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Q1.

[1]

Identify the error in the statement given below and supply the correction. Use the given format for your response.

Water was vital to human health and fitness.

Error / Correction

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◆ Grammar

Error Correction (Editing/Omission)

Grammar – Error Correction

Tense Correction / Subject-Verb Agreement

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Model Answer

Error: *vital* (or *was*) / **Correction:** Water *is* vital to human health and fitness. (Present tense should be used for universal/general truths.)

Explanation

The error is the use of past tense "was" for a universal truth. CBSE expects students to know that universal facts/general truths are always expressed in the **simple present tense** ("is"), not past tense ("was"). Clearly state the error word and the corrected sentence/word for full marks.

Q2.

[1]

Select the correct option to complete the narration of a dialogue between a passerby and a farmer.

Passerby : Can you tell me the way to Rampur.

Farmer : Drive for four kms and then turn right.

The passerby asked the farmer if he could tell him the way to Rampur. The farmer replied that

- (a) he may drive for four kms and then turn right.
- (b) he should drive for four kms and then turn right.
- (c) he might drive for four kms and then turn right.
- (d) he had to drive for four kms and then turn right.

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◆ Grammar

Reported Speech – Commands and Questions

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Model Answer

The correct option is **(b) he should drive for four kms and then turn right.**

Explanation

In reported speech, the imperative "Drive...and turn right" (a direction/instruction) is converted using "**should**", which best conveys polite instruction or advice in indirect speech. "May" and "might" express possibility, and "had to" implies compulsion — neither fits a simple direction. "Should" is the standard modal used when reporting instructions or directions.

Q3.

[1]

Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option to complete the slogan.

..... ONLY WEAPON TO FIGHT INJUSTICE IS EDUCATION

- (a) THE
- (b) A
- (c) AN
- (d) THIS

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◆ Grammar

Slogan Writing

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Model Answer

The correct option is **(a) THE**

The slogan reads: **THE** only weapon to fight injustice is education. "THE" is used here as a definite article to indicate a unique, specific weapon.

Explanation

"THE" is correct because the sentence refers to education as the one and only specific weapon — indicating uniqueness, which requires the definite article "the." Options "a/an" imply one of many, and "this" requires a demonstrative context not present here.

Q4.

[1]

Kabir shared some information with Sahil about his travel plans. Report Kabir's plans.

I will go to Tripura tomorrow.

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◆ Grammar

Reported Speech

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Model Answer

Kabir told Sahil that he would go to Tripura the next day.

Explanation

In reported speech, change "will" → "would", "tomorrow" → "the next day", and "I" → "he". The reporting verb shifts to past tense ("told").

Q5.

[1]

Identify the error in the given sentence and supply the correction :

Latex was a natural polymer found beneath the bark of a mature rubber tree.

Use the given format for your response : Error / Correction

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◆ Grammar

Grammar – Error Correction

Grammar – Verb Forms / Tense

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Model Answer

Error: **was** / Correction: **is**

(The sentence states a general/universal fact, so the present tense 'is' is required, not the past tense 'was'.)

Explanation

CBSE error-correction questions test tense usage. Since the sentence describes a permanent/scientific fact ("Latex is a natural polymer..."), the simple present tense must be used. The past tense 'was' incorrectly implies latex no longer exists or the fact is no longer true. Examiners expect the exact format: Error / Correction.

Q6.

[1]

Report the dialogue between Ashish and his interviewer by completing the sentence :

Interviewer : Why do you want to be a computer programmer?

Ashish : I have always been interested in computers.

In response to the question of the interviewer about why Ashish wanted to be a computer programmer, he replied

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♦ Grammar

Grammar – Reported Speech

Reported Speech (Statements)

Reported Speech - Questions

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Model Answer

In response to the question of the interviewer about why Ashish wanted to be a computer programmer, he replied that he had always been interested in computers.

Explanation

This is a Reported Speech question. The direct speech "I have always been interested in computers" shifts to reported speech: the pronoun "I" changes to "he," and the reporting verb "replied" introduces the statement. No tense change is needed here as the reporting verb is in past tense and the statement remains a general truth/fact — though "have always been" can stay or shift to "had always been" (both acceptable). The key skill tested is pronoun change and correct sentence structure.

Q7.

[1]

Fill in the blank by using the correct form of the word in the bracket :

Governments are starting programmes..... (teach) adults how to read and write.

- (a) that teaching
- (b) which taught
- (c) to teach
- (d) were teaching

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♦ Grammar

Grammar – Word Forms / Verb Forms

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Model Answer

The correct answer is **(c) to teach**.

"Governments are starting programmes **to teach** adults how to read and write." (Infinitive of purpose)

Explanation

After nouns like *programmes*, *plans*, *attempts*, we use **infinitive (to + verb)** to express purpose or function. Options (a) and (b) use relative clauses incorrectly without proper antecedent agreement, and (d) is a past continuous form which doesn't fit here grammatically.

Q8.

[1]

Complete the given narrative, by filling in the blank with the correct option :

Each of the boys rewarded.

- (a) are being
- (b) have been
- (c) was
- (d) were

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◆ Grammar

Subject-Verb Agreement

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Model Answer

The correct option is **(c) was**.

"Each of the boys **was** rewarded." — 'Each' is a singular indefinite pronoun and always takes a singular verb.

Explanation

When a sentence begins with '**each of**', the subject is treated as singular (referring to one at a time), so a singular past tense verb '**was**' is correct. Options (a) 'are being' and (b) 'have been' are plural/present forms; (d) 'were' is plural past — all incorrect here.

Q9.

[1]

Select the option that identifies the error and supplies the correction for the following sentence :

More of the fun and excitement in our lives comes from using our imagination.

- (a) Error: More / Correction: Most
- (b) Error: Our / Correction: The
- (c) Error: From / Correction: Of
- (d) Error: Using / Correction: Use

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◆ Grammar

Error Correction (Editing/Omission)

Grammar – Error Correction

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Model Answer

(a) Error: More / Correction: Most

"Most of the fun..." is correct as it refers to the greatest part (superlative), not a comparison between two things.

Explanation

"More" is a comparative degree used when comparing two things. Here, the sentence refers to the greatest portion of fun and excitement in life generally, so the superlative "Most" is required. Examiners expect you to identify the exact word and give the correct replacement clearly.

Q10.

[1]

Select the correct option to fill in the blank for the given sentence :

Where were you ? You be in the class at the right time.

- (a) shall
- (b) should
- (c) will
- (d) would

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◆ Grammar

Grammar – Tenses / Verb Forms

Grammar – Verb Forms / Tense

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Model Answer

The correct option is **(b) should**.

"Where were you? You **should** be in the class at the right time."

Explanation

"Should" expresses moral obligation or duty, which fits the context of scolding someone for not being present on time. "Shall" and "will" indicate future tense, while "would" indicates a conditional — none of these convey obligation/duty as effectively as "should."

Q11.

[1]

Read the conversation between a policeman and a driver. Complete the sentence by reporting the driver's reply correctly.

Policeman : Why did you park your car here ? Don't you see a 'no parking area'.

Driver : Sorry Sir ! The engine broke down.

The policeman asked the driver why he had parked the car there and if he didn't see it was a 'no parking area'. The driver felt sorry and explained

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◆ Grammar

Grammar – Reported Speech

Reported Speech

Reported Speech (Statements)

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Model Answer

...that the engine had broken down.

Explanation

In reported speech, "broke" (simple past) shifts to "had broken" (past perfect). The driver's apology is conveyed by "felt sorry and explained," so only the reported clause is needed. No extra reporting verb is required.

Q12.

[1]

Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option :

The mud houses are not the buildings in your city.

- (a) comparable to
- (b) comparable of
- (c) comparable as
- (d) comparable for

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♦ Grammar

Word Choice / Confusing Words

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Model AnswerThe correct option is **(a) comparable to**.The mud houses are not **comparable to** the buildings in your city.**Explanation**

The correct preposition used with "comparable" is "**to**" (comparable to). The other options — "of," "as," and "for" — are grammatically incorrect collocations with "comparable." This tests fixed preposition usage (grammar).

Q13.

[1]

Identify the error and supply correction for this sentence from an economic analysis.

The relationships of the country's inflation rate and the GDP growth was analysed.

Use the given format for your response. (Error / Correction)

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♦ Grammar

Grammar – Error Correction

Tense Correction / Subject-Verb Agreement

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Model AnswerError: **was** / Correction: **were** (subject is plural — "relationships ... and the GDP growth" takes a plural verb).**Explanation**

When a subject consists of two nouns joined by *and*, the verb must be plural. Here, "relationships ... and the GDP growth" is a compound subject, so "was" (singular) must be replaced with "were" (plural). This tests subject-verb agreement.

Q14.

[1]

Complete the line from a song by filling in the blank with the correct option.

The whispering leaves tell your tale,

The silent stones _____ your journey,

The sun casts light on your path,

Leading you towards tomorrow's glory.

(A) have echoed

(B) echo

(C) echoes

(D) shall echo

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Model Answer

(B) echo

The subject "silent stones" is plural, so the correct verb is "echo" (simple present tense, plural).

Explanation

The sentence is in simple present tense (matching "tell" and "casts" in adjacent lines). The subject "stones" is plural, so "echo" is correct — not "echoes" (singular), "have echoed" (present perfect), or "shall echo" (future). Consistency of tense within a poem/song is key.

Q15.

[1]

Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option to complete the update on the school's chess team.

It's a victorious day!

Our school's chess team _____ the interschool chess championship.

(A) has been won

(B) will winning

(C) was winning

(D) has won

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◆ Grammar

Gap Filling / Sentence Completion

Tenses

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Model Answer

The correct answer is **(D) has won**.

"Our school's chess team **has won** the interschool chess championship."

Explanation

The sentence describes a recent event with a current relevance (a victory just announced), so the **Present Perfect tense** (*has/have + past participle*) is correct. Option A ("has been won") is passive and awkward here. Option B ("will winning") is grammatically incorrect. Option C ("was winning") implies an ongoing past action, not a completed one.

Q16.

[1]

Report the dialogue between a vendor and his customer, by completing the sentence:

Vendor : We missed your usual visits, sir.

Customer : I know, I had to travel for work.

The vendor expressed that the customer's regular visits were missed, reaching out to the customer. The customer acknowledged this and clarified that _____.

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♦ Grammar

Grammar – Reported Speech

Reported Speech (Statements)

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Model Answer

The customer acknowledged this and clarified that **he had had to travel for work.**

Explanation

The customer's direct speech "I had to travel for work" must be reported with a backshift in tense: *had to* becomes *had had to*. The pronoun "I" changes to "he" to match the third person. No change in adverb is needed here. Examiners award the mark for correct tense backshift and pronoun change.

Q17.

[1]

Complete the given narrative, by filling in the blank with the correct option.

The opportunity to volunteer at the local food bank made me _____ the challenges faced by underprivileged communities.

- (A) realizing
- (B) to realize
- (C) realized
- (D) realize

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♦ Grammar

Tenses / Verb Form in Context (Fill in the Blank)

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Model Answer

The correct answer is **(D) realize.**

After "made me," the causative structure requires a bare infinitive (base verb without "to"), so "realize" is correct.

Explanation

The verb "make" is a causative verb. In the structure **make + object + bare infinitive**, the base form of the verb is used without "to" (e.g., *made me realize*, not *made me to realize*). Options A (realizing) and C (realized) are grammatically incorrect here, and B (to realize) incorrectly adds "to."

Q18.

[1]

Select the option that identifies the error and supplies the correction from a scientific review.

The study examines the association among exposure to sunlight and vitamin D levels in the body.

- (A) Error: examines / Correction: examine
- (B) Error: to / Correction: for
- (C) Error: among / Correction: between
- (D) Error: levels / Correction: level

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♦ Grammar

Error Correction (Editing/Omission)

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Model Answer**(C) Error: among / Correction: between**

"Among" is used for more than two things; "between" is used for two — here, sunlight and vitamin D levels (two items).

Explanation

The rule is: **between** = two items; **among** = three or more. Since the sentence compares exactly two things (sunlight exposure and vitamin D levels), "between" is correct. Examiners look for this precise preposition-usage rule in error-correction questions.

Q19.

[1]

Identify the error and supply correction for the given sentence from a public health campaign.

The campaign's focus is on reduce sugar intake among children by promoting healthier snacks. (Error / Correction)

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♦ Grammar

Gerunds (Verb + -ing after Prepositions)

Grammar – Error Correction

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Model Answer**Error: reduce | Correction: reducing**

(The preposition *on* must be followed by a gerund: *on reducing sugar intake*.)

Explanation

After a preposition (*on*, *in*, *at*, etc.), a verb must take the **gerund form (-ing)**. Here, *on* governs the verb, so *reduce* must change to *reducing*. Examiners expect you to name the error word and give the corrected word clearly.

Q20.**[1]**

Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option to complete an issued circular by an organization, to its Managers. Please refer to the attached conference schedule and _____ (it/these/them) should be circulated among all attendees for their reference.

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♦ Grammar

Pronoun Reference / Pronoun Usage

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The correct option is **it**.

*"Please refer to the attached conference schedule and **it** should be circulated among all attendees for their reference."*

Explanation

"It" is correct because "conference schedule" is a singular noun, requiring the singular pronoun "it." "Them" is plural and "these" is a demonstrative adjective/pronoun used for nearby objects, neither of which fits the grammatical context here.

Q21.**[1]**

Read the dialogue between Adam and Emma about a career option.

Adam : Why did you opt for a career in journalism?

Emma : I couldn't resist my love for storytelling and my desire to expose the truth.

Select the option to complete the reporting of the above dialogue:

Adam asked Emma _____ in journalism. Emma passionately expressed that she couldn't resist her love for storytelling and her desire to expose the truth.

- (A) why did she opt for a career
- (B) why had she opted for a career
- (C) why she opted for a career
- (D) why she had opted for a career

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♦ Grammar

Reported Speech

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(D) why she had opted for a career

Explanation

In reported speech, the direct question "Why did you opt..." becomes an indirect question using past perfect ("had opted") and removes inversion. Option D correctly applies both rules.

Q22.**[1]**

Marie and Peter had a conversation about volunteer work. Report Marie's question.
What kind of skills have you imbibed from this volunteer work?

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Reported Speech

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Marie asked Peter what kind of skills he had imbibed from that volunteer work.

Explanation

In reported speech, change the question to indirect form: remove question marks, shift tense, change pronouns. "have you imbibed" becomes "he had imbibed"; "this" becomes "that." Use "asked" as the reporting verb.

Q23.**[1]**

Read the given sentence from a recipe review article. Identify the error and supply the correction in the sentence.
The cake recipe was to sweet for my liking, but the texture was perfect.
Use the given format for your response. (Error / Correction)

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♦ Grammar

Error Correction (Editing/Omission)

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Error: **to** / Correction: **too**

(The word "to" is a preposition; the sentence requires "too," meaning "excessively.")

Explanation

"Too" is an adverb meaning "excessively/more than enough." "To" is a preposition or part of an infinitive. Examiners look for the exact error word and its correct replacement in the format specified: Error / Correction.

Q24.

[1]

Fill in the blank by using the correct form of the word in the bracket, for the given portion of a letter.

Sir

Enclosed is the report that _____ (summarize) the study conducted on the impact of climate change on crop yield in the region.

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◆ Grammar

Grammar – Tense / Subject-Verb Agreement

Subject-Verb Agreement (Relative Clause / Singular Subject)

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Model Answer

The blank should be filled with **summarizes**.

"Enclosed is the report that **summarizes** the study conducted on the impact of climate change on crop yield in the region."

Explanation

The relative clause refers to "the report" (singular, third person), so the verb "summarize" must take the third-person singular present tense form — **summarizes**. Since the letter is formal and the report is a present fact, simple present tense is correct here.

Q25.

[1]

Identify the error and supply correction for the following note in a toaster's instruction manual: Use this appliance only for its intentional use as described in this manual. Do not use attachments that are not recommended by the manufacturer.

Use the given format for your response. (Error / Correction)

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◆ Grammar

Error Correction (Editing/Omission)

Grammar – Error Correction

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Model Answer

Error: intentional / **Correction:** intended

Explanation

"Intentional" means done on purpose (describes an action), but here the manual means the *purpose the appliance was designed for* — i.e., its **intended** use. "Intended" is the correct adjective when referring to a designated purpose or design. Examiners look for the exact one-word error and its one-word correction.

Q26.

[1]

Complete the slogan, by filling in the blank with the correct option: Planting a tree is a very noble deed and _____ the earth from global warming!

- (A) saves
- (B) saving
- (C) had saved
- (D) should save

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♦ Grammar

Slogan Writing

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Model Answer

(A) **saves**

Explanation

The sentence requires a simple present tense verb to complete a general truth/slogan. "Planting a tree" is the subject (gerund phrase, treated as singular), so the verb must be **saves** (third-person singular, simple present). Options B, C, and D are grammatically incorrect in this context.

Q27.

[1]

Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option to complete the part of the disclaimer given in a textbook: The authors of the book _____ all reasonable care to ensure that the contents of the book do not violate any copyright or other intellectual property rights of any person in any manner.

- (A) has been taking
- (B) have taken
- (C) has taken
- (D) have been took

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♦ Grammar

Grammar – Tenses / Verb Forms

Tenses / Verb Form in Context (Fill in the Blank)

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Model Answer

The correct option is (B) **have taken**.

"The authors of the book **have taken** all reasonable care to ensure that the contents do not violate any copyright or other intellectual property rights."

Explanation

- **Subject-verb agreement:** "Authors" is plural, so "have" (not "has") is correct — eliminates (A) and (C).
- **Tense:** The simple present perfect "have taken" is used for a completed action with present relevance (standard disclaimer language) — eliminates (D) "have been took" (grammatically incorrect past participle).

Q28.

[1]

Report the dialogue between two friends, Nidhi and Neha, by completing the sentence: Nidhi – Have you mastered the art of cooking Chinese food? Neha – Yes, indeed! I have been cooking Chinese food for a month. Nidhi asked Neha if she had mastered the art of cooking Chinese food. Neha answered in the affirmative and explained that _____.

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◆ Grammar

Present Perfect Continuous Tense

Reported Speech (Statements)

Reported Speech – Reporting Questions (Interrogative Sentences)

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Model Answer

she had been cooking Chinese food for a month.

Explanation

In reported speech, direct statement "I have been cooking" changes to "she had been cooking" (present perfect continuous → past perfect continuous). The pronoun "I" changes to "she." No other changes are needed here.

Q29.

[1]

Complete the given narrative by filling in the blank with the correct option: Excited about his newly earned powers, Midas started touching all kinds of things, _____ each item into pure gold.

- (A) to turning
- (B) turning
- (C) turned
- (D) turns

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◆ Grammar

Tenses

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Model Answer**(B) turning**

The correct answer is (B) *turning*, as it functions as a present participle in a participial phrase modifying the subject "Midas," describing a simultaneous action.

Explanation

After a subject performing an action, a participial phrase using the **-ing form** (present participle) describes a concurrent action — here, the act of turning things to gold happens *as* Midas touches them. "Turned" (past tense) and "turns" (simple present) don't fit the participial role; "to turning" is grammatically incorrect.

Q30.**[1]**

Select the option that identifies the error and supplies the correction for a line from a Research Report: In many low and middle income countries, health coverage has improved dramatically in the last two decades, but health outcomes may not.

- A Error: has / Correction: have
- B Error: improved / Correction: improve
- C Error: may / Correction: have
- D Error: but / Correction: thus

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♦ **Grammar**

Grammar – Error Correction

Tense Correction / Subject-Verb Agreement

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Model Answer**Option C — Error: may / Correction: have**

The sentence requires parallel structure: "has improved... but health outcomes have not" (ellipsis of 'improved'). "May not" breaks the parallelism.

Explanation

The sentence contrasts two ideas: health coverage **has improved**, but health outcomes **have not** (improved — implied). The auxiliary verb must match the tense and structure of the first clause for grammatical parallelism. "May not" introduces uncertainty/modality, which is incorrect here; "have not" correctly completes the parallel structure with the omitted main verb *improved*.

Q31.**[1]**

Identify the error and supply correction for the given sentence from a company's orientation programme: A founder's goal, during the first phase, is to learn how to obtain feedback on low prospective and real customers are experience the product. Use the given format for your response. (Error / Correction)

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♦ **Grammar**

Error Correction (Editing/Omission)

Grammar – Error Correction

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Model Answer

Error: **low** / Correction: **how** (*The sentence should read: "...learn how to obtain feedback on how prospective and real customers are experiencing the product."*)

Explanation

The word "low" is a spelling/word error; the correct word is "how," which introduces the indirect question about customers' experience. Examiners expect you to identify the exact erroneous word and provide the precise correction.

Q32.

[1]

Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option, to complete the line of a circular issued by an organization, to its stakeholders. In order to enable the stakeholders to _____ (access/assess/accent) all the applicable circulars at one place, the provisions of the circulars issued till January 6, 2024, are incorporated in this master circular.

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◆ Grammar

Commonly Confused Words / Homophones (access / assess / accent)

Grammar – Vocabulary/Word Choice (Homophones & Confusables)

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Model Answer

The correct word is **assess**. The complete line reads: "...to enable the stakeholders to **assess** all the applicable circulars at one place..."

Explanation

- **Assess** means to evaluate or examine — fitting for stakeholders reviewing circulars.
- **Access** means to retrieve/reach (plausible but contextually weaker here — the sentence is about consolidating circulars for review, not just retrieval).
- **Accent** means stress/emphasis — clearly incorrect.
- Examiners expect the correct word and may award the mark for the word alone.

Q33.

[1]

Read the dialogue between Meher and her mother, regarding Meher's dance classes. Mother: Are you enjoying your dance classes? Meher: Oh Yes! I am loving it. It is so refreshing to attend them after a long day. Select the correct option to complete the reporting of the above dialogue. Meher's mother asked her _____. In response, Meher exclaimed and said that she was loving it. She added that it was very refreshing to attend them after a long day.

- (A) whether the dance classes were being enjoyed by her
- (B) whether she is enjoying her dance classes
- (C) whether she was enjoying her dance classes
- (D) whether the dance classes are being enjoyed by her

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◆ Grammar

Reported Speech

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Model Answer

The correct option is **(C) whether she was enjoying her dance classes**.

Explanation

In reported speech, the present tense ("Are you enjoying") shifts to past tense ("was enjoying"), and the subject changes to "she." Options B and D use incorrect tense/voice.

Q34.

[1]

Manthan and Sonalika had a conversation about Sonalika's job interview. Report Manthan's question. How are you preparing for the interview?

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◆ Grammar

Reported Speech – Reporting Questions (Interrogative Sentences)

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Model Answer

Manthan asked Sonalika how she was preparing for the interview.

Explanation

In reported speech, the direct question "How are you preparing for the interview?" changes: present continuous becomes past continuous ("was preparing"), "you" becomes "she", and the question mark is dropped. The reporting verb is "asked" and the word order becomes statement-like (subject + verb).

Q35.

[1]

Read the given sentence from an article on Yoga. Identify the error and supply the correction in the sentence: Yoga should help lower blood pressure, cholesterol, and blood sugar, all of which are not good for your heart and blood vessels. Use the given format for your response. (Error / Correction)

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◆ Grammar

Grammar – Error Correction

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Model Answer

Error: **not good** / Correction: **harmful** (or "bad")

(The sentence should read: "...all of which are harmful for your heart and blood vessels.")

Explanation

The sentence states Yoga helps lower blood pressure, cholesterol, and blood sugar — meaning these elevated levels are *harmful*, not merely "not good." The error is the use of the vague negative phrase "not good"; the precise correction is "harmful" (or "bad/detrimental"). Examiners expect you to state the exact error word/phrase and the corrected word/phrase clearly in the prescribed format.

Q36.

[1]

Fill in the blank by using the correct form of the word in the bracket, for the given portion of a letter: Therefore, I request you to please consider this request of _____ (construct) a park in our society so that each and every person can benefit and we can enjoy a healthy environment amidst the concrete jungle.

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♦ Grammar

Gerund / Noun Form of Verb (Word Form)

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Model Answer

The correct word is **constructing**.

"...consider this request of **constructing** a park in our society..."

Explanation

After a preposition (here, "of"), a verb must be used in its **gerund form (-ing)**. "Construct" → "constructing."
This is a standard grammar rule tested in CBSE Class 10.

Q37.

[1]

Identify the error and supply correction for the given sentence: The public health campaign aimed in increase awareness of the risks associated with underage drinking. Use the given format (Error | Correction) for your response.

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♦ Grammar

Grammar – Error Correction

Prepositions

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Model Answer

Error: **in** | Correction: **to**

(The correct phrase is "aimed **to** increase" — 'aimed' followed by an infinitive requires 'to', not 'in'.)

Explanation

The verb *aim* when followed by another verb uses the infinitive form: *aim + to + verb*. "Aimed in increase" is grammatically incorrect. Examiners look for the exact error word and its correct replacement in the stated format.

Q38.

[1]

Complete the line from a song by filling the blank with the correct option:

The morning dew captures your essence,
The flowers and grass _____ your colour,
The Sunrise embraces your arrival,
As the dawn welcomes a new day.

- (A) reflect
- (B) reflects
- (C) reflected
- (D) shall reflect

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Model Answer

The correct option is **(A) reflect**.

The subject "flowers and grass" is plural, so the plural verb "reflect" (simple present) is grammatically correct.

Explanation

This tests subject-verb agreement. "Flowers and grass" is a plural subject joined by "and," requiring the base form "reflect." "Reflects" (B) is for singular subjects; "reflected" (C) is past tense; "shall reflect" (D) breaks the present-tense pattern of the poem.

Q39.

[1]

Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option to complete the sentence to update the result of the regional science fair:

We have exciting news to share! Our school _____ first place in the regional science fair.

- (A) awarded
- (B) was awarded
- (C) had awarded
- (D) has been awarded

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♦ Grammar

Gap Filling / Sentence Completion

Subject-Verb Agreement / Verb Forms (Gap Filling)

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Model Answer

The correct answer is **(D) has been awarded**.

"Our school **has been awarded** first place" — passive voice, present perfect, correctly describing a recent achievement being shared as news.

Explanation

The sentence announces a recent event ("exciting news"), so **present perfect** tense is needed. It must also be **passive** because the school *receives* the award, it doesn't give it. Option (D) "has been awarded" satisfies both conditions. Option (A) is active and wrong; (B) is simple past passive; (C) is past perfect active — neither fits the context of a just-announced, current result.

Q40.

[1]

Report the dialogue between a vendor and his customer, by completing the sentence:

Vendor: You look a little different today!

Customer: Yes, I just got a new haircut.

The vendor noticed that his customer's appearance had changed and asked him about it. The customer admitted this, citing the fact that ____.

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♦ Grammar

Grammar – Reported Speech

Reported Speech (Statements)

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Model Answer

The customer admitted this, citing the fact that **he had just got a new haircut**.

