

# ENGLISH (IBPS PO 10 OCTOBER 2018)

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1. 1) scheme 2) hope 3) deadline  
4) need 5) urgency
2. 1) close 2) far 3) use  
4) lot 5) exercise

Answer:- 1. 3

2. 1

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3. 1) to 2) in 3) of  
4) under 5) with
4. 1) set up 2) set free 3) inspire  
4) fetch up 5) elevate

Answer:- 3. 5

4. 1

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5. 1) nearly 2) remarkably 3) nevertheless  
4) shortly 5) randomly
6. 1) transverse 2) leaving 3) advent  
4) across 5) shift

Answer:- 5. 4

6. 3

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7. 1) too 2) in fact 3) itself  
4) to 5) it
8. 1) mere 2) quick 3) further  
4) additional 5) reverse

Answer:- 7. 1

8. 2

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9. 1) through 2) at 3) have  
4) had 5) with
10. 1) during 2) similarly 3) while  
4) resultant 5) rather

Answer:- 9. 1

10. 3

11. Nepal has received 40 mega watt of electricity from India, (1)/ taking the total import of power to (2)/ the country to 340 mega watt, as part of the (3)/ Himalayan nation's efforts to end load-shedding. (4)/ No error (5)

Answer:- (2) use 'from' instead of 'to'

12. The SC held that any appeal for votes on the ground (1)/ of "religion, race, caste, community (2)/ or language" amounted to "corrupt practice" (3)/ under the election law provision. (4)/ No error (5)

Answer - (5) No error

13. In an escalation of tense ties with the (1)/ government in Puducherry, Lt Governor cancelled the order of (2)/ a Chief Minister banning the use of (3)/ social media for official communication. (4)/ No Error (5)

Answer - (3) Replace 'a' with 'the'

14. West Bengal Chief Minister (1)/ said religion means brotherhood and unity, (2)/ while addressing a gathering (3)/ on the occasion of 350th birth anniversary of Guru Gobind Singh. (4)/ No Error (5)

Answer - (5) No error

15. Haryana Government has decided to delegate more powers to (1)/ hospitals in the districts on the management of funds for the (2)/ purchase of medicines, medical consumables, equipments and upkeep of (3)/ hospitals to ensure smooth and time delivery of healthcare services in the state. (4)/ No Error (5)

Answer - (4) use 'timely' instead of 'time'

16. Three persons of a family, including a woman and a minor girl, (1)/ suffered burn injuries when a fire broken (2)/ out in their house following a cooking gas cylinder explosion (3)/ in Veerapatti village under Badagaon police station, police said. (4)/ No Error (5)

Answer - (2) use 'broke' instead of 'broken'

17. Seeking to give a greater momentum to their strategic relationship,(1)/ India and France discussed about a wide spectrum of issues, including defence (2)/ and terrorism, with the French side saying the bilateral ties should (3)/ move forward with the speed of a Rafale fighter jet. (4)/ No Error (5)

Answer - (2) remove 'about'

18. The flurry of actions by the government (1) /on terrorism the minister has given the impressive (2)/of movement on an issue that has been a(3)/ point of contention between both the countries.(4)/No error. (5)

Answer - (2) 'impression' should replace 'impressive'

19. The constitutional court has another few months(1)/ to dispose of the impeachment petition over(2)/ a scandal that saw hundreds of thousands of (3)/people take to the streets towards the end of 2016.(4)/No. Error.(5)

Answer - (4) 'took' should replace 'take'

- 20- Finance ministry assured CBEC officers (1)/ that there will be no reduction of manpower (2)/ under new GST regime and HR policy will (3)/ be drafted after taking their views on board. (4)/ No Error (5)

Answer - (1) use 'has' before 'assured'.

21. Five Indian and three Pakistani soldiers were \_\_\_\_\_ in a shooting between August 30 and September 1, 2011 \_\_\_\_\_ the Line of Control in Kupwara district.

- (1) invited, on (2) attacked, in (3) propagate, upon  
(4) killed, across (5) murder, into

ANSWER- (4)

For Other Option- propagate- multiply

22. RBI's new governor and its first-ever Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) \_\_\_\_\_ credit for effecting a 25 basis point cut \_\_\_\_\_ the latter's benchmark repo or overnight lending rate to 6.25 per cent.

- (1) asks, trial (2) give, upto (3) develop, after  
(4) demand, against (5) deserve, in

ANSWER- (5)

For Other Option- trial- testing

23. The \_\_\_\_\_ was taken after a series of reports from \_\_\_\_\_ agencies and credible inputs providing sufficient ground for the decision taken.

- (1) decision, various (2) cupidity, some (3) improvement, every  
(4) conjecture, all (5) action, different

ANSWER- (1)

For Other Options- conjecture – a guess,  
cupidity- strong desire for wealth

24. The Indian military action \_\_\_\_\_ the Line of Control was waiting to \_\_\_\_\_ for many years now.

- (1) behind, defalcate (2) across, happen (3) amid, apply  
(4) of, control (5) against, carnage

ANSWER- (2)

For Other Options- defalcate- to mislead money. Carnage- killing many people

25. Lands were \_\_\_\_\_ exploited for production, left fallow to recover, left unoccupied to \_\_\_\_\_ buffers against the cycles of excesses of nature.

- (1) exponentially, bolster (2) multiply, plan (3) strategically, provide  
(4) significantly, besmirch (5) regularly, supply

ANSWER- (3)

For Other Options- bolster- support. Besmirch- to damage

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