SPOTTING ERRORS

EXERCISE 6A

For SSC GD & MTS Exams

Direction (Q1-20): The following sentences have been split into 4 parts, choose the one with an error.

- The servant was beaten through his master with a stick.
 ssc MTS 05/08/2019 (shift-1)
 - (a) No error
 - (b) with a stick
 - (c) through his master
 - (d) The servant was beaten
- 2. Mukherjee is a famous politician who is love by most people. ssc MTS 05/08/2019 (shift-2)
 - (a) famous politician who
 - (b) No error
 - (c) is love by most people
 - (d) Mukherjee is a
- 3. Unless you prepare well, you will not get a first class. ssc MTS 05/08/2019 (shift-1)
 - (a) No error
 - (b) a first class.
 - (c) Unless you prepare well
 - (d) you will not get
- 4. The people in my office are smarter than other offices. ssc MTS 05/08/2019 (shift-2)
 - (a) The people in
 - (b) smarter than other offices
 - (c) my office are
 - (d) No error
- 5. The child always/ goes for sleep/ with his teddy bear. ssc MTS 05/08/2019 (shift-1)
 - (a) The child always
 - (b) goes for sleep
 - (c) with his teddy bear
 - (d) No error
- 6. The doctor with his interns are due to arrive here by noon. ssc MTS 05/08/2019 (shift-2)
 - (a) The doctor with his
 - (b) No error

- (c) to arrive here by noon
- (d) interns are due
- Sterling is only twenty four but have achieved so much in his professional football career. ssc MTS 05/08/2019 (shift-3)

 - (a) but have achieved so much
 - (b) in his professional football career
 - (c) No Error
 - (d) Sterling is only twenty four
- 8. It is easier to preach then to follow.

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- (a) to preach
- (b) It is easier
- (c) No Error
- (d) then to follow
- My brother brought a few rice while coming from the market. ssc MTS 06/08/2019 (shift-1)
 - (a) My brother brought
 - (b) while coming from the market
 - (c) a few rice
 - (d) No Error
- 10. He didn't have high hopes when he contested the elections. ssc MTS 05/08/2019 (shift-3)
 - (a) He didn't have
 - (b) high hopes when he
 - (c) contested the elections
 - (d) No error
- 11. Pallavi is the cleverest of the two sisters.

SSC MTS 06/08/2019 (Shift-1)

- (a) Pallavi is
- (b) the cleverest
- (c) of the two sisters
- (d) No Error
- 12. Either of the two books will met my requirements. ssc MTS 06/08/2019 (shift-1)
 - (a) two books
 - (b) will met my requirements
 - (c) Either of the
 - (d) No Error

13. The Builders' Associations want GST exemption for government projects which have already proposed.

SSC GD 18/02/2019 (Shift-1)

- (a) which have already proposed.
- (b) want GST exemption
- (c) for government projects
- (d) The Builders' Associations
- 14. The government's interim budget from this financial year contained several measures which have the forthcoming elections in mind. ssc gd 18/02/2019 (shift-1)
 - (a) from this financial year
 - (b) Government's interim budget
 - (c) which have the
 - (d) contained several measures
- 15. One could argue that these are the compulsions of parliamentary democracy for smooth functioning for the State.

SSC GD 18/02/2019 (Shift-2)

- (a) these are the compulsions
- (b) of parliamentary democracy
- (c) functioning for the State.
- (d) One could argue that
- 16. The researchers have found that all species makes a constructive contribution to the ecology of the earth. ssc 18/02/2019 (shift-2)
 - (a) a constructive contribution to
 - (b) that all species makes

- (c) the ecology of the earth.
- (d) The researchers have found
- 17. When I asked for directions, he gave me many wrong informations.

SSC GD 21/02/2019 (Shift-1)

- (a) When I asked
- (b) for directions
- (c) wrong informations
- (d) gave me many
- 18. As a painter he are good if not better than Suresh. ssc GD 21/02/2019 (shift-1)
 - (a) he are good
 - (b) than Suresh
 - (c) if not better
 - (d) As a painter
- 19. Is the older person always more wiser than the younger one? ssc GD 21/02/2019 (shift-1)
 - (a) Is the
 - (b) more wiser
 - (c) older person always
 - (d) than the younger one?
- 20. Its a good idea to read up on a company before going for an interview.

