

## 13. SENTENCE IMPROVEMENT

1. Very little rice was found in the pot after all the guests had eaten.  
(a) stored (b) remained  
(c) was cooked (d) No improvement
2. The policeman captured the first car that approached and ordered the driver to take the injured child to the hospital.  
(a) caught (b) commandeered  
(c) interrupted (d) No improvement
3. He won't hear you provided you shout.  
(a) unless (b) in case  
(c) as long as (d) No improvement
4. The ship is at the anchor and the sailors are now at ease.  
(a) at anchor (b) at an anchor  
(c) at its anchor (d) No improvement
5. They objected to the plan on the grounds that it was too expensive.  
(a) refused (b) declined  
(c) disagreed (d) No improvement
6. When I shall go to Agra, I shall visit the Taj Mahal.  
(a) have gone (b) shall travel  
(c) go (d) No improvement
7. You must apologise with him for this.  
(a) to (b) of  
(c) for (d) No improvement
8. Since he worked hard he failed to secure good grades.  
(a) As (b) When  
(c) Though (d) No improvement
9. The minister agreed will answer questions on television.  
(a) to answer (b) for answering  
(c) with answering (d) No improvement
10. A pair of shoes have been purchased by me.  
(a) has been (b) has being  
(c) would been (d) No improvement
11. How's your brother Suresh? He hasn't changed a bit. He never does some work.  
(a) more (b) a lot of  
(c) any (d) No improvement
12. You can give the money to whoever you like.  
(a) who (b) whom ever  
(c) whom (d) No improvement
13. When you have a selection, you should choose the simpler word rather than the harder one.  
(a) reason (b) choice  
(c) way (d) No improvement
14. During the Indo-Pak talks, the main focus was on Kashmir.  
(a) attention (b) problem  
(c) observation (d) No improvement
15. It's six months since I haven't heard from you last.  
(a) have heard (b) heard  
(c) had heard (d) No improvement
16. He rarely wears a tie in summer but he wears one today.  
(a) has been wearing (b) were  
(c) is wearing (d) No improvement
17. The chairman being absent, the meeting was cancelled sine die.  
(a) put off (b) advanced  
(c) adjourned (d) No improvement
18. The lady was so economic that she was, able to live within her limited means.  
(a) spendthrift (b) miserly  
(c) economical (d) No improvement
19. Religion is dependent on faith while science relies on reason, cause and effect.  
(a) based (b) followed  
(c) conditioned (d) No improvement
20. She promised she shall not leave the hospital till she was better.  
(a) will not (b) can't  
(c) would not (d) No improvement
21. The amendment was invoked because it has no relevance today.  
(a) provoked (b) evoked  
(c) revoked (d) No improvement

22. The mother has no control on her children.  
 (a) for (b) over  
 (c) regarding (d) No improvement
23. When I was on a holiday in Mysore last month, I happened to meet Kamal Hassan. It was an automatic meeting.  
 (a) un avoidable (b) accidental  
 (c) anticipated (d) No improvement
24. The place is infested by poisonous snakes.  
 (a) with (b) in  
 (c) from (d) No improvement
25. A word processor is more easier to use than a type writer.  
 (a) more easy (b) easiest  
 (c) easier (d) No improvement
26. We explained about all your demands at the meeting.  
 (a) discussed (b) described  
 (c) talked (d) No improvement
27. Bill Gates is a very rich person in the world.  
 (a) the most rich (b) the richest  
 (c) a richest (d) No improvement
28. I know Mr. Raj for the past five years.  
 (a) have known (b) am knowing  
 (c) had known (d) No improvement
29. Tight security arrangements being made for the forth coming visit of the Prime Minister.  
 (a) are made (b) were made  
 (c) can be made (d) No improvement
30. No sooner than it stopped raining the children went out.  
 (a) did it stop raining than  
 (b) had it stopped raining when  
 (c) did it stopped raining than  
 (d) No improvement
31. The mayor was admitted to the hospital for a minor Surgery and was released on Friday.  
 (a) relieved (b) returned  
 (c) discharged (d) No improvement
32. Yesterday I had gone all the way to Gurgaon to meet my friend but she was not at home.  
 (a) have gone (b) went  
 (c) was going (d) No improvement
33. I did not know who was sitting besides me.  
 (a) befitting (b) besieging  
 (c) beside (d) No improvement
34. It does not take more to make her angry.  
 (a) much (b) so many  
 (c) so much more (d) No improvement
35. Power failure are common nowadays  
 (a) Power failures  
 (b) A power failure  
 (c) The power failure  
 (d) No improvement
36. My doctor has advised controlled diet.  
 (a) modest (b) reasonable  
 (c) restricted (d) No improvement
37. We must be strong not only as a military power, moreover as an economic power.  
 (a) and again (b) as well as  
 (c) but also (d) No improvement
38. I have never seen a more bad film than this.  
 (a) a worst (b) a worse  
 (c) a more worse (d) No improvement
39. In 1947, when the Declaration of Independence signed, India became a new country.  
 (a) that signed (b) that it signed  
 (c) was signed (d) No improvement
40. Joseph was calm at the time of the tragedy.  
 (a) disturbed (b) nervous  
 (c) composed (d) No improvement
41. Fighting in the street is a neglect of law.  
 (a) breech (b) bread  
 (c) breach (d) No improvement
42. All of us are eagerly looking forward to attend the wedding reception of your elder brother.  
 (a) to be attending  
 (b) to attending  
 (c) to have been attending  
 (d) No improvement
43. He put in a tremendous amount of task to complete the project.  
 (a) job (b) activity  
 (c) work (d) No improvement
44. Only a small number of people came to the meeting.

