

Detecting Errors

Idiom & Phrase

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Idioms & Phrases

1. A city dweller finds it difficult (1)/ to pass away the time (2)/ in a village. (3)/ No error. (4)
(SSC Section Officer (Audit) Exam. 16.11.2003)
2. It is high time (1)/ he stood on his own (2)/ two legs (3)/. No error (4).
(SSC Tax Assistant (Income Tax & Central Excise) Exam. 12.11.2006)
3. A lot of form-filling is just red tape, (1)/ and sometimes the forms are so complicated (2)/ that people can't make head or tail from them (3)/. No error (4).
(SSC Section Officer (Commercial Audit) Exam. 26.11.2006 (Second Sitting))
4. Citizens cannot afford (1)/ to take the law (2)/ out of their hands. (3)/ No error (4).
(SSC Higher Secondary Level Data Entry Operator & LDC Exam. 27.11.2010 (1st Sitting))
5. Yesterday (1)/ it rained (2)/ like cats and dogs. (3)/ No error (4)
(SSC Graduate Level Tier-II Exam. 16.09.2012)
6. There would have been (1)/ a disaster (2)/ and for your prompt action. (3)/ No error. (4)
(SSC (10+2) Level Data Entry Operator & LDC Exam. 27.10.2013, IInd Sitting)
7. On the arrival of the mail, (1)/ the car finally (2)/ made the start. (3)/ No error. (4)
(SSC CHSL (10+2) DEO & LDC Exam. 16.11.2014, IInd Sitting TF No. 545 QP 6)
8. A bird in the tree is worth two in the bush.
(1) A bird in the tree
(2) two in the bush.
(3) No error
(4) is worth
(SSC CGL Tier-I Exam, 16.08.2015 (1st Sitting) TF No. 3196279)
9. The children are driving me to distraction today.
(1) No error
(2) distraction today
(3) The children are
(4) whose brother to
(SSC CAPFs SI, CISF ASI & Delhi Police SI Exam, 30.08.2015 TF No. 4039770)
10. He finds fault at everything I do.
(1) No error
(2) at everything
(3) I do
(4) He finds fault
(SSC Constable (GD) Exam, 04.10.2015, 1st Sitting)
11. When the workers threatened to go on a strike, the mill owner declared a lay off on his mill.
(1) declared a lay off on his mill.
(2) When the workers threatened to
(3) go on a strike, the mill owner
(4) No error
(SSC CHSL (10+2) LDC, DEO & PA/SA Exam, 01.11.2015, IInd Sitting)
12. The children left (1)/ the playground (2)/ one after one. (3)/ No error (4)
(SSC (10+2) Stenographer Grade 'C' & 'D' Exam. 31.01.2016 TF No. 3513283)
13. Today the cost of living(1)/is so high that many people(2)/find it difficult to make ends meet.(3)/No error(4)
(SSC CHSL-2016 17th Jan, Evening)

14. His condition has only deteriorated, his life (hangs with threads).
 (1) is hanging on threads
 (2) hangs by a thread
 (3) hangs on a thread
 (4) no improvement
SSC CHSL-2016
20th Jan, Morning
15. What to speak of (1)/ shelter even food (2)/ was not available (3)/ No error (4)
SSC CHSL-2016
(31st January, Afternoon)
16. The prince and princess (1)/ made their way (2)/ through the cheering crowd. (3)/ No error (4)
SSC CHSL-2016
(3rd February, Morning)
17. You must not (1)/ look down into (2)/ parents' advice. (3)/ No error (4)
SSC CHSL-2016
(8th February, Evening)
18. It took her a long time (1)/ to get off (2)/ the death of her husband. (3)/ No Error (4)
SSC CGL-2016
(29th August, Morning)
19. He was for all (1) / selling the car (2)/ and buying a bicycle (3) /No Error (4)
SSC CGL-2016
(30th August, Afternoon)
20. He flowed into a rage (1)/ at the very (2)/ sight of that man (3)/ No error (4)
SSC CGL-2016
(31st August, Morning)
21. If you permit me to speak the truth (1) / I shall state without hesitation (2) / that you have done a mistake (3) / No Error (4)
SSC CGL-2016
(1st September, Morning)
22. Still (1) / waters (2) / run deep. (3) / No Error (4)
SSC CGL-2016
(4th September, Evening)
23. Several days passed before (1) / Jeff worked over enough (2) / courage to return to the house. (3) / No Error (4)
SSC CGL-2016
(8th September, Morning)
24. He lost heart (1) / because he could not cope up with (2) / the difficulties in life. (3) / No Error (4)
SSC CGL-2016
(8th September, Afternoon)
25. I do not think that (1)/ I can cope up (2)/ with this problem (3)/ No Error (4)
SSC CGL-2016
(10th September, Morning)
26. I will not (1)/ stay here another minute (2)/ if I can help it! (3)/ No Error (4)
SSC CGL-2016
(11th September, Morning)
27. There is something (1)/ stored in for (2)/ everyone. (3)/ No Error (4)
SSC (Steno.) 2017, 11 Sept., Morning
28. Even if our main players pull up, we will go ahead with the match as scheduled.
 (1) go ahead with (2) pull up
 (3) Even if (4) as
STENOGRAPHER - 2018
6 Feb., 2019 Morning

