

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).

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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).
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 spoonsful (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).

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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).
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).

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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).
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).

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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).

[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 greatful (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]

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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).
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).

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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).

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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).

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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).

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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).

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241. He had arrived at Cairo (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) / 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).

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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).

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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).

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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).
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) /

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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).

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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).

- 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".
- 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".

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- 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".
- 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.'

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- 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.
- 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."

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- 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."
- 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."

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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.
- 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."

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- 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
- 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."

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- 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
- 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."

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