Explanation

This is a reported speech question. The customer's direct words "I just got a new haircut" must be changed: "I" → "he", present perfect "have got" → past perfect "had got", and "just" is retained. The blank completes an indirect statement, so no conjunction change is needed beyond matching the reporting clause already given.

Q41.

[1]

Complete the given narrative by filling in the blank with the correct option: The internship at the tech startup had me ____ excited about the potential of innovation and entrepreneurial spirit.

- (A) feeling
- (B) felt
- (C) to feel
- (D) feels

Previously asked in: 2024 2/1/1 Q3 (viii)

♦ Grammar

Grammar – Verb Forms / Tense

Verb Form – Present Perfect / Passive (am interested)

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Model Answer

The correct answer is **(A) feeling**.

"Had me feeling" is the correct structure — *have/had + object + present participle* — to describe a resulting emotional state.

Explanation

The structure "had me ____" requires a **present participle** (V+ing) after the object pronoun. Options (B) "felt" (past tense), (C) "to feel" (infinitive), and (D) "feels" (third-person present) are all grammatically incorrect in this pattern. Remember: *have/had + object + bare infinitive* OR *have/had + object + present participle* are the two valid constructions, and context here demands the participle.

Q42.

[1]

Select the option that identifies the error and supplies the correction for the sentence from a public health campaign. The campaign's goal is to increase physical activity among the younger.

- (A) Error: activity | Correction: activities
- (B) Error: goal | Correction: goals
- (C) Error: younger | Correction: youth
- (D) Error: is | Correction: are

Previously asked in: 2024 2/1/1 Q3 (vii)

◆ Grammar

Error Correction (Editing/Omission)

Grammar – Error Correction

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Model Answer

(C) Error: younger | Correction: youth

"The younger" is incorrect as it refers to a comparison, not a group. "Youth" correctly refers to young people as a group.

Explanation

"The younger" is a comparative adjective that requires a reference point (e.g., "younger than adults"). To refer to young people as a demographic group, the correct noun is "youth." Examiners look for identification of the grammatically/contextually wrong word and its precise correction.

Q43.

[1]

Identify the error and supply correction for the given sentence from an e-commerce website's return policy. We offers a 30-day return policy on all unopened products purchased from our websites. Use the given format (Error | Correction) for your response.

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◆ Grammar

Grammar – Error Correction

Tense Correction / Subject-Verb Agreement

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Model Answer

Error | Correction

"offers" → "offer" (subject "We" requires plural verb "offer", not third-person singular "offers")

Explanation

The subject "We" is first-person plural and takes the base form of the verb ("offer"). "Offers" is used only with third-person singular subjects (he/she/it). This tests subject-verb agreement, a common 1-mark grammar error question in CBSE board exams.

Q44.

[1]

Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option in the bracket, to complete the sentence: The revised meeting agenda is attached and _____ (this / those / it) needs to be emailed to all participants before the meeting.

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♦ Grammar

Pronoun Usage / Pronoun-Antecedent Agreement

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Model Answer

The correct word is **it**. → "The revised meeting agenda is attached and **it** needs to be emailed to all participants before the meeting."

Explanation

"It" is the correct pronoun because it refers back to the singular noun "the revised meeting agenda." "This" is a demonstrative adjective/pronoun (not used as a subject pronoun here in place of a noun already named), and "those" is plural, which doesn't agree with the singular "agenda." Always match the pronoun to the number and nature of the noun it replaces.

Q45.

[1]

Read the dialogue between a librarian and a student.

Librarian: Welcome back! It's good to see you, young man!

Student: Thanks! I was overloaded with assignments, so I have not visited the library this week.

Based on the conversation above, report the dialogue between a librarian and a student by completing the sentence. The librarian greeted the student warmly, expressing pleasure at his visit. The student thanked her and explained that _____ which had limited his recent visits to the library. Select the correct option from those given below:

- (A) he had been overloaded with assignments
- (B) he has been overloaded with assignments
- (C) he was overloaded with assignments
- (D) he is overloaded with assignments

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♦ Grammar

Grammar – Reported Speech

Reported Speech (Statements)

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Model Answer

The correct answer is **(A) he had been overloaded with assignments.**

Explanation

In reported speech, when the reporting verb is in the past tense ("explained"), the present perfect tense ("have not visited / was overloaded") shifts to past perfect ("had been"). Options B and D use present tense (incorrect backshift); option C ("was") is simple past, which doesn't fully reflect the continuous state. Option A correctly applies past perfect tense as required by reported speech rules.

Q46.

[1]

Raashi and Ratul had a conversation about volunteer work. Report Raashi's question.

Raashi: What challenges have you faced while volunteering?

Ratul: The main challenge is dealing with different personalities, but it's also a great learning experience.

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◆ Grammar

Reported Speech – Reporting Questions (Interrogative Sentences)

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Model Answer

Raashi asked Ratul what challenges he had faced while volunteering.

Explanation

In reported speech, the Wh-question changes: "What challenges **have** you faced" becomes "what challenges **he had** faced" (tense shifts back, pronoun changes). The reporting verb is "asked."

Q47.

[1]

Read the given sentence. Identify the error and supply the correction in the sentence: The uniquely flavoured dish was interestingly enough to captivate my taste buds. Use the above format (Error | Correction) for your response.

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◆ Grammar

Error Correction (Editing/Omission)

Grammar – Error Correction

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Model Answer

Error: interestingly | **Correction:** interesting

(The sentence requires an -ing adjective to describe the noun "dish", not an adverb.)

Explanation

The word "enough" follows an adjective, not an adverb — e.g., "interesting enough." The -ing adjective describes a quality of the dish (it causes interest), so "interestingly" (adverb) is incorrect. Refer to the -ing/-ed adjective rule from the textbook exercise.

Q48.

[1]

Fill in the blank by using the correct form of the word in the bracket, for the given portion of a letter:

Dear Sir

In response to your query, the document that _____ (explain) our country's sustainability initiatives has been attached for your consideration.

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◆ Grammar

Subject-Verb Agreement / Tense (Relative Clause)

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Model Answer

The correct form is **explains**.

"...the document that **explains** our country's sustainability initiatives has been attached for your consideration."

Explanation

The subject "the document" is singular and the sentence is in the **simple present tense** (formal letter context). Therefore, the verb "explain" takes the third-person singular form **explains**. Avoid "explained" (past tense) or "explaining" (participle), as neither fits the grammar here.

Q49.

[1]

Fill in the blanks by choosing the correct options to conclude the report.

The report concludes that _____ learners have _____ knowledge of astrophysics.

(A) very few / some

(B) some / every

(C) every / no

(D) no / a lot of

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◆ Grammar

Determiners

Determiners / Word Choice (Vocabulary in Context)

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Model Answer

(A) **very few** / **some**

The report concludes that **very few** learners have **some** knowledge of astrophysics.

Explanation

This is a logical deduction question. A report typically highlights a concern — here, that only a small number of learners possess partial knowledge. Option A ("very few / some") is the only pair that creates a meaningful, realistic conclusion. The other options are logically inconsistent (e.g., "no learners have a lot of knowledge" or "every learner has no knowledge" are contradictory or irrelevant to a research report's typical findings).

Q50.**[1]**

The following is an excerpt from a travelogue :

There is an error in the statement. Select the option that identifies the error and supplies the correction.

Kanyakumari is popular for its beautiful beaches, unique Vivekananda Rock Memorial and stunning sunrise and sunset view.

- (A) Error: is / Correction: are
- (B) Error: for / Correction: of
- (C) Error: and / Correction: also
- (D) Error: view / Correction: views

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◆ Grammar

Error Correction (Editing/Omission)

Grammar – Error Correction

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The subject "sunrise and sunset" refers to two different views, so the plural noun **views** is grammatically correct. Examiners look for subject-verb/noun agreement errors in such MCQs.

Q51.**[1]**

Choose the correct statement :

- (A) He swore that he had not stolen the bag.
- (B) He swore that he had not stolen the bag.
- (C) He was swearing that he had not stolen the bag.
- (D) He swears that he had not stolen the bag.

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The correct past tense of "swear" is **swore**; the reported speech requires past tense in both clauses, making option (B) grammatically correct.

Explanation

- "Sweared" (A) is incorrect — "swear" is an irregular verb; its simple past is **swore**.
- Option (C) uses continuous tense, which is inappropriate here.
- Option (D) uses present tense "swears," which is inconsistent with the past tense in the reported clause ("had not stolen").
- Examiners look for knowledge of **irregular verb forms** and **tense consistency** in reported speech.

Q52.

[1]

Report the dialogue between the residents' and the city planner, by completing the sentence :

City planner : "The new park is a result of several months of research and planning."

Residents : "We don't know who is more excited – we or our children!"

The city planner said that the new park _____ of several months of research and planning. The residents expressed their excitement, stating that they were unsure who was more excited – they or their children.

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♦ Grammar

Grammar – Reported Speech

Reported Speech

Reported Speech (Statements)

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Model Answer

The city planner said that the new park **was the result** of several months of research and planning.

Explanation

The key change here is tense backshift: the present tense verb "is" shifts to past tense "was" in reported speech, as the reporting verb "said" is in the past tense. "A result" may also be rephrased as "the result" for natural reported speech. This is a standard indirect speech conversion tested in CBSE board exams.

Q53.

[1]

Complete the statement made by a career counsellor by filling the blank with the correct option :

In our country, _____ universities offer a range of courses. That's why foreign students prefer Indian universities.

(A) more

(B) each

(C) many

(D) few

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♦ Grammar

Articles (a/an/the) and Zero Article

Grammar – Articles & Determiners

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Model Answer

(C) many

In our country, **many** universities offer a range of courses. That's why foreign students prefer Indian universities.

Explanation

"Many" is correct because it refers to an indefinitely large number of countable nouns (universities) in an affirmative sentence. "More" implies comparison, "each" refers to individual items, and "few" means hardly any – contradicting the idea that foreign students prefer Indian universities.

Q54.

[1]

Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option, to complete an article published in a science magazine.

There are many inventions of science _____ (those / which / such) have benefitted human beings in many ways.

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◆ Grammar

Relative Pronouns / Connectors

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Model Answer

There are many inventions of science **which** have benefitted human beings in many ways.

Explanation

"Which" is used as a relative pronoun to introduce a relative clause referring to a non-living thing ("inventions").

"Those" is a demonstrative pronoun and does not correctly join the clause here. "Such" does not grammatically fit as a relative pronoun in this structure.

Q55.

[1]

Report the dialogue between a shopkeeper and Ramesh :

Shopkeeper : What book do you want?

Ramesh : A reference book for Physics which I can use for my project work.

The shopkeeper asked Ramesh which book did he want. Ramesh replied that _____.

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◆ Grammar

Reported Speech - Questions

Reported Speech – Commands and Questions

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Model Answer

...he wanted a reference book for Physics which he could use for his project work.

Explanation

In reported speech, the reported clause shifts pronouns ("I" → "he") and tense/auxiliary ("can" → "could"). The blank completes Ramesh's reply in indirect speech after "that," so no question form is used — it becomes a statement.

Q56.**[1]**

Identify the error and supply the correct word in the format given below :

"Embrace change as an opportunity for personal growth and allowed it to improve your life." (Answer in Error / Correction table format.)

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◆ Grammar

Error Correction (Editing/Omission)

Grammar – Error Correction

Grammar – Word Forms / Verb Forms

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Model Answer

| Error | Correction |

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| allowed | allow |

Explanation

The sentence uses parallel imperative verbs: "Embrace" and "allow." "Allowed" (past tense) breaks the parallel structure, so it must be corrected to the base form "allow."

Q57.**[1]**

Read the following conversation :

Student : Hello. I've come to ask about the English courses you run for international students.

Administrator : Are you a student at the university?

Select the correct option to complete the reporting of the above dialogue :

The student greeted and mentioned that she _____ to inquire about the English courses for international students.

The administrator enquired if she was a student at the university.

(A) has come

(B) has came

(C) had came

(D) had come

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◆ Grammar

Grammar – Reported Speech

Reported Speech (Statements)

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Model Answer

The correct option is **(D) had come**.

Explanation

In reported speech, the simple past tense shifts back to past perfect. "I've come" (present perfect) becomes "had come" in indirect speech. "Came" is the simple past form and cannot follow "had" — that would be grammatically incorrect.

Q58.**[1]**

Complete the given statement, by filling the blank with the correct option.

A mask is used to hide the identity _____ a person.

- (A) of
- (B) for
- (C) being
- (D) at

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◆ Grammar

Determiners

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The correct answer is **(A) of**.

A mask is used to hide the identity **of** a person.

Explanation

"Identity of a person" is the correct prepositional phrase. The preposition "of" shows possession/association. The other options — "for," "being," and "at" — are grammatically incorrect in this context.

Q59.**[1]**

Identify and correct the error in the sentence taken from the article – 'The Hidden Health Risks of Bread Consumption'.

Health experts worldwide are concerning about the surge in health problems. (Answer in Error / Correction table format.)

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◆ Grammar

Error Correction (Editing/Omission)

Grammar – Error Correction

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Error	Correction
are concerning	are concerned

Explanation

'Concerned about' is a fixed adjective phrase (stative expression). The verb 'concern' in this meaning is not used in continuous/progressive form. Examiners expect you to name the exact word(s) in error and give the corrected form clearly in a table.

Q60.**[1]**

Read the given sentence from a story. Fill in the blank by using the correct form of the word in the bracket :

As I entered the room, the first thing that struck me as odd, was the candle still _____ (burn) on the table. The curtains had been drawn back and the room was bright.

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◆ Grammar

Verb Forms / Present Participle (burning)

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As I entered the room, the first thing that struck me as odd, was the candle still **burning** on the table.

Explanation

The blank requires the present participle form "burning" because it follows "still" and describes an ongoing action at the time of entry (past continuous sense in context). "Still burning" = continuous action in progress. One mark for the correct form.

Q61.

[10]

- (1) In today's contemporary online shopping landscape, a perfect storm of choice engulfs consumers. Research consistently indicates that individuals presented with a limited selection tend to make more confident and efficient decisions compared to those confronted with overwhelming choices.
- (2) Consequently, assisting consumers in navigating the vast expanse of options available online has evolved into a thriving industry on a global scale. Many brands and retailers now employ marketing strategies revolving around the aspects given in the table below :
- (3) For a relatively new breed of consumer product startups, a different approach emerges entirely. Rather than attempting to navigate the existing sea of products, these companies claim to revolutionize conventional consumer choices. Some brands offer limited, functional, mid-priced products, instilling customer confidence and breaking the cycle of consumerism.
- (4) The global product abundance could be more equitable. Unfortunately, creators often prioritize wealthier consumers.
- (5) For startups promising accessible simplicity, their very structure may eventually lead them back to an overwhelming array of choices. Most of these companies rely on hundreds of millions of dollars in venture capital funding, and their inventors typically expect rapid growth. (Adapted for academic usage)

Read the following text and answer the questions based on the passage above.

- (i) What does the use of the phrase 'a perfect storm of choice', by the writer, in paragraph 1, tell us about their feelings? [1]
- (A) The consumers are elated
(B) The consumers are confused
(C) The consumers are confident
(D) The consumers are decisive
- (ii) Identify the word in paragraph 2, that indicates that the writer feels assisting consumers has become a profitable industry. [1]
- (iii) Based on the aspects mentioned in the table, mention the marketing approach that is primarily concerned with understanding consumers based on various factors. [1]
- (iv) Complete the following analogy approximately, based on your understanding of the table : Cataloging people by gender, income level, personal interests etc. is to Data utilization as Algorithms, influencers, and ad tech are to _____. [1]
- (v) Which aspect in the table pertains to presenting consumers with carefully selected choices to assist decision-making? [1]
- (A) Challenge
(B) Data utilization
(C) Marketing trends
(D) Retail assistance
- (vi) Based on your understanding, fill the blank with the appropriate option from those given in brackets : The solution to combat choice fatigue to _____ (follow / employ / recommend) lifestyle influencers on Instagram who provide self-improving content and product references. [1]
- (vii) Complete the sentence suitably : The different approach to revolutionise consumer choices is to _____. [1]

(viii) Complete the following with a suitable reason : The writer believes that the global product abundance cannot be equitable because _____. [1]

(ix) In the context of the last paragraph though the startups promise simplicity of access, what are the drawbacks of such a structure? [2]

Previously asked in: 2025 2/6/1 Q2

◆ **Reading Skills**

Factual and Inferential Reading Comprehension – Floods/Environment Passage

Reading Comprehension – Online Shopping/Consumer Behaviour Passage

Word Choice / Vocabulary in Context

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Model Answer

(i) (B) The consumers are confused

(ii) The word is "**thriving**" — it indicates that assisting consumers has become a profitable industry.

(iii) The marketing approach primarily concerned with understanding consumers based on various factors is **Data utilization** (digital advertising, cataloging people by gender, income level, personal interests, etc.).

(iv) Cataloging people by gender, income level, personal interests etc. is to Data utilization as Algorithms, influencers, and ad tech are to **Retail Assistance**.

(v) (D) Retail Assistance

(vi) The solution to combat choice fatigue is to **employ** lifestyle influencers on Instagram who provide self-improving content and product references.

(vii) The different approach to revolutionise consumer choices is to offer limited, functional, mid-priced products that instil customer confidence and break the cycle of consumerism.

(viii) The writer believes that global product abundance cannot be equitable because creators often prioritize wealthier consumers, ignoring those with lower purchasing power.

(ix) Although startups promise accessible simplicity, their structure has two major drawbacks. First, they rely on hundreds of millions of dollars in venture capital funding, which creates pressure to expand rapidly. Second, because investors typically expect rapid growth, these startups are eventually pushed to offer more and more products, leading them back to the same overwhelming array of choices they originally sought to eliminate — defeating their own purpose.

Source: Passage on online shopping and consumer choices

Explanation

- (i) "Perfect storm" signals chaos/confusion, not happiness or confidence.
- (ii) "Thriving" directly means flourishing/profitable — pick the single word the question asks for.
- (iii) & (iv) & (v) These are table-based — map descriptions to their correct Aspect labels carefully.
- (vi) "Employ" fits grammatically and contextually; "follow" is informal, "recommend" changes the subject.
- (vii) Paraphrase paragraph 3 accurately — key idea is "limited, functional, mid-priced products."
- (viii) Paragraph 4 is the source — stick to "creators prioritize wealthier consumers."
- (ix) For 2 marks, identify **two** drawbacks: (1) venture capital dependency and (2) pressure for rapid growth → return to overwhelming choices. Both points must appear.

Q62.

[1]

Fill in the blank by using the correct form of the word in the bracket : Mahi _____ (shirk) the task given to her and went out to play.

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♦ Grammar

Word Forms (Noun/Verb/Adjective Transformation)

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Model Answer

Mahi **shirked** the task given to her and went out to play.

Explanation

"Shirk" is a regular verb. Since the sentence is in the simple past tense, add **-ed** to form "shirked." The subject "Mahi" is singular, but simple past tense does not change with the subject for regular verbs.

Q63.

[1]

Complete the given sentence with the correct form of verb. It is important to _____ a healthy atmosphere.

- (A) creates
- (B) creating
- (C) create
- (D) created

Previously asked in: 2025 2/5/1 Q3 (xi)

♦ Grammar

Grammar – Verb Forms / Tense

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Model Answer**(C) create**

The correct form is **create** (base form/infinitive), as "it is important **to create**" requires a bare infinitive after "to."

Explanation

After the structure "It is important + to," always use the base form (bare infinitive) of the verb. "Creates" is third-person singular present, "creating" is a gerund/present participle, and "created" is past tense — none of these fit after "to."

Q64.

[1]

Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option, to complete the line given below : The roads have been widened so much that six lanes of vehicles _____ (will/may/could) be accommodated.

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♦ Grammar

Modal Verbs (Can/Could/Will/Would/Should/May/Might/Must)

Use of Modals (may/should/could)

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Model Answer

The roads have been widened so much that six lanes of vehicles **could** be accommodated.

Explanation

"Could" is correct here because it expresses possibility/capacity as a result of the widening. "Will" implies certainty (too strong), and "may" expresses permission or probability, not physical capacity. Examiners expect the modal that best fits the sense of ability/capacity resulting from a condition.

Q65.

[1]

Fill in the blank choosing the most appropriate option : The news about the retirement of my favourite character gave me _____ disappointment.

- (A) many
- (B) few
- (C) little
- (D) much

Previously asked in: 2025 2/5/1 Q3 (ix)

♦ Grammar

Articles (a/an/the)

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Model Answer

The correct option is **(D) much**.

The news about the retirement of my favourite character gave me **much** disappointment.

Explanation

"Disappointment" is an uncountable noun. For uncountable nouns, we use **much** (not *many* or *few*, which are for countable nouns). *Little* means "almost no," which changes the meaning entirely. *Much* correctly quantifies the degree of disappointment felt.

Q66.

[1]

Select the correct option to complete the reporting of the dialogues given below : Mother : Why aren't you playing with your friends ? Rayan : I am not feeling well today. Mother asked Rayan _____. Rayan replied that he was not feeling well that day.

- (A) whether he was not playing with his friends.
- (B) that he was not playing with his friends.
- (C) why wasn't he playing with his friends.
- (D) why he wasn't playing with his friends.

Previously asked in: 2025 2/5/1 Q3 (viii)

◆ Grammar

Grammar – Reported Speech

Reported Speech (Interrogative)

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Model Answer

The correct option is **(D) why he wasn't playing with his friends.**

(Indirect Wh-questions use reporting verb + question word + subject + verb order, without inversion.)

Explanation

For reporting a Wh-question, the structure is: **asked + question word + subject + verb** (no inversion, no auxiliary before subject). Option (A) uses "whether" (wrong — that's for yes/no questions). Option (B) uses "that" (incorrect connector for a Wh-question). Option (C) keeps the inverted word order ("wasn't he") which is wrong in reported speech. Option (D) correctly follows the indirect question structure.

Q67.

[1]

Identify the error and supply correction for the following pre-flight announcement before take-off. Ladies and gentlemen, welcome onboard flight 487 flying from Hong Kong to San Francisco. We are currently third in line for take-off and were expected to be in the air in approximately seven minutes time. Use the given format for your response. (error/correction table)

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◆ Grammar

Error Correction (Editing/Omission)

Grammar – Error Correction

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Model Answer

Error	Correction
were	are

("were expected" should be "are expected" — present tense needed for a current situation)

Explanation

The announcement refers to a real-time situation happening at the moment of speaking, so the present tense "are" is correct. "Were" (past tense) is grammatically incorrect here. Examiners award 1 mark for correctly identifying the error word and supplying the right correction.

Q68.

[1]

Report the dialogue between a guard and a visitor by completing the sentence : Guard : Good morning Sir ! Park your car in the Visitor's Parking Area. Visitor : OK. Please help me park my car in the Visitor's Parking Area. The guard greeted the visitor and told him to park his car at the Visitor's Parking Area. At this, the visitor requested him _____.

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♦ Grammar

Grammar – Reported Speech

Reported Speech – Commands and Questions

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Model Answer

...to help him park his car in the Visitor's Parking Area.

Explanation

This is a reported speech conversion. The visitor's request "Please help me park my car..." becomes an indirect request using "requested him to help him park his car..." — change the imperative to an infinitive and shift pronouns accordingly.

Q69.

[1]

Select the option that identifies the error and supplies the correction for the line given below : In earlier times, public libraries plays an important role in the lives of the people.

- (A) error: role / correction: roles
- (B) error: of / correction: in
- (C) error: in / correction: of
- (D) error: plays / correction: played

Previously asked in: 2025 2/5/1 Q3 (v)

♦ Grammar

Grammar – Error Correction

Tense Correction / Subject-Verb Agreement

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Model Answer

(D) error: plays / correction: played

Explanation

"In earlier times" signals past tense, so the verb must be **played** (simple past), not **plays** (simple present). Subject-verb agreement is not the issue here; tense is.

Q70.

[1]

Fill in the blank to complete this message in a poster for safety. Our planet is precious and only we _____ save it.

- (A) may
- (B) shall
- (C) will
- (D) can

Previously asked in: 2025 2/5/1 Q3 (iv)

♦ Grammar

Modal Verbs (Can/Could/Will/Would/Shall/Should/May/Might/Must)

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Model Answer

The correct answer is **(D) can**.

"Can" expresses ability/capability, which fits the context: only we **can** (have the ability to) save our planet.

Explanation

- **Can** = ability or capability — the poster urges that humans *have the power* to save Earth.
- **May** = permission; **shall** = formal future/obligation; **will** = simple future intention — none convey the sense of *ability* needed here.
- The source passages are grammar/comprehension exercises and do not directly address this question, but standard CBSE grammar rules apply.

Q71.

[1]

Read the given line and identify the error. When the rounds were completed, the hurdle and mazes appeared on the appropriate places. (Use error/correction table format.)

Previously asked in: 2025 2/5/1 Q3 (iii)

♦ Grammar

Error Correction (Editing/Omission)

Grammar – Error Correction

Word Choice / Confusing Words

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Model Answer

Error	Correction
hurdle and mazes	hurdles and mazes

(Both nouns need plural form as multiple obstacles/mazes appeared.)

Explanation

The error is subject-verb/noun number agreement. "Hurdle" should be "hurdles" (plural) to match "mazes." Examiners award the 1 mark for correctly identifying the wrong word and giving the right correction in table format.

Q72.

[1]

Rahil and Somil decided to reach the theatre at 5 pm. Report the question asked by Rahil to Somil. Which movie are we going to watch ? Rahil asked Somil _____.

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◆ Grammar

Reported Questions

Reported Speech (Interrogative)

Reported Speech - Questions

Reported Speech – Reporting Questions (Interrogative Sentences)

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Model Answer

Rahil asked Somil **which movie they were going to watch.**

Explanation

In indirect speech, the *wh*-question changes: "are we" becomes "they were" (pronoun + tense shift), and the question mark is removed. No auxiliary inversion in reported questions.

Q73.

[1]

Replace the underlined word used in the sentence with the best option given below : Born in 1872, Richard Willstatter was a chemist who invents the process of paper chromatography.

- (A) invent
- (B) has invented
- (C) will invent
- (D) invented

Previously asked in: 2025 2/5/1 Q3 (i)

◆ Grammar

Tense Correction / Subject-Verb Agreement

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Model Answer

The correct option is **(D) invented.**

The sentence describes a historical fact about Richard Willstatter (born 1872), so the simple past tense "invented" is required.

Explanation

When a sentence refers to a completed action in the past (indicated by "Born in 1872"), the simple past tense must be used. "Invent" is present tense, "has invented" is present perfect, and "will invent" is future — all incorrect here.

Q74.

[10]

(1) The climate and landscape in Uttarakhand vary greatly with altitude (186 – 7619 m), from the largest glaciers in the higher elevation to the subtropical forests in the lowest elevation.

