



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).

DAY 8



THE TUTORS ACADEMY

Jai Hind

Question 1

Neither the witnesses nor the lawyer (a) / were able to convince the jury (b) / of the defendant's innocence. (c) / No error (d).

Question 2

The report suggested that (a) / the policies were inefficient, (b) / unsustainable, and could not be implemented. (c) / No error (d).

Question 3

Every one of the students (a) / are expected to submit (b) / their assignments by tomorrow. (c) / No error (d).

Question 4

By the time the authorities (a) / arrived at the scene, (b) / the situation was already worsen. (c) / No error (d).

Question 5

She did not realize (a) / how much serious (b) / the consequences of her actions would be. (c) / No error (d).

Question 6

The company has been doing well (a) / despite of the economic challenges (b) / faced in the last quarter. (c) / No error (d).

Question 7

Hardly had the meeting (a) / started than several (b) / participants began to leave. (c) / No error (d).

Question 8

The investigator was perplexed (a) / by the conflicting testimonies (b) / provided by both the witnesses. (c) / No error (d).

Question 9

The teacher emphasized (a) / that everyone in the class (b) / must submit their projects on time. (c) / No error (d).

Question 10

Scarcely had the minister (a) / begun his speech, when the audience (b) / started to protest. (c) / No error (d).

Question 11

Each of the proposals submitted (a) / by the committee members (b) / were thoroughly reviewed. (c) / No error (d).

Question 12

No matter what measures (a) / the government implements, (b) / the rising prices seem unstoppable. (c) / No error (d).

Question 13

The doctor suggested her (a) / to take a second opinion (b) / before proceeding with the surgery. (c) / No error (d).

Question 14

The debate will focus on (a) / whether artificial intelligence (b) / is a boon or a bane. (c) / No error (d).

Question 15

The villagers claim that (a) / their crops had been destroyed (b) / due to heavy rains last week. (c) / No error (d).

ANSWER WITH EXPLANATION

1. **Answer:** (b)

Explanation: When subjects are joined by "neither..nor," the verb agrees with the subject closest to it. Here, "lawyer" is singular, so the correct verb is "was able."

2. **Answer:** (c)

Explanation: The third element, "could not be implemented," lacks parallelism with the earlier adjectives. It should be "inefficient, unsustainable, and unimplementable."

3. **Answer:** (b)

Explanation: "Every one" is singular, so the correct verb is "is expected."

4. **Answer:** (c)

Explanation: The correct form is "was already worsened" or "had already worsened."

5. **Answer:** (b)

Explanation: The phrase "how much serious" is incorrect. It should be "how serious."

6. **Answer:** (b)

Explanation: The correct phrase is "despite the economic challenges" as "despite" is never followed by "of."

7. **Answer:** (b)

Explanation: The conjunction "than" is incorrect here; "when" should be used with "hardly."

8. **Answer:** (c)

Explanation: "Both the witnesses" is incorrect; it should be "both witnesses" or "the two witnesses."

9. **Answer:** (c)

Explanation: The pronoun "their" should be replaced with "his or her" for agreement with the singular antecedent "everyone."

10. **Answer:** (d)

Explanation: This sentence is correct. "Scarcely" pairs appropriately with "when."

11. **Answer:** (c)

Explanation: "Each" is singular, so the correct verb is "was thoroughly reviewed."

12. **Answer:** (d)

Explanation: The sentence is correct.

13. **Answer:** (a)

Explanation: The correct phrase is "suggested that she take." The verb "suggest" is followed by a "that" clause with the base form of the verb.

14. **Answer:** (d)

Explanation: This sentence is correct.

15. **Answer:** (b)

Explanation: The use of the past perfect "had been destroyed" is incorrect because the action is tied to a specific time in the past ("last week"). The correct phrase is "were destroyed."