

Memory Based Question Paper Set of IBPS CLERK PRELIMS EXAM 2017 – English Language

D.1-10): In the following questions, a phrase is given in bold which is then followed by five options(a,b,c,d,e). Choose the most appropriate option that would make the sentence grammatically and meaningfully correct. If the statement is correct as it is, choose 'e'-No correction is required

Q.1) Its overture to Fatah gives Palestinians a stronger **in bond** reviving the peace process.

- a) vague up
- b) stepped out
- c) hand in
- d) hold on
- e) No correction is required.

Q.2) The focus should be on bringing affordable, quality healthcare and **risen up** the use of innovations.

- a) dealing with
- b) scaling up
- c) course off
- d) peak off
- e) No correction is required.

Q.3) She said that following China's road construction, only eight Bhutanese soldiers crossed over, but returned, never to **working out** again.

- a) get on
- b) show up
- c) put off
- d) standing up
- e) No correction is required.

Q.4) Widespread rain is expected to continue till Wednesday before **waken up**.

- a) pulled off
- b) thinking up
- c) shrinking of
- d) tapering off
- e) No correction is required.

Q.5) France has called on fellow European nations to **carrying out** on painful austerity policies to give the economy some breathing space and avoid social upheaval.

- a) lifted up
- b) ease off
- c) taken over
- d) tore up
- e) No correction is required.

Q.6) Inordinate delay in land acquisition for widening of the Chennai-Tada Road has led to the contractor wanting to **opt out** of the project.

- a) turned around
- b) asking out
- c) looked down on
- d) blown over
- e) No correction is required.

Q.7) On Saturday, Constantine **put the team out** a boot camp organised by the Indian Army on the ASC campus here.

- a) put the team away
- b) put the team together
- c) put the team forward
- d) put the team through
- e) No correction is required.

Q.8) The IOC wants Lance Armstrong to **handed over** his Olympic medal.

- a) hand around
- b) hand off
- c) hand back
- d) hand down
- e) No correction is required.

Q.9) There are over 40 research papers that **verge on** the effectiveness of using nilavembu to boost immunity.

- a) get through
- b) vouch for
- c) cope with
- d) publishing for
- e) No correction is required.

Q.10) The real and reel intersect, collide, become almost one and **bounce off** each other.

- a) cater for
- b) speak off
- c) call around
- d) gat back
- e) No correction is required.



D.11-20): In the following questions, a sentence is divided into five parts out of which the last part is correct. There is an error in three parts of the sentence and only one part is correct. You have to choose the correct part as your answer.

Q.11) This image has been used countless (A)/ number of time to illustrate the deepening (B)/ inequality between an ever most (C)/ opulents minority and a majority which (D)/ **crowds the city's interstitial spaces.** (E)

- a) A
- b) B
- c) C
- d) D
- e) All are incorrect.

Q.12) The Rajasthan High Court is seized of the matter, (A)/ with their Jodhpur and Jaipur Benches having (B)/ issued notices to the Centre and the (C)/ State government on many as eight writ (D)/ **petitions challenging the Ordinance.** (E)

- a) A
- b) B
- c) C
- d) D
- e) All are incorrect.

Q.13) With heavy rainfall warning issue (A)/ by the IMD in many part of Odisha, the State government (B)/ on Monday asked farmers to shifted their (C)/ harvested paddy from the fields (D)/ **to safer places to avoid loss or damage.** (E)

- a) A
- b) B
- c) C
- d) D
- e) All are incorrect.

Q.14) Already, 17 millions people (A)/ are dependent on external aid (B)/ to food and medicine, (C)/ while the country is fight (D)/ **a massive cholera outbreak.** (E)

- a) A
- b) B
- c) C
- d) D
- e) All are incorrect.

Q.15) The model code of conduct for elections were (A)/ agreed with by political parties in 1979, and (B)/ prohibits the ruling party from incurring (C)/ capital expenditure in certain projects (D)/ **after elections are announced.** (E)

- a) A
- b) B
- c) C
- d) D
- e) All are incorrect.

Q.16) Politicians across parties and at all (A)/ level distribute gifts to voters during election (B)/ time in exchanging for votes, and (C)/ also help their navigate (D)/ **the contours of the state machinery.** (E)

- a) A
- b) B
- c) C
- d) D
- e) All are incorrect.

Q.17) Leaders with ideological messages (A)/ swing votes for its parties in India, (B)/ not the middlemen and local politician (C)/ whom have mere transactional (D)/ **relationships with voters.** (E)

- a) A
- b) B
- c) C
- d) D
- e) All are incorrect.

Q.18) Dozens of prince, senior officials and businessmen, (A)/ including Cabinet Ministers and billionaire, (B)/ has been detained in the graft (C)/ inquiry at least partly aimed at (D)/ **strengthening the power of Crown Prince Salman.** (E)

- a) A
- b) B
- c) C
- d) D
- e) All are incorrect.

Q.19) Pakistan's military say security forces (A)/ has killed a Baloch separatist commander (B)/ involved in this week's slaying of (C)/ 15 man in southwestern Balochistan as they were trying to cross (D)/ **into Iran on their way to Europe.** (E)

- a) A
- b) B
- c) C
- d) D
- e) All are incorrect.



