

## ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND COMPREHENSION

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## SPOT THE ERROR

**Directions (1-146) :** In the following questions read each sentence to find out whether there is any error in it. The error, if any, will be in one part of the sentence. That part is the answer. (Ignore the errors of punctuation, if any).

1. In a fit of anger **A)** he told his superior **B)** that he will go on leave from the same day. **C)** No error **D)**

**Explanation :** **Ans : (C)**  
As the sentence is in the indirect speech, it should be "he would go".

2. After he had read the two first chapters **A)** of the novel **B)** he felt like reading the book at one sitting. **C)** No error **D)**

**Explanation :** **Ans : (A)**  
There cannot be two first chapters. It must be "first two chapters".

3. He came very close to me **A)** and asked me that if **B)** I would lend him some money. **C)** No error **D)**

**Explanation :** **Ans : (B)**  
'that' should be deleted. The second 'me' can be deleted, as it is redundant.

4. Although he is my bosom friend **A)** I cannot ask him for **B)** money without any vividly reason. **C)** No error **D)**

**Explanation :** **Ans : (C)**  
'vividly' should be replaced by 'valid'.

5. We are aware **A)** that we do not **B)** always gets what we want to get. **C)** No error **D)**

**Explanation :** **Ans : (C)**  
'gets' must be replaced by 'get'.

6. We asked them **A)** / why did they want to **B)** enter into a business with which they were less familiar. **C)** No error **D)**

**Explanation :** **Ans : (B)**  
It must be 'why they wanted'.

7. Many a man **A)** have been **B)** working under me. **C)** No error **D)**

**Explanation :** **Ans : (B)**  
'has been' is correct or otherwise it must be 'many men are working..'

8. We would have **A)** / accompanied you to **B)** the picnic spot if you would have told us in advance. **C)** No error **D)**

**Explanation :** **Ans : (C)**  
'the picnic spot, had you told us in advance'.

9. What does matter **A)** / most is the behaviour **B)** / and not the polite conversation. **C)** No error **D)**

**Explanation :** **Ans : (A)**  
'What matters / most'.

10. If all of you quarrel **A)** / among yourself **B)** / you shall not be able to solve your problems. **C)** No error **D)**

**Explanation :** **Ans : (B)**  
'among yourselves'.

11. Selling match-boxes **A)** / on the road is **B)** / the only means of earnings in respect of most of the people. **C)** No error **D)**

**Explanation :** **Ans : (C)**  
'means of earning for many people'.

12. We have insisted, **A)** / but neither Mony or her brother **B)** / to work on a holiday. **C)** No error **D)**

**Explanation :** **Ans : (B)**  
'but' to be deleted.

13. What should we do **A)** / is a matter of **B)** / our own choice and desire. **C)** No error **D)**

**Explanation :** **Ans : (A)**  
'What we should do'.

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<p>14. You cannot withdraw <b>A)</b>/ all your money <b>B)</b>/ unless you do not give a prior notice. <b>C)</b>/ No error <b>D)</b></p> <p><b>Explanation :</b> <b>Ans : (C)</b> 'not' to be deleted.</p>	<p><b>Explanation :</b> <b>Ans : (C)</b> 'Where the waves touch their feet'.</p>
<p>15. From the last one month <b>A)</b>/each of us <b>B)</b>/ has been working on the same project. <b>C)</b>/ No error <b>D)</b></p> <p><b>Explanation :</b> <b>Ans : (A)</b> 'for last one month'.</p>	<p>22. The devastating experiences of many wars taught some countries <b>A)</b>/ the necessary of pursuing peace <b>B)</b>/ at the expense of nationalist egos. <b>C)</b>/ Ne error <b>D)</b>.</p> <p><b>Explanation :</b> <b>Ans : (B)</b> 'necessary' must be replaced by 'necessity'.</p>
<p>16. When we reached there, <b>A)</b>/ we saw a crowd <b>B)</b>/ of about ten people fighting between themselves. <b>C)</b>/ No error <b>D)</b></p> <p><b>Explanation :</b> <b>Ans : (C)</b> 'between' must be replaced by 'among'.</p>	<p>23. The former superstar recently <b>A)</b>/ visit an orphanage, <b>B)</b>/ fueling speculation that she was planning to adopt a child. <b>C)</b> / No error <b>D)</b></p> <p><b>Explanation :</b> <b>Ans : (B)</b> 'visit' must be replaced by 'visited'.</p>
<p>17. The king, along with all his soldiers, <b>A)</b> / were received <b>B)</b>/ with due honour by the poor men. <b>C)</b>/ No error <b>D)</b></p> <p><b>Explanation :</b> <b>Ans : (B)</b> 'were' must be replaced by 'was'. If there is 'king and his soldiers', 'were' should be used.</p>	<p>24. Accordance to a new study <b>A)</b> / taking steps to remain healthy and young <b>B)</b>/ may help delay the onset of Alzheimer's disease. <b>C)</b>/ No error <b>D)</b>.</p> <p><b>Explanation :</b> <b>Ans : (A)</b> 'In accordance with a new study'.</p>
<p>18. They asked me <b>A)</b>/ who I have not <b>B)</b>/ taken their permission before leaving the house. <b>C)</b>/ No error <b>D)</b></p> <p><b>Explanation :</b> <b>Ans : (B)</b> 'who' must be replaced by 'why'.</p>	<p>25. A day after he was diagnosed with <b>A)</b>/ swine flu, preventive measures were put in place <b>B)</b>/ to ensure that others were not affected by the dreaded virus. <b>C)</b> / No error <b>D)</b></p> <p><b>Ans : (D)</b></p>
<p>19. The production of the <b>A)</b>/ factory is not satisfactory <b>B)</b>/ as compared to the last. <b>C)</b>/ No error <b>D)</b></p> <p><b>Explanation :</b> <b>Ans : (C)</b> The sentence is incomplete.</p>	<p>26. The manager told the boys <b>A)</b> / that one ought to work hard <b>B)</b> / to earn his living <b>C)</b> / No error <b>D)</b></p> <p><b>Explanation :</b> <b>Ans : (C)</b> 'his' must be replaced by 'one's'.</p>
<p>20. No sooner did <b>A)</b>/ she reach <b>B)</b>/ the station, then it started raining. <b>C)</b>/ No error <b>D)</b></p> <p><b>Explanation :</b> <b>Ans : (C)</b> 'then' must be replaced by 'than'.</p>	<p>27. The Nile is said to be the longest <b>A)</b> / than all other rivers <b>B)</b> / in the eastern hemisphere. <b>C)</b> / No error <b>D)</b></p> <p><b>Explanation :</b> <b>Ans : (B)</b> 'of all rivers'.</p>
<p>21. In about five minutes, they would <b>A)</b> / cover the distance from the road to the point <b>B)</b>/ where the waves would begin lick their feet. <b>C)</b>/ No error <b>D)</b></p>	<p>28. Everything are packed <b>A)</b>/ and were ready <b>B)</b>/ to leave. <b>C)</b>/ No error <b>D)</b>.</p> <p><b>Explanation :</b> <b>Ans : (A)</b> 'Everything is packed'.</p> <p>29. The thief broke in the <b>A)</b>/ house in the <b>B)</b>/ dead of the night. <b>C)</b>/ No error <b>D)</b>.</p>