- (a) a few (b) limited  
(c) handful (d) No improvement
45. Although she was responsible for the accident, nobody blamed her.  
(a) nevertheless nobody blamed her  
(b) yet nobody blamed her  
(c) still nobody blamed her  
(d) No improvement
46. Newton discovered the theory of gravitation.  
(a) decoded (b) explored  
(c) invented (d) No improvement
47. I congratulated him on his promotion.  
(a) for (b) because of  
(c) due to (d) No improvement
48. Teachers would like have long holidays.  
(a) having been (b) having  
(c) to have (d) No improvement
49. She not only was competent but also intelligent.  
(a) not only was she competent  
(b) was not only competent  
(c) was only competent  
(d) No improvement
50. The stranger met two boys, whom, he believed were thieves.  
(a) whoever he believes  
(b) who he believed  
(c) each he believed  
(d) No improvement
51. At last he admitted to his crime.  
(a) confessed (b) regretted  
(c) resented (d) No improvement
52. Many a man have realized that real happiness lies in making sacrifices.  
(a) has realising (b) has realised  
(c) has realise (d) No improvement
53. The ground was wet outside when I got up in the morning yesterday. It had been raining all in the night.  
(a) rained all in  
(b) been raining all through  
(c) raining all in  
(d) No improvement
54. The women's Emancipation Bill was sent back to the Lok Sabha by the President for further examination.  
(a) Further scrutiny (b) Further reading  
(c) Further perusal (d) No improvement
55. The Finance Minister said that he would work for the impartial distribution of wealth.  
(a) equitable (b) just  
(c) fair (d) No improvement
56. Will you lend me few rupees in this hour of need?  
(a) borrow me a few rupees  
(b) lend me any rupees  
(c) lend me a few rupees  
(d) No improvement
57. After the heavy rains last week, the water in the lake raised another two feet.  
(a) would raise another two feet  
(b) raise another two feet  
(c) rose another two feet  
(d) No improvement
58. Unless you work hard, you will not pass.  
(a) as long as you work hard  
(b) till you work hard  
(c) until you work hard  
(d) No improvement
59. The minister was removed from a key post.  
(a) thrown out (b) rusticated  
(c) ousted (d) No improvement
60. Audacity is the mother of invention.  
(a) tenacity (b) necessity  
(c) paucity (d) No improvement
61. Professionals must continuously improve their skills.  
(a) hone (b) fine tune  
(c) explore (d) No improvement
62. Mr. Raj has been asked to submit details of his tax returns.  
(a) give (b) furnish  
(c) disclose (d) No improvement
63. More than 60 percent of India's population live under the poverty line.  
(a) lives below the poverty  
(b) stay below the poverty line

