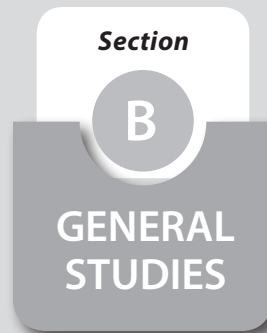
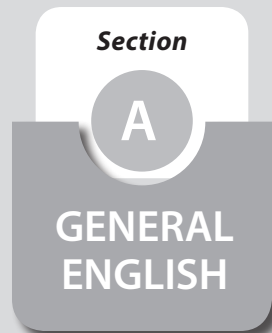


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SECTION A: GENERAL ENGLISH																	
Sl.	Topic	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
1.	Selecting words	10	10	10	--	8	9	--	--	--	--	--	--	8	21	--	14
2.	Sentence improvement	10	10	10	7	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	10	10	10	19	6
3.	Spotting errors	10	10	10	9	11	6	8	8	6	7	10	5	10	--	20	7
4.	Antonyms	5	5	5	7	11	9	8	8	7	8	10	10	11	09	5	4
5.	Synonyms	5	5	5	7	11	9	8	16	9	8	10	7	12	--	5	5
6.	Comprehension	15	15	15	19	9	7	6	12	13	20	20	8	9	10	4	15
7.	Ordering of sentences	5	5	5	6	5	5	7	8	10	9	10	10	--	10	7	9
8.	Ordering of words	--	--	--	5	5	8	8	8	10	8	--	10	--	--	--	--
9.	Relationships	--	--	--	--	--	7	7	--	5	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
10.	Idioms	--	--	--	--	--	--	8	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
	Total Questions	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60

SECTION B: GENERAL STUDIES

Sl.	Topic	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
11.	Indian Geography	11	11	6	11	11	15	10	11	3	6	10	11	8	7	10	8
12.	World Geography	8	11	11	6	5	3	6	4	3	4	2	5	7	6	6	6
13.	Indian History	17	15	11	11	15	12	8	12	12	12	5	0	3	3	3	7
14.	Indian Polity	5	3	6	9	5	3	7	6	5	8	4	8	5	6	11	4
15.	Life Science	14	7	12	11	8	9	10	11	11	13	9	15	19	27	16	7
16.	G.K. Sports and Misc.	4+1*	9+4*	8+6*	6+6*	12+4*	17+1*	19	16	26	17	30	21	18	11	14	28
	Total Questions	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60

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A

Section

General English

1

Selecting Words

CHAPTER

Directions

In the following passage, at certain points you are given a choice of three words marked (a), (b), (c). Choose the best word out of the three and indicate your choice in the relevant column of your Answer Sheet.

Examples K and L have been solved for you.

- K. The river has been (a) rising all night.
(b) raising
(c) arising
- L. We built the raft (a) too strong to hold us.
(b) very strong
(c) strong enough

Out of the list given in K, only 'rising' is the correct answer because a river cannot be raised, it rises on its own. So (a) is the correct answer for item K. For item L, (c) is the correct answer. Read the whole passage carefully before you make your choices.

ESE-2000

Attempt items 1 to 10

Direction: Its normal five-year life span had run out and Parliament had been duly dissolved and a date fixed for fresh elections. As the election day drew near, the various political parties

1. (a) roused their campaigns. Speakers at
(b) intensified public meetings elaborated on the
(c) concentrated
2. (a) manifestos of their respective parties.
(b) assignments
(c) propaganda
The great day arrived, and many people turned out to
3. (a) present their votes.
(b) submit
(c) cast
The election was, however,

ANSWERS

1. (b) 2. (a) 3. (c)

4. (a) stained by some unpleasant incidents.
(b) marred
(c) condemned
There were allegations of irregularities about the
5. (a) vote itself; ballot-
(b) selection
(c) poll
boxes were said to have been
6. (a) taken with by unauthorised persons
(b) tampered
(c) broken
and the number of votes counted in some
7. (a) constituencies was found to
(b) locations
(c) camps
have
8. (a) matched the number of registered voters.
(b) exceeded The Election Commission
(c) diminished
came
9. (a) under fire for not taking sufficient pains to
(b) through fire prevent the
(c) into fire
10. (a) dislocations.
(b) insinuations.
(c) abuses.

