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ENGLISH MARATHON

Spotting Errors

1. I have not (a)/ played cricket (b)/ since I have left college. (c) / No error (d)
2. It cannot be forecasted (a)/ how society will emerge (b)/ a generation hence. (c) / No error (d)
3. This pen is (a)/ very good but (b)/ it costed me ten rupees. (c) / No error (d)
4. Of all the friends (a)/ I he had, he is the most helpful(b)/ and less arrogant. (c) / No error (d)
5. Watch how careful (a)/ the sparrow knits the (b)/ straw into one another to form a nest. (c) / No error (d)
6. On hearing the news, (a)/ he went directly (b)/ to the Manager's room. (c) / No error (d)
7. If you lose your passport (a)/ in a foreign (b)/ it will effect you hardly. (c) / No error (d)
8. Rich can get away (a)/ with money and contacts (b)/ but the poor have neither. (c)/ No error (d)
9. Most of my friends (a)/ heard the earthquake (b)/ but I was totally unaware of it (c)/ No error (d)
10. This building (a)/ comprises of six houses, (b) three parking lots and one basement. (c)/ No error (d)

Directions – Choose the similar word

11. The boy was **fired** for continually coming late to school.
 - (a) beaten
 - (b) scolded
 - (c) abused
 - (d) dismissed
12. He did not make any attempt to **placate** her.
 - (a) please
 - (b) pacify
 - (c) serve
 - (d) satisfy
13. Whatever the **verdict** of history may be, Chaplin will occupy a unique place in its pages.
 - (a) prediction
 - (b) outcome
 - (c) judgement
 - (d) voice
14. Dr. S. Radhakrishnan has written an **erudite** commentary on the Bhagwad Gita.
 - (a) scholarly
 - (b) inspiring
 - (c) effective
 - (d) perfect
15. He had to **curtail** his leave as a lot of work was pending in his office.
 - (a) cancel
 - (b) extend
 - (c) shorten
 - (d) postpone

16. The incident *affected* him so much that he could not forget it for several days.

- (a) upset
- (b) changed
- (c) influenced
- (d) controlled

17. The scheme failed for want of *adequate* funds.

- (a) required
- (b) recommendation
- (c) sufficient
- (d) necessary

18. The committee did not find him *fit* for the job.

- (a) genuine
- (b) correct
- (c) suitable
- (d) selected

19. He was a *contemplative* person.

- (a) thoughtful
- (b) careless
- (c) over-zealous
- (d) mischievous

20. The *ubiquity* of God cannot be questioned.

- (a) greatness
- (b) mystery
- (c) omnipresence
- (d) existence

Directions – Choose the Opposite word

21. Anarchy *emerges* out of the wars of succession.

- (a) disappears
- (b) sinks
- (c) falls
- (d) drowns
- (e) extinguishes

22. He was really *delighted* to see me.

- (a) scared
- (b) disturbed
- (c) surprised
- (d) displeased

23. This painting is full of *radiant* colours.

- (a) delicate
- (b) dull
- (c) bright
- (d) rare

24. She used to *disparage* her neighbour every now and then.

- (a) denigrate
- (b) belittle
- (c) praise
- (d) please

25. **Recession** causes unemployment

- (a) Poverty
- (b) Computerisation
- (c) Education
- (d) Inflation

26. By murdering that woman, he has committed a **hideous** crime.

- (a) normal
- (b) generous
- (c) handsome
- (d) fair
- (e) logical

27. On hearing the news he was in a state of **ecstasy**.

- (a) depression
- (b) pain
- (c) disappointment
- (d) trance

28. His **frivolous** remarks provoked no comments.

- (a) serious
- (b) momentous
- (c) frantic
- (d) fanciful

29. Her new hair style looks very **attractive**.

- (a) unblooming
- (b) grand
- (c) unbecoming
- (d) fascinating

30. Rohit is a very **courageous** boy.

- (a) frightened
- (b) naughty
- (c) cowardly
- (d) happy

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Idioms and Phrases

31. To stand to one's guns

- (a) To keep the guns close to oneself even amid danger
- (b) To persevere when hardships press
- (c) To maintain dignified and unbending attitude
- (d) To maintain one's position

