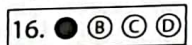


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WORD AND STRUCTURE KNOWLEDGE

FOR QUESTIONS 1 TO 24, CHOOSE THE CORRECT OPTION TO FILL IN THE BLANK.

1. The prosecution worked hard to bolster their case against the loopholes pointed out by the _____ team.
 - A. offend
 - B. offense
 - C. defence
 - D. prosecutor

2. Forensic experts conduct a/an _____ on a crime victim to determine the exact cause of death and help investigators come up with a viable thought process.
 - A. biopsy
 - B. autopsy
 - C. dialysis
 - D. prognosis

3. It _____ by medical experts that there can be a number of cases where an individual may exhibit a psychogenic movement disorder.
 - A. was determining
 - B. has been determined
 - C. would had been determined
 - D. have been determined

4. Sarita was one of the _____ who had the privilege of attending the convocation.
 - A. notables
 - B. exceptional
 - C. memorable
 - D. prestigious

5. Many of the apologists had to resort _____ disparaging the points made _____ the opposition leaders just to have a say.
 - A. to, for
 - B. by, for
 - C. to, by
 - D. by, with

6. Whenever there was _____ need for any form of response from _____ common man, the leaders would step up to present _____ answer.
 - A. a, the, an
 - B. the, the, a
 - C. the, a, no article
 - D. no article, no article, an

7. I have been told a lot of times that my life is my _____, so I must make the most of it to be what I want to be.
 - A. ownself
 - B. ourselves
 - C. own
 - D. ours

8. While the famous celebrity was _____ for her appearance, the social activist protesting nearby was condemned.
 - A. commemorate
 - B. actuate
 - C. presided
 - D. adulated

9. The bike _____ was stolen last night has been recovered by the police and kept in _____ possession.
 - A. that, it
 - B. which, them
 - C. that, their
 - D. which, theirs

10. We _____ be there by the time given, but I don't think we _____ make it.
 - A. could, must
 - B. might, might
 - C. should, might
 - D. ought to, can

11. What _____ the doctor say to you when you have low blood sugar? He prohibits harmful items in your diet.
 - A. do
 - B. did
 - C. does
 - D. shall

12. It's been an ongoing struggle for the employees to try to get the government's attention about the pay _____ and demand equal pay.
 - A. a, the, an
 - B. the, the, a
 - C. the, a, no article
 - D. no article, no article, an

- A. disparity
- B. parity
- C. absence
- D. whimsy

13. I was instructed to wait _____ for the guests to arrive, but they _____ did.

- A. studiously, sometimes
- B. obediently, rarely
- C. here, never
- D. around, ever

14. His _____ gesture made the freshers feel welcomed and comfortable being a part of the prestigious college.

- A. attraction
- B. celebrity
- C. notorious
- D. collegial

15. After the death of their war veteran grandfather, the family decided to _____ his own quotes about life as a reminder for all.

- A. describe
- B. prescribe
- C. proscribe
- D. inscribe

16. I was advised that the child _____ be taken to the hospital immediately to save her life.

- A. could
- B. should
- C. might
- D. would

17. The people are left in the suffocating bubble of extreme economic and political _____, while the leaders are living the high life.

- A. austerity
- B. gentility
- C. prosperity
- D. joviality

18. Unfortunately, my flight has been delayed. So, I _____ be arriving later than expected.

- A. need
- B. ought

- C. have to
- D. could

19. While criticising the present leadership, the opposition stated that it _____ the leaders to take care of their people's needs.

- A. behoved
- B. behove
- C. behaves
- D. behaved

20. Despite his extreme efforts to be popular among the students, his approaches _____ and were unproductive.

- A. fall flat
- B. fell flat
- C. fallen flat
- D. falls flat

21. Do you think that I _____ taken too leniently by my students?

- A. may have been
- B. ought to have
- C. will be having
- D. should had been

22. _____ there been any thieves running away from the house, people _____ seen them from the buildings nearby.

