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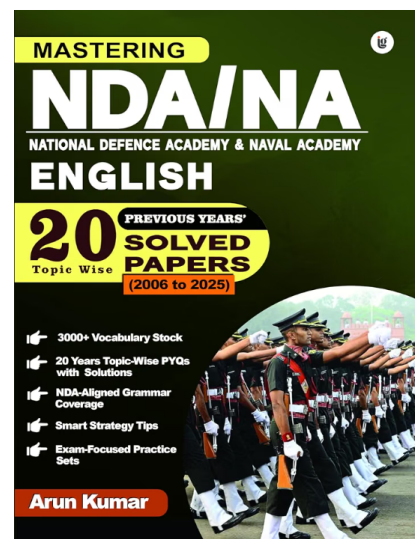
## Spotting Errors

Previous-years-style error detection with answers and explanations.

From the book

**MASTERING NDA/NA ENGLISH**

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**Directions:** Each item in this section consists of a sentence divided into parts, labeled (a), (b), (c), and sometimes additional parts. Read each sentence carefully to identify whether there is a grammatical, contextual, or idiomatic error in any of the labeled parts. The sentences are listed first, followed by a separate section at the end containing the correct answers and explanations. For each item, the answer indicates the part containing the error (e.g., (a), (b), or (c)), along with a detailed explanation of why it is incorrect. If the sentence contains no error, the answer is marked as (d), with an explanation confirming the sentence's grammatical accuracy.

## [2006 – NDA/ NA I]

1. An unit is an abstract idea, (a) / defined either by reference to (b) / a randomly chosen material standard or to a natural phenomenon. (c) / No error (d).
2. Microwaves are the principle carriers (a) / of television, telephone and data transmissions (b) / between stations on earth and between the earth and satellites. (c) / No error (d).
3. Mahavira was an advocate of nonviolence and vegetarianism, (a) / who revived and recognized the Jain doctrine (b) / and established rules for their monastic order. (c) / No error (d).
4. Amit has been deceiving Mona (a) / for many years but she (b) / has not still tumbled to it. (c) / No error (d).
5. A major contribution of Mathura sculptors (a) / of that period were the creation and popularization (b) / of the Buddha's image in human form. (c) / No error (d).
6. I will try to put over (a) / some feelers to gauge (b) / people's reactions to our proposal. (c) / No error (d).
7. The modern office block (a) / sticks out like a sore thumb (b) / among the old buildings in the area. (c) / No error (d).
8. He estimated his income tax bill (a) / by extrapolation over figures (b) / submitted in previous years. (c) / No error (d).
9. The two books are the same (a) / except for the fact that this (b) / has an answer in the back. (c) / No error (d).
10. The Prime Minister's good looks won him (a) / the election but he has still to prove (b) / that he's not a just pretty face. (c) / No error (d).

## [2006 – NDA/ NA II]

11. She stood off (a) / from the crowd (b) / because of her height and flaming red hair. (c) / No error (d).
12. The data on (a) / the divorce case is (b) / on the judge's desk. (c) / No error (d).
13. There is a beautiful moon out tonight (a) / and Neeta and I are going for a stroll (b) / would you like to come along with she and I? (c) / No error (d).
14. Your husband doesn't (a) / believe that you are older (b) / than I. (c) / No error (d).
15. You should be cautious (a) / and make a few discrete enquiries about (b) / the firm before you sign anything. (c) / No error (d).
16. I will need several weeks (a) / to invent the lie of the land before (b) / I can make any decision about the future of the business. (c) / No error (d).
17. The salesman gave us (a) / a big spiel about why (b) / we should buy his product. (c) / No error (d).
18. With the crisis deepening, (a) / the critics sense an opportunity (b) / about putting in place a more radical strategy. (c) / No error (d).

## [2007 – NDA/ NA I]

19. It's stupid to go (a) / to the expense of taking (b) / music lessons if you never practice (c) / No error (d).
20. You will find it difficult (a) / to explain of your use (b) / of such offensive language (c) / No error (d).
21. Because of the (a) / extenuating circumstances, (b) / the court acquitted him out of the crime (c) / No error (d).
22. The carpet was badly stained, (a) / to such an extent that (b) / you couldn't tell its original colour. (c) / No error (d).

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23. It is greatly to Amit's credit (a) / that he gave back the money he found; (b) / his honesty does for him credit (c) / No error (d).
24. A terrific hue and cry (a) / was raised (b) / at the new tax proposals (c) / No error (d).
25. The former General was (a) / exiled of his country because of (b) / his part in the plot against the government (c) / No error (d).
26. The company has (a) / set off itself some stiff production (b) / goals for this year (c) / No error (d).

### 2007 – NDA/ NA II]

27. The music was so loud (a) / that we had bellow over each (b) / other to be heard. (c) / No error (d).
28. When this beautiful girl arrived (a) / all the men in the room (b) / gravitated over her. (c) / No error (d).
29. The children are (a) / really in their element (b) / playing on the beach. (c) / No error (d).
30. The refugees are (a) / badly off for blankets (b) / and even worse for food. (c) / No error (d).
31. From their vintage-point on the cliff, (a) / the children could watch (b) / the ships coming and going (c) / No error (d).

### [2008 – NDA/ NA I]

32. Some women admit that (a) / their principle goal in life (b) / is to marry a wealthy man. (c) / No error (d).
33. Take two spoonfuls (a) / of this medicine (b) / every three hours. (c) / No error (d).
34. The film was so disjointed (a) / that I could not tell you (b) / what the story was about. (c) / No error (d).
35. He had been (a) / saved of death as if (b) / by divine intervention. (c) / No error (d).
36. A cogent remark (a) / compels acceptance because (b) / of their sense and logic. (c) / No error (d).
37. Credit cards have (a) / brought about a revolution (b) / in people's spending habits. (c) / No error (d).
38. In financial matters (a) / it is important to (b) / get disinterested advice. (c) / No error (d).

### [2008 – NDA/ NA II]

39. I informed the principal (a) / that I was running temperature (b) / and therefore could not attend the meeting. (c) / No error (d).
40. The lady was broken with grief (a) / when she heard the sad news of the train disaster (b) / in which her brother was killed. (c) / No error (d).
41. The farmer is irrigating (a) / his fields (b) / since morning. (c) / No error (d).

42. I could not (a) / answer to (b) / the question. (c) / No error (d).
43. Two years passed (a) / since (b) / my cousin died. (c) / No error (d).

### [2009 – NDA/ NA I]

44. He hesitated to accept the post (a) / as he did not think (b) / that the salary would not be enough for a man with a family of three. (c) / No error (d).
45. Have you gone through (a) / either of these three chapters (b) / that have been included in this volume? (c) / No error (d).
46. I am learning English (a) / for ten years (b) / without much effect (c) / No error (d).
47. Ramesh has agreed (a) / to marry with the girl (b) / of his parent's choice. (c) / No error (d).
48. The pity is that no sooner (a) / he had left the place (b) / than the fire broke out (c) / No error (d).
49. When he was arriving (a) / the party was (b) / in full swing. (c) / No error (d).
50. The dean wrote that he constituted a committee of experts (a) / comprising five members (b) / before the next meeting took place. (c) / No error (d).
51. I can't help to sneeze (a) / I got drenched yesterday (b) / and have a bad cold. (c) / No error (d).
52. I have lived (a) / from the hand to the mouth (b) / for all these fifty years though nobody knows it. (c) / No error (d).
53. Both he as well as his friend (a) / worked in close harmony (b) / on this same project. (c) / No error (d).
54. The Monk loved riding and hunting (a) / and refused to conform by rules and regulations (b) / of the ancient monastic order. (c) / No error (d).

### [2009 – NDA/ NA II]

55. Inflation and shortages (a) / have made it very difficult for him (b) / to make his both ends meet (c) / No error (d).
56. The most studious boy (a) / in the class (b) / was made as the captain (c) / No error (d).
57. I am participating (a) / in the two-miles race (b) / tomorrow morning (c) / No error (d).
58. The sum and substance (a) / of his speech (b) / were essentially anti-establishment (c) / No error (d).
59. It has been such a wonderful evening, (a) / I look forward to meet you again (b) / after the vacation (c) / No error (d).

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60. When the boy committed a mistake, (a) / the teacher made him to do (b) / the sum again (c) / No error (d).
61. Unless the government does not revise its policy of liberalization (a) / the growth of the indigenous technology (b) / will be adversely affected (c) / No error (d).
62. Supposing if you get (a) / a seat in the plane (b) / you will not take more than two hours to reach Mumbai (c) / No error (d).