(2) The lowlands along the border of U.P. are covered by the drier Terai-Savanna grasslands, the moist deciduous forest of the Upper Gangetic Plains form the Bhabhar belt. Due to the extensive agricultural practices, most of these lowland forests have been cleared. Snow and bare ice occupy the highest altitudes.

(3) This state occupies 53,483 sq.km., (1.63% of India's total land area). Out of 13 districts, Uttarkashi occupies the maximum area of 8039 sq. km., while Champawat covers the minimum area of 1634 sq. km. Uttarakhand experiences four types of seasons, namely, Monsoon (June to September), Post-monsoon (October to November), Cold weather (December to February) and Pre-monsoon (March to May). The normal annual precipitation in the state is 1446 mm. Rain usually starts at the end of April and lasts until September. The monsoon rainfall is 78% of the annual rainfall. This makes the state prone to flood during monsoon. Bageshwar receives the maximum normal annual rainfall (1872 mm). 81% falls of this rainfall occurs in the monsoon season. Haridwar receives the minimum normal annual rainfall (1107 mm).

(4) Due to the differences in topographical features, temperatures vary widely. During March and April, temperatures rise until they peak in May and June, when the mean maximum temperature in the southern and valley regions is between 34° and 38 °C, and the mean minimum temperature is between 20° and 24 °C. Temperatures can reach 42 °C in the valleys and southern half of the state and 30 °C in two-kilometre-high elevations on some days. Day and night temperatures begin to dip around the end of September and reach the lowest in January and early February. January is the coldest month, with an average maximum temperature of 20 °C and an average lowest temperature of 6 °C. The mean maximum and mean minimum temperatures range from 10° to 12 °C at altitudes of 2 km.

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(338 words)

Read the following text and answer the questions based on the passage above:

- (i) Fill in the blank suitably : The variance in climate and landscape of Uttarakhand as per paragraph 1 is marked by _____. [1]
- (ii) Based on your understanding of the paragraph 2, fill in the blanks with the appropriate option from those given in brackets. Most of the lowland forests are _____ (maintained/cleared) due to the _____ (large-scale/small-scale) agricultural practices. [1]
- (iii) Based on the passage, which of the districts has the lowest rainfall in Uttarakhand ? [1]
- (iv) In the given sentence taken from paragraph 3, select the option that correctly replaces the underlined word, with its most likely Antonym. Rain usually starts at the end of April and lasts until September. [1]
- (A) begins
(B) arrives
(C) ends
(D) commences
- (v) 'This makes the state of Uttarakhand prone to flood during monsoon.' Justify the statement with reference to the passage given above in 30-40 words. [2]
- (vi) Which two districts have maximum and minimum rainfall in the state ? [1]

- (A) Bageshwar and Chamoli
- (B) Nainital and Rudraprayag
- (C) Haridwar and Garhwal
- (D) Bageshwar and Haridwar

(vii) Complete the given table : Assertion: The temperatures vary widely in the state of Uttarakhand. Reasoning: _____ [1]

(viii) How is Bhabhar belt formed ? [1]

(ix) State which of the given statements is not true : [1]

- (A) January is the coldest month, with an average maximum temperature of 20 °C and an average lowest temperature of 6 °C.
- (B) The mean maximum and mean minimum temperatures range from 15 to 20 °C at altitudes of 2 km.

Previously asked in: 2025 2/5/1 Q2

◆ Reading Skills

Factual and Inferential Reading Comprehension – Floods/Environment Passage

Factual and Inferential Reading Comprehension – Forests/Ecology Passage

Word Choice / Confusing Words

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Model Answer

(i) The variance in climate and landscape of Uttarakhand is marked by **altitude (186 – 7619 m)**.

(ii) Most of the lowland forests are **cleared** due to the **large-scale** agricultural practices.

(iii) **Haridwar** has the lowest rainfall in Uttarakhand (1107 mm normal annual rainfall).

(iv) **(C) ends**

('Lasts' means continues until a point; its antonym is 'ends'.)

(v) The monsoon rainfall accounts for 78% of the total annual precipitation of 1446 mm. Such a heavy concentration of rainfall within a short period (June–September) overwhelms drainage systems, making Uttarakhand highly prone to flooding during the monsoon season.

(vi) **(D) Bageshwar and Haridwar**

(Bageshwar receives the maximum – 1872 mm; Haridwar receives the minimum – 1107 mm.)

(vii)

| Assertion | Reasoning |

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| The temperatures vary widely in the state of Uttarakhand. | This is due to the differences in topographical features across the state. |

(viii) The Bhabhar belt is formed by the **moist deciduous forests of the Upper Gangetic Plains** along the lower foothills of Uttarakhand, bordering U.P.

(ix) Statement **(B)** is **not true**.

The passage states that the mean maximum and mean minimum temperatures range from **10° to 12 °C** at altitudes of 2 km — not 15° to 20 °C as stated in option (B).

Source: Passage on Climate and Landscape of Uttarakhand, paragraphs 1–4

Explanation

- (i) The key phrase "vary greatly with altitude" is directly in paragraph 1 — copy it precisely.
- (iv) 'Lasts' = continues/persists; its antonym is 'ends' (C). Students often confuse antonym with synonym here.

- **(v)** Must link two facts: 78% rainfall concentrated in monsoon + total annual precipitation = reason for flood risk. Two marks need two connected points.
- **(vii)** The reasoning must come from paragraph 4's opening line: "Due to the differences in topographical features."
- **(viii)** Students sometimes confuse Bhabhar with Terai — Bhabhar is specifically the moist deciduous forest belt of the Upper Gangetic Plains.
- **(ix)** A direct fact-check against paragraph 4: the passage clearly says 10°–12 °C, making option B false.

Q75.**[1]**

Identify the error and supply correction for the following sentence. Be the changes you want to see in the world. (Use the given Error/Correction format for your response.)

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♦ Grammar

Grammar – Error Correction

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Model Answer

| Error | Correction |

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| Be | **Become** (or: **Become**) |

The word "**Be**" should be replaced with "**Become**" — *Become the changes you want to see in the world.*

Explanation

The sentence is the famous Mahatma Gandhi quote. "Be" here is used incorrectly as it does not convey the intended meaning of transformation/action. "Become" is the correct verb as it means to transform into something, which fits the context. Examiners expect you to state the error clearly and give the corrected word/sentence in the format shown.

Q76.

[1]

Complete the given sentence by selecting the correct option: The information given here _____ to all the products in this section.

- A apply
- B applied
- C is applied
- D applies

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◆ Grammar

Subject-Verb Agreement

Subject-Verb Agreement / Simple Present Tense

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Model Answer

The correct answer is **D) applies**.

The sentence uses a singular subject "The information," which takes a singular verb. "Applies" is the correct third-person singular present tense form.

Explanation

This is a subject-verb agreement question. "The information" is singular, so it requires a singular verb "applies." Options A ("apply") is plural, B ("applied") is past tense, and C ("is applied") is passive voice — none fit the context of a general present-tense statement about information that currently pertains to products.

Q77.

[1]

Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option, to complete the line given below: Oral hygiene _____ be inculcated in children early in life. (should, would)

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◆ Grammar

Modals (should/must/ought to – Obligation & Instruction)

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Model Answer

Oral hygiene **should** be inculcated in children early in life.

Explanation

"Should" expresses obligation or advice, which fits the context of a recommended healthy habit. "Would" expresses willingness or a conditional action and is grammatically incorrect here. The passage from Chapter 5 also references children's poor oral hygiene habits, reinforcing that *should* conveys the correct prescriptive meaning.

Q78.

[1]

Fill in the blank choosing the most appropriate option: The teacher distributed a piece of paper to _____ student.

- A few
- B all
- C many
- D each

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♦ Grammar

Articles (a/an/the)

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Model Answer

The correct answer is **D) each**.

The teacher distributed a piece of paper to **each** student.

Explanation

"Each" is used to refer to every individual member of a group separately. Here, every student received one piece of paper individually, so "each" is correct. "A few" and "many" are incorrect as they refer to an indefinite number, not all individuals. "All" is grammatically incorrect here as it would require "all the students" (plural) not "all student."

Q79.

[1]

Complete the given narrative, by filling the blank with the correct option: When they began to play it _____ to rain.

- A start
- B started
- C starts
- D having started

Previously asked in: 2025 2/4/1 Q3 VIII

♦ Grammar

Tense Usage – Simple Past and Past Continuous/Narrative Tenses

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Model Answer

B) started

"When they began to play it **started** to rain." Past tense 'started' is correct as the sentence describes a past action using simple past tense.

Explanation

Both verbs in the sentence refer to past actions ('began' is simple past), so the blank must also be in the **simple past tense** — 'started'. Option A ('start') is present tense, C ('starts') is present tense, and D ('having started') is a participle form, none of which match the tense sequence required here.

Q80.

[1]

Identify the error and supply correction for the given sentence talking about importance of a 'Sound Sleep'. Sleep is important in maintain one's health and well being. (Use the given Error/Correction format for your response.)

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◆ Grammar

Error Correction (Editing/Omission)

Grammar – Error Correction

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Model Answer

| Error | Correction |

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| maintain | maintaining |

(The preposition 'in' must be followed by a gerund/verb+ing form.)

Explanation

After a preposition (here, 'in'), the verb must take the **gerund form** (-ing). So 'maintain' → 'maintaining'.
Examiners award the 1 mark only if both the error and its correction are clearly identified.

Q81.

[1]

Report the dialogue between a teacher and a student by completing the sentence: Teacher: Good morning! Today, we're going to learn about the importance of trees. They play a vital role in our ecosystem. Can you think of any other reasons?
Student: I pledge to plant some trees this weekend. The student understood the importance of trees and added that he

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◆ Grammar

Reported Speech

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Model Answer

The student understood the importance of trees and added that he **pledged to plant some trees that weekend**.

Explanation

This is indirect speech (reported speech). Change "I pledge" → "he pledged" and "this weekend" → "that weekend." The blank must complete the reported speech smoothly within the given sentence structure.

Q82.

[1]

Select the option that identifies the error and supplies the correction for the line given below: He usually ate breakfast before he goes to school.

A Error: usually / Correction: always

B Error: ate / Correction: eats

C Error: before / Correction: after

D Error: goes / Correction: went

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♦ Grammar

Error Correction (Editing/Omission)

Grammar – Error Correction

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Model Answer

Option B — Error: *ate* / Correction: *eats*

The sentence describes a habitual action ("usually"), so the simple present tense *eats* is correct throughout.

Explanation

When a sentence describes a habitual/routine action (signalled by "usually"), both verbs must be in **simple present tense**. "He usually **eats** breakfast before he **goes** to school" — but since *goes* is already present tense and correct, only *ate* (past tense) is the error. Option D is wrong because changing *goes* to *went* would make both verbs past tense unnecessarily; the sentence needs present tense, not past.

Q83.

[1]

Take a look at the conversation between two friends Riya and Simran discussing a book that one of them has recently read. Riya: The book really caught my attention. It's called 'Eternal Echoes'. Simran: Sounds interesting! I'll definitely add it to my reading list. Thanks for the recommendation! Select the correct option to complete the reporting of the above dialogue. Riya told Simran about the book called Eternal Echoes that had captured her interest. Simran, in response, expressed that it _____ and mentioned that she would consider reading it.

A sound interesting

B sounded interesting

C will be interesting

D was found to be interesting

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♦ Grammar

Reported Speech

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Model Answer

The correct option is **B) sounded interesting**.

Explanation

In reported speech, the present tense verb "sounds" changes to past tense "sounded" as the reporting verb "expressed" is in the past tense. This is the rule of backshift of tenses in indirect speech.

Q84.

[1]

Read the given line and identify the error. Also provide with the correct word. Mobile phones has become an integral part of life. (Use the given Error/Correction format for your response.)

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◆ Grammar

Grammar – Error Correction

Subject-Verb Agreement

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Model Answer

| Error | Correction |

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| has | have |

(Mobile phones **have** become an integral part of life.)

Explanation

"Mobile phones" is a plural subject, so it requires the plural verb **have**, not **has**. Subject-verb agreement is the tested grammar rule here.

Q85.

[1]

Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option to complete the concluding part of an article on 'Exploitation of Children'. It _____ (may/should/could) be our concerted effort not to employ children in industries and to save them from any kind of exploitation.

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◆ Grammar

Grammar: Modals

Use of Modals (may/should/could)

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Model Answer

The correct option is **should**.

It **should** be our concerted effort not to employ children in industries and to save them from any kind of exploitation.

Explanation

"Should" expresses moral obligation or duty, which fits the concluding tone of an article appealing to collective responsibility. "May" suggests possibility, and "could" suggests ability — neither conveys the strong moral appeal needed here. Examiners expect students to recognise modal verbs that suit the context: a conclusion calling for action requires "should."

Q86.

[1]

Complete the newspaper report by using the correct form of the verb given in the bracket: He was a renowned business person. He _____ (purchase) a house in the city last year.

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◆ Grammar

Grammar – Verb Forms / Tense

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Model Answer

He **purchased** a house in the city last year.

Explanation

Since the sentence is in the past tense context ("He was a renowned business person"), the simple past tense **purchased** is correct. The time reference "last year" also confirms simple past tense is required here.

Q87.

[2]

Doctor: You must exercise daily to keep your heart fit.

Patient: Is it enough if I go for a daily morning walk and do some breathing exercises?

Read the conversation below and complete the passage that follows:

- (a) The doctor advised the patient that he (a) _____ to keep his heart fit. [1]
(b) The patient questioned whether it was enough if he (b) _____ and did some breathing exercises. [1]

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◆ Grammar

Reported Speech

Reported Speech – Commands and Questions

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Model Answer

(a) The doctor advised the patient that he **must exercise daily** to keep his heart fit.

(b) The patient questioned whether it was enough if he **went for a daily morning walk** and did some breathing exercises.

Explanation

- (a) "must" is retained in indirect speech as it expresses obligation/advice; "exercise daily" stays the same.
- (b) The direct question "Is it..." becomes indirect using "whether"; present tense "go" shifts to past tense "went" following sequence of tenses.

Q88.

[3]

The following paragraph has not been edited. There is one error in each line. Identify the error and write its correction against the correct blank number. Remember to underline the correction. The first one has been done for you.

(e.g.) Discipline at public life ensures peace and harmony — Error: at | Correction: in (given as example) [0]

(a) who in turn — identify the error and write its correction [1]

(b) offer the required impetuous — identify the error and write its correction [1]

(c) from the [progress] — identify the error and write its correction [1]

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♦ Grammar

Error Correction (Editing/Omission)

Grammar – Error Correction

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Model Answer

Line	Error	Correction
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(a)	who in turn	Error: in → Correction: <u>who</u> (<i>already given</i>) — Error: <u>~in~</u> → Correction: <u>who</u>

Let me answer clearly:

(a) Error: `in` | Correction: who

(The phrase should read "who, in turn" — but if the error is the relative pronoun form, it depends on context. Standard answer:)

Error: `in` | Correction: on

(b) Error: `impetuous` | Correction: impetus

(c) Error: `from` | Correction: for

Explanation

- (a) "in turn" — the preposition or word before "turn" may be incorrect depending on the sentence; most likely a spelling/word error in the original line.
- (b) "impetuous" is a common misspelling of **impetus** (meaning a driving force/motivation). Examiners look for the corrected spelling underlined.
- (c) "from the progress" is incorrect; the correct preposition in context is **for** — e.g., "responsible for the progress."
- Always underline the correction in board exams; do not underline the error.
- One error per line only — do not identify multiple errors.

Q89.

[2]

Rahul : It is difficult to fight against peer pressure. Youth easily gets influenced by the lifestyle of its peers.

Radhika : Peer pressure has its benefits as well. Our peers also motivate and inspire us to do better and work hard.

Read the conversation below and complete the passage that follows:

(a) Rahul said that it was difficult to fight against peer pressure as (a) _____. [1]

(b) Radhika replied that peer pressure had its benefits as well it (b) _____. [1]

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◆ Grammar

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Model Answer

(a) Rahul said that it was difficult to fight against peer pressure as **youth easily got influenced by the lifestyle of its peers.**

(b) Radhika replied that peer pressure had its benefits as well; it **also motivated and inspired them to do better and work hard.**

Explanation

- This is a **Direct to Indirect Speech** (reported speech) transformation task.
- Key changes: present tense → past tense (*gets* → *got*, *motivate/inspire* → *motivated/inspired*).
- Pronoun shift: *our peers* → *it* (referring to peer pressure) / *us* → *them*.
- Keep the sentence grammatically continuous with the stem given — do not restart the sentence.

Q90.

[3]

The following paragraph has not been edited. There is one error in each line. Identify the error and write its correction against the correct blank number. Remember to underline the correction. The first one has been done for you.

(e.g.) While the worst for COVID-19 in India [Error: for → Correction: of] (example given) [0]

(a) seems to be over, one may remain [Error: _____ Correction: _____] [1]

(b) vigilant and response quickly to [Error: _____ Correction: _____] [1]

(c) any future spike of cases. [Error: _____ Correction: _____] [1]

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Error Correction (Editing/Omission)

Grammar – Error Correction

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Model Answer

(a) Error: **remain** → Correction: <u>must remain</u>

(The sentence requires a modal verb to express obligation/necessity with "vigilant".)

(b) Error: **response** → Correction: <u>respond</u>

(The verb must be in base form to maintain parallel structure with "remain" — "remain vigilant and respond quickly".)

(c) Error: **of** → Correction: <u>in</u>

(The correct collocation is "spike in cases", not "spike of cases".)

Explanation

- (a) "may remain" suggests mere possibility; the context demands obligation, so **must remain** is correct.
- (b) "response" is a noun; the sentence needs a verb parallel to "remain" — hence **respond**.
- (c) "spike" collocates with the preposition **in** (spike in cases), not "of". Watch preposition-collocation errors carefully — they are common in CBSE editing tasks.
- Always underline the correction in your answer sheet. No marks are given if the correction is not underlined.

Q91.

[2]

Read the following conversation and complete the passage that follows:

Neha: I'm really looking forward to the class picnic tomorrow.

Nanita: Yes, after a long time we will be meeting our friends and teachers.

Neha told Namita (1) _____ looking forward to the class picnic _____, Namita agreed that after a long time.
(2) _____ friends and teachers.

(1) Neha told Namita _____ looking forward to the class picnic _____. [1]

(2) _____ friends and teachers. [1]

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♦ Grammar

Reported Speech

Tenses

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Model Answer

(1) Neha told Namita that **she was** looking forward to the class picnic **the next day**.

(2) **they would be meeting their** friends and teachers.

Explanation

- In reported speech, "I'm" changes to "she was" (pronoun + tense shift), and "tomorrow" changes to "the next day."
- "we will be meeting" becomes "they would be meeting" (pronoun change + 'will' → 'would').
- These are the two standard transformations examiners check: tense backshift and pronoun/time-expression change.

Q92.

[3]

The following paragraph has an error in each line. Identify the error and write its correction against the correct blank number. The first one has been done as an example. ($1 \times 3 = 3$)

Air pollution is emerging like a (eg) Incorrect: like / Correct: as

global problem among the world. (a)

Much of our cities have (b)

industries which is responsible for 20% of the (c)

pollutants.

(a) global problem among the world. — Identify the error and write its correction. [1]

(b) Much of our cities have — Identify the error and write its correction. [1]

(c) industries which is responsible for 20% of the pollutants. — Identify the error and write its correction. [1]

Previously asked in: 2022 2/4/1 Q4

◆ Grammar

Error Correction (Editing/Omission)

Grammar – Error Correction

Subject-Verb Agreement

Subject-Verb Agreement / Verb Forms (Gap Filling)

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Model Answer

| Line | Incorrect | Correct |

|-----|-----|-----|

| (a) global problem among the world. | among | in |

| (b) Much of our cities have | Much | Many |

| (c) industries which is responsible for 20% of the pollutants. | is | are |

Explanation

- (a) "Among" is used for things within a group. The correct preposition with "world" is **in** (global problem in the world).
- (b) "Much" is used for uncountable nouns. "Cities" is countable and plural, so **many** is correct.
- (c) The subject "industries" is plural, so the verb must agree: **are** (not "is"). This tests subject-verb agreement.

Q93.

[2]

Ritika : Can I borrow your Math book for a couple of days ?

Mohit : Yes certainly, I have already studied for the test tomorrow.

Ritika asked Mohit (1) _____ for a couple of days. Mohit agreed and said that (2) _____,

Read the conversation and complete the passage that follows :

(1) Ritika asked Mohit (1) _____ for a couple of days. [1]

(2) Mohit agreed and said that (2) _____, [1]

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♦ Grammar

Reported Speech

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Model Answer

(1) Ritika asked Mohit **if she could borrow his Math book** for a couple of days.

(2) Mohit agreed and said that **he had already studied for the test the next day**.

Explanation

- **(1):** Direct question ("Can I borrow...?") changes to indirect speech: 'can' → 'could'; 'I' → 'she'; 'your' → 'his'. Use **if/whether** to introduce a yes/no question.
- **(2):** "Yes certainly" = agreed. "have already studied" (present perfect) → **had already studied** (past perfect). "tomorrow" → **the next day** (time expression changes in reported speech).

Q94.

[3]

Incorrect / Correct

eg A first Indian woman physician — Incorrect: A, Correct: The

(2) Anandibai Joshi graduated at 1886.

(3) About 125 years later, Indian women had start to outnumber men in

(4) admissions of medical colleges.

The following paragraph has an error in each line with a blank. Write the correct and the incorrect word in the blanks provided. The first one has been done for you.

(2) Anandibai Joshi graduated at 1886. [1]

(3) About 125 years later, Indian women had start to outnumber men in [1]

(4) admissions of medical colleges. [1]

Previously asked in: 2022 2/2/1 Q4

◆ Grammar

Articles (a/an/the)

Error Correction (Editing/Omission)

Grammar – Error Correction

Noun Forms / Collocations (admissions in/to)

Prepositions (at/in/on)

Tenses (Past Perfect)

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Model Answer

| Line | Incorrect | Correct |

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| (2) | at | in |

| (3) | start | started |

| (4) | of | to |

Explanation

- (2) Years require the preposition **"in"**, not "at" (e.g., *in 1886*).
- (3) After "had," the past participle is needed: **"had started"** (past perfect tense), not "had start."
- (4) The correct collocation is **"admissions to"** medical colleges, not "of" — "admission to" is the standard prepositional phrase.

Q95.

[1]

Identify the error in the statement given below and supply the correction :

Use the given format for your response.

Error | Correction

The evil of begging is very common into our country.

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◆ Grammar

Error Correction (Editing/Omission)

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Model Answer

| Error | Correction |

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| into | in |

Explanation

The correct preposition for expressing something prevalent within a country is "**in**" (not "into"). "Into" implies movement or direction, while "in" denotes location/state. The sentence should read: "*The evil of begging is very common **in** our country.*"

Q96.

[1]

Select the correct option to complete the narration of a dialogue between Raj and his wife :

Raj : I have invited my friends for dinner.

Wife : I'll invite my friends too.

Raj told his wife that he had invited his friends for dinner. The wife added that _____.

- (a) she will invite her friends too
- (b) she would invite her friends too
- (c) she can invite her friends too
- (d) she could invite her friends too

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◆ Grammar

Grammar – Reported Speech

Reported Speech (Statements)

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Model Answer

The correct option is **(b) she would invite her friends too.**

Explanation

In reported speech, when the reporting verb is in the past tense ("told/added"), the auxiliary "will" changes to "would." Options (c) and (d) change the meaning. Option (a) incorrectly retains "will."

Q97.

[1]

Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option to complete the slogan :

_____ EDUCATED MIND CAN TEACH MANY.

- (a) THE
- (b) A
- (c) AN
- (d) THIS

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◆ Grammar

Slogan Writing

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Model AnswerThe correct option is **(c) AN****AN** EDUCATED MIND CAN TEACH MANY.

('An' is used before words beginning with a vowel sound; 'educated' begins with a vowel sound /e/.)

Explanation

The article '**an**' is used before words that begin with a vowel sound. Since 'educated' starts with the vowel sound /e/, 'an' is the correct choice. Options 'a' and 'the' are incorrect because 'a' is used before consonant sounds, and 'the' is used for specific/known nouns. 'This' is a demonstrative adjective and does not fit the slogan structure.

Q98.

[1]

Ritu met Anita and saw her crying.

Report Ritu's question.

Ritu : "Anita, what is the matter ?"

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◆ Grammar

Reported Speech

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Model Answer

Ritu asked Anita what the matter was.

Explanation

In indirect speech, the Wh-question is reported using the reporting verb "asked," the conjunction is the question word itself ("what"), and the sentence changes to affirmative (statement) word order. Tense shifts: "is" → "was."

Q99.**[1]**

Identify the error in the given sentence and supply the correction :

Behind every success film there is a lengthy creative process.

Use the given format for your response.

Error | Correction

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◆ Grammar

Grammar – Error Correction

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Error | Correction

success | successful

Explanation

"Success" is a noun; the sentence needs an adjective to modify the noun "film." The correct adjective form is "successful." Examiners look for identifying the exact incorrect word and supplying the right form.

Q100.**[1]**

Report the dialogue between two friends Seema and Anu, by completing the sentence :

Seema : What brings you here ?

Anu : I am going to Dr. Sen's house.

In response to the question about what brought Anu there, Anu says _____.

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◆ Grammar

Grammar – Reported Speech

Reported Speech (Direct to Indirect)

Reported Speech (Statements)

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Anu said that she was going to Dr. Sen's house.

Explanation

In reported speech, the present continuous tense ("am going") changes to past continuous ("was going"), and the pronoun "I" changes to "she" according to the subject of the reporting clause. The reporting verb used for a statement is "said."

Q101.

[1]

Fill in the blank by using the correct form of the word in the bracket :

When a satellite _____ (launch), the rocket begins by going slowly upwards.

- (a) is launched
- (b) are launched
- (c) have been launched
- (d) were launched

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◆ Grammar

Passive Voice / Verb Forms

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Model Answer**(a) is launched**

The sentence uses a present tense conditional/temporal clause with a singular subject "a satellite," requiring the passive form **is launched**.

Explanation

- "When" introduces a present tense time clause, so a past tense (d) is wrong.
- "Satellite" is singular, so "are launched" (b) and "have been launched" (c) are incorrect.
- The passive voice is needed because the satellite receives the action of launching. → **is launched** is the correct answer.

Q102.

[1]

Complete the given narrative, by filling in the blanks with the correct option :

NO NEWS _____ GOOD NEWS.

- (a) HAS
- (b) HAD
- (c) IS
- (d) ARE

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◆ Grammar

Gap Filling / Sentence Completion

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Model Answer

The correct option is **(c) IS**

"No news **is** good news." — 'No news' is a singular subject (a phrase/concept), so it takes the singular verb 'is'.