SSC MTS 09/08/2019 (Shift-2)

- (a) before going for
- (b) Its a good idea to
- (c) an interview
- (d) read up on a company

EXPLANATIONS

- 1. (c) through his master; the correct phrase is "by his master".
- 2. (b) No error; the sentence is correct.
- 3. (d) you will not get; the correct phrase is "you will not get a first class".
- (b) smarter than other offices; The correct phrase is "smarter than other offices' employees".
- 5. (d) No error; the sentence is correct.
- 6. (b) are due; the correct phrase is "the doctor and his interns are due".
- (a) but have achieved so much; the correct phrase is "but has achieved so much".
- 8. (b) It is easier; the correct phrase is "It is easier to preach than to follow".

- 9. (c) a few rice; the correct phrase is "a few grains of rice".
- 10. (b) high hopes when he; the correct phrase is "high hopes of winning when he".
- 11. (b) the cleverest; the correct phrase is "the cleverest of the two sisters".
- 12. (b) will meet my requirements; the correct phrase is "will meet my requirements".
- 13. (a) which have already proposed; the correct phrase is "which have already been proposed".
- 14. (b) Government's interim budget; the correct phrase is "Government's interim budget for this financial year".
- 15. (b) of parliamentary democracy; the correct phrase is "of parliamentary

- democracy for the smooth functioning of the State".
- 16. (a) a constructive contribution to; the correct phrase is "a constructive contribution to the ecology of the Earth".
- 17. (c) wrong information; the correct phrase is "wrong information".
- 18. (a) he is good; the correct phrase is "he is as good as Suresh, if not better".
- 19. (b) more wis; the correct adjective form of "wise" is "wise".
- 20. (a) before going for an interview; the correct phrase is "it is a good idea to read up on a company before going for an interview".

EXERCISE 6B

For SSC CHSL Exam

Direction (Q1-10): The following sentences have been split into 4 parts, choose the one with an error.

- Despite of his efforts he couldn't get a decent 1. job. SSC CHSL 05/7/2019 (Shift-1)
 - (a) Despite of
- (b) his efforts
- (c) he couldn't get (d) a decent job
- 2. Climate change are a greatest threat facing our planet which needs our immediate attention. SSC CHSL 08/7/2019 (Shift-3)
 - (a) our immediate attention
 - (b) are a greatest
 - (c) which needs
 - (d) facing our planet
- 3. The member of the victorious football team as well as the captain was congratulated.

SSC CHSL 05/7/2019 (Shift-2)

- (a) victorious football team
- (b) The member of the
- (c) was congratulated
- (d) as well as the captain
- 4. No sooner did the comedian begins his act when the audience roared with laughter.

SSC CHSL 05/7/2019 (Shift-2)

- (a) the comedian begin
- (b) No sooner did
- (c) when the audience
- (d) roared with laughter
- 5. Each of the pictures have been signed by the football star. SSC CHSL 05/7/2019 (Shift-3)

- (a) have been
- (b) Each of
- (c) the pictures
- (d) signed by
- Lack of formal education did not prevent Lincoln to become a great leader.

SSC CHSL 08/7/2019 (Shift-1)

- (a) did not prevent (b) a great leader
- (c) to become
- (d) Lack of
- 7. Pleasure cannot derive from giving pain to innocent people SSC CHSL 08/7/2019 (Shift-1)
 - (a) Pleasure cannot derive
 - (b) pain to
 - (c) innocent people
 - (d) from giving
- He asked from me if I was interested in a career in modelling.

SSC CHSL 08/7/2019 (Shift-2)

- (a) from me if
- (b) I was interested
- (c) He asked
- (d) in a career
- Great many students who are good at other subjects perform poorly in English.

