative. In case, no improvement is needed, mark "No improvement" as your answer.

(SSC CGL 1st Sit. 2016)

121. Sunita's sister had ribbons **on** her hair.
(a) in (b) over
(c) through (d) No improvement
122. She has an **ability** for Mathematics.
(a) attitude (b) aptitude
(c) altitude (d) No improvement
123. I was impressed **of** it.
(a) by (b) on
(c) for (d) No improvement
124. Only high officials have access **with** the President.
(a) to (b) for
(c) from (d) No improvement
125. No other snake is as **poisonous as this one**.
(a) are as poisonous as this one
(b) is more poisonous as this one
(c) is poisonous than this one
(d) No improvement

DIRECTONS (Qs. 126-130) : In the following questions, a sentence/a part of the sentence is underlined. Four alternatives are given to the underlined part which will improve the sentence. Choose the correct alternative. In case no improvement is needed, "No improvement" is the answer.

(SSC CGL 1st Sit. 2016)

126. Any able-bodied man is eligible for the job.
(a) Each able-bodied man is
(b) Any able-bodied men have been
(c) Any able-bodied men are
(d) No improvement
127. She found a wooden broken table in the room.
(a) wooden and broken table
(b) broken wooden table
(c) broken and wooden table
(d) No improvement
128. The truck rumbled to a halt and a man got out and ran.
(a) shrieked at
(b) screeched to
(c) screamed at
(d) No improvement
129. The Professor asked the intruder who was he and why was he in his lecture.
(a) who he was and why he was
(b) who he was and why was he
(c) who he had been and why he had been
(d) No improvement
130. My uncle goes to office on bicycle or by foot.
(a) by bicycle or by foot
(b) by bicycle or on foot
(c) on bicycle or on foot
(d) No improvement

DIRECTIONS (131-135) : In the following questions, a sentence/ a part of the sentence is given in bold. Four alternatives are given to the underlined part which will improve the sentence. Choose the correct alternative. In case no improvement is needed, "No improvement" is the answer.

(SSC CGL 1st Sit. 2016)

131. **The more they earn, more they spend.**
(a) The more they earn, the more they spend
(b) More they earn, the more they spend
(c) More they earn, more they spend
(d) No improvement
132. The offerings were placed **on the altar**.
(a) on the altar (b) on the steps
(c) on the platform (d) No improvement
133. **Really** speaking, no man is perfect.
(a) Strictly (b) Slightly
(c) Vaguely (d) No improvement
134. Mankind **does** not know this.
(a) do (b) had
(c) is (d) No improvement
135. Practically, **every** part of the coconut tree is used by man.
(a) each (b) most
(c) any (d) No improvement

DIRECTIONS (Qs. 136-140) : In the following questions, a sentence/a part of the sentence is underlined. Four alternatives are given to the underlined part which will improve the sentence. Choose the correct alternative. In case, no improvement is needed, "No improvement" is the answer.

(SSC CGL 1st Sit. 2016)

136. They have had a real good time.
(a) have had a
(b) have had really
(c) have had a really
(d) No improvement
137. Electricity has modernized the march of modern events.
(a) revolutionised (b) developed
(c) created (d) No improvement
138. The sales boy told the consumer not to touch the products on display.
(a) buyer (b) shopper
(c) customer (d) No improvement
139. Please make it a point to send the letter at my address.
(a) on (b) to
(c) in (d) No improvement
140. Sunil and I helped to sell tickets.
(a) we (b) us
(c) me (d) No improvement

DIRECTIONS (Qs. 141-145): In the following questions below, a part of the sentence is underlined. Below are given alternatives to the underlined part at (a), (b), (c) which may improve the sentence. Choose the correct alternative. In case, no improvement is needed, your answer is (d).

(SSC Sub.Inspector 2015)

141. She is very eccentric woman.
 (a) unusual (b) impatient
 (c) generous (d) No improvement
142. The workers should have been more meticulous.
 (a) precise (b) punctual
 (c) committed (d) No improvement
143. The chickens in his farm are fatted up nicely.
 (a) are fattening (b) are fattying
 (c) are fattened (d) No improvement
144. I was angry at myself for making such a big mistake.
 (a) about (b) with
 (c) on (d) No improvement
145. Torture and trauma has made her a mental patient.
 (a) mad (b) mania
 (c) lunatic (d) No improvement

DIRECTIONS (Qs. 146-150) : In the following questions below, a part of the sentence is underlined. Below are given alternatives to the underlined part at (a), (b), (c) which may improve the sentence. Choose the correct alternative. In case, no improvement is needed, your answer is (d).

(SSC Sub. Ins. 2014)

146. He will revise it when he is comes back.
 (a) when he come back (b) on coming back
 (c) when he came back (d) No improvement
147. The members of the student's union did not give the examination in protest.
 (a) did not write (b) did not sit for
 (c) did not show up for (d) No improvement
148. She was kept from her assignment because of her loquacious room-mate.
 (a) noisy (b) irritating
 (c) talkative (d) No improvement
149. James epitomises everything that a leader should be.
 (a) worships (b) loves
 (c) adores (d) No improvement
150. The businessman is respectively connected.
 (a) respectfully (b) respectably
 (c) receptively (d) No improvement

DIRECTIONS (Qs. 151-155) : In the following questions, a sentence / part of the sentence is printed in **bold**. Below are given alternatives to the bold sentence / part of the sentence at (a), (b) and (c) which may improve the sentence. Choose the correct alternative. In case, no improvement is needed, your answer is (d).

(SSC Sub. Ins. 2013)

151. The gentry of the town **was invited**.
 (a) is invited (b) has been invited
 (c) were invited (d) No improvement.
152. After the written exam, you will also have **an oral exam**.
 (a) practical (b) viva voice
 (c) vocal (d) No improvement
153. The regular use of alcohol, **only in small quantities**, tends to cause mischief in many ways to various organs of the body.
 (a) though in small quantities
 (b) even in a little quantity

- (c) even in small quantities
 (d) No improvement
154. If you were the Prime Minister of India what steps **would you have taken** to end unemployment?
 (a) will you take (b) will you be taking
 (c) would you take (d) No improvement
155. A high school student **is not even understanding** the basics of Chemistry and Physics.
 (a) does not understand even
 (b) was not even understanding
 (c) has even not understood
 (d) No improvement

DIRECTIONS (Qs. 156-160) : In the following questions, a part of the sentence is underlined. Below are given alternatives to the underlined part at (a), (b) and (c) which may improve the sentence. Choose the correct alternative. In case, no improvement is needed, your answer is (d).

