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# NDA 2 2019 ENGLISH ANSWER KEYS

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## PART - A

### Fill in the blanks

*Directions : Each of the following sentences in this section has a blank space and four words or group of words given after the sentence. Select the word or group of words you consider most appropriate for the blank space and indicate your response on the Answer Sheet accordingly.*

- The Election Commission on Saturday \_\_\_\_\_ that the Assembly elections in five States will be held from November 12 to December 7.  
(a) pronounced  
(b)  announced  
(c) promulgated  
(d) issued
- The victims were fruit vendors and they were going in an auto when they \_\_\_\_\_ an accident on the way.  
(a)  met with  
(b) ran into  
(c) experienced  
(d) heard
- Scores of villagers are \_\_\_\_\_ a sit-in protest against the construction of a new underpass.  
(a) performing  
(b) sitting  
(c)  staging  
(d) standing
- It is common for patients to stop \_\_\_\_\_ medicine as soon as they start feeling better.  
(a) eating  
(b) gulping  
(c) swallowing  
(d)  taking
- A four-year-old girl got a new lease of life after doctors at a hospital \_\_\_\_\_ a cancerous tumour from one of her kidneys.  
(a) rejuvenated  
(b)  removed  
(c) displaced  
(d) replaced

### Ordering of words in a sentence

**Directions :** Each of the following items in this section consists of a sentence, the parts of which have been jumbled. These parts have been labelled P, Q, R and S. Given below each sentence are four sequences namely (a), (b), (c) and (d). You are required to re-arrange the jumbled parts of the sentence and mark your response accordingly.

6. closely monitor the situation by the disturbing allegations

P

Q

we are deeply concerned and will continue to

R

S

- (a) R Q S P
- (b) S P Q R
- (c) S P R Q
- (d) P R S Q



7. relieve nausea, pain and stress aromatherapy may also help

P

Q

using lavender oil on their skin but patients are cautioned against

R

S

- (a) R Q P S
- (b) S Q P R
- (c) Q P S R
- (d) R P S Q

8. without any mandate of law the plea filed through the advocate

P

Q

online is illegal and submitted that the sale of drugs and prescription medicines

R

S

(a) R Q S P

(b) Q S R P

(c) Q R S P

(d) P R S Q

9. humans and machines have co-existed dating back to the invention of

P

Q

the potter's wheel in ancient Mesopotamia at the physical level for millennia

R

S

(a) R S P Q

(b) Q S P R

(c) Q R P S

(d) P S Q R

10. a sell-off as US Treasury yields surged to multi-year highs

P

Q

on robust economic data global markets also witnessed

R

S

(a) R S Q P

(b) P Q S R

(c) Q R P S

(d) S P Q R

### Comprehension

**Directions :** In this section you have a short passage. After the passage, you will find some items based on the passage. First read the passage and then answer the items based on it. You are required to select your answers based on the contents of the passage and opinion of the author only.

Studies serve for delight, for ornament, and for ability. Their chief use for delight, is in privateness and retiring; for ornament, is in discourse; and for ability, is in the judgment, and disposition of business. For expert men can execute, and perhaps judge of particulars, one by one; but the general counsels, and the plots and marshalling of affairs, come best from those that are learned. To spend too much time in studies is sloth; to use them too much for ornament, is affectation; to make judgment wholly by their rules, is the humor of a scholar. They perfect nature, and are perfected by experience: for natural abilities are like natural plants, that need pruning, by study; and studies themselves do give forth directions too much at large, except they be bounded in by experience. Crafty men condemn studies, simple men admire them, and wise men use them; for they teach not their own use; but that is a wisdom without them, and above them, won by observation. Read not to contradict and confute; nor to believe and take for granted; nor to find talk and discourse; but to weigh and consider.

11. According to the author, why should one study ?
- (a) To gather information about the world
  - (b) To pass the time in a creative way
  - (c) For pleasure, enhanced capability and holistic growth
  - (d) To become only worldly wise
12. Why does the author not recommend too much of studies ?
- (a) Because it reflects idleness
  - (b) Because it requires too much money
  - (c) Because it is dangerous for the health of the mind
  - (d) Because it makes men crafty
13. According to the author, how can the studies be perfected ?
- (a) By reflection
  - (b) By application
  - (c) By conversation
  - (d) By experience
14. Which kind of human beings denounce studies ?
- (a) Innocent
  - (b) Cunning
  - (c) Stupid
  - (d) Wise
15. According to the author, one should read to
- (a) only argue
  - (b) only believe
  - (c) evaluate and understand
  - (d) preach and believe

### Antonyms

**Directions :** Each item in this section consists of a sentence with an underlined word followed by four options. Select the option that is **opposite in meaning** to the underlined word and mark your response in your Answer Sheet accordingly.