- A. Have, could be
- B. Has, ought to
- C. Had, would have
- D. Would, ought have

23. It is only at bad times that we can _____ know the real personalities of our so-called friends.

- A. adamantly
- B. figuratively
- C. expertly
- D. truly

24. After his outburst in the meeting this morning, he _____ by not only the people but even the national press community.

- A. vilifies
- B. has been vilified
- C. was vilifying
- D. would be vilified

FOR QUESTIONS 25 AND 26, CHOOSE THE CORRECT SYNONYM OF THE GIVEN WORD.

25. Furtive
- A. Earnest
 - B. Veracious
 - C. Artless
 - D. Clandestine

26. Knack
- A. Endowment
 - B. Shortcoming
 - C. Repugnance
 - D. Disinclination

FOR QUESTIONS 27 AND 28, CHOOSE THE CORRECT ANTONYM OF THE GIVEN WORD.

27. Libel
- A. Aspersion
 - B. Complement
 - C. Compliment
 - D. Vituperation

28. Caucus
- A. Convene
 - B. Dissociate
 - C. Confederate
 - D. Consort

FOR QUESTIONS 29 AND 30, CHOOSE THE OPTION WITH CORRECT SPELLING.

29. How do you spell the word that means 'to manage to get around by ingenuity'?
- A. Circumcise
 - B. Circumference
 - C. Circumjacent
 - D. Circumvent
30. How do you spell the word that means 'not having enough money to pay the necessities'?
- A. Impertinent
 - B. Impecunious
 - C. Imperative
 - D. Impetuous

READING

FOR QUESTIONS 31 TO 35, READ THE PASSAGE AND ANSWER THE QUESTIONS THAT FOLLOW.

One of the most beautiful feelings is when your offspring is born and enters your life. The journey from then on becomes a road filled with experiences and lessons. Sometimes we feel exhausted, and sometimes the bliss is unexplainable. All those sleepless nights seem worth it, while the anticipation of how many more still walk with us.

Understanding your child is one of the most important things that one needs to learn as a parent. It is very helpful in becoming effective in guiding and nurturing your child as they grow and mature. You need to keep in mind that your child has a unique personality trait that remains consistent throughout life. Various studies have proven that children learn more from observing

and experiencing the world than from being taught words. Responsible parents provide the right examples and behaviours for their children to learn from. Instead of saying 'be polite', demonstrate politeness by being polite in your everyday life.

Children are not pets that parents put on a leash. They are not trophies or medals that should be showed off to friends, so the latter would feel inferior and less fortunate. The problem is, parents sometimes "exploit" their children by telling everyone in the neighbourhood or their circle of friends how lucky they are to have such great kids. To make it worse, some parents become too cocky and fail to realize that they are putting quite a lot of unrealistic expectations on their children. And when their kids do not meet these expectations, they would be so disappointed in them or get mad even because, well, their reputation among their friends would get tainted.

There is absolutely nothing wrong with being proud of your children, especially if they are doing so well in school, sports or anything else they have put their interest into. But, please, parents, be realistic and reasonable. There are a lot of ways to show how proud you are of your children without compromising their reputation, your ego (which you surely take care of so much), or especially your relationship with them. You can just hug your kid and tell him/her how blessed and happy you are to have such a great son/daughter. It is better and means a lot more to him/her.

A child's image of his/her parents depends, among other things, on how the latter see and treat the former. And being on the front lines of a child's growth and development, there is a great chance that kids will see what their parents do and say as always true and correct. If parents treat children as equals—people who think, move, and have a life of their own—and with more consideration to their actual being while still maintaining (and certainly not abusing) their parental authority, then the kids will feel more appreciated and secured. In effect, they will admire, respect and love their parents more, eventually becoming great parents themselves.

