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## Directions:

Read each sentence to find out whether there is any error in it. The error, if any, will be in one part of the sentence. Mark the number of that part with error as your answer. If there is no error, mark (e). (Ignore errors of punctuation, if any.)

**Q1.** If you think that (a)/ during that Holi festival (b)/ we are allowed a little freedom, (c)/ you are mistaken. (d)/ No error (e)

- a) If you think that
- b) during that Holi festival
- c) we are allowed a little freedom,
- d) you are mistaken.
- e) No error

**Q2.** The main difficulty was (a)/ the barriers which were standing (b)/ at the centre (c)/ of the crossroads. (d)/ No error (e)

- a) The main difficulty was
- b) the barriers which were standing
- c) at the centre
- d) of the crossroads.
- e) No error

**Q3.** In spite of her craving (a)/ for hot food and soft drinks, (b)/ Sushila abstained with (c)/ them for a long duration. (d)/ No error (e)

- a) In spite of her craving

- b) for hot food and soft drinks,
  - c) Sushila abstained with
  - d) them for a long duration.
  - e) No error
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**Q4.** He promised (a)/ to quickly come (b)/ the next time (c)/ I called. (d)/ No error (e)

- a) He promised
- b) to quickly come
- c) the next time
- d) I called.
- e) No error

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**Q5.** If the monsoon is delayed (a)/ or is insufficient, there is (b)/ inevitable failure of the (c)/ crops, causing a famine. (d)/ No error (e)

- a) If the monsoon is delayed
  - b) or is insufficient, there is
  - c) inevitable failure of the
  - d) crops, causing a famine.
  - e) No error
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**Q6.** I was more thrilled (a)/ in anticipation (b)/ of a long journey (c)/ by train. (d)/ No error (e)

- a) I was more thrilled
- b) in anticipation

c) of a long journey

d) by train.

e) No error

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**Q7.** On my request (a)/ Lalit introduced me (b)/ to his friend (c)/ who is singer and a scientist. (d)/ No error (e)

a) On my request

b) Lalit introduced me

c) to his friend

d) who is singer and a scientist.

e) No error

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**Q8.** Who is the (a)/ woman who (b)/ Stacy recommended (c)/ for the position? (d)/ No error (e)

a) Who is the

b) woman who

c) Stacy recommended

d) for the position?

e) No error

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**Q9.** He paid no heed (a)/ to the charges levied against him (b)/ and proceeded to behave (c)/ in the same way.(d)/ No error (e)

a) He paid no heed

b) to the charges levied against him

c) and proceeded to behave

d) in the same way.

e) No error

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**Q10.** Zohra as well as Farida (a)/ are going (b)/ to have dinner (c) with us tonight. (d)/ No error (e)

- a) Zohra as well as Farida
- b) are going
- c) to have dinner
- d) with us tonight.
- e) No error

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**Q11.** The venue of the examination (a)/ is one mile further up (b)/ the hill. (c)/ No error (d)

- a) The venue of the examination
- b) is one mile further up
- c) the hill.
- d) No error

**Q12.** Last summer, he went (a)/ to his uncle's village (b)/ and enjoyed very much. (c)/ No error (d)

- a) Last summer, he went
- b) to his uncle's village
- c) and enjoyed very much.
- d) No error

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**Q13.** In spite of the doctor's stern warning, (a)/ he continued taking (b)/ sugar in his tea. (c)/ No error (d)

- a) In spite of the doctor's stern warning,
- b) he continued taking
- c) sugar in his tea.
- d) No error

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**Q14.** The party chief made it a point to state that (a)/ the prime minister and the union home minister should also come (b)/ and see what his party men had seen. (c)/ No error (d)

- a) The party chief made it a point to state that
- b) the prime minister and the union home minister should also come
- c) and see what his party men had seen.
- d) No error

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**Q15.** After opening the door (a)/ we entered into the room (b)/ next to the kitchen. (c)/ No error (d)

- a) After opening the door
- b) we entered into the room
- c) next to the kitchen.
- d) No error

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**Answers to the above questions :**

**Q1. Answer: (b)**

The reference is not to any particular Holi festival, but Holi festival in general. 'That' should be replaced by 'the'.

**Q2. Answer: (e)**

No error.

**Q3. Answer: (c)**

Incorrect preposition is used. We abstain 'from' something.

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**Q4. Answer: (b)**

'Quickly' is an adverb and must follow the verb 'come'.

**Q5. Answer: (b)**

'There will be', that is, future tense, should be used as we are talking of something that may happen in future.

**Q6. Answer: (a)**

The comparative 'more' is unnecessarily used.

**Q7. Answer: (d)**

The same friend is both a singer and a scientist. So it should be 'who is a singer and scientist'.

**Q8. Answer: (b)**

'Whom' (objective pronoun) should replace 'who' (subjective pronoun).

**Q9. Answer: (b)**

Charges are 'levelled' against a person, not 'levied'.

**Q10. Answer: (b)**

When we use the conjunction 'as well as', the verb must agree with the number of the first noun which is singular here.

**Q11. Answer: (b)**

It should be 'farther' (comparative of 'far' meaning 'to or at a greater distance') and not 'further' (meaning 'at a greater distance'; 'in addition') here. This is because the notion of distance is more prominent in the given sentence.

**Q12. Answer: (c)**

The verb 'enjoyed' needs an object. Here we need to put 'himself' after the verb 'enjoyed'.

**Q13. Answer: (d)**

No error.

**Q14. Answer: (d)**

No error.

**Q15. Answer: (b)**

One enters 'another' room; not 'into another' room. 'Enter' itself means 'go in' or 'come in'; so 'into' is not necessary here.

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