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Directions (Qns.1 - 5): You have a brief passage with five questions following the passage. Read the passage carefully and choose the best answer to each question out of the four alternatives.

In the technological systems of tomorrow fast, fluid and self-regulating machines will deal with the flow of physical materials. Machines will increasingly perform tasks. Machines and men both, instead of being concentrated in gigantic factories and factory cities, will be scattered across the globe, linked together by amazingly sensitive, near-instantaneous communications. Human work will move out of the factory and office into the community and the home. Machines will be synchronized, as some already are, to the billionth of a second; men will be de-synchronized. The factory whistle will vanish. Even the clock, "the key machine of the modern industrial age" as Lewis Mumford called it a generation ago, will lose some of its power over humans, as distinct from purely technological affairs. Simultaneously, the organisation needed to control technology will shift from bureaucracy to Adhocracy, from permanence to transience, and from a concern with the present to a focus on the future.

In such a world, the most valued attributes of the industrial age become handicaps. The technology of tomorrow requires not millions of lightly lettered men, ready to work in unison at endlessly repetitive jobs, it requires not men who take orders in unblinking fashion, aware that the price of bread is mechanical submission to authority, but men who can make critical judgments, who can weave their way through novel environments, who are quick to spot new relationships in the rapidly changing reality. It requires men who, in C.P. Snow's compelling terms, "have the future in their bones."

1. The technological system of tomorrow will be marked by
A) dehumanization B) perfection
C) automation D) unpredictability

2. The future man, according to this passage, must be
A) most adaptative and intelligent
B) most capable of dealing with the changing reality
C) more concerned with the present than the future
D) trained and obedient
3. 'Near-instantaneous communications' may be regarded as a symbol of
A) anachronization
B) mischronization
C) desynchronization
D) synchronization
4. If a person believes that 'the price of bread is mechanical submission to authority', he is
A) a believer in devotion to duty
B) a believer in taking things for granted
C) a believer in doing what he is told, right or wrong
D) a believer in the honesty of machines
5. The type of society which the author has mentioned makes a plea for
A) a mind assimilative of modern scientific ideas
B) a critical mind having insight into future
C) a mind well-versed in cultural heritage
D) a mind with firm principles of life

Directions (Qns.6 - 10): In the following questions, some of the sentences have errors and some have none. Find out which part of a sentence has an error. The letter of that part is the answer. If there is no error, mark the option (D) i.e. No error.

6. We had a lot of difficulty (A) / to find (B) / the house. (C) / No error (D).
7. Patience as well as perseverance (A) / are necessary (B) / for success. (C) / No error (D).

1. (C) 2. (B) 3. (D) 4. (C) 5. (B) 6. (B) 7. (B)

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8. The passer-by told us (A) / where was the marriage hall (B) / and even led us to it. (C) / No error (D).
9. The increase in consumption is directly (A) / proportional to the increase (B) / in income. (C) / No error (D).
10. In Singapore (A) / my brother-in-law with his wife (B) / were present at the function. (C) / No error (D).

Directions (Qns.11 - 15): In the following questions sentences are given with blanks to be filled in with an appropriate word. Four alternatives are suggested for each question. Choose the correct alternative out of the four alternatives.

11. A person who _____ on his own effort has the best chance to win.
A) makes B) puts
C) relies D) runs
12. When he died, Ramanujam _____ behind three notebooks.
A) was leaving B) had left
C) left D) leaves
13. For all his _____ he is a _____.
A) wealth, miser
B) health, player
C) tricks, cheat
D) stupidity, fool
14. In a classroom students are to be trained to love _____.
A) each other B) all others
C) one another D) altogether
15. Mr. Amar put his whole life _____ the work.
A) on B) in
C) into D) upon

Directions (Qns.16 - 20): In the following questions out of the four alternatives, choose the one which best express the meaning of the given word.

16. **SUCCESSIVE**
A) rapid B) victorious
C) beneficent D) consecutive

17. **RAVAGE**
A) destroy B) break
C) demolish D) abolish
18. **SUPERSTITIOUS**
A) pious B) traditional
C) irrational D) sacred
19. **MENTOR**
A) guide B) genius
C) stylish D) philosopher
20. **GARNISH**
A) paint B) adorn
C) garner D) banish

Directions (Qns.21 - 25): In the following questions choose the word opposite in meaning to the given word.

21. **EXODUS**
A) influx B) home-coming
C) return D) restoration
22. **INQUISITIVE**
A) insincere B) indifferent
C) insensitive D) insulting
23. **CANDID**
A) outspoken B) frank
C) devious D) disguised
24. **NADIR**
A) modernity B) zenith
C) liberty D) progress
25. **CULPABLE**
A) defensible B) blameless
C) careless D) irresponsible

Directions (Qns.26 - 30): In the following questions groups of four words are given. In each group one word is correctly spelt. Find the correctly spelt word.