SSC CHSL 08/7/2019 (Shift-3)

- (a) perform poorly
- (b) in English
- (c) who are good at
- (d) Great many students
- 10. The picture of the king's is exactly like the king himself. SSC CHSL 08/7/2019 (Shift-2)
 - (a) the king himself (b) The picture
 - (c) is exactly like
- (d) of the king's

EXPLANATIONS

- (a) The correct preposition is despite. 1.
- (b) The verb "are" should be "is" because 2. "climate change" is a singular noun.
- (b) The article "a" should be "the" because the sentence is referring to a specific group of people, the members of the victorious football team.

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- (a) The verb "begins" should be "began" because the sentence is in the past tense.
- (a) The verb "have" should be "has" because the sentence is referring to a singular noun, "picture".
- (c) The preposition "to" should be "from" because the sentence is about something preventing Lincoln from doing something.
- 7. (a) The verb "derive" should be "be derived"

- because the sentence is in the passive voice.
- 8. (a) The preposition "from" is not needed in this sentence.
- (c) The adjective "great" should be "many" because the sentence is about a large number of students, not a great number of students.
- 10. (d) The possessive form "of the king's" is not needed because the noun "king" already indicates possession.

EXERCISE 6C

For SSC CGL & CPO Exams

Direction (Q1-20): The following sentences have been split into 4 parts, choose the one with an error.

1. There isn't many rice left in the house so we must replenish our stock soon.

SSC CGL 11/06/2019 (Shift-1)

- (a) our stock soon
- (b) so we must replenish
- (c) There isn't many rice
- (d) left in the house
- My father dissuaded me to try for a job as he wanted me to pursue higher studies.

SSC CGL 11/6/2019 (Shift-2)

- (a) as he wanted me
- (b) My father dissuaded me
- (c) to pursue higher studies
- (d) to try for a job
- 3. He is more smarter than his brother, though he does not earn much money.

SSC CGL 11/6/2019 (Shift-3)

- (a) than his brother
- (b) He is more smarter
- (c) much money
- (d) though he does not earn
- 4. "Unless you did not do your homework you will be punished," said the teacher.

SSC CGL 12/6/2019 (Shift-2)

- (a) said the teacher
- (b) do your homework
- (c) you will be punished
- (d) unless you did not
- 5. There is many modes of travel to go to Agra but I prefer road travel.

SSC CGL 12/6/2019 (Shift-3)

- (a) prefer road travel
- (b) Agra but I
- (c) to go to
- (d) There is many modes
- 6. Having just taking a heavy lunch, she was not ready to have any fruit.

SSC CGL 12/6/2019 (Shift-3)

- (a) to have any fruit (b) taking a heavy
- (c) having just
- (b) she was not ready
- The child along with his parents were waiting for the programme to begin.

SSC CGL 11/6/2019 (Shift-3)

- (a) along with his parents
- (b) were waiting for the
- (c) The child
- (d) programme to begin
- 8. Not complying by any of the laws can land you into serious trouble.

SSC CGL 12/6/2019 (Shift-1)

- (a) Not complying by
- (b) any of the laws
- (c) into serious trouble
- (d) can land you
- Ten kilometers are a long distance to cover on foot for a child. ssc cgl 11/6/2019 (shift-1)
 - (a) Ten kilometers are
 - (b) to cover on foot
 - (c) a long distance
 - (d) for a child
- The length of a male swallow's tail reveal his attractiveness for a female swallow.

SSC CGL 11/6/2019 (Shift-2)

- (a) The length of
- (b) a male swallow's tail reveal

- (c) a female swallow
- (d) his attractiveness for
- 11. Unless you do not run fast, you cannot catch the bus. ssc cpo 14/3/2019 (shift-1)
 - (a) you do not
- (b) catch the bus.
- (c) you cannot
- (d) run fast
- 12. Until I do not get the loan, I cannot set up my business. ssc cpo 14/3/2019 (shift-3)
 - (a) I cannot
- (b) get the loan
- (c) do not
- (d) set up
- 13. I was not able to solve the questions as I was not knowing the answers.

