

New Pattern English-2

Directions (1-15): In each of the questions, a word has been used in sentences in four different ways. Choose the option corresponding to the sentence in which the usage of the word is incorrect or inappropriate.

Q1. Account

- (a) How will you account of the money you spent?
- (b) He couldn't account for his absence from college.
- (c) How will you account for such a big difference?
- (d) Hari was able to account for his actions.
- (e) None of the above

Q2. Act

- (a) When you read a story or a poem to your child, act it out with him or her.
- (b) This computer's acting up again.
- (c) The children were acting over because their mother wasn't there.
- (d) The script itself is well written and well-acted out by the cast.
- (e) None of the above

Q3. Add

- (a) This just doesn't add up.
- (b) Slowly add in flour, baking powder and salt. Mix until well blended.
- (c) She added up the bill.
- (d) These are quite expensive though, by the time you've added in border taxes.
- (e) None of the above

Q4. Answer

- (a) Don't answer back to your mother.
- (b) You are answerable for your mistakes.
- (c) You have to give me an answer.
- (d) Answer up, or you will be punished.
- (e) None of the above

Q5. Ask

- (a) The next day, her brother came to ask after her.
- (b) I'll ask around and see if there's a room vacant somewhere
- (c) I'll ask her over in to dinner next weekend.
- (d) This is the third time he's asked me out.
- (e) None of the above

Q6. Back

- (a) The company only backed in after a worldwide campaign by activists.
- (b) He backed out at the last moment.
- (c) We had to back up a long way and try a different route.
- (d) Five witnesses backed him up.
- (e) None of the above

Q7. Blow

- (a) I don't understand. It's not like her to blow up over a silly little row like that.

- (b) The politician is keeping a low profile until the scandal blow over.
- (c) More volunteers are needed to blow up balloons.
- (d) I blew out the candles and we ate cake.
- (e) None of the above

Q8. Break

- (a) When he told her he didn't love her anymore, she broke down.
- (b) I was extremely stunned when May and Brad broke off their engagement.
- (c) The meeting broken up around 10 o'clock.
- (d) The two criminals broke out of prison yesterday.
- (e) None of the above

Q9. Bring

- (a) Looking at the photos brought back a lot of memories of my visit to the place.
- (b) It isn't easy to bring up children nowadays.
- (c) Madonna is just bringing out a new record.
- (d) The early rains will bring a much needed relief from the heat.
- (e) None of the above

Q10. Call

- (a) Can you ask her to call me back, please?
- (b) We had to call in a doctor.
- (c) It's too late to call off the ceremony now.
- (d) Call up me when you get there.
- (e) None of the above

Q11. Carry

- (a) She got carried away in the shop and spent all her money on new dresses.
- (b) He carried on as if nothing had happened.
- (c) It's going to be difficult to carry out that plan.
- (d) If things get carried on the way they are, you'll lose your job.
- (e) None of the above

Q12. Check

- (a) I arrived in Lucknow a few days ago and checked into the Taj Hotel.
- (b) I will check out of the hotel after breakfast.
- (c) You should check out your pockets before you leave home.
- (d) Quickly check out of the hotel before they charge you for an additional day.
- (e) None of the above

Q13. Clear

- (a) The boy asked his friends to clear off before his father arrived.
- (b) During the night the fog cleared off.
- (c) I think this misunderstanding will be cleared up soon.
- (d) Clear up the mess before you leave.
- (e) None of the above

Q14. Come

- (a) I had no idea what had happened to me when I came round.
- (b) As new jobs come up, we will contact students who have signed the contract.
- (c) Ram came up with a very good plan.
- (d) When we came together we make things happen.
- (e) None of the above

Q15. Cut

- (a) For years, the country was part of the soviet union and was cut off from the rest of Europe.
- (b) People with diabetes are usually advised to cut down on sugar.
- (c) We will take a cut in our salaries.
- (d) The tree was damaged in the storm so they had to cut down it.
- (e) None of the above

Solutions

S1. Ans.(a)

Sol. One does not account of the money spent... one gives account of or accounts for is also acceptable.

S2. Ans.(c)

Sol. Children were acting up.

act up: [for a thing or a person] to behave badly.

S3. Ans.(d)

Sol. added on is the correct usage. add-on: something that has been or can be added to an existing object or arrangement.

S4. Ans.(d)

Sol. answer up is wrong usage. Incorrect use of preposition 'up'.

S5. Ans.(c)

Sol. ask her over is correct, no need to add 'in'

S6. Ans.(a)

Sol. Company only backed down. back down- withdraw a claim or assertion in the face of opposition.

S7. Ans.(b)

Sol. "Scandal blows over" is correct phrase.

S8. Ans.(c)

Sol. The meeting broke up.

S9. Ans.(c)

Sol. Madonna has just brought out a new record.

S10. Ans.(d)

Sol. Call me up when you get there.

S11. Ans.(d)

Sol. If things carry on the way they are, you'll lose your job.

S12. Ans.(c)

Sol. You should check your pockets before you leave home.

S13. Ans.(a)

Sol. Wrong usage as when something clears off or you clear it off, it disappears or is removed.

S14. Ans.(d)

Sol. When we get together, we make things happen.

S15. Ans.(d)

Sol. Cut it down

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