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## 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.

1. 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
7. 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.

SSC MTS 05/08/2019 (Shift-3)
(a) to preach
(b) It is easier
(c) No Error
(d) then to follow
9. 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".
4. (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".
7. (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.

1. Despite of his efforts he couldn't get a decent 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
6. 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 chst 08/7/2019 (Shift-1)
(a) Pleasure cannot derive
(b) pain to
(c) innocent people
(d) from giving
8. 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
9. 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

1. (a) The correct preposition is despite.
2. (b) The verb "are" should be "is" because "climate change" is a singular noun.
3. (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.
4. (a) The verb "begins" should be "began" because the sentence is in the past tense.
5. (a) The verb "have" should be "has" because the sentence is referring to a singular noun, "picture".
6. (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.
9. (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 ו1/06/2019 (Shift-1)
(a) our stock soon
(b) so we must replenish
(c) There isn't many rice
(d) left in the house
2. My father dissuaded me to try for a job as he wanted me to pursue higher studies. SSC CGL II/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
7. $\quad$ 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
9. Ten kilometers are a long distance to cover on foot for a child. $\quad$ ssC CGL ו1/6/2019 (Shift-1)
(a) Ten kilometers are
(b) to cover on foot
(c) a long distance
(d) for a child
10. The length of a male swallow's tail reveal his attractiveness for a female swallow.

SSC CGL ו1/6/2019 (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

1. (c) There isn't many rice: The correct phrase should be "There isn't much rice" because "rice" is an uncountable noun.
2. (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."
6. (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.
8. (a) Not complying by: The correct phrase should be "Not complying with" to indicate the action of following or adhering to something.
9. (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.
