

**General English Test**

**Direction :** Find out which part of the sentence has an error.

1. The manager is having his problems (A) but we have (B) ours as well (C) No error (D).
2. The two first chapters of the book (A) are very interesting (B) the remaining ones are boring (C) No error (D).
3. Every member of the committee (A) have been present (B) at all the meetings (C) No error (D)

**Direction :** In the following questions, out of the four alternatives, choose the one which best express the meaning of the given word.

4. **Gravitate**  
(A) Meditate (B) Retreat  
(C) Become serious (D) Deteriorate

5. **Strait**  
(A) Channel of water (B) not crooked  
(C) A narrow street (D) straight forward

**Direction :** In the following question out of the four alternatives, choose the one which is opposite meaning of the given word.

6. **Jeopardise**  
(A) help (B) encourage  
(C) take care (D) preserve

7. **Unpredictable**  
(A) pliable (B) reliable  
(C) possible (D) potential

8. **Culmination**  
(A) completion (B) climax  
(C) conclusion (D) beginning

**Direction :** In the following question out of the four alternatives choose the one which can be substituted for the given words/ sentences.

9. Trouble and annoy continually -  
(A) complaint (B) harass  
(C) punish (D) oppress
10. One who is indifferent to pain or pleasure :  
(A) Eccentric (B) Philosopher  
(C) Fatalist (D) Stoic
11. A brief or short stay at a place  
(A) solitude (B) soiree  
(C) sojourn (D) solistice

**Direction :** In each of the question four alternatives are given for the idiom/ phrase. Choose the alternative which best express the meaning of the idiom and phrase.

12. Straw in the wind.  
(A) A light – weight object  
(B) A lucky charm

game that kids play

(D) An indication of what might happen

13. Face the music  
(A) Be applauded  
(B) Be ridiculed  
(C) Be punished  
(D) Be dismissed

14. Pass the buck  
(A) Exchange  
(B) Refuse to accept responsibility  
(C) Make some quick money  
(D) overtake

**Direction :** In each of the following question, a sentence / a part of the sentence is bold. Four alternatives are given to the bold part which will improve the sentence. Choose the correct alternative corresponding to it. In no case no improvement is needed, choose the alternative corresponding to “No improvement”.

15. The watch is correct **by** the minute.

(A) To (B) For  
(C) of  
(D) No improvement

16. She thought that she would destroy it which her own hands rather than allowing it to be misused.

(A) rather than allow  
(B) than rather allowing  
(C) than rather allow  
(D) no improvement

**Direction :** Four words are given, out of which only one word is spelt correctly. Choose the correctly spelt word.

17. (A) Mischievous  
(B) Mischievious  
(C) Mischevious  
(D) Mischivous

18. (A) Pontifical (B) Pontiffical  
(C) Pontifecal (D) Pontificol

**Direction :** A passage is given with 5 questions following it. Read the passage carefully and choose the best answer to each question out of the four alternatives.

Most of the African countries live in sub-human conditions because of extreme poverty, upheaval, hunger, disease, unemployment, lack of education and both inexperienced and corrupt administrations. The devastating consequences of the AIDS epidemic in those countries could improve if the infected population were to receive free drugs to control the disease, have access to

health professionals and get information on how to prevent its spread. But this can only be achieved through international help programs in which leaders of the world's richest countries donate medicine and also send doctors and nurses to treat and educate those in need. Moreover, most of the poor countries rely on selling agricultural products and raw materials of rich nations and buying industrialized products from them, resulting in a huge financial deficit. Consequently, they borrow a significant amount of money from the world Bank to try and improve their broken economies, but sometimes the money disappears with no significant changes and they cannot even pay the interest to the bank. Regarding this issue, last year the G8, which is comprised of leaders of the eight richest nations, decided to forgive billions of dollars worth of debt owed by the world's poorest nations. In addition, they developed adequate loan programs to financially assist those countries.

19. According to the author, one of the ways of helping the infected people in Africa to fight AIDS is by :
- (A) providing free clothes  
(B) providing free food  
(C) providing free drugs  
(D) providing free contraceptives
20. As the author describes the condition in Africa, her tone is :
- (A) sad (B) angry  
(C) bitter (D) hopeful
21. In the context of this essay, the phrase 'sub-human' means :
- (A) people of a smaller race  
(B) people living below accepted standard of living  
(C) people living below the rule of a headman  
(D) people segregated into groups according to their possession
22. What was the most significant step taken by the G8 towards assisting the poor countries in dealing with their need?
- (A) Sending doctors and nurses  
(B) Setting up an international programme  
(C) Forgiving debts owed by them  
(D) Building relief camps
23. What has led to the poor countries accumulating more debts?
- (A) Their buying of industrialized products  
(B) Their lack of education

The devastating consequences of the AIDS epidemic  
(D) Their lack of knowledge in the use of money

**Direction :** The sentences given with blanks are to be filled with appropriate words. Four alternatives are suggested for each question. For each question, choose the correct alternative.

24. Hard working people always succeed ..... what ever they do.  
(A) over (B) on  
(C) with (D) in
25. He waited with ..... Breath for the door to open.  
(A) Baited (B) bated  
(C) beaten (D) bitten

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**Answer sheet**

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
A	A	B	C	A	D	B	D	B	D
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
C	D	C	B	A	A	A	A	C	A
21	22	23	24	25					
B	C	A	D	B					

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