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Directions:

Below each sentence, some phrases are given which can substitute the **bold part** of the sentence. Find out the phrase which can correctly substitute that part of the sentence. If the sentence is correct as it is, the answer is 'No correction required' or 'No improvement'.

Q1. He was so tired that he **could barely keeping** his eyes open while driving.

- a) can bare keep
- b) can barely keep
- c) could barely keep
- d) could bear to keep
- e) No correction required

Q2. Mrs. Madhuri has great **respect and unlimited faith in** her Director.

- a) respect and unlimited faith for
- b) respect for and unlimited faith for
- c) respect for and unlimited faith In
- d) respect in and unlimited faith for

Q3. The boss said, "I shall look **at** the matter".

- a) into
- b) about
- c) in
- d) No improvement

Q4. Exercise is **benevolent** to good health.

- a) beneficial
- b) beneficent
- c) bounteous
- d) No improvement

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Q5. The active learning of adulthood is not **only possible but infinitely and** desirable.

- a) only possible but infinitely
- b) possible only if infinite
- c) only possible infinite and
- d) possible but only infinite
- e) No correction required

Q6. She was uneasy because she **never be** on a plane before.

- a) had never been
- b) never been
- c) is never been
- d) No improvement

Q7. We are quite sure that he **will have proved** his merit in any forthcoming competition.

- a) will prove
- b) will have to prove

- c) will be prove
 - d) would be proven
 - e) No correction required
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Q8. Chennai is **by the way** a cosmopolitan city.

- a) by the by
 - b) by and large
 - c) on the large
 - d) No improvement
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Q9. One of the **main function** of the State is maintenance of law and order.

- a) main functions off
 - b) main functions for
 - c) main functions of
 - d) main function for
 - e) No correction required.
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Q10. Most of the participating members at the fair, which was organised by the students, were **Mathematics teachers**.

- a) Mathematic teachers
 - b) Mathematics teachers
 - c) Teacher in mathematics
 - d) No improvement
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Q11. No sooner had he entered the room **when the lights went off** and everybody began to scream.

- a) as the lights went off

- b) than the lights went off
 - c) then the lights went off
 - d) No improvement
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Q12. But here again, there are allegations of indiscriminate **reclamations and acquisition to the farmland** by the Adonis.

- a) reclamations and also acquisition by the farmland
- b) reclamation as well as acquisition of farmland
- c) reclamation and acquisition of farmland
- d) No improvement

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Q13. **More he gets, more** he wants.

- a) more gets, the more
 - b) the more he gets, the more
 - c) the more he gets, more
 - d) No improvement
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Q14. The highest recorded speed **of** shorthand under championship conditions, is 300 words per minute.

- a) with
 - b) in
 - c) for
 - d) No improvement
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Q15. The majority of our clients prefer our new office timings, which **are convenience** for them.

- a) are convenient for
- b) is convenient to
- c) are convenience to
- d) convenience
- e) No correction required

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Answers to the above questions :

Q1. Answer: (c)

After modals (such as could, should, would....etc). The verb takes V₁ form, hence '**keeping**' should be replaced with '**keep**'.

Q2. Answer: (c)

Q3. Answer: (c)

First of all let us know the meaning of all the phrases used here.

Look at = to examine something closely; to think about; to consider

Look about = to try to locate someone or something.

Look in = to make a short visit to a place; especially somebody's house when they are ill/sick or need help.

Look into = to enquire into something.

Now, it is clear that 'at' should be replaced with '**into**'.

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Q4. Answer: (a)

Q5. Answer: (a)

Q6. Answer: (a)

When two actions are in the past tense, first action is expressed in past perfect tense i.e. had + past participle of be (been)

Q7. Answer: (a)

The real intention of writing the given sentence is to express a hope that he will become successful in the forthcoming examination, ie, he will prove his merit. Therefore, for the phrase written in bold the correct alternative is given in (c). Now, let us consider other options also for their validity.

After '**be**' V_3 is used, but, in option (b), after '**be**' V_1 has been used. Therefore, this option is ruled out. Option (a) has '**will have to prove**' which means he is bound to prove, but the real intention is to express a '**hope**' not a binding.

Therefore, (a) cannot be a correct choice. Now, when option (d) is placed in place of the phrase in bold, the sentence becomes a mixture of present and past tense. Such type of structure is not preferred. Hence, reject it.

Q8. Answer: (b)

Q9. Answer: (c)

Q10. Answer: (b)

Q11. Answer: (b)

The correct conjunction is “No sooner.....than”.

Therefore replace the bold part with option (b), ie **‘than the lights went off’**.

Q12. Answer: (c)

Q13. Answer: (a)

In the sentence expressing simultaneous increase or decrease ‘the’ is used twice.

Therefore, replace the bold part with ‘the more he gets, the more’, ie option (a).

Q14. Answer: (a)

Replace ‘of’ with **‘in’**.

Q15. Answer: (a)

The phrase given in bold is '**are convenience for**'. Here, for timings appropriate word is '**convenient**' not '**convenience**'.

Besides, for '**timings**' the auxiliary verb '**are**' is also correct. Thus option (c) is absolutely correct.

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