### [2010 – NDA/ NA I]

63. Whenever a person lost anything (a) / the poor folk around (b) / are suspected. (c) / No error (d).
64. Still impressive is that (a) / we achieve this selective attention (b) / through our latent ability to lip-read (c) / No error (d).
65. As I entered the famous gallery (a) / my attention was at once drawn (b) / to the large sculpture in the corner (c) / No error (d).
66. Everyday before (a) / I start work for my livelihood (b) / I do my prayer (c) / No error (d).
67. Pooja went to her friend's house at the appointed hour; but (a) / she was told (b) / that her friend left half an hour earlier (c) / No error (d).
68. Rekha is (a) / enough old (b) / to get married (c) / No error (d).
69. As far as I am concerned, (a) / I shall do everything (b) / possible to help you (c) / No error (d).
70. The person in the seat of justice (a) / should be absolutely partial (b) / and not treat his nearest and dearest with favour. (c) / No error (d).

### [2010 – NDA/ NA II]

71. Let us congratulate him (a) / for his success (b) / in the examination (c) / No error (d).
72. Many people prefer to travel (a) / by the road (b) / because it is less expensive. (c) / No error (d).
73. She was beside herself in joy (a) / when she came to know (b) / that she had been selected for the job (c) / No error (d).
74. Mother tongue is as natural (a) / for the development of man's mind (b) / as mother's milk is for the development of the infant's body (c) / No error (d).
75. The Prime Minister as well as his secretary were expected to (a) / arrive in Chennai (b) / on Saturday morning. (c) / No error (d).
76. The speaker was (a) / not only slow (b) / but also inaudible as well (c) / No error (d).
77. The crowd surged forward (a) / to have a glimpse (b) / of their favourite leader. (c) / No error (d).

78. There is a distinctive possibility (a) / that he will leave the job (b) / once the investigation is over (c) / No error (d).
79. Many a star (a) / are (b) / twinkling in the sky. (c) / No error (d).
80. We discussed the problem (a) / so thoroughly that (b) / I found it easy to work it out. (c) / No error (d).

### [2011 – NDA/ NA I]

81. We are meeting today afternoon (a) / to discuss the matter (b) / and reach a conclusion. (c) / No error (d).
82. Either Ram or (a) / you is responsible (b) / for this action. (c) / No error (d).
83. The student flatly denied (a) / that he had copied (b) / in the examination hall. (c) / No error (d).
84. By the time you arrive tomorrow (a) / I have finished (b) / my work. (c) / No error (d).
85. The speaker stressed repeatedly on (a) / the importance of improving (b) / the condition of the slums (c) / No error (d).
86. The captain with the members of his team (a) / are returning (b) / after a fortnight. (c) / No error (d).
87. After returning from (a) / an all-India tour (b) / I had to describe about it. (c) / No error (d).
88. The teacher asked his students (a) / if they had gone through (b) / either of the three chapters included in the prescribed text (c) / No error (d).
89. Although they are living in the country (a) / since they were married (b) / they are now moving to the town. (c) / No error (d).
90. Do you know (a) / how old were you (b) / when you came here? (c) / No error (d).

### [2011 – NDA/ NA II]

91. It was really smart of him (a) / to have chosen the right course, (b) / isn't it? (c) / No error (d).
92. The doctor advised me (a) / that (b) / I am going on a salt free diet. (c) / No error (d).
93. It can't be true (a) / that he has never done something wrong (b) / in his entire career. (c) / No error (d).
94. He told (a) / that his brother (b) / was singer. (c) / No error (d).
95. When we reached at the station (a) / I fought my way through people and luggage (b) / and secured a place next to the window. (c) / No error (d).
96. The managing director along with his staff members were present (a) / for (b) / the annual general body meeting. (c) / No error (d).

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97. If you will follow my instructions, (a) / you will definitely score high marks (b) / in the entrance examination. (c) / No error (d).
98. In many respects, (a) / India is different (b) / than western countries. (c) / No error (d).
99. The members of the family (a) / soon became (b) / aware what had taken place (c) / No error (d).
100. I have met him (a) / on Monday last (b) / and had a long discussion. (c) / No error (d).
101. It is time (a) / we decide not to play cricket, (b) / for the next two years. (c) / No error (d).
102. He likes (a) / the sceneries (b) / of the hills (c) / No error (d).
103. I did not know (a) / that you have left your handbag in our office (b) / when you came to see me last Friday. (c) / No error (d).
104. He wanted me (a) / to bring two breads and some butter (b) / for breakfast. (c) / No error (d).
105. The parents are happy to know (a) / that a number of summer programmes have been arranged (b) / for the benefit of their children. (c) / No error (d).

### [2012 – NDA/ NA I]

106. Let us (a) / bring this discussion (b) / to close. (c) / No error (d).
107. Each of them (a) / have a different version (b) / of the crime. (c) / No error (d).
108. I and Gopal (a) / went to the meeting (b) / together. (c) / No error (d).
109. Latin is not only hard to write (a) / but also (b) / to read. (c) / No error (d).
110. In most villages (a) / the roads are rough, (b) / isn't it? (c) / No error (d).
111. Despite of continuing pain (a) / she worked at her temporary summer job (b) / most of the week. (c) / No error (d).
112. As soon the film started (a) / I developed (b) / an irritating headache. (c) / No error (d).
113. He applied for an employment (a) / in (b) / an office. (c) / No error (d).
114. Though we drove fast, the train left, (a) / before we could reach (b) / the station. (c) / No error (d).
115. One Indian virtue that has impressed me greatly (a) / and touched me deeply (b) / was the Indian people's freedom of rancour. (c) / No error (d).

### [2012 – NDA/ NA II]

116. None of the applicants have turned up (a) / for the interview (b) / on time. (c) / No error (d).

117. Her mother did not reply (a) / when I asked her (b) / why was she weeping. (c) / No error (d).
118. The oxygen content of Mars is not (a) / sufficient enough to support life (b) / as we know it. (c) / No error (d).
119. He told his friends that (a) / each of them (b) / should be able to carry out the orders oneself. (c) / No error (d).
120. If the police would have worked (a) / in time (b) / the riot would not have occurred. (c) / No error (d).
121. The flag is risen in the morning (a) / and taken down at night (b) / by the guards. (c) / No error (d).
122. I have seen him (a) / going to the theatre (b) / with his friends yesterday evening. (c) / No error (d).
123. He was charged of murder (a) / though the evidence did everything (b) / to convince the judge of his innocence. (c) / No error (d).
124. Neither he nor his brother (a) / is a good student (b) / but both are good players. (c) / No error (d).
125. He has taken charge (a) / as principal of our college (b) / three years ago. (c) / No error (d).

### [2013 – NDA/ NA I]

126. If you will work hard (a) / you will always (b) / succeed. (c) / No error (d).
127. She has been teaching (a) / dancing at the victory (b) / since five days. (c) / No error (d).
128. Many a boy were happy (a) / dancing at the victory (b) / of our cricket team in Australia. (c) / No error (d).
129. Imagine living (a) / with someone (b) / who never stops talk. (c) / No error (d).
130. I was shocked (a) / when he told me (b) / that the old woman died by cancer. (c) / No error (d).
131. To the men who worked so hard in the project, (a) / the news was (b) / profound disappointing. (c) / No error (d).
132. Even though she lost the beauty contest, (a) / she was still more prettier (b) / than the other girls. (c) / No error (d).
133. The novel is interesting, (a) / informative (b) / and it is easy to read. (c) / No error (d).
134. The differential attractions of the sun and the moon have a direct effect (a) / in the rising and falling (b) / and it is easy to read. (c) / No error (d).
135. Despite of the pills (a) / which are available, (b) / many people still have trouble sleeping. (c) / No error (d).

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### [2013 – NDA/ NA II]

136. Suppose if you were left alone (a) / to live on a desert island (b) / what would you do? (c) / No error (d).
137. He wondered that what (a) / would be the next move of his opponents (b) / who had vowed to see him dislodged from power. (c) / No error (d).
138. The nation should be grateful (a) / to the armed forces (b) / for protecting them. (c) / No error (d).
139. I do not know (a) / what is he doing (b) / to solve the problem. (c) / No error (d).
140. For so many years (a) / it is almost his habit (b) / to go to the bed at 10 p.m daily. (c) / No error (d).
141. He took (a) / down after (b) / his father. (c) / No error (d).
142. His honesty (a) / has never been (b) / called the question. (c) / No error (d).
143. I see her (a) / most weekends (b) / but not very often between. (c) / No error (d).
144. The chancellor (a) / was present (b) / on both occasions. (c) / No error (d).
145. The deliberations by (a) / the committee (b) / are completely confidential. (c) / No error (d).