ESE-2001

Attempt items 1 to 10

Direction: My grandmother had always been short and fat and slightly bent. Her face was a criss-cross of wrinkles running from everywhere to everywhere. No, we were

11. (a) aware she had always been as we had known
(b) certain her. Old, so terribly old that she
(c) suspicious
12. could not have
(a) grown older, and had stayed at the
(b) weakened
(c) gone

ANSWERS

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|---------|---------|--------|--------|--------|--------|---------|
| 4. (b) | 5. (c) | 6. (b) | 7. (a) | 8. (b) | 9. (a) | 10. (c) |
| 11. (a) | 12. (a) | | | | | |

13. (a) same age for twenty
(b) similar
(c) identical
14. years. She never have been pretty; but she was
(a) would always beautiful. She
(b) should
(c) could
15. (a) crawled
(b) hobbled
(c) crossed
16. about the whole house in white with one of her hands
(a) complete
(b) spotless
(c) clear
17. (a) resting on her waist
(b) putting
(c) touching
18. and the other the beads of her rosary. Her silver
(a) touching locks were scattered
(b) dropping
(c) counting
19. (a) untidily over her pale, puckered face and
(b) roughly her lips
(c) slovenly
20. (a) unsteadily moved in prayer.
(b) endlessly
(c) constantly

ESE-2002

Attempt items 21 to 30

Direction: The next few days were full of rejoicing. The brother asked how the two boys were being brought up. He was told by his sister that Pratik was a perpetual

21. (a) trouble. He was
(b) nuisance.
(c) difficulty.
22. lazy, disobedient and
(a) wild.
(b) gentle
(c) submissive.

ANSWERS

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|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| 13. (a) | 14. (c) | 15. (b) | 16. (a) | 17. (a) | 18. (c) | 19. (b) |
| 20. (b) | 21. (b) | 22. (a) | | | | |

23. But Makhan was as good as
 (a) milk as quiet
 (b) metal
 (c) gold
24. as a lamb, and very
 (a) fond of reading. Bishambar kindly offered to
 (b) keen
 (c) enthusiastic
25. (a) draw Pratik off his sister's hands, and
 (b) get
 (c) take
26. (a) educate him with his own
 (b) teach
 (c) instruct
27. children in
 (a) city. The widowed mother readily agreed.
 (b) Calcutta.
 (c) school.
28. (a) Then his uncle
 (b) After
 (c) When
29. asked Pratik whether he
 (a) would like to go to Calcutta, his
 (b) should
 (c) will
30. (a) happiness
 (b) joy
 (c) pleasure knew no bounds.

ESE-2004

Attempt items 31 to 38

Direction: Desire and action are often coordinated in that desire may

31.
 (a) dampen (b) arouse
 (c) hinder (d) indulge
 the person to an action or that desire may
32.
 (a) be inferred (b) be derived
 (c) result (d) be ceased

ANSWERS

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|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| 23. (c) | 24. (a) | 25. (c) | 26. (a) | 27. (b) | 28. (c) | 29. (a) |
| 30. (a) | 31. (b) | 32. (a) | | | | |

from the action. If P is seen as trying to do X, it is often inferred that P desires X. However, desire and action are not

33.
 (a) deliberately (b) negatively
 (c) invariably (d) hopefully
 coordinated. The person may desire X without
34.
 (a) wanting (b) exhibiting
 (c) supporting (d) engaging
 in any action directed towards the attainment of X. This event happens when X appears
35.
 (a) manageable (b) unattainable
 (c) valuable (d) approachable
 or when the other effects resulting from the action
36.
 (a) incidental (b) necessary
 (c) detrimental (d) hostile
 to attain X are sufficiently undesirable as to
37.
 (a) express (b) reciprocate
 (c) negate (d) damage
 desire for X. Sometimes, of course, no action is necessary; the desire may or may not be
38.
 (a) criticized (b) hypothesized
 (c) realized (d) verbalized
 quite independently of P's action. Furthermore, a given desire may lead to different actions, depending upon the environmental requirements.

