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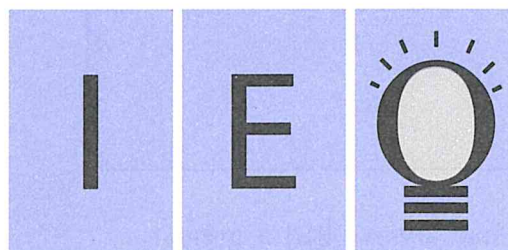
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**Q.16: Fill in the blanks.**

**Please teach my dog \_\_\_\_\_ a ball.**

- A. to fetch    B. learn    C. show    D. to learn



As the correct answer is option A, you must darken the circle corresponding to option A on the OMR Sheet.

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## WORD AND STRUCTURE KNOWLEDGE

FOR QUESTIONS 1 TO 24, CHOOSE THE CORRECT OPTION TO FILL IN THE BLANK.

### Example

I am so \_\_\_\_\_ as I went running today! Tomorrow I will need a rest.

- A. exhausted
- B. happy
- C. disgusted
- D. drain

1. My sister had always had a great \_\_\_\_\_ for fashion and generally looking stylish.
  - A. sensible
  - B. sense
  - C. sensitive
  - D. sensational
2. We are on the \_\_\_\_\_ of finding out where the water is leaking from.
  - A. brink
  - B. way
  - C. coast
  - D. ledge
3. The park rangers are busy \_\_\_\_\_ all the dangerous plant life in the park.
  - A. removed
  - B. remove
  - C. removing
  - D. had removed
4. My sister \_\_\_\_\_ for 5 years when she suddenly quit and took up hockey.
  - A. have been training
  - B. trained
  - C. was training
  - D. had been training
5. We have \_\_\_\_\_ been allowed animals inside the house, but we do have a dog in the garden.
  - A. never
  - B. always
  - C. many times
  - D. often
6. You really should try being more \_\_\_\_\_ when you see someone in need.
  - A. helpfully
  - B. helping
  - C. helpful
  - D. helped
7. The new café is \_\_\_\_\_ the road and \_\_\_\_\_ the back of the cinema.
  - A. on, with
  - B. over, round
  - C. in, behind
  - D. up, in
8. We really need to clean up \_\_\_\_\_ mess to be sure we don't get in trouble.
  - A. there
  - B. which
  - C. when
  - D. that
9. I'm not entirely sure how many uncles I have, but I think I've got four, \_\_\_\_\_ I?
  - A. haven't
  - B. don't
  - C. does
  - D. had
10. Our teacher \_\_\_\_\_ to us not to be late again to class.
  - A. yelled
  - B. rebuked
  - C. appealed
  - D. said
11. I haven't a clue about how \_\_\_\_\_ tasks we have to finish up by Monday.
  - A. much
  - B. many
  - C. making
  - D. more



12. This is not a strict rule, but you \_\_\_\_\_ turn on the TV after dinner.
- A. weren't  
B. hadn't  
C. haven't  
D. mustn't
- 
13. This game was a lovely gift, but I don't know from \_\_\_\_\_ it came.
- A. whose  
B. whom  
C. who  
D. who is
- 
14. My father bought \_\_\_\_\_ new car from the dealership in \_\_\_\_\_ town yesterday.
- A. a, no article  
B. no article, the  
C. the, no article  
D. a, a
- 
15. Having nothing \_\_\_\_\_, I decided to go for a walk in the park to fill some time.
- A. have done  
B. be doing  
C. to do  
D. does
- 
16. Our new headmaster is really keen on giving us \_\_\_\_\_ talks every morning at assembly to encourage us.
- A. bijou  
B. red  
C. pep  
D. sound
- 
17. The colour that Ben chose to wear for his birthday party really \_\_\_\_\_ me down with a feather.
- A. pushed  
B. ran  
C. pulled  
D. knocked
- 
18. Let me help lighten your \_\_\_\_\_ a bit. I can do the folding while you put the stamps on.
- A. face  
B. act  
C. load  
D. way
- 
19. The clerk at the cinema \_\_\_\_\_ to see some ID if my mum hadn't been there.
- A. was wanting  
B. has wanted  
C. would have wanted  
D. is always wanting
- 
20. There will be a lovely community centre built on this site in the \_\_\_\_\_ run.
- A. less  
B. big  
C. long  
D. round
- 
21. We shouldn't \_\_\_\_\_ a winter party this year just because last year we didn't have one.
- A. bang in  
B. sit back  
C. walk away  
D. rule out
- 
22. The coach has \_\_\_\_\_ decided that we must all wear our uniform to practice every day.
- A. there  
B. afore  
C. hereby  
D. somewhere
- 
23. We are lacking the \_\_\_\_\_ to get this finished on time.
- A. impetus  
B. reality  
C. endgame  
D. platitudes
- 
24. We need to stop being \_\_\_\_\_ with all changes and get onboard with the new development.
- A. resilient  
B. incompatible  
C. embossed  
D. placated

FOR QUESTIONS 25 AND 26, CHOOSE THE CORRECT SYNONYM OF THE GIVEN WORD.