### [2014 – NDA/ NA I]

146. The pile of books (a) / are (b) / missing. (c) / No error (d).
147. Either he (a) / or I (b) / are wrong. (c) / No error (d).
148. Please (a) / tell to him (b) / to do his work. (c) / No error (d).
149. Though he is good (a) / he is (b) / mischievous. (c) / No error (d).
150. The thief (a) / hit me (b) / suddenly and hardly. (c) / No error (d).
151. The number of books (a) / in our library (b) / is less. (c) / No error (d).
152. The general said, (a) / "Soldiers, do not fire (b) / till I will give the order". (c) / No error (d).
153. Neither of the candidates (a) / are (b) / good. (c) / No error (d).
154. This machine (a) / is more efficient (b) / than any other equipments in the workshop. (c) / No error (d).
155. The tin deposits in that area (a) / would probably be exhausted (b) / in to near future. (c) / No error (d).
156. The operation of this machine (a) / is different (b) / to that of the other. (c) / No error (d).

### [2014 – NDA/ NA II]

157. It was nearly thirty years ago, (a) / since this magazine (b) / was first published. (c) / No error (d).
158. Ten years ago he was having an income (a) / of over ten thousand rupees a monthly; (b) / he must indeed be a wealthy man by now. (c) / No error (d).
159. In spite of the fact (a) / that the meeting was about to end, (b) / he insisted to ask several questions. (c) / No error (d).
160. Hardly had he entered into the room (a) / and taken his seat, (b) / when the girls began to giggle. (c) / No error (d).
161. I was disappointed (a) / when I came for seeing you last evening (b) / but could not find you at home. (c) / No error (d).
162. The number of jobs (a) / that would be satisfactory in all respects (b) / are small. (c) / No error (d).
163. I have found the man (a) / whom I know (b) / is the thief. (c) / No error (d).
164. There is no reason (a) / why should he not come (b) / since he is in town and is free. (c) / No error (d).
165. It is high time (a) / we cried a halt to the existing corrupt practices (b) / followed in the educational sphere. (c) / No error (d).
166. The situation in perilous (a) / but if we are prepared promptly to act, (b) / there is still one chance of escape. (c) / No error (d).

### [2015 – NDA/ NA I]

167. Unless you stop to make noise at once (a) / I will have no option but to (b) / bring the matter to the attention of the police. (c) / No error (d).
168. He couldn't but help (a) / shed tears at the plight of the villagers (b) / rendered homeless by a devastating cyclone. (c) / No error (d).
169. Since it was his first election campaign, the candidate was confused (a) / none could clearly understand (b) / either the principles he stood for or the benefits he promised. (c) / No error (d).
170. It is an established fact that the transcendental American poets and philosophers (a) / who lived in the latter half of the nineteenth century (b) / were more influenced by Indian philosophy, in particular by Upanishadic Philosophy. (c) / No error (d).
171. No sooner did I open the door (a) / when the rain, heavy and stormy, rushed in (b) / making us shiver from head to foot. (c) / No error (d).
172. After opening the door (a) / we entered into the room (b) / next to the kitchen. (c) / No error (d).

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173. When the dentist came in (a) / my tooth was stopped aching (b) / out of fear that I might lose my tooth. (c) / No error (d).
174. Emphasis on equality of life ensures (a) / for the health and happiness (b) / of every individual (c) / No error (d).
175. The students were (a) / awaiting for (b) / the arrival of the chief guest. (c) / No error (d).
176. You will come (a) / to my party tomorrow (b) / isn't it? (c) / No error (d).
177. Having read a number of stories (a) / about space travel (b) / his dream now is about to visit the moon. (c) / No error (d).
178. The meeting adjourned abruptly (a) / by the chairman after (b) / about three hours of deliberation. (c) / No error (d).
179. Not one of the hundreds (a) / of striking workers (b) / were allowed to go near the factory. (c) / No error (d).
180. If I had known (a) / this earlier (b) / I will have helped him. (c) / No error (d).
181. Mr. Smith was accused for murder (a) / but the court found him not guilty (b) / and acquitted him. (c) / No error (d).

### [2015 – NDA/ NA II]

182. I am told (a) / John is ill (b) / since Monday. (c) / No error (d).
183. I shall leave school (a) / as soon as (b) / I shall find a job. (c) / No error (d).
184. He is a rich man: (a) / he is owning (b) / a number of buildings in Bombay. (c) / No error (d).
185. We were able to make it (a) / in spite of (b) / a bad weather. (c) / No error (d).
186. Neither of the two letters of credit (a) / were useful (b) / when he needed it. (c) / No error (d).
187. Little he realized (a) / that he wouldn't live (b) / to see his grandson married. (c) / No error (d).
188. A difficult syllabus (a) / is supposed to hurt (b) / juvenile mind. (c) / No error (d).
189. The voice of sanity and patriotism (a) / are important to dispel (b) / the prevailing confusion (c) / No error (d).
190. You were going to explain (a) / your late arrival, (b) / isn't it? (c) / No error (d).

### [2016 – NDA/ NA I]

191. She said that she was understanding (a) / his point of view (b) / very well. (c) / No error (d).
192. All the houses having been washed away (a) / by the floods (b) / the villagers sought shelter in the panchayat office. (c) / No error (d).

193. It is necessary for us to familiarize with and (a) / get used to (b) / the ways of the people among whom we live. (c) / No error (d).
194. The mother asked the child (a) / why did she cry out (b) / in her sleep. (c) / No error (d).
195. I asked him that (a) / why he was angry (b) / but he did not answer. (c) / No error (d).
196. Had I not taken ill (a) / I would have sent you (b) / my research paper much earlier. (c) / No error (d).
197. The barn owl helps the farmer by destroying rats (a) / which could, if left unchecked (b) / do a lot of damage to the crops. (c) / No error (d).
198. He had gone home three weeks ago (a) / and was expected back yesterday (b) / but he has not come yet. (c) / No error (d).
199. We must sympathize (a) / for others (b) / in their troubles. (c) / No error (d).
200. The scientists in America (a) / are trying for long (b) / to discover the genes responsible for ageing. (c) / No error (d).

### [2016 – NDA/ NA II]

201. My friend was (a) / habitual to drive a car (b) / at very high speed. (c) / No error (d).
202. Being a day of national mourning (a) / the offices were closed (b) / and the national flag flew at half-mast. (c) / No error (d).
203. If you are wanting to watch (a) / the birds nesting (b) / you must not let them see you. (c) / No error (d).
204. He does not listen to (a) / what I say (b) / although I am advising him for a long time. (c) / No error (d).
205. It is most essential for us (a) / to reach the station before noon (b) / lest we should miss the train. (c) / No error (d).
206. I asked him (a) / what had brought (b) / him there (c) / No error (d).
207. The guards (a) / dare not (b) / to harm him. (c) / No error (d).
208. The principal looks very worried (a) / because students are on strike for the last fifteen days as a protest against (b) / his disciplinary action against some miscreants. (c) / No error (d).
209. The king was embarrassed (a) / to find evidences (b) / against his own queen. (c) / No error (d).
210. As I prefer coffee than tea (a) / my friends always take the trouble (b) / to get me a cup of coffee whenever I visit them. (c) / No error (d).

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211. I can fly (a) / if I will be (b) / a bird. (c) / No error (d).
212. As soon as (a) / the train arrived (b) / the passengers entered the compartments. (c) / No error (d).
213. Never (a) / I have (b) / seen such a town. (c) / No error (d).
214. He goes to his office (a) / by bicycle (b) / every day. (c) / No error (d).
215. Far from being appreciated, (a) / his conduct was discussed (b) / and sharply commented. (c) / No error (d).

### [2017 NDA/ NA II]

216. An electrical circuit (a) / is the complete path (b) / traversed by electric current. (c) / No error (d).
217. He waved us a by-by (a) / as he boarded the train (b) / which disappeared into the tunnel. (c) / No error (d).
218. There was great deal that had to be scrapped, that must be scrapped; (a) / but surely India could not have been what she undoubtedly was, (b) / and could not have continued a cultured existence for thousands of years. (c) / No error (d).
219. With regard to interior decoration, it is the attention given to the less overt aspects of using space (a) / that give it life, an identity, a quality (b) / that makes it exciting and unusual. (c) / No error (d).
220. A small parcel (a) / of novels is (b) / better than none. (c) / No error (d).

