

{ENGLISH TEST 7}

Directions: Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

All children, except one, grow up. They soon know that they will grow up, and the way Wendy knew was this. One day when she was two years old she was playing in a garden, and she plucked another flower and ran with it to her mother. I suppose she must have looked rather delightful, for Mrs. Darling put her hand to her heart and cried, "Oh, why can't you remain like this for ever!" This was all that passed between them on the subject, but henceforth Wendy knew that she must grow up. You always know after you are two. Two is the beginning of the end.

Of course they lived at 14 [their house number on their street], and until Wendy came her mother was the **chief** one. She was a lovely lady, with a romantic mind and such a sweet mocking mouth. Her romantic mind was like the tiny boxes, one within the other, that come from the puzzling East, however many you discover there is always one more.

The way Mr. Darling won his wife was this: the many gentlemen who had been boys when she was a girl discovered simultaneously that they loved her, and they all ran to her house to propose to her except Mr. Darling, who took a cab and nipped in first, and so he got her. Mr. Darling used to boast to Wendy that her mother not only loved him but respected him. He was one of those deep ones who know about stocks and shares. Of course no one really knows, but he quite seemed to know, and he often said stocks were up and shares were down in a way that would have made any woman respect him.

Wendy came first, then John, then Michael. For a week or two after Wendy came it was doubtful whether they would be able to keep her, as she was another mouth to feed. Mr. Darling was **proud** of her, but he was very honourable, and he sat on the edge of the bed, holding his wife's hand and calculating expenses, while she looked at him. She wanted to risk it, come what might, but that was not his way; his way was with a pencil and a piece of paper, and if she confused him with suggestions he had to begin at the beginning again.

There was the same excitement over John, and Michael had even a narrower squeak; but both were kept, and soon, you might have seen the three of them going in a row to Miss Fulsom's Kindergarten school, accompanied by their nurse. Mr. Darling had a passion for being exactly like his neighbours; so, of course, they had a nurse. As they were poor, owing to the amount of milk the children drank, this nurse was called Nana, who had worked for no one until the Darlings engaged her.

Q1. The author compares Mrs. Darling's mind to:

- A. a painting by an artist
- B. Russian dolls
- C. the layers of an onion

D. tiny boxes, one within the other

E. None of the above

Q2. What did Mr. Darling boast about to Wendy?

- A. How much her mother loved him
- B. How her mother respected him
- C. How much he knew about stocks and shares
- D. How he had won his wife
- E. How he became rich at a young age

Q3. Why were the Darlings unsure at first about keeping Wendy?

- A. They did not want a girl.
- B. They did not want children.
- C. She was very naughty.
- D. She did not look like either of them.
- E. She was another mouth to feed.

Q4. What did Mr. Darling do each time one of his children were born?

- A. Calculate the expenses required to raise the child
- B. Make a small investment in the child's name
- C. Distribute sweets to the whole neighbourhood
- D. Take up a new job
- E. None of these

Q5. Why did the Darlings keep a nurse despite being poor?

- A. They couldn't raise their three children alone.
- B. Mr. Darling wanted to imitate his neighbours.
- C. Their mother had died when the children were young.
- D. Both A and B
- E. All A, B and C

Q6. Which of the following is closest in meaning to CHIEF as used in the passage?

- A. polite
- B. amusing
- C. dedicated
- D. main
- E. happy

Q7. Which of the following is opposite in meaning to PROUD as used in the passage?

- A. hard-working
- B. real
- C. limited
- D. precious
- E. ashamed

In the given sentence, a blank is given indicating that something is missing. From the given four options, choose the one that provides the correct word to be filled in the blank, thereby making the sentence grammatically and contextually correct.

Q8. She _____ whether there was any such place.

- A. yielded
- B. doubted
- C. fled
- D. spun
- E. swift

Q9. Children _____ have the strangest adventures without being troubled by them.

- A. small
- B. strong
- C. sudden
- D. often
- E. develop

Q10. She screamed in distress for she thought he was _____.

A.told B.supplied C.built D.agreed E.killed

Q11. She sat _____ every smallest detail of that evening.

A.recalling B.seeming C.working D.major E.stopping

Q12. She had _____ her two older children playing by themselves in their room.

A.given B.found C.clever D.scolded E.assessed

In the following question, one part of the sentence may have an error. Find out which part of the sentence has an error and select the appropriate option. If the sentence is free from error, select 'No Error'.

Q13. A.He came rushing B.into the nursery with C.the crumpled up
D.letter in his hand. E.No error

Q14. A.There is no doubt B.that he had C.behaved rather foolish
D.over the medicine. E.No error

Q15. A.The family was seat B.in the armchair C.before the fire,
D.reading the letter. E.No error

Q16. A.Being a sensible woman, B.she subdued her C.terrors and went
D.to slept again. E.No error

Q17. A.No sooner had B.the dog caught sight C.of him than it began
D.to growl savage. E..No error

Which of the following phrases a.), b.), and c.) given below each sentence should replace the phrase printed in bold letters to make the sentence grammatically correct? Choose the best option among the five given alternatives that reflect the correct use of the phrase in the context of the grammatically correct sentence. If the sentence is correct as it is, mark 'No Improvement' as the answer.

