

OPSC

ODISHA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

A.S.O

(ASSISTANT SECTION OFFICER)

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

PAPER - III (A)



Price: ₹ 200

A.S.O ENGLISH LANGUAGE

PAPER - III (A)

VANIK

Copyright © 2018, by Vanik Publications.

All right reserved. No part of this publications may be reproduced or distributed in any form or by any means, electronic, mechanical, photocopying, recording or otherwise or store in a database or retrieval system without prior written permission of Vanik Publications.

VANIK PUBLICATIONS

Plot-1441, Opp. IOCL Petrol Pump, CRP Square,
Bhubaneswar-751015, Odisha
Ph. : (0674) 2559977, 8093083550
Web : www.vanikpublications.com
E-mail : vanikpublications@gmail.com

Preface...

In today's competitive world, scoring well in the english section can hardly be overlooked. Keeping the exam pattern and syllabus in mind, this book has been designed.

A lot of questions subjectwise are given so that the students can develop their concepts through practice. Practice test are also included to gain proficiency in solving the various questions. A collection of previous year exam sets are also given with answers for ready reference, it will serve as an overall guide for the aspirants.

All the best to the students

IF YOU THINK YOU CAN,...
YOU REALLY CAN.
But IF YOU THINK YOU CANNOT...
YOU KNOW....
YOU ARE QUITE RIGHT.



*Although Many A People Believes In The Role Of Fate In Success,
Yet A Few People Know How To Plan Success Without Fate.*



*Qualification Does Never Provide A Job.
Qualification Has To Be Converted To Effectiveness;
Effectiveness Has To Be Converted To A Winning Habit,
And It Is The Winning Habit That Will Lead You To Your Dream Job.*



*If Our Past Action Has Resulted In Our Present
(Which Does Not Make Us Happy)
Then Why Brood?
The Immediate Logical Conclusion Follows Is
That Our Future Will Be The Result Of Our Present Action.*



**WHAT IS REQUIRED, IS
THE ATTITUDE, TO CHANGE
OUR PRESENT.**



Now, Let's do it together.
(EXPERTISE OF VANIK AND DYNAMISM OF YOURS),

Shall We?

THE UNILATERAL *Chatterbox*

Slow and steady never wins the race. If the story teller of the "tortoise and the hare" fable had not made the hare sleep, then this morale would never have been doing rounds around the world.

So also "fast and furious". Any number of these sequels you take, including the recent release 8, the hero wins because the script makes the villain commit mistakes.

That brings us to another line of thinking in the competitive ring. Usain Bolt had to run and practice for more than 10 Years to become a champion that lasted about 10 seconds.

Perseverance is what I want to talk about. Perseverance is the key. Walking on and on with failures and successes, analysing, correcting, retrying, failing and succeeding, followed by a series of failures, showers of comments from peer groups and parents, a dwindling finance on the way, a fading will power, a running away age are all mates, who one normally come across while travelling to the exotic location of success. A hope amidst the wilderness of hopelessness is perseverance.

Perseverance hones the skills. Perseverance kills drudgery. Perseverance nullifies unconscious phobias, illusions and hallucinations present within one's own self.

Perseverance recreates the latent will power, propels it, pushes through all thick and thins till the romantic horizon where dream hugs destiny.

In some people perseverance is inborn, they drive themselves. Some people learn it from masters. They drive themselves.

Where do we stand? Let's learn it, imbibe it, and put it into practice.

Your Destiny is ready to hug you. Just walk the length. Just learn to walk alone with perseverance.

May Angels Walk With You.

CONTENTS

ENGLISH LANGUAGE		(1 - 128)
Previous Year Questions		01
Chapter-1	Article	10
Chapter-2	Verb	13
Chapter-3	Tense	14
Chapter-4	Preposition	16
Chapter-5	Adverb	18
Chapter-6	Subject Verb Agreement	20
Chapter-7	Detection of Error	22
Chapter-8	Vocabulary	25
Chapter-9	Comprehension Passage	31
Chapter-10	Sentence Rearrangement	45
Practice Set		51-128
Practice Set - 1		51
Practice Set - 2		59
Practice Set - 3		67
Practice Set - 4		73
Practice Set - 5		81
Practice Set - 6		88
Practice Set - 7		96
Practice Set - 8		104
Practice Set - 9		113
Practice Set - 10		120

