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Directions:

In the following question, out of the four alternatives, **select the alternative which is the best substitute of the words/sentence.**

Q1. The T.V. news is doctored by non professionals and **whetted** by political higher-ups.

- a) wetted
- b) vetted
- c) written
- d) No improvement

Q2. Can you tell me **where does your uncle live?**

- a) where lives your uncle
- b) where your uncle does live
- c) where your uncle lives
- d) No improvement

Q3. The newspaper provides more international news than **domestic**

- a) national
- b) alien
- c) provincial
- d) No improvement

Q4. He is fond of **saving** money.

- a) hoarding
- b) not spending
- c) spending carefully
- d) No improvement

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Q5. He is the only one of the **members who have paid** all the dues.

- a) members who has paid
- b) member who has been paid
- c) members who have been paying
- d) member who has paid
- e) No correction required

Q6. **Was it they who were** accused of stealing the neighbors' car ?

- a) Were it they who
- b) Were they who
- c) Was it they who had
- d) Were it they who were
- e) No correction required

Q7. The help given to us was **more adequate** for our purpose.

- a) much adequate
- b) enough adequate

- c) more than adequate
 - d) No improvement
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Q8. On July 14, 1789, an armed mob seized the Bastille, a royal prison in Paris that **came to symbolise** the oppressive nature of the Bourbon rulers.

- a) had come to symbolise
 - b) was come to symbolise
 - c) has come to symbolise
 - d) No improvement
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Q9. By this time tomorrow, **I will reach** my home.

- a) will be reaching
 - b) shall have reached
 - c) can reach
 - d) No improvement
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Q10. I had not completed my project so I thought I was **done with** when the manager asked me to hand it in.

- a) done for
 - b) done in
 - c) done on
 - d) No improvement
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Q11. **Until** the last twenty-eight years, he has been working in various units of this plant.

- a) during
- b) for
- c) since

d) No improvement

Q12. The company's first priority is **to ensure that** these policies are enforced in order to prevent frauds.

a) of ensuring to

b) ensured

c) that ensuring

d) by ensuring

e) No correction required

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Q13. The teacher was very **angry at** his student.

a) angry with

b) angry against

c) angry about

d) No improvement

Q14. Most teenagers these days **prefer play** cricket to pursuing other hobbies.

a) preferred to playing

b) preferably played

c) prefer playing

d) prefer to play

e) No correction required

Q15. I gave up **drinks** many years ago.

- a) to drink
- b) drink
- c) drinking
- d) No improvement

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Answers to the above questions :

Q1. Answer: (b)

Q2. Answer: (b)

The given sentence is the combination of two clauses—(1) Can you tell me? and (2) Where does your uncle live? Both the clauses are interrogative in nature. There is no need to use two interrogative sentences where one can do.

Therefore change the bold part into affirmative one. Hence, replace the bold part with option (b).

Q3. Answer: (a)

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Q4. Answer: (d)

Q5. Answer: (a)

Q6. Answer: (e)

Q7. Answer: (c)

Q8. Answer: (b)

The correct substitute for 'came to symbolise' is '**has come to symbolise**', ie Option (b). options (a) and (c) signify that importance of the event was in the past only whereas truth is that that event still bears importance. Hence it should be '**has**' not 'was' or 'had'.

Q9. Answer: (d)

Q10. Answer: (a)

"Done with" implies finishing something. Here the subject is likely to be punished for not completing the work.

Hence, "done for" is used to imply that the subject will be punished by the manager

Q11. Answer: (a)

The 'until' means 'upto' (the point in time or the event mentioned). The use of 'the last twenty eight years' suggests a specified period of time therefore, it should be '**since**' in place of 'until'.

Q12. Answer: (e)

No correction required

Q13. Answer: (a)

Q14. Answer: (c)

The parallel structure of '**pursuing**' is '**playing**'. A close observation reveals that options (a) and (d) cannot be correct because under these options instead of '**playing**', '**played**' and '**play**' have been used.

As far as option (c) is concerned, it has '**to playing**'. Generally, after infinitive '**to**', V_1 is used. Hence this option also is ruled out. Now, we are left with option (b) where all the words are correctly written and well placed.

Q15. Answer: (c)

Drinks means something which is drinkable, drinking means to drink. One can give up the habit of drinking but cannot give up something which is drinkable

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