Q18. After a couple of minutes he rejoined the little group **that had form** outside the house.

I. that had gathered II. that stood III. that must assemble
A.Only I and II B.Only I and III C.No Improvement D.Only II and III
E.All I, II and III

Q19. His habit of talking to himself **soft as he could** annoyed his classmates greatly.

I. in a lowly tone II. Softly III. in a low voice
A.Only I and II B.Only I and III C.No Improvement D.Only II and III
E.All I, II and III

Q20. She was so gentle herself that she couldn't believe anybody **would harmed** her.

I. would intentionally hurt her II. would want to harm her
III. would seek to hurt her A.Only I and II B.Only I and III
C.No Improvement D.Only II and III E.All I, II and III

Directions: A set of five statements is given, jumbled in any random order. Rearrange the statements in the right order and answer the questions that follow.

P. Frisky Squirrel was a lively little chap.

Q. And he was very bold, too.

R. He was so nimble that he felt he could always jump right out of danger--no matter whether it was a hawk chasing him, or a fox springing at him, or a boy throwing stones at him.

S. He would chatter and scold at his enemies from some tree-top.

T. And it was seldom that he was so frightened that he ran home and hid inside his mother's house.

Q21. Which of the following will be the FIRST sentence after rearrangement?

A.Q B.R C.T D.S E.P

Q2. Which of the following will be the SECOND sentence after rearrangement?

A.T B.Q C.R D.S E.P

Q23. Which of the following will be the THIRD sentence after rearrangement?

A.Q B.P C.T D.S E.R

Q24. Which of the following will be the FOURTH sentence after rearrangement?

A.R B.Q C.T D.S E.P

Q25. Which of the following will be the FIFTH (LAST) sentence after rearrangement?

A.T B.Q C.R D..S E.P

In the question below, a sentence is given with a word highlighted in bold. From the given options, choose the one that provides the closest meaning of the highlighted word.

Q26. He **started** his journey home to show his mother what he had found.

A.generated B.used C.began D.prevented E.shot

Q27. He always hurried as if he had the most important business to **attend** to.

A.cater B.praise C.deprive D.firm
E.scare

Q28. He waited on the shore and **watched** it, with eyes wide open with astonishment.

A.dealt B.ordered C.clear D.improved E.observed

Q29. When she saw what was happening she screamed **loudly** for her husband.

A.tiredly B.quietly C.strongly D.oddly E.slowly

Q30. Being a **merry** little fellow, he was always ready to laugh when anybody played a joke on him.

A.silly Bcentre C.minor D.serious E.steep

1.d

Solution

Refer to the lines: *“Of course they lived at 14 [their house number on their street], and until Wendy came her mother was the chief one. She was a lovely lady, with a romantic mind and such a sweet mocking mouth. Her romantic mind was like the tiny boxes, one within the other, that come from the puzzling East, however many you discover there is always one more.”* Thus, D is the right answer.

The other options are not true as per the passage.

2. Solution

Refer to the lines: *“Mr. Darling used to boast to Wendy that her mother not only loved him but respected him. He was one of those deep ones who know about stocks and shares. Of course no one really knows, but he quite seemed to know, and he often said stocks were up and shares were down in a way that would have made any woman respect him.”* Thus, B is the right answer.

The other options are not true as per the passage.

3.e

Solution

Refer to the lines: *“Wendy came first, then John, then Michael. For a week or two after Wendy came it was doubtful whether they would be able to keep her, as she was another mouth to feed.”* Thus, E is the right answer.

The other options are not true as per the passage.

4.A

Solution

Refer to the lines: *“Wendy came first, then John, then Michael. For a week or two after Wendy came it was doubtful whether they would be able to keep her, as she was another mouth to feed. Mr. Darling was proud of her, but he was very honourable, and he sat on the edge of the bed, holding his wife’s hand and calculating expenses, while she looked at him. She wanted to risk it, come what might, but that was not his way; his way was with a pencil and a piece of paper, and if she confused him with suggestions he had to begin at the beginning again. There was the same excitement over John, and Michael had even a narrower squeak; but both were kept, and soon, you might have seen the three of them going in a row to Miss Fulsom’s Kindergarten school, accompanied by their nurse.”* Thus, A is the right answer.

5.B

Solution

Refer to the lines: *“Mr. Darling had a passion for being exactly like his neighbours; so, of course, they had a nurse. As they were poor, owing to the amount of milk the children drank, this nurse was called Nana, who had worked for no one until the Darlings engaged her.”* Thus, B is the right answer.

The other options are not true as per the passage.

6.D

Solution

CHIEF means primary or main. MAIN is its synonym. Thus, D is the right answer.

Polite - well-mannered. Amusing - funny. Dedicated - committed. Happy - joyful.

7.E

Solution

PROUD means pleased about something. ASHAMED (shameful of something) is its antonym. Thus, E is the right answer.

Hard-working - laborious. Precious - invaluable. Real - true. Limited - restricted.

8.B

Solution

We need a verb to agree with the subject pronoun SHE. DOUBTED (was unsure) will fit here as the sentence tells us how she was not sure whether there was any such place. Thus, B is the right answer.

