

1. Not **only all the records**, however trivial they may be, show his involvement in the crime, even some of his steadfast admirers have turned against him.

It should be not only **do all** the records

2. She had always failed whenever she had tried to convince others, especially those who were against her, **about her sincerity** in the matter.

It should be **convince of** her sincerity in the matter.

3. It is difficult to find any other political leader as devoted to **utter the truth** under all circumstances as Mahatma Gandhi

It should be devoted **to uttering the** truth

4. The revolutionaries are generally united in believing that something dramatically, **something** recognizably novel must be occurring, or would soon occur and that they suggest that every conceivable aspect of life would change.

Something should not have been used twice

If it was dramatic in stead of dramatically, it should have been something dramatic **and** recognizably novel

5. In order to focus on the problem of how a recession **might** be protracted by the game of waiting for more information, we have to step back from the intricacies of the real world and the channels of information.

It should have been how a recession **may** be protracted. Also in the second part from should be used twice. It should have been **from the channels** of information

6. Until a few years ago, athletic shoe companies designed **their women's lines to mimic men's lines**, only in smaller sizes and pastel shades.

It should have been to mimic **their** men's lines.

7. After an acrimonious campaign ended **with a handily won term by President Mugabe**, foreign monitors clashed on the election's fairness.

It should have been ended with president Mugabe handily winning another term,

This is because the later part of the sentence is in the active voice and so the former part should also be in active voice

8. The minister began the press conference by saying, **"I should have liked to make my government's position about nuclear weapons clear"**

It should have been “I would like to make my government’s position about nuclear weapons clear.”

9. Looking at all the evidence, one agrees with the critic who calls the play an astounding success.

The sentence is correct. It **cannot** be “with the critic **that** called the play an astounding success.”

10. Undeniably, many philosophers today consider logical empiricism wrongheaded or passé; **often these result from a confusion of logical empiricism with logical positivism.**

Often **this results** from a confusion of logical empiricism with logical positivism

The following option is **not** suitable because it says confusion between in stead of confusion with.

The result often is from confusion between logical empiricism and logical positivism.

11. My affection, love and admiration **of** the city **remains** undiminished.

My affection, love and admiration **for** the city **remain** undiminished.

12. Most of us **would** move mountains if only someone would clear the foothills out of the way.

Most of us could move mountains if only someone would clear the foothills out of the way.

Could indicates possibility would indicates condition.

13. Her long, black hair reached her waist, and she wore a sequined dress, pink and lavender, that reminded me of the picture in my grandmother’s family album.

Sentence is correct. That is the correct relative pronoun.

14. I oppose **his** joining the board as a non-executive director.

I oppose him joining the board as a non-executive director.

His is possessive, him is reflexive

15. More leisure as well as abundance of goods **are** attainable automation.

More leisure as well as abundance of goods is attainable automation.

With as well as, singular is used.

16. **Being that the United States** has a food surplus it is hard to see why anyone in that country should go hungry.

Since the United States has a food surplus, it is hard to see why anyone in that country should go hungry.

17. Everyone is expected to attend the afternoon session but the field supervisor and **I**.

2] Everybody is expected to attend the afternoon session but the field supervisor and **I**.

3] Everyone is expected to attend the afternoon session but the field supervisor and me.

4] All are expected to attend the afternoon session but the field supervisor and **myself**.

Correct choice is: 3]

18. (1) Elections will have no meaning in India till the masses learn to discern between genuine commitments and false promises.

(2) Till the masses fail to discern between genuine commitments and false promises, elections will remain meaningless.

Correct choice is (1)

19. When **shined** through a prism a beam of white light breaks into all colours of the rainbow.

When **shone** through a prism a beam of white light breaks into all colours of the rainbow.

20. Mumbai has a friendly climate, **has** lots of friendly people and many fascinating neighbourhoods.

Mumbai has a friendly climate, lots of friendly people and many fascinating neighbourhoods.

21. She **may** have been a great financier had things gone differently; she would have strolled into the bank every morning and **ride** the carriage home.

She **might** have been a great financier had things gone differently; she would have strolled into the bank every morning and **ridden** the carriage home.

22. I always thought granny Nem lived **on** 15, Perry Road, where the rural rich **is** to be found, but it turns out she lives **at** Hill road.

I always thought granny Nem lived **at** 15, Perry Road, where the rural rich **are** to be found, but it turns out she lives **on** Hill road.

23. (1) Having gone through the entire exercise and having analysed the whole situation, Meera felt that it was time to act.  
(2) Meera felt that it was time to act after she had gone through the entire exercise and had analysed the whole situation.  
(3) Meera, having gone through the entire exercise and having analysed the whole situation, felt that it was time to act.

Best choice is (2) because as far as possible we should begin with the main contention – what Meera felt and try to frame a sentence in active voice.