ESE-2005

Attempt items 39 to 47

39. A friend of mine phoned me to a party.
 (a) of inviting (b) to invite
 (c) for inviting (d) for to invite
40. We visited
 (a) Canada and United States (b) the Canada and the United States
 (c) Canada and the United States (d) the Canada and United States
41. What time on television ?
 (a) are the news (b) is news
 (c) is the news (d) is it news

ANSWERS						
33. (c)	34. (d)	35. (b)	36. (b)	37. (c)	38. (c)	39. (b)
40. (c)	41. (c)					

42. It took us quite a long time to get here. It was journey.
 (a) three hour (b) a three-hour
 (c) a three-hours (d) the three hours
43. It was a great party..... enjoyed it.
 (a) Everybody (b) All
 (c) Everybody of us (d) Everybody out of us
44. I don't like stories have unhappy endings.
 (a) those (b) that
 (c) who (d) who so ever
45. Krishnan told me about his new job, very much.
 (a) that he's enjoying (b) which he's enjoying
 (c) he's enjoying (d) he's enjoying it
46. The examination was quite easy, we expected.
 (a) more easy that (b) more easy than
 (c) easier than (d) easier as
47. The film was really boring. It was I've ever seen.
 (a) most boring film (b) the more boring film
 (c) a most boring (d) the most boring film

ESE-2012

48. The completion of the railway line has been held _____ owing to the workers strike.
 (a) off (b) up
 (c) on (d) over
49. The pilot was _____ injured, he died within half an hour.
 (a) Seriously (b) fatally
 (c) fatefully (d) vitally
50. His _____ directions misled us, we did not know which road to take.
 (a) complex (b) obscure
 (c) mingled (d) vague
51. He was very friendly with the press and it really _____ him even for what he did not achieve.
 (a) praised (b) lionized
 (c) appreciated (d) highlighted
52. Anand was the sort of person who always looked on the _____ side of lie
 (a) clear (b) bright
 (c) broad (d) illuminated
53. "How dare you speak to me like that, you _____ fellow!" shouted the officer.
 (a) impudent (b) impeccable
 (c) immutable (d) intricate

ANSWERS

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|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| 42. (b) | 43. (a) | 44. (b) | 45. (b) | 46. (c) | 47. (d) | 48. (a) |
| 49. (b) | 50. (b) | 51. (b) | 52. (b) | 53. (a) | | |

54. I refused to _____ his rudeness any longer.
 (a) put up (b) put up with
 (c) put on (d) put out with
55. Let us _____ our heads together to solve this difficult problem.
 (a) join (b) bring
 (c) combine (d) put

ESE-2013

PASSAGE-1

A university stands for humanism, reason and the adventure of ideas. It stands for the onwards

56. (a) motion of the human race
 (b) march
 (c) progress
57. (a) towards higher objectives. If the universities.
 (b) for
 (c) on
58. (a) finish their duty adequately, then it
 (b) discharge
 (c) obey
59. (a) is well with the nation and the people. But if
 (b) was
 (c) will be

the temple of learning itself becomes a home of narrow bigotry and petty objectives,

60. (a) how will
 (b) why
 (c) when the nation prosper?