PREVIOUS YEAR QUESTIONS

1. The train from New Delhi is late by 2 hours. What question would you make in order to get this answer?
 (a) Is the train from New Delhi late?
 (b) How late is the train from New Delhi?
 (c) When will the train from New Delhi arrive?
 (d) Where will the train arrive from?
2. Sam hasn't won this election _____.? (fill in the blank choosing the correct words)
 (a) has he (b) hasn't he
 (c) was he (c) can he
3. Choose the correct antonym of 'optimist'?
 (a) Cynical (b) pessimist
 (c) Realist (d) pragmatist
4. Raju is quite smart and intelligent. His brother, however, is rather _____ and _____.? (fill in the blank choosing the correct words)
 (a) short, unintelligent
 (b) unsmart, stupid
 (c) slow and dull
 (d) brisk and witty
5. Fill in the blank with the appropriate preposition:
 The document has to be certified by an officer not _____ the rank of a Tehsildar.
 (a) undor (b) above
 (c) below (d) over
6. "will you attend the meeting ?" he said .In reported speech this will be
 (a) He asked us whether we would attend the meeting
 (b) We asked that if we will would attend the meeting.
 (c) He asked that if we will attend the meeting.
 (d) we asked if he will attend the meeting.
7. The following word refers to a country seeking public vote in respect of a matter of national policy or political significance:
 (a) Referendum (b) referral
 (c) reference (d) referenda
8. All member of the staff leave office at 6 P.M. In the past tense this will read:
 (a) All member of staff left the office at 6 P.M
 (b) All members of the staff left office at 6 P.M.
 (c) All the members of the staff left office at 6 P.M
 (d) All members of the staff were leaving office at 6 P.M.
9. "Have you seen Soumya of late?" "No I'm afraid .I have not _____her for nearly a week." (fill in the blank with right word)
 (a) Saw (b) met
 (c) meet (d) seen
10. I finished typing the page. I left office (Rewrite using the phrase 'as soon as')
 (a) I finished typing the page as soon as I left office.
 (b) I finished as soon as I typed the pages to leave office.
 (c) As soon as I finished typing the pages I left office.
 (d) As soon as I finished the typing of pages I left the office.
11. Identify the wrongly spelt word in the following
 (a) Symbolic (b) synergy
 (c) Systematic (d) Synthesis
12. Identify the word with correct spelling
 (a) Liquidate (b) Leagality
 (c) Lisentious (d) Liesure
13. No pain _____ is an old proverb.(Choose the right phrase below and complete the proverb)
 (a) no stain (b) no plain
 (c) no grain (d) no gain
14. In the old saying, Honesty is the best policy, 'policy means'.
 (a) Insurance (b) Bet
 (c) Principle (d) Contact
15. _____ you run, you will not catch up with your sister who left some time ago.(fill in the blank with right word/ words)

- (a) If not (b) if
(c) Until (d) Unless
16. What would be the correct response to the following?
Have you finished correcting this draft?
(a) I have been correcting this draft since morning
(b) No, I have not
(c) No, I won't
(d) I will finish correcting this draft soon.
17. It was quite _____ of you to have _____ the letter wrongly deliver to you.
(a) Thinking, returned
(b) Thoughtful, returning
(c) Thoughtful, returned
(d) Thinking, return
18. Corruption cannot be called a pan Indian phenomenon. What does 'Pan' mean?
(a) Only (b) Within
(c) Across (d) All of the above
19. If you think you have offended some one unawares, you must show the courtesy to _____ (choose the right words to complete the sentence).
(a) Explain the offence
(b) Take back the offence
(c) Say 'thank you'
(d) Say sorry'
20. Rabibabu has been living in Balasore for the last twenty years. What this means is that _____. (Fill in the blank with right word)
(a) Rabibabu has left Balasore for good
(b) Rabibabu leaving Balasore was not good
(c) Rabibabu is still living in Balasore
(d) Rabibabu will live in balasore forever
21. Which of the following is a correct sentence?
(a) I had checked my pockets and discovered that I forgotten the keys elsewhere.
(b) I checked my pockets and discovered that I had forgotten the keys else where.
(c) I checked my pockets and discovered that I forgot the keys elsewhere.
(d) I check my pockets and discover that I had forgotten the keys elsewhere.
22. Find out the incorrect sentence below:
(a) Both sisters are telling lies; neither is to be believed.
(b) Both sisters tell lies; neither is believed
(c) Both sisters are telling lies; neither are to be believed.
(d) Both sisters are neither telling lies; nor they are believed
23. Bring _____ axe; I shall cut down _____ tree.
(a) my, that (b) that, this
(c) the, a (d) an, the
24. Identify the sentence that uses articles correctly:
(a) Office of the collector is located at a distance of 2 kilometers.
(b) The office of collector is located at the distance of 2 kilometers.
(c) The office of the collector is located at a distance of 2 kilometers.
(d) An office of the Collector is located at the distance of 2 kilometers.
25. The Prime minister together with his personal staff _____ coming. (fill in the blank)
(a) are (b) is
(c) can (d) have
26. This is my book. Where is _____? (fill in the blank)
(a) mine (b) yours
(c) others (d) that
27. I am angry _____ the boys _____ disturbed my sleep. (fill in the blanks)
(a) at, that (b) with, who
(c) for, who (d) with, they
28. I haven't brought the receipt. I shall given it to you tomorrow. (Begin with "Would you mind" and rewrite the sentence)
(a) Would you mind my bringing the receipt tomorrow?
(b) Would you mind it given you the receipt tomorrow?
(c) Would you mind if given the receipt to you tomorrow?
(d) Would you mind if I give you the receipt tomorrow
29. If you are asking for information, you use very polite language. Which of the following is the most appropriate question in this contest?