Q.20) As a result, when China celebrated (A)/ the 600th anniversary of Admiral Zheng (B)/ voyages in 2005, the U.S. begin (C)/ to worried about how far China (D)/ **would go with its naval ambitions.** (E)

- a) A
- b) B
- c) C
- d) D
- e) All are incorrect.

D.21-25): In the following questions, a sentence is given with a blank space. Below each sentence FOUR words are given, out of which two fit appropriately in the sentence. Five options are given with various combinations of these words. You have to choose the combination with the correct set of words which CANNOT fit in the given sentence.

Q.21) Imagine if Steve Jobs were _____ of people not liking his product, there would be no iPhone.

- A) afraid
- B) scary
- C) nervy
- D) horrify

a) A-C

b) B-D

c) C-D

d) A-D

e) B-D

Q.22) U.S. policies in Afghanistan had _____ Mr. Obama's original decision to pull out U.S. soldiers by end-2014.

- A) applauded
- B) commended
- C) accuse
- D) entrusted

a) B-C

b) B-D

c) A-B

d) C-D

e) A-D

Q.23) The heavy winds had made him ____his head against the wall.

A) averse

B) hit

C) resisting

D) bang

a) A-B

b) B-C

c) C-D

d) B-D

e) A-C

Q.24) The real crisis of Syria is that its regime is acting with a ____of impunity

A) Jingoism

B) patriarchy

C) sense

D) perception

a) A-B

b) B-C

c) A-D

d) A-C

e) C-D

Q.25) We _____ the public for help in the forest camp.

- A) asked
- B) craved
- C) yearned
- D) sought
- a) A-D
- b) A-B
- c) B-C
- d) A-C
- e) B-D

D.26-30: Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions given below it.

There's an old saying that many attribute to Warren Buffett: "The more you learn, the more you earn." And there's some truth to that. An Ohio State University study found that the difference in having an average IQ of 100 and an above-average score of 130 translates into earning between \$6,000 and \$18,500 more a year. There's little evidence, for instance, that higher intelligence correlates to better financial behavior, such as not running up credit card balances. Yet there's some evidence that people with higher IQ's may not be saving as much as other folks. In its latest installment of the annual Brain Concentration Index, Bloomberg found that the cities with the highest concentration of businesses with a science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) background and workers with advanced degrees and education in science and engineering are primarily in the West. But there's little overlap between cities attracting the smart crowd and cities where residents are successful savers. If the smart crowd is earning more but lives in cities not known for terrific savings, what does that say about the intelligentsias' financial skills? It says that intelligence doesn't have a whole lot to do with savings over the course of a lifetime, once you reach a certain level of financial literacy. To be sure, researchers Shawn Cole and Gauri Kartini Shastry linked education level to higher rates of participation in the financial markets, which means the money is in some form of stocks, bonds or mutual funds. While that doesn't guarantee wise investment choices, having funds in the market is an initial necessity to raise the amount needed to support your retirement goals. And other studies have also found that having some financial literacy education early in life does help instill solid financial values later. But so many other factors play a role in ensuring one takes the proper steps to grow a

retirement portfolio, like the willingness to hold off short-term wants from long term goals, your choice of career, and cost of living, among others.

26) Suggest a suitable title for the passage:

- a) Gaining knowledge about the bright folks
- b) Gains and pains of elites
- c) Wisdom and Knowledge
- d) Intelligence and wealth
- e) Savings of the smart

27) Which among the following can't be inferred from the passage?

- a) A few smart people don't keep their pockets full all the time
- b) A number of people are inclined to the advice of Warren buffett
- c) Learning and earning are inversely proportional to each other
- d) Some sacrifices have to be made in order to achieve long term goals
- e) None of the above

28) Which among the following exemplify that higher intelligence correlates to better financial behavior?

- (i) Not running up credit card balances
- (ii) Not maintaining a proper portfolio of investments
- (iii) Not saving the hard earned money
- (iv) Not concentrating on business

- a) Both (i) and (iii)
- b) Both (ii) and (iii)
- c) Both (iii) and (iv)
- d) All (i),(iii) and (iv)
- e) None of the above

29) Which among the following is/are not true?

- (i) There lies not more than a marginal difference between cities attracting the smart crowd and cities where residents are successful savers
- (ii) Financial literacy has very little influence over intelligence related to savings

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(iii) People who concentrate more on businesses related to science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) background have lucrative pockets.

- a) Both (i) and (iii)
- b) Both (ii) and (iii)
- c) Only (iii)
- d) All of the above
- e) None of the above

30) Which among the following is/are not the opinion(s) of the author, according to the passage?

- (i) When it comes to the game of coins, the brainy ones are bad players
- (ii) Intelligent people invest in stocks, bonds or mutual funds since it is a wise move
- (iii) Financial literacy education early in life solely contributes to financial well being.

- a) Both (i) and (iii)
- b) Both (ii) and (iii)
- c) Only (iii)
- d) All of the above
- e) None of the above