

Selecting Words

Exercise

Directions (Q. Nos. 1-75): Each of the following sentences has a blank space and four words given after the sentence. Select whichever word you consider most appropriate for the blank space and indicate your response.

- They found a world of between what he said and what he did. [NDA-II 2016, Set-A]
 (a) chaos (b) difference
 (c) bitterness (d) hope
- Beauty is to ugliness as adversity is to
 (a) happiness (b) prosperity
 (c) misery (d) cowardice
- Sometimes it is necessary for an author to know what is going on in the minds of his characters. This is called
 (a) omnipresence (b) omniscience
 (c) omnipotence (d) truculence
- The salaries and perks of the employees were not in with their status in this industry.
 (a) value (b) conformity
 (c) accordance (d) capacity
- None of her answers was to the questions asked.
 (a) referential (b) revealing
 (c) pertinent (d) allusion
- Knowledge is like a deep well fed by springs, and your mind is the little bucket that you drop in it.
 (a) immortal (b) inexhaustible
 (c) eternal (d) perennial
- The new owners of the paper changed the completely.
 (a) outlay (b) layout
 (c) outlet (d) outlook
- If a man keeps his fingers crossed, he
 (a) hopes for the best
 (b) suspects everybody
 (c) demonstrates peevishness
 (d) welcomes every danger
- He sometimes force himself to work on till late in the night only to find himself unable to do anything the next day.
 (a) could (b) used to
 (c) would (d) would be
- In the areas of the rail-road terminal thousands of travellers lingered while waiting for their train.
 (a) commodious (b) accomodious
 (c) capricious (d) extensive
- He ordered his servant
 (a) if he could bring a glass of water
 (b) that bring a glass of water
 (c) to bring a glass of water
 (d) that he should bring a glass of water
- Modern architecture has discarded the trimming on buildings and emphasises simplicity of line.
 (a) gaudy (b) gaunt
 (c) flabbergasting (d) flamboyant
- Authority when it is not supported by the moral purity of its users.
 (a) empowers (b) crumbles
 (c) prevails (d) waits
- His moral decadence was marked by his from the ways of integrity and honesty.
 (a) declivity (b) obsession
 (c) opprobrium (d) departure

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15. Both the parties were keen to have an settlement of the dispute. **[NDA-II 2016, Set-A]**
 (a) enviable (b) inimical
 (c) worthy (d) amicable
16. I read 'Treasure Island' because it was by my friend who said it was very exciting.
 (a) recommended (b) exhorted
 (c) motivated (d) commended
17. She had a terrible night caused by during her sleep.
 (a) incubus (b) debility
 (c) obsession (d) delusion
18. His attitude to his boss was and caused a good deal of repulsion.
 (a) refulgent (b) sincere
 (c) hybrid (d) sycophantic
19. The scientist made a discovery for which he was honoured.
 (a) sentimental (b) sensational
 (c) sensuous (d) sensual
20. His of the topic was so good that students had few doubts to raise at the end.
 (a) exposition (b) picturisation
 (c) clarity (d) exposure
21. Everybody finds his own work whereas he feels that others have delightful jobs. **[NDA-II 2016, Set-A]**
 (a) tedious (b) fabulous
 (c) unprofitable (d) indecent
22. When the bus was at full speed, its brakes failed and an accident was **[NDA-I 2016, Set-A]**
 (a) inevitable (b) undeniable
 (c) deniable (d) fatal
23. To explain his design to his visitors, the architect a simple plan on the blackboard. **[NDA-I 2016, Set-A]**
 (a) built (b) finalised
 (c) sketched (d) arranged
24. Though Bonsai is a well known art form originated in China, it was by the Japanese. **[NDA-I 2016, Set-A]**
 (a) cultivated (b) finished
 (c) perfected (d) enlarged
25. He is greatly admired for his behaviour. **[NDA-I 2016, Set-A]**
 (a) decrepit (b) decadent
 (c) decorative (d) decorous
26. Would you mind how the trouble started? **[NDA-I 2016, Set-A]**
 (a) remarking (b) saying
 (c) explaining (d) taking
27. Vaccination will make people immune certain diseases. **[NDA-I 2016, Set-A]**
 (a) against (b) to
 (c) with (d) for
28. The two boys looked so alike that it was impossible to between them. **[NDA-I 2016, Set-A]**
 (a) discriminate (b) discern
 (c) distinguish (d) identify
29. The campers their tents at the base of the mountain. **[NDA-I 2016, Set-A]**
 (a) installed (b) dug
 (c) pitched (d) established
30. The enemy had captured him and his life was at stake, still he refused to the state secrets. **[NDA-I 2016, Set-A]**
 (a) divulge (b) divert
 (c) indulge (d) invert
31. I you to be at the party this evening. **[NDA-I 2017, Set-A]**
 (a) look forward to (b) hope
 (c) expect (d) think
32. When I met John yesterday, it was the first time I him since Christmas. **[NDA-I 2017, Set-A]**
 (a) saw (b) have seen
 (c) had seen (d) have been seeing
33. He to listen to my arguments and walked away. **[NDA-I 2017, Set-A]**
 (a) denied (b) disliked
 (c) prevented (d) refused
34. The flow of blood was so the patient died. **[NDA-I 2017, Set-A]**
 (a) intense (b) adequate
 (c) profuse (d) extensive
35. You have never me about your experiences in America. **[NDA-I 2017, Set-A]**
 (a) said (b) told
 (c) explained (d) spoken
36. I always felt hungry I heard the dinner bell. **[NDA-I 2017, Set-A]**
 (a) as much as (b) as well as
 (c) as soon as (d) as close as
37. Although they took every precaution, they could not the accident. **[NDA-I 2017, Set-A]**
 (a) defer (b) allow
 (c) avoid (d) block