Explanation

This is a well-known English proverb. The subject 'No news' is treated as a singular noun phrase, so it requires the singular verb 'is'. 'Are' would be used for a plural subject. 'Has/Had' are incorrect as they change the meaning entirely. Examiners expect the student to identify subject-verb agreement and recognise the standard proverb form.

Q103.**[1]**

Select the option that identifies the error and supplies the correction for the following sentence :

Twenty years ago, kids at school had never even heard of the internet.

A Error: years | Correction: year

B Error: at | Correction: in

C Error: had | Correction: have

D Error: the | Correction: an

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◆ Grammar

Grammar – Error Correction

Tenses (Past Perfect)

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Option **B** — Error: **at** | Correction: **in**

The correct preposition with "school" as an institution is "in school," not "at school."

Explanation

"In school" refers to being enrolled as a student (institutional sense). "At school" refers to physical location. In this context, the sentence means kids were students, so "in school" is correct. Examiner expects you to identify both the error word and the replacement precisely.

Q104.**[1]**

Select the correct option to fill in the blank for the given sentence :

_____ you help me cross the road, young man ?

(a) Will

(b) May

(c) Shall

(d) Might

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Gap Filling / Sentence Completion

Word Choice / Confusing Words

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The correct option is **(a) Will** — "Will you help me cross the road, young man?" ('Will' is used to make a polite request.)

Explanation

'Will' is used for polite requests in everyday conversation. 'May' and 'Might' express possibility/permission, and 'Shall' is used for offers or suggestions (typically with I/we), not requests directed at others. Examiners expect students to know the functional use of modals.

Q105.**[1]**

Read the conversations between a customer and a waiter. Complete the sentence by reporting the waiter's reply correctly :

Customer : Waiter, come here. The plate is dirty.

Waiter : I'll change it sir.

The customer asked the waiter to come there. He pointed out that the plate was dirty. The waiter politely offered _____.

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♦ Grammar

Grammar – Reported Speech

Reported Speech (Direct to Indirect)

Reported Speech (Statements)

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...to change it, saying he would replace the dirty plate with a clean one immediately.

Explanation

The blank requires reported speech for "I'll change it, sir." Key changes: "I'll" → "he would", "it" → reporting the waiter's offer politely. The verb "offered" is already given, so the blank must complete the reported offer naturally. Keep it brief — one line only.

Q106.**[1]**

Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option :

You should _____ your mother for your rude behaviour.

- (a) apologise for
- (b) apologise at
- (c) apologise with
- (d) apologise to

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♦ Grammar

Modals (should/must/ought to – Obligation & Instruction)

Phrasal Verbs / Verb + Preposition (apologise to)

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The correct answer is **(d) apologise to**.

The complete sentence: *You should **apologise to** your mother for your rude behaviour.*

Explanation

"Apologise to" is the correct preposition collocate — we always apologise **to** a person and **for** the offence. Options (a), (b), and (c) use incorrect prepositions with this verb.

Q107.**[1]**

Fill in the blank with the correct option:

There is something wonderful waiting _____ her, when she reaches home.

- (a) of
- (b) about
- (c) for
- (d) inside

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◆ Grammar

Gap Filling / Sentence Completion

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Model AnswerThe correct answer is **(c) for**."There is something wonderful waiting **for** her, when she reaches home."**Explanation**

"Waiting for someone" is the correct prepositional phrase in English. "For" indicates the intended recipient of the waiting. Options (a) "of," (b) "about," and (d) "inside" do not collocate grammatically with "waiting" in this context.

Q108.**[1]**

Select the correct option to complete the narration of the dialogue between Shyam and Shivam.

Shyam: [asked if Shivam had watched the new film]

Shivam: Yes, I have. The actor has done a marvellous job.

Shyam met his friend Shivam and they began talking. Shyam affirmed and said

- (a) that the actor has done a marvellous job.
- (b) that the actor had done a marvellous job.
- (c) that the actor has been doing a marvellous job.
- (d) that the actor could have done a marvellous job.

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◆ Grammar

Grammar – Reported Speech

Reported Speech (Indirect Speech) - Reporting Questions

Reported Speech (Statements)

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Model AnswerThe correct option is **(b) that the actor had done a marvellous job.****Explanation**

When reporting speech, if the direct speech verb is in present perfect ("has done"), it shifts to past perfect ("had done") in reported speech, following the rule of tense backshift.

Q109.

[1]

Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option to complete the slogan by the Animal Welfare Board.

_____ WE CUT TREES AND DESTROY NATURAL HABITAT? STOP! BEFORE IT IS TOO LATE.

- (a) MIGHT
- (b) MAY
- (c) MUST
- (d) COULD

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◆ Grammar

Subject-Verb Agreement / Verb Forms (Gap Filling)

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Model Answer

The correct option is **(c) MUST**

"MUST we cut trees and destroy natural habitat? Stop! Before it is too late."

Must is used here to express a rhetorical question conveying strong moral obligation/criticism.

Explanation

"Must" is used to express strong obligation or moral compulsion. In rhetorical slogans, "must we...?" conveys a strong reproach — questioning whether we are compelled to do something harmful. The other options (may, might, could) suggest permission or possibility, which weakens the impact of the slogan. Examiners expect students to identify the modal that best fits the tone of urgency and moral responsibility in a public awareness slogan.

Q110.

[1]

Sunil shared some information with Sunita about the story he was reading. What was the theme of the story?

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Madam Rides the Bus

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Model Answer

The story was themed around trust and betrayal — a young boy befriends Anil, who trusts him completely, and the question is whether the boy betrays that trust.

Explanation

The pre-reading introduction of Chapter 2 directly states the theme: friendship, trust, and the moral choice of betrayal. Examiners expect students to identify these key ideas from the chapter introduction. One line is sufficient for 1 mark.

Q111.

[1]

Identify the error in the given sentence from a school magazine report and supply the correction:

When I was a child, my grandmother often repetition the story of her childhood days.

Use the given format for your response.

Error | Correction

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◆ Grammar

Grammar – Error Correction

Grammar – Verb Forms / Tense

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Model Answer

Error | Correction

repetition | repeated

Explanation

"Repetition" is a noun; the sentence needs a verb in the simple past tense. The correct verb form is "repeated."
Examiners award the mark only if both columns are correctly filled.

Q112.

[1]

Report the dialogue between a grandson and his grandfather by completing the sentence:

Grandson: Grandpa, can you tell me what inspired you to set up a school in the village?

Grandfather: Seeing the lack of adequate facilities and the children's desire to learn.

In response to the question about his reason for setting up of a village school, the grandfather says that _____.

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◆ Grammar

Grammar – Reported Speech

Reported Speech (Statements)

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Model Answer

the grandfather says that he was inspired to set up the school **seeing the lack of adequate facilities and the children's desire to learn** in the village.

Explanation

This is a reported speech (indirect speech) fill-in-the-blank. The key rule here is to convert the direct response into a *that*-clause and shift the perspective from first to third person. The grandfather's exact words become the content of the reported clause. No tense backshift is strictly needed here as it describes a general reason, but the structure "says that + reported content" is what examiners expect. Keep it to one smooth sentence.

Q113.

[1]

Fill in the blank by using the correct form of the word given in the brackets, for the given portion of a letter:

Subject: Request for permission to participate in the Meet.

Dear Sir

I would like to request for permission to participate in the forthcoming inter-school cultural meet. I _____ (interest) in taking part in the dance drama.

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◆ Grammar

Grammar – Verb Forms / Tense

Verb Form – Present Perfect / Passive (am interested)

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Model Answer

Fill in the blank:

I **am interested** in taking part in the dance drama.

Explanation

The verb "interest" must be written in the present tense passive form "am interested" — this is a formal letter written in the present tense, and "interested" here is used as an adjective/passive construction with the auxiliary "am." Common error: writing "am interesting" (which describes the subject, not the subject's feeling).

Q114.

[1]

Complete the given narrative by filling in the blank with the correct option:

The students _____ to participate in the workshop, and submit a report at the end of the day to the English teacher.

- (a) were ask
- (b) had been asked
- (c) will have asked
- (d) were asked

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◆ Grammar

Subject-Verb Agreement / Tense (Verb Forms)

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Model Answer

The correct option is **(d) were asked**.

The sentence requires passive voice in simple past tense; "were asked" correctly conveys that students received instructions to participate and submit a report.

Explanation

- **(a) "were ask"** is grammatically incorrect — past participle "asked" must follow "were."
- **(b) "had been asked"** implies the action was completed before another past event, which doesn't fit the simple narrative context.
- **(c) "will have asked"** is future perfect active, which is wrong in meaning and voice.
- **(d) "were asked"** is simple past passive — correct here because the students are the receivers of the action (they were asked *by* someone), and the sentence flows naturally into the second clause ("and submit a report").

Key tip: When the subject receives the action and no future/perfect time reference is given, use simple past passive: **was/were + past participle**.

Q115.

[1]

Select the option that identifies the error and supplies the correction for the following line from a news report:
Yesterday, two man were rescued from a deep sewer by a policeman.

- (a) Error: man | Correction: men
- (b) Error: rescued | Correction: rescue
- (c) Error: from | Correction: for
- (d) Error: by | Correction: in

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◆ Grammar

Determiners

Error Correction (Editing/Omission)

Grammar – Error Correction

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Model Answer

(a) Error: man | Correction: men

"Two" is a plural subject, so the plural noun "men" (not the singular "man") must be used.

Explanation

The sentence has two persons, so the plural form "men" is required. "Man" is singular; "men" is its irregular plural. The verb "were" is already correctly plural. Options (b), (c), and (d) introduce errors where none exist.

Q116.

[1]

Select the correct option to fill in the blank for the given line from a fashion magazine.
_____ special. Pick the perfect look.

- (a) Must
- (b) Can
- (c) Will
- (d) Ought to

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◆ Grammar

Gap Filling / Sentence Completion

Word Choice / Confusing Words

Word Choice / Vocabulary in Context

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Model Answer

The correct option is **(a) Must** — "Must be special. Pick the perfect look."

Explanation

"Must" expresses strong certainty/obligation, fitting the persuasive, commanding tone of a fashion magazine tagline. The other modals — *can* (possibility), *will* (future), *ought to* (advice) — do not convey the assertive, emphatic style typical of fashion writing.

Q117.

[1]

Read the conversation between a driver and his passenger. Complete the sentence by reporting the dialogue.

Driver: Do the bus timings suit you?

Passenger: Yes, if I catch the 9 a.m. one, I reach office on time.

The driver was trying to figure out whether the bus timings were convenient to the passenger. The passenger clarified that _____.

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♦ Grammar

Conditional Sentences (Third Conditional)

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Model Answer

...if he/she caught the 9 a.m. bus, he/she would reach the office on time.

Explanation

In reported speech, the present tense ("catch") shifts to past ("caught"), and "I" changes to "he/she." The conditional "if I catch...I reach" becomes "if he/she caught...he/she would reach." Examiners check for correct tense backshift and pronoun change.

Q118.

[1]

Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option to complete the following report:

The inspector _____ the group sitting behind the shed and took them by surprise.

- (a) walked up
- (b) walked away
- (c) walked into
- (d) walked up on

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♦ Grammar

Subject-Verb Agreement / Verb Forms (Gap Filling)

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Model Answer

The correct option is **(d) walked up on**.

"The inspector **walked up on** the group sitting behind the shed and took them by surprise."

Explanation

"Walked up on" means to approach someone suddenly/unnoticed, making it the correct phrasal verb here.

"Walked up" (without 'on') lacks the sense of surprising someone; "walked away" means to leave; "walked into" means to enter a place, not to approach a group stealthily.

Q119.

[10]

1 Unsafe water kills more people each year than do war and all other forms of violence combined. Meanwhile, our drinkable water sources are finite : less than 1 percent of the Earth's water is actually accessible to us. Without action, the challenges will only increase by 2050, when global demand for freshwater is expected to be one-third greater than it is now.

2 Water is able to dissolve more substances than any other liquid on Earth. Water pollution is the release of substances into subsurface groundwater or into lakes, streams, rivers, estuaries, and oceans to the point where the substances interfere with beneficial use of the water or with the natural functioning of ecosystems. In addition to the release of substances, such as chemicals, trash, or microorganisms, water pollution may also include the release of energy, in the form of radioactivity or heat, into bodies of water. The key causatives of water pollution in India are urbanization, deforestation, industrial effluents and agricultural run-offs with the use of insecticides and pesticides. The other causes are social and religious offerings in water bodies and the use of detergents and fertilizers.

3 Water pollution can have disastrous consequences on the ecosystem. Furthermore, toxic chemicals can travel through the food chain and get into our bodies, causing diseases and death.

4 There is no single or simple answer to stop the water pollution crisis. However, there are many solutions to prevent water pollution, both in our daily lives and within industries. They are wastewater treatment, reducing plastic waste and water conservation. In addition to this, we must have water-efficient toilets, stormwater management and ozone wastewater treatment.

Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions given below:

- (i) Infer one reason for the following, based on information in para 1. Less than 1 percent of the Earth's water is actually accessible to us. [1]
- (ii) Select the appropriate option to fill in the blank: Water is uniquely vulnerable to _____. [1]
- (a) season
 - (b) pollution
 - (c) water bodies
 - (d) extreme weather conditions
- (iii) Complete the following analogy correctly with a word/phrase from paragraph 2: vulnerable : resilient : : artificial : _____. (Clue : just as resilient is the opposite of vulnerable, similarly the opposite of artificial is _____.) [1]
- (iv) Select the correct option to complete the following sentence: Water pollution can have disastrous consequences on _____. [1]
- (a) the ecosystem
 - (b) weather conditions
 - (c) unexpected rainfall
 - (d) flash floods
- (v) From the chart, identify two causes of water pollution in our homes. [1]
- (vi) Fill in the blank by selecting the correct option: One of the solutions of preventing water pollution is _____. [1]
- (a) building industries near water bodies
 - (b) water conservation and reducing plastic waste
 - (c) avoiding swimming

(d) reducing farming

(vii) Substitute the word causative with one word similar in meaning in the following sentence: The key causative of water pollution in India must be addressed. [1]

(viii) According to the writer, water pollution is defined as _____. (Para 2) [1]

(ix) List one way in which religious rituals impact water bodies. [1]

(x) Select the most suitable title for the passage from the following: [1]

- (a) Water Pollution — A Concern
- (b) Unsafe Water — A Menace
- (c) Universal Solvent Water — An Urgent Need
- (d) Global Concern

Previously asked in: 2023 2/5/1 Q2

◆ Reading Skills

Factual and Inferential Reading Comprehension – Floods/Environment Passage

Factual and Inferential Reading Comprehension – Water/Environment Passage

Inferential Reading – Implied Meaning of Phrases

Word Choice / Confusing Words

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Model Answer

(i) Our drinkable water sources are finite, meaning the total supply is limited. Since only a tiny fraction of all Earth's water is fresh and accessible, less than 1% is available for human use.

(ii) (b) pollution

(Water dissolves more substances than any other liquid, making it uniquely vulnerable to pollution.)

(iii) natural

(Just as resilient is the opposite of vulnerable, **natural** is the opposite of artificial.)

(iv) (a) the ecosystem

(Para 3 states: "Water pollution can have disastrous consequences on the ecosystem.")

(v) Two causes of water pollution in our homes (from the chart/passage):

- Use of detergents and fertilizers
- Social and religious offerings in water bodies

(vi) (b) water conservation and reducing plastic waste

(vii) The word similar in meaning to **causative** is **cause** (or *factor*).

(viii) According to the writer, water pollution is defined as the release of substances into subsurface groundwater or into lakes, streams, rivers, estuaries, and oceans to the point where they interfere with the beneficial use of water or the natural functioning of ecosystems.

(ix) Religious rituals impact water bodies through **social and religious offerings** made directly into them, which act as pollutants and interfere with the natural functioning of the water bodies.

(x) (b) Unsafe Water — A Menace

(The passage focuses on the dangers of unsafe/polluted water and its widespread harmful impact.)

Source: Reading Comprehension Passage — Water Pollution

Explanation

- Each sub-question carries 1 mark, so one precise line/point per answer is enough.
- For analogy (iii), the passage uses "natural functioning," making **natural** the clear antonym of artificial.

- For (v), home-based causes mentioned are detergents/fertilizers and religious offerings — avoid industrial ones like effluents.
- For (vii), "cause" or "factor" are both acceptable synonyms for "causative."
- For (x), option (b) best covers the passage's central theme — danger of unsafe/polluted water across all paragraphs. Option (a) is too narrow; (c) and (d) are vague.
- Always quote or closely paraphrase the passage for definition-type answers (viii).

Q120.**[1]**

Fill in the blank with the correct option:

The number of people attending this evening's annual function is _____.

- (a) fewer
- (b) few
- (c) less
- (d) much

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Model Answer

The correct option is **(c) less**.

Explanation

"Less" is used with uncountable or abstract quantities, but here it refers to *number of people* (countable). However, in standard CBSE grammar exercises at this level, "less" is the expected answer when referring to a reduced quantity in formal/general contexts. Note: strictly speaking, "fewer" is grammatically correct for countable nouns, but check your specific textbook answer key, as some editions accept "less" as the intended answer here.

> ⚠ **If your textbook/answer key marks (a) fewer as correct**, go with **fewer** — it is grammatically precise for countable nouns like *people*. Most grammar authorities prefer *fewer* for countable nouns.

Recommended answer for board exam: (c) less (or (a) fewer — confirm with your teacher).

Q121.

[1]

Complete the given narrative by filling in the blank with the correct option:

The residents promised to _____ the President of the association in his demand for proper garbage disposal systems.

- (a) stood by
- (b) stand by
- (c) stand against
- (d) stood for

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♦ Grammar

Word Choice / Confusing Words

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Model Answer

The correct option is **(b) stand by**.

The residents promised to **stand by** the President of the association in his demand for proper garbage disposal systems.

Explanation

"Stand by" means to support someone. The sentence requires the base form (infinitive) after "promised to," so "stood by" (past tense) and "stood for" (past tense, different meaning) are incorrect. "Stand against" means to oppose, which contradicts the meaning here.

Q122.

[1]

Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option.

His brother along with his friends _____ leaving for the stadium.

- (a) are
- (b) has
- (c) is
- (d) were

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♦ Grammar

Subject-Verb Agreement

Tense / Subject-Verb Agreement (Gap Fill)

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Model Answer

The correct option is **(c) is**

When two subjects are joined by "along with," the verb agrees with the first subject ("his brother"), which is singular, so "is" is used.

Explanation

"Along with," "as well as," "together with," etc. are not conjunctions — they don't make the subject plural. The verb always agrees with the subject before these phrases. Here, "his brother" (singular) is the main subject, so a singular verb "is" is correct.

Q123.**[1]**

Select the correct option to complete the narration of the dialogue between Ajay and his friend.

Friend: Ajay, did you buy a zoom lens with your camera?

Ajay: No, I did not. I ran out of money.

Ajay's friend asked Ajay whether he had bought a zoom lens with his camera. Ajay replied that he had not because _____.

- (a) he was running out of money
- (b) he has ran out of money
- (c) he have run out of money
- (d) he had run out of money

Previously asked in: 2023 2/2/1 Q3 (ix)

♦ Grammar

Grammar – Reported Speech

Reported Speech (Direct to Indirect)

Reported Speech (Statements)

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The correct option is **(d) he had run out of money.**

Explanation

In reported speech, Simple Past ("ran out") shifts back to Past Perfect ("had run out"). Option (d) uses the correct tense and subject-verb agreement.

Q124.**[1]**

Identify the error on a shop sign and supply the correction.

World Wide Travels Pvt. Ltd.

Beaspur, Sewana

For travel informations, contact the twenty-four hour help-desk

Use the given format for your response.

Error: _____ | Correction: _____

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♦ Grammar

Error Correction (Editing/Omission)

Grammar – Error Correction

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Error: **informations** | Correction: **information**

(Note: "information" is an uncountable noun and has no plural form.)

Explanation

Examiners look for identification of the grammatical error (incorrect use of plural for an uncountable noun) and the exact correction. "Information" cannot be pluralised in English — this is a common error tested in grammar/editing questions.

Q125.**[1]**

Complete the sentence with the appropriate option.

Two-thirds of the students _____ present at the inaugural function.

- (a) is
- (b) being
- (c) was
- (d) were

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◆ Grammar

Subject-Verb Agreement

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The correct answer is **(d) were**.

Two-thirds of the students **were** present at the inaugural function.

Explanation

When a fraction (like two-thirds) refers to a plural noun ("students"), the verb must be plural — "were." Subject-verb agreement rule: fraction + plural noun = plural verb.

Q126.**[1]**

Fill in the blank by using the correct form of the word given in the brackets.

The names of the applicants were _____ (list) in the report and submitted to the manager.

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◆ Grammar

Grammar – Word Forms / Verb Forms

Word Forms – Verb to Adjective/Participle (e.g. listed, broken, written)

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The names of the applicants were **listed** in the report and submitted to the manager.

Explanation

The sentence requires the **past participle** form of the verb "list" (i.e., *listed*), as it is used in the **passive voice** ("were listed"). The helping verb "were" signals a passive construction, so the past participle is needed, not the base form or present participle.

Q127.

[1]

Complete the given narrative by filling in the blank with the correct option:

Not only did Mayank work hard to win the trophy, _____ helped the juniors to improve their skills.

- (a) he as well as
- (b) but he also
- (c) and he also
- (d) just as he

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◆ Grammar

Correlative Conjunctions (Not only...but also)

Gap Filling / Sentence Completion

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Model Answer

(b) but he also

The correct answer is (b) *but he also*. The sentence uses the correlative conjunction pair "not only ... but also," which is the standard structure for adding emphasis.

Explanation

"Not only ... but also" is a fixed correlative conjunction pair used to add a second (often more impressive) point. The other options break grammatical or idiomatic rules: "as well as" doesn't pair with "not only," "and he also" is grammatically weak here, and "just as he" changes the meaning entirely. Examiners expect students to recognise correlative conjunctions in fill-in-the-blank grammar questions.

Q128.

[1]

Select the option that identifies the error and supplies the correction for the following traffic advisory:

Whoever drove a motor vehicle without a safety belt or carries passengers without seat belts will be fined.

- (a) Error: drove | Correction: drives
- (b) Error: or | Correction: nor
- (c) Error: without | Correction: within
- (d) Error: fined | Correction: celebrated

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◆ Grammar

Error Correction (Editing/Omission)

Grammar – Error Correction

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Model Answer

(a) Error: drove | Correction: drives

Explanation

The sentence is a general rule/law (traffic advisory), so it requires **Simple Present tense** ("drives"), not Simple Past ("drove"). The subject "whoever" also demands a singular present-tense verb.

Q129.

[1]

Select the correct option to fill in the blank for the given line from a daily newspaper:

The cars were stopped _____ going any further due to a traffic diversion.

- (a) to
- (b) from
- (c) within
- (d) by

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Gap Filling / Sentence Completion

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Model Answer

The correct option is **(b) from**.

The cars were stopped **from** going any further due to a traffic diversion.

Explanation

"Stop someone/something **from** doing something" is the correct prepositional usage. The verb *stop* collocates with *from* when followed by a gerund (-ing form). The other options — *to*, *within*, *by* — do not fit this grammatical structure.

Q130.

[1]

Read the conversation between a coach and his player. Complete the sentence by reporting the player's reply correctly.

Coach: Will you be able to report for morning practice during the summer break?

Player: Sir, I will report every morning at 7 a.m. sharp.

The coach while talking to the player asked him whether he would be able to report for morning practice. The player affirmed _____.

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◆ Grammar

Grammar – Reported Speech

Reported Speech (Direct to Indirect)

Reported Speech (Statements)

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Model Answer

that he would report every morning at 7 a.m. sharp.

Explanation

In reported speech, the pronoun "I" changes to "he" (matching the subject of the reporting verb), and "will" changes to "would" (backshift of tense). The reporting verb "affirmed" indicates a positive statement, so no question structure is needed — just complete the clause naturally.

Q131.

[1]

The teacher motivated the students by letting them know that if they _____ submit their assignments by the end of the day, they might get an opportunity to watch the match.

- (a) did not
- (b) must
- (c) would
- (d) were

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◆ Grammar

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Model Answer

The correct answer is **(a) did not**

The sentence reads: "...if they **did not** submit their assignments by the end of the day, they might get an opportunity to watch the match."

Explanation

The sentence uses a conditional structure ("if...might"). The motivating contrast requires a negative condition — failing to submit leads to the reward. "Did not" fits grammatically (past tense in the if-clause) and logically. The other options are grammatically or contextually incorrect here.

Q132.

[1]

Identify the error in the newspaper headline.

Attractive packages for different Tourist destination – Mizoram, Kashmir, Kerala, Goa.

Use the given format for your response:

Error | Correction

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◆ Grammar

Error Correction (Editing/Omission)

Grammar – Error Correction

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Model Answer

| Error | Correction |

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| **destination** (singular) | **destinations** (plural) |

Explanation

Since multiple places (Mizoram, Kashmir, Kerala, Goa) are listed, the noun must be plural — "Tourist destinations." Examiners look for the grammar error and its correct form in the exact format asked.

Q133.

[1]

Select the correct option to complete the narration of the dialogue between Anil and Sanjeev:

Anil: Where are you going?

Sanjeev: To the airport.

Anil: May I drop you there as I'm going in that direction?

Anil asked Sanjeev where he was going and offered to drop him as _____.

- (a) he could be going in that direction
- (b) he would be going in the direction
- (c) he is going in the direction
- (d) he was going in that direction

Previously asked in: 2023 2/1/1 Q3 (xi)

◆ Grammar

Grammar – Reported Speech

Reported Speech (Direct to Indirect)

Reported Speech (Interrogative)

Reported Speech (Statements)

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Model Answer

The correct option is **(d) he was going in that direction.**

Explanation

In reported speech, the present tense "am going" shifts to past tense "was going," and "this" shifts to "that." Option (d) correctly applies both rules.

Q134.

[1]

Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option, to complete the slogan:

_____ smile and pass it to others.

- (a) Happy
- (b) Short
- (c) Always
- (d) Humble

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◆ Grammar

Subject-Verb Agreement / Verb Forms (Gap Filling)

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Model Answer**(c) Always**

"**Always** smile and pass it to others."

Explanation

This is a standard slogan/phrase commonly found in CBSE English textbooks and supplementary reading material. "Always smile and pass it on" is a well-known motivational phrase. The other options (Happy, Short, Humble) do not grammatically or meaningfully complete the slogan in the same way.

Q135.**[1]**

Ritu and Randeep are talking. Report Ritu's question.

Ritu – Where are you going?

Ritu asked _____.

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◆ Grammar

Reported Speech - Questions

Reported Speech – Reporting Questions (Interrogative Sentences)

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Ritu asked Randeep where he was going.

Explanation

In reported speech, the question word (where) is retained, the helping verb (are) is removed, word order changes to subject + verb (he was going), and the pronoun 'you' changes to 'he'. Present continuous 'are going' becomes past continuous 'was going' (tense backshift).

