



Spotting Errors



for

NDA/CDS/AFCAT

Directions: Each item in this section has a sentence with three parts labelled as (a), (b) and (c). Read each sentence to find out whether there is any error in any part and indicate your response on the Answer Sheet against the corresponding letter, i.e., (a) or (b) or (c). If you find no error, your response should be indicated as (d).



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Question 1

The report suggests that the population growth **(a)/** in urban areas have reached **(b)/** an unsustainable level due to poor planning. **(c)/** No error. **(d)**

Question 2

Many researchers argues **(a)/** that climate change has **(b)/** accelerated the frequency of natural disasters. **(c)/** No error. **(d)**

Question 3

The committee is comprised by **(a)**/ experts from various fields **(b)**/ to ensure a holistic approach to policy-making. **(c)**/ No error. **(d)**

Question 4

The government has decided to implement **(a)**/ the recommendations of the commission **(b)**/ which was setup in 2020. **(c)**/ No error. **(d)**

Question 5

Neither the Prime Minister nor his cabinet members **(a)/** were willing to compromise on the **(b)/** principles of the proposed legislation. **(c)/** No error. **(d)**

Question 6

Despite the economic challenges, **(a)/** the country's growth rate is **(b)/** expected to rise up to 7% by next year. **(c)/** No error. **(d)**

Question 7

The new industrial policy aims to **(a)**/ bring investments worth billions of dollars **(b)**/ within a span of five-years. **(c)**/ No error. **(d)**

Question 8

The recommendations put forth by the expert panel **(a)**/ was accepted by the government **(b)**/ after a prolonged debate in the parliament. **(c)**/ No error. **(d)**

Question 9

The company has been accused of unethical practices **(a)**/ because it failed to disclose all its financial details **(b)**/ during the acquisition process. **(c)**/
No error. **(d)**

Question 10

The politician claimed that he will implement reforms **(a)**/ to ensure transparency in governance **(b)**/ as soon as he assumes office. **(c)** /
No error. **(d)**

Question 11

Many a student in the class **(a)** / were unable to solve the question **(b)** / due to its complexity and ambiguous wording. **(c)** / No error. **(d)**

Question 12

The judge ordered the accused **(a)** / to appear before the court **(b)** / tomorrow at 10 a.m. sharp. **(c)** / No error. **(d)**

Question 13

The researcher conducted a detailed study **(a)/** to find the root causes of **(b)/** the phenomena observed in the experiment. **(c)/** No error. **(d)**

Question 14

A number of students were absent **(a)/** in the class today **(b)/** due to the heavy rain. **(c)/** No error. **(d)**

Question 15

The officer not only explained the rules **(a)/** but also ensured that every participant **(b)/** adhered to them strictly. **(c)/** No error. **(d)**

ANSWER WITH EXPLANATION

1. Part (B)

Correction : Replace *have* with *has*.

Explanation : The subject of the verb is *population growth*, which is singular. Therefore, the correct verb is *has*, not *have*.

2. Part (A)

Correction : Replace *argues* with *argue*.

Explanation : The subject *researchers* is plural, so the verb should be in its plural form, *argue*, to maintain subject-verb agreement.

3. Part (A)

Correction : Replace *is comprised by* with *is comprised of*.

Explanation : The correct idiomatic expression is *comprised of*, not *comprised by*. This is a common error involving prepositional usage.

4. Part (C)

Correction : Replace *setup* with *set up*.

Explanation : The term *setup* is a noun, while *set up* is a phrasal verb. In this context, the verb form *set up* is appropriate.

5. Part (B)

Correction : Replace *were* with *was*.

Explanation : When using *neither...nor*, the verb agrees with the nearest subject. In this case, the nearest subject is *Prime Minister*, which is singular. Thus, the correct verb is *was*.

6. Part (C)

Correction : Replace *upto* with *up to*.

Explanation : The correct form is *up to*, as *upto* is not a valid word in English.

7. Part (C)

Correction : Replace *five-years* with *five years*.

Explanation : When used as a noun phrase, there should not be a hyphen between *five* and *years*. Hyphens are used in compound adjectives (e.g., five-year plan).

8. Part (B)

Correction : Replace *was* with *were*.

Explanation : The subject of the verb is *recommendations*, which is plural. Therefore, the correct verb is *were*, not *was*.

9. Part (B)

Correction : Replace *it failed* with *it had failed*.

Explanation : In this context, the acquisition process is a past event, and the failure occurred before it. Thus, the *past perfect tense* (had failed) should be used to indicate the earlier action.

10. Part (A)

Correction : Replace *will* with *would*.

Explanation : In reported speech, when the reporting verb is in the past tense (*claimed*), the verb in the reported clause should also be in the past tense (*would* instead of *will*).

11. Part (B)

Correction : Replace *were* with *was*.

Explanation : The phrase *many a* is singular and takes a singular verb. Therefore, *was* should be used instead of *were*.

12. Part (C)

Correction : Replace *tomorrow* with *the next day*.

Explanation : In formal or legal contexts, when referring to the future in a statement made in the past tense, the term *the next day* should be used instead of *tomorrow* for clarity and accuracy.

13. Part (C)

Correction : Replace *phenomena* with *phenomenon*.

Explanation : *Phenomena* is the plural form of *phenomenon*. In this context, a single occurrence is being referred to, so the singular form *phenomenon* should be used.

14. Part (B)

Correction : Replace *in the class* with *from the class*.

Explanation : The correct preposition is *from* when referring to absence from a specific location or event. Hence, it should be *absent from the class*.

15. Part (B)

Explanation : The sentence is grammatically correct and adheres to standard rules of parallelism and subject-verb agreement. **No correction required.**