### [2018 – NDA/ NA I]

221. The politician lost face in his constituency (a) / when he broke the pre-election promises (b) / he made to his people. (c) / No error (d).
222. At the request of the Defence Attorney, (a) / the jury were called (b) / and their individual verdicts were recorded. (c) / No error (d).
223. Frank Lloyd Wright has been acclaimed (a) / by colleagues (b) / as the greater of all modern architects. (c) / No error (d).
224. In my younger days (a) / I could run four miles (b) / at a stretch. (c) / No error (d).
225. The owner (a) / as well as his servants (b) / is honest. (c) / No error (d).

### [2018 – NDA/ NA II]

226. He appears (a) / to be (b) / a honest man. (c) / No error (d).
227. One of the members (a) / expressed doubt if the (b) / Minister was atheist. (c) / No error (d).

228. This view has been taken (a) / by one of the ablest persons (b) / who has written on this subject. (c) / No error (d).
229. Slow and steady (a) / owns the race, (b) / as the wise would say. (c) / No error (d).
230. We often hear people say (a) / that most human beings have not evolved (b) / or grow up enough to stick to truth or non-violence. (c) / No error (d).

### [2019– NDA/ NA I]

231. Opening his letters, (a) / reading them carefully and sending (b) / for this clerk, he dictated answers with them. (c) / No error (d).
232. He was my school-friend, (a) / but becoming a great man, (b) / he has grown proud enough to forget his old friends. (c) / No error (d).
233. Rabindranath Tagore, (a) / a Nobel laureate and the author of the national anthem, (b) / found Shantiniketan. (c) / No error (d).
234. The art of printing was introduced into England (a) / during the reign of Edward IV (b) / by William Caxton, a native of Kent. (c) / No error (d).
235. From thirty years (a) / he devoted himself to public affairs (b) / without taking a holiday. (c) / No error (d).
236. If Ramesh will be promoted (a) / he will get (b) / a higher salary. (c) / No error (d).
237. My brother goes (a) / to the office (b) / five day week. (c) / No error (d).
238. If you lend Mohan a pen (a) / he will lend it to someone else (b) / and never you will get it back. (c) / No error (d).
239. One of most widely spread (a) / bad habits (b) / is the use of tobacco. (c) / No error (d).
240. A great part (a) / of Arabia (b) / is desert. (c) / No error (d).

### [2019– NDA/ NA II]

241. He had arrived at Cario (a) / a few months before (b) / protests shook the Arab world. (c) / No error (d).
242. Most of us who are older competitive runners (a) / are not able to race anywhere at the same speed (b) / as we do when we were 30. (c) / No error (d).
243. Work hard (a) / lest you do not (b) / fail. (c) / No error (d).
244. The Eastern Ghats are home of 2600 plant species (a) / and this habitat fragmentations (b) / can pose a serious threat to endemic plants. (c) / No error (d).
245. Turbidity current is a fast-moving current (a) / that sweeps down submarine canyons (b) /

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carrying sand and mud into the deep sea. (c) / No error (d).

246. Every one (a) / of the boys (b) / love to ride. (c) / No error (d).
247. Neither praise nor blame (a) / seem (b) / to affect him (c) / No error (d).
248. Many a man (a) / has succumbed (b) / to this temptation. (c) / No error (d).
249. A time slot of fifteen minutes (a) / are allowed (b) / to each speaker. (c) / No error (d).
250. He asked (a) / whether either of the brothers (b) / were at home. (c) / No error (d).

### [2020 NDA/ NA I]

251. This building (a) / comprises of six houses, (b) / three parking lots and one basement (c) / No error (d).
252. I look forward (a) / to meet (b) / you. (c) / No error (d).
253. I cannot (a) / cope up (b) / with this pressure. (c) / No error (d).
254. I came (a) / to this place (b) / by walk. (c) / No error (d).
255. What is (a) / the time (b) / in your watch? (c) / No error (d).
256. The price of my dress (a) / is higher than that of (b) / yours. (c) / No error (d).
257. My friend's (a) / daughter-in-laws (b) / have come. (c) / No error (d).
258. I prefer (a) / seafood (b) / than Mediterranean food. (c) / No error (d).
259. We were (a) / discussing about (b) / the issue. (c) / No error (d).
260. Dispose off (a) / the garbage (b) / from the shelves. (c) / No error (d).

### [2021– NDA/ NA I]

261. You don't have (a) / a monopoly on suffering; (b) / other people don't have problems too (c) / No error (d).
262. If you say that someone (a) / you admire has feet of clay, (b) / you mean that they have hidden faults. (c) / No error (d).
263. He refused to change (a) / his decision; (b) / he refused it point out. (c) / No error (d).
264. The importance of trade in Mughal times reinforced (a) / the cultural definition of wealth as something (b) / comprising of movable property. (c) / No error (d).
265. In the nineteenth century, (a) / most traditional scholars (b) / tried to stay clear from the imperial Government. (c) / No error (d).

266. He began his discussion by pointing over (a) / that men and women (b) / had different biological functions. (c) / No error (d).
267. Though he is poor, (a) / but he is (b) / honest. (c) / No error (d).
268. My mother (a) / has been doing (b) / everything for the family. (c) / No error (d).
269. When learning to dive (a) / it is important (b) / to relax in between and take breaks. (c) / No error (d).
270. I have the opportunity (a) / to study (b) / in America next year. (c) / No error (d).

### [2021– NDA/ NA II]

271. Nursery classes (a) / for the children (b) / starts in April every year. (c) / No error (d).
272. The pollution level is very (a) / high in our city, and (b) / becomes a health hazard. (c) / No error (d).
273. India is a country of linguistic (a) / and cultural diversity with (b) / multiple ethnic and social groups. (c) / No error (d).
274. Why does the lapse rate (a) / effect the tendency (b) / of air to rise? (c) / No error (d).
275. The thorax is the upper part (a) / of your body from the neck down (b) / to the bottom of the ribs and diaphragm. (c) / No error (d).
276. The practical uses of astrology (a) / have seldom been seriously (b) / studied outside India. (c) / No error (d).
277. She collected (a) / some armful of medicines and (b) / poured them down a drain. (c) / No error (d).
278. In many countries, the United Nations (a) / or other internationally organised (b) / peacekeeping forces are trying to keep the peace. (c) / No error (d).
279. Early cities rely on food and water (a) / from the surrounding countryside, (b) / but today cities often depend on distant sources. (c) / No error (d).
280. Climate change, whether it is (a) / natural or human-induced, (b) / is stressful for the people. (c) / No error (d).

### [2022– NDA/ NA I]

281. A company of five thousand soldiers, (a) / having marched tirelessly for over five days, (b) / have just moved into their cantonment. (c) / No error (d).
282. Every person who believes in principles (a) / must stand up to fight (b) / for their convictions. (c) / No error (d).
283. The Olympic Games reflects (a) / the highest spirit of (b) / human endeavour and achievement. (c) / No error (d).

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284. The principal of the school (a) / stressed the need for discipline (b) / amongst the students. (c) / No error (d).
285. Failure is the stepping stone to success; (a) / however, successive failures are not (b) / successive stepping stones to success. (c) / No error (d).
286. India's strengths are (a) / its diversity of culture and (b) / the spirit of tolerance in it's people. (c) / No error (d).
287. Once considered ninth planet of the solar system, (a) / Pluto is today listed as the (b) / largest dwarf planet of the solar system. (c) / No error (d).
288. The greatest glory in life (a) / is to be able to realize ones dreams and ambitions (b) / without trampling on those of others. (c) / No error (d).
289. To be able to manage one's (a) / anger is a reflection of an individual's (b) / psychological maturity. (c) / No error (d).
290. A honest mistake (a) / is no more than that; (b) / just an honest mistake. (c) / No error (d).