25. Intrinsic

- A. Belittled
- B. Celebrated
- C. Old
- D. Innate

26. Futile

- A. Raised
- B. Desired
- C. Hollow
- D. Sallow

FOR QUESTIONS 27 AND 28, CHOOSE THE CORRECT ANTONYM OF THE GIVEN WORD.

27. Limbo

- A. Brilliance
- B. Certainty
- C. Catastrophe
- D. Dance

28. Canny

- A. Awkward
- B. Little
- C. Exuberant
- D. Benign

FOR QUESTIONS 29 AND 30, CHOOSE THE OPTION WITH CORRECT SPELLING.

29. What is the spelling of the word that means 'to rest'?

- A. Sesaytion
- B. Seasaysion
- C. Cisassion
- D. Cessation

30. What is the spelling of the word that means 'to break up'?

- A. Dasband
- B. Despand
- C. Disband
- D. Despend

## READING

FOR QUESTIONS 31 TO 35, READ THE PASSAGE AND ANSWER THE QUESTIONS THAT FOLLOW.

Art can sometimes play tricks on the mind thanks to optical illusions although rarely does this kind of art put anyone in real danger. But one art installation did, as a man visiting the Museum of Contemporary Art in Porto, Portugal accidentally fell into the work of famed artist Anish Kapoor titled Descent into Limbo which features a hole in the ground made to look like a mere spot on the floor.

The visitor, reportedly an Italian man in his 60s, allegedly wanted to see if the void was indeed just that and subsequently fell about eight feet to the bottom of the installation. To the illusion's credit, there were multiple caution signs set

up around the piece as well as a guard tasked with keeping visitors away from the hole. Although the man did have to be immediately sent to a clinic after the fall, however, he left for home very quickly and has made a full recovery from his very minor injuries. So, it is highly unlikely he will be making any official complaints or trying to sue the artist or gallery.

Kapoor began making 'void' pieces in 1985, and so the success of Descent into Limbo's trickery is of no surprise. First created back in 1992, the work is meant to trick the eye into thinking that what you're seeing is a flat 2-D painting of a circle when it is, in fact, an actual hole.

The impressive illusion is made possible by Kapoor's use of Vantablack — the blackest material in existence. Kapoor



won the exclusive rights to this, the world's darkest material, in 2016. By using Vantablack for Descent into Limbo, Kapoor was able to completely eliminate any visible depth in the piece. No curves nor **contours** are visible — all the eye sees is nothingness.

And in the case of the man who fell in, Kapoor's use of Vantablack perhaps works a little too well. This likely won't be the last we hear of Vantablack in regards to the upcoming year's funny news.

31. Choose the best title or heading for the passage.
- A. New Art is Worthless
  - B. The Art of the Absence
  - C. Top Review of Modern Artist
  - D. Making Easy Art
- 
32. Why did the man fall in?
- A. To be famous
  - B. To advertise the piece
  - C. For fun
  - D. Out of curiosity
- 
33. What did the man who fell in the hole do next?
- A. He went to a medical centre.
  - B. He decided to sue the gallery.
  - C. He stayed in the hole to protest.
  - D. He decided to go home.
- 
34. How does the hole classify as art?
- A. The creator is famous.
  - B. It tricks the eye.
  - C. It is an old idea and so is artistic.
  - D. 'Descent into Limbo' is a cool name.
- 
35. What does the word 'contours' mean in the second last paragraph?
- A. Harmony
  - B. Movements
  - C. Curves
  - D. Shapeliness

FOR QUESTIONS 36 TO 40, READ THE PASSAGE AND ANSWER THE QUESTIONS THAT FOLLOW.

Art fans at an auction house in the United Kingdom were left stunned after a Banksy painting self-destructed immediately after it was sold for \$1.4 million.

A hidden shredder inside the painting's frame went off shortly after the work was sold at Sotheby's in London. The work was pulled down through a shredding mechanism at the bottom of the frame and was promptly ripped into pieces even before the new owner could take it home.