SSC CPO 14/3/2019(Shift-3)

- (a) the answers
- (b) I was not
- (c) able to solve
- (d) was not knowing
- 14. These stray cattles are roaming around the town. ssc cpo 14/3/2019 (shift-3)
 - (a) These
 - (b) stray cattles
 - (c) the town
 - (d) are roaming around
- 15. Hardly he had stepped out of the house when a tree fell on the roof.

SSC CPO 14/3/2019 (Shift-3)

- (a) out of the house (b) Hardly he had
- (c) when a tree
- (d) fell on the roof
- 16. This is the boy which took away the books.

SSC CPO 14/3/2019 (Shift-3)

- (a) This is
- (b) which took away
- (c) the boy
- (d) the books

17. The subway system has become very safe and it has come a long way since the 1980s and 1990s where violence was rampant.

SSC CPO 15/3/2019 (Shift-1)

- (a) has become very safe
- (b) a long way
- (c) where violence
- (d) it has come
- 18. In the ideal 21st century classroom, children are actually excited about going to school, and there is little or no discipline problems because everyone is eager to learn.

SSC CPO 15/3/2019 (Shift-1)

- (a) children are actually excited
- (b) In the ideal 21st century classroom
- (c) there is little
- (d) everyone is eager
- 19. There is something special about life: the closer one looks to these performances, the more impressive the show becomes.

SSC CPO 15/3/2019 (Shift-1)

- (a) something special about
- (b) the more impressive
- (c) these performances
- (d) the closer one looks to
- 20. We are witnessing the worse level of income inequality in decades.

SSC CPO 15/3/2019 (Shift-1)

- (a) in decades
- (b) the worse level of
- (c) income inequality
- (d) are witnessing

EXPLANATIONS

- (c) There isn't many rice: The correct phrase should be "There isn't much rice" because "rice" is an uncountable noun.
- (c) to pursue higher studies: The correct phrase should be "pursuing higher studies" because "dissuaded" is followed by the infinitive form of the verb.
- 3. (b) He is more smarter: The correct phrase should be "He is smarter" as the word "more" is unnecessary when using the comparative form "smarter."
- 4. (d) unless you did not: The correct phrase should be "unless you do not" to indicate

- a conditional statement in the present tense.
- 5. (d) There is many modes: The correct phrase should be "There are many modes" because "modes" is a plural noun and requires the plural verb "are."
- (b) taking a heavy: The correct phrase should be "having just taken a heavy" to indicate the completion of an action in the past.
- 7. (b) were waiting for the: The correct phrase should be "was waiting for the" because the subject "child" is singular.

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- (a) Not complying by: The correct phrase should be "Not complying with" to indicate the action of following or adhering to something.
- (a) Ten kilometers are: The correct phrase should be "Ten kilometers is" because "kilometers" is treated as a singular unit of measurement.
- 10. (b) a male swallow's tail reveal: The correct phrase should be "a male swallow's tail reveals" because the possessive form "swallow's" indicates that the tail belongs to the male swallow.
- 11. (a) unless you do not: The correct phrase should be "unless you run fast" to indicate a condition for catching the bus.
- 12. (c) do not: The correct phrase should be "get the loan" without the negation "do not" as it is redundant.
- 13. (d) was not knowing: The correct phrase should be "did not know" to indicate the lack of knowledge in the past.

- 14. (b) stray cattles: The correct phrase should be "stray cattle" as "cattle" is already the plural form of the word.
- 15. (b) Hardly he had: The correct phrase should be "Hardly had he" to indicate an adverbial inversion for emphasis.
- 16. (b) which took away: The correct phrase should be "who took away" as "which" refers to things while "who" refers to people.
- 17. (c) where violence: The correct phrase should be "when violence" to indicate a specific time period.
- 18. No error: The sentence is grammatically correct.
- 19. (d) the closer one looks to: The correct phrase should be "the closer one looks at" to indicate the direction of observation.
- 20. (b) the worse level of: The correct phrase should be "the worst level of" to indicate the extreme degree of income inequality.