(SSC Sub. Ins. 2012)

156. The ship ran over when it crashed into an iceberg.
 (a) get over (b) gave up
 (c) went down (d) No improvement
157. His wife was contentious.
 (a) contagious (b) quarrelsome
 (c) content (d) No improvement
158. Historians feel there is an earnest need for the review of history text books every five years and a revision of the same every ten years.
 (a) imperative (b) indispensable
 (c) urgent (d) No improvement
159. My car broke off on my way to the office.
 (a) out (b) in
 (c) down (d) No improvement
160. Freedom is a wonderful thing, for Jimmy was eager to experience it.
 (a) though (b) and
 (c) but (d) No improvement

DIRECTIONS (Qs. 161-167) : In the following questions, a part of the sentence is **bolded**. Below are given alternatives to the bolded part at (a), (b) and (c) which may improve the sentence. Choose the correct alternative. In case no improvement is needed, your answer is (d).

(SSC CHSL 2012)

161. The trek is difficult but it is **worth well the endeavour**.
 (a) well worth the endeavour
 (b) worth the endeavour well
 (c) the endeavour well worth
 (d) No improvement
162. The manager was given a holiday and so he decided to go **to the hitch-hiking**.
 (a) for the hitch-hiking (b) for hitch-hiking
 (c) hitch-hiking (d) No improvement
163. Goaded to frenzy, **the bull charged its tormentors**.
 (a) the tormentors were charged by the bull
 (b) the tormentors were being charged by the bull
 (c) the bull charged on its tormentors
 (d) No improvement

164. The war was a time of **tribulations** for all of us.
 (a) intimacy (b) placidity
 (c) stupidity (d) No improvement
165. The temptations that **bestow** young people today are ruining them.
 (a) appeal (b) beset
 (c) confront (d) No improvement
166. We kept all the old paintings in a place where they **would remain safe** from harm or danger.
 (a) will remain safe
 (b) are safe
 (c) may remain safe
 (d) No improvement
167. The tragedy is **reflection** of an episode that took place a decade ago.
 (a) rendition
 (b) reincarnation
 (c) reminiscent
 (d) No improvement

DIRECTIONS (Qs. 168 - 169) : In the following questions, a part of the sentence is underlined. Below are given alternatives to the underlined part at (a), (b), (c) which may improve the sentence. Choose the correct alternative. In case no improvement is needed, your answer is (d).

(SSC CHSL 2013)

168. The commoners joined the king's army at crushing the rebels.
 (a) into (b) in
 (c) without (d) No improvement
169. She is quite well now, except a slight cold.
 (a) except have a slight cold
 (b) excepting a slight cold
 (c) except for a slight cold
 (d) No improvement

DIRECTIONS (Qs. 170-174) : In the following question, a part of the sentence is underlined. Below are given alternatives to the underlined part at (a), (b), (c) which may improve the sentence. Choose the correct alternative. In case no improvement is needed your answer is (d).

(SSC CHSL 2014)

170. Sohan is pleased at the news yesterday.
 (a) has been pleased (b) had been pleased
 (c) was pleased (d) No improvement
171. She did not like the movie, nor I did.
 (a) nor did I. (b) nor I like it.
 (c) nor did I like it. (d) No improvement
172. Old habits die hardly.
 (a) hard (b) too hard
 (c) much hardly (d) No improvement
173. One cannot be indifferent to one's health, can't one
 (a) can't be ? (b) can one ?
 (c) isn't it ? (d) No improvement
174. The mother with her children were expected.
 (a) was (b) will
 (c) have (d) No improvement

DIRECTIONS (Qs. 175-178) : In the following questions, a part of the sentence is underlined. Below are given alternatives to the underlined part at (a), (b), (c) which may improve the sentence. Choose the correct alternative. In case, no improvement is needed your answer is (d).

(SSC CHSL 2015)

175. She had realized that she had seen him before.
 (a) had been realized (b) realized
 (c) has realized (d) No improvement
176. Being ill, he came to work.
 (a) He came to work and fell ill
 (b) Despite coming to work, he was ill
 (c) In spite of being ill, he came to work
 (d) No improvement
177. Hundreds of children are deaf born every year.
 (a) deaf are born every (b) every born are deaf
 (c) are born deaf every (d) No improvement
178. She is willing to help you.
 (a) wilful (b) willingly
 (c) wilfully (d) No improvement

DIRECTIONS (Qs. 179-182) : In the following questions, a sentence/ a part of the sentence is underlined. Below are given alternatives to the underlined part which may improve the sentence. Choose the correct alternative. In case, no improvement is needed, choose "No improvement".

(SSC CHSL 2015)

179. Rani has completed her graduation from a reputed university last year.
 (a) completed (b) No Improvement
 (c) was completed (d) had been compelted
180. The terrorist as well as his accomplices was killed in the encounter.
 (a) was being killed (b) were killed
 (c) No improvement (d) have been killed
181. The Councillor behaves as if he is the Chief Minister.
 (a) has been (b) were
 (c) No improvement (d) was
182. In spite of age he is my senior.
 (a) He is my senior, in keeping with his age.
 (b) He is my senior in regard of his age.
 (c) No improvement
 (d) In respect of age, he is my senior.

DIRECTIONS (Qs. 183-187) : In the following questions, a part of the sentence is underlined. Below are given alternatives to the underlined part at (a), (b) and (c) which may improve the sentence. Choose the correct alternative. In case, no improvement is needed, your answer is (d)

(SSC Multitasking 2013)

183. On receiving his appointment letter, Ravi treated us with a sumptuous meal.
- treated us to
 - treated us for
 - treated us by
 - No improvement
184. She is scrutinising hard for the final examination.
- recollecting
 - recapitulating
 - revising
 - No improvement
185. Since she directing the play for quite some time, she knows the actors really well.
- Since she has directed
 - Since she has been directing
 - Since she was directing
 - No improvement
186. You can borrow my laptop as long as you promise not to misuse it.
- only long as
 - too long as
 - so long as
 - No improvement
187. This is the late edition of the Shakespearean play which was originally published in 1603.
- later
 - latest
 - latter
 - No improvement

DIRECTIONS (Qs. 188-192) : *In the following questions, a part of the sentence is underlined. Below are given alternatives to the underlined part at (a), (b) and (c) which may improve the sentence. Choose the correct alternative. In case, no improvement is needed, your answer is (d).*

(SSC Multitasking 2014)

188. I knew that if the animal was at home in that moment it would probably be sound asleep.
- within that moment
 - about that moment
 - at that moment
 - No improvement
189. What would you have done if you are attacked by a bandit?
- if you have been attacked by a bandit
 - if you would have been attacked by a bandit
 - if you were attacked by a bandit
 - No improvement
190. She works so that she may not fail.
- or that she may not fail
 - therefore she may fail
 - lest she should fail
 - No improvement
191. Looking out of the window the little boy saw a kite entangled in the branches of the gulmohar tree.
- Looking at the window
 - Peeping in at the window
 - Gazing out into the window
 - No improvement
192. If you do not mend your behaviour, you will suffer.
- bend
 - repair
 - tend
 - No improvement

DIRECTIONS (Qs. 193-197) : *In the following Five Questions, a sentence a part of the sentence is underlined. Below are given alternatives to the underlined part which may improve the sentence. Choose the correct alternative. In case no improvement is required, choose "No Improvement" option.*

(SSC Sub. Ins. 2016)

