

English Comprehension

Directions : In questions no. 151 to 155, some parts of the sentences have errors and some have none. Find out which part of a sentence has an error and blacken the rectangle [■] corresponding to the appropriate letter (A, B, C). If there is no error, blacken the rectangle [■] corresponding to (D) in the Answer Sheet.

151. Having lived / in Kerala for ten years, / my friend is used to speak Malayalam with his friends. /
 (A) (B) (C)
 No error.
 (D)
152. Much water / has flown / under this bridge. / No error.
 (A) (B) (C) (D)
153. The law should specifically / provide a clause / to protect animals from poachers. / No error.
 (A) (B) (C) (D)
154. What kind / of a man / are you ? / No error.
 (A) (B) (C) (D)
155. The lady approached me timidly / and trembling slightly / she sat down besides me. / No error.
 (A) (B) (C) (D)

Directions : In questions no. 156 to 160, sentences are given with blanks to be filled in with an appropriate word(s). Four alternatives are suggested for each question. Choose the correct alternative out of the four and indicate it by blackening the appropriate rectangle [■] in the Answer Sheet.

156. He will dispense _____ your services.
 (A) of (B) off
 (C) on (D) with
157. I have given her _____ .
 (A) a work
 (B) some works
 (C) a piece of work
 (D) many works
158. He is a popular teacher. He seems to be _____ for that profession.
 (A) cut down (B) cut off
 (C) cut in (D) cut out
159. He was _____ pertaining his innocence.
 (A) stridently (B) harshly
 (C) confidently (D) quickly
160. If you were found guilty of exceeding the speed limit, you _____ to pay a fine.
 (A) would have (B) would had
 (C) will have (D) have

Directions : In questions no. 161 to 165, out of the four alternatives, choose the one which best expresses the meaning of the given word and mark it in the Answer Sheet.

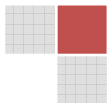
161. Indiscriminate
 (A) undifferentiated
 (B) instant
 (C) sensible
 (D) discreet
162. Literal
 (A) verbatim (B) formal
 (C) idealistic (D) outdated
163. Intricate
 (A) puzzling (B) illusive
 (C) complicated (D) assertive
164. Expeditiously
 (A) rudely (B) gently
 (C) meekly (D) quickly
165. Idiosyncrasies
 (A) demands (B) needs
 (C) ideologies (D) eccentricities

Directions : In questions no. 166 to 170, choose the word opposite in meaning to the given word and mark it in the Answer Sheet.

166. Resourcefulness
 (A) scarcity (B) stupidity
 (C) incompetence (D) bankruptcy
167. Evolve
 (A) withdraw (B) withhold
 (C) suspend (D) stop
168. Antiquated
 (A) renewed (B) unique
 (C) modern (D) renovated
169. Pathetic
 (A) comic (B) ridiculous
 (C) dramatic (D) trivial
170. Fastidious
 (A) ugly (B) shabby
 (C) shallow (D) discourteous

Directions : In questions no. 171 to 175, four alternatives are given for the idiom/phrase underlined in the sentence. Choose the alternative which best expresses the meaning of the idiom/phrase and mark it in the Answer Sheet.

171. For some people, writing verse is as duck takes to water.
 (A) like taking the duck to water
 (B) like bursting out suddenly
 (C) like dropping the duck in the water
 (D) like easily and naturally speaking
172. He made my day by telling me how important I was to him.
 (A) gave me great pleasure
 (B) displeased me
 (C) spoiled my day
 (D) made me resentful
173. He made away with ten thousand rupees in the course of three months.
 (A) earned (B) ran away with
 (C) squandered (D) saved
174. The students of that group have assured their project guide that they will all work against the clock.
 (A) work while keeping patience
 (B) work with vigour to finish in limited time
 (C) work with enthusiasm
 (D) work hard to go against the time
175. To let off steam, my friend started murmuring.
 (A) to release his tension
 (B) to show his anger
 (C) to show his approval
 (D) to show his displeasure



Directions : In questions no. 176 to 180, a part of the sentence is underlined. Below are given alternatives to the underlined part at (A), (B) and (C) which may improve the sentence. Choose the correct alternative. In case no improvement is needed, your answer is (D).

176. The ship ran over when it crashed into an iceberg.

- (A) got over (B) gave up
(C) went down (D) No improvement

177. His wife was contentious.

- (A) contagious (B) quarrelsome
(C) content (D) No improvement

178. Historians feel there is an earnest need for the review of history text books every five years and a revision of the same every ten years.

- (A) imperative (B) indispensable
(C) urgent (D) No improvement

179. My car broke off on my way to the office.

- (A) out (B) in
(C) down (D) No improvement

180. Freedom is a wonderful thing, for Jimmy was eager to experience it.

- (A) though (B) and
(C) but (D) No improvement

Directions : In questions no. 181 to 185, out of the four alternatives, choose the one which can be substituted for the given words/sentence.

181. An act or notion to look back in the past

- (A) Retrospective (B) Postnatal
(C) Retrogressive (D) Primitive

182. Medicine to counteract the effect of a poison

- (A) Emetic (B) Antidote
(C) Anti-venom (D) Antiseptic

183. A collection of poems

- (A) Pathology (B) Anthology
(C) Oncology (D) Pedology

184. One who studies mankind

- (A) Anthropologist (B) Physicist
(C) Pathologist (D) Philanthropist

185. An opinion contrary to popular belief

- (A) Paradox (B) Orthodoxy
(C) Hearsay (D) Heresy

Directions : In questions no. 186 to 190, there are four different words out of which one is correctly spelt. Find the correctly spelt word and indicate it by blackening the appropriate rectangle [■] in the Answer Sheet.

186. (A) pursuasive (B) persuasive
(C) persuesive (D) persuasieve

187. (A) assendency (B) ascendancy
(C) ascendency (D) ascendensy

188. (A) anathema (B) annathema
(C) anathemaa (D) anathima

189. (A) quaint (B) quaint
(C) quiant (D) quaaaint

190. (A) effervesent (B) efervescent
(C) effervescent (D) efferescent

Directions : (Questions no. 191 to 200). In the following passage, some of the words have been left out. First read the passage over and try to understand what it is about. Then fill in the blanks with the help of the alternatives given. Blacken the appropriate rectangle in the Answer Sheet.

Growing urbanization and literacy, especially female education, will no doubt change the plight of women in India. But the 191 will be slow and painful. Are we 192 to wait until this happens while more and more girls meet their 193 end ? Not if we lay claim to an India that is 194 and aspires to attain superpower status. There is only one quick 195, which is not to wait for 196 to change, but to compel the police force to 197 their attitude. The attitude of the police force will become 198 if there is a big stick poised to hit them. They will be more 199 to women victims and keener to catch the 200 if they knew that they themselves will be punished or sacked. In an insensible society, fear is the only key.

191. (A) method (B) manner
(C) process (D) section

192. (A) keen (B) prepared
(C) made (D) asked

193. (A) tragic (B) lethal
(C) systematic (D) methodical

194. (A) growing (B) shining
(C) competing (D) plodding

195. (A) decision (B) thought
(C) idea (D) solution

196. (A) attitudes (B) nature
(C) behaviour (D) opinions

197. (A) alter (B) reverse
(C) change (D) cleanse

198. (A) democratic (B) lenient
(C) liberal (D) easy

199. (A) affectionate (B) considerate
(C) attentive (D) concerned

200. (A) culprits (B) rowdies
(C) hooligans (D) law-breakers