

Unit 1: English for competitive examinations

TYBA, TYBSC (SEM-5) (Q.1. MCQs - 10 Marks)

SEC: Advanced Communication Skills in English -V

Vocabulary

A. Choose the best word to substitute the highlighted phrases in the following sentences.

1. Mohan cannot be a good leader because he is someone who always puts himself first.

- (a) egoistical (b) eccentric (c) exceptional (d) effervescent

Correct Answer: (a) egoistical

2. She got low marks in the examination because her handwriting was not clear enough to be read.

- (a) negligible (b) incorrigible (c) illegible (d) inedible

Correct Answer: (c) illegible

3. By nature, he is an introvert and speaks very little.

- (a) sullen (b) reticent (c) shy (d) gullible

Correct Answer: (b) reticent

B. Choose the correct synonyms of the words highlighted in the sentences below.

1. The acrobat put up a masterly show during the circus.

- (a) brilliant (b) cunning (c) detailed (d) joyful

Correct Answer: (a) brilliant

2. The country is in a highly precarious situation following the army coup.

- (a) excited (b) protected (c) dangerous (d) confused

Correct Answer: (c) dangerous

3. Stringent norms were followed to control the Covid-19 pandemic in our town.

- (a) strict (b) traditional (c) medical (d) scientific

Correct Answer: (a) strict

C. Choose the correct antonyms of the words highlighted in the sentences below.

1. We find his behaviour inexplicable.

- (a) sad (b) happy (c) understandable (d) complicated

Correct Answer: (c) understandable

2. We are too tired to light the fire.

- (a) see (b) dark (c) extinguish (d) expand

Correct Answer: (c) extinguish

3. The principal made a terse speech during the morning assembly today.

- (a) brief (b) kind (c) lengthy (d) precise

Correct Answer: (c) lengthy



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Vocabulary

1. Which of the following tools provides a host of synonyms and antonyms for each word to help writers avoid repetition?

- (a) Dictionary (b) Thesaurus
- (c) Encyclopedia (d) Directory

Correct Answer: (b) Thesaurus

2. In a word family, what is the term used to describe the common base word from which other related words are formed using prefixes and suffixes?

- (a) Synonym (b) Collocation
- (c) Headword (d) Idiom

Correct Answer: (c) Headword

3. Which of the following pairs is a correct example of a common English collocation?

- (a) Heavy rain (b) Strong wind
- (c) Fast food (d) All of the above

Correct Answer: (d) All of the above

4. What is the primary benefit of cultivating a strong, regular habit of reading?

- (a) Memorizing the entire dictionary overnight
- (b) Naturally guessing word meanings from context and enriching vocabulary
- (c) Avoiding the need to ever use a thesaurus
- (d) Learning how to write computer code

Correct Answer: (b) Naturally guessing word meanings from context and enriching vocabulary

5. Which of the following words is the closest synonym for the word 'abundant'? (a) Scarce (b) Plentiful

- (c) Tiny (d) Fragile

Correct Answer: (b) Plentiful

6. What is the correct antonym for the word 'transparent' as commonly used in context?

- (a) Clear (b) Opaque
- (c) Bright (d) Visible

Correct Answer: (b) Opaque

7. Which of the following best describes the concept of 'word families'?

- (a) Words that sound completely different and have unrelated meanings
- (b) Words that share a common root or base word and are modified by prefixes and suffixes
- (c) Words that are only used in legal documents
- (d) Words that always appear next to each other in a sentence

Correct Answer: (b) Words that share a common root or base word and are modified by prefixes and suffixes

8. When looking up a word in a standard dictionary, which of the following details will you not typically find?

- (a) Etymology or origin of the word (b) Pronunciation guide
- (c) Personal opinions and reviews written by readers (d) Grammatical category

Correct Answer: (c) Personal opinions and reviews written by readers

9. Which of the following phrases represents an incorrect or unnatural collocation?

- (a) Make a mistake (b) Do homework
- (c) Fast time (d) Heavy traffic

Correct Answer: (c) Fast time

10. What does vocabulary building genuinely entail beyond just learning new words?

- (a) Knowing the exact meanings and using them in proper contexts (b) Writing words down without understanding them
- (c) Avoiding reading books entirely
- (d) Memorizing foreign alphabets