193. Try to lower the amount of fat in your diet.
- No improvement
 - Reduce
 - Cut
 - Lose
194. I contradicted against him.
- contradicted over
 - No improvement
 - contradicted
 - contradicted with
195. No sooner than it stopped raining. the children went out.
- did it stop raining than
 - had it stopped raining than
 - No improvement
 - did it stopped raining than
196. You must accustom yourself with new ideas.
- get accustom to
 - accustom yourself to
 - accustomed yourself with
 - No improvement
197. You should cut off on the amount of cigarettes you smoke.
- cut up
 - cut down
 - No improvement
 - cut out

DIRECTIONS (Qs. 198-207) : *In the following Ten Questions, a part of the sentence is underlined. Below are given alternatives to the underlined part which may improve the sentence. Choose the correct alternative. In case, no improvement is required, choose "No Improvement" option. Mark your answer in the Answer Sheet.*

(SSC Steno 2013)

198. No sane person or government can tolerate terrorists of any degree or kind.
- torture of any degree or kind
 - No Improvement
 - terrorism of any degree or kind
 - terrorist of any degree or kind
199. Saibal has got an extensive to finish writing his thesis.
- an extension
 - No Improvement
 - an extended
 - an extention
200. She stood by him under all conditions and undaunted by anything
- through thick and thin
 - No Improvement
 - without reserve
 - without hesitation
201. Sheela was reprimanded by the school Marshall for coming lately to school.
- to school later
 - No Improvement
 - to school lately
 - late to school

202. Kunal looked very manliness in his police uniform.
- manly
 - No Improvement
 - menliness
 - man-like
203. The school was very co-operation when we made a documentary film there.
- very co-operated
 - No Improvement
 - very co-operator
 - very co-operative
204. "I would like to tell you about this my friend." said John.
- this friend
 - No Improvement
 - this friend of mine
 - the friend of mine
205. The boat was drowned.
- sank
 - No Improvement
 - was sunk
 - was drown
206. Either Kiran or Mala is sure to be chosen for the school debate.
- Either Kiran or Mala will
 - No Improvement
 - Either Kiran or Mala are sure to
 - Either Kiran nor Mala are sure to
207. Tom was standing besides the school house poster, towards him.
- stood beside the school-house poster
 - No Improvement
 - standing beside the school-house poster
 - stand besides the school house poster

DIRECTIONS (Qs. 208-217) : In the following questions, a part of the sentence is underlined. Below are given alternatives to the underlined part at (a), (b) and (c) which may improve the sentence. Choose the correct alternative. In case, no improvement is needed, your answer is (d).

(SSC Steno 2016)

208. He never thought so sad as when he had made a blunder.
- looked
 - cried
 - caused
 - No improvement
209. The man taken to the hospital by an ambulance.
- was taken
 - took
 - is taking
 - No improvement
210. I am looking forward to see you soon.
- looking forward towards seeing
 - looking forward for seeing
 - looking forward to seeing
 - No improvement
211. English in India has acquired distinct identity as a regional variety and is known as Indian English.
- an distinct
 - a distinct
 - a special
 - No improvement
212. It is said that Oscar Wilde was most sincere artistically when he depicts insincere characters.
- were
 - have been
 - is
 - No improvement

213. A person who wants to go out to work should be given the possibility to do so.
- chance
 - opportunity
 - preference
 - No improvement
214. Unless he does not leave this house, I will not say anything.
- has left
 - left
 - leaves
 - No improvement
215. The politician surprisingly confesed the responsibility for the accident.
- owned up
 - agreed
 - acknowledged
 - No improvement
216. Indian democracy is a great attention for overseas investors.
- attraction
 - demand
 - avocation
 - No improvement
217. She abandoned the idea of marrying him.
- deserted
 - forsake
 - left
 - No improvement

DIRECTIONS (Qs. 218 - 219) : Improve the bracketed part of the sentence.

(SSC CGL 2017)

218. She did not like to have coffee (nor I did).
- neither I liked it
 - nor did I
 - nor I like it
 - No improvement
219. Taj Mahal is (a worth seeing monument) in Agra.
- a monument to see its worth
 - a monument worth seeing
 - one of worth seeing monuments
 - No improvement

DIRECTIONS (Qs. 220 - 221) : Improve the bracketed part of the sentence.

(SSC CGL 2017)

220. I had (a few) eggs in the fridge, so we need to go to the market to buy them.
- a little
 - few
 - little
 - No improvment
221. My brother is indifferent (about) whatever I say.
- in
 - of
 - to
 - No improvement

DIRECTIONS (Qs. 222 - 223) : Improve the bracketed part of the sentences.

(SSC CGL 2017)

222. By rescuing the child from fire, the local resident (added another feather to his cap.)
- made a significant achievement
 - was gifted with precious thing
 - was crowned and rewarded
 - No improvement
223. The government plans to (take up) the construction project soon.
- Take on
 - Take off
 - Take in
 - No improvement

DIRECTIONS (Qs. 224 - 225) : Improve the bracketed part of the sentence.

(SSC CGL 2017)

224. He has painted that picture so often that he can do it with his **(eyes closed)**.
- (a) arms full (b) eyes opened
(c) mind blank (d) No improvement
225. If you talk to her nicely, she will probably **(allow you)** her notes.
- (a) allow that you have
(b) let you have
(c) let you to have
(d) No improvement

DIRECTIONS (Qs. 226 – 230): Improve the bracketed part of the sentence.

(SSC Sub. Insp. 2017)

226. Neha was too clever to **(see through Rohan's tricks)**.
- (a) see at Rohan's tricks
(b) see into Rohan's tricks.
(c) see Rohan's tricks.
(d) No improvement
227. He has been working **(off and on)** for several years on this theory.
- (a) regularly (b) on or off
(c) on and off (d) No improvement
228. I am definitely late, the bus **(will have left)** the bus stop by the time I reach there.
- (a) would have left (b) will be leaving
(c) will leave (d) No improvement
229. **(Having had)** in the USA Embassy for a long time, Mr. Gupta has met many prominent personalities.
- (a) He has been (b) Having been
(c) Had he been (d) No improvement
230. The guest stood quietly for **(few moments)**.
- (a) a few moments (b) the few moments
(c) few time (d) No improvement

DIRECTIONS (Qs. 231 – 240): In the following question, out of the four alternatives, select the alternative which will improve the bracketed part of the sentence. In case no improvement is needed, select "no improvement".