No matter how young a person is, the fact remains that he is a human being—a thinking person. As such, he certainly knows what he wants. A kid may understand less than adults do, but that does not at all mean they do not understand anything. A preschooler knows what he wants to be when he grows up (only that this might more likely change depending on the values and interests he develops and the environment he grows up in). Parents should respect their children's thoughts. It is not because they are younger than adults, who are self-proclaimed mature people, that they should disregard what the youth have to say. Parents should genuinely listen to and understand their children and not impose on them their own thoughts and values.

31. In what ways do parents "exploit" their children?
- A. Imposing unrealistic expectations on children
 - B. Being disappointed when kids fail to meet their expectations
 - C. Treating children as equals and considering them actual beings
 - D. Both A and B
32. Read the statements I and II and select the correct option.
- Statement I : A kid may understand less than an adult, but that doesn't mean he/she doesn't understand anything.
- Statement II : A parent should not be proud of his/her child if he/she is performing well in sports or academics.
- A. Statement I is correct but Statement II is incorrect.
 - B. Statement I is incorrect but Statement II is correct.
 - C. Both the Statements I and II are incorrect.
 - D. Both the Statements I and II are correct.
33. What should parents do if they want to get respect and love from their kids?
- A. Set an example of being polite instead of expecting it from them
 - B. Listen to their kids and understand them genuinely
 - C. Provide the right examples and behaviour to their kids
 - D. All of these
34. A parent may enjoy his/her parenthood _____.
- A. when he/she doesn't force his/her kids to behave in the ways they want them to
 - B. when he/she lets his/her child know how blessed and happy he/she is to have them
 - C. when he/she doesn't interfere in the affairs of his/her kids ever and let them do what they want to
 - D. both A and B
35. Choose a word that is similar in meaning to "conceited".
- A. Disregard
 - B. Exploit
 - C. Unrealistic
 - D. Cocky

FOR QUESTIONS 36 TO 40, READ THE PASSAGE AND ANSWER THE QUESTIONS THAT FOLLOW.

As artificial intelligence (AI) and machine learning (ML) continue to transform the business landscape, it's important for organizations to understand the full potential of these technologies. This article explores the ways in which AI and ML are already being used across a variety of industries, including healthcare, finance, retail, and manufacturing.

Artificial Intelligence has been a buzzword for a while now, and for good reason. Technology is rapidly evolving, and its impact is being felt in almost every industry. Machine learning, a subset of AI, is particularly noteworthy for its ability to revolutionise industries by unlocking their full potential. From healthcare to finance, education, and manufacturing, machine learning is transforming the way we work, think, and live.

One of the most significant benefits of machine learning is its ability to automate repetitive tasks, allowing humans to focus on more complex and creative work. In industries such as healthcare, this has the potential to save lives. Machine learning algorithms can analyse vast amounts of medical data to identify patterns and predict outcomes with greater accuracy than humans. This can help doctors make better diagnoses, develop personalized treatment plans, and even identify potential health risks before they become serious.

In the financial industry, machine learning is being used for fraud detection, risk management, and investment analysis. By analysing vast amounts of financial data, machine learning algorithms can identify unusual patterns or behaviours that may indicate fraud. This can save financial institutions billions of dollars annually and help prevent financial crimes.

In the manufacturing industry, machine learning can help optimize production processes, reduce waste, and improve quality control. By analysing data from sensors and other sources, machine learning algorithms can identify potential issues before they become serious and recommend solutions. This can reduce downtime, improve efficiency, and save companies millions of dollars annually.

Machine learning is also being used in the transportation industry to develop autonomous vehicles. By analysing data from sensors and cameras, machine learning algorithms can help self-driving cars navigate roads safely and efficiently. This has the potential to reduce traffic fatalities, improve transportation efficiency, and reduce the environmental impact of transportation.

As machine learning continues to evolve and become more ubiquitous, it will inevitably have an impact on the job market. While some jobs may be automated, new jobs will also be created. For example, machine learning engineers, data scientists, and AI ethicists are all roles that are likely to become more in demand as the adoption of machine learning increases.