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49. You should **A)** avail of every opportunity **B)** to practice your skill. **C)** No error **D)**  
**Explanation :** **Ans : (C)**  
'practice' must be replaced by 'practise'.  
However, the whole sentence should be 'you should avail yourself of every opportunity'.
50. The labourers **A)** / relax **B)** / between 4.00 p.m. to 5.00 p.m. **C)** No error **D)**  
**Explanation :** **Ans : (C)**  
Whenever between comes, 'and' must follow 'between 4.00 p.m and 5.00 p.m.
51. He told me that **A)** it was **B)** his friend's Sankar's house. **C)** No error **D)**  
**Explanation :** **Ans : (C)**  
It must be, 'his friend Sankar's house'.
52. We had a lot of difficulty **A)** to find **B)** the house. **C)** No error. **D)**  
**Explanation :** **Ans : (B)**  
'to find' must be replaced by 'in finding'
53. Patience as well as perseverance/ **A)** are necessary **B)** for success. **C)** No error **D)**  
**Explanation :** **Ans : (B)**  
Whenever 'as well as' comes, singular 'is' only must be used.
54. The passer-by told us **A)** where was the marriage hall **B)** and even led us to it. **C)** No error **D)**  
**Explanation :** **Ans : (B)**  
It must be 'where the marriage hall was'.
55. The increase in consumption is directly **A)** proportional to the increase **B)** in income. **C)** No error **D)**  
**Ans : (D)**
56. In Singapore **A)** my brother-in-law with his wife **B)** were present at the function. **C)** No error **D)**  
**Explanation :** **Ans : (C)**  
'were' to be replaced by 'was'
57. Scarcely had/ **A)** I arrived than **B)** the train left. **C)** No error **D)**  
**Explanation :** **Ans : (B)**  
'than' must be replaced by 'when'
58. The reason why **A)** he was rejected **B)** was because he was too young. **C)** No error **D)**  
**Explanation :** **Ans : (C)**  
'because' to be removed.
59. Teachers of various schools/ **A)** met to discuss about **B)** how to improve the standard of English **C)** No error **D)**  
**Explanation :** **Ans : (B)**  
'about' to be deleted.
60. His tradition-bound attitude/ **A)** had to be a constant source of dissatisfaction **B)** among the younger members of the family. **C)** No error **D)**  
**Ans : (D)**
61. The two first to arrive **A)** were the lucky recipients **B)** of a surprise gift. **C)** No error **D)**  
**Explanation :** **Ans : (A)**  
It must be 'first two'
62. He who is assiduous **A)** in his work, **B)** is assure of win. **C)** No error **D)**  
**Explanation :** **Ans : (C)**  
It must be 'sure to win'.
63. Some of the books **A)** / prescribed for study this year **B)** / has been out of print. **C)** No error **D)**  
**Explanation :** **Ans : (C)**  
'have been out of print'
64. My brother and I **A)** / have been living here **B)** / since two years. **C)** No error **D)**  
**Explanation :** **Ans : (C)**  
'for two years' or it must be since 'October' – a firm date.
65. I have kept **A)** all my luggages **B)** in the cloak room. **C)** No error **D)**  
**Explanation :** **Ans : (B)**  
It must be 'luggage'
66. Would you **A)** got me **B)** a little sugar? **C)** No error **D)**