(SSC Stenographer 2017)

231. **(The bundle of coins were the only source)** of information for them.
- (a) The bundles of coins were the only source
(b) The bundles of coins were the only sources
(c) The bundle of coin was the only source
(d) No Improvement
232. No sooner **(do the phone ring)** that he was out of home.
- (a) did the phone rang
(b) did the phone rings
(c) did the phone ring
(d) No improvement

233. Two more employees **(will be hiring)** by the company.

- (a) be hiring (b) will be hired
(c) will hire (d) No Improvement
234. This **(modern furnitures will be sold)** in the main market.
- (a) modern furniture will be sold
(b) modern furnitures will be selling
(c) modern furniture will be selling
(d) No Improvement
235. My boss **(have being given)** me a lot of work.
- (a) was being given (b) is being given
(c) have been giving (d) No Improvement
236. I **(wander about)** the stars up in the sky.
- (a) wander for (b) wonder about
(c) wander in (d) No improvement
237. Go to the right and **(keep a sharp left turn)** you will reach the place.
- (a) take a sharp left turn
(b) do a sharp left turn
(c) make a sharp left turn
(d) No Improvement
238. Heena **(keep a eye)** on his son.
- (a) kept a eye (b) keep an eye
(c) keeps an eye (d) kept a eyes
239. **(why is)** your working going on?
- (a) How is (b) What is
(c) When is (d) No Improvement
240. **(Pack your bags)** and come with me.
- (a) keep your bag (b) Have your bag
(c) unpack your bag (d) No Improvement

DIRECTIONS (Qs. 241 – 242): Improve the bracketed part of the sentence

241. I prefer black coffee (over) cappuccino. (SSC CHSL 2017)
- (a) rather than (b) to
(c) instead of (d) no improvement
242. The priest agreed (to answer on) questions on theology.
- (a) to answer (b) for answering
(c) to answer for (d) no improvement
243. Select the alternative that will improve the underlined part of the sentence in case there is no improvement select No improvement.
- The crowd wave feverishly when they saw their leader.
- (SSC CHSL 2018)
- (a) waving hard (b) wave well
(c) No improvement (d) waved frantically
244. Select the alternative that will improve the underlined part of the sentence in case there is no improvement select No improvement.
- I experienced excruciating pain when the hammer fell on my foot.
- (SSC CHSL 2018)
- (a) exciting pain (b) affable painning
(c) strong pains (d) No improvement

245. Select the most appropriate option to substitute the underlined segment in the given sentence.
If no substitution is required, select No improvement.
How long you are living in this city? (SSC CHSL 2018)
- are you live
 - are you been living
 - No improvement
 - have you lived
246. Select the most appropriate option to substitute the underlined segment in the given sentence.
If no substitution is required, select No improvement.
The female ostrich guards the nest at night and the male guard it in the day. (SSC CGL 2018)
- guard it during the day.
 - guarding it during day.
 - guards it during the day.
 - No improvement
247. Select the alternative that will improve the underlined part of the sentence. In case there is no improvement select "No improvement".
No sooner did the bell rang than the children ran out of the class. (SSC Steno 2018)
- did the bell ring than
 - the bell ring
 - No improvement
 - when the bell rang
248. Select the alternative that will improve the underlined part of the sentence. In case there is no improvement select "No improvement".
Ravi tried to explained him the problem but he refused to listen. (SSC Steno 2018)
- No improvement
 - explain the problem to him
 - explaining him the problem
 - explain the problem
249. Select the alternative that will improve the underlined part of the sentence. In case there is no improvement select "No improvement".
Mohan is a good actor but his brother is better than him. (SSC Steno 2018)
- more better
 - quite better
 - No improvement
 - very better
250. Select the alternative that will improve the underlined part of the sentence. In case there is no improvement select "No improvement".
Success and failure in life depends on how well a person uses his time. (SSC Steno 2018)
- depending upon
 - dependent on
 - No improvement
 - depend on
251. Select the alternative that will improve the underlined part of the sentence. In case there is no improvement select "No improvement".
The manager could not able to understand the problem the factory workers faced. (SSC Steno 2018)
- No improvement
 - could not to
 - was not able to
 - never able to
252. Select the alternative that will improve the underlined part of the sentence. In case there is no improvement select "No improvement".
Gita suggested that her daughter to open a savings bank account. (SSC Steno 2018)
- No improvement
 - that her daughter open
 - her daughter opening
 - her daughter to start
253. Select the alternative that will improve the underlined part of the sentence. In case there is no improvement select "No improvement". (SSC Steno 2018)
Many of my friends come to school by bus.
- Much of my friends
 - Many who are friends
 - No improvement
 - Many of all my friends
254. Select the alternative that will improve the underlined part of the sentence. In case there is no improvement select "No improvement". (SSC Steno 2018)
"Let's go for a movie this weekend, shall we?"
- can't we?
 - No improvement
 - shan't we?
 - would we?
255. Select the alternative that will improve the underlined part of the sentence. In case there is no improvement select "No improvement". (SSC Steno 2018)
Ail students has a dream to study in a good university.
- have dream
 - No improvement
 - has dream
 - have a dream
256. Select the alternative that will improve the underlined part of the sentence. In case there is no improvement select "No improvement".
My friend said, "Can you please suggest for me a good school in the neighbourhood?" (SSC Steno 2018)
- suggest to me
 - suggest
 - suggesting me
 - No improvement
257. Select the most appropriate option to substitute the underlined segment in the given sentence. If there is no need to substitute it, select No improvement.
He will pass the driving test if he tries hard enough. (SSC Sub-Ins. 2018)
- if he is trying hard
 - No improvement.
 - if he had tried hard
 - if he tried hard

258. Select the most appropriate option to substitute the underlined segment in the given sentence. If there is no need to substitute it, select No improvement.
Did you do what I telling you to do yesterday.
(SSC Sub-Ins. 2018)
- (a) what I have told you
(b) what I told you
(c) No improvement.
(d) that I am telling you
259. Select the most appropriate option to substitute the underlined segment in the given sentence. If there is no need to substitute it, select No improvement.
It is not wise relying to anybody too much.
(SSC Sub-Ins. 2018)
- (a) to rely in anybody
(b) relying at anybody
(c) to rely on anybody
(d) No improvement.
260. Select the most appropriate option to substitute the underlined segment in the given sentence. If there is no need to substitute it, select No improvement.
The man who seen the accident to occur telephoned the police.
(SSC Sub-Ins. 2018)
- (a) saw the accident was occurring
(b) saw the accident occurred
(c) had seen the accident occur
(d) No improvement.
261. Select the most appropriate option to substitute the underlined segment in the given sentence. If there is no need to substitute it, select No improvement.
You must go to Bhopal if you are liking it or not.
(SSC Sub-Ins. 2018)
- (a) whether you have liked it
(b) if you like it
(c) No improvement.
(d) whether you like it
262. Select the most appropriate option to substitute the underlined segment in the given sentence. If there is no need to substitute it, select 'No substitution required'.
They won't commit themselves until they see which way the wind is blowing.
(SSC MTS 2018)
- (a) their till
(b) No substitution required
(c) themself until
(d) them until.
263. Select the most appropriate option to substitute the underlined segment in the given sentence. If there is no need to substitute it, select 'No substitution required'.
The government is set strict limits on public spending this year.
(SSC MTS 2018)
- (a) had been set
(b) have set
(c) No substitution required
(d) has set
264. Select the most appropriate option to substitute the underlined segment in the given sentence. If there is no need to substitute it, select 'No substitution required'.
The new product will be arrive on supermarket shelves early next year.
(SSC MTS 2018)
- (a) No substitution required
(b) will arrive on
(c) will arriving on
(d) will arrived on
265. In the sentence identify the segment which contains the grammatical error.
One of the boys from our school have been selected for National Badminton Championship. (SSC CGL 2019-20)
- (a) have been selected
(b) from our school
(c) for National Badminton Championship
(d) One of the boys
266. Select the most appropriate option to substitute the underlined segment in the given sentence. If no substitution is required, select No improvement.
The Director will agree with the proposal if we do not exceed the budget.
(SSC CGL 2019-20)
- (a) No Improvement
(b) agree to the proposal
(c) agree on a proposal
(d) agreed by the proposal
267. In the sentence identify the segment which contains the grammatical error.
I can swim very fast when I was only five.
(SSC CGL 2019-20)
- (a) very fast (b) I can swim
(c) when I was (d) only five
268. Select the most appropriate option to substitute the underlined segment in the given sentence. If no substitution is required, select No improvement.
The captain as well the players were responsible for winning the trophy.
(SSC CGL 2019-20)
- (a) No improvement
(b) The captain as well as the players were
(c) As The captain with the players was
(d) The captain also the players were
269. Select the most appropriate option to substitute the underlined segment in the given sentence. If there is no need to substitute it, select No Improvement.
Please tell the story in a nutshell. (SSC MTS 2019-20)
- (a) at a nutshell (b) in the nutshell
(c) in nutshells (d) No improvement
270. Select the most appropriate option to substitute the underlined segment in the given sentence. If there is no need to substitute it, select No Improvement.
He did not like the novel, nor I did.
(SSC MTS 2019-20)
- (a) nor did I (b) No Improvement
(c) nor I like it (d) nor did I likes it

