



# ***TOPIC WISE ENGLISH***



**Error Detection  
&  
Sentence Improvement**

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***ERROR DETECTION***  
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1. Several great battles (1)/ took place among (2)the two countries. (3)/No Error (4)



(b); for two things/people "between" should be used. thus option (b) is correct.

2. They did nothing (1)/ that was down the (2)/dignity of princes. (3)/No Error (4).



(b); beneath one's dignity means If something is beneath one's dignity, one feel that one is too important to do it.

Thus "down" should be replaced with "beneath"

**3.** What are (1) you doing (2)/ by here? (3)/No Error (4)



(c); "here" is an adverb of place, and adverbs do not require any preposition for them thus "by" should not be used

4. It had a bright blue (1) cover, which he was(2)/  
careful not do soil. (3)/No Error (4)



(c); To soil something also means to make it dirty  
Thus "do soil" should be replaced with "to soil"

**5. The boy who (1)/ sat close him (2)/ was his son. (3)/No Error (4)**



**(b); "close" is an adjective, noun, adverb and "noun/adjective/adverb" cannot take an object after it, thus to add any object" preposition" should be used. and "close aside" should be used.**



6. He was going to (1)/ like the clothes she (2)/bought of the trip. (3)/No Error (4)



(c) 'of' should be replaced with 'for' We buy something for party, wedding someone.

7. "You didn't answer my (1)/ question," he said,(2)/  
stepping to her. (3)/No Error (4)

(c); stepping towards her should be used  
towards means "in the direction of"



8. He was such a (1)/ wonderful person (2)/ into so many ways. (3)/No Error (4)



(c); usage of "into" is incorrect. It should be replaced with "in"

9. The phone that (1) my father bought is different (2)/than your.(3)/No Error (4)



(c); in part (3) of the sentence it should be "yours" to show the possession.

**10.** My sister had a tough time (1)/removing the chewing gum that (2)/stuck with her hair. (3)/No Error (4)



(c); stuck in: unable to move.

Thus "stuck in" should be used which shows chewing gum got intertwined with hair.



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11) Look at this video clip in which **I, my friend and you** are enjoying a boat ride.

- 1) you, my friend and I
- 2) I, you and my friend
- 3) my friend, you and I
- 4) no improvement



**Solution : (1) you, my friend and I**

**Explanation – The order ‘231’ should be followed for the good sense and for the bad sense the order should be – ‘123’**

12) Any bad habit must be nipped **on** the bud.

1) on

2) in

3) off

4) no improvement

**Solution : 2, in**

**Explanation – ‘Nip in the bud’ – to stop, cease, or prevent something at the beginning.**





13) The patient died **of a wound and not of cancer.**

- 1) from a wound and not of
- 2) of a wound and not from
- 3) from a wound and not from
- 4) no improvement



**Solution : 1, from a wound and not of**

**Explanation – ‘die from’ – death caused by external factors.(earthquake, disaster, wound, etc.) ‘die of ‘ – death caused by internal factors (disease, illness, etc.)**

14) When I last saw Ravi, he **had been running** to catch his bus.

- 1) ran
- 2) was running
- 3) had run
- 4) no improvement

**Solution : 2, was running**

**Explanation – The past continuous merely shows continuity whereas past perfect continuous tense puts an emphasis on the idea of duration.**



15) I would love **to availing** a short holiday, and go for an overnight trek.

- 1) to avail myself of
- 2) to avail of
- 3) to avail myself
- 4) no improvement

**Solution : 3, to avail myself**

**Explanation –The verb ‘avail’ is used reflexively.**

**Example – I would like to avail myself of the opportunity. ✓**



16) She has not been well **for the past** few months

- 1) since the past
- 2) for past
- 3) since the last
- 4) no improvement



**Solution : 4, no improvement**

**Explanation – ‘the past few months’ indicate the period of time and we use ‘for’ for period of time and ‘since’ for point of time.**

17) It has been a long ago I last saw you.

- 1) time
- 2) since
- 3) before
- 4) no improvement

**Solution : 2, since**

**Explanation – ‘Since’ as a conjunction means ‘starting at a particular point in the past and continuing until now’**



18) I Cannot help but **had to cry** at his sad story.

- 1) cry
- 2) cried
- 3) was crying
- 4) no improvement

**Solution : 1, cry**

**Explanation – ‘Cannot help but’ means to be unable to do anything else except...**

**“Cannot help but” should be followed by main verb ‘cry’**



19) If I **have had** money, I would have bought this car.

- 1) had
- 2) did have
- 3) had had
- 4) no improvement

**Solution : 3, had had**

**Explanation –It is a third conditional sentence.**



20) **As soon as I saw** the ferocious dog than I ran away.

- 1) No sooner than I saw
- 2) No sooner has I seen
- 3) No sooner did I see
- 4) no improvement



**Solution : 3, No sooner did I see**

**Explanation – sentence is based on the structure – “no sooner .....than” .**



## HOME WORK

After a **hard days work**, I just want to go home.

- 1) hard day's work
- 2) hard days' work
- 3) hard day work
- 4) No improvement

## HOME WORK ANSWER

He decided to bury the hatchet.

(1) to keep a secret

(2) to make peace

(3) to fool someone

(4) to bury the wealth

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