Q136.**[1]**

Identify the error in the given sentence:

The ship Titanic and her fate continues to fascinate the imagination of the people.

Use the given format for your response:

Error | Correction

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◆ Grammar

Subject-Verb Agreement

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Error | Correction

continues | continue

(Subject is plural: "The ship Titanic and her fate" — compound subject takes plural verb.)

Explanation

When two subjects are joined by "and," they form a compound subject requiring a plural verb. "Continues" (singular) must be changed to "continue" (plural).

Q137.**[1]**

Report the dialogue between a mother and a daughter by completing the sentence:

Mother: Why are you looking so worried?

Daughter: My exams are approaching.

In response to the question of the mother, the daughter replied that _____.

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◆ Grammar

Grammar – Reported Speech

Reported Speech (Direct to Indirect)

Reported Speech (Statements)

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...her exams were approaching.

Explanation

This is indirect (reported) speech. The present tense verb "are" changes to past tense "were," and the pronoun "my" changes to "her" to match the subject (the daughter). The reporting clause is already given; only the reported clause is needed.

Q138.**[1]**

Fill in the blank by using the correct word in the bracket.

Anyas _____ (eat) all the chocolates kept in the tray.

- (a) ate
- (b) eating
- (c) have eaten
- (d) eaten

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◆ Grammar

Tenses (Verb Forms)

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(a) ate

Anyas **ate** all the chocolates kept in the tray.

Explanation

The sentence refers to a completed past action (all chocolates are gone), so the simple past tense "ate" is correct. "Eating" is a present participle, "have eaten" requires a plural subject, and "eaten" alone cannot function as a verb without an auxiliary.

Q139.

[1]

Complete the given narrative, by filling in the blank with the correct option:

Heena _____ from fever since last Sunday.

- (a) suffered
- (b) will suffer
- (c) suffer
- (d) has been suffering

Previously asked in: 2023 2/1/1 Q3 (v)

◆ Grammar

Gap Filling / Sentence Completion

Tense / Subject-Verb Agreement (Gap Fill)

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Model Answer

(d) has been suffering

Heena **has been suffering** from fever since last Sunday. The phrase "since last Sunday" indicates an action that started in the past and continues to the present, requiring the present perfect continuous tense.

Explanation

The key indicator here is "**since last Sunday**" — whenever "since" is used to show a point of time from which an action began and is still continuing, we use **Present Perfect Continuous** (has/have + been + V-ing). The other options are wrong: "suffered" is simple past (completed action), "will suffer" is future, and "suffer" is simple present.

Q140.

[1]

Select the option that identifies the error and supplies the correction for the following line:

I can run fast when I was young.

- a Error: was | Correction: is
- b Error: run | Correction: ran
- c Error: can | Correction: could
- d Error: when | Correction: whence

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◆ Grammar

Error Correction (Editing/Omission)

Grammar – Error Correction

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Model Answer

(c) Error: can | Correction: could

The sentence refers to past ability, so the past modal "could" is correct instead of "can."

Explanation

When a sentence expresses ability in the past (signalled by "when I was young"), the modal verb must also be in the past form. "Can" is present tense; "could" is its past equivalent. This is a tense-consistency error — a common grammar question type in CBSE board exams.

Q141.

[1]

Read the conversation between two friends Ravi and Reena. Complete the sentence by reporting Reena's reply correctly.

Ravi: "Reena, lend me hundred rupees".

Reena: "I don't have it right now, but I will arrange it for you".

Ravi asked Reena to lend him hundred rupees, to which Reena replied that _____.

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♦ Grammar

Reported Speech (Direct to Indirect)

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Model Answer

She did not have it right then, but she would arrange it for him.

Explanation

In reported speech: present tense ("don't have") shifts to past ("did not have"); future "will arrange" shifts to "would arrange"; "you" changes to "him"; "right now" changes to "right then." Keep it in one smooth clause.

Q142.

[1]

Select the correct option to fill in the blank for the given line:

Bread and butter _____ my favourite breakfast.

- (a) is
- (b) am
- (c) are
- (d) has been

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♦ Grammar

Subject-Verb Agreement / Verb Forms (Gap Filling)

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Model Answer

(a) is

"Bread and butter" is treated as a single unit (one item), so it takes a singular verb — **is**.

Explanation

When two things are habitually combined and referred to as a single concept (e.g., "bread and butter," "rice and curry"), the verb is singular. This is a standard Subject-Verb Agreement rule tested in CBSE grammar. Options (b) "am" is for first person singular, (c) "are" is plural, and (d) "has been" is grammatically possible but contextually unnatural here — "is" is the correct and expected answer.

Q143.

[1]

Reena always _____ the truth.

- (a) speak
- (b) speaks
- (c) will speak
- (d) speaking

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◆ Grammar

Subject-Verb Agreement / Simple Present Tense

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Model Answer

(b) speaks

Reena always **speaks** the truth. (Simple Present Tense; singular subject "Reena" takes verb + s.)

Explanation

"Always" signals a habitual action → Simple Present Tense. With a third-person singular subject (Reena = she), the verb must have **-s**: *speaks*. Options (a), (c), and (d) are incorrect forms for this context.

Q144.

[1]

Identify the error and supply the correction for the following note in a smart watch manual.

When the watch is connected to the mobile phone, the watch may automatically calibrate and synchronize with the time of the mobile phone.

Use the given format for your response.

Error | Correction

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◆ Grammar

Error Correction (Editing/Omission)

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| Error | Correction |

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| "may" (expresses uncertainty) | "will" (the synchronization is an automatic, certain function) |

Explanation

In a smart watch manual, instructions/features must be stated with certainty. "May" implies possibility/doubt, which is incorrect for a definite automatic function. "Will" conveys certainty. Examiners expect you to identify the modal verb error and give the precise correction.

Q145.

[1]

Complete the line from a Save the Planet song, by filling in the blank with the correct option.

To save the planet for me and you

E is for environment, keep it clean

If we _____ together, we'll make the best team.

A will be standing

B stand

C had stood

D are standing

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◆ Grammar

Subject-Verb Agreement / Verb Forms (Gap Filling)

Tense / Subject-Verb Agreement (Gap Fill)

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Model Answer

The correct answer is **B. stand**

The line should read: "If we **stand** together, we'll make the best team."

Explanation

This is a grammar-based question testing the use of the **zero conditional / general truth structure**: *If + subject + present simple, subject + will + verb*. Since the other clause uses "we'll make," the *if*-clause requires the simple present "stand." Options A and D are continuous forms (incorrect here), and C (past perfect) is used for unreal/third conditional — both are wrong.

Q146.

[1]

Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option to complete the part of the grievance posted by a citizen on a social media platform.

Crossing this stretch at any time of the day is a challenge. Even during afternoons, there _____ ice cream vendors on the road with people crowding around their carts.

A were

B are

C have been

D would be

Previously asked in: 2024 2/5/1 Q3 (x)

◆ Grammar

Gap Filling / Sentence Completion

Subject-Verb Agreement / Verb Forms (Gap Filling)

Tense / Subject-Verb Agreement (Gap Fill)

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Model Answer

The correct answer is **B: are**.

Explanation

The sentence describes a **present, habitual/recurring situation** ("at any time of the day"), so the simple present tense "are" is correct. "Were" is past tense; "have been" implies a completed action; "would be" is conditional — none fit a current, ongoing complaint.

Q147.

[1]

Report the following dialogue between a hawker and his customer, by completing the sentence.

Hawker: Do you want any tomatoes?

Customer: Yes, indeed! Although they are a bit expensive, I like to add tomatoes to my diet.

The hawker asked the customer whether she wanted any tomatoes. The customer answered in the affirmative and explained that _____.

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♦ Grammar

Reported Speech

Reported Speech (Interrogative)

Reported Speech (Statements)

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Model Answer

...although tomatoes were a bit expensive, she liked to add them to her diet.

Explanation

In reported speech, the tense shifts back (present → past: "are" → "were", "like" → "liked") and the pronoun changes from "I" to "she". The conjunction "although" is retained to preserve the contrast. Keep it concise — this is a 1-mark fill-in-the-blank.

Q148.

[1]

Select the option that identifies the error and supplies the correction for the opening line, from a Terms and Conditions document.

Though all efforts have been made to ensure the accuracy of the content on this website, the same could not be construed as a statement of law or used for any legal purposes.

A Error: efforts | Correction: effort

B Error: ensure | Correction: ensuring

C Error: could | Correction: should

D Error: of | Correction: for

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♦ Grammar

Error Correction (Editing/Omission)

Grammar – Error Correction

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Model Answer

The correct answer is **C: Error: could | Correction: should**.

In legal/formal documents, "should not be construed" is the standard expression, as it conveys obligation/prohibition, not possibility.

Explanation

"Could" expresses possibility, while "should" expresses obligation or a directive — appropriate for Terms and Conditions documents that instruct users on how content must not be used. Examiners look for awareness of formal/legal register in such error-correction questions.

Q149.**[1]**

Read the dialogue between Karan and his teacher regarding his absence from school.

Teacher: Karan, why were you absent yesterday?

Karan: Yesterday I had cold and fever, sir.

Teacher: You should have informed me beforehand. Take care of your health.

Select the correct option to complete the reporting of the above dialogue.

The teacher asked Karan _____. Karan replied that he had cold and fever the previous day and [said he should have informed] the teacher beforehand. The teacher advised him to take care of his health.

A why did he remain absent the previous day

B why he had been absent the previous day

C the reason he was absent

D why was he absent yesterday

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◆ Grammar

Grammar – Reported Speech

Reported Speech (Direct to Indirect)

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Model Answer

The correct option is **B: why he had been absent the previous day.**

Explanation

In reported speech, the question word order changes (no inversion), "yesterday" changes to "the previous day," and the tense shifts from simple past to past perfect. Option B correctly applies all these rules.

Q150.**[1]**

Complete the given narrative by filling in the blank with the correct option.

Now that many employees have shown high productivity working from home, will their bosses hereafter _____ them to take working vacations?

A expecting

B expected

C have expected

D expect

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◆ Grammar

Word Choice / Confusing Words

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Model Answer

The correct answer is **D) expect.**

The sentence requires the base form after 'will' (modal verb), so "**will... expect**" is correct.

Explanation

After a modal verb ('will'), the main verb must always be in the bare infinitive (base form). Options A, B, and C are grammatically incorrect forms in this context.

Q151.

[1]

Identify the error and supply the correction for the given sentence from a comment posted by an admirer of a reporter. The report was well document, so no one could claim that it was inaccurate. Use the given format for your response.

Error | Correction

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◆ Grammar

Error Correction (Editing/Omission)

Grammar – Error Correction

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Model Answer

Error | Correction

document | documented

Explanation

"Well" is an adverb modifying the past participle used as an adjective in a passive construction ("was well documented"). The base form "document" is incorrect here; it must be the past participle "documented" to agree with the auxiliary verb "was."

Q152.

[1]

Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option, to complete the disclaimer given before a documentary film. The film has been created by taking creative liberties and dramatizing the events _____ (about/for/on) cinematic expressions.

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◆ Grammar

Prepositions

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Model Answer

The correct option is **for**."...dramatizing the events **for** cinematic expressions."

Explanation

The preposition "for" is used here to indicate purpose — the events were dramatized *for the purpose of* cinematic expression. "About" would mean the dramatization concerns cinematic expressions, and "on" does not fit the context. "For" correctly conveys intent/purpose in standard English usage, making it the grammatically appropriate choice in this disclaimer.

Q153.**[1]**

Akshat and Niharika had a conversation about the felicitation of Aksha[t]. Report the following dialogue by completing the sentence.

Akshat: What will you be wearing for tomorrow's function?

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◆ Grammar

Reported Speech

Tense / Future Tense (will vs. will be + -ing)

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Model Answer

Akshat asked Niharika what she would be wearing for the following day's function / the next day's function.

Explanation

In reported speech, the direct question "What will you be wearing for tomorrow's function?" changes as follows: (1) "will you be wearing" → "she would be wearing" (modal shifts); (2) "tomorrow" → "the following day/the next day" (time expression change); (3) question form → indirect question (no inversion). The reporting verb "asked" is used for questions. Examiners award the mark for correct tense shift and time adverb change.

Q154.**[1]**

Read the given sentence from a movie review article. Identify the error and supply the correction in the sentence.

[Sentence about the film having impressive sequences.]

Use the given format for your response.

Error | Correction

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◆ Grammar

Error Correction (Editing/Omission)

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Since no actual sentence from the movie review article is provided in the question or the source passages, I cannot identify a specific error and correction. The source passages given do not contain any sentence about a film having impressive sequences.

Model Answer

(The sentence to be corrected is not provided in the question. Without the actual sentence, the error cannot be identified.)

— If the sentence were supplied (e.g., "*The film have some impressive sequences*"), the answer would be:

| Error | Correction |

|-----|-----|

| have | has |

Explanation

For a 1-mark error-correction question, simply present the table with one word/phrase under **Error** and its corrected form under **Correction**. The examiner awards the mark for correctly identifying the erroneous word and supplying the right form. No explanation is needed in the answer itself. Since the target sentence was missing from this question, please check your question paper and apply the same format to the actual error in the given sentence.

Q155.

[1]

Fill in the blank by using the correct form of the word in the brackets, for the given portion of a letter.

Thank you for exceeding company expectations and _____ (inspire) your team with your spectacular work ethic.

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♦ Grammar

Gerund / Present Participle (Verb Forms)

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Model Answer

The correct form is **inspiring**.

"Thank you for exceeding company expectations and **inspiring** your team with your spectacular work ethic."

Explanation

After a conjunction (and) linking two parallel structures, the verb must match the form of the preceding verb phrase. "Exceeding" is a gerund/present participle; "inspiring" must match this **-ing** form to maintain grammatical parallelism. Examiners award the mark only for the correct spelling of *inspiring*.

Q156.

[10]

- (1) After more than two years of restrictions, the hospitality industry is now cautiously hopeful. Tourism constituted a significant portion of India's GDP and generated around 100 million jobs in 2019. But the sector was severely hit in India — like in other countries — in the past two years.
- (2) Indians are now travelling with a vengeance — revenge travel, as the phenomenon is called. And many, experts say, now prefer to travel within the country instead of flying to more expensive destinations abroad. The industry is also benefitting from new trends borne of the pandemic such as micro-holidays and workcations.
- (3) According to a survey, 51 percent of Indian travellers believed that international travel remained an important means of expanding their horizons and connecting with other cultures. Over two years, the survey said, Indian travellers are now dreaming about their next international trip and more than 70 percent of Indians are excited about being able to travel internationally.
- (4) There has also been an increase in the number of students going abroad to study. The increasing desire to study overseas is credited to the availability of short-duration courses of two-to-three-year duration. This has become more pronounced because of growing aspirations and affordability among the middle-class students from Tier II and Tier III cities.

Read the following passage carefully and answer the following questions, based on the above passage:

- (i) Complete the following analogy appropriately, based on your understanding of paragraphs 1 and 2. We can say that the situation when people were travelling with a vengeance is comparable to people going out to dine in hordes, because _____. [1]
- (ii) Fill in the blanks with the appropriate option from those given in brackets, based on your understanding of paragraph 1. The statement that, 'Tourism constituted a significant portion of India's GDP and generated around 100 million jobs in 2019', is a/an _____ (fact/opinion) because it is a/an _____ (subjective judgement/objective detail). [1]
- (iii) Justify the following in about 40 words. After being cooped up inside their houses for more than two years, Indians are now excited about being able to travel internationally. [2]
- (iv) Based on the given table, for which purpose did Indian foreign travel increase in 2022 as compared to 2019? [1]
- (v) The industry is also benefitting from new trends borne of the pandemic such as micro-holidays and workcations. Which of these new trends is reflected in the table and how? [1]
- (vi) As per the given table, for which purpose did maximum number of Indians undertake foreign travel in 2019 and in 2022? State any one inference that can be drawn from this. [1]
- (vii) Why are students today choosing to go abroad to study? (Answer in about 40 words.) [2]
- (viii) Which of the following is the main takeaway from the study mentioned in the passage? [1]
- A International travel remains an important means of expanding the horizons and connecting with other cultures.
B Though travel, both domestic and international, has picked up, it has yet to reach its previous levels.
C Indians are excited about being able to travel internationally.
D The study needs to include experts from Tourism Department to offer any recommendations for further research.

Previously asked in: 2024 2/5/1 Q2

◆ Reading Skills

Factual Passage Comprehension

Factual and Inferential Comprehension of a Passage

Reading Comprehension - Factual Passage

Word Choice / Confusing Words

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(i) ...just as people who were deprived of dining out for a long time rush to restaurants in large numbers to make up for the lost experience, Indians, after two years of travel restrictions, began travelling eagerly and in large numbers to compensate for the time lost.

(ii) The statement is a **fact** because it is an **objective detail**.

(iii) According to the survey, more than 70 percent of Indians are excited about travelling internationally. After over two years of restrictions that kept people confined to their homes, there is a strong pent-up desire to explore the world, expand horizons, and connect with other cultures, making international travel highly anticipated.

(iv) **Education** — In 2019, 5.8 lakh Indians travelled abroad for education, which rose to 6.5 lakh in 2022.

(v) **Workcations** is reflected in the table. The number of Indians travelling abroad for **residency** (72.5 L in 2022) and **visit** (40.9 L in 2022) remained high, suggesting people combining work with travel/stay abroad. (Accept: any reasonable link to the data.)

(vi) In both 2019 (89.5 L) and 2022 (72.5 L), **Residency** was the purpose for which the maximum number of Indians travelled abroad. **Inference:** Despite the pandemic, Indians' desire to settle/stay abroad remained consistently the highest compared to all other purposes.

(vii) Students today choose to study abroad because of the availability of short-duration courses of two to three years. Additionally, growing aspirations and increasing affordability among middle-class students from Tier II and Tier III cities have made overseas education more accessible and attractive.

(viii) **C** — Indians are excited about being able to travel internationally.

Explanation

- (i) The analogy must explain *why* the comparison holds — i.e., both involve making up for a forced deprivation. Don't just restate the analogy.
- (ii) A fact = verifiable/objective detail. An opinion = subjective. Numbers and statistics = facts.
- (iii) Use para 3: 70%+ excited, two years of restrictions = justification. Stay within ~40 words.
- (iv) Education is the only category that shows a net increase from 2019 to 2022 (5.8L → 6.5L). All others dropped.
- (v) "Workcations" (working while vacationing) best links to residency/visit data. Examiners accept reasonable justification.
- (vi) Always state the figure AND the inference — both parts are needed for the mark.
- (vii) Two reasons from para 4: short-duration courses + rising aspirations/affordability in Tier II & III cities.
- (viii) Option C directly matches the survey's key finding (70%+ excited). Option A is only 51%, B is not from the survey, D is irrelevant.

Q157.

[1]

Identify the error and supply the correction for the following advertisement of an antivirus software.

"A properly installed and maintained antivirus program may wipe out any malware attack, be it a bot, a virus, a Trojan or even ransomware."

Use the given format for your response.

Error | Correction

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◆ Grammar

Error Correction (Editing/Omission)

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Model Answer

Error | Correction

"may" | "will" (or "can")

(A factual claim in an advertisement should use definitive language; "may" implies uncertainty, whereas "will/can" conveys certainty of protection.)

Explanation

The error is the modal verb "**may**", which expresses possibility/doubt — unsuitable for an advertisement making a confident claim. The correction is "**will**" or "**can**", which conveys certainty. Examiners expect you to identify the specific word and provide the replacement in the given table format.

Q158.

[1]

Complete the slogan, by filling in the blank with the correct option.

When it gets really hot, rain _____ a blessing.

(A) should be

(B) will be

(C) must be

(D) ought to be

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◆ Grammar

Subject-Verb Agreement

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Model Answer

(C) must be

"When it gets really hot, rain **must be** a blessing" — 'must be' expresses logical certainty/strong deduction, which best completes this slogan.

Explanation

'Must be' is used to express a logical conclusion or strong deduction based on evidence. Since the context (extreme heat) makes it almost certain that rain would be a blessing, 'must be' is the correct modal verb. 'Should/ought to be' express obligation, and 'will be' expresses simple future — neither fits the emphatic, deductive tone of a slogan.

Q159.

[1]

Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option to complete the weather warning given by the IMD.

IMD on Sunday _____ a red alert for several districts in coastal Maharashtra in view of the extremely severe cyclonic storm Biparjoy gushing over the Arabian Sea.

- (A) will issue
- (B) will be issuing
- (C) issued
- (D) is issuing

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♦ Grammar

Word Choice / Confusing Words

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Model Answer**(C) issued**

The sentence refers to a past event (last Sunday), so the simple past tense "issued" is correct.

Explanation

The time marker "on Sunday" indicates a completed past action, making simple past tense the only grammatically correct choice. "Will issue" and "will be issuing" are future tenses; "is issuing" is present continuous — all incorrect here.

Q160.

[1]

Report the following dialogue between two friends who are visiting a museum, by completing the sentence.

Auronima: What are you staring at?

Soumitra: I am in awe of this beautiful painting! I have not seen anything like this before.

Auronima asked Soumitra what he was staring at. Soumitra exclaimed that he was in awe of the beautiful painting and that _____.

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♦ Grammar

Reported Speech

Reported Speech (Interrogative)

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Model Answer

...he had never seen anything like that before.

Explanation

In reported speech, the present perfect "have not seen" changes to past perfect "had not seen," and "this" becomes "that." The exclamatory remark is reported using "exclaimed that." The blank fills in the second clause of Soumitra's reported statement.

Q161.

[1]

Complete the given narrative by filling in the blank with the correct option.

I _____ watching that programme every week since it started.

- (A) has been
- (B) had
- (C) have been
- (D) was been

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♦ Grammar

Present Perfect Continuous Tense

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Model Answer

(C) have been

The correct answer is **have been** — "I **have been** watching that programme every week since it started."

Explanation

This sentence describes an action that began in the past and continues to the present ("since it started"). This requires the **Present Perfect Continuous** tense: *have/has + been + verb-ing*. Since the subject is "I" (first person), we use **have been**, not "has been" (which is for he/she/it). Option (D) "was been" is grammatically incorrect, and option (B) "had" does not fit the continuous structure required here.

Q162.

[1]

Select the option that identifies the error and supplies the correction for a pop-up that appeared on a webpage.

"These cookies are used to collect information about how you interact with our website and allows us to remember you."

- (A) Error: interact | Correction: interacted
- (B) Error: with | Correction: to
- (C) Error: about | Correction: for
- (D) Error: allows | Correction: allow

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♦ Grammar

Error Correction (Editing/Omission)

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Model Answer

(D) Error: allows | Correction: allow

Explanation

The subject of the verb is the plural noun phrase "These cookies," so the verb must agree: "allow" (not "allows"). This is a subject-verb agreement error. Option D is correct.

Q163.

[1]

Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option to complete the line from an insurance company brochure.

Suitable for someone who wishes to _____ (insure/assure/ensure) adequate financial backup. It is available to the family in case of his/her untimely death.

(A) insure

(B) assure

(C) ensure

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◆ Grammar

Word Choice / Vocabulary in Context

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Model Answer

The correct option is **(C) ensure**.

"Suitable for someone who wishes to **ensure** adequate financial backup."

Explanation

- **Ensure** means "to make certain/guarantee" — fits here as the policy guarantees financial backup.
- **Insure** means to take out an insurance policy (against risk/loss); it could seem tempting but the sentence is about guaranteeing an outcome, not purchasing a policy.
- **Assure** relates to life assurance/confidence, but "assure adequate financial backup" is not idiomatic in this context.
- Examiners expect you to know these three commonly confused words; state the answer and the word clearly.

Q164.

[1]

Identify the error and supply the correction for the given sentence from a private coaching advertisement.

"Are you living a happy life? Do you want to find your identification? Do you want to enhance your career?"

Use the given format for your response.

Error | Correction

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◆ Grammar

Grammar – Error Correction

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Model Answer

Error | Correction

identification | identity

Explanation

"Identification" means a document or act of identifying. The correct word for one's sense of self or individuality is **identity**. Examiners look for the exact one-word correction in the given format.

Q165.**[1]**

Read the dialogue between Vilakshna and her physician, Dr. Sharnani, regarding the effectiveness of her medication.

Dr. Sharnani: How is your acid reflux problem now?

Vilakshna: [She tried everything without success,] ...the new medicine is great.

Select the correct option to complete the reporting of the above dialogue.

Dr. Sharnani asked Vilakshna about her acid reflux problem to which Vilakshna replied that she tried everything without success, _____.

- (A) but she found the new medicine to be great
- (B) but she thought that this new medicine was great
- (C) but the new medicine was great
- (D) but that new medicine was great

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◆ Grammar

Reported Speech

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The correct option is **(C) but the new medicine was great.**

Explanation

In indirect speech, the pronoun "she" is already used for Vilakshna, so repeating "she found/thought" is redundant in this construction. Option (C) correctly uses the reported speech tense shift (is → was) and removes the unnecessary pronoun, making it the most grammatically precise and natural reported speech form. Options (A) and (B) add unnecessary subjects ("she found/thought"), and (D) uses "that new medicine" which is incorrect – "the new medicine" is the proper determiner here.

Q166.**[1]**

Sunanda and Pushkar had a conversation about their travels. Report Pushkar's question.

"Have you ever been to Peri Bagh?"

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◆ Grammar

Reported Speech – Reporting Questions (Interrogative Sentences)

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Pushkar asked Sunanda if she had ever been to Peri Bagh.

Explanation

In reported speech, the direct question changes: "Have you" becomes "if she had" (past tense, third person). The question mark is dropped. This is the standard CBSE format for reporting yes/no questions.

Q167.

[1]

Fill in the blank by using the correct form of the word in the brackets, for the given portion of a letter.

Please keep me _____ (advise) of your next step to address this matter. Thanks for your time.

Previously asked in: 2024 2/4/1 Q3 (ii)

◆ Grammar

Word Forms / Verb Forms in Context

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Model Answer**advise** → **advised**

The correct form is: Please keep me **advised** of your next step to address this matter.

Explanation

"Keep me advised" is a fixed formal expression meaning "keep me informed/updated." The verb *advise* must be in its **past participle form (advised)** here because it follows the structure *keep* + *object* + *past participle* (similar to "keep me informed"). This is the standard usage in formal/official letters.

Q168.

[1]

Read the given sentence from a science journal. Identify the error and supply the correction in the sentence.

"...advise is provided by a qualified professional, people could learn how to make better food choices."

Use the given format for your response.

Error | Correction

Previously asked in: 2024 2/4/1 Q3 (i)

◆ Grammar

Error Correction (Editing/Omission)

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Model Answer

Error | Correction

"...advise" (incomplete word — "Ther**advise**") | The sentence should begin with "**If therapy...**" — the word "If" is missing before "therapy", making it a fragment without a condition.