271. Select the most appropriate option to substitute the underlined segment in the given sentence. If there is no need to substitute it, select No Improvement.
The father with his children were expected to attend the function. (SSC MTS 2019-20)
- (a) are (b) have
(c) No Improvement (d) was
272. Select the correct passive form of the given sentence.
The Delhi Police has shot an educational video on Traffic Rules for school students. (SSC CHSL 2019-20)
- (a) An educational video on Traffic Rules for school students was being shot by the Delhi Police.
(b) An educational video on Traffic Rules for school students had been shot by the Delhi Police.
(c) An educational video on Traffic Rules for school students has been shot by the Delhi Police.
(d) An educational video on Traffic Rules for school students is being shot by the Delhi Police.
273. Select the most appropriate option to substitute the underlined segment in the given sentence. If there is no need to substitute it, select 'No improvement'.
India has lost a veteran actor with the DECEASED of Shriram Lagoo. (SSC CHSL 2019-20)
- (a) No improvement (b) expired
(c) bereavement (d) demise
274. Select the correct indirect form of the given sentence.
Sitab asked his mother, "Has it been snowing all night?" (SSC CHSL 2019-20)
- (a) Sitab asked his mother if it is snowing all night.
(b) Sitab asked his mother if it had been snowing all night.
(c) Sitab asked his mother if it was snowing all night.
(d) Sitab asked his mother if it has snowed all night.
275. Select the most appropriate option to substitute the underlined segment in the given sentence. If no substitution is required, select 'No substitution'.
Many of the apples was rotten. (SSC CGL 2020-21)
- (a) No substitution (b) was being rotten
(c) is rotten (d) were rotten
276. Select the most appropriate option to substitute the underlined segment in the given sentence. If no substitution is required, select 'No substitute'.
Although the children studied hard, but they could not understand the topic without the help of the teacher. (SSC CGL 2020-21)
- (a) Although the children had study hard, but they
(b) No substitution
(c) Although the children studied hard, they
(d) Although the children have studied hard, but they
277. Select the most appropriate option to substitute the underline segment in the given sentence. If there is no need to substitute it, select 'No substitution'.
Mr. Sharma is kind as his father. (SSC CHSL 2020-21)
- (a) kinder as (b) the kindest as
(c) as kind as (d) No substitution
278. Select the most appropriate option to substitution the underlined segment in the given sentence. If there is no need to substitute it, select 'No substitution required'.
He won't come to the party unless you will invite him personally.
- (a) No substitution required
(b) would invite
(c) invited
(d) invite
279. Select the most appropriate option to substitute the underlined segment in the given sentence. If there is no need to substitute it, select 'No substitution required'.
Children need much of guidance in how to use the internet wisely and efficiently. (SSC MTS 2020-21)
- (a) most
(b) No substitution required
(c) a lot
(d) many
280. Select the most appropriate option to substitute the underlined segment in the given sentence. If there is no need to substitute it, select 'No substitution required'.
You should live throughout your means. (SSC MTS 2020-21)
- (a) within
(b) among
(c) No substitution required
(d) between
281. Identify the segment in the sentence which contains a grammatical error. (SSC MTS 2020-21)
Last week we thrown a party for Arun.
- (a) for Arun (b) Last week
(c) a party (d) we thrown
282. Select the most appropriate option to substitute the underlined segment in the given sentence. If there is no need to substitute it, select 'No substitution required'.
I am trying my best to give in junk food. (SSC MTS 2020-21)
- (a) No substitution required
(b) give back
(c) give up
(d) give out
283. Select the most appropriate option to substitute the underlined segment in the given sentence. If no substitution is required, select 'no substitution'.
Does this plant be kept indoors? (SSC Stenographer 2020-21)
- (a) No substitution (b) Can
(c) Do (d) Did
284. Select the most appropriate option to substitute the underlined segment in the given sentence. If there is no need to substitute, it select 'No substitution'. (SSC Stenographer 2020-21)
Her coach allowed she swimming in deep water.
- (a) she to swim
(b) her to swim
(c) No substitution
(d) her swimming

285. Select the most appropriate option to improve the underlined segment in the given sentence. If there is no need to improve it, select 'No improvement required'.
What might spot a tiger in the Sariska reserve if you would be lucky.
(a) it if was
(b) No improvement required
(c) if you are
(d) then you are
286. Select the most appropriate option to improve the underlined segment in the given sentence. If there is no need to improve it, select 'No improvement required'.
Whoever performs exceptionally will he will be promoted immediately.
(a) No improvement required
(b) will be
(c) he would be
(d) he should be
287. There is an underlined segment in the given sentence. Select the most appropriate option to substitute the segment. If there is no need to substitute it, select 'No substitution required'.
I like Rahane's style of batting more than Kohli.
(a) more from Kohli (b) more from Kohli's
(c) No substitute required (d) more than Kohli's
288. Select the most appropriate option to improve the underlined segment in the given sentence. If there is no need to improve it, select 'No improvement required'.
Sonali as well as her brother is performing at the show tonight.
(a) No improvement required
(b) were performing
(c) have performance
(d) are performing
289. Select the most appropriate option to substitute the underlined segment in the given sentence. If there is no need to substitute it, select, "No substitute".
By withhold the officer's promotion, the department caused her a great deal of frustration.
(a) To with holding (b) in withhold
(c) No substitution (d) By withholding
290. Select the most appropriate option to substitute the underlined segment in the given sentence. If there is no need to substitute it, select 'No substitution required'.
Had I a rich person, I would share my wealth.
(a) No substitution required
(b) I am
(c) Had I been
(d) Were I
291. Select the most appropriate option to substitute the underlined segment in the given sentence. If there is no need to substitute it, select 'No substitution required'.
When I left my house this morning, it was raining.
(a) rained (b) is raining
(c) rains (d) No substitution required
292. Select the most appropriate option to substitute the underlined segment in the given sentence. If there is no need to substitute it, select 'No substitution required'.
The secretary talks over the phone right now.
(a) talked
(b) was talking
(c) No substitution required
(d) is talking
293. Select the most appropriate option to substitute the underlined segment in the given sentence. If there is no need to substitute it, select 'No substitution required'.
She is taking all kinds of medicine wherever she goes.
(a) was taking
(b) took
(c) No substitution required
(d) takes