32. A chip off the old block

- (a) A piece of wood
- (b) An old friend
- (c) Characteristics of one's ancestors
- (d) A good bargain

33. To hit below the belt

- (a) To work confidentially
- (b) To harm unfairly
- (c) To strike at the exact position
- (d) To hit the correct mark

34. Hush money

- (a) Money overdue
- (b) Easy money
- (c) Money earned by wrong means
- (d) Bribe paid to secure silence

35. To worship the rising sun

- (a) To honour a man who is coming into office
- (b) To honour the promising people
- (c) To indulge in flattery
- (d) To welcome the coming events

36. A storm in a teacup

- (a) Unexpected
- (b) A danger signal
- (c) Much excitement over something trivial
- (d) A great noise

37. Leave one to sink or swim

- (a) To be in a dilemma
- (b) To leave to one's fate
- (c) To put one in difficulty
- (d) Not to help one

38. Spick and span

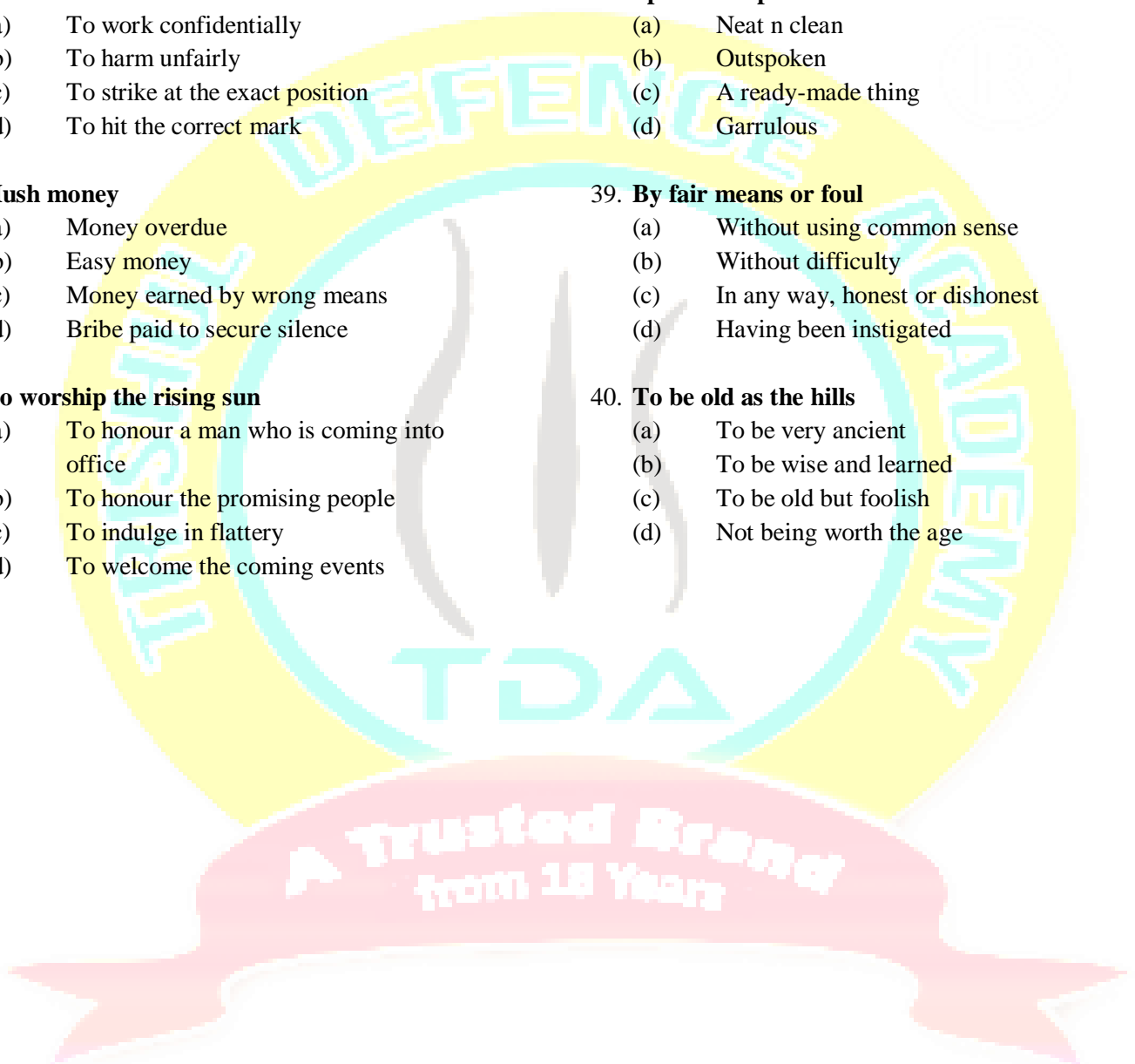
- (a) Neat n clean
- (b) Outspoken
- (c) A ready-made thing
- (d) Garrulous