(If the sentence reads: "...advise is provided by a qualified professional, people could learn how to make better food choices.")

Error: "...advise" — the beginning of the sentence is missing; the complete word and conjunction should be present.

Correction: "**If therapy**" (the conditional "If" is missing before "therapy").

Error | Correction

Missing "If" before "therapy" | "If therapy is provided by a qualified professional, people could learn how to make better food choices."

Explanation

- This is a **conditional sentence** (second/first conditional structure). The clause "people could learn..." implies a condition must precede it.
- The fragment "...advise" indicates the word "therapy" was cut; the examiner also expects students to spot the missing word "**If**" to complete the conditional structure.
- In a 1-mark fill-in-blank/error correction, simply identify the error and write the corrected version clearly in the table format as instructed.

Q169.

[10]

(1) Rotation of crops is a universal phenomenon which is practised by most of the farmers of the tropical and temperate countries. The main objective of rotation of crops is to obtain higher agricultural returns on the one hand, and to maintain the soil fertility on the other.

(2) In other words, the rotation of crops helps in making agriculture more sustainable. The importance of crop rotation is more in the areas where farmers grow two, or more than two crops in the same field in a year. Irrigation facilities have also been appreciably developed in the country during the last three decades. The availability of water to the arable land has helped in the intensification of agriculture.

(3) In the areas such as Punjab and Haryana, where the Green Revolution is a big success, one soil exhaustive crop (rice) is followed by another soil exhaustive crop (wheat). Subsequently, the field vacated by wheat is devoted to either rice or maize or cotton. Thus, in one year, the farmers are harvesting three soil exhaustive crops from the same field. Such a rotation of crops may fetch more income to the farmers, but depletes the soil fertility at a faster pace.

(4) A number of field studies were conducted to assess the traditional crop rotation pattern. One such field study about the changes in the rotation of crops was conducted in the village Banhera (Tanda), Haridwar district. The main rotation of crops of the village is shown in the table below.

Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions based on it.

(i) Fill in the blanks with the appropriate option from those given in brackets, based on your understanding of para 2. One of the reasons that there has been an intensification of agriculture in the country is the development of irrigation facilities is a/an _____ (fact/opinion) because it is a/an _____ (subjective judgement/objective detail).

[1]

(ii) Based on your understanding of paras 1 and 2, state whether the following statement is true or false. If proper irrigation facility is provided, higher agricultural returns can be obtained by making crop rotation more sustainable.

[1]

(iii) Justify the following in about 40 words. Crop rotation may fetch more income to the farmers, but depletes the soil fertility at a faster pace. [2]

(iv) Based on the table, mention the years when the land was left fallow for maximum number of days. [1]

(v) The study conducted in village Banhera (Tanda) reflects that during the years 1960 to 1965, from April to June, the land was left fallow or uncultivated throughout. State any one inference that can be drawn from this. [1]

(vi) Select the option that correctly states the significance of crop rotation as given below: (1) Crop rotation is done to obtain higher agricultural returns. (2) Higher agricultural returns can be obtained by harvesting soil exhaustive crops. (3) Crop rotation demands that land should be left fallow for a few months to increase the fertility of soil. (4) Better irrigation facility to the arable land has helped in the intensification of agriculture. (5) If crops to be harvested are chosen wisely, crop rotation can help in maintaining fertility of soil. [1]

(A) (1), (2) and (4)

(B) (1) only

(C) (3) and (5)

(D) (1) and (5)

(vii) Crop rotation is helping in making agriculture more sustainable. Mention one benefit and one drawback of crop rotation. (Answer in about 40 words) [2]

(viii) Which of the following is the main takeaway from the study mentioned in the passage? [1]

(A) The study needs to include more valid data to support the practice of crop rotation.

(B) Crop rotation is a sustainable practice that can transform the agricultural sector.

(C) The impact of crop rotation on soil has not been thoroughly explained.

(D) Crop rotation is independent of the type of crops harvested and availability of water for irrigation.

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◆ Reading Skills

Factual and Inferential Reading Comprehension – Agriculture/Crop Rotation Passage

Reading Comprehension

Word Choice / Confusing Words

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Model Answer

(i) It is a **fact** because it is an **objective detail**.**(ii) True.** Para 1 states crop rotation aims for higher agricultural returns, and para 2 confirms that irrigation availability helps intensify agriculture, making crop rotation more sustainable.**(iii)** As seen in Punjab and Haryana, farmers harvest three consecutive soil-exhaustive crops (rice → wheat → rice/maize/cotton) in one year. While this increases income, continuous exhaustion of soil nutrients without adequate recovery depletes soil fertility rapidly.**(iv)** The land was left fallow for the **maximum number of days (210)** in the years **1961, 1963, and 1965**.**(v)** One inference: The Zaid season (April–June) was considered unsuitable for cultivation, possibly due to **lack of irrigation facilities or unfavourable climatic conditions**, so farmers chose to leave the land fallow during this period.**(vi) (D) (1) and (5)****(vii) Benefit:** Crop rotation helps maintain soil fertility and makes agriculture more sustainable by preventing continuous nutrient depletion.**Drawback:** When only soil-exhaustive crops are rotated (as in Punjab/Haryana), it depletes soil fertility at a faster pace despite fetching higher income.**(viii) (B) Crop rotation is a sustainable practice that can transform the agricultural sector.***Source: Passage on Rotation of Crops, Paras 1–4 and Table.*

Explanation

- **(i)** Fact vs. opinion: since irrigation development is a documented, verifiable detail, it is a fact and an objective detail — not a subjective judgement.
- **(ii)** Combine paras 1 and 2 logically; both irrigation and crop rotation contribute to better returns.
- **(iii)** Use the specific Punjab/Haryana example from para 3 — examiners expect textual evidence.
- **(iv)** Read the table carefully; 210 fallow days appear in odd years (1961, 1963, 1965).
- **(v)** Any reasonable inference about why Zaid was always fallow is acceptable — focus on irrigation or climate.
- **(vi)** Statement (2) is wrong (soil-exhaustive crops reduce fertility); (3) is not stated in the passage; (4) is about irrigation, not crop rotation's significance directly. Only (1) and (5) match para 1.
- **(vii)** Keep benefit and drawback clearly labelled; draw both from the passage.
- **(viii)** The passage's overall message supports (B); the other options are not supported by the text.

Q170.**[1]**

Identify the error and supply the correction for the following instruction put up for safe use of elevators.

Please refrain by standing near the door as it could lead to an accident.

Use the given format for your response.

Error | Correction

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♦ Grammar

Error Correction (Editing/Omission)

Grammar – Error Correction

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Model Answer

| Error | Correction |

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| refrain **by** | refrain **from** |

Explanation

"Refrain" is always followed by the preposition "from," not "by." Examiners look for identifying the wrong preposition and supplying the correct one.

Q171.**[1]**

Complete the line from a 'Save the Environment' song, by filling the blank with the correct option.

Pollution, pollution, its time to take a stand,

for the health of our planet, we've got to lend a hand,

Reduce, reuse, recycle, that's the key,

_____ our world for you and me.

(A) for preserve

(B) to preserve

(C) to preserved

(D) for preserved

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♦ Grammar

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Model Answer

(B) to preserve

Explanation

The infinitive of purpose ("to + base verb") is correct here — "to preserve our world" means "in order to preserve." Option (A) uses "for" with a base verb (incorrect); (C) and (D) use a past participle after "to/for" (incorrect). "For" requires a noun, not a verb.

Q172.

[1]

Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option to complete an announcement on a flight.

In thirty minutes, our flight attendants _____ meal service.

- (A) will began
- (B) will begin
- (C) should begin
- (D) can begin

Previously asked in: 2025 2/2/1 Q3 (x)

◆ Grammar

Tense / Future Tense (will vs. will be + -ing)

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Model Answer

The correct answer is **(B) will begin**.

"Will begin" is the correct future tense form. "Will began" is grammatically incorrect, while "should" and "can" express obligation/ability, not a scheduled future action.

Explanation

In flight announcements, scheduled future events use **simple future tense** ("will + base verb"). "Will began" is wrong because "began" is past tense, not a base verb. "Should begin" implies obligation and "can begin" implies ability — neither fits a factual schedule announcement. Examiners expect students to identify the grammatically correct future tense form.

Q173.

[1]

Report the dialogue between a salesman and his customer, by completing the sentence.

Salesman: I have a wide range of sportswear.

Customer: Please show me something in cotton fabric, which is suitable for summers.

The salesman stated _____. The customer requested the salesman to show something in cotton fabric which would be suitable for summers.

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◆ Grammar

Grammar – Reported Speech

Reported Speech (Direct to Indirect)

Reported Speech (Statements)

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Model Answer

The salesman stated that he had a wide range of sportswear.

Explanation

The blank requires only the salesman's reported statement. Change "I have" → "he had" (present → past tense) and remove direct speech markers. The customer's reported speech is already given, so do not rewrite it.

Q174.

[1]

Complete the given entry in a personal diary, by filling the blank with the correct option.

Today was a rollercoaster of emotions. It started off with a sense of excitement and anticipation as I _____ on a new project at work.

- (A) embarking
- (B) embark
- (C) embarked
- (D) have embarked

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♦ Grammar

Diary Entry

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Model Answer

The correct option is **(C) embarked**.

"Today was a rollercoaster of emotions. It started off with a sense of excitement and anticipation as I **embarked** on a new project at work."

Explanation

A personal diary records past events of the day. Since the entry describes what *already happened* ("It started off"), the verb must be in **simple past tense**. "Embarked" (simple past) is correct. "Embarking" is a participle, "embark" is base form, and "have embarked" (present perfect) would not fit the past-narrative tone of a diary entry describing completed events.

Q175.

[1]

Select the option that identifies the error and supplies the correction for the opening line, from an analytical paragraph. The advent of social media has revolutionized communication by connected people across the globe in unprecedented ways.

- (A) Error: has | Correction: have
- (B) Error: communication | Correction: communicating
- (C) Error: connected | Correction: connecting
- (D) Error: in | Correction: for

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♦ Grammar

Error Correction (Editing/Omission)

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Model Answer

(C) Error: connected | Correction: connecting

The phrase "by connected" is grammatically incorrect. The preposition "by" must be followed by a gerund (-ing form), so "connected" should be "connecting."

Explanation

The key grammar rule here is that prepositions (like "by") must be followed by a **gerund** (verb + -ing), not a past participle. "By connecting" is the correct form. The other options are incorrect: "has" agrees with the singular subject "advent"; "communication" is correctly used as a noun; and "in" is the appropriate preposition for "in unprecedented ways."

Q176.

[1]

Identify the error and supply correction for the given sentence from a preface of a book.

Writing this book have been a journey of exploration and discovery.

Use the given format for your response.

Error | Correction

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◆ Grammar

Error Correction (Editing/Omission)

Grammar – Error Correction

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Model Answer

Error | Correction

have | *has*

(Subject "Writing this book" is singular/gerund phrase, so it takes singular verb "has".)

Explanation

The subject here is a gerund phrase ("Writing this book"), which is always treated as singular. Therefore, the auxiliary verb must be **has** (singular), not **have** (plural). Examiners look for correct identification of the error word and the exact correction.

Q177.

[1]

Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option, to complete the line of a notice placed on the notice board of a company.

Please be informed that there will be a staff meeting in the conference room on Friday, 7th June, at 10:00 a.m. It is

_____ for all to attend. (mandatory/obligatory/indispensable)

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◆ Grammar

Word Choice / Vocabulary in Context

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Model Answer

The correct word is **mandatory**.

"It is **mandatory** for all to attend."

Explanation

In formal official notices, "mandatory" means "required by rules or authority." While "obligatory" is similar, "mandatory" is the standard word used in workplace/official notices. "Indispensable" means "essential/cannot do without" and refers to things or people, not attendance requirements — so it is contextually incorrect here.

Q178.

[1]

Read the dialogue between Bharti and her mother, Geeta, regarding Geeta's birthday plans.

Bharti: Do you want to go to a hill station on your birthday?

Geeta: No, I want to stay at home and call my friends over.

Select the correct option that reports the above dialogue.

Bharti asked Geeta if she wanted to go to a hill station on her birthday. Geeta replied in the negative and said that

_____.

- (A) she wanted to stay home and call her friends for celebrating.
- (B) I wanted to stay home and call my friends to celebrate.
- (C) she wanted to stay at home and call her friends over.
- (D) she wants to stay home by calling her friends to celebrate.

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◆ Grammar

Reported Speech – Reporting Questions (Interrogative Sentences)

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Model Answer

The correct option is **(C) she wanted to stay at home and call her friends over.**

Explanation

Option C correctly uses reported speech: pronoun changes from "I" to "she," tense shifts from simple present to simple past ("wanted"), and the original phrasing "at home" and "call her friends over" is retained faithfully.

Options A and D add words not in the original ("celebrating," "to celebrate"), and B incorrectly uses first person ("I wanted").

Q179.

[1]

Amit and Pallavi had a conversation about the inauguration of Pallavi's event. Report Amit's question.

Did you manage to get any sponsors for the inauguration event scheduled for the next month?

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◆ Grammar

Reported Speech – Reporting Questions (Interrogative Sentences)

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Model Answer

Amit asked Pallavi whether she had managed to get any sponsors for the inauguration event scheduled for the next month.

Explanation

In reported questions, the reporting verb changes to "asked," the auxiliary "did" is dropped, the sentence becomes a statement (subject + verb), and the tense shifts back (manage → had managed). "Next month" remains as is since no time reference is given for when Amit asked.

Q180.**[1]**

Read the given sentence from an electric cooker's instruction manual. Identify the error and supply the correction in the sentence.

For avoid damaging the appliance, do not immerse the electric cooker in water or any other liquid.

Use the given format for your response.

Error | Correction

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◆ Grammar

Grammar – Error Correction

Prepositions

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Error | Correction

avoid | avoiding

Explanation

After a preposition like "for," a gerund (verb + -ing) must follow. "For avoid" is grammatically incorrect; the correct form is "for avoiding." Examiners look for the exact error word and its corrected form.

Q181.**[1]**

Fill in the blank by using the correct form of the word in the brackets, for the given portion of a letter.

I believe that with your support and _____ (cooperate), we can find a mutually agreeable solution that meets the expectations of all stakeholders involved.

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◆ Grammar

Word Forms (Noun/Verb/Adjective Transformation)

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The correct form of the word is **cooperation**.

(noun form of the verb 'cooperate', formed by adding the suffix '-ion', with a spelling change)

Explanation

The blank requires a **noun** (as it follows the possessive "your" and functions as the object of "with"). The verb *cooperate* becomes the noun *cooperation* by adding the suffix *-ation* (similar to the noun-verb pairs discussed in Chapter 2, e.g., constitute → constitution). Examiners look for correct form and spelling.

Q182.

[1]

Identify the error and supply the correction for the following note on a food packet.

This product is manufacturing for infants and contains no additives.

Error | Correction

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♦ Grammar

Error Correction (Editing/Omission)

Grammar – Error Correction

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Model Answer

| Error | Correction |

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| manufacturing | manufactured |

Explanation

The verb should be in past participle form ("manufactured") to correctly form the passive voice ("is manufactured"). "Manufacturing" is the present participle and cannot be used with "is" to form a passive construction here.

Q183.

[1]

Complete the given sentence about the reaction of some students, by selecting the correct option.

Since morning the group of students _____ excited about the forthcoming cultural fest.

A are

B was

C has been

D were

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♦ Grammar

Subject-Verb Agreement

Tenses

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Model Answer

The correct answer is **C — has been.**

"Since morning the group of students **has been** excited about the forthcoming cultural fest."

Explanation

"Group of students" is a collective noun treated as singular, so it takes a singular verb. "Since morning" indicates an action continuing from the past up to now, requiring the **Present Perfect Continuous** tense — *has been* (singular). Options A ("are") and D ("were") treat the subject as plural, which is incorrect. Option B ("was") is simple past and does not suit "since morning."

Q184.

[1]

Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option to complete the pop-up message appearing on a website.

Welcome to our website! You _____ enjoy 10 percent off on your first purchase with code WELCOME. Click here to start shopping!

- A may
- B will
- C should
- D might

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◆ Grammar

Gap Filling / Sentence Completion

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Model Answer

The correct option is **A) may**.

"You **may** enjoy 10 percent off on your first purchase with code WELCOME."

Explanation

"May" expresses possibility/permission in a polite, formal tone — suitable for a website pop-up offering a discount. "Will" is too certain, "should" implies obligation, and "might" is too uncertain/informal for a promotional message.

Q185.

[1]

Report the dialogue between two friends by completing the sentence.

Ankita: Will you help me plan my itinerary?

Tanu: Yes, indeed! Where are you going?

Ankita asked Tanu if _____. Tanu enthusiastically replied in the affirmative and asked where she was going.

Previously asked in: 2025 2/3/1 Q3 (ix)

◆ Grammar

Grammar – Reported Speech

Reported Speech (Direct to Indirect)

Reported Speech (Interrogative)

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Model Answer

Ankita asked Tanu **if she would help her plan her itinerary**.

Explanation

The blank requires converting Ankita's direct question ("Will you help me plan my itinerary?") into reported speech. Key changes: "Will" → "would"; "you" → "she"; "me" → "her"; question word order becomes statement order after "if". The reporting verb "asked" and conjunction "if" are already given.

Q186.

[1]

Complete the given sentence by filling in the blank with the correct option.

After she _____ her homework, Anaisha finally relaxed and watched a movie with her friends.

- A finished
- B had finished
- C have finished
- D will finish

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◆ Grammar

Gap Filling / Sentence Completion

Tense / Subject-Verb Agreement (Gap Fill)

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Model Answer

The correct answer is **B. had finished**.

"After she **had finished** her homework, Anaisha finally relaxed and watched a movie with her friends."

Explanation

This sentence describes two past actions where one happened **before** the other. "Had finished" (Past Perfect tense) is used for the action that was completed **first** (finishing homework), while "relaxed and watched" (Simple Past) is used for the action that happened **after**. This sequence of events in the past requires Past Perfect + Simple Past structure.

Q187.

[1]

Identify and correct the error in the given line taken from a user manual of an ironing board.

Place the garment on the ironing board, smoothening out as many wrinkle as possible.

- A Error: on | Correction: in
- B Error: many | Correction: any
- C Error: wrinkle | Correction: wrinkles
- D Error: possible | Correction: impossible

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◆ Grammar

Error Correction (Editing/Omission)

Grammar – Error Correction

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Model Answer

Option C is correct.

Error: **wrinkle** | Correction: **wrinkles**

"As many" requires a plural countable noun. "Wrinkle" must be changed to "wrinkles."

Explanation

"As many" is used with plural countable nouns (e.g., "as many wrinkles"). Using the singular "wrinkle" after "many" is a grammatical error. Options A, B, and D change meaning or create new errors, so they are incorrect.

Q188.

[1]

Identify the error and supply correction for the given sentence from an advertisement.

The board invite online applications from eligible candidates for the post of a senior English teacher.

Use the given format for your response.

Error | Correction

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◆ Grammar

Grammar – Error Correction

Subject-Verb Agreement

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Model Answer

| Error | Correction |

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| invite | invites |

Explanation

"The board" is a singular collective noun and takes a singular verb. So "invite" must be corrected to "invites" (subject-verb agreement). In board exam grammar editing, always check noun-verb agreement first.

Q189.

[1]

Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option, to complete a description of Notice Writing.

A notice is a type of social _____ (conversation/conveyance/communication) used to notify or present information to a specific set of people.

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◆ Grammar

Notice Writing

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Model Answer

A notice is a type of social **communication** used to notify or present information to a specific set of people.

Explanation

The correct word is **communication**. "Conveyance" relates to transport, and "conversation" is informal/two-way. A notice is a formal, one-way written communication directed at a specific audience — so "communication" fits perfectly. Note: the source passages provided do not directly address notice writing, so this answer is based on standard CBSE English grammar knowledge.

Q190.**[1]**

Read the dialogue between Ankita and her mentor, Sharwari, about the cultural exchange programme.

Ankita: Are we going to get some time off for sightseeing?

Sharwari: Oh yes! All the students will get two days for sightseeing.

Select the correct option to complete the reporting of the above dialogue.

Ankita asked Sharwari if they were going to get some time off for sightseeing, to which Sharwari replied in the affirmative _____ two days for sightseeing.

- A that all the students should get
- B that all the students would get
- C that all the students ought to get
- D that all students must be getting

Previously asked in: 2025 2/3/1 Q3 (iv)

◆ Grammar

Reported Speech

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The correct option is **B: that all the students would get.**

Explanation

In reported speech, 'will' changes to 'would'. Sharwari's direct statement used 'will get', so in indirect speech it becomes 'would get'. Options A (should) and C (ought to) change the meaning, and D (must be getting) is grammatically incorrect here.

Q191.**[1]**

Kriva and Manish had a conversation about the engagement of Kriva's brother. Report Manish's question.

How far is the engagement venue from your house?

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◆ Grammar

Reported Speech (Interrogative)

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Manish asked Kriva how far the engagement venue was from her house.

Explanation

In reported speech, the direct question "How far is the engagement venue from your house?" changes: "is" becomes "was," "your" becomes "her," and the question mark is dropped. The reporting verb "asked" is used.

Q192.**[1]**

Read the given sentence from a travel blog. Identify the error and supply the correction in the sentence.

Spend a night under the stars in a traditional camp, where you can experience the warmth of our hospitable and savour the delicious local cuisine.

Use the given format for your response.

Error | Correction

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◆ Grammar

Error Correction (Editing/Omission)

Grammar – Error Correction

Word Choice / Confusing Words

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Error | Correction

"hospitable" | "hospitality"

Explanation

The sentence requires a noun after "warmth of our" to complete the phrase meaningfully. "Hospitable" is an adjective, but the context demands the noun "hospitality." Examiners look for correct identification of the wrong word class and the appropriate noun form as correction.

Q193.**[1]**

Fill in the blank by using the correct form of the word in the brackets, for the given portion of a letter.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if there are any further questions or if I can be of _____ (assist) in any way.

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◆ Grammar

Gap Filling / Sentence Completion

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The correct form is **assistance**.

"Please do not hesitate to contact me if there are any further questions or if I can be of **assistance** in any way."

Explanation

The blank follows the preposition "of," which requires a **noun**. The noun form of "assist" is **assistance**. "Assistive" (adjective) or "assisting" (verb) would be grammatically incorrect here. This is a standard formal letter closing phrase, and recognising noun forms from given base words is a common word-form exercise in CBSE exams.

Q194.

[1]

Identify the error and supply the correction for the following note in an air purifier's instruction manual.

The plug should fit upto the outlet. If it doesn't fit, do not force it in.

Error / Correction

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♦ Grammar

Grammar – Error Correction

Preposition Usage (upto vs into)

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Model Answer

Error: "upto" | **Correction:** "into" — The plug should fit **into** the outlet, not "upto" (which is incorrect usage here).

Explanation

"Upto" is not standard English and is meaningless in this context. The correct preposition is "into," as a plug is inserted *into* an outlet. Examiners expect you to identify both the error word and provide the correct replacement.

Q195.

[1]

Complete the slogan on "Save Earth", by filling in the blank with the correct option.

Lets join hands, cultivate conservation, and _____ a greener tomorrow for generations to come.

- A ensuring
- B ensure
- C ensures
- D ensured

Previously asked in: 2025 2/1/1 Q3 (xi)

♦ Grammar

Slogan Writing

Writing Skills

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Model Answer**B) ensure**

The correct option is **B) ensure** because the sentence requires a base form verb (infinitive without 'to') after the modal auxiliary verb structure "let's ... and _____ a greener tomorrow."

Explanation

After "let's join hands, cultivate conservation, and ____", parallel structure demands the base form of the verb. "Let's" = "let us", which is followed by bare infinitives. All three verbs — *join*, *cultivate*, *ensure* — must be in the same base form. The other options (ensuring, ensures, ensured) break grammatical parallelism.

Q196.

[1]

Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option to complete the notice on a school notice board.

We are pleased to announce that our Annual Sports Day _____ on 30th April, 2025 at the school playground from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

- A is held
- B will be held
- C had been held
- D to be held

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◆ Grammar

Notice Writing

Tense / Subject-Verb Agreement (Gap Fill)

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Model Answer

The correct answer is **B: will be held**

'Will be held' is correct as the notice refers to a future event (30th April, 2025), requiring future passive tense.

Explanation

- The event is scheduled in the **future**, so future tense is needed — eliminating A (simple present) and C (past perfect).
- The subject "Sports Day" is **passive** (it is held by others), so "will be held" (future passive) is correct.
- "To be held" (option D) is a non-finite form and cannot stand alone as the main verb in a sentence.
- Examiners look for correct **tense + voice** identification in fill-in-the-blank grammar questions.

Q197.

[1]

Report the dialogue between two friends by completing the sentence.

Bhawna : I finished the project yesterday.

Sohail : That's great ! Are you going to present it tomorrow ?

Bhawna told Sohail that _____. Sohail responded that it was great and asked if she were going to present it the next day.

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◆ Grammar

Grammar – Reported Speech

Reported Speech (Direct to Indirect)

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Model Answer

Bhawna told Sohail that **she had finished the project the previous day**.

Explanation

The key changes in reported speech here: pronoun "I" → "she", tense "finished" (simple past) stays as simple past (or can shift to past perfect "had finished"), and time adverb "yesterday" → "the previous day". CBSE expects all three changes to be correctly applied in the blank.

Q198.

[1]

Complete the given narrative with the correct option to fill in the blank.
Yesterday, Tanu walked to the park and _____ a breezy evening.

- A to enjoying
- B will enjoy
- C enjoyed
- D did enjoyed

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♦ Grammar

Tenses

Tenses (Verb Forms)

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Model Answer

The correct answer is **C: enjoyed**.

The sentence is in simple past tense ("walked"), so the second verb must also be in simple past tense — "enjoyed."

Explanation

When two actions happen in the past in the same sentence, both verbs must be in simple past tense. "Did enjoyed" (D) is grammatically incorrect — "did" is already a past marker, so the main verb stays in base form. "Will enjoy" (B) is future tense. "To enjoying" (A) is not a valid verb form here.

Q199.

[1]

Select the option that identifies the error and supplies the correction for the following line taken from an article about growing obesity.

Obesity in teenage children is a major concern between parents today.

- A Error: teenage | Correction: teenagers
- B Error: concern | Correction: concerns
- C Error: between | Correction: among
- D Error: today | Correction: now

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♦ Grammar

Grammar – Error Correction

Word Choice / Confusing Words

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Model Answer

Option C — Error: *between* | Correction: *among*

"Between" is used for two people/things; "among" is used for three or more (parents as a group).

Explanation

"Between" refers to two distinct entities, while "among" refers to more than two or a group. Since "parents" refers to a general group (more than two), "among" is the correct preposition. Examiners test this common preposition error frequently.

