

Sentence Improvement

What is sentence improvement?

- In sentence improvement questions a sentence is given with a word or phrase in bold letters or underlined.
- Four substitutes are given under the sentence as alternatives.
- The candidate has to find the error in the part that is in bold or underlined. Then find the correct answer from among the alternatives.
- After substituting the alternative the sentence becomes grammatically correct.
- If the given sentence is correct and no substitute is required then the answer is “No Improvement.”

Practice is the only trick to attempt sentence improvement questions. These questions require a good knowledge of common errors, vocabulary, correct use of phrases and overall rules of grammar.

Improvement of Sentence Questions with Answers and explanations.

Q1 He felt exhausted as he was working since 4 O' clock in the morning

- A) has been working
- B) had been working
- C) is working
- D) No improvement

Correct answer is B as the past perfect continuous tense will be used.

Q2 Most people in India like to give a lot of free advice.

- A) advices
- B) advises
- C) advise
- D) No Improvement

Correct answer is D. (The word advice is a noun and has no plural form. Advise is a verb. So option a,b and C all get eliminated)

Q3 Hardly had he finished his work than the peon arrived with another file.

- A) when
- B) then
- C) while
- D) no improvement

Correct answer is A. (With hardly the word when is used)

Q4 Rahul has no right to take a claim on his father's property as he did not look after him in his old age.

- A) to make a claim
- B) to stake a claim to
- C) to demand
- D) no improvement

Correct answer B (stake a claim is a phrase which means to ask for something as one's own)

Q5 I have sent the parcel two hours ago.

A) had sent

B) send

C) sent

D) no improvement

Correct answer C (The usage of two hours ago indicates that the sentence is of simple past tense)

Sentence Improvement Question and Answers.

Q 1) The toddler has a habit of throwing tantrums.

(A) Expressing emotions.

(B) Expressing frustrations.

(C) Expressing happiness.

(D) No improvement.

Q2) He absented from the meeting.

- (A) was absent.
- (B) absented himself.
- (C) took absence.
- (D) No improvement.

Q3) The concert will start when the conductor comes.

- (A) When the conductor arrives.
- (B) When the curtain has been raising.
- (C) When the audience will arrive.
- (D) No improvement.

Q 4) The air conditioner has made ceiling fans a little redundant in today's world.

- (A) Superfluous.
- (B) Obsolete
- (C) Extinct
- (D) No improvement

Q5) You must to do your homework, mustn't you?

- (A) Shouldn't
- (B) must
- (C) ought
- (D) No improvement

Q6) A thing of beauty is joy forever.

- (A) is the joy
- (B) Is joyous
- (C) Is a joy
- (D) No improvement

Q7) The little boy fell from the roof.

- (A) Fell below the roof
- (B) Fell down the roof
- (C) Fell off the roof
- (D) No improvement

Q8) Because that there were heavy rains the lake was flooded.

- (A) Because of the
- (B) As there were
- (C) There was
- (D) No improvement

Q9) The thieves ran away in a black car.

- (A) Fled
- (B) escaped with
- (C) Jumped away
- (D) no improvement

Q 10) I don't understand why did you not call me last night.

- (A) why had you not call
- (B) why you did not call
- (C) why not did you call
- (D) No improvement

Q11) What she said is not correct at all.

- (A) incorrect
- (B) not incorrect
- (C) correct
- (D) No improvement

Q12) My uncle couldn't rise up from his bed no more.

- (A) any farther
- (B) any farthest
- (C) any more
- (D) no improvement

Q13) The train rolls along the track.

- (A) rumbles
- (B) rattles
- (C) ripples
- (D) No improvement.

Q14) His miserable condition made us wept.

- (A) made us weep.
- (B) Made us to weep.
- (C) Made us to wept.
- (D) No improvement.

Q15) Every body was alarmed with the news of his murder.

- (A) On
- (B) after
- (C) at
- (D) No improvement.

Q16) The greatest fear which is scaring of the world today is global warming.

- (A) Which had scared of the world.
- (B) That scared off the world.
- (C) That scares the world
- (D) No improvement

Q17) He asked me if I can help him to lift the box.

- (A) will
- (B) could
- (C) may
- (D) No improvement

Q18) Anxiety and such other emotions are known to be unhealthy to the body.

- (A) Dangerous.
- (B) Detrimental
- (C) Damaging
- (D) No improvement.

Q19) The Portsmouth Summer art festival is the only place in New Hampshire where we are fortunately see such diverse tales all in one place.

- (A) we are able to fortunately see.
- (B) we are fortunate to see
- (C) we are fortunate to seeing.
- (D) No improvement

Q 20) He speaks not only English but Hindi as well.

- (A) as well as
- (B) Hindi too
- (C) also hindi
- (D) No improvement

Q21) His powerful desire brought about his downfall.

- (A) His intense desire
- (B) His desire for power
- (C) His fatal desire
- (D) No improvement.

Q22) My opinion of the play is that it will win the national award.

- (A) opinion to
- (B) opinion about
- (C) opinion on

(D) No improvement

Answers

1 D

2 B

3 C

4 D

5 D

6 C

7 C

8 B

9 A

10 **B**

11 **D**

12 **C**

13 **B**

14 **A**

15 **C**

16 **C**

17 **B**

18 **B**

19 **B**

20 **C**

21

B

22

D

23. The workers are hell bent at getting what is due to them.

- A. hell bent on getting
- B. hell bent for getting
- C. hell bent upon getting
- D. No improvement

Answer: Option C

24. When it was feared that the serfs might go too far and gain their freedom from serfdom, the protestant leaders joined the princes at crushing them.