24. The arbitrary rules that govern English bedevil non-native students **much as** they would torment would-be spelling bee champs.

The arbitrary rules that govern English bedevil non-native students **as much as** they would torment would-be spelling bee champs.

25. From his grief-gouged eyes to the way he presses his hands together to stop them from shaking it's clear that if Syamsudin Noor **made** it through the next few weeks, he will still be a dead man inside.

From his grief-gouged eyes to the way he presses his hands together to stop them from shaking it's clear that if Syamsudin Noor **makes** it through the next few weeks, he will still be a dead man inside.

26. If justice is the most profound responsibility of public life, it is **moreover** the one we are best suited to fulfil.

- (1) If justice is the most profound responsibility of public life, it is **as well** the one we are best suited to fulfil.  
(2) If justice is the most profound responsibility of public life, it is **also** the one we are best suited to fulfil.

Correct choice is (2)

27. He looks really nice in the picture wearing a cap.

(1) He looks really nice in the picture where he is wearing a cap.

(2) He looks really nice with a cap in the picture.

Correct choice is (1) because he is wearing the cap and not the picture.

28. To compare KBC **with** Chappad Phadke is **doing** a great injustice to the former show.

To compare KBC **with** Chappad Phadke is **to do** a great injustice to the former show.

29. (1) From the meadow, he could see the light glowing in the window.

(2) From the meadow, he could see the light glowing at the window.

(3) From the meadow, he could see the light glowing on the window.

(4) From the meadow, he could see the light glowing of the window.

Correct choice is (1)

30. Please wish her a Merry Christmas **from** me.

Please wish her a Merry Christmas **for** me.

31. Are you going **over** to here place?

Are you going to her place?

32. In the world cup Germany will **match on** the defending champion Brazil.

In the world cup Germany will be **matched against** the defending champion Brazil.

33. Chang usually **laid** listening to it.

Chang usually **lay** listening to it.

34. But this morning he did not wait and **sprang up** from bed.

But this morning he did not wait and **sprang out of** from bed.

35. Every morning the old man's cough was the first sound **to hear**.

Every morning the old man's cough was the first sound **to be heard**.

36. (1)Where the problems arise is when we decide that we already know what it will take to do a job.

(2)Where the problems arise is when we have decided we already know what it takes to do a job.

Sentence (1) is more appropriate ????

37. (1) The union budget is aiming at providing access to masses and encouraging private participation for setting or expanding existing facilities.

(2) The union budget is **aiming to** provide access to masses and encourage private participation to set up or expand existing facilities.

(3) The union budget aims at provision of access to masses and encouragement to private participation to set up or expand existing facilities.

Sentence (1) is correct. ??? Why not 3

38. She studied art and literature at **the** school.

Should have been **at school**

39. He was **besides** the flower garden.

Should have been beside

40. We do not take meat at dinner.

Should have been: We do not have meat for dinner

41. He was **in** a bus headed for the fort.

Should have been: **on** a bus.

42. The way India **has** played recently **it** should go in as favourites.

The way India **have** played recently **they** should go in as favourites.

43. The watch has stopped ticking for a long time now.

The watch has not been ticking for a long time now.

(1) is more appropriate (????)

44. A disagreement arose **about** who should pay for the party.

A disagreement arose **over** who should pay for the party.

45. Is it possible to reach a conclusion?

The sentence is correct. (No react **at** required)

46. A follow-up **on** today's event is on the cards.

A follow-up **to** today's event is on the cards.

47. This looks beautiful **in** moonlight.

This looks beautiful **by** moonlight.

48. Revolutions are ambitious things and their success is proportional to their power of adaptation and to the re-absorption within them of what they rebelled against.

Revolutions are ambitious things and their success is proportionate **with** their power of adaptation and to the re-absorption within them of what they rebelled against.

It should be proportionate **to**

Proportionate and proportional both have **to**

1. In the race to win the director's favour, he is \_\_\_\_\_ in his colleagues.  
a) Hitting upon    b) closing with    3) gaining on    4) turning up

Ans:

Hitting upon – to find  
Closing with – to accept  
Turning up – to arrive  
Gaining on – to get nearer to

So ans: gaining on

2. Last night in the theatre I \_\_\_\_\_ an old friend of mine.  
a) Came round    b) ran into    c) ran out    d) came up

come around – recover or agree  
come up – to raise a topic  
ran into – chanced to meet

so ans: ran into

3. The boy was \_\_\_\_\_ by his mother for his mistake.  
a) backed up    b) hit upon    c) shaken off    d) pulled up

back up – support  
hit upon – to find  
shaken off – to get rid of  
pulled up – to criticize

so ans: pulled up

4. The moment he saw his daughter panting, he \_\_\_\_\_ a doctor.  
a) called in    b) called for    c) brought about    d) brought up

called for – to demand  
brought about – to cause to happen  
brought up – raise

called in – seek services of

so ans: called in

5. After working continuously for twelve days I am too \_\_\_\_\_ for a picnic.  
a) worked upon b) cast down c) done in d) picked up

done in – exhausted

so ans: done in

49. The problem of top players **s** clashing with one another in the early rounds of a match was solved in tennis long ago through seeding.