HINTS & EXPLANATIONS

1. (a) Phrase 'cut out' means : to have the qualities and abilities needed for something.
2. (d) No improvement
3. (c) 'requires a wash' should be used
4. (a) 'Word for word' means : in exactly the same words or when translated, exactly equivalent words.
5. (b) The word **Sensual (adjective)** means: connected with your physical feelings; giving pleasure to your physical senses; especially to sexual pleasures.
6. (c) 'disguise myself' should be used
7. (b) 'Not' should be removed because the word 'denied' itself means no or not. Use of 'not' again in the later part of the sentence will change the meaning of the sentence.
8. (d) No improvement
9. (a) 'ruled out' is the correct phrase
10. (c) 'Generates' and 'produces' are same in meaning, however, here, 'produces' should be used as it is the most appropriate in the context of the sentence.
11. (b) 'He has left India for good' is the correct structure.
12. (d) **Give yourself up to somebody** means : to offer yourself to be captured.
13. (a) Implies only one from many
14. (a) 'the name of which I have...'
15. (c) 'both a medal and a scholarship' is the correct structure.
16. (c) 'What do you go to school for?' is the correct structure of an interrogative sentence.
17. (b) 'He completed his report in good time and this pleased the directors' is the correct sentence.
18. (c) 'The courtiers used to tell the King all day long how efficient an administrator he was' is the correct structure.
19. (d) No improvement
20. (c) 'We had a grand party and we enjoyed ourselves very much' is the correct structure.
21. (b) 'Vitiate' means to spoil; 'Distort' means to pull or twist and 'Distract' means to prevent someone from concentrating on something. 'Distract' fulfils the meaning of the sentence.
22. (c) 'The study of AIDS' is the correct structure to start the sentence.
23. (b) A thesis can't be estimated i.e. calculated. 'Commend' means to praise formally or officially. 'Commend' suits the best as only after a formed appraisal, the thesis can be forwarded for publication.
24. (d) No improvement
25. (a) 'precise and original' is the correct usage.
26. (b) 'Get over something' means to accept an unpleasant fact or situation after dealing with it for a while.
27. (d) Propitious means likely to result in success.
28. (c) 'too bigoted' is the correct usage.
29. (b) 'had been doing' should be used because the tense should be in past perfect continuous.
30. (c) **Tuck somebody in/up** means : to make somebody feel comfortable in bed by pulling the covers up around them.
31. (b) **Hang by a thread/hair** means : to be in great danger.
32. (c) **Be at the end of your tether** means : to feel that you cannot deal with a difficult situation any more because you are too tired and worried etc.
33. (d) No improvement
34. (d) No improvement
35. (c) 'nearly all his many pets' is the correct usage
36. (a) Here, the second clause is in the past tense, to maintain the temporal sequence, the first clause should be in future using the past form of 'will', however, the past participle of the main verb after 'would have' is required i.e 'had' which plays the role of the main verb.
37. (a) 'from which' is best suited because the sentence talks about evidences that are collected from a source.
38. (a) 'as much as they possibly could' is the correct structure; here, adjective should be followed by a verb.
39. (b) The correct word should be 'loyalty'
40. (c) 'At daggers drawn' is an idiom which means an argument between two people.
41. (c) 'has' is the correct usage.
42. (c) 'Hell bent upon getting' means fully committed to achieving a goal.
43. (c) 'looking forward to' seeing is the correct usage.
44. (b) 'why he did not eat' is the correct form.
45. (a) 'who bids the highest' should be used.
46. (a) The sentence should be in simple past and not past perfect because of the presence of 'hasn't done it yet'.
47. (b) 'have been waiting' should be used as the process of waiting is still in process, thus, present continuous tense should be used.
48. (b) The sentence talks about a point of time i.e. the last time the person was seen hence, 'since' should be used.
49. (c) 'knocked down' should be used as it means to cause something or somebody to fall to the ground by striking or pushing.
50. (a) 'touch upon' should be used as it is a phrasal verb.
51. (d) No improvement
52. (a) Look for the correct arrangement of words
53. (a) 'made its way past' is the correct usage.
54. (a) For singular subject (the firm), 'it' should be used.
55. (c) 'are expected' should be used.
56. (b) 'will enable Japan' should be used.