- (a) Is there a train to Katihar from here
 (b) May I know the train to KAthar from here?
 (c) Could you tell me whether there is a train to Katihar from here?
 (d) Can you tell me the train from here to Katihar?
30. "May I use your telephone?" is more __ than I want to use your telephone.(fill in the blank)
 (a) Suggestive (b) Authoritarion
 (c) Polite (d) Discourteous
31. It does not seem to suggest that the offenders who barged into the ATM counter were young peolpe. Which phrase here tells you that the speaker is not quite sure about the speaker is not quite sure about the offender?
 (a) Seem to suggest (b) Barged into
 (c) It does not (d) That the offenders
32. Immediate steps are being taken to return all unused funds to the Establishment Section. (Change the voice)
 (a) The establishment section takes immediate steps to return.
 (b) The establishment section is taking immediate steps to return.
 (c) The establishment section are taking immediate steps to return.
 (d) None of these
33. Choose the past tense of the verb 'bend':
 (a) bent (b) bended
 (c) binded (d) bond
34. For your information I would inform you that it is necessary to submit the status report to this office by 31st May,2013.(correct the sentence by picking the right suggestion given below)
 (a) begin the sentence with "by 31st May, 2013"
 (b) No change required
 (c) Omit the phrase "I would inform you that"
 (d) Omit the phrase "For your information"
35. Match the fragments correctly:
 List-I
 A. The longer you wait
 B. The more you investigate
- C. Once you finish this job
 D. The least you could do
- List - II**
 I. Is to withdraw your nomination
 II. I shall give you more
 III. The better your chances will be
 IV. The more appalling facts will surface
- Codes:

	A	B	C	D
(a)	4	2	1	3
(b)	3	4	2	1
(c)	1	3	4	2
(d)	4	2	1	3
36. The chairs's leg is broken can be better written as:
 (a) The chairs leg is broken
 (b) The leg of the chair is broken
 (c) The leg of chairs is broken
 (d) The chari's leg is broken
37. The police station is only a stone's throw from the site of burglary. What does "a stone's throw" indicate?
 (a) A heap of stones
 (b) Circumstance of burglary
 (c) Visibility
 (d) Distance
38. Since I had _____ things to buy I had withdrawn _____ money from the ATM.(Fill in blanks with right word)
 (a) a few, a little (b) a few some
 (d) some, a few (d) few, some
39. In order to indicate of sequence, we use such words as
 (a) Moreover, further, again
 (b) First, second, third
 (c) Next, after, ultimately
 (d) And, but, yet
40. Drunken driving, smoking pot, shoplifting and kidnapping are _____. (fill in the blanks)
 (a) offending (b) criminals
 (c) offence (d) crimes
41. Walking along the road a car hit me. (correct the sentence)
 (a) No correction required
 (b) As the car hit me, I was walking along the road