### [2022 – NDA/ NA II]

291. Our greatest glory is (a) / not in never falling but in (b) / raising every time we fall. (c) / No error (d).
292. Rahim was one of that (a) / selected for (b) / the award. (c) / No error (d).
293. Sujini has met her old friend (a) / Guru before she shifted (b) / to Hyderabad two years ago (c) / No error (d).
294. This monument happens (a) / to be one of the old monument (b) / in the city. (c) / No error (d).
295. Amit told to Divya (a) / that he would come (b) / with a reward for her. (c) / No error (d).
296. If you have asked me (a) / for the truth I would have told (b) / you at that time. (c) / No error (d).
297. If I will be the millionaire (a) / I would eradicate (b) / poverty from the country. (c) / No error (d).
298. A bird in hand (a) / is better than (b) / two in the bush. (c) / No error (d).
299. The opportunity to attain foundational literacy (a) / and pursue a honest livelihood (b) / must be viewed as basic right of every citizen. (c) / No error (d).
300. Though there is progress (a) / for different Directions, (b) / why is there no brotherhood? (c) / No error (d).

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301. Over long periods of time, (a) / layers of sediments builds up (b) / to a height of a few kilometers. (c) / No Error (d).

302. When a gas is (a) / cooled down it turns into a liquid (b) / from a process called condensation. (c) / No Error (d).
303. If you want (a) / to know the news (b) / you can read a newspaper. (c) / No Error (d).
304. Columbus made his (a) / first voyage from Europe to America (b) / on 1492. (c) / No Error (d).
305. Whenever the sky is (a) / clear, you can see (b) / the stars in the night. (c) / No Error (d).
306. I'm not working tomorrow, (a) / so I don't had to (b) / get up early. (c) / No Error (d).
307. She didn't (a) / tell anybody (b) / about her plans. (c) / No Error (d).
308. She wouldn't have (a) / has an accident, (b) / if she had driven carefully. (c) / No Error (d).
309. I will watch film (a) / if I finish the work (b) / in time. (c) / No Error (d).
310. In 1989, the government (a) / did an about-face and Iran restored (b) / it's family planning program. (c) / No Error (d).

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311. Bread, butter and (a) / jam common breakfast items (b) / that are consumed by many households. (c) / No error (d).
312. Ten thousand dollars is (a) / the prize money being offered (b) / by the game show hosts. (c) / No error (d).
313. Three hundred and sixty five (a) / create up the number of days (b) / in a calendar year. (c) / No error (d).
314. The process of removing (a) / wool from the body of (b) / an animal is called sharing. (c) / No error (d).
315. Many people came (a) / from faraway places to prayed (b) / at the temple on the auspicious day. (c) / No error (d).
316. After reading forward of (a) / the book on environmental issues in India, (b) / I decided to meet its author. (c) / No error (d).
317. The guidance from the mentors (a) / and the teachers facilitated the (b) / smooth conduct of elections to the Students' council. (c) / No error (d).
318. The Principal of our school (a) / felicitated the students in (b) / the prize distribution ceremony. (c) / No error (d).
319. If you were to (a) / come to Chennai to settle down (b) / it will be the best possible decision. (c) / No error (d).
320. They had promised to delivered (a) / the bags before mid-March (b) / to enable us to inaugurate the shop. (c) / No error (d).

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321. The project staff are (a) / working on the weekend (b) / so as not to delay (c) / the project any further. (d)
322. When I saw Arnab (a) / he said he (b) / had taken his (c) / driving test yesterday. (d)
323. Of all the players (a) / it was Ramesh (b) / who plan his tactics (c) / with utmost care.
324. Many people in India are (a) / still not aware (b) / of India's indigenous fabrics (c) / that reflects the rich heritage of craftsmanship. (d)
325. Meaningful ecological (a) / effects of the handloom (b) / sector can be optimized (c) / through recycling practices. (d)

**Directions (Q Nos 326 to 330)** The following items have four sentences, one of which is correct. Select the correct sentence and mark your response on the Answer Sheet accordingly.

326. (a) Although it was raining, we had the picnic.  
(b) Although it was raining, still we had the picnic.  
(c) Although it was raining, yet we had the picnic.  
(d) Although it was raining, even then we had the picnic.
327. (a) When I would arrive, I will call you.  
(b) When I shall arrive, I will call you.  
(c) When I will arrive, I will call you.  
(d) When I arrive, I will call you.
328. (a) Who among you has the answer?  
(b) Whom among you has the answer?  
(c) Whom amongst you has the answer?  
(d) Who amid you has the answer?
329. (a) No sooner than he reached the station the train left.  
(b) No sooner had he reached the station than the train left.  
(c) No sooner he had reached the station than the train left.  
(d) No sooner had he reached the station then the train left.
330. (a) Hardly had I arrived at the airport than the plane departed.  
(b) Scarcely had I arrived at the airport when the plane departed.  
(c) Hardly I had arrived at the airport when the plane departed.  
(d) Scarcely had I arrived at the airport then the plane departed.

## Answers with Explanations

1 (a) – The use of article 'an' before 'unit' is wrong. 'An' is used before words beginning with a vowel sound. 'Unit' starts with a consonant sound ('yoo'), so use 'a'.

2 (a) – The word 'principle' is wrongly spelt. It should be 'principal', meaning chief or main. 'Principle' means a fundamental truth.

3 (b) – 'Who' is misused. Correct structure: "Mahavira, who was an advocate..." to follow the noun 'Mahavira'.

4 (c) – 'Still' is incorrect in perfect negative sentences. Use 'yet': "has not yet tumbled to it".

5 (b) – 'Were' is incorrect. 'A major contribution' is singular; hence, use 'was'.

6 (a) – 'Put over' is wrong. Use the idiom 'put out feelers' to mean testing opinions.

7 (d) – The sentence has no error.

8 (b) – 'Over' is incorrect. Use 'from' in "by extrapolation from figures".

9 (c) – 'In the back' is incorrect. Correct phrase: "has an answer at the back".

10 (c) – 'A' is misplaced. Correct: "he's not just a pretty face".

11 (a) – 'Stood off' is incorrect. Correct idiom: 'stood apart' or 'stood out'.

12 (b) – 'Data' is plural and will take 'Are'.

13 (c) – 'She and I' is incorrect in the phrase. Correct: "with us".

14 (c) – 'I' is incorrect. Use objective case 'me': "than me".

15 (b) – 'Discrete' (separate) is incorrect. Correct word: 'discreet' (careful).

16 (b) – 'Invent' is incorrect. Correct idiom: 'learn the lay of the land'.

17 (b) – 'About' is incorrect. Correct: "a big spiel as to why".

18 (c) – 'About' is incorrect. Correct: "of putting in place".

19 (b) – 'Expense' is incorrect. Use 'extent' for degree or scale.

20 (b) – 'Explain of' is incorrect. Correct phrase: 'explain away'.

21 (c) – 'Out of' is incorrect. Correct: "acquitted him of the crime".

22 (a) – 'Badly' is redundant. Correct: "The carpet was stained".

23 (c) – 'Does for him credit' is wrong. Correct: "does him credit".

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24 (c) – 'Proposals' should be singular: "tax proposal".

25 (b) – 'Of' is incorrect. Correct: "exiled from his country".

26 (b) – 'Set off' is incorrect. Correct: "set itself".

27 (b) – 'Bellow over' is incorrect. Correct: "shout at each other".

28 (c) – 'Gravitated over' is incorrect. Correct: "gravitated to her".

29 (d) – The sentence has no error.

30 (c) – 'Even worse' is redundant. Correct: "and worse for food".

31 (a) – 'Vintage' is incorrectly used. Correct: "vantage point".

32 (b) – 'Principle' is incorrect. Use 'principal' for primary.

33 (a) – 'Spoonsful' is incorrect. Correct plural: 'spoonfuls'.

34 (b) – 'Could' is incorrect. Correct tense: 'can': "*I cannot tell you*".

35 (b) – 'Of' is incorrect. Correct: "saved from death".

36 (c) – 'Their' is incorrect. Use 'its' for singular 'remark'.

37 (d) – No Error.

38 (d) – The sentence has no error.

39 (b) – 'Running temperature' is incorrect. Correct: "running a temperature".

40 (c) – Use past perfect: 'had been killed'.

41 (a) – 'Is irrigating' is incorrect. Correct: 'has been irrigating'.

42 (b) – 'Answer to' is incorrect. The verb 'answer' doesn't take a preposition.

43 (a) – 'Two years passed' is incorrect. Correct: "Two years have passed".

44 (b) – Avoid double negatives. Use 'thought' instead of 'did not think'.

45 (b) – 'Either' is incorrect for three items. Use 'any'.

46 (a) – 'Am learning' is incorrect. Correct: 'have been learning'.

47 (b) – 'With' is incorrect. The verb 'marry' doesn't need a preposition.