57. (a) Alma mater = the school, college that somebody went to
58. (d) No improvement.
59. (a) Past tense should follow as the first clause is in past tense.
60. (a) Present Perfect Continuous should be used as the work continued in the past and still continues.
61. (c) Here, Simple Past should be used.
62. (b) There is an error related to positioning of words.
63. (c) **Raise** = to lift or move something to a higher level.
Rise = to move upward
64. (a) **Have = had (Past) = had** (Past Participle)
65. (b) 'sit on' is the correct usage.
66. (d) No improvement
67. (a) Here, contrast is evident so 'but' will be used.
68. (d) No improvement
69. (c) No need of double subjects.
70. (c) **Pull down** = demolish; destroy a building completely.
71. (c) Here, we are comparing the climate of Karnataka with the climate of Tamil Nadu and not with Tamil Nadu itself; hence, we will use 'than that of'.
72. (a) If someone suffers from an unpleasant or difficult experience or situation, then we use 'suffer from.' Ex: Shiela is suffering from ill health. Lately, factories are suffering from a desperate shortage of labourers.
73. (a) The correct arrangement of sentence is - I gave Sana the keys.
74. (a) When you are using 'if' to talk about something that is unlikely to happen or is impossible, use the past tense in the if-clause, not present. Ex: If someone gave me (NOT gives or would give me) the money, I'd buy a car tomorrow.
75. (c) 'He compensated me for the loss,' is the correct answer.
76. (b) The preposition 'to' is complementary with 'accountable'.
77. (a) Look for the correct arrangement of words.
78. (c) Present tense shows what exists or happening now. It also denotes a habit which in this case is the timing of having lunch.
79. (a) Here 'agriculturally' is the adverb that adds to the meaning of the adjective 'strong'.
80. (b) Superior always takes the preposition 'to'. Ex: Your computer is far superior to mine.
81. (b) 'heading towards' is the correct usage.
82. (a) Twentykms is....,
83. (b) 'I adopted' a new method is the correct usage.
84. (a) 'I had won as a prize' is the correct usage.
85. (b) 'ready to bear with' is the correct usage.
86. (b) 'the more they earn, the more they spend' is the correct usage.
87. (a) 'with a view to insulting me' is the correct usage.
88. (b) 'was used at.....' is the correct usage.
89. (c) Though the painting is not liked, however, 'little' word has been added to show respect to the painting.
90. (b) Look for the correct arrangement of words.
91. (a) The underlined portion must be rectified to 'you despair of the success of your undertaking'.
92. (d) The statement requires no improvement.
93. (c) The statement may be rectified as 'Here is something pretty that Vinita can wear to the party'.
94. (a) The sentence may be rectified as 'of owning'. So, the sentence will be 'I have dreamt all my life of owning a beautiful maroon coloured car'.
95. (a) The sentence may be rectified as 'he watched the sun go down'. So, the sentence will be 'Sitting on the top of the hill, he watched the sun go down'.
96. (b) 'Soon to' may be replaced with 'about to'.
97. (a) The underlined part may be replaced with 'out of the way'.
98. (c) 'On' may be replaced with 'upon'. So, the sentence will be 'I prevailed upon him to vote for you'.
99. (b) The underlined portion may be replaced with 'the student made studying his top priority'.
100. (c) The underlined portion in the sentence may be replaced with 'unless he is invited'.
101. (b) If you say it's high time that something happened, you mean that it should already have been done.
102. (d) No improvement.
103. (a) 'He lacks common sense' is a meaningful sentence. Others are not.
104. (a) 'one had done' is the correct usage.
105. (c) Experience may be gained, acquired or gathered; hence, option (c) is correct.
106. (d) Ingestion is the process of taking food into the body through the mouth (as by eating).
107. (d) No improvement.
108. (c) 'Mumbai is famous for' is the correct usage.
109. (b) 'They talked.....' is the correct usage.
110. (c) A tag question is one where a statement is made, but the speaker wants a response from the listener. The given sentence is in simple present with third person, so response will be 'doesn't he?'
111. (d) Nor doesn't necessarily have to appear in a sentence with the word "neither."
112. (a) 'If I get' is the correct usage.
113. (a) The second part of the sentence clears the ambiguity with 'approval.' Hence, 'nodded' is the right usage.
114. (b) 'The world is facing a crisis' is a meaningful sentence.
115. (c) The verb 'insist' may be used as follows: She insisted on her being innocent or she insisted that she was innocent.
116. (b) No improvement.
117. (a) 'I took some grapes for my mother (subject 'I' + verb + immediate object grapes)' is the correct usage.
118. (c) If the verb is in the simple past we use 'did'. Ex: They went to the theatre, didn't they? She studied in New York, didn't she?
119. (d) 'Both the teams played a fair game' is the correct sentence.

120. (b) No improvement.
121. (a) 'in' would be the correct word to use.
122. (b) 'aptitude for mathematics' is the correct usage.
123. (a) 'impressed by' is the correct usage.
124. (a) 'access to' is the correct usage.
125. (d) No improvement.
126. (d) No improvement.
127. (b) 'broken wooden table' is the correct usage.
128. (b) 'screached to' is the correct usage.
129. (a) 'who he was and why he was' is the correct usage.
130. (b) 'by bicycle or on foot' is the correct usage.
131. (a) 'The more they earn, the more they spend' is the correct sentence.
132. (a) Altar means a table or flat-topped block used as the focus for a religious ritual, especially, for making offerings or sacrifices.
133. (a) 'Strictly speaking' is the correct usage.
134. (d) No improvement
135. (d) No improvement
136. (b) 'have had really' is the correct usage.
137. (a) 'revolutionized' is the correct usage.
138. (c) 'Customer' is one who buys a product and 'consumer' is one who uses or consumes a product. Hence, 'customer' suits to the meaning of the sentence.
139. (b) 'to' should be used.
140. (d) No improvement
141. (a) Eccentric = unusual, others have a different meaning
142. (c) 'Committed' should be used because it means willing to work hard.
143. (a) 'are fattening' is the correct usage.
144. (b) 'with' should be used.
145. (c) 'lunatic' is the correct usage.
146. (b) 'He will revise it on coming back'. is the correct sentence.
147. (b) 'The members of the student's union did not sit for the examination in protest' is the correct sentence.
148. (d) No improvement
149. (d) No improvement
150. (a) 'The businessman is respectfully connected'. is the correct sentence.
151. (c) 'Gentry' is plural in number. So, 'were' should be used.
152. (b) 'Viva voice' is the appropriate word to use.
153. (b) Here, 'even in a little quantity' should be used.
154. (c) Conditional sentence is in Past Simple. Hence, would you take ... should be used.
155. (a) Here, generality is evident. Hence, Simple Present should be used.
156. (c) 'went down' should be used
157. (b) Contentious means causing or likely to cause an argument. Best alternative is 'quarrelsome'.
158. (c) 'urgent' is the best alternative.
159. (c) 'down' the best alternative to use with 'broke'.
160. (b) 'and' is the correct usage.
161. (a) 'well worth the endeavour' is the correct usage.
162. (c) 'go hitch-hiking' is the correct usage.
163. (d) No improvement
164. (d) No improvement
165. (b) 'beset' is the correct usage.
166. (d) No improvement
167. (c) reminiscent
168. (b) 'in' preposition should be used.
169. (c) 'except for a slight cold' is the correct usage.
170. (c) Sohan was pleased at the news yesterday. is the correct sentence.
171. (a) 'She did not like the movie, nor did I' is the correct sentence.
172. (a) 'Old habits die hard'. is the correct sentence.
173. (b) 'One cannot be indifferent to one's health, can one?' is the correct sentence.
174. (a) 'The mother with her children was expected'. is the correct sentence.
175. (b) 'She realized' is the correct usage.
176. (c) 'In spite of being ill' is the correct usage.
177. (c) 'are born deaf every' is the correct usage.
178. (d) No improvement
179. (a) We will use 'completed' as it is simple past which is used to express the idea that an action started and finished at a specific time in the past.
180. (c) No improvement
181. (b) We will replace 'is' with 'were' because in an unreal conditional sentence where the events are contrary to the facts, we use 'if' clauses with 'were' even if the pronoun is singular.
182. (d) In respect of age, he is my senior.
183. (a) 'treated us to' which also means 'offered us' should be used.
184. (c) 'revising hard' should be used.
185. (b) 'Since she has been directing' should be used.
186. (c) 'so long as' will be the exact phrase.
187. (b) 'latest' will be the correct word here.
188. (c) I knew that if the animal was at home at that moment, it would probably be sound asleep. The preposition 'at' is used to signify the point in time.
189. (c) What would you have done if you were attacked by a bandit? If, will, would and were are used in case of condition and/or imagination.
190. (d) No improvement.
191. (d) No improvement.
192. (d) The sentence is correct and doesn't need any improvement. The idiom 'mend your behaviour' means to improve your behavior and stop doing things that cause trouble.
193. (b) 194. (c) 195. (d) 196. (b) 197. (b)
198. (c) 199. (a)
200. (a) 'Through thick and thin' is a phrase which means under all circumstances, no matter how difficult the situation is.
201. (d) 202. (a) 203. (d) 204. (c) 205. (a)
206. (a) 207. (c) 208. (a) 209. (a) 210. (c)

