

General English

Directions—(Q. 1-15) Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions given below it. Certain words / expressions are given in **bold** in the passage to help you locate them while answering some of the questions.

“My God, it speaks” uttered the Emperor of Brazil and the receiver of the Telephone slipped from his hand and banged aground. At the other end Alexander Graham Bell was still on line.

This incident goes back to 1876 when at an exhibition in Philadelphia (USA), Alexander Graham Bell was giving a demonstration of his new invention. This **strange** instrument known as Telephone was to **revolutionize** life in the years to come.

Bell was born at Edinborough, Scotland. He was a teacher and, was **dedicated** to the noble cause of teaching the deaf and the dumb. Due to a severe illness, Bell was sent to Canada in 1870, where too he got engaged in helping the dumb-deaf to hear and speak. Thereafter, he shifted to the USA but **continued** with his work by opening a school for deaf and dumb.

Bell was fond of scientific inventions and was ever engaged in making some machines in his spare time. While at Boston, he tried to communicate through metal wire. His companion in this work was Watson. One day while experimenting with his instrument, Bell spoke to Watson standing at a distance. Watson was taken by a **pleasant** surprise as he had heard Bell clearly through his instrument. The instrument was a success and Bell patented it.

Graham Bell had some sterling qualities of head and heart. **Apart from** being an artist, he was a kind human being, ready to help the needy. He established an institution for the deaf and dumb children. He died in 1922 in Canada. The entire northern America paid him a tribute by hanging up their telephones for a while during his funeral.

1. **Which of the following is not mentioned in the passage as a quality of Graham Bell ?**
 (A) Lover of art
 (B) Kind natured person
 (C) Co-operative individual
 (D) Curiosity
2. **The words uttered by the Emperor of Brazil suggest that he was extremely.....**
 (A) angry
 (B) insulted
 (C) surprised
 (D) agitated
3. **Which of the following made Bell to invent telephone ?**
 (A) His activity of teaching
 (B) His service to the deaf and dumb
 (C) His keen interest in scientific inventions
 (D) Encouragement received from Watson
4. **What according to the passage was the contribution of invention of telephone ?**
 (A) Interaction between two persons at some dis-

tance was possible

(B) Rich people were able to communicate with others

(C) Graham Bell could converse with Watson regarding invention through telephone

(D) It revolutioned human life

5. **Graham Bell made the telephone call of his invention to the Emperor from the city of—**
 (A) Edinborough
 (B) Philadelphia
 (C) Brazil
 (D) Boston
6. **The teaching activity undertaken by Bell was considered ‘noble’ particularly because—**
 (A) he was teaching the physically under-privileged persons
 (B) there was nobody else in the field of education
 (C) he was not accepting any salary for that job
 (D) he was a very famous scientist of this times
7. **The North Americans paid their last respects to Bell by—**
 (A) attending his funeral
 (B) suspending telephone lines for some time during his funeral
 (C) establishing an institution for the deaf and dumb children
 (D) showing their readiness to help the poor and needy
8. **Bell had gone to Canada in 1870 for—**
 (A) treating a patient who was seriously ill
 (B) helping the deaf and dumb children to hear and speak
 (C) undergoing medical treatment for himself
 (D) devoting his full time to his invention
9. **Bell establishing an institution for the deaf and dumb children shows that he was—**
 (A) an expert scientist
 (B) a curious explorer
 (C) a dedicated social worker (D) genuinely emphatic towards the technology

Directions— (Q. 10-12) Choose the word or group of words which is **MOST NEARLY THE SAME** in **MEANING** as the word printed in **bold** as used in the passage.

10. **dedicated**
 (A) appointed (B) deployed
 (C) devoted (D) religious
11. **apart from**
 (A) In addition to
 (B) At a long distance
 (C) Separated from
 (D) In spite of
12. **revolutionize**
 (A) affect adversely
 (B) develop gradually
 (C) illuminate completely
 (D) change drastically

Directions—(Q. 13-15) Choose the word which is **MOST OPPOSITE** in **MEANING** of the word printed in **bold** as used in the passage.

13. pleasant

- (A) admirable (B) disgusting
(C) nice (D) indecent

14. strange

- (A) familiar (B) unseen
(C) illfamed (D) novel

15. continued

- (A) irregular (B) destroyed
(C) reckoned (D) suspended

Directions— (Q. 16-20) Rearrange the following sentences (1), (2), (3), (4), (5) and (6) in proper sequence to form a meaningful paragraph; then answer the questions given below them—

- (1) He felt that his honest ways were responsible for the poverty and starvation of his family.
- (2) Sixteen miles away from Mysore, there is a dense forest.
- (3) He told them how his honesty was useless and asked if he should try an alternative.
- (4) They told him that they would prefer starving to dishonesty.
- (5) Once there lived a poor but honest woodcutter in the forest.
- (6) So he wanted to discuss his feeling with his wife and children.

16. Which of the following should be the SECOND sentence ?

- (A) 1 (B) 2 (C) 3 (D) 5

17. Which of the following should be the FIFTH sentence ?

- (A) 1 (B) 2 (C) 3 (D) 4

18. Which of the following should be the FIRST sentence ?

- (A) 1 (B) 2 (C) 3 (D) 4

19. Which of the following should be the SIXTH (LAST) sentence ?

- (A) 1 (B) 2 (C) 3 (D) 4

20. Which of the following should be the THIRD sen-

tence ?

- (A) 1 (B) 2 (C) 3 (D) 4

Directions— (Q.-21-25) Pick out the **MOST EFFECTIVE WORD** from the given words to fill in the blank to make the sentence meaningfully complete.

21. You must ensure the correctness of the information before to conclusion.

- (A) drawing
(B) enabling
(C) leaning
(D) jumping

22. The rocket the target and did not cause any casualty.

- (A) sensed (B) reached (C) missed
(D) exploded

23. It is desirable to take in any business if you want to make profit.

- (A) advice (B) risk
(C) loan (D) recourse

24. They wasted all the money on purchase of some items.

- (A) excellent (B) important
(C) significant (D) trivial

25. When he found the wallet his face glowed but soon it faded as the wallet was

- (A) empty (B) vacant
(C) recovered (D) stolen

Answer-General English

1. D 2. C 3. C 4. D 5. B
6. A 7. B 8. C 9. C 10. C
11. A 12. D 13. B 14. A 15. D
16. D 17. C 18. B 19. D 20. A
21. D 22. B 23. C 24. D 25. A