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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)





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)





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



Explanation – The verb 'avail' is used reflexively.

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









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



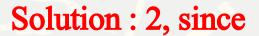
Explanation – 'the past few months' indicate the period of time and we use 'for' for period of time and 'since' for point of time.







- 17) It has been a long ago I last saw you.
- 1) time
- 2) since
- 3) before
- 4) no improvement



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









- 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'









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

Solution: 3, had had Explanation—It is a third conditional sentence.



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- 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 soonerthan".







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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