211. (b) 212. (c) 213. (b) 214. (c) 215. (a) 250. (d) 'Success and failure' (plural) will take 'depend'.
216. (a) 217. (c) 218. (b) 219. (b) 220. (b) 251. (c) 252. (b)
221. (c) 222. (a) 223. (d) 224. (d) 225. (b) 253. (c)
226. (d) No improvement 254. (b)
227. (c) Replace 'off and on' by 'on and off'. 255. (d) Since 'students' are plural, it will take the plural verb 'have'.
228. (a) Replace 'will have left' by 'would have left'. 256. (a) Remove 'to' as it is superfluous.
229. (b) Replace 'Having had' by 'Having been'. 257. (b) No improvement
230. (a) Replace 'few' by 'a few'. 258. (b)
231. (a) The bundles of coins were the only source of information for them. [bundles should be plural] 259. (c) 'to rely on anybody' is the correct phrase to use.
232. (c) 'No sooner did the phone ring that he was out of home' is the correct sentence. 260. (c) The sentence requires three past perfect tense.
233. (b) Two more employees will be hired by the company. [The sentence is in passive voice, thus be +ed will be used]. 261. (d) 'Whether you like it' is the correct phrase to use in the sentence.
234. (a) This modern furniture will be sold in the main market. [Furniture is always used in singular form.] 262. (b) Here, 'themselves' is the reflexive pronoun of 'they' other options do not fit correct grammatically. Hence 'No substitution is required'.
235. (c) My boss have being giving me a lot of work. [The sentence is in Present Perfect Progressive tense, and hence have been+ V+ing is used]. 263. (d) 'has set' is the correct option as 'the government' is taken as singular noun 'had been set' and 'is set' are used in passive voice.
236. (b) 'I wonder about the stars up in the sky'. is the correct sentence. 264. (b) 'Will arrive on' is the correct answer as other options (will be arrive on, will arriving on, will arrived on) are not grammatically correct.
237. (a) 'Go to the right and take a sharp left turn, you will reach the place' is the correct sentence. 265. (a) *Have been selected* should be replaced with *has been selected* as the helping verb should be used according to the structure (one of + plural subject + singular verb...).
238. (c) 'Heena keeps an eye on his son' is the correct sentence. 266. (b) 'Agree to' is the right at the place of 'agree with' in the given context. **Agree with** means to have the same opinion as another person or to approve of something. **Agree to** means to commit to (a course of action, a proposal, etc.)
239. (a) How is your working going on? [A 'why' question tries to find a reason & a 'how' question tries to find a description.] 267. (b) The sentence discusses a past event hence 'I can swim' should be replaced with 'I could swim'.
240. (d) No Improvement. 268. (b) In the case of 'as well as' verb should be used according to first subject (the captain) which is singular subject. The only option (b) has the singular form of verb (was). Hence, it is the right option.
241. (b) 'I prefer black coffee to cappuccino' is the correct usage of preposition 'to' here. 269. (d) There is no improvement needed. The given sentence is correct. 'In a nutshell' means in the fewest possible words.
242. (a) The correct usage is 'to answer'. 270. (a) Nor I did is grammatically incorrect and the correct way to put it is 'Nor did I'.
243. (d) Since the sentence is in past tense, the underlined part should also be in past tense. Therefore, 'waved frantically' is the correct phrase to make the sentence grammatically correct. 271. (d) 'Were' is incorrect as its used for plural noun and here the noun is singular and thus we use 'was'.
244. (d) No improvement 272. (c) The sentence has 'has shot' indicating a continuity; therefore option c is correct as it has 'has been shot' indicating a continuity.
245. (d) The present perfect tense is used to describe something that happened in the past, but the exact time it happened is not important. It has a relationship with the present. 273. (d) Demise means death. Also, we are looking for a noun here and not adjective.
246. (c) Compound sentences (two sentences joined by a clause) have a subject and verb in each clause. Hence, the subject of each clause should agree with the verb of each clause. 274. (b) 'has it been' indicates a present continuous tense, so when converted into indirect speech it is to be 'had been'.
247. (a) Use of 'rang' after 'did' is incorrect because did always takes the present tense. Therefore, 'rang' should be replaced with 'ring' to make the sentence grammatically correct. 275. (d) 'Was' is used with a singular past tense and 'were' is used with a plural past tense. Many of the apples are a plural form and thus the usage of 'were'.
248. (b) 'explain the problem to him' is the correct phrase to use in the sentence.
249. (c)

276. (c) Option (c) is the correct response as although and but should not come in the same sentence. As both function to negate an already stated idea.
277. (c) Simile is a figure of speech involving the comparison of one thing with another thing. It is used to make a description vivid. For example: you were as brave as a lion. Hence, 'Mr. Sharma is as kind as his father' is the correct response.
278. (d) Option (d) is the correct response 'invite'. This is because the sentence is in present tense form and takes a present tense with it.
279. (c) Of all the given options, option three 'a lot' fits best. Most/many/much are suitable with the verb guidance.
280. (a) 'Live within one's means' is a phrase which means to spend money only on what one can afford.
281. (d) Last week 'we threw / had thrown' a party for Arum would be grammatically correct. 'We thrown' is grammatically incorrect.
282. (c) Give in- means to surrender. And give up means to leave something. Therefore, the answer is give up.
283. (b) We often use 'can' to talk about ability to do something in the present or future.
284. (b) The sentence is in simple present tense and will take a verb which is simple present tense form. Also, the difference between she and her is that 'her' follows 'she' for the better structuring of a sentence. Because her has already been used it will follow.
285. (c) Would is used to refer to actions and events in the past. The sentence is in present tense and referring to a future possibility and so we use present tense (are) with 'if' indicating a future possibility.
286. (b) Because the sentence says 'whoever' and does not give away the gender we must too avoid the gender 'he'.
287. (d) It should be Kohli's as the apostrophe s indicates his style of batting as opposed to just kohli which means kohli as a person.
288. (a) No improvement required.
289. (d) The sentence has to be in present continuous tense.
290. (d) If we were to employ 'had' then it would be 'Had I been a rich person then I would have shared my wealth.'-all in past tense form. Therefore, since the sentence is in present tense form, we use 'were' instead.
291. (d) 'When I left my house this morning, it was raining.' Since the action being talked about is in the past we cannot choose present form of the verbs like rains or raining. We can neither go for simple past tense like rained. Thus, we choose past continuous tense-it was raining.
292. (d) 'Right now' conveys present continuous tense. Thus, 'is talking'.
293. (d) The sentence is in simple present tense and thus 'takes'.



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