This defiant act was reportedly orchestrated by the **elusive** artist Banksy. It appears as though the artist himself was present at the auction house, as he posted a photo on Instagram of the half-shredded painting with the caption, "Going, going, gone..."

The painting is a reproduction of one of the most iconic graffiti murals Banksy has ever produced. The original version of the image was spray painted onto a building in East London back in 2002. It was removed in 2014 after it had been covered up by boards for a number of years.

After the public witnessed the jaw-dropping demonstration, Banksy explained the stunt on social media. He wrote that he had secretly built the shredder in the painting a number of years ago in the event that it was put up for auction. When that day finally came, his elaborate stunt was realised, leaving auctioneers speechless.

"It appears we just got Banksy-ed," said Alex Branczik, head of contemporary European art at Sotheby's. "We have not experienced this situation in the past where a painting spontaneously shredded, upon achieving a record for the artist. We are busily figuring out what this means in an auction context."

Although it's unclear how Sotheby's will approach the situation, some believe that this painting will be worth even more now shredded than it was while still intact.

Artist Isaiah King said in the Los Angeles Times: "If he was a lesser artist, he would have destroyed the art's value. But because it's Banksy it will only be worth more now."

36. Choose the best title or heading for the passage.
- A. The Best Picture Ever
  - B. A cheap Stunt
  - C. Self Destructive Art
  - D. Accidental Destruction
- 
37. What happened to the picture after it was sold?
- A. It was photographed.
  - B. It was resold quickly.

- C. It was sent to the buyer.
- D. It was cut to pieces.

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38. Where was the original picture?
- A. Sotheby's
  - B. Banksy
  - C. London
  - D. Los Angeles
- 
39. There was a shredder in the frame that was there \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. in case it was sold
  - B. as a joke for the auction house
  - C. to make it more expensive
  - D. to destroy the original
- 
40. What is the meaning of the word 'elusive' in the third paragraph?
- A. Radical
  - B. Puzzling
  - C. Unemployed
  - D. Hysterical

## SPOKEN AND WRITTEN EXPRESSION

FOR QUESTIONS 41 TO 45, CHOOSE THE MOST SUITABLE OPTION TO COMPLETE EACH CONVERSATION.

41. Alidina: You must be really pleased with yourself?  
Ben: Yeah, I feel like I'm \_\_\_\_\_ on air half the time.
- A. sitting
  - B. being
  - C. walking
  - D. jumping
- 
42. Harry: I don't think we \_\_\_\_\_ have been as good as those guys, so losing isn't too bad.
- A. should
  - B. must
  - C. ought
  - D. would
- 
43. Son: Are you sure, dad?  
Father: Yes, sometimes we must take steps

that go \_\_\_\_\_ the grain in order to get what we want.

- A. with
- B. against
- C. everywhere
- D. adjacent

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44. Edward: Where are you going, Carl?  
Carl: I'm \_\_\_\_\_ sure, but I'll know when I get there.
- A. not entirely
  - B. absolutely definitely
  - C. have a plan
  - D. never ending
- 
45. Marley: If possible, I \_\_\_\_\_ to have visited the zoo while I was in Rome.
- A. have been
  - B. must do
  - C. can have
  - D. would like



## ACHIEVERS SECTION

FOR QUESTIONS 46 AND 47, CHOOSE THE CORRECT OPTION TO FILL IN THE BLANK.

46. Scientists have ruled out the prospect of making this work now, \_\_\_\_\_ there may be other uses for their discovery.

- A. still
- B. along with
- C. up to
- D. if only

47. \_\_\_\_\_ my words, we will return better and more prepared than last time.

- A. Eat
- B. Spell
- C. Mark
- D. Deal

48. CHOOSE THE CORRECT ANTONYM OF THE GIVEN WORD.

Spasmodic

- A. Unrepentant

- B. Ill-equipped
- C. Uninterrupted
- D. Reconfigured

49. CHOOSE THE CORRECT SYNONYM OF THE GIVEN WORD.

Explicate

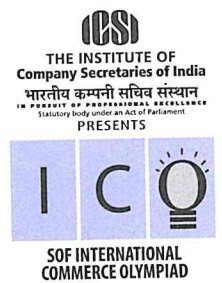
- A. Bloviate
- B. Induce
- C. Replicate
- D. Clarify

50. CHOOSE THE MOST SUITABLE OPTION TO COMPLETE THE CONVERSATION.

Paul: It's really cold today, so don't forget to \_\_\_\_\_ tight.

- A. put on
- B. wrap up
- C. deal with
- D. wear out





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