While machine learning has the potential to transform industries and unlock new possibilities, it also comes with several challenges and ethical considerations. One of the biggest challenges is the potential for bias in machine learning algorithms. If the data used to train a machine learning model is biased, the model will also be biased. This can lead to unfair outcomes and discrimination.

Another challenge is the potential for job displacement. As machine learning becomes more ubiquitous, some jobs may be automated, leading to job losses for some workers. It's important to consider the impact of machine learning on the workforce and develop strategies to mitigate any negative impacts.

As we continue to adopt this technology, it's important to consider the challenges and ethical considerations that come with it and work to ensure that machine learning benefits everyone, not just a select few. By following best practices and investing in the right talent and resources, we can unlock the full potential of machine learning and create a brighter future for all.

36. How is machine learning transforming industries?
- By unlocking new possibilities for a better tomorrow
 - By unlocking challenges for the present
 - By resulting in negative outcomes and discrimination
 - By expecting new and innovative applications
-
37. How can self-driving cars be helped to navigate the roads safely?
- Machine learning helps self-driving cars by reducing the use of gasoline.
 - Machine learning algorithms help self-driving cars by analysing data from sensors and cameras.

- Self-driving cars can use the sensors themselves.
- Self-driving cars can use radar to navigate the roads.

38. What is the most significant benefit of machine learning?
- Machine learning can analyse the pygmy data of patients and provide treatment in the health sector.
 - Its ability to automate repetitive tasks allows humans to focus on more complex and creative work.
 - Its ability to create intricacy in education.
 - All of these
-
39. What are the challenges with the growth of machine learning?
- Having automated machines leads to the loss of jobs for some workers.
 - Common people are not aware of how to use these machines.
 - It creates some hindrances to the growth of education.
 - It may work only in big cities.
-
40. Which word from the passage means the same as 'pervasive'?
- | | |
|---------------|------------------|
| A. Algorithm | B. Navigate |
| C. Ubiquitous | D. Revolutionise |

SPOKEN AND WRITTEN EXPRESSION

FOR QUESTIONS 41 TO 45, CHOOSE THE CORRECT OPTION TO COMPLETE EACH CONVERSATION.

41. Jatin : _____ you please pass the salt _____ me? My food is too bland.
- Should, at
 - Might, on
 - May, for
 - Could, to
-
42. Shanu : This blog, _____ my sister, contains a detailed narrative of what to expect when travelling to the hill stations of Darjeeling.

- writes off
- writing so
- written by
- written of

43. Officer: Despite the defendant's claim, the judge passed a/an _____ that enabled the victims to be put under witness protection for their safety.
- injunction
 - jurisdiction
 - defamation
 - injustice

44. Parul : _____ do you think the results of the international talent search contest _____ declared?
- A. What, is
B. When, will be
C. How, should
D. Which, could

45. Tom : Judges prefer _____ speakers who don't go around the bush and make their speeches long. Short and simple is the key
- A. laconic
B. libertarian
C. licentious
D. linchpin

ACHIEVERS SECTION

FOR QUESTIONS 46 AND 47, CHOOSE THE CORRECT OPTION TO FILL IN THE BLANK.

46. To most people, criminals have a _____ tendency, which makes them untrustworthy.
- A. modicum
B. morass
C. mendacious
D. munificent
47. Whenever we go to the mall, my otherwise _____ younger sister always buys new clothes.
- A. pellucid
B. pernicious
C. pugnacious
D. penurious

48. CHOOSE THE CORRECT ANTONYM OF THE GIVEN WORD.
- Refractory

- A. Fractious
B. Restrained
C. Recusant
D. Truculent

49. CHOOSE THE CORRECT SYNONYM OF THE GIVEN WORD.

Solipsism

- A. Objectivity
B. Intimacy
C. Egoism
D. Empathy

50. CHOOSE THE CORRECT OPTION TO COMPLETE THE CONVERSATION.

Arun : When the inspection started, the captain displayed a _____ expression

- A. stolid
B. sonorously
C. streak
D. saccharic



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