26. A) mischeivous B) miscarriage
C) misdemeanour D) misnomar
27. A) harassment B) committment
C) breevement D) temperament

8. (B) 9. (D) 10. (B) 11. (C) 12. (B) 13. (A) 14. (C) 15. (C) 16. (D) 17. (A)
18. (C) 19. (A) 20. (B) 21. (A) 22. (B) 23. (C) 24. (B) 25. (B) 26. (C) 27. (A)

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28. A) capacious B) auspicious
 C) fallacious D) delicious
29. A) inefable B) inaccessible
 C) infallible D) invincible
30. A) camouflage B) tabeau
 C) milieu D) mirase

Directions (Qns.31 - 35): In the following questions four alternatives are given for the idiom/phrase underlined in the sentence. Choose the alternative which best expresses the meaning of the idiom / phrase.

31. He didn't tell me directly, but reading between the lines. I think he is not happy with them.
 A) reading slowly and haltingly
 B) understanding the sense rather than the actual words
 C) understanding the meaning of words not not the sense
 D) reading superficially
32. Gopi works by fits and starts.
 A) consistently
 B) irregularly
 C) in high spirits
 D) enthusiastically
33. I cannot put up with your misconduct any longer.
 A) excuse B) refuse
 C) accept D) tolerate
34. I did not mind what he was saying, he was only talking through his hat.
 A) talking nonsense
 B) talking ignorantly
 C) talking irresponsibly
 D) talking insultingly
35. He is so furious that he would go through fire and water to revenge himself on his foe.
 A) approach everybody for help
 B) avail himself of any opportunity
 C) use any conceivable method
 D) undergo any risk

Directions (Qns.36 - 40): In the following questions out of the four alternatives choose the one which can be substituted for the given words/ sentence.

36. One who collects coins
 A) Archaeologist B) Numismatist
 C) Philatelist D) Connoisseur
37. A system of Government in which only one political party is allowed to function
 A) Oligarchy B) Dictatorship
 C) Totalitarianism D) Theocracy
38. Customs and habits of particular group
 A) Mores B) Traditions
 C) Rites D) Rituals
39. A body of persons appointed to hear evidence and give their verdict in trials
 A) Association B) Council
 C) Bar D) Jury
40. Indifference to pleasure or pain
 A) Perseverance B) Tolerance
 C) Stoicism D) Reticence

Directions (Qns.41 - 45): In the following questions the sentences have been given in Active/Passive voice. From the given alternatives, choose the one which best expresses the given sentence in Passive / Active voice.

41. This shirt cannot be worn by me any longer.
 A) I cannot wear this shirt any longer
 B) Wearing of this shirt any longer is not possible.
 C) This shirt is too worn out to be worn any longer.
 D) This worn out shirt cannot be worn any longer.
42. A lion does not eat grass, however hungry he may be.
 A) Grass is not eaten by a lion, however hungry he may be.
 B) Grass is not being eaten by a lion, however hungry he may be.
 C) Grass is eaten not by a lion, however hungry he may be.
 D) Grass is being not eaten by a lion, however hungry he may be.

28. (B) 29. (C) 30. (C) 31. (B) 32. (B) 33. (D) 34. (A) 35. (D) 36. (B) 37. (C)
 38. (A) 39. (D) 40. (C) 41. (A) 42. (A)

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43. Someone saw him picking up a gun.
A) He was seen pick up a gun by someone.
B) He was seen picking up a gun by someone.
C) He was seen when he was picking up a gun.
D) He was seen by someone pick a gun

44. He was obliged to resign
A) He was made to resign
B) To resign was his obligation
C) Circumstances obliged him to resign
D) Resignation obliged him.

45. Why did you not agree to my proposal?
A) Why was my proposal not agreed to?
B) Why was my proposal not agreed by you?
C) Why my proposal was not agreed to by you?
D) Why was my proposal not agreed to by you?

Directions (Qns.46 - 50): In the following questions the first and the last parts of the sentences are numbered 1 and 6. The rest of the sentence is split into four parts and named P, Q, R and S. These four parts are not given in their proper order. Read the sentence and find out which of the four combinations is correct. Then find the correct answer out of four alternatives.

46. 1. One of the most widely spread of bad habits
P. which is now smoked or chewed by men
Q. and even by children
R. often by women
S. is the use of tobacco
6. almost all over the world.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

- A) S P R Q B) P Q R S
C) S R Q P D) P Q S R

47. 1. The landscape
P. with Nature displaying
Q. here is awesome

- R. that are seldom
S. a range of delights
6. seen together

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

- A) P S R Q B) Q P S R
C) R S P Q D) Q R S P

48. 1. Smoke billowed up between the plants.
P. Passengers were told to be ready to quit the ship.
Q. The rising gale fanned the smouldering fire.
R. Everyone now knew there was a fire on board.
S. Flames broke out here and there.
6. Most people bore the shock bravely.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

- A) S R Q P B) Q P S R
C) R S P Q D) Q S R P

49. 1. It is far better to live for a short while
P. contribution to the world
Q. and make some significant
R. that is just idled away
S. than spend a long life
6. in gossiping and playing.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

- A) R Q S P B) S Q P R
C) Q P S R D) R Q P S

50. 1. The salmon fish pushed themselves
P. to return to their spawning grounds
Q. and fertilised them
R. but once they laid their eggs
S. to their limits
6. they died.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

- A) S Q P R B) R S Q P
C) S P R Q D) R P S Q

43. (C) 44. (B) 45. (C) 46. (A) 47. (B) 48. (D) 49. (C) 50. (C)