48 (b) – 'No sooner he had' is incorrect. Correct: 'No sooner had he'. Apply inversion.

49 (a) – 'Was arriving' is incorrect. Correct: 'arrived'.

50 (a) – 'constituted' is incorrect. Use past perfect: 'had constituted'.

51 (a) – The infinitive 'to sneeze' is incorrect. Use the gerund 'sneezing' after "can't help".

52 (b) – The article 'the' is incorrect. Correct idiom: "from hand to mouth".

53 (a) – 'As well as' is incorrect here. Correct conjunction after 'both' is 'and'.

54 (b) – 'By' is incorrect. Use 'to' or 'with': "*known to/with someone*".

55 (c) – 'His' is redundant. Correct: "to make both ends meet".

56 (c) – 'As' is unnecessary. Correct: "was made the captain".

57 (b) – 'Two-miles' is incorrect. Use: "a two-mile race" (compound adjective).

58 (c) – 'Were' is incorrect. The singular subject 'sum and substance' takes 'was'.

59 (b) – 'To meet' is incorrect. Correct: "to meeting".

60 (b) – 'To do' is incorrect. Correct: "made him do".

61 (a) – Double negative: 'does not revise' is incorrect. Use: "unless the government revises".

62 (a) – 'Supposing if' is redundant. Use only 'if'.

63 (a) – whenever a person loses anything..(conditional sentence).

64 (c) – Replace '*through*' with '*With*'

65 (d) – The sentence has no error.

66 (c) – 'Do my prayer' is incorrect. Correct idiom: "say my prayer".

67 (c) – 'Left' is incorrect. Past perfect needed: "had left".

68 (b) – 'Enough old' is incorrect. Correct order: "old enough".

69 (b) – 'Shall' is incorrect for expressing obligation. Use 'will'.

70 (b) – 'Partial' is incorrect. Use 'impartial' meaning unbiased.

71 (b) – 'For' is incorrect. Correct preposition: 'on'.

72 (b) – 'The' is incorrect. Correct phrase: "by road".

73 (a) – 'Beside herself' is incorrect here. Correct: "beside her".

74 (d) – The sentence has no error.

75 (a) – 'Were' is incorrect. Singular subject 'Prime Minister' needs 'was'.

76 (c) – 'As well' is redundant with 'but also'. Correct: "but also inaudible".

77 (b) – to catch or get in place of have..

78 (a) – 'Distinctive' is incorrect. Correct word: 'distinct' (meaning separate).

79 (b) – 'Are' is incorrect. 'Many a' takes a singular verb: 'is'.

80 (c) – 'Thoroughly' is misspelled. Correct spelling: 'thoroughly'.

81 (a) – 'Today afternoon' is incorrect. Correct: "today in the afternoon" or "this afternoon".

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82 (b) – 'Is' is incorrect. With 'either...or', verb agrees with nearer subject 'you': 'are'.

83 (d) – No Error.

84 (b) – 'Have finished' is incorrect. Future perfect needed: 'will have finished'.

85 (a) – 'Repeatedly' is redundant with 'stressed'.  
Correct: "stressed on".

86 (b) – 'Are' is incorrect. Singular subject 'captain' requires 'is'.

87 (c) – 'Describe about' is incorrect. The verb 'describe' takes no preposition.

88 (c) – 'Either' is incorrect for more than two items. Use 'any'.

89 (a) – 'Are living' is incorrect. Use present perfect: 'have been living'.

90 (b) – .How old you were.

91 (c) – 'Was it' is incorrect. Sentence is affirmative past; correct tag: 'wasn't it'.

92 (c) – 'Am going' is incorrect. Correct: "I should go" or "I must go".

93 (b) – 'Something' is incorrect in negative context. Correct: 'anything'.

94 (c) – Article 'a' is missing. Correct: "was a singer".

95 (a) – 'Reached at' is incorrect. Correct: "arrived at".

96 (a) – 'Were' is incorrect. Singular subject 'managing director' takes 'was'.

97 (a) – 'Will follow' is incorrect. Use present tense: 'follow' in conditionals.

98 (c) – 'Than' is incorrect. Depending on structure, correct may be 'from'.

99 (c) – 'Aware what' is incorrect. Correct: "aware of what".

100 (a) – 'Have met' is incorrect. For a past event, use simple past: 'met'.

101 (b) – Replace "we decide" we decided due to phrase "*It is time*".

102 (b) – The correct word is 'scenery,' not 'sceneries,' as 'scenery' is uncountable and has no plural form.

103 (b) – The past perfect 'had left' is needed since the action of leaving occurred before the realization.

104 (b) – 'Bread' is uncountable; the correct phrase is 'bread pieces' or 'loaves,' not 'breads'.

105 (b) –correct "*have been arranged*" as "*are being arranged*."

106 (c) – Use 'to a closure' instead of 'to a close.'  
'Closure'/conclusion is the correct noun form.

107 (b) – The subject 'each' is singular; hence, the verb should be 'has,' not 'have.'

108 (a) – Use 'Gopal and I' to follow proper pronoun order (2nd, 3rd, 1st person).

109 (a) – Correct structure: 'Latin is hard not only to write but also to read.'

110 (c) – The correct question tag for 'roads are not good' is 'aren't they?'

111 (a) –Delete 'of' after despite. Use 'continuous pain' (adjective), not 'continuing pain' (participle).

112 (a) – Use the phrase 'as soon as' to show immediate sequence.

113 (a) – 'Applied for a post' is the standard usage, not 'applied for employment.'

114 (a) – 'the train had left' is needed to show the earlier action .'

115 (c) – 'Indian's freedom from rancour' is more precise; 'Indian people's' is redundant.

116 (a) – 'None' takes a singular verb, so it should be 'has' instead of 'have.'

117 (c) – Correct word order: 'why she was weeping,' as it's an embedded question.

118 (b) – 'Sufficient' alone is enough; 'enough' is redundant.

119 (c) – Use 'himself' with singular subject 'each'

120 (a) – Past perfect 'had worked' fits this conditional context.

121 (a) – Correct verb: 'is raised.' 'Raise' is transitive, unlike 'rise.'

122 (a) – 'Had seen' is needed since it occurred before 'yesterday.'

123 (a) – Use 'charged with murder' – the correct preposition is 'with.'

124 (d) – No error. 'Neither...nor' takes a singular verb – 'is' is correct.

125 (a) – 'Took' is the correct past simple verb for the time reference.

126 (a) – In conditional clauses, avoid 'will'; correct: 'if you work hard.'

127 (c) – Use 'for five days' (duration). 'Since' is used for a point in time.

128 (a) – 'Many a' takes singular verb, so 'was' is correct, not 'were.'

129 (c) – Use 'stops talking' – gerund follows 'stops.'

130 (c) – Correct phrase: 'died of cancer,' indicating cause.

131 (c) – Use 'profoundly disappointing' – adverb + adjective form.

132 (b) – 'Prettier' is sufficient; 'more' is redundant with comparatives.

133 (c) – 'Easy to read' is correct; 'it is' is unnecessary.

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134 (b) – Correct preposition is 'on' in place of *effect of the rising and falling*.

135 (a) – Remove 'of' after *despite*

136 (a) – 'Suppose' and 'if' shouldn't be used together. Drop 'if.'

137 (a) – Correct structure: 'He wondered what...' ('that what' is incorrect).

138 (a) – Spelling error: 'greatful' → 'grateful.'

139 (b) – Assertive form needed: 'he is doing,' not 'is he doing.'

140 (c) – General usage: 'go to bed' (not 'the bed') – article is unnecessary.

141 (b) – Correct phrasal verb: 'took after' (resembles), not 'took down.'

142 (c) – Correct idiom: 'called into question,' not 'called the question.'

143 (c) – Better phrasing: 'in between' for clarity.

144 (c) – Replace "on" with "at"

145 (a) – 'Replace "The deliberations by" with The deliberations of'.'

146 (b) – 'The pile' is singular; correct verb is 'is,' not 'are.'

147 (c) – Error-“are” – verb must agree with closer subject 'I. Correct- am

148 (b) – Remove redundant 'to' – correct: 'tell him to do.'

149 (d) – No error; sentence is grammatically correct.

150 (c) – Use 'hard' (adverb), not 'hardly' (means barely).

151 (c) – Use 'fewer' or 'small' for countable/plural nouns, not 'less.'

152 (c) – In reported speech, use 'I give' instead of 'I will give.'

153 (b) – 'Neither' is singular; verb should be 'is,' not 'are.'