- (c) When I was walking along the road, a car hit me.
 (d) Walking long the road, I was hit by a car.
42. Complete the series: kind – kinder-kindest,-fat-fatter-fattest, heavy- _____ - _____.
 (fill in the blanks with right forms)
 (a) heavier-heaviest (b) heavier-heaviest
 (c) havier-haviest (d) heavyer-heavyest
43. One who smuggles is a smuggler one who blackmails is a blackmailer: one who murders is a murderer; one who commits burglary is a:
 (a) Burglar (b) Burgler
 (c) Barglar (d) Burgle
44. His brother _____ cancer (fill in the blank).
 (a) cured of (b) healed of
 (c) died of (d) succumbed of
45. John's mother died last night. Another way of saying this would be:
 (a) John's mother has gone last night
 (b) John's mother passed by last night
 (c) John's mother passed away last night
 (d) John's mother ended her life last night.
46. How long has she been waiting for the bus? I am not sure. (combine this pair into one sentence)
 (a) I am not sure how long she has been waiting for the bus.
 (b) I am not sure how long has she been waiting of the bus?
 (c) I am not sure that how long she has been waiting for the bus.
 (d) I am not sure for how long she has been waiting for the bus.
47. The whole area is awfully polluted. _____ is a major environmental hazard. (fill in the blank)
 (a) Pollution (b) Polluting
 (c) Pollutant (d) Pollutedness
48. Put the following word in an order to make a meaningful sentence:
 From/with/has not/he/an accident/last February/which/recovered/met/Amulya
 (a) Last February Amulya met with an accident from which he has not recovered.
 (b) Amulya met with an accident last February from which he has not recovered.
 (c) Amulya met with an accident from which he has not recovered last February
 (d) Amulya has not recovered from last February an accident which he met with.
49. Make a complete sentence from the following phrases: In a bad temper- we must – in the morning –Mr Mishra-usually –bear in mind.
 (a) Usually we must bear in mind that Mr. Mishra in the morning is in a bad temper.
 (b) Mr Mishra bear in mind that we usually must in a bad temper in the morning
 (c) We must bear in mind that Mr. Mishra is usually in a bad temper in the morning.
 (d) Usually we must bear in mind that Mr. Mishra is in a bad temper in the morning.
50. What do these expression suggest to you?
 May I know who's calling? Who calling please? Who's on the line?
 (a) Response to an outgoing phone- call
 (b) Queries regarding a forme telephonic
 (c) Queries regarding a current telephonic conversation
 (d) Response to an incoming phone call
51. Many young people lost their jobs _____ the great meltdown of American economy. (Fill in the blank)
 (a) from (b) since
 (c) with (d) during
52. Which of the following modifies 'observe' most suitably?
 (a) Carefully (b) Remotely
 (c) Simply (d) Silly
53. It takes exactly one hour twenty minutes to reach the railway station by car. Which of the following question elicits the answer?
 (a) Can I reach the railway station by hiring a car?
 (b) How far is the railway station from here?
 (c) How long does it take to reach the railway station by car?
 (d) Would you suggest that I hire a car to the railway station?
54. After an official meeting we usually take a vote, reach an agreement, make a recommendation, agree on a course of action, or _____. (Fill in the blank)