PASSAGE-2

When I got off the plane at Heathrow Airport, I had the first of English hospitality. For I was immediately bounded off to a hospital. No, not because I was

61. (a) ill but this was to be found
 (b) wicked
 (c) senseless
 by them, And truth to say, it wasn't

ANSWERS

54. (b) 55. (d) 56. (b) 57. (a) 58. (b) 59. (c) 60. (a)
 61. (a)

62. (a) materially a hospital, but only the sick bay at the airport.
 (b) factually
 (c) actually
 Someone at the immigration counter had taken it into his
63. (a) mind that I was too thin and an
 (b) head
 (c) judgment
 instant X-ray should be done. Needless to say, I much
64. (a) respected this extra attention. I would
 (b) liked
 (c) resented
 much rather have walked away like the other passengers. The X-ray
65. (a) took an extra half-hour of
 (b) demanded
 (c) extracted
 my time. This did not
66. (a) excite me as much as the discovery that the famous British sense of
 (b) annoy
 (c) please
 humour was by no means ubiquitous.
67. Rainfall in the desert is not only low but extremely_____
 (a) intense (b) erratic
 (c) meagre (d) undesirable
68. If mountains are _____ of trees, rains will soon wash fertile topsoil down the slopes to end as useless silt below.
 (a) stripped (b) deforested
 (c) afforested (d) shortage
69. China is the most _____Country in the world
 (a) popular (b) populous
 (c) populate (d) popularized
70. The first film on gypsies was such a success that now they are going to make a _____
 (a) serial (b) sequence
 (c) sequel (d) sequential

ANSWERS

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|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| 62. (c) | 63. (b) | 64. (c) | 65. (a) | 66. (b) | 67. (b) | 68. (a) |
| 69. (b) | 70. (c) | | | | | |

71. The National Assembly of that country has ____ this year as "gender equality year".
 (a) named (b) permitted
 (c) coined (d) declared
72. He usually _____ on time.
 (a) will arrive (b) would arrive
 (c) arrives (d) could have
73. "You must taste this new dish." "All right, but give me just____."
 (a) a little (b) a few
 (c) less (d) some
74. He is very _____; he believes anything.
 (a) fallible (b) gullible
 (c) sensible (d) credible
75. Pandit Nehru was a lover of nature and a _____ believer in the goodness of the people.
 (a) simple (b) good
 (c) powerful (d) staunch
76. I wish I _____ the answer.
 (a) have known (b) had known
 (c) knew (d) know

ESE-2015

PASSAGE-1

India will find herself again when freedom opens out new horizons. Future will then fascinate

77.

her far more than the immediate past of frustration and humiliation. She will go (a) up
 (b) forward
 (c) in

with confidence, rooted in herself and yet eager to learn from others and co-operate with them.

78.

Today she swings (a) between a blind adherence to her old customs and a slavish imitation
 (b) among
 (c) amidst

79.

of foreign ways. In (a) either of these can she find relief or life or growth. It is obvious that she
 (b) neither
 (c) both

ANSWERS

71. (d) 72. (c) 73. (a) 74. (b) 75. (d) 76. (c) 77. (b)
 78. (a) 79. (b)

80.

has to come out of her (a) cell and take full part
(b) groove
(c) shell

81.

(a) in the life and activities of the
(b) between
(c) of

82.

modern age. It should be equally (a) important that there can be no real cultural or spiritual
(b) obvious
(c) patent

83.

growth based on imitation. Such imitation can only be (a) ascribed to a small number which
(b) confined
(c) linked

84.

cut itself (a) off from the masses and the
(b) out
(c) down

85.

(a) wells of national life. True culture derives
(b) lakes
(c) springs

86.

its (a) force from every corner of the world, but it is indigenous and has to be
(b) ideal
(c) inspiration

87.

(a) dependent
(b) based
(c) identified

88.

on the wide mass of the people. Art and literature remain (a) lifeless if they are
(b) static
(c) inert

89.

(a) rapidly
(b) blindly
(c) continually

90.

thinking of foreign models. The day of a (a) narrow culture confined to a small fastidious
(b) tribal
(c) communal

group is past. We have to think in terms of the people generally, and their culture must be a continuation and development of past trends and also represent their new urges and creative tendencies.