38. The ambitious nobleman to marry the king's daughter. [NDA-I 2017, Set-A]
 (a) transpired (b) aspired
 (c) perspired (d) expired
39. The dictator of that country was a monster of wickedness, insatiable in his for blood and plunder. [NDA-I 2017, Set-A]
 (a) idea (b) vision
 (c) lust (d) intention
40. Please don't give me any more, I have had [NDA-I 2017, Set-A]
 (a) few (b) too little
 (c) little (d) enough
41. He looks as if he weary. [NDA-I 2017, Set-A]
 (a) is (b) was
 (c) would be (d) were
42. My house is insured theft and fire. [NDA-II 2017, Set-A]
 (a) for (b) against
 (c) in (d) towards
43. The result of the prolonged discussion was [NDA-II 2017, Set-A]
 (a) disappointment (b) disappointing
 (c) disappointed (d) to disappoint
44. You are lucky in the 20th century. [NDA-II 2017, Set-A]
 (a) by being born (b) to have been born
 (c) for being born (d) to have born
45. It is a true to [NDA-II 2017, Set-A]
 (a) word (b) her word
 (c) the words (d) words
46. Years since I saw her last. [NDA-II 2017, Set-A]
 (a) have passed (b) had passed
 (c) had been passing (d) have been passing
47. When he heard the terrible noise he asked me what was on [NDA-II 2017, Set-A]
 (a) happening (b) being
 (c) getting (d) going
48. Could you lend me some money? I am very of cash at the moment. [NDA-II 2017, Set-A]
 (a) down (b) low
 (c) short (d) scarce
49. I saw her when she was standing their loved ones in adversity. [NDA-II 2018, Set-A]
 (a) abuse (b) criticize
 (c) befool (d) desert
50. When he came back home safe that night everybody a sigh of relief.
 (a) inhaled (b) raised
 (c) exhaled (d) heaved
51. The tired traveller on in the hope of finding some resting place. [NDA-II 2018, Set-A]
 (a) strolled (b) scurried
 (c) paraded (d) plodded
52. The car was damaged beyond repair in the accident. [NDA-II 2018, Set-A]
 (a) outrageous (b) ghastly
 (c) nasty (d) heinous
53. They have a dinner to celebrate the occasion, which impressed every guest. [NDA-II 2018, Set-A]
 (a) austere (b) public
 (c) sumptuous (d) summary
54. Once the manuscript is received by the publishers, it is typed in double space. [NDA-II 2018, Set-A]
 (a) told (b) full
 (c) complete (d) filled
55. I am used to in queue. [NDA-II 2018, Set-A]
 (a) stand (b) standing
 (c) stand up (d) standing still
56. forest prevent erosion. [NDA-I 2019, Set-A]
 (a) Lean (b) Dense
 (c) Sparse (d) Tidy
57. Three people were arrested and an illegal arms unit was by the police in a raid. [NDA-I 2019, Set-A]
 (a) revealed (b) searched
 (c) discovered (d) busted
58. A woman got into the car and [NDA-I 2019, Set-A]
 (a) drove off (b) broke down
 (c) rode in (d) drove in
59. The lecture was not very interesting. In fact I in the middle of it. [NDA-I 2019, Set-A]
 (a) showed off (b) put off
 (c) dozed off (d) plugged off
60. The cops murder by kin. [NDA-I 2019, Set-A]
 (a) suspect (b) afford
 (c) manage (d) administer
61. The Election Commission on Saturday that the Assembly elections in five States will be held from November 12 to December 7. [NDA-II 2019, Set-A]
 (a) pronounced (b) announced
 (c) promulgated (d) issued