- (a) get started (b) disperse
(c) get going (d) adopt resolution
55. During Anna Hazare's agitation "corruption" become a _____ in the country. (fill in the blank)
(a) Watchword (b) Keyword
(c) Cussword (d) Buzzword
56. I' am not a very domestic sort of person what this means is that the speaker?
(a) prefers to have a domestic help.
(b) does not like home life very much.
(c) is a stay at home sort of person.
(d) does not like to leave home for work.
57. The poor man has to look after a large family of his own and his brother's, not to mentaion his old parents who live in the village. The phrase **not to mention** is used _____.
(a) To introduce extra information
(b) To mention something unpleasant
(c) To introduce an irrelevant fact
(d) Not to mention but to inform
58. Conjugal rights apply to _____.
(a) Right that affect a person's life
(b) A judicial activist's rights
(c) Marital relation
(d) Official information
59. Identify the question below that does not quite require yes/ no answer:
(a) Are you going home tonight?
(b) How dare you ask me such a silly question?
(c) Could you show me the way to you gymnasium?
(d) Is there room for one more person in you office ?
60. You'd better take your final test sooner than _____. (fill in the blank)
(a) better (b) later
(c) latter (d) earlier
61. While the immediate dispute apperas to have been resolved, many issues remain. It is yet unknown what motivated one party to back off.
(a) The two statements are unrelated.
(b) They are related in the sense that the second statement is one of the issues that remains.
(c) They are not related: the second statement is not an issue that remains.
(d) None of the above
62. No one can hope to get away with such a big crime, "Get away with" means:
(a) Proceed with (b) Go along with
(c) Tolerate (d) Escape punishment
63. The office told me in no uncertain terms that she cannot put up with such nonsense. "Put up with" means:
(a) Tolerate (b) Suffer
(c) Encourage (d) Oppose
64. The carpenter made this box and delivered it to the suppliers. Rewrite the sentence beginning with this box _____.
(a) This box was made and delivered it to the suppliers the carpenter.
(b) This box was made by the carpenter and delivered it to the suppliers.
(c) This box was made by the carpenter and delivered to the suppliers.
(d) This box was made by the carpenter, it was delivered to the suppliers.
65. I love my children. I cannot give them all the comforts they want. (combine into one sentence)
(a) Although I cannot give all comforts they want I love my children.
(b) I love my children even though I cannot give all they want.
(c) I love my children although I cannot give them all the comforts they want.
(d) I love my children though I cannot give them all comforts they want.
66. Had I known that the officer would be displeased _____. (complete the sentence choosing the right words)
(a) I wouldn't do such a thing
(b) Would I not do such thing
(c) I cannot do such a thing
(d) I had not done such a thing
67. "I shall never forget the help I got from my parents. They have been so generous all through my days in school and college." Report this as told by a male person.

- (a) He said that he shall never parents. He has been so generous all through their days in school and college.
- (b) He said that he would never forget the help he had got from his parents. He added that they had been so generous all through his days in school and college.
- (c) They said that he would never forget the help he had got from his parents. They added that he had been so generous all through their days in school and college.
- (d) She said that she would never forget the help she had got from her parents. She added that they had been so generous all through her days in school and collage.
68. When a letter begins with "Dear Sir/Madam" we call it a _____ letter (fill in the blank)
- (a) formal (b) official
- (c) informal (d) unofficial
69. The notice or announcement of a person's death in a newspaper or periodical is _____.
- (a) an advertisement (b) a column
- (c) a feature (d) an obituary
70. In the expression He laughed loudly, "loudly" _____.
- (a) denotes duration (b) indicates volume
- (c) describes manner (d) criticizes action

Direction (Q Nos. 71 to 77): These questions are based on the following passage. Read it carefully. Pick the most appropriate answer from the options given after each question.

Across the world, these are barriers to higher education. In developed countries, they may be economic or geographical. In developing countries like India, the obstacles are not only economic or geographical in nature but also bureaucratic- the biggest obstacle of all is simply a lack of supply. That is why, far from the popular impression of online education being viable only in the developed world, it is actually in countries like India where it can fulfil its potential. Internet penetration is growing at a steady pace in India – and unlike conventional education where physical infrastructure is a huge limiting factor, internet connectivity alone quality higher education online. And we have concrete proof that Indians are hungry for such opportunities. They

form the second largest group of people, by nationality, accessing two of the largest online education efforts – Coursera and edX. It is not surprising after all that an Indian would be interested in the quality courses these initiatives offer, or access Ivy League lectures online, or download podcasts by professors from the top global universities, all of which are freely available. With the abysmal situation of India's higher education, online education will free our youth to search for knowledge and power elsewhere.

71. The focus of this passage is on _____.
- (a) higher education in India
- (b) online education for India students
- (c) courser and edX
- (d) poor accessibility of higher education
72. The author of this passage is _____ Indian higher education. (fill in the blank)
- (a) critical of
- (b) appreciative of
- (c) indifferent towards
- (d) ignorant of
73. Which of the statement below is true according to the author?
- (a) There are barriers to higher education every where in the world?
- (b) There are barriers to higher education only in India.
- (c) There are barriers to higher education only among the India youth.
- (d) India offers better opportunities to our Youth among the developing nations.
74. What, according to the author is the popular impression?
- (a) that online education is inaccessible to all
- (b) That online education is inaccessible to some
- (c) that online education works only in the developed world
- (d) That online education works only in the developing world
75. What is a limiting factor in higher education in India?
- (a) Good teachers
- (b) Physical infrastructure