**ANSWERS**

80. (c)	81. (a)	82. (b)	83. (b)	84. (a)	85. (c)	86. (c)
87. (b)	88. (a)	89. (c)	90. (a)			

EXPLANATIONS

1. (b) Political parties give more attention to campaign when election day comes near. **Intensify** means to make more intense.
2. (a) Political parties always talk of **manifestos** during election meetings.
Manifesto means promises made by a party during election.
3. (c) Votes are always **casted**.
4. (b) **Mar** means to harm ; to spoil.
5. (c) During election the whole process of casting of votes, security of ballot boxes, etc. is also called **polling**.
6. (b) **Tamper** means to interfere without permission or to damage something.
7. (a) During election, the location of election process is called **constituency**.
8. (b) Due to tampering of ballot boxes, the bogus votes are usually cast. hence due to these irregularities, the number of votes may **exceed** the number of registered voters.
9. (a) **Under fire** means strongly criticized i.e. the Election Commission was criticized not taking proper measures to prevent such irregularities.
10. (c) **Insinuation** means an unpleasant hint or suggestion. **Dislocation** means to move from a right place. Both of these words insinuation and dislocation are easily eliminated.
Abuse means misuse.
11. (a) The author wants to emphasize that since the time he had known her, she had been an old woman. He had not seen her young.
12. (a) Somebody **grows** old or older.
Weakened is not possible and **gone** is improper usage.
13. (a) **Similar** or **identical** are used when two or more things or situations are compared.
14. (c) **Would** cannot be used because it is used for talking of future in the past.
Should means something must take place or must be true.
Could shows capacity or possibility.
15. (b) **Hobble** means to walk with difficulty.
16. (a) Here purpose is to tell that she wore white clothes i.e. simple clothes.
Spotless white is also correct but here emphasis is more on showing that the cloth is so white that there was no spot on it.
17. (a) Hands always **rest** on waist.
18. (c) Beads of a rosary are **counted**.
19. (b) **Roughly** means almost.
Slovenly means untidy and dirty.
20. (b) Because she was so much involved in saying her prayers, that it seemed it would never end.

21. (b) **Nuisance** means a person or thing causing annoyance or trouble.
22. (a) The words lazy and disobedient do not go well with words **gentle** and **submissive** which are positive qualities ; whereas lazy and disobedient are negative words.
23. (c) One's goodness can be compared with **gold** only, not with milk or metal.
24. (a) **Fond** is always followed by **of**.
25. (c) **Take off** means to take away from or to separate from.
Get off means escape from punishment.
Draw off is illogical here.
26. (a) **Teach** is not proper because it is used for emphasizing one's profession of teaching or the process of teaching in the classroom.
Instruct cannot be used for educate or teach.
Educate means to give or provide education.
27. (b) See Q. No. 29 for explanation.
28. (c) Because the sentence is a question.
29. (a) **Would like** means prefer.
30. (a) **Happiness** is more serious word than joy.
31. (b) **Arouse** is the most appropriate word which means to excite to take an action.
Dampen and **hinder** prevent actions.
Indulge means to get involved which does not match with the tone of the sentence.
32. (a) It is clear from the following sentence in the passage. 'If P is seen as trying to do X, it is often **inferred** that P desires X'.
33. (c) **Invariably** means always. The meaning of these lines is that desire and action may not always go together.
34. (d) Because **wanting** in, **exhibiting** in and **supporting** in are not possible.
35. (b) **Unattainable** is going well with the meaning of the sentence i.e. this happens when X appears **unattainable**.
36. (b) **Necessary** is the correct choice.
Detrimental and **hostile** are not correct as they go against the meaning of the sentence.
37. (c) **Negate** is correct because the effects of action which are also necessary to attain X are so undesirable that the desire of X dies down i.e. **negated**.
39. (b) Infinitive form should be used. Infinitive form of a verb is used if purpose of activity is specific.
40. (c) We cannot use article 'the' before names of places. Hence 'Canada' alone is correct. But we use 'the' before the names with 'Republic', 'Kingdom', 'States', etc. Therefore 'the United States' is correct.
41. (c) Some nouns end in 's', but are not considered plural.
42. (b) Whenever we use Noun₁ + Noun₂ and if Noun₁ is a number then the following Noun₂ is never made plural.

