

Punjab and Sindh Bank Probationary Officers Exam. 2010
English Language
(Held on 16-5-2010)

1. What does the phrase 'value of money' as used in the passage mean?
(A) Get the best at optimum price
2. Which of the following statements is not true in the context of the passage?
(A) Purchases online have increased as the people buying these products are rich
(B) Online buying has increased because customers are getting a lot of discounts
(C) Customers have access to a number of outlets online thus online buying is more popular
(D) Online purchases have increased because the customers are able to compare prices easily
(a) All of the above are not true
3. What according to the CEO of ecommerce portal is the reason for increase in the number of online shoppers?
1. Greater bandwidth is now available in India.
2. Internet is available at a cheap cost.
3. More people are aware of the internet.
(E) Only (1) and (3)
4. Which of the following statements is true in the context of the passage?
(A) Cameras, laptops and mobile phones are popular online shopping products
(B) Customers find online shopping more convenient
(C) More people in the age group of 18 to 29 spend on online shopping
(D) Home appliances are a popular online product
(a) All the above are true
5. How can customers plan their purchases online in advance?
(D) by conducting research and then deciding the price at which they want to buy
6. What can possibly be the most appropriate title to the passage?
(B) Online shopping-unaffected by recession
7. Which of the following statements is true in the context of the passage?
(1) People make purchases only through e-commerce portals.
(2) Online buying of electronic gadgets has increased by 51 per cent.
(3) E-commerce portals are finding it difficult to sell their products.
(B) Only (2)
8. How are e-commerce portals luring customers?
(C) By creating an awareness about social networking

Directions—(Q. 9–12) Choose the word/ group of words which is most similar in meaning to the word/group of words printed in bold as used in the passage.

9. Pace
(C) Rate

10. Conviction
(A) Sense

11. Drive
(A) Coax

12. Innovating
(B) Improvising

Directions—(Q. 13–15) Choose the word/ group of words which is most opposite in meaning to the word/group of words printed in bold as used in the passage.

13. Attractive
(D) Insignificant

14. Rise
(C) Reduction

15. Tough
(C) Comfortable

Directions—(Q. 16–20) which of the phrases (A), (B), (C) and (D) given below each sentence should replace the phrase printed in bold in the sentence to make it grammatically correct? If the sentence is correct as it is given and 'No correction is required', mark (E) as the answer.

16. The traders' community is up to in arms against the police on their failure for not ensuring the arrest of wanted criminals.

(C) Up in arms

17. Chief Justice announced that a total of 30 evening courts will be started in all the five district courts of the city by the end of December.

(E) No correction required

18. If you are planning on getting admission forms to enroll your child in school, you might as well forget about it.

(D) Forget about it

19. Police said that basis on secret information, a trap was laid and the criminal was arrested near the station.

(B) That based on

20. With order to help outstation candidates planning to move to the city, a few colleges load their application forms online.

(A) In order to

Directions—(Q. 21–25) each question below has two blanks, each blank indicating that something has been omitted. Choose the set of words for each blank which best fits the meaning of the sentence as a whole.

21. The petitioner had an immediate stay from the court on allotment of the flats till of investigation into the alleged irregularities.

(B) Sought, completion

22. Modern music doesn't lend to longevity; sometimes it is hard even to remember what the biggest hit from a of years ago was.

(A) Itself, couple

23. Opportunities when they are seized and when they are not.

(E) Multiply, die

24. At the sound of the bell we are to pause, relax our body and become gently of our in-breath and out-breath.

(C) invited, aware

25. to listen to the sounds of nature, we find that we can afterwards carry on with whatever we were doing in a more and loving way.

(A) Feeling, helpful

Directions—(Q. 26–35) in the following passage there are blanks, each of which has been numbered. These numbers are printed below the passage and against each, five words are suggested, one of which fits the blank appropriately. Find out the appropriate word in each case.

Since ...26... times, people have ...27... that human activity could affect the environment. The discovery of past ice ages shows that Earth's climate is in constant ...28... and that ...29... history, scientists have ...30... for the cause of these changes. Though scientists discovered the greenhouse effect in the late 19th century, the theory of global warming wasn't ...31... as a scientifically proven fact until 1992 when the United Nations held a Conference on Environment and Development. Today, global warming is a ...32... accepted reality and ...33... about its effects ranges from the hysteria to the acceptance. Newspapers chronicle the slowly changing climate and the actions that have ...34... that change. From developing nations to industrial countries, global climate affects ...35...

Answers:-

26. **(D) Ancient**

27. **(A) Believed**

28. **(B) Flux**

29. **(D) Throughout**

30. **(E) Searched**

31. **(A) Accepted**

32. **(B) Widely**

33. **(E) Speculation**

34. **(C) Affected**

35. **(C) Everyone**

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