Q200.

[1]

Identify and correct the error in the given line taken from an agency's advertisement.

Tell us much about your project and we'll select suitable candidates for you to hire.

Error / Correction

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♦ Grammar

Error Correction (Editing/Omission)

Grammar – Error Correction

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Model Answer

Error: *much* | **Correction:** *more*

The correct sentence is: "Tell us **more** about your project and we'll select suitable candidates for you to hire."

Explanation

"Much" is used in questions/negatives, while "more" (comparative) is used when asking for additional information. The sentence requests further details, so "more" is the appropriate word here.

Q201.

[1]

Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option, to complete the sentence taken from a book about 'Birds'.

Each year, thousands of birds _____ (migrate/immigrate/emigrate) southwards to avoid the harsh winter, embarking on an incredible journey that spans thousands of miles.

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♦ Grammar

Commonly Confused Words – migrate / immigrate / emigrate

Grammar – Word Choice / Vocabulary in Context

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Model Answer

Each year, thousands of birds **migrate** southwards to avoid the harsh winter, embarking on an incredible journey that spans thousands of miles.

Explanation

- **Migrate** means to move from one region to another seasonally — used for birds, animals, and fish. It is the correct word here as birds travel southwards and return, implying seasonal, cyclical movement.
- **Immigrate** = to come *into* a new country to settle permanently (used for people/animals entering a place).
- **Emigrate** = to leave one's own country permanently (also used for people).
- Neither "immigrate" nor "emigrate" fits birds' seasonal, round-trip journeys. The textbook activity also lists "**Migratory Birds — Tracing Their Flights**" as a topic, confirming "migrate/migratory" is the standard term used in this context.

Q202.**[1]**

Read the dialogue between Amit and his sister Ananya, regarding her travel to the railway station.

Amit : Are you sure you can manage to go to the railway station on your own ?

Ananya : Oh yes! I have already booked a cab.

Select the correct option to report the above dialogue.

Amit asked Ananya _____ to go to the railway station on her own. Ananya replied in the affirmative and said that she had already booked a cab.

- A if she is sure she can manage
- B if she was sure she could manage
- C if she surely can manage
- D if she was sure to managing

Previously asked in: 2025 2/1/1 Q3 (iv)

◆ Grammar

Reported Speech (Direct to Indirect)

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The correct option is **(B) if she was sure she could manage.**

Amit asked Ananya **if she was sure she could manage** to go to the railway station on her own.

Explanation

In reported speech, present tense ("is", "can") shifts to past tense ("was", "could"). Option B correctly applies this backshift. Option A keeps present tense (wrong), C uses "surely" (wrong adverb form), and D uses "to managing" (grammatically incorrect).

Q203.**[1]**

Yukti and Sanjay had a conversation about going to a restaurant. Report Yukti's question.

"Does this restaurant serve good South Indian food ?"

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◆ Grammar

Reported Speech (Indirect Speech) - Reporting Questions

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Yukti asked Sanjay whether that restaurant served good South Indian food.

Explanation

In reported speech, a yes/no question uses **whether/if**, the question mark is removed, and the verb shifts to past tense ("serves" → "served"). "This" changes to "that."

Q204.

[1]

Read the given sentence. Identify the error and supply the correction in the sentence.

Ninety-seven percent of the Earth's water is salty ocean water and another two percent is trapping in the Earth's ice caps and glaciers.

Error / Correction

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♦ Grammar

Error Correction (Editing/Omission)

Grammar – Error Correction

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Model Answer

Error: trapping | **Correction:** trapped

("is trapping" should be "is trapped" — passive voice requires past participle.)

Explanation

The sentence needs passive voice: "two percent **is trapped** in the ice caps." The verb form *trapping* (present participle) is incorrect here; the correct structure is *is* + *past participle* (trapped).

Q205.

[1]

Fill in the blank by using the correct form of the word in the brackets, for the given portion of a letter.

'Thank you for _____ (consider) my application. I look forward to working in your organization.'

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♦ Grammar

Gerund / Non-finite Verb Forms

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Model Answer

The correct form is **considering**.

'Thank you for **considering** my application. I look forward to working in your organization.'

Explanation

After a preposition (here, "for"), a verb must be in its **-ing form** (gerund). "Consider" → "considering". This is a standard grammar rule tested in letter-writing questions.

Q206.

[1]

Identify the error and supply the correction for the following sentence.
True tradition is not in celebrations, but in the culture we carries forward.
Use the given format for your response.

Error | Correction

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◆ Grammar

Grammar – Error Correction

Subject-Verb Agreement

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Model Answer

Error | Correction

carries | carry

Explanation

The subject here is "we" (plural), which requires the base form of the verb. "Carries" is third-person singular (he/she/it); with "we," the correct form is "carry."

Q207.

[1]

Replace the underlined word used in the sentence with the best option given below:
Since Sheenam study diligently for months, she will clear the competitive exam.

- (A) studying
- (B) was studied
- (C) has been studying
- (D) have been studied

Previously asked in: 2026 2/2/1 Q3 (xi)

◆ Grammar

Future Perfect Tense

Tense – Future Perfect

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Model Answer

The correct answer is **(C) has been studying**.

"Since Sheenam **has been studying** diligently for months, she will clear the competitive exam."

Explanation

The sentence uses "since" indicating an action that began in the past and continues to the present, requiring **Present Perfect Continuous tense** ("has been studying"). The subject "Sheenam" is third-person singular, so "has" is correct, not "have." Options (A) and (B) are grammatically incorrect in this context.

Q208.**[1]**

Suhani and Sneha decided to purchase books to focus on 'Reading Skills' in their summer vacations.

Report the question asked by Suhani to Sneha.

Which books are we going to purchase today from the Book Fest?

Suhani asked Sneha _____.

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◆ Grammar

Reported Questions

Reported Speech - Questions

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Suhani asked Sneha **which books they were going to purchase that day from the Book Fest.**

Explanation

In reported speech, change: "Which" stays, "are we" → "they were," "today" → "that day," and the question becomes an indirect statement (no inversion, no question mark). This is the standard transformation CBSE expects.

Q209.**[1]**

Identify the error and supply the correction for the following note in a hair salon's instruction manual:

All tools and frequently touched surfaces must be disinfect after each client's treatment.

Use the given format for your response.

Error | Correction

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◆ Grammar

Error Correction (Editing/Omission)

Grammar – Error Correction

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| Error | Correction |

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| disinfect | disinfected |

Explanation

The sentence requires a passive voice construction: "must be + past participle." The base verb "disinfect" should be "disinfected" to correctly form "must be disinfected." Examiners award the mark only if both columns are correctly filled.

Q210.

[1]

Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option from the brackets:

Anita _____ (ought to/would/have to) likely complete the project on time as her team is collaborating effectively.

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◆ Grammar

Modal Verbs (could/would/used to)

Modals (should/must/ought to – Obligation & Instruction)

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Model Answer

Anita **ought to** likely complete the project on time as her team is collaborating effectively.

Explanation

"Ought to" expresses probability or expectation, which fits the context of something likely to happen. "Would" implies willingness/habit, and "have to" expresses obligation — neither suits "likely" here.

Q211.

[1]

Complete the given sentence with the correct form of the verb by selecting the correct option:

A case _____ against the unidentified truck driver for causing damage to the street poles due to negligence and rash driving.

- (A) was registered
- (B) is register
- (C) have been registered
- (D) may registered

Previously asked in: 2026 2/2/1 Q3 (vii)

◆ Grammar

Subject-Verb Agreement / Tense (Verb Forms)

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Model Answer**(A) was registered**

The correct option is (A) *was registered* — a passive voice construction in simple past tense, fitting "a case" as the subject.

Explanation

The subject "a case" is singular and the action (registering) happened in the past, requiring simple past passive: *was + past participle* (registered). Options (B), (C), and (D) are grammatically incorrect — (B) omits "to be," (C) uses plural auxiliary with singular subject, and (D) omits "be" after the modal.

Q212.**[1]**

Select the correct option to complete the reporting of the dialogue given below:

Sahil said to Shekhar, "Which are your books?"

- (A) Sahil asked Shekhar which his books were.
- (B) Sahil asked Shekhar which books are yours.
- (C) Sahil asked Shekhar which has been his books.
- (D) Sahil asked Shekhar which are his books.

Previously asked in: 2026 2/2/1 Q3 (vi)

◆ Grammar

Grammar – Reported Speech

Reported Speech (Interrogative)

Reported Speech - Questions

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In reported speech, a *wh*-question uses "asked" as the reporting verb, the question word is retained, pronouns change ("your" → "his"), and the verb follows statement word order (inverted question structure becomes normal: "were" comes after "his books"). Option A correctly applies all these rules.

Q213.**[1]**

Select the option that identifies the error and supplies the correction for the line given below:

I don't know what it is. It feel like an incredibly lucky day for me.

- (A) Error: don't | Correction: doesn't
- (B) Error: is | Correction: have
- (C) Error: feel | Correction: feels
- (D) Error: lucky | Correction: luckily

Previously asked in: 2026 2/2/1 Q3 (v)

◆ Grammar

Error Correction (Editing/Omission)

Grammar – Error Correction

Subject-Verb Agreement / Verb Forms (Gap Filling)

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The subject "It" is third person singular, so the verb must be "feels."

Explanation

The sentence uses "It" as the subject. With third person singular subjects (he/she/it), present simple verbs take an **-s** ending. "feel" → "feels" is the required correction. Options A, B, and D are incorrect as "don't," "is," and "lucky" are all grammatically appropriate in context.

Q214.**[1]**

Report the dialogue between two friends by completing the sentence:

Harry: Good morning Bobby, how do you do?

Bobby: Quite well, thank you; but these are hard times.

Harry wished Bobby good morning and enquired about his well-being. Bobby thanked him and said that he was quite well, but remarked _____.

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◆ **Grammar**

Grammar – Reported Speech

Reported Speech (Direct to Indirect)

Reported Speech (Statements)

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...that those were hard times.

Explanation

In reported speech, the present tense ("are") shifts to past tense ("were"). "Remarked" is the reporting verb, so the blank completes Bobby's comment about hard times using indirect speech.

Q215.**[1]**

Read the given sentence from a story, identify the error and supply the correction in the sentence.

The farmer told his sons that he had hidden a treasure in the fields but he had forget the actual place.

Use the given format for your response.

Error | Correction

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◆ **Grammar**

Error Correction (Editing/Omission)

Grammar – Error Correction

Tenses (Past Perfect)

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| Error | Correction |

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| forget | forgotten |

Explanation

The sentence uses reported speech with past tense ("had hidden"), so the verb must follow with the past participle. "Had forget" is grammatically incorrect; the correct form is **had forgotten** (past perfect). Examiners look for identification of the exact error word and the grammatically correct replacement.

Q216.

[1]

Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option given in the brackets:

_____ (Several/Both/All) people attended the convention because the entry was open to all at a very nominal fee.

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◆ Grammar

Word Choice / Confusing Words

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Model Answer

Several people attended the convention because the entry was open to all at a very nominal fee.

Explanation

"Several" means a number of people (more than two but not necessarily all). "Both" refers to exactly two, and "All" would be redundant since the sentence already says "open to all." The context implies a sizeable but unspecified number, making "Several" the correct choice.

Q217.

[1]

Fill in the blank by using the correct form of the word in the brackets, for the given portion of a report.

The group _____ (walk) for hours through forests and hills in Mexico before it reached the barbed wire fence, marking the boundary of the forest.

Previously asked in: 2026 2/2/1 Q3 (i)

◆ Grammar

Gap Filling / Cloze (Determiners & Verbs)

Gap Filling / Sentence Completion

Subject-Verb Agreement / Verb Forms (Gap Filling)

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Model Answer

The group **had been walking** for hours through forests and hills in Mexico before it reached the barbed wire fence, marking the boundary of the forest.

Explanation

The sentence requires the **Past Perfect Continuous** tense ("had been walking") because the action of walking continued for a duration ("for hours") and was completed before another past action (reaching the fence). The structure is: **had been + verb-ing**. This tense shows a prolonged action in the past that ended before a specific past moment.

Q218.

[10]

(1) The craze for cosmetics has escalated globally, driven by evolving beauty standards and social media influence. The cosmetics industry thrives on innovation, offering various products catering to various skin types and preferences. In India, the cosmetics industry has witnessed a remarkable growth over the past decade, driven by rising 'disposable incomes', increased urbanization, and changing lifestyles. In contemporary times, people are more aware about their personal grooming.

(2) In the year 2024, the Indian cosmetics market generated revenue of approximately ₹ 1,34,000 crore and is projected to reach around ₹ 2,40,000 crore by 2028. This robust performance is driven as a result of strong e-commerce and growing demand for organic and premium product offerings due to increasing awareness of personal grooming, skin care routines among consumers, especially teenagers and young adults, who are the dominant demographic in cosmetics purchase, as they seek trendy and innovative solutions.

(3) The cosmetics industry is broadly divided into various segments such as skin care, hair care, colour cosmetics, fragrances, and personal hygiene products. Skincare leads the segments, accounting for nearly 35% of the market, followed by hair care at 25%. Colour cosmetics — including make-up products have seen significant growth, especially post-pandemic, due to the rise of e-commerce and social media. E-commerce platforms have played a crucial role in expanding access to cosmetics especially in Tier II and Tier III cities. In fact, online sales contribute to around 25% of total cosmetics sales in India.

(4) Over and above that, men's grooming has emerged as a significant segment, valued at around ₹ 25,000 crore in the year 2024 with increasing demand for beard care, skin care and fragrances customized to men. This growth is fuelled by social media influencers, coupled with the increase of gender-neutral cosmetic formulations. This shows an aspirational pursuit of personal refinement, where appearance augments confidence, dismantling archaic stereotypes associated with male cosmetics consumption.

(5) Though the cosmetics industry plays a vital role in the Indian economy, it faces several challenges including managing intense competition, complying with regulations, ensuring product quality, and addressing ethical sourcing concerns. In addition, the industry struggles with copied products, adapting to changing consumer preferences and navigating the complexities of the supply chain.

Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions based on it.

(i) Complete the sentence with a reason: The global demand for beauty products has intensified because of _____. Paragraph (1) [1]

(ii) What does the phrase 'thrives on innovation' tell us about the cosmetic industry? Paragraph (1) [1]

- (A) The industry is slow-growing.
- (B) The industry is growing and evolving by the day.
- (C) The industry is becoming popular in rural areas.
- (D) The industry is gradually becoming more expensive.

(iii) Identify the word that indicates that the cosmetics industry is anticipated to grow. Paragraph (2) [1]

(iv) Given that teenagers and young adults form the primary group for cosmetics purchases, what are the key factors that shape their buying decisions? Paragraph (2) [1]

(v) Select the option that is true for the Assertion and Reason given below. Paragraph (2) Assertion: The Indian cosmetics market generated a profit of approximately ₹ 1,34,000 crore in 2024. Reason: It became possible due to strong e-commerce and growing demand for organic and premium product offerings. [1]

(A) Both the Assertion and the Reason are true, and the Reason is the correct explanation of the Assertion.

- (B) Both the Assertion and the Reason are true, but the Reason is not the correct explanation of the Assertion.
 (C) The Assertion is true, but the Reason is false.
 (D) The Assertion is false, but the Reason is true.

(vi) How has the rise of e-commerce platforms impacted the revenue of the Indian cosmetics industry? Explain in 30 – 40 words. Paragraph (3) [1]

(vii) Based on your understanding of Paragraph (3), fill in the blank with suitable options: The skincare segment currently dominates the Indian cosmetics industry. Currently its share is _____ (20%, 25%, 35%) approximately. [1]

(viii) Complete the sentence suitably. That men's grooming has increased the demand for gender-neutral cosmetic formulations symbolizes _____. Paragraph (4) [1]

(ix) Mention any two major challenges faced by the cosmetics industry at present. Paragraph (5) [2]

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◆ Reading Skills

Data Interpretation / Application from Passage

Determiners / Word Choice (Vocabulary in Context)

Inferencing and Sentence Completion

Reading Comprehension

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Model Answer

(i) The global demand for beauty products has intensified because of **evolving beauty standards and social media influence**.

(ii) (B) **The industry is growing and evolving by the day.**

(iii) The word "**projected**" indicates that the cosmetics industry is anticipated to grow.

(iv) Teenagers and young adults are driven by **increasing awareness of personal grooming and skin care routines**, and their desire to seek **trendy and innovative solutions**.

(v) (D) **The Assertion is false, but the Reason is true.**

(The market generated **revenue**, not profit, of ₹ 1,34,000 crore.)

(vi) E-commerce platforms have expanded access to cosmetics, especially in Tier II and Tier III cities, contributing around 25% of total cosmetics sales in India, thereby significantly boosting the industry's overall revenue.

(vii) The skincare segment's current share is approximately **35%**.

(viii) That men's grooming has increased the demand for gender-neutral cosmetic formulations symbolizes **an aspirational pursuit of personal refinement that dismantles archaic stereotypes associated with male cosmetics consumption**.

(ix) Two major challenges faced by the cosmetics industry are:

1. **Managing intense competition** and complying with government regulations while ensuring product quality.

2. Dealing with copied (counterfeit) products and navigating the complexities of the supply chain.

Source: Passage on the Indian Cosmetics Industry, Paragraphs 1–5

Explanation

- **(i)** Lift the reason directly from Para 1 — examiners check passage accuracy.
- **(ii)** "Thrives on innovation" means it grows by constantly evolving — option B is the closest match.
- **(iii)** "Projected" is the key vocabulary word signalling future expectation/anticipation.
- **(iv)** Both factors — grooming awareness AND trendy/innovative solutions — are needed for full credit.
- **(v)** The trap is the word "profit" in the Assertion; the passage says "revenue." So the Assertion is factually wrong, making (D) correct.
- **(vi)** Keep within 30–40 words; include the statistic (25%) for precision.
- **(vii)** Read carefully — skincare leads at 35%, not 25% (which is hair care).
- **(viii)** Quote/paraphrase Para 4's concluding idea about dismantling stereotypes and personal refinement.
- **(ix)** Any two clearly named challenges from Para 5 earn full marks; brief explanation adds clarity.

Q219.**[1]**

Identify the error and supply the correction for the following sentence.

A bird in the hand are worth two in the bush.

Use the given format for your response.

Error | Correction

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◆ Grammar

Subject-Verb Agreement

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Model Answer

Error | Correction

are | is

Explanation

"A bird in the hand" is a singular subject, so it requires the singular verb **is**. This is a proverb treated as a singular noun phrase. Examiners award the mark only if both the error and correction are correctly identified.

Q220.

[1]

Replace the underlined word used in the sentence with the best option given below :

If Hemant take the earlier train, he would not have been late for the meeting.

- (A) had taken
- (B) had been taking
- (C) have taken
- (D) have been taking

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◆ Grammar

Conditional Sentences (Third Conditional)

Grammar – Error Correction

Tenses (Past Perfect)

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Model Answer

(A) had taken — The sentence expresses an unreal past condition, requiring the past perfect form "had taken" (Third Conditional: *If he had taken..., he would not have been late*).

Explanation

The sentence uses the Third Conditional structure: **If + past perfect, would + have + past participle**. "Had taken" is the correct past perfect form. The other options ("have taken," "had been taking") are either wrong tense or wrong aspect for this conditional structure.

Q221.

[1]

Mona and Tina plan a visit to the National Museum. Report the question asked by Mona to Tina.

Which is the shortest route to reach the museum?

Mona asked Tina _____.

Previously asked in: 2026 2/3/1 Q3 (x)

◆ Grammar

Grammar – Reported Speech

Reported Speech (Direct to Indirect)

Reported Speech (Interrogative)

Reported Speech - Questions

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Model Answer

Mona asked Tina **which was the shortest route to reach the museum**.

Explanation

In reported speech, the direct question changes: "Which is..." becomes "which was..." (tense shifts back), and the question mark is removed. The reporting verb "asked" introduces the indirect question without using "if/whether" since it is a wh-question.

Q222.

[1]

Identify the error and supply the correction for the following note in an air purifier's instruction manual.
If the humidity level in the room is very high, condensation may developed on the air quality sensor.
Use the given format for your response.

Error | Correction

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◆ Grammar

Error Correction (Editing/Omission)

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Model Answer

Error	Correction
developed	develop

Explanation

After a modal verb ('may'), the base form of the verb is always used. 'May developed' is incorrect; it must be 'may develop'. This is a subject-verb (modal + base verb) grammar rule tested in error-correction questions.

Q223.

[1]

Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option given in the brackets :

Heena has worked hard the last six months. She surely _____ (must/would/may) pass this year.

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◆ Grammar

Gap Filling / Sentence Completion

Modals (should/must/ought to – Obligation & Instruction)

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Model Answer

Heena has worked hard the last six months. She surely **must** pass this year.

Explanation

"Must" expresses certainty or strong logical deduction based on evidence. Since Heena has worked hard, "must" correctly shows a definite conclusion. "May" means possibility and "would" is conditional — neither fits here.

Q224.**[1]**

Complete the given sentence with the correct form of verb.

It was a challenge to meet the expectations of the committee _____ the given time period.

- (A) along
- (B) within
- (C) between
- (D) into

Previously asked in: 2026 2/3/1 Q3 (vii)

◆ Grammar

Gap Filling / Sentence Completion

Gerunds (Verb + -ing after Prepositions)

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The correct answer is **within**, as it means "inside a time limit," which fits the context of meeting expectations in a given time period.

Explanation

"Within" is used to express something done inside a boundary or limit — especially time. "Along" means beside/together, "between" refers to two distinct points, and "into" suggests movement or transformation. Only "within the given time period" is grammatically and contextually correct.

Q225.**[1]**

Select the correct option to complete the reporting of the dialogue given below :

My sister said to me, "I have washed my new dress."

- (A) My sister told me that she had washed her new dress.
- (B) My sister asked me that she was washing her new dress.
- (C) My sister told me that she has being washed her new dress.
- (D) My sister replied me that she have been washed her new dress.

Previously asked in: 2026 2/3/1 Q3 (vi)

◆ Grammar

Grammar – Reported Speech

Reported Speech (Direct to Indirect)

Reported Speech (Statements)

Tenses (Present Perfect)

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When reporting a statement, the reporting verb "told" is used (not "asked" or "replied to"). The present perfect "have washed" shifts to past perfect "had washed," and the pronoun "my" changes to "her" to match the subject. Options B, C, and D contain incorrect tense forms and wrong reporting verbs.

Q226.**[1]**

Select the option that identifies the error and supplies the correction for the line given below :

Mohini attend every concert in the city because she loves classical music.

- (A) Error: attend | Correction: attends
- (B) Error: in | Correction: to
- (C) Error: because | Correction: but
- (D) Error: loves | Correction: have love

Previously asked in: 2026 2/3/1 Q3 (v)

◆ Grammar

Grammar – Error Correction

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The subject 'Mohini' is singular, so the verb must be in third-person singular present tense: *attends*.

Explanation

Subject-verb agreement rule: singular subjects take verbs with '-s' in simple present tense. 'Attend' is the base form used for plural subjects or I/you; 'attends' is correct for he/she/it (singular third person).

Q227.**[1]**

Report the dialogue between a mother and her son by completing the sentence :

Mother: What have you bought from the store?

Son: A soft toy, mother.

Mother: How much did you pay for it?

Son: All the money father gave me yesterday.

The mother asked her son what he had bought from the store. He replied that he had bought a soft toy. Then his mother enquired how much he had paid for that. Upon this he said that _____.

Previously asked in: 2026 2/3/1 Q3 (iv)

◆ Grammar

Grammar – Reported Speech

Reported Speech (Direct to Indirect)

Reported Speech (Statements)

Tenses (Past Perfect)

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he had spent all the money his father had given him the previous day.

Explanation

The blank requires reported speech for the son's reply "All the money father gave me yesterday." Key changes: pronoun "father" → "his father", "gave" → "had given" (past perfect), "yesterday" → "the previous day", and add "he had spent" as the main verb since the original implies spending. The reporting verb "said" is already given in the stem.

Q228.**[1]**

Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option given in the brackets :

_____ (All/Many/Each) girl in the class must have her/their own book.

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◆ Grammar

Determiners / Word Choice (Vocabulary in Context)

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Each girl in the class must have her own book.

Explanation

"Each" is used with a singular noun and takes a singular pronoun ("her"). "All" and "Many" take plural pronouns ("their"), which contradicts "her" in the sentence. The correct answer is **Each**.

Q229.**[1]**

Read the given sentence from a story. Identify the error and supply the correction in the sentence.

The fisherman requested the guards to let him go to meet the king, but they demands half of the profit from his reward.

Use the given format for your response.

Error | Correction

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◆ Grammar

Grammar – Error Correction

Subject-Verb Agreement

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| Error | Correction |

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| demands | demanded |

Explanation

The sentence is in past tense ("requested," "let him go"). The verb "demands" must change to **demanded** to maintain tense consistency. Examiners specifically check subject-verb agreement and tense consistency in error correction questions.

Q230.**[1]**

Fill in the blank by using the correct form of the word in the brackets, for the given portion of a report.

The auto driver did not sustain injuries, though the passenger who was _____ (sit) in the auto was injured.

Previously asked in: 2026 2/3/1 Q3 (i)

◆ Grammar

Gap Filling / Sentence Completion

Tenses (Verb Forms)

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The passenger who was **sitting** in the auto was injured.

Explanation

The sentence describes a continuous/ongoing action happening at a specific past time (when the accident occurred), so the past continuous form "sitting" is required. The structure "was + V-ing" (past continuous) is used here to show the passenger was in the middle of the action of sitting when the event took place.

Q231.**[1]**

The speaker in conversation with a group of ministers said,

"I feel reassured after hearing your opinions."

What did the speaker say to the ministers?

Previously asked in: 2026 2/5/1 Q3 (xii)

◆ Grammar

Reported Speech (Direct to Indirect)

Reported Speech (Statements)

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The speaker told the ministers that he felt reassured after hearing their opinions.

Explanation

This is a simple reported speech conversion. Change "I feel" to "he/she felt" and "your" to "their." One line is sufficient for 1 mark.

Q232.**[1]**

Complete the following newspaper report by filling in the blank:

The number of road accidents _____ increased this year.

- (A) have
- (B) are
- (C) has
- (D) were

Previously asked in: 2026 2/5/1 Q3 (xi)

◆ Grammar

Gap Filling / Sentence Completion

Subject-Verb Agreement / Verb Forms (Gap Filling)

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The correct answer is **(C) has**.

"The number of road accidents **has** increased this year." ("The number of" takes a singular verb.)

Explanation

The subject here is "the number," which is singular, so it requires the singular verb "has." Do not be misled by "road accidents" (plural) — it is part of a prepositional phrase, not the subject. "Are" and "were" are incorrect forms entirely; "have" is plural and wrong here.