43. (a) We cannot use all for **everybody**. Neither can we say, **everybody of us**.
44. (b) **That** is a relative pronoun which is used for objects i.e. job, etc.
45. (b) It is relative clause which tells us more about the noun job. Since job is an object, it is followed by which.
46. (c) **Easier** is comparative degree of adjective easy.
47. (d) We use article 'the' before superlative degree of an adjective.
56. (b) The word preceding the blank -"onward"- eliminates "progress" as the answer as progress already has the meaning onward in itself. In the given context, human race is walking forward towards higher objectives. Hence, motion is eliminated.
57. (a) 'towards higher objectives' is the correct usage.
58. (b) 'duty' is 'discharged'.
59. (c) Rule for conditionals makes 'will be' the most appropriate option.
60. (a) 'how will' is the most appropriate usage.
61. (a) 'hospital' in the preceding sentence makes 'ill' the most appropriate answer.
62. (c) 'actually' is the most appropriate usage.
63. (b) 'taken into head' is the correct idiomatic usage.
64. (c) The next sentence- "I would much rather have walked away like other passengers", indicates that the author didn't like the extra attention given to him because of the perception that he was too thin. Hence, the answer should be "resented".
65. (a) 'took' is the most appropriate usage.
66. (b) From the next sentence, we can infer that the author had expected the famous British sense of humour to be ubiquitous. On arrival, his expectation turns sour. Hence, annoy becomes the best answer.
67. (b) 'not only low' makes 'erratic' the best answer.
68. (a) the preposition 'of' after the blank makes 'stripped' the best answer.
69. (b) The correct word is 'populous'.
70. (c) 'The first film' makes 'sequel' the most appropriate option.
71. (d) 'declared' is the most appropriate word.
72. (c) Habitual action indicates the usage of simple present.
73. (a) 'new dish' is uncountable.
74. (a) 'gullible' is the most appropriate word.
75. (d) 'staunch' is the most appropriate word.
76. (c) Conditional rule indicates usage of simple past.

The paragraph used for Ques. 77 to 90 is taken from a book titled "Discovery of India by Pt Jawahar Lal Nehru"

The complete paragraph is reproduced below which leads to the options for each of the questions:

"India will find herself again when freedom opens out new horizons, and the future will then fascinate her far more than the immediate past of frustration and humiliation. She will go forward with confidence, rooted in herself and yet eager to learn from others and co-operate with them. To-day she swings between a blind adherence to her old customs and a slavish imitation of foreign ways. In neither of these can she find relief or life or growth. It is obvious that she has to come out of her shell and take full part in the life and activities of the modern age. It should be equally obvious- that there can be no real cultural or spiritual growth based on imitation. Such imitation can only be confined to a small number which cuts itself off from the masses and the springs of national life. True culture derives its inspiration from every corner of the world but it if home-grown and has to be based on the wide mass of the people. Art and literature remain lifeless if they are continually thinking of foreign models. The day of a narrow culture confined to a small fastidious group is past. We have to think in terms of the people generally, and their culture must be a continuation and development of past trends, and must also represent their new urges and creative tendencies.

76. (c) C
77. (b) She will go 'forward' with confidence – option (b) is the correct option.
78. (a) With 2 choices, 'between' is the most appropriate word i.e. option (a)
79. (b) Since both the options in the previous sentence are NOT leading to relief or life or growth, we have to use a negative word i.e. 'NEITHER' which is option (b)
80. (c) She has to come out of her 'SHELL' which means 'self imposed restrictions' i.e. option (c).
81. (a) take full part 'IN' the life ... option (a)
82. (b) equally "OBVIOUS" ... option (b)
83. (b) can only be "CONFINED" to a ... option (b)
84. (a) cut itself "OFF" option (a)
85. (c) and the "SPRINGS" of national life. Option (c)
86. (c) derives its "INSPIRATION" option (c)
87. (b) has to be "BASED" on option (b)
88. (a) literature remain "LIFELESS" option (a)
89. (c) option (c) i.e. "CONTINUALLY"
90. (a) day of a "NARROW" culture option (a)

