

Editing

Editing is an important question which tests the pupil's ability to tackle language elements comprehensively. It needs much practice and thorough knowledge of the following areas.

1. Use of relative pronouns and clauses
2. Correct use of tenses
3. Use of verb forms
4. Understanding of passive voice
5. Use of appropriate adjectives and adverbs
6. Word order
7. Articles
8. Subject verb agreement
9. Proper understanding of preposition and conjunction
10. Spelling, capital letter and punctuation

There are some errors in the passage. Edit them.

1. Vanka is a unhappy orphan who **have** (a) been apprenticed to the shoe maker Alyakhin in Moscow. On Christmas Eve , **where** (b) his master was and others are at church.vanka sits down to **writing**(c)a letter to his grandfather.

a) has b) when c) write

2. December 21, 2019 I **am** (a)so excited. I could **met** (b) the doctor for the second time. Still I **remembers** (c) that night. Then I was only 17 and the doctor **whom** (d) was practising.

a) was b) meet c)remember d) who

3. ‘The Book that Saved the Earth’ is a play **who** (a) tells about a Martian invasion that takes place in the twentieth century. Twentieth century is described as the era **for**(b) books. Think Tank and his team **is** (c) confident enough to invade the earth. They **believes** (d) that the Earthlings are inferior creatures. They are **try** (e) their level best to conquer the earth but failed.

a) which b)of c)are d)believe e) trying

4. Chimamanda **has** (a) visited Fide’s family last week. She **is**(b) surprised to see the basket made by his brother. It was the incident **who** (c) changed her attitude. It was an **importance** (d) incident in her life.

a) had b) was c) which d) Important

5. I **grow**(a) up on a university campus in Eastern nigeria(b). My mother says that I **start** (c) reading at the age of two , although I think probably **happen** (d) when I was four

a) grew b)Nigeria c) started d) happened

6. When I **start** (a) leaving him pieces of cake and biscuit, he **grow** (b) bolder , and finally became enough **with** (c) take food **for**(d) my hands.

a) Started b) grew c) to d) from

7. I was feeling drowsy myself and **is** (a) wondering if I should **went**(b) to the pond behind the house **to**(c) a swim, when I saw a huge black cobra **glide**(d) out of a clump of cactus and making for some cooler part of the garden.

a)was b)go c)for d)gliding

8. When I had also made a cautious descent **for** (a) the tree and returned to the house, I told grandfather **with** (b) the fight I **have** (c) seen. He was pleased that the **mangoose**(d) had won.

a) from b)of c) had d) mongoose

9. I **was**(a) my meal at the restaurant and returned to the room. I heard a noise **for** (b) above as I **open** (c)the door. The sound was a familiar one. One **can** (d) say that rats and I shared the room

a) had b) from c)opened d)could

10. I opened it **in**(a) the table on **where** (b) stood the lamp and a larger mirror ;a small comb **lays** (c) beside the mirror. One feels tempted to look **in** (d) a mirror when it is near.

a)at b) which c)lay d)into

11. I went back into **a** (a) room and sat down **into** (b) the chair. I **open** (c)the box beneath the table and **take** (d)out a book.

a) the b) on c)opened d) took

12. Mr. Thorats's men had **fix**(a)a five foot iron rod to the ground about thirty feet from the area **whom** (b) the tiger was supposed to walk. They took a thin , long wire and fix **won** (c) end to the collar made of tiger skin that the tiger was already wearing . The other end **were** (d) tied firmly to the visibly portion of the iron rod.

a) Fixed b) where c) one d) was

13. Sathyajith Ray shot the tiger scene at Notun Gram **when**(a) they could **found**(b) a suitable bamboo grove. Thorat reached the shooting location **to** (c) a tiger. A few local people took **there** (d) permission.

a)where b) find c)with d)their

14. We sent someone to make an appointment with **that** (a) Tamil manager and then went to **met**(b) him one morning . He greeted us **warm**(c) and ordered South Indian coffee **to** (d) us.

a) its b) meet c) warmly d)for

15. I will grind your snuff **to** (a) you ;he went on.'I will pray for you and you can flog **him** (b)as hard as you like if I am **noughty** (c) and if you think there is nothing for me to **did**(d) I will ask the steward to take pity **with** (e) me and let me clean the boots

a) for b) me c)naughty d) do e)on

Subject verb agreement

Fill in the blanks with appropriate forms of verb. Choose the answers from the options given in the brackets.

1. One of my friends gone to France. (has / have)
2. Each of the boys given a present. (was / were)
3. Neither of the contestants able to win a decisive victory. (was / were)
4. Oil and water not mix. (do / does)
5. He and I at Oxford together. (was / were)
6. Slow and steady the race. (win / wins)
7. Neither Peter nor James any right to the property. (has / have)
8. No prize or medal given to the boy, though he stood first in the examination. (was / were)
9. Either Mary or Alice responsible for this. (is / are)
10. Neither the Minister nor his colleagues given any explanation for this. (have / has)

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Complete the sentence with relative pronouns

1. The boy -----works hard can succeed.
2. The pen -----we lost has been found
3. The book-----you gave me is interesting.
4. This the cup -----you broke last week
5. This is the boy -----hit me hard.
6. This the man -----horse won the race.
7. This is the ring ----- I lost yesterday.
8. The man ----- I want to meet is a famous artist
9. The place ----- I found is comfortable
10. I met the man in the forest ----- house is small

11. This is the house ----- I was born

12. This is the man ----- I want now

Answers

1. Who 2. Which 3. That 4. Which 5. Who 6. Whose 7. Which 8. Whom 9.

Which 10. Whose 11. Where 12. Whom