- A. into crushing
- B. in crushing
- C. without crushing
- D. No improvement

Answer: Option **B**

25. If the room had been brighter, I would have been able to read for a while before bed time.

- A. If the room was brighter
- B. If the room are brighter
- C. Had the room been brighter
- D. No improvement

Answer: Option **C**

26. The record for the biggest tiger hunt has not been met since 1911 when Lord Hardinge, then Viceroy of India, shot a tiger than measured 11 feet and 6 inches.

- A. improved
- B. broken
- C. bettered
- D. No improvement

Answer: Option B

27. his powerful desire brought about his downfall.

- A. His intense desire
- B. His desire for power
- C. His fatal desire
- D. No improvement

Answer: Option B

28. Will you kindly open the knot?

- A. untie
- B. break
- C. loose
- D. No improvement

Answer: Option A

29. He sent a word to me that he would be coming late.

- A. sent word
- B. had sent a word
- C. sent words
- D. No improvement

Answer: Option A

30. John had told me that he hasn't done it yet.

- A. told
- B. tells
- C. was telling
- D. No improvement

Answer: Option B

31. If he had time he will call you.

- A. would have
- B. would have had
- C. has
- D. No improvement

Answer: Option C

32. Will you lend me few rupees in this hour of need?

- A. lend me any rupees
- B. borrow me a few rupees
- C. lend me a few rupees
- D. No improvement

Answer: Option C

33. During his long discourse, he did not touch that point.

- A. touch upon
- B. touch on
- C. touch of
- D. No improvement

Answer: Option B

34. He found a wooden broken chair in the room.

- A. wooden and broken chair
- B. broken wooden chair
- C. broken and wooden chair
- D. No improvement

Answer: Option B

35. He could not look anything in the dark room.

- A. look at
- B. see
- C. see through
- D. No improvement

Answer: Option B

36. The greatest thing in style is to have a use of metaphor.

- A. knowledge
- B. command
- C. need
- D. No improvement

Answer: Option A

37. While crossing the highway a five year old child was knocked out by a passing car.

- A. away
- B. up
- C. down
- D. No improvement

Answer: Option C

38. hoping not to be disturbed, I sat down in my easy chair to read the book. I won as a prize.

- A. I had won as a prize
- B. I have won as prize
- C. I had to win as a prize
- D. No improvement

Answer: Option A

39. More than one person was killed in accident.

- A. were killed
- B. are killed
- C. have been killed
- D. No improvement

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

The expression **more than one + noun**, though plural in sense, is followed by a singular verb.

Example: More than one person has died in the accident.

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40. No one could explain how a calm and balanced person like him could penetrate such a mindless act on his friends.

- A. perpetuate
- B. perpetrate
- C. precipitate
- D. No improvement

Answer: Option B

41. Five years ago today, I am sitting in a small Japanese car, driving across Poland towards Berlin.

- A. was sitting
- B. sat
- C. have been sitting
- D. No improvement

Answer: Option A

42. I took the cycle which he bought yesterday.

- A. that he bought yesterday
- B. that which he had bought yesterday
- C. that he had bought yesterday
- D. No improvement

Answer: Option C

43. Please make it a point to send you letter at my address.

- A. on my address
- B. to my address
- C. in my address
- D. No improvement

Answer: Option B

44. If you are living near a market place you should be ready to bear the disturbances caused by traffic.

- A. to bear upon
- B. to bear with
- C. to bear away
- D. No improvement

Answer: Option B

45. I hope you won't object to me watching while you work.

- A. against me watching
- B. me to watch
- C. to my watching
- D. No improvement

Answer: Option C

46. You cannot forbid him leaving.

- A. he leaving
- B. his leaving
- C. him to leave
- D. No improvement

Answer: Option C

47. You have come here with a view to insult me.

- A. to insulting me
- B. of insulting me
- C. for insulting me
- D. No improvement

Answer: Option A

48. 20 kms are not a great distance in these days of fast moving vehicles.

- A. is not a great distance
- B. is no distance
- C. aren't a great distance
- D. No improvement

Answer: Option A

49. The more they earn, more they spend.

- A. More they earn, more they spend
- B. More they earn, the more they spend
- C. The more they earn, the more they spend
- D. No improvement

Answer: Option C

50. It became clear that the strangers were heading into a serious disaster.

- A. along
- B. towards
- C. for
- D. No improvement

Answer: Option B

51. The dissidents hold a great problem in every political party.

- A. cause
- B. give
- C. pose
- D. No improvement

Answer: Option A

52. I would have waited for you at the station if I knew that you would come.

- A. had known
- B. was knowing
- C. have known
- D. No improvement

Answer: Option A

53. They are social insects, *living in communities*, regulated by definite laws, each member of society bearing well-defined and separate part in the work of a colony.

- A. who are living in communities
- B. living among a community
- C. who lives with a community
- D. No improvement

Answer: Option D

54. Practically *every part* of the banana tree is used by man.

- A. each part
- B. any part
- C. most part
- D. No improvement

Answer: Option D

55. My opinion for the film is that it will bag the national ward.

- A. opinion to
- B. opinion about
- C. opinion on
- D. No improvement

Answer: Option B

56. The end of the examinations is (an) oppurtunity for celebrating.

- A. chance
- B. moment
- C. occasion
- D. No improvement

Answer: Option B

57. We were not the wiser for all this effort to explain the case to us.

- A. none
- B. neither
- C. nevertheless
- D. No improvement

Answer: Option A

References Links

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