Yielded - produced. Fled - escaped. Spun - twisted. Swift (adj.) - fast.

9.D

Solution

We need an adverb to modify the verb HAVE. OFTEN (frequently) will fit here as the sentence tells us how children frequently have the strangest adventures without being worried about them. Thus, D is the right answer.

Small - tiny. Strong - robust. Sudden - abrupt. Develop (verb) - come into being.

10E

Solution

We need a past participle form verb to fit in the WAS + VERB passive voice construction. KILLED (murdered) will fit here as the sentence tells us how she screamed because she thought he had been murdered. Thus, E is the right answer.

Told - gave information. Supplied - provided. Built - constructed. Agreed - complied.

11.A

Solution

We need a continuous form verb here to show ongoing action. RECALLING (remembering) will fit here as the sentence tells us how she sat remembering every detail of that evening. Thus, A is the right answer.

Seeming - appearing. Working - labouring. Major (adj.) - considerable. Stopping - ceasing.

12.B

Solution

We need a past participle form verb to fit in the HAD + VERB past perfect tense construction. FOUND (discovered) will fit here as the sentence tells us how she had discovered both her children playing by themselves. Thus, B is the right answer.

Given - supplied. Clever (adj.) - intelligent. Scolded - rebuked. Assessed - evaluated.

13.E

Solution

The sentence is grammatically correct and free of error. Thus, E is the right answer.

14.C

Solution

In C, replace the adjective FOOLISH with the adverb FOOLISHLY as it is being used to modify the verb BEHAVED. Thus, C is the right answer.

15.A

Solution

In A, replace the base form verb SEAT with SEATED as the WAS + VERB passive voice construction will take the past participle form of the verb. Thus, A is the right answer.

16.D

Solution

In D, replace the second form verb SLEPT with SLEEP as the TO + VERB infinitive construction will take the base form of the verb. Thus, D is the right answer.

17.D

Solution

In D, replace the second form verb SLEPT with SLEEP as the TO + VERB infinitive construction will take the base form of the verb. Thus, D is the right answer.

18.A

Solution

The sentence tells us that he rejoined the group of people who had collected outside the house. Both I and III can replace the highlighted phrase to convey the same meaning. Thus, A is the right answer.

The highlighted phrase is incorrect because the HAD + VERB past perfect tense construction should take past participle FORMED. III is incorrect as MUST ASSEMBLE implies a future possibility, while the sentence talks of the past.

19.D

Solution

The sentence tells us how his habit of talking to himself in a soft voice was a source of annoyance for his classmates. Both II and III can replace the highlighted phrase to convey the same meaning. Thus, D is the right answer.

The highlighted phrase is incorrect because AS is missing before the phrase. I is incorrect as LOWLY means low in status or humble, and will not be meaningful here.

20.E

Solution

The sentence tells us how she was so gentle that she was unable to believe that someone would hurt her. All I, II and III can replace the highlighted phrase to convey the same meaning. Thus, E is the right answer.

The highlighted phrase is incorrect because second form verb HARMED should be replaced with HARM as it is preceded by the modal verb WOULD.

21.E

Solution

PQRST is the final order. P begins the passage by introducing the character who is being discussed - Frisky Squirrel. It tells us how he was a lively cha. Q follows by telling us how he was bold too. R proceeds by telling us why he was bold - he could escape from danger easily. S tells us what he would do after escaping - chatter and scold at his enemies from a tree-top. T ends by telling us how he was seldom scared enough to hide in his mother's house. Thus, E is the right answer.

22.B

Solution

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23. E

Solution

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24.D

Solution

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25.A

Solution

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26.C

Solution

The word STARTED means to begin or commence. The sentence tells us of his journey home which he began. BEGAN will be a synonym of the given word. Thus, C is the right answer.
Generated - produced. Used - utilised. Prevented - hindered. Shot - killed or wounded with a gun.

27.A

Solution

The word ATTEND means to address or handle. The sentence tells us how he hurried as if he had important business to deal with. CATER (deal with) will be a synonym of the given word. Thus, A is the right answer.

Praise - appreciate. Deprive - cause a lack. Firm (adj.) - resolute. Scare - frighten.

28.E

Solution

The word WATCHED means saw or looked at. The sentence tells us how he looked at it with astonishment. OBSERVED (looked at) will be a synonym of the given word. Thus, E is the right answer.

Dealt - handled. Ordered - commanded. Clear (adj.) - evident. Improved - enhanced.

29B

Solution

The word LOUDLY means causing noise. The sentence tells us how she screamed out loud for her husband. QUIETLY (softly) is its antonym. Thus, B is the right answer.

Tiredly - exhausted. Strongly - robust; hardy. Oddly - weirdly. Slowly - gradually.

30.D

Solution

The word MERRY means cheerful and having a good sense of humour. The sentence tells us how he was a cheerful fellow, who was ready to laugh when anyone played a joke on him. SERIOUS (grave) is its antonym. Thus, D is the right answer.

Silly - lacking sense. Centre - middle. Minor - trivial. Steep - rising or falling sharply.