Q233.**[1]**

Complete the following sentence by choosing the correct option:

If we had consulted the engineer, we _____ this mistake.

- (A) would avoid
- (B) will avoid
- (C) would have avoided
- (D) had avoided

Previously asked in: 2026 2/5/1 Q3 (x)

◆ Grammar

Conditional Sentences (Third Conditional)

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The correct option is **(C) would have avoided**.

The complete sentence: "If we had consulted the engineer, we **would have avoided** this mistake."

Explanation

This is a **third conditional** sentence (past unreal condition). When the *if*-clause uses **had + past participle**, the main clause must use **would have + past participle** to express a hypothetical past situation that did not actually happen.

Q234.

[1]

Report the following sentence by a customer:

"Did you double-check the address before dispatching the washing machine?"

Previously asked in: 2026 2/5/1 Q3 (ix)

◆ Grammar

Grammar – Reported Speech

Reported Speech (Direct to Indirect)

Reported Speech (Interrogative)

Reported Speech - Questions

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Model Answer

The customer asked if they had double-checked the address before dispatching the washing machine.

Explanation

For a yes/no question in reported speech, use "asked if/whether" and shift the verb tense back (double-check → had double-checked). Remove the auxiliary "did" and make the sentence assertive in word order.

Q235.

[1]

Select the correct option to complete the given sentence from a recipe book for students:

After stirring the cocoa into the melted butter, you _____ add the eggs one at a time before adding the flour.

- (A) would
- (B) might
- (C) may
- (D) must

Previously asked in: 2026 2/5/1 Q3 (viii)

◆ Grammar

Gap Filling / Sentence Completion

Modals (should/must/ought to – Obligation & Instruction)

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Model Answer

The correct option is **(D) must**.

"After stirring the cocoa into the melted butter, you **must** add the eggs one at a time before adding the flour."

Explanation

In a recipe, instructions express **obligation/necessity** — a step that is required to get the correct result. "Must" conveys this strong obligation. "Would" is conditional, "might/may" express possibility, which is inappropriate for a precise recipe instruction.

Q236.**[1]**

Fill in the blank with correct option:

My friends _____ the movie tickets before we even reached the ticket counter.

- (A) has collected
- (B) had collected
- (C) collect
- (D) will collect

Previously asked in: 2026 2/5/1 Q3 (vii)

◆ Grammar

Tenses

Tenses (Past Perfect)

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Model AnswerThe correct answer is **(B) had collected**.The sentence uses Past Perfect tense because collecting tickets happened *before* reaching the counter (an earlier past action).**Explanation**When two past actions occur, the earlier action uses **Past Perfect** (had + V₃). "Had collected" shows the tickets were bought *before* arriving — making (B) the only correct choice. Options A (Present Perfect), C (Simple Present), and D (Future) are all grammatically and contextually wrong here.**Q237.****[1]**

Find the error in the following sentence and supply the correction:

I was disappointed to see that in the library there was less books on the subject than expected.

Error | Correction

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◆ Grammar

Determiners (less vs fewer)

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Model Answer

| Error | Correction |

|-----|-----|

| less | fewer |

(less is used for uncountable nouns; *fewer* is used for countable nouns like *books*.)**Explanation**The examiner looks for identifying **less** → **fewer**. "Books" is a countable noun, so *fewer* must be used. *Less* is reserved for uncountable nouns (e.g., less water, less time). This is a standard grammar error tested in CBSE board exams under error correction.

Q238.

[1]

Isha said to her parents, "My mentor will always guide me, even after this programme ends."

Report what Isha said to her parents.

Previously asked in: 2026 2/5/1 Q3 (v)

◆ Grammar

Future Perfect Tense

Reported Speech

Reported Speech (Direct to Indirect)

Reported Speech (Statements)

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Model Answer

Isha told her parents that her mentor would always guide her, even after that programme ended.

Explanation

In reported speech, change: "said to" → "told"; "will" → "would"; "this" → "that"; present tense → past tense. No source passage needed for grammar questions.

Q239.

[1]

A school Principal addressed Board aspirants and said:

"_____ candidates must carry their identification proof."

Fill in the blank with the appropriate option:

- (A) Each
- (B) All
- (C) Every
- (D) One

Previously asked in: 2026 2/5/1 Q3 (iv)

◆ Grammar

Determiners

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Model Answer

The correct answer is **(B) All**.

"All candidates must carry their identification proof." — 'All' is used with plural nouns to refer to the entire group collectively.

Explanation

- '**All**' is used before a plural noun (candidates) to refer to every member of a group collectively.
- '**Each**' and '**Every**' are used with singular nouns (e.g., "Each candidate..." / "Every candidate..."), so they don't fit the plural 'candidates'.
- '**One**' changes the meaning entirely.
- Examiners look for correct determiner-noun agreement in such fill-in-the-blank grammar questions.

Q240.**[1]**

Read the conversation between the store supervisor and the salesman:

Supervisor: "Did you switch off all the lights before leaving office yesterday?"

Salesman – "Yes, I did and I also handed over the keys to the night supervisor."

A store supervisor asked the salesman whether he had switched off all the lights before leaving the office the day before.

The salesman confirmed _____.

Report the salesman's response.

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◆ Grammar

Grammar – Reported Speech

Reported Speech (Statements)

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Model Answer

The salesman confirmed that he had switched off all the lights before leaving the office the previous day and had also handed over the keys to the night supervisor.

Explanation

In reported speech, "Yes, I did" becomes "confirmed that he had done so." Tense shifts from simple past to past perfect. "yesterday" changes to "the previous day/the day before." The blank requires a **that-clause** summarising both actions the salesman confirmed.

Q241.**[1]**

Read the given sentence from a sales report. Identify the error and supply the correction in the given format:

Being checked all the figures twice, she was sure there were no errors.

Error | Correction

Previously asked in: 2026 2/5/1 Q3 (ii)

◆ Grammar

Error Correction (Editing/Omission)

Grammar – Error Correction

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Model Answer

| Error | Correction |

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| Being checked | Having checked |

Explanation

"Being checked" is incorrect because it implies a passive or ongoing action. The sentence requires a **perfect participle** ("Having checked") to show a completed action before the main clause. Examiners look for this specific participial phrase correction.

Q242.

[1]

A manager wrote a report to his seniors about his team. Fill in the blank with the correct option to complete the report:
By the end of this quarter, the assistant manager _____ on this campaign for eight months.

- (A) will be working
- (B) will have been working
- (C) will have working
- (D) would have been working

Previously asked in: 2026 2/5/1 Q3 (i)

◆ Grammar

Future Perfect Tense

Gap Filling / Sentence Completion

Subject-Verb Agreement / Verb Forms (Gap Filling)

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Model Answer

(B) will have been working

The sentence refers to a completed duration of action at a future point — requiring the **Future Perfect Continuous** tense (*will have been working*).

Explanation

The phrase "by the end of this quarter" signals a future deadline, and "for eight months" shows duration — both together require Future Perfect Continuous: *will + have + been + V-ing*. Option (A) is Future Continuous (no duration marker used correctly); (C) is grammatically incorrect; (D) uses *would*, suitable only in conditional sentences.

Q243.

[1]

Read the conversation between a professional writer and a school student:

Student: What prompted you to become a professional writer?

Writer: My childhood library housed books of all kinds. I was fascinated with the compelling stories and wanted to create my own.

Report the student's question.

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◆ Grammar

Reported Speech

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Model Answer

The student asked the writer what had prompted them to become a professional writer.

Explanation

In reported speech, the Wh-question changes: "What prompted you" becomes "what had prompted them." The reporting verb is "asked" and tense shifts back (past perfect). Keep it one concise sentence.

Q244.

[1]

Complete the given sentence about the reaction of a tourist to another, by selecting the correct option:

Yesterday you loved the spicy Indian curry, _____ you?

- A hasn't
- B weren't
- C did
- D didn't

Previously asked in: 2026 2/1/1 Q3 XI

◆ Grammar

Tenses

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Model Answer

The correct answer is **D) didn't**.

"Yesterday you loved the spicy Indian curry, **didn't** you?" — Past simple affirmative sentence takes a negative tag (*didn't*).

Explanation

In question tags, if the main clause is **positive** (loved) and in the **past simple** tense, the tag must be **negative** using *didn't* + subject. "Didn't you?" is the correct tag for any past simple affirmative sentence. Options A and B are wrong tense/form; C is wrong because it would make a positive tag, which requires a negative main clause.

Q245.

[1]

Select the correct option to complete the given sentence from the memoir of your grandparent:

'When I was the team Captain, I _____ often organise get-togethers to develop bonding among the team mates.'

- A could
- B will
- C shall
- D would

Previously asked in: 2026 2/1/1 Q3 X

◆ Grammar

Tenses

Tenses (Verb Forms)

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Model Answer

The correct option is **D) would**.

"Would" is used to describe habitual or repeated actions in the past, which fits a memoir recounting past habits.

Explanation

In past habit contexts (especially in memoirs/autobiographies), "would" is the correct modal. "Used to" or "would" both express past habits — "could" implies ability, "will/shall" refer to future. Examiners expect students to identify "would" for repeated past actions.

Q246.

[1]

Report the dialogue between a flight attendant and a passenger by filling in the blank:

Attendant: Did you have your dinner, sir?

Passenger: Yes, thank you!

The flight attendant asked the passenger _____. The passenger replied in affirmation and thanked him.

Previously asked in: 2026 2/1/1 Q3 IX

◆ Grammar

Grammar – Reported Speech

Reported Questions

Reported Speech (Interrogative)

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Model Answer

The flight attendant asked the passenger if he had had his dinner. The passenger replied in affirmation and thanked him.

Explanation

In reported speech, a yes/no question uses "if/whether," tense shifts from simple past ("did you have") to past perfect ("had had"), and "your" changes to "his." The blank requires only the reported question clause.

Q247.

[1]

Detect the error and supply the correction for the given newspaper report on a proposal by a Member of Advisory Board:

After the meeting it was obvious that most stakeholders would not support _____ proposals.

A this

B that

C the

D these

Previously asked in: 2026 2/1/1 Q3 VIII

◆ Grammar

Determiners

Error Correction (Editing/Omission)

Grammar – Error Correction

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Model Answer

The error is "**this**" (Option A is incorrect here); the correct answer is **D – "these"**, as "proposals" is plural and requires the plural demonstrative adjective *these*.

Explanation

"Proposals" is a plural noun, so it must be preceded by the plural demonstrative *these*, not the singular *this*. Examiners look for subject-determiner agreement in such error-correction questions.

Q248.

[1]

Complete the given line from 'Rules and Regulations' section of a school diary:

Minimum 75% attendance is _____ to appear for the final examinations.

- A recorded
- B mandatory
- C secured
- D obtained

Previously asked in: 2026 2/1/1 Q3 VII

◆ Grammar

Gap Filling / Sentence Completion

Subject-Verb Agreement / Verb Forms (Gap Filling)

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Model AnswerThe correct answer is **B) mandatory**.Minimum 75% attendance is **mandatory** to appear for the final examinations.**Explanation**

"Mandatory" means compulsory/required by rule — the only word that fits the context of a school rule.

"Recorded," "secured," and "obtained" do not collocate correctly with "attendance" in this regulatory context.

Q249.

[1]

Identify and correct the error in the given line taken from a critical review of a recently staged play:

'As an actor, Ravi Raj, is superior then any other contemporary actor.'

- A Error: an / Correction: the
- B Error: is / Correction: were
- C Error: then / Correction: to
- D Error: other / Correction: another

Previously asked in: 2026 2/1/1 Q3 VI

◆ Grammar

Degree of Comparison (Superior to / than)

Grammar – Error Correction

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Model Answer**Option C** — Error: **then** / Correction: **to**The correct form is "superior **to**", as comparatives with Latin-origin adjectives (superior, inferior, senior, junior, prior) always take "to", not "then".**Explanation**"Then" is used for time/sequence; "than" is used in comparisons — but even "than" is wrong here. Adjectives like *superior*, *inferior*, *senior*, *junior* are already comparative in form and must be followed by "**to**", never "than" or "then". Examiners specifically test this rule.

Q250.**[1]**

Read Somil's request to his mother:

"Can you teach me to swim?"

Report Somil's request by completing the following sentence correctly:

Somil asked his mother _____

Previously asked in: 2026 2/1/1 Q3 V

◆ **Grammar**

Grammar – Reported Speech

Reported Speech (Interrogative)

Reported Speech - Questions

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Model Answer

Somil asked his mother **if/whether she could teach him to swim.**

Explanation

In reported speech, requests with "Can you...?" are converted using **if/whether + subject + could**. The pronoun changes from "you" to "she" and "me" to "him." No direct speech marks are used.

Q251.**[1]**

Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option to complete a newspaper clipping:

The verdict is yet to come since the members of the jury _____ (is/are) divided in their opinion.

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◆ **Grammar**

Subject-Verb Agreement

Subject-Verb Agreement / Verb Forms (Gap Filling)

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Model Answer

The correct option is **are**.

"The members of the jury **are** divided in their opinion."

(The subject is 'members', a plural noun, so the plural verb 'are' is used.)

Explanation

The noun closest to the verb is 'jury' (singular), but the actual subject is '**members**' (plural). This is a common trick in subject-verb agreement. Always identify the true subject, ignoring intervening phrases. 'Members' is plural, so it takes the plural verb '**are**'.

Q252.**[1]**

Yamini asked her friend Shifa, "Would you like to come for my birthday party tomorrow?"

Report Yamini's question correctly.

Previously asked in: 2026 2/1/1 Q3 III

◆ **Grammar**

Grammar – Reported Speech

Reported Speech (Direct to Indirect)

Reported Speech (Interrogative)

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Model Answer

Yamini asked Shifa if she would like to come for her birthday party the next day.

Explanation

In reported speech, a Yes/No question uses "if/whether." "Tomorrow" changes to "the next day," and the question word order becomes statement order. No question mark is used.

Q253.**[1]**

Read the given sentence from a self-help book. Identify the error and supply the correction in the given format:
To identifying your goal is the biggest step in your success story.

Previously asked in: 2026 2/1/1 Q3 II

♦ Grammar

Error Correction (Editing/Omission)

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Model Answer

| Error | Correction |

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| identifying | identify |

(The infinitive 'to identify' is needed, not 'to identifying'.)

Explanation

After the infinitive marker '**to**', the base form of the verb is used ('to identify'). Using the '-ing' form ('to identifying') is grammatically incorrect. Examiners expect the error and its correction clearly presented — a table or "Error: ... / Correction: ..." format works well for 1-mark questions of this type.

Q254.**[1]**

Fill in the blank with correct option to complete a message from Yogita to her friend Shobit:

Dear Shobit,

Let's meet at 5 p.m. for the rehearsal but I need to go home first as I _____ anything since morning.

A did not eat

B had not eaten

C have not eaten

D am not eating

Previously asked in: 2026 2/1/1 Q3 I

♦ Grammar

Gap Filling / Sentence Completion

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Model Answer

The correct answer is **C) have not eaten**.

"I **have not eaten** anything since morning" — Present Perfect is used because the action (not eating) started in the past and is still relevant at the time of speaking.

Explanation

- **Present Perfect** (have/has + past participle) is used for an action that began in the past and continues to affect the present moment.
- "Since morning" is a key clue — it signals duration from a past point up to now, which requires Present Perfect.
- Option A (Simple Past) would imply a completed, disconnected past action.
- Option B (Past Perfect) would need another past event to relate to.
- Option D (Present Continuous) cannot be used with "since morning" in this context.

Q255.

[10]

(1) Rate of Internet Reach in India : 2014-2024

The rate of internet reach in India rose over 52% in 2024 from about 14% in 2014. Although these figures seem relatively low, it meant that more than half of the population of 1.4 billion people had internet access that year. This also ranked the country second in the world in terms of active internet users.

(2) Internet availability and accessibility

By 2021 the number of internet connections across the country tripled in urban areas because of a higher density of population leading to an increase in the number of connections. However, despite of incredibly low internet prices, internet usage in India has yet to reach its full potential. Lack of awareness about the internet in India persists, especially in rural areas and among women, driven by digital divide, infrastructure limitations, and a lack of perceived need for the internet. This hinders digital adoption, with many not knowing how to use the internet or even being aware of its existence. Targeted awareness campaigns and digital literacy programs are crucial to bridge this gap and ensure people understand and can benefit from the digital ecosystem.

(3) Digital living

Home to one of the largest bases of netizens in the world, India is abuzz with internet activities being carried out every moment of every day. From information and research to shopping and entertainment to living in smart homes, Indians have welcomed digital living with open arms.

Read the following text and answer the following questions, based on the passage above:

I What does the use of the term "active internet users" convey? [1]

- A Active people who use internet
- B Active people who use active internet
- C People who use active internet
- D People who use internet actively

II Select the option that is true for the Assertion and Reason given below: Assertion: India is home to one of the largest bases of netizens in the world. Reason: Lack of awareness and a tangible gender gap lie at the heart of the matter. [1]

- A Both the Assertion and the Reason are true and the Reason is the correct explanation of the Assertion.
- B Both the Assertion and the Reason are true, but the Reason is not the correct explanation of the Assertion.
- C The Assertion is true, but the Reason is false.
- D The Assertion is false, but the Reason is true.

III Identify the word that indicates that internet reach is 'comparatively' low. (Paragraph 1) [1]

IV Based on the table which of the following time period illustrates the maximum internet usage? [1]

- A 2017 to 2020
- B 2023 to 2025
- C 2020 to 2023
- D 2019 to 2022

V From the passage identify one reason why there are less internet users among women? [1]

VI Fill in the blank with a suitable word given in brackets: Infrastructure limitations _____ (impedes/spurs) digital adoption. [1]

VII Complete the following with a suitable reason: An increase in the number of connections in urban areas is because of _____. [1]

VIII Which are the two ways to bridge the gap of digital unawareness? [2]

IX In the context of the last paragraph how does the author justify the statement, 'Indians have welcomed digital living with open arms'. [1]

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♦ Reading Skills

Factual Passage Comprehension

Reading Comprehension - Factual Passage

Word Choice / Confusing Words

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Model Answer

I. (D) People who use internet actively

II. (B) Both the Assertion and the Reason are true, but the Reason is not the correct explanation of the Assertion.

III. The word is "**relatively**" ("these figures seem relatively low").

IV. (A) 2017 to 2020

(Internet reach increased from 24.0% to 43.4%, a rise of **19.4 percentage points** — the highest among all options.)

V. The digital divide (gender gap) is one reason why there are fewer internet users among women.

VI. Infrastructure limitations **impedes** digital adoption.

VII. An increase in the number of connections in urban areas is because of **a higher density of population**.

VIII. The two ways to bridge the gap of digital unawareness are:

1. **Targeted awareness campaigns**
2. **Digital literacy programmes**

IX. The author justifies this by listing the wide range of internet activities Indians engage in daily — from **information and research to shopping and entertainment to living in smart homes** — showing that Indians have fully embraced digital living in every aspect of their lives.

Source: Reading passage — "Rate of Internet Reach in India," Paragraphs 1–3 and Table

Explanation

- **Q I:** "Active internet users" means people who *actively* use it — adverb modifies the verb, not the noun "internet."
- **Q II:** Both statements are true, but the reason (awareness/gender gap) explains why India has NOT reached full potential, not why it has a large netizen base — so it does not correctly explain the assertion.
- **Q III:** Always look for hedging/comparative adverbs; "relatively" directly qualifies "low."
- **Q IV:** Calculate the difference for each period from the table: 2017–2020 = 19.4 pts, the largest jump.
- **Q V & VI:** Answers must come directly from Paragraph 2; "impedes" (hinders) is correct since limitations slow adoption.
- **Q VIII:** Worth 2 marks — give two distinct points clearly.
- **Q IX:** 1-mark answer needs only one well-supported point from Paragraph 3.

Q256.**[1]**

Read the conversation between a student and a school counsellor.

Counsellor : How do you feel after sharing your fears with your parents ?

Student : I believe they understand me better as they now know all my fears.

Report the student's response by completing the following :

The student replied that _____.

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♦ **Grammar**

Grammar – Reported Speech

Reported Speech (Statements)

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The student replied that **they believed their parents understood them better as they then knew all their fears.**

Explanation

This is a reported speech (indirect speech) question. Key changes: "I believe" → "they believed"; "they understand me" → "their parents understood them"; "they now know" → "they then knew"; pronouns shift from first person to third person. Tense backshifts (present → past) are essential for full marks.

Q257.**[1]**

Complete the given poster displayed on a banner.

Drinking and smoking _____ (is /are) injurious to health.

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♦ **Grammar**

Subject-Verb Agreement / Verb Forms (Gap Filling)

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Drinking and smoking **are** injurious to health.

Explanation

When two subjects are joined by "**and**", a plural verb is used. Hence "are" is correct. This tests subject-verb agreement — a common 1-mark grammar question.

Q258.**[1]**

Select the correct option to complete the given line.

Earlier money _____ buy much more than it can today.

- (A) could
- (B) will
- (C) can
- (D) shall

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◆ Grammar

Gap Filling / Sentence Completion

Modal Verbs (could/would/used to)

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The correct answer is **(A) could**.

"Earlier money **could** buy much more than it can today." — 'could' expresses past ability/possibility, which fits the context of comparing past and present purchasing power.

Explanation

'Could' is the past form of 'can' and is used to express past ability or possibility. Since the sentence refers to what money was able to do in the past ("earlier"), only 'could' is grammatically and contextually correct. 'Will' and 'shall' indicate future, and 'can' indicates present — both are incorrect here.

Q259.**[1]**

Report the dialogue between a customer and a worker at a grocery store.

Customer : Did you pack all the items ?

Worker : Yes sir, I did.

The customer asked the worker _____.

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◆ Grammar

Grammar – Reported Speech

Reported Speech (Direct to Indirect)

Reported Speech (Interrogative)

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The customer asked the worker if he had packed all the items.

Explanation

When reporting a yes/no question, use **asked + if/whether** and shift the tense (simple past "did pack" → past perfect "had packed"). The pronoun changes from "you" to "he" to match the third person.

Q260.**[1]**

Detect the error and supply the correction for an advice by a grandparent.

You should respect your parent and elders.

Error | Correction

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◆ Grammar

Error Correction (Editing/Omission)

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Model Answer

| Error | Correction |

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| parent | parents |

Explanation

The noun "parent" should be plural ("parents") because the advice refers to both father and mother, and grammatically, "your parents and elders" requires the plural form.

Q261.**[1]**

Rishaan's parents asked him how he had fared in the speaking test in school that day.

He excitedly told them that before the teacher could finish the question, he _____ the correct answer.

Fill in the blank to complete the sentence.

(A) gave

(B) has given

(C) would have given

(D) will give

Previously asked in: 2026 2/4/1 Q3 (vii)

◆ Grammar

Grammar – Reported Speech

Tenses (Past Perfect)

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Model Answer

(D) will give is incorrect. The correct answer is **(A) gave**.

The sentence describes a past event (the speaking test that day), requiring simple past tense: "he **gave** the correct answer."

Explanation

The sentence is set entirely in the past ("that day," reported speech). The action of giving the answer happened before the teacher finished — both are past events, so simple past "gave" is correct. "Has given" (present perfect), "would have given" (conditional), and "will give" (future) are all grammatically inconsistent with the past-tense context.

Q262.**[1]**

Identify and correct the error in the given line.

I prefer the chocolate pudding than the vanilla truffle anyday.

- (A) Error: prefer | Correction: preferred
- (B) Error: the | Correction: an
- (C) Error: than | Correction: to
- (D) Error: anyday | Correction: everyday

Previously asked in: 2026 2/4/1 Q3 (vi)

◆ Grammar

Error Correction (Editing/Omission)

Word Choice / Confusing Words

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The correct construction is "prefer...to," not "prefer...than." → *I prefer the chocolate pudding **to** the vanilla truffle anyday.*

Explanation

"Prefer" always takes the preposition "**to**", not "than." This is a fixed grammatical rule. Examiners specifically test this common error, so remember: *prefer X **to** Y.*

Q263.**[1]**

Read Robert's reply to his swimming coach –

Thank you sir for the opportunity. I will make sure I do you proud.

Robert thanked his coach for the opportunity and said _____.

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◆ Grammar

Grammar – Reported Speech

Reported Speech (Statements)

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...that he would make sure to do his coach proud.

Explanation

This is indirect speech conversion. The direct speech "I will make sure I do you proud" changes to "he would make sure to do his coach proud" — tense shifts from *will* to *would*, and pronouns change accordingly.

Q264.**[1]**

Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option to complete the concluding line from a school magazine report on a community outreach programme.

_____ (Each / All) community member was given a different set of equipment.

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◆ Grammar

Determiners / Word Choice (Vocabulary in Context)

Gap Filling / Sentence Completion

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Each community member was given a different set of equipment.

Explanation

"Each" is used when referring to every individual member separately (one by one), which fits here since different equipment was given to each person individually. "All" would mean the group collectively, which contradicts "a different set." This mirrors the textbook usage: "give **each** group one of the following topics."

Q265.**[1]**

Pratima asked the following question to her friend, Shifa –

Do you like the painting, I gifted you yesterday.

Report Pratima's question correctly.

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◆ Grammar

Reported Questions

Reported Speech (Interrogative)

Reported Speech - Questions

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Pratima asked Shifa if she liked the painting Pratima had gifted her the previous day.

Explanation

In reported speech, the reporting verb changes to "asked...if/whether," the present tense ("like") shifts to past ("liked"), "I" changes to "Pratima," "you" to "she," and "yesterday" to "the previous day." The question mark is dropped.

Q266.**[1]**

Read the given sentence from a self help book. Identify the error and supply the correction in the given format.

Each one of the candidates have submitted the documents before the deadline.

Error | Correction

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◆ Grammar

Error Correction (Editing/Omission)

Subject-Verb Agreement

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Model Answer

| Error | Correction |

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| have | has |

(Subject "Each one" is singular, so the verb must be "has".)

Explanation

"Each one of the candidates" uses "each," which always takes a singular verb. The noun "candidates" is a red herring — the subject is "each one," not "candidates." Examiners look for the correct singular verb form "has" in place of "have."

Q267.**[1]**

Fill in the blank with the correct option to complete a corporate communication letter from a company to its employee.

Dear Sumit

This July, you _____ in Japan for three years. In six months the company will transfer you to Bengaluru at a senior position.

(A) will be have been living

(B) will have been living

(C) would have lived

(D) would have been living

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◆ Grammar

Tense – Future Perfect

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Model Answer

The correct answer is **(B) will have been living.**

The sentence refers to a future point (this July) when an ongoing action (living in Japan) will have been in progress — requiring **Future Perfect Continuous** tense.

Explanation

"This July" indicates a specific future time reference. The action (living in Japan for three years) is continuous and will be completed at that future point. Future Perfect Continuous = **will have been + V-ing**, which is exactly option (B). Options C and D use "would," which is for conditional/reported speech, not future statements.

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