It should have been players' (apostrophe) ????

50. (i) Only recently did I finish my thesis on Raymond Williams, which I had to submit in two months.

(ii) Only recently **I finished** my dissertation **over** Raymond Williams which had to be submitted in two months.

(i) is correct

When a sentence begins with 'only recently', 'only once' etc. there has to be an inversion in the order of the subject and the verb. Also passive voice should not be used. And dissertation is followed by **on** and not **over**.

51. (i) When she reaches the age of forty, she will be able to sing as her mother does.

(ii) When she reaches the age of forty, she will be able to sing as her mother.

(iii) When she **will reach** the age of forty, she will be able to sing as her mother does.

(i) is correct.

In time clauses such as 'unless...', 'if...', 'when...' the future tense cannot be used. So (iii) is incorrect.

Also, **as** is used before a clause where **like** is used before a noun or a pronoun. So we can say "she sings like her mother" or "she sings as her mother does"

52. **In** page 6 of today's newspaper, there is an advertisement **about** a dishwasher that you have been looking for.



(ii) On page 6 of today's newspaper, there is an advertisement for a dishwasher that you are looking for.

(iii) On page 6 of today's newspaper, there is an advertisement **about** a dishwasher that you are looking for.

(iv) On page 6 of today's newspaper, there is an advertisement **concerned about** a dishwasher that you are looking for.

(ii) is correct

We usually say 'on a page' and not 'in a page'. Advertisement **about** is not a standard usage. It is usually advertisement **for**. Also concern is never followed by about. It can be said that there is an advertisement **concerned with** a dishwasher or an advertisement that **concerns** a dishwasher.

53. (i) Although he is not very good at **sports**, he always takes a keen interest in playing a match whenever he gets an opportunity.

(ii) Although he is not very good at sport, he always takes a keen interest in playing a match whenever he gets an opportunity.

(iii) Although he is not very good at sports, he always takes a keen interest to play a match whenever he gets an opportunity.

(ii) is correct.

When **sport** is used to mean sport in general, it is used as an uncountable noun. When we refer to a particular sport, we can use the term as a countable noun. We can say "my favourite sports are pool and cricket". In the given context the word is used to refer to sport in general. So the use of the term sports would be incorrect. Also interest is usually followed by 'in' and a word with the '-ing' form.

54. Mr. Paul takes us for German class everyday.  
The sentence is correct (???)

55. He **got** bald **during** his early twenties.

It should have been: he **went** bald **when he was in** his early twenties.

56. When we examine our momentary visual field stripping it, as far as we can, of all the adjuncts derived from experience, we find that it is a complex whole in **that** the parts are interrelated in various ways.

The sentence is correct. "that" is acceptable. (???)

57. (i) In many ways, the experience of Sherey's is same as ours. Since we also live on a globe, but unlike us they have no knowledge of the third dimension up-and-down.

(ii) In many ways, the experience of Sherey's is same as **that of** ours. Since we also live on a globe, but unlike us they have no knowledge of the third dimension up-and-down.

(i) is correct.

58. (i) Politicians vie with one another in misconceived populism – they love to send their own children abroad, while they pamper linguistic or regional fanaticism by insisting upon citizens being denied the right to send their children to English medium schools.

(ii) Politicians vie with **each other** in misconceived populism – they love to send their own children abroad, even as they pamper linguistic or regional fanaticism by insisting upon citizens being denied the right to send their children to English medium schools.

Since we are talking about politicians in general (not just two) **one another** is better than each other. So (i) is correct.

59. (i) The concept of future shock and the theory of adaptations that derives from it – strongly suggest that there must be a balance, not **merely among** rates of change in different sectors, but **among** the pace of environmental change and the limited pace of human response.

(ii) The concept of future shock - and the theory of adaptations that derives from it – strongly **suggests** that there must be a balance, not **merely among** rates of change in different sectors, but **among** the pace of environmental change and the limited pace of human response.

(iii) The concept of future shock - and the theory of adaptations that derives from it – strongly **suggest** that there must be a balance, not **between** rates of change in different sectors, but **between** the pace of environmental change and the limited pace of human response.

60. A south African tribe refused to buy **soaps** unless the cakes were embossed with Mickey Mouse's image.

It should be soap. Soap is always singular.

61. Clara peters was **possibly born** in Antwerp, Holland.

Clara peters was born possibly in Antwerp, Holland.