- (c) Distance between places
(d) Huge population
76. What lectures are freely available online?
(a) Coursera and edx
(b) University courses
(c) Ivy League
(d) Podcasts by professors
77. How does the author describe India's higher education?
(a) As depressing (b) As below par
(c) As abysmal (d) As unimpressive
78. You take a lot of time to read books it would be advisable to begin planning your essay early. Begin with "considering," and combine the two sentence:
(a) Considering the planning of your essay early you take a lot of time to read books.
(b) Considering that you take a lot of time to read books. It would be advisable to plan your essay early.
(c) Considering that it would be advisable to plan your essay early, you take a lot of time to read books.
(d) Considering that you take a lot of time to read books early, it would be advisable to plan your essay.
79. "I have finished this task. No, I am going home." What would be the appropriate questions for the responses here?
(a) Are you going home after finishing the task?
(b) Are you finishing the task? Or going home?
(c) Are you done? Are you staying?
(d) When will you finish and go home?
80. The car sped away. It still only me. In other words, _____.
(a) The car is still speeding. It hit only me.
(b) The car sped away after hitting me and no one else
(c) The car sped away only after hitting me.
(d) The car only sped away while hitting me.
81. When your office requires the services of person who can fit and repair water pipes, you contact a _____.
(a) Plumber (b) Plover
(c) Carpenter (d) Turner
82. Which of the following is the correct word - formation?
(a) Detest + Ible=detestible
(b) Ditest + able=detestable
(c) Ditest + eable=ditesteable
(d) Detest + able=detestable
83. Choose the correct word having the same, or nearly the same meaning of the word 'splendid':
(a) Beautiful (b) Glamorous
(c) Ordinary (d) Magnificent
84. Raju is brave, but his brother Ramu is _____.
(a) shy (b) timid
(c) bored (d) tiny
85. The report implies that there is severe scarcity of water and food.
Pick out the word that suggests that the news is not quite explicit or direct:
(a) Implies (b) Severe
(c) Scarcity (d) Report
86. It's pretty cold today. "It's" here _____.
(a) Is a mistake. The correct word is "its."
(b) Is a mistake. The correct words are "It is."
(c) Stands for "It is"
(a) Stands for "It was."
87. 'I've been running.' What would be the next logical and correct sentence?
(a) That's why I am gasping
(b) That's why I am late
(c) That's why I am not gasping
(d) That's why I was late.
88. I wish I _____ the answer to this question (Fill in the blank)
(a) have known (b) known
(c) can know (d) knew
89. I am very tried. I'd rather _____ (Fill in the blank)
(a) Work more (b) Not to work more
(c) Work anymore (d) Not work anymore
90. I think I'll wait _____ Saturday before I decided to do. (fill in the blank)
(a) Till (b) Before
(c) Unto (d) Until

91. The right of women can be rewritten as
 (a) Women's rights
 (b) The women's rights
 (c) The woman's rights
 (d) Woman's rights
92. Silver Jubilee is the_____.
 (a) Special celebration of an event on its twenty - first anniversary
 (b) Special celebration of an event on its twenty- fifty anniversary
 (c) Special celebration of an event on its fiftieth anniversary
 (d) Special celebration of an event on its fifty first anniversary.
93. Amit wasn't there. Amish wasn't there. When you combine these sentences as one, which of the following words would you use?
 (a) But (b) If
 (c) Either (d) Neither
94. _____ enquiry the official main tained that nothing illegal had been done. (fill in the blank)
 (a) In (b) Upon
 (c) At (d) Since
95. Has any one told you what to do this week? If you begin the sentence with 'have you', how will you complete the question?
 (a) Told what to do this week by someone?
 (b) Been told by someone what to do this week?
 (c) Told someone what has been done this week?
 (d) Been told someone what to do this week?

Direction (Q. 96 to 100): These question are based on the following passage. Read it carefully. Pick the most appropriate and contextually apt answer from the options given after each question.

Rather than saying that little boys and little girls, from the very start, learn two different ways of speaking, I think that the process is more complicated. Since the mother and other women are dominant influences in the lives of most children under the age of 5, probably both boys

and girls first learn 'women's language' as their first language. As they grow older, boys especially go through a stage of rough talk; this is probably discouraged in little girls more strongly than in little boys, in whom parents may often find it more children are 10 or so, and split up into same -sex peer groups, the two languages are already present, according to my recollections and observations. But it seems that what has happened is that the boys have unlearned their original forms of expression, while the girls retain their old ways of speech. The ultimate result is the same, of course, whatever the interpretation.