Correct Answer: (a) Knowing the exact meanings and using them in proper contexts



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Tenses

A. Fill in the blanks choosing the correct options.

1. I had a horse. It follows me to the market one day. (Note: Based on standard textbook tense exercise sequences, though simple past applies for past narratives, let us provide the exact choices as listed)

- (a) follows
- (b) followed
- (c) following

Correct Answer: (b) followed

2. The medical students usually conduct experiments in the laboratory every week during the academic year.

- (a) conduct
- (b) are conducting
- (c) have conducted

Correct Answer: (a) conduct

3. Rajiv was having his breakfast when the pilot asked him to fly the plane.

- (a) was having
- (b) had
- (c) has

Correct Answer: (a) was having

4. Stella had finished her homework before going for the picnic.

- (a) finished
- (b) had finished
- (c) finishes

Correct Answer: (b) had finished

B. Fill in the blanks with the correct forms of the verbs in the brackets.

1. How many eggs did you eat yesterday? (Using simple past with the auxiliary "did" and base verb)

- (a) do you eat
- (b) did you eat
- (c) have you eaten

Correct Answer: (b) did you eat

2. She will visit your hotel soon. (Or "is going to visit", indicating future intent)

- (a) visits
- (b) visited
- (c) will visit

Correct Answer: (c) will visit

3. Shakespeare's dramas are enjoyed the world over today. (Present passive or simple present habit/fact)

- (a) enjoyed
- (b) are enjoyed
- (c) were enjoyed

Correct Answer: (b) are enjoyed

4. The cook cut his fingers while chopping vegetables.

- (a) cut, chopping
- (b) cuts, chopped
- (c) was cutting, chop

Correct Answer: (a) cut, chopping



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Prepositions

Check Your Understanding: Prepositions

Exercises

A. Fill in the blanks choosing the correct options.

1. The students usually sit the desk in the laboratory.

- (a) besides (b) beside

Correct Answer: (b) beside

2. I know her ten years now.

- (a) since (b) for

Correct Answer: (b) for

3. last year, she has been on a diet.

- (a) Since (b) For

Correct Answer: (a) Since

4. They sat the trees of the forest.

- (a) between (b) among

Correct Answer: (b) among

5. The ice was carved..... a sharp knife.....the mountaineer.

- (a) by, with (b) with, by

Correct Answer: (b) with, by

6. I live..... Banjara Hills Hyderabad.

- (a) in, at (b) at, in

Correct Answer: (b) at, in

7. Mother Teresa passed away..... 5 September..... the year 1997.

- (a) on, in (b) in, on

Correct Answer: (a) on, in

8. We visited him in the winter, by the end of January 2019.

- (a) on, in (b) in, by

Correct Answer: (b) in, by

Additional Practice Exercises on Prepositions

1. The manager distributed the bonus rewards ___ all the hardworking employees in the department.

- (a) between (b) among
(c) beside (d) through

Correct Answer: (b) among

2. She prefers to study quietly ___ her room rather than in the noisy library.

- (a) at (b) on
(c) in (d) by

Correct Answer: (c) in

3. ___ his busy academic schedule, he always finds time to pursue his passion for music and sound design.

- (a) Beside (b) Besides
(c) Between (d) Among

Correct Answer: (b) Besides

4. The research committee arrived ___ a final decision after hours of careful deliberation.

- (a) on (b) to
(c) at (d) in

Correct Answer: (c) at

5. Please ensure that you submit your project assignment ___ Friday evening without fail.

- (a) by (b) on
(c) in (d) at

Correct Answer: (a) by

6. The ancient manuscript was carefully translated ___ the scholar using a magnifying glass and reference lexicons.

- (a) with (b) by
(c) through (d) from

Correct Answer: (b) by

Our college is located ___ Khergam, a peaceful town ___ the Navsari district of Gujarat.

- (a) in, at (b) at, in
(c) on, within (d) by, through

Correct Answer: (b) at, in

He has been working relentlessly on his digital pedagogy project ___ the past six months.

- (a) since (b) for
(c) from (d) until

Correct Answer: (b) for



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