39. By fair means or foul

- (a) Without using common sense
- (b) Without difficulty
- (c) In any way, honest or dishonest
- (d) Having been instigated

40. To be old as the hills

- (a) To be very ancient
- (b) To be wise and learned
- (c) To be old but foolish
- (d) Not being worth the age



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ORDERING OF WORDS IN A SENTENCE

Directions : Each of the following in this section consists of a sentence(s), the parts of which have been jumbled. These parts have been labeled as P, Q, R and S. Given below each sentence are four sequence namely (a), (b), (c) and (d). You are required to rearrange the jumbled parts of the sentence and mark your response accordingly.

41. to dispose off the waste matter

P

the modernization would reduce

Q

provide better sanitary facilities

R

Manual labour considerably and would also

S

- (a) PQSR
- (b) QSRP
- (c) RPQS
- (d) SRPQ

42. will normally be granted candidates should note

P

Q

that no request for

Change of centre

R

S

- (a) PSQR
- (b) QRSP
- (c) RSPQ
- (d) SPQR

43. after travelling in other countries, he should not forget

P

Q

all about the countries he has travelled

R

when a man returns home

S

- (a) PRQS
- (b) RPQS
- (c) SPQR
- (d) SRQP

44. Several years ago, course on climate change at Texas A&M University

P

Q

Professor Andrew Dessler created an introductory for freshmen and sophomores

R

S

- (a) PRQS
- (b) QRPS
- (c) SQRP
- (d) PQRS

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45. we must read
P
if we want to absorb the fruits of great literature
Q
but with concentration
R