Answers with Explanation

1. (2) Replace 'pass away' with 'pass'.
 'Pass away' means 'to die'.
2. (3) Replace 'legs' with 'feet'.
 'Stand on your own two feet' is an idiom which means to be able to provide all of the things you need for living without help from any one else.
3. (3) The correct idiom is 'head or tail of'. Change 'from' into 'of'.
4. (3) Change 'out of' into 'in'.

5. (3) Remove 'like'.
'Rain cats and dogs' means 'to rain very heavily'. (मुसला धार बारिश होना)
6. (3) Replace 'and for' with 'but for'.
'But for' means 'without'.
7. (3) The correct usage is 'make a start'.
Change 'the' into 'a'.
8. (1) The correct proverb is ...
A bird in the hand is worth two in the bush.
9. (1) No error. 'Drive someone to ... means to force someone to a bad situation or state.
10. (2) 'Find faults with something' means 'to look for mistakes sometimes unfairly'. Change 'at' into 'with'.
11. (3) The correct usage is ... on strike.
Replace 'On a strike' with 'On strike'.
12. (3) Replace 'One after one' with 'One by one' or 'one after the other'.
'One by one' means 'one at a time'.
13. (4) No error
'To make both ends meet' means 'to live within means'.
14. (2) 'Hangs by a thread' is a phrase. It means 'be in a risky or unstable situation'.
15. (4) 'What to speak of' means 'worthy to mention'.
16. (4) 'To make way' means 'to pass'.
17. (2) Replace 'into' with 'upon/on'.
'Look down upon' means 'to consider someone or something lesser or inferior'.
18. (2) 'Get off' means 'to escape a punishment'.
'Get over' means 'to recover from (an ailment or an upsetting experience)'. Thus replace 'get off' with 'get over'.
19. (1) Phrasal verb
- For all - means - in spite of
 - All for - means - strongly in favour of
- According to the meaning of the sentence 'all for' should be used.
20. (1) 'Fly into a rage' is a phrase which means 'to suddenly become very angry'.
- Past form of 'fly' is 'flew'. (For detail refer to book Volume-1, Chapter-1)
21. (3) Replace 'done a mistake' with 'made a mistake'. See Rule 16 of Verb (Advance) (Volume 1)
22. (4) 'Still waters run deep' is a proverb which is said about a person who says little, but who might in fact know a lot.
23. (2) Replace 'worked over' with 'worked up'. 'To work up the courage to do something' means 'to garner courage'. (हिम्मत जुटाना)
24. (2) Correct phrase is 'cope with'.
'Cope with' means 'to handle'.
25. (2) Replace 'cope up with' with 'cope with'.
26. (3) 'I can't help it' means 'it is beyond my control'. Change 'can' into 'can't'.
27. (2) Change 'stored in' into 'in store'.
In store for someone means planned or likely to happen in future.
28. (2) Replace 'up' with 'out'.
Pull up – to criticize (आलोचना करना),
Pull out – to withdraw one's name from some programme (किसी programme से अपना नाम वापस ले लेना)