- (c) stay under the poverty line  
(d) No improvement
64. Since we are living in Bangalore for five years, we are reluctant to move to another city.  
(a) Since we were living  
(b) Being that we have been living  
(c) Being that we living  
(d) No improvement
65. Being too costly for him, he could not buy the coat.  
(a) It being too costly for him  
(b) He being too costly  
(c) Being it too costly  
(d) No improvement
66. No sooner has she agreed to marry him than she started having terrible doubts.  
(a) She no sooner had agreed  
(b) No sooner had she agreed  
(c) No sooner did she agreed  
(d) No improvement
67. I didn't need to water the flowers. Just after I finished it started raining.  
(a) I didn't water the plants  
(b) I needn't water the plants  
(c) I needn't have watered the flowers.  
(d) No improvement
68. He complained of having tortured by the police.  
(a) having been tortured  
(b) tortured  
(c) been tortured  
(d) No improvement
69. The orphans have been clamouring for nutritious food from the past two weeks.  
(a) for past (b) since the past  
(c) for the past (d) No improvement
70. The good fortune of being your student in my younger days has helped me greatly in my life.  
(a) of my being your student  
(b) of my myself being your student  
(c) of my having been your student  
(d) No improvement
71. He should not had done it.  
(a) should had not (b) should not have  
(c) should have (d) No improvement
72. I will now deal with him in a manner different from the one I have adopted so far.  
(a) I adopted  
(b) I was adopting  
(c) I have been adopting  
(d) No improvement
73. It is simplistic to assume that whatever is taught will be learn.  
(a) learning (b) learnable  
(c) learnt (d) No improvement
74. I noticed that the opposite man was staring at me.  
(a) the men opposite  
(b) the opposed man  
(c) the man opposite  
(d) No improvement
75. Droughts are still a harsh reality for the Indian farmers.  
(a) have still been a harsh reality  
(b) were still a harsh reality  
(c) is still a harsh reality  
(d) No improvement
76. One should exercise their right to vote.  
(a) his (b) one's  
(c) our (d) No improvement
77. Many children reject to go to school, where they do not enjoy freedom.  
(a) refuse (b) disapprove  
(c) deny (d) No improvement
78. There is much demand for fuel as the number of vehicles are increasing day by day.  
(a) have increased  
(b) are increased  
(c) is increasing  
(d) No improvement
79. The memorial service conducted by the priest was heartiest.  
(a) heart rending (b) heartless  
(c) heart throbbing (d) No improvement
80. India were declared the winner of the Cricket World Cup.

- (a) was declare (b) were declare  
(c) was declared (d) No improvement
81. 'You looked tired.' 'Yes, I had been running.'  
(a) have been (b) was  
(c) were (d) No improvement
82. Whenever I go to a city, I live in a hotel.  
(a) reside (b) dwell  
(c) stay (d) No improvement
83. He denied to help me.  
(a) disagreed (b) refused  
(c) objected (d) No improvement
84. Hardly somebody turned up at the meeting.  
(a) someone (b) everyone  
(c) anybody (d) No improvement
85. Though he promised to support, he backed up in the last minute.  
(a) backed out (b) backed in  
(c) backed off (d) No improvement
86. Akbar had a great reign than Babar.  
(a) largest (b) wise  
(c) longer (d) No improvement
87. The villagers were silent witness for the murder.  
(a) witness of the murder  
(b) witness to the murder  
(c) witness in the murder  
(d) No improvement
88. The abolition of slavery was a kind act.  
(a) human (b) humane  
(c) humid (d) No improvement
89. They had sang the national anthem before the audience dispersed.  
(a) had sung (b) was sang  
(c) sung (d) No improvement
90. In future, we may have been travelling to space for a holiday.  
(a) might have been travelling  
(b) have been travelling  
(c) may be travelling  
(d) No improvement
91. Sujatha is the prettiest of all the other contestants.  
(a) All the contestants  
(b) All other contestants  
(c) other contestants  
(d) No improvement
92. The students were asked to unpack, eat their lunch and relaxing.  
(a) unpack, eating their lunch and relaxing  
(b) unpack, eat their lunch and relax  
(c) unpack, eating lunch and relaxing  
(d) No improvement
93. The State Bank is starting a new branch here tomorrow.  
(a) beginning  
(b) establishing  
(c) opening  
(d) No improvement
94. He is ill for a week when his brother came.  
(a) was ill  
(b) has been ill  
(c) had been ill  
(d) No improvement
95. Who live in glass houses should not throw stones at others.  
(a) That who live  
(b) Thee who live  
(c) Those who live  
(d) No improvement
96. Although he got home last night is still a mystery to me.  
(a) How (b) While  
(c) Since (d) No improvement
97. With each passing hour the likelihood of finding any survivors finished.  
(a) reduced  
(b) diminished  
(c) shortened  
(d) No improvement
98. He was directed to take complete rest by his physician.  
(a) informed  
(b) told  
(c) advised  
(d) No improvement
99. This is the bicycle of which the chain is broken.  
(a) that's  
(b) whose

- (c) who's  
(d) No improvement
100. More than one person was killed in the accident.  
(a) were killed  
(b) are killed  
(c) have been killed  
(d) No improvement
101. Home Minister's policy on Hazratbal has promoted his overall image.  
(a) amended  
(b) bettered  
(c) improved  
(d) No improvement
102. Our salaries have multiplied over the years.  
(a) progressed  
(b) developed  
(c) increased  
(d) No improvement
103. Despite being tried his best to persuade people to give up smoking, he could not attain success.  
(a) Despite his best trying  
(b) Despite of his best  
(c) Inspite of being tried his best  
(d) Despite trying his best  
(e) No improvement
104. His suggestions were so trivial and hence nobody took any cognizance of them.  
(a) so trivial that and hence  
(b) very trivial and hence so  
(c) too trivial to and hence  