154 (c) – 'Equipment' is uncountable – no plural form 'equipments.'

155 (c) – Use 'in the near future' – 'the' is necessary.

156 (c) – Correct phrase: 'different from that of the other.'

157 (b) – 'when' in place of 'since'.

158 (a) – Correct usage: "He had an income", not "was having an income". Use 'a month' – 'a monthly' is incorrect.

159 (c) – Use 'insisted on asking' – 'insist' is followed by 'on + verb-ing.'

160 (a) – 'Enter' does not need 'into' – use 'entered the room.'

161 (b) – *Error Part*: for seeing

Explanation: Purpose clause requires infinitive form. Correct: "to see you."

162 (c) – *Error Part*: are

Explanation: "The number" is singular. Correct verb: "is."

163 (b) – *Error Part*: whom

Explanation: Subjective case is needed. Correct: "who."

164 (d) – *No Error*

165 (c) – *No Error*

166 (b) – *Error Part*: promptly

Explanation: Adverb should follow the verb. Correct: "prepared to act promptly."

167 (a) – *Error Part*: to make noise

Explanation: Correct phrase: "stop making noise" (verb+ing after "stop").

168 (a) – *Error Part*: could not but help

Explanation: correct: could not help but shedding

169 (d) *No Error*

170 (c) – *Error Part*: Add 'the' before Indian Philosophy.

171 (b) – *Error Part*: when

Explanation: "No sooner" pairs with "than." Correct: "No sooner... than..."

172 (b) – *Error Part*: into the room

Explanation: "Enter" does not take a preposition. Correct: "entered the room."

173 (b) – *Error Part*: was stopped aching

Explanation: Incorrect voice. Correct: "stopped aching."

174 (b) – *Error Part*: ensures for

Explanation: "Ensure" does not take "for." Correct: "ensures health and happiness."

175 (b) – *Error Part*: awaiting for

Explanation: "Await" is transitive. Correct: "awaiting."

176 (c) – *Error Part*: isn't it

Explanation: Tag question should match the future tense. Correct: "won't you?"

177 (c) – *Error Part*: Remove 'about'. The sentence should be "Her dream now is to..."

178 (a) – *Error Part*: adjourned

Explanation: Use passive voice. Correct: "was adjourned."

179 (c) – *Error Part*: were allowed

Explanation: "Not one" is singular. Correct: "was allowed."

180 (c) – *Error Part*: will have

Explanation: Conditional past. Use "would have."

181 (a) – *Error Part*: accused for

Explanation: Correct preposition: "accused of."

182 (b) – *Error Part*: is ill since Monday

Explanation: Present perfect needed. Correct: "has been ill since Monday."

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183 (c) – *Error Part*: I shall find

Explanation: After "as soon as," use present simple.  
Correct: "I find."

184 (b) – *Error Part*: is owning

Explanation: "Own" is stative; avoid continuous.  
Correct: "he owns."

185 (c) – *Error Part*: a bad weather

Explanation: "Weather" is uncountable. No article.  
Correct: "in spite of bad weather."

186 (b) – *Error Part*: were

Explanation: "Neither" is singular, so the verb should be "was."

187 (a) – *Error Part*: Little he realized

Explanation: Inversion needed after "Little." Correct: "Little did he realize."

188 (c) – *Error Part*: juvenile minds

Explanation: Needs article. Correct: "the juvenile minds."

189 (b) – *Error Part*: are

Explanation: "The voice" is singular. Correct: "is."

190 (c) – Correct Question Tag is 'Weren't you'

191 (a) – *Error Part*: am understanding

Explanation: "Understand" is stative. Correct: "understood."

192 (d) No Error

193 (a) – *Error Part*: familiarize with

Explanation: Correct: "familiarize ourselves with."

194 (b) – *Error Part*: why did she cry out

Explanation: In reported speech, use assertive structure. Correct: "why she cried out."

195 (a) – *Error Part*: that

Explanation: "That" is unnecessary. Correct: "I asked him why..."

196 (a) – The correct phrase be 'Had I not been ill'

197 (d) – *Error Part*: —

Explanation: No error. The sentence is correct.

198 (a) – *Error Part*: three weeks ago. Correct: three weeks before

199 (b) – *Error Part*: for his integrity

Explanation: Correct preposition is "with." Use: "was admired with his integrity."

200 (b) – *Error Part*: are trying

Explanation: Present perfect continuous fits better: "have been trying for long."

201 (b) – *Error Part*: habitual to drive

Explanation: Correct: habitual to driving a car.

202 (a) – Add 'it' before 'being'

203 (a) – *Error Part*: are wanting

Explanation: "Want" is not normally used in continuous form. Correct: "You want to watch."

204 (c) – *Error Part*: am advising

Explanation: Present perfect continuous needed. Correct: "have been advising."

205 (a) – *Error Part*: most essential

Explanation: Superlative needs an article. Correct: "the most essential."

206 (d) – *Error Part*: —

Explanation: No error. Sentence is correct.

207 (c) – *Error Part*: to harm

Explanation: Modal "dare not" is followed by base form. Correct: "dare not harm him."

208 (b) – *Error Part*: are on strike

Explanation: Present perfect continuous better. Correct: "have been on strike."

209 (b/c) – *Error Part*: an evidence/ own queen

Explanation: "Evidence" is uncountable. Correct: "some evidence" or just "evidence. In this sentence 'own' is redundant with 'his'.

210 (a) – *Error Part*: prefer coffee than tea

Explanation: Correct preposition: "prefer coffee to tea."

211. (b) – Use of "will be" is incorrect in hypothetical condition. It should be "if I were a bird."

212. (d) – No error. Past actions correctly follow "As soon as."

213. (b) – Inversion required after "Never"; should be "Never have I seen..."

214. (d) – No error. Sentence correctly expresses a daily routine.

215. (c) – Missing preposition. Should be "commented upon" not just "commented."

216. (d) – No error. Technically and grammatically correct sentence.

217. (a) – Spelling error. "by-by" should be "bye-bye" or "goodbye."

218. (a) – Article missing. Should be "a great deal" not "great deal."

219. (b) – Subject-verb agreement error. "Attention" is singular, so use "gives" not "give."

220. (d) – No error. Subject is singular ("parcel"), so "is" is correctly used.

221 (c) – *Error Part*: he made to his people.

Explanation: When we describe a past action that occurred earlier than another past action, we use the past perfect tense (had + past participle).. "he had made to ..."

222 (d) – *Error Part*: No Error

223 (c) – *Error Part*: greater

Explanation: Use superlative for comparison among all. Correct: "greatest."

224 (d) – *Error Part*: —

Explanation: No error. Sentence is correct.

225 (d) – *Error Part*: —

Explanation: No error. "The owner" is singular, verb agreement is correct.

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226 (c) – *Error Part*: a honest

Explanation: Use "an" before vowel sounds. Correct: "an honest man."

227 (b) – *Error Part*: expressed doubt if

Explanation: Use "that" after "expressed doubt."  
Correct: "expressed doubt that..."

228 (c) – *No Error (UPSC Answer key)*"

229 (b) – *Error Part*: win

Explanation: Use singular verb "wins" for singular subject. Correct: "wins the race."

230 (c) – *Error Part*: grown up

Explanation: Use consistent verb tense. Correct: "have grown up."

231 (c) – *Error Part*: with them

Explanation: Correct phrase is "answers to them."

232 (b) – *Error Part*: after he became

Explanation: Better: "having become a great man."

233 (c) – *Error Part*: found

Explanation: "Founded" is correct past tense of "establish." Correct: "founded."

234 (d) – *Error Part*: No Error

235 (a) – *Error Part*: From thirty years

Explanation: Use "For thirty years" to express duration.

236 (a) – *Error Part*: If Ramesh will be promoted

Explanation: Use present tense in conditionals.  
Correct: "If Ramesh is promoted..."

237 (c) – *Error Part*: five day week

Explanation: Hyphenate compound adjective.  
Correct: "five-day week."

238 (c) – *Error Part*: you never will get

Explanation: Correct order: "you will never get."

239 (a) – *Error Part*: most widely spread

Explanation: Article missing. Correct: "the most widely spread."

240 (d) – *Error Part*: —

Explanation: No error. Sentence is correct.

241 (a) – *Error Part*: had arrived at Cairo

Explanation: Use simple past tense "*Arrived Cairo*" with phrase *A few months before*.

242 (c) – *Error Part*: do now as we did

Explanation: Past time context. Use: "as we did then..."