them not as we do cricket stories
S

- (a) PRQS
- (b) PRSQ
- (c) PSQR
- (d) QPSR

46. when P a child develops best Q like a young plant R

he is left undisturbed in the same soil
S

- (a) PQRS
- (b) QPRS
- (c) QPSR
- (d) PQSR

47. we shall hardly expect to find life there P knowing that Q

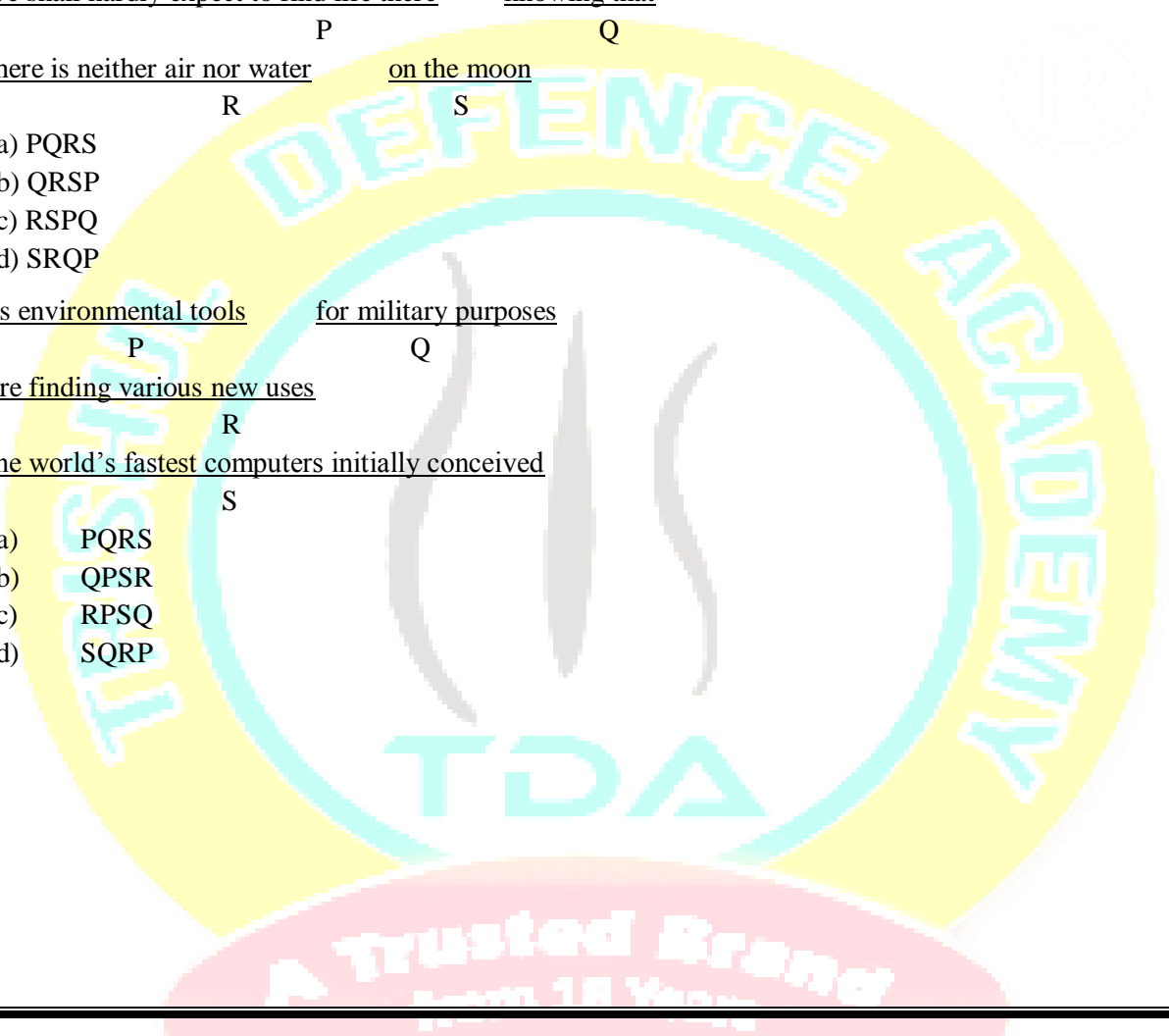
there is neither air nor water R on the moon S

- (a) PQRS
- (b) QRSP
- (c) RSPQ
- (d) SRQP

48. as environmental tools P for military purposes Q

are finding various new uses R
the world's fastest computers initially conceived
S

- (a) PQRS
- (b) QPSR
- (c) RPSQ
- (d) SQRP



49. environmental and psychological stress and strain he said that

P

Q

the development of positive attitudes to cope with

R

what the world needed today was

S

- (a) PQSR
- (b) QSRP
- (c) RPQS
- (d) SRPQ

50. I realize that solving the climate change problem than solving will be much harder

P

Q

R

the ozone depletion problem

S

- (a) PRQS
- (b) QRPS
- (c) SQRP
- (d) PQRS