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62. The victims were fruit vendors and they were going in an auto when they an accident on the way.
[NDA-II 2019, Set-A]
(a) met with (b) ran into
(c) experienced (d) heard
63. Scores of villagers are a sit-in protest against the construction underpass. [NDA-II 2019, Set-A]
(a) performing (b) sitting
(c) staging (d) standing
64. It is common for patients to stop medicine as soon as they start feeling better.
[NDA-II 2019, Set-A]
(a) eating (b) gulping
(c) swallowing (d) taking
65. A four-year-old girl got a new lease of life after doctors at a hospital cancerous tumour from one of her kidneys. [NDA-II 2019, Set-A]
(a) rejuvenated (b) removed
(c) displaced (d) replaced
66. There was a time when West Germany was a distinct. [NDA-I 2021, Set-A]
(a) policy (b) polity
(c) abstract (d) hierarchy
67. I was with the film; I had expected it to be better. [NDA-I 2021, Set-A]
(a) disappointed (b) disappointing
(c) annoying (d) prejudiced
68. It was a experience. Everybody was shocked. [NDA-I 2021, Set-A]
(a) terrified (b) horrified
(c) terrifying (d) denouncing
69. Elephants when they perceive danger. [NDA-I 2021, Set-A]
(a) trumpet (b) frolic
(c) whine (d) sing
70. The first film on Tagore was such a success that now they are going to make a [NDA-I 2021, Set-A]
(a) serial (b) sequence
(c) sequel (d) sequential
71. The United Nations had 2020 as the International Year of Plant Health. [NDA-I 2021, Set-A]
(a) ruled (b) ordered
(c) foretold (d) declared
72. My brother is punctual, but he is late today. [NDA-I 2021, Set-A]
(a) normatively (b) primarily
(c) normally (d) basically
73. My son is very he trusts everyone. [NDA-I 2021, Set-A]
(a) fallible (b) gullible
(c) sensible (d) credible
74. Mahatma Gandhi was a lover of humanity and a believer in the goodness of human nature. [NDA-I 2021, Set-A]
(a) staunch (b) powerful
(c) cheerful (d) hopeful
75. I wish I her before we met.
(a) know (b) have known
(c) knew (d) known

ANSWERS

1.	(b)	2.	(b)	3.	(b)	4.	(b)	5.	(c)	6.	(b)	7.	(b)	8.	(a)	9.	(c)	10.	(a)
11.	(c)	12.	(a)	13.	(b)	14.	(d)	15.	(d)	16.	(a)	17.	(a)	18.	(d)	19.	(b)	20.	(a)
21.	(a)	22.	(a)	23.	(c)	24.	(c)	25.	(d)	26.	(c)	27.	(b)	28.	(c)	29.	(c)	30.	(a)
31.	(c)	32.	(c)	33.	(d)	34.	(c)	35.	(b)	36.	(c)	37.	(c)	38.	(b)	39.	(c)	40.	(d)
41.	(d)	42.	(b)	43.	(b)	44.	(b)	45.	(b)	46.	(a)	47.	(d)	48.	(c)	49.	(b)	50.	(d)
51.	(d)	52.	(b)	53.	(c)	54.	(c)	55.	(b)	56.	(b)	57.	(d)	58.	(a)	59.	(c)	60.	(a)
61.	(b)	62.	(a)	63.	(c)	64.	(d)	65.	(b)	66.	(b)	67.	(a)	68.	(c)	69.	(a)	70.	(c)
71.	(d)	72.	(c)	73.	(b)	74.	(a)	75.	(c)										