243 (b) – *Error Part*: do not

Explanation: "Lest" already implies negative.  
Correct: "lest he should fail."

244 (a) – *Error Part*: home of

Explanation: Correct usage: "home to..."

245 (d) – *Error Part*: —

Explanation: No error. Sentence is correct.

246 (c) – *Error Part*: love

Explanation: Subject-verb agreement. "He" takes "loves." Correct: "loves."

247 (b) – *Error Part*: seem

Explanation: "Neither...nor" takes singular verb.  
Correct: "seems."

248 (d) – *Error Part*: No Error

249 (b) – *Error Part*: are allowed

Explanation: Singular subject "a time slot" requires singular verb. Correct: "is allowed."

250 (c) – *Error Part*: were

Explanation: "Either" is singular. Correct: "was."

251 (b) – *Error Part*: comprises of

Explanation: "Comprises" is not followed by "of."  
Correct: "comprises six houses."

252 (b) – *Error Part*: to meet

Explanation: After "look forward to," use gerund.  
Correct: "meeting."

253 (b) – *Error Part*: cope up

Explanation: Idiom error. Correct: "cope with."

254 (c) – *Error Part*: by walk

Explanation: Correct phrase: "on foot."

255 (c) – *Error Part*: in your watch

Correct: "by your watch."

256 (d) – *Error Part*: —

Explanation: No error. Sentence is correct.

257 (b) – *Error Part*: daughter-in-laws

Explanation: Correct plural: "daughters-in-law."

258 (c) – *Error Part*: prefer than

Explanation: Correct: "prefer X to Y." So: "prefer seafood to Mediterranean food."

259 (b) – *Error Part*: about

Explanation: "About" is redundant.

260 (a) – *Error Part*: dispose off

Explanation: Correct phrasal verb: "dispose of."

261 (c) – *Error Part*: don't have problems too

Explanation: Redundant phrasing. Better: "have problems too."

262 (d) – *Error Part*: —

Explanation: No error. Sentence is correct.

263 (c) – *Error Part*: refused it point out

Explanation: Misplaced object. Correct: "refused to point it out."

264 (c) – *Error Part*: comprising of

Explanation: "Comprising" is not followed by "of."  
Correct: "comprising movable property."

265 (c) – *Error Part*: clear from

Explanation: Correct phrase: "stay clear of."

266 (a) – *Error Part*: pointing over

Explanation: 'pointing out' is correct here.

267 (b) – *Error Part*: though... but

Explanation: Avoid double contrast. Use either "though" or "but," not both.

268 (d) No Error

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269 (a) – *Error Part*: When

Explanation: Context implies simultaneity. Better: "While."

270 (d) – *Error Part*: No Error

271 (c) – *Error Part*: starts

Explanation: Subject is plural ("classes"). Use plural verb. Correct: "start."

272 (c) – *Error Part*: becomes

Explanation: Present perfect tense fits. Correct: "has become."

273 (d) – *Error Part*: —

Explanation: No error. The sentence is grammatically correct.

274 (b) – *Error Part*: effect

Explanation: "Effect" is a noun; "affect" is the correct verb. Use: "affect our health."

275 (c) – *Error Part*: the diaphragm

Explanation: Use definite article for body parts. Correct: "the diaphragm."

276 (d) – *Error Part*: —

Explanation: No error. Sentence is correct.

277 (b) – *Error Part*: some armful

Explanation: Article missing. Correct: "an armful."

278 (b) – *Error Part*: Organised

Explanation: American spelling uses "organized."

279 (a) – *Error Part*: rely

Explanation: Past context. Correct: "relied."

280 (c) – *Error Part*: for

Explanation: Replace "for" with "to".

281 (c) – *Error Part*: have

Explanation: "A company" is singular; it takes a singular verb. Correct: "has."

282 (c) – *Error Part*: their

Explanation: "Every person" is singular. Use: "his or her" (or just "his" in older usage).

283 (a) – *Error Part*: reflects

Explanation: "Games" is plural. Use plural verb. Correct: "reflect."

284 (d) – *No Error*

285 (d) – *Error Part*: —

Explanation: No error. Sentence is grammatically correct.

286 (c) – *Error Part*: it's

Explanation: "It's" means "it is." The possessive form is "its."

287 (a) – *Error Part*: ninth planet

Explanation: Ordinals need an article. Correct: "the ninth planet."

288 (b) – *Error Part*: ones

Explanation: Possessive needed. Correct: "one's."

289 (d) – *No Error*

290 (a) – *Error Part*: a honest

Explanation: "Honest" starts with a vowel sound.

Use: "an honest."

291 (c) – *Error Part*: raising

Explanation: Use intransitive verb "rising." Correct: "rising prices."

292 (a) – *Error Part*: one of those who was

Explanation: When referring to "those who," use plural. Correct: "one of those who were..."

293 (a) – *Error Part*: has

Explanation: Past perfect is needed. Correct: "had."

294 (b) – *Error Part*: monument

Explanation: Plural is needed after "one of the." Correct: "monuments."

295 (a) – *Error Part*: told to Divya

Explanation: "Told" is followed by object, not preposition. Correct: "told Divya."

296 (a) – *Error Part*: If you have asked

Explanation: Conditional perfect needed. Correct: "If you had asked..."

297 (a) – *Error Part*: If I will be

Explanation: Use subjunctive "were" in imaginary conditionals. Correct: "If I were..."

298 (b) – *Error Part*: in bush

Explanation: Complete idiom: "in the bush."

299 (b) – *Error Part*: a honest

Explanation: Use "an" before vowel sounds. Correct: "an honest man."

300 (b) – *Error Part*: for different directions

Explanation: Use correct preposition. Better: "to different directions."

301 (b) – *Error Part*: builds

Explanation: Subject "layers" is plural. Correct verb: "build."

302 (c) – *Error Part*: from a process

Explanation: Correct phrase: "through a process."

303 (d) – *Error Part*: —

Explanation: No error. Sentence is grammatically correct.

304 (c) – *Error Part*: on 1492

Explanation: Use correct preposition for year. Correct: "in 1492."

305 (c) – *Error Part*: in night

Explanation: Correct phrase: "at night."

306 (b) – *Error Part*: had

Explanation: With "don't," use base form. Correct: "have."

307 (d) – *Error Part*: No error.

308 (b) – *Error Part*: has

Explanation: Conditional past perfect is required. Correct: "wouldn't have had."

309 (a) – *Error Part*: watch film

Explanation: Add article 'watch a film'.

310 (c) – *Error Part*: it's

Explanation: Possessive needed. Correct: "its."

311 (b) – *Error Part*: 'are' is missing after Bread, butter and jam

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312 (d) No Error

313 (b) – *Error Part*: create up

Explanation: Incorrect phrasal verb. Correct: "add up" or "make up."

314 (c) – *Error Part*: sharing of wool

Explanation: The correct term is "shearing" (removal of wool), not "sharing."

315 (b) – *Error Part*: to prayed

Explanation: to+base verb, "to pray."

316 (a) – *Error Part*: forward

Explanation: Use the correct term for book introduction. Correct: "foreword."

317 (d) – *No Error*

318 (d) No Error

319 (c) – *Error Part*: will

Explanation: Conditional structure needed. Use: "would."

320 (a) – *Error Part*: to delivered

Explanation: After "to," use base form. Correct: "to deliver."

321. (b) – "On the weekend" is incorrect in standard usage. It should be "at the weekend" or "on weekends"

322.(d) – 'Yesterday' is incorrect in reported speech. It should be changed to "the previous day" to match past reporting.

323. (c) – The verb 'plan' is incorrect. It should be "plans" to agree with the singular subject 'Ramesh'.

324. (d) – The verb 'reflects' is incorrect. It should be "reflect" to agree with the plural noun 'fabrics'.

325. (b) – The word "effects" is incorrect here. It should be "affects" because "affect" is used as a verb meaning "to influence," while "effect" is a noun meaning "result."

326. (a) Although it was raining, we had the picnic. – "Although" should not be used with "still/yet/even then."

326. (d) When I arrive, I will call you. – In time clauses, present tense is used for future meaning.

327. (a) Who among you has the answer? – "Who" is correct as it is the subject of the verb "has."

328. (b) No sooner had he reached the station than the train left. – Correct correlative pair: "No sooner... than" with inversion.

329. (b) Scarcely had I arrived at the airport when the plane departed. – Correct pair: "Scarcely... when" with proper inversion.

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