16. His conversations are always absurd.  
(a) farcical  
(b) foolish  
(c) preposterous  
(d) rational
17. The politician was a dissident.  
(a) agitator  
(b) rebel  
(c) conformist  
(d) revolutionary
18. He wrote an incisive article on corruption in politics.  
(a) vague  
(b) penetrating  
(c) trenchant  
(d) precise
19. Rakesh is an eccentric prodigal.  
(a) extravagant  
(b) profligate  
(c) wasteful  
(d) thrifty
20. Friendship is always reciprocal.  
(a) mutual  
(b) one-sided  
(c) shared  
(d) corresponding
21. The debate was highly stimulating.  
(a) arousing  
(b) invigorating  
(c) boring  
(d) stirring
22. Malaria is a widespread disease.  
(a) endemic  
(b) pervasive  
(c) common  
(d) rare
23. The bill received a vehement resistance from the opposition party in the Parliament.  
(a) animated  
(b) apathetic  
(c) fervent  
(d) vigorous
24. He has been obstinate since his childhood.  
(a) stubborn  
(b) dogged  
(c) amenable  
(d) rigid
25. Mahatma Gandhi was one of the most prominent leaders of his times.  
(a) renowned  
(b) distinguishable  
(c) eminent  
(d) unknown

## Synonyms

**Directions :** Each item in this section consists of a sentence with an underlined word followed by four options. Select the option that is **nearest in meaning** to the underlined word and mark your response in your Answer Sheet accordingly.

26. He is always anxious.  
(a) worried  
(b) dispassionate  
(c) sluggish  
(d) torpid
27. The poems of Kabir are ecstatic in nature.  
(a) efficacious  
(b) eerie  
(c) rapturous  
(d) reverential
28. Ravi loves seclusion. Therefore, he lives in the mountains.  
(a) nature  
(b) scripture  
(c) seafaring  
(d) solitariness
29. Hitler was a despot.  
(a) conservative  
(b) dictator  
(c) passionate  
(d) monstrous
30. The imagery used in the poem is vivid.  
(a) lively  
(b) inert  
(c) ebullient  
(d) caustic
31. A human being is always vulnerable to other human beings.  
(a) resilient  
(b) elastic  
(c) defenceless  
(d) crude
32. His language is political and vitriolic.  
(a) imaginative  
(b) sprightly  
(c) abusive  
(d) abusive
33. The Managing Director of the company declared that he is broke and there is a need to seek support from the government.  
(a) bankrupt  
(b) rich  
(c) making profit  
(d) having liabilities
34. He loves doing nasty things.  
(a) nice  
(b) fastidious  
(c) foul  
(d) finicky
35. He could not muster courage to speak the truth before his friend.  
(a) injure  
(b) spoil  
(c) gather  
(d) maim

### Spotting Errors

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

36. He had arrived at Cairo a few months before protests shook the Arab world. No error  
(a) (b) (c) (d)
37. Most of us who are older competitive runners are not able to race anywhere at the same speed  
as we do when we were 30. No error  
(a) (b) (c) (d)
38. Work hard lest you do not fail. No error  
(a) (b) (c) (d)
39. The Eastern Ghats are home of 2600 plant species and this habitat fragmentation  
can pose a serious threat to endemic plants. No error  
(a) (b) (c) (d)
40. Turbidity current is a fast-moving current that sweeps down submarine canyons,  
carrying sand and mud into the deep sea. No error  
(a) (b) (c) (d)
41. Every one of the boys love to ride. No error  
(a) (b) (c) (d)
42. Neither praise nor blame seem to affect him. No error  
(a) (b) (c) (d)
43. Many a man has succumbed to this temptation. No error  
(a) (b) (c) (d)
44. A time slot of fifteen minutes are allowed to each speaker. No error  
(a) (b) (c) (d)
45. He asked whether either of the brothers were at home. No error  
(a) (b) (c) (d)



### Idioms and Phrases

**Directions :** Given below are some idioms/phrases followed by four alternative meanings to each. Choose the response (a), (b), (c) or (d) which is the most appropriate expression.

46. Be over the hill

- (a) To be on a mountain top
- (b) To travel in the jungle
- (c) To be too old to do things
- (d) To do something in the most complete way

47. Bite your tongue

- (a) To stop yourself from saying something because it would be better not to
- (b) To bite off your tongue while eating
- (c) To feel sorry
- (d) To ask someone something that you want

48. Turn a blind eye

- (a) To run away
- (b) To begin to behave in a more positive manner
- (c) To change a situation
- (d) To choose to ignore behaviour that you know is wrong

49. Yellow journalism

- (a) Paid storytelling
- (b) Government reports published on yellow coloured papers
- (c) Writings in newspapers that try to influence people's opinion by using strong language and false information
- (d) Journalism which agrees completely with the policies of the governments and capitalists

50. To be in seventh heaven

- (a) To fly in the air
- (b) To be extremely happy
- (c) To be completely alone
- (d) To visit a place which is in the list of the seven wonders of the world



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