So a girl is damned if she does, damned if she doesn't. If she refuses to talk like a lady, she is ridiculed and subjected to criticism as unfeminine; If she does learn, she is ridiculed as unable to think clearly, unable to take part in a serious discussion: in some sense, as less than fully human. These two choices which a woman has - to be less than a woman or less than a person - are highly painful.

96. "By the time children are 10 or so _____" What does this phrase suggest?
 (a) Approximately (b) Appropriately
 (c) or above (d) or below
97. "_____ in whom parents may often find it more amusing than shocking" who does the author mean here?
 (a) Little boys (b) Little girl
 (c) Their parents (d) Older girls
98. "[A] girl is damned if she does, damned if she doesn't." How do we understand what the author means by this statement?
 (a) By reading the whole paragraph
 (b) By reading the previous paragraph
 (c) By reading the line following this statement
 (d) by reading between the lines
99. Are the "two choices" mentioned in the last line real choices for women? Explain
 (a) Yes, They have the freedom to exercise the less painful choice.
 (b) Yes, they have the freedom to exercise the more beneficial choice.
 (c) No they have no real choice either way.
 (d) No they must feel painful always.

100. What we learn from this passage is that.....

- (a) Boys and girls learn to speak different language because of norms widely accepted by a society.
- (b) Boys and girls learn to speak different languages because they are so

conditioned biologically.

- (c) Boys and girls are not able to understand one another because they speak different languages.
- (d) Boys and girls do understand one another despite the different languages they speak.

ANSWER KEYS

1. (b) 2. (a) 3. (b) 4. (b) 5. (c) 6. (a) 7. (a) 8. (b) 9. (d) 10. (c) 11. (d) 12. (a)
 13. (d) 14. (c) 15. (d) 16. (b) 17. (c) 18. (c) 19. (d) 20. (c) 21. (b) 22. (a) 23. (d) 24. (c)
 25. (b) 26. (b) 27. (b) 28. (d) 29. (c) 30. (c) 31. (a) 32. (d) 33. (a) 34. (c) 35. (b) 36. (b)
 37. (d) 38. (b) 39. (b) 40. (d) 41. (c) 42. (b) 43. (a) 44. (c) 45. (c) 46. (a) 47. (a) 48. (a)
 49. (c) 50. (d) 51. (d) 52. (a) 53. (c) 54. (d) 55. (d) 56. (b) 57. (a) 58. (c) 59. (b) 60. (b)
 61. (b) 62. (d) 63. (a) 64. (c) 65. (c) 66. (a) 67. (b) 68. (a) 69. (d) 70. (c) 71. (b) 72. (a)
 73. (a) 74. (c) 75. (b) 76. (c) 77. (c) 78. (b) 79. (c) 80. (b) 81. (a) 82. (d) 83. (d) 84. (b)
 85. (a) 86. (c) 87. (a) 88. (d) 89. (d) 90. (a) 91. (a) 92. (b) 93. (d) 94. (b) 95. (b) 96. (a)
 97. (a) 98. (c) 99. (c) 100. (a)



CHAPTER - 1

ARTICLE

Directions – Spot the errors, if any, in the following sentences(1-50).

1. My friend always likes to travel by the air since he is a very busy man.
2. Dr. Radhakrishna was a more famous philosopher than a politician.
3. The Manager and the Executive Director of our hotel is a very energetic person.
4. He is rather lazy fellow.
5. Although he has undergone a very costly treatment, he has not been cured of a headache.
6. Those in hurry should realize that speed is no key to success in life.
7. God made country and man made town.
8. It is pity that he does not behave humbly with his parents and friends.
9. Being M.A. only he could not be appointment to the post of a lecture.
10. He always takes a heavy breakfast because he generally skips lunch.
11. Please go and find out dog so that you may not lose it forever.
12. Snake we saw was very deadly though it left the kitchen quietly.
13. Tonight I shall go to the bed early because I have to leave for Mumbai at dawn tomorrow.
14. Child needs love and affection if he is to be brought up as a healthy young man.
15. It is said that elephant is vindictive by nature and never forgets his enemy.
16. It is very difficult to get a taxi at such a hour as it is already 11 p.m.
17. Do you take a sugar and if so, how much?
18. She lives in first storey of the house and she has to come down quite often.
19. He knows how to play flute. He learnt it while he was a student.
20. It is said that he is a wise man. He cannot err, Vedas may err.
21. These days only rich and afford the hospitality of the costly nursing homes and hospitals coming up all over country.
22. Rajputs belong to a martial race since they were organized into the force to fight against the oppression of the rules.
23. What nice mother she is, because she takes care of every small need of her children.
24. What a kind of fellow he is, if his enemies are to be believed.
25. Kapil Dev brought glory to India by winning World Cup in 1983.
26. He is as a weak boy as my brother.
27. It is futile to give an advice to a person who would not listen to you.
28. The pride hath a fall, 'Says the Bible'.
29. She is both a virtuous and a beautiful daughter of a successful working mother.
30. He has been sent to the prison several times but he not show any sign of improvement in his conduct.
31. He was watching the television when I called on him last night.
32. Prince William is a heir to the throne of the Great Britain.
33. Tea we used to get in the Scouting Camp was never to our taste.
34. It was a so hot day that it was impossible to go out shopping.
35. I shall never forget a good deed you did to me when I was in crisis.
36. The singing is both my vocation and avocation because it is a source of joy and bread to me.
37. Surdas is often called Milton of India although unlike Milton, Surdas had no political ambitions.
38. Higher you go, colder it is.
39. The old woman placed kettle on fire and came

- back to the bedroom.
40. Never give the ear to the slanderous talk of others because they are always motivated by jealousy.
 41. The District Magistrate possesses both the civil and criminal jurisdiction.
 42. At the end of street stands an old house built of stone.
 43. I have a work to do and so I will reach late.
 44. You should be true to a word because it is a characteristic of a gentleman.
 45. This young man is in search of an employment because he is in grave financial crisis.
 46. Although he is a hard working student, his success in the examination is out of question.
 47. Wisdom of Vikramaditya solved many riddles that people brought to him for solution.
 48. The Chinese is a very difficult language to understand for those who have never been to China.
 49. News you broke to his wife made her nervous and she broke down.
 50. The lions are carnivorous.

ANSWERS

1. Drop 'the' before 'air'
2. Drop 'a' before 'politician'
3. Drop 'the' before 'executive'
4. Insert 'a' before 'lazy'
5. Drop 'a' before 'headache'
6. Insert 'a' before 'hurry'
7. Insert 'the' before 'country and 'town'
8. Insert 'a' before 'pity'
9. Insert 'an' before 'MA'
10. No error
11. Insert 'the' before 'dog'
12. Insert 'the' before 'snake'
13. Drop 'the' before 'bed'
14. Insert 'a' before 'child'
15. Insert 'the' before 'elephant'
16. Insert 'an' before 'hour'
17. Drop 'A' before 'sugar'
18. Insert 'the' before 'first'
19. Insert 'the' before 'flute'
20. Insert 'the' before 'Vedas'
21. Insert 'the' before 'rich'
22. Insert 'the' before 'Rajputs'
23. Insert 'a' before 'nice'
24. Drop 'a' before 'kind' and Insert it before 'fellow'
25. Insert 'the' before 'World Cup'
26. Add 'a' before 'boy' by removing 'a' before weak
27. Drop 'an' before 'advice'
28. Drop 'the' before 'pride'
29. Drop 'a' before 'beautiful'
30. Drop 'the' before 'prison'
31. Drop 'the' before 'television'
32. 'an' in place 'a'
33. Insert 'the' before 'tea'
34. Insert 'a' before 'day'
35. 'the' in place of 'a' before 'good'
36. Drop 'the' before 'singing'
37. Insert 'the' before 'Milton'
38. Insert 'the' before 'higher and cooler'
39. Insert 'the' before 'fire'
40. Drop 'the' before 'ear'
41. Insert 'the' before 'criminal'
42. Insert 'the' before 'street'
43. Drop 'a' before 'work' or use 'a' piece of work
44. Drop 'a' before 'word'
45. Drop 'an' before 'employment'
46. Insert 'the' before 'question'
47. Insert 'the' before 'wisdom'
48. Drop 'the' before 'Chinese'
49. Insert 'the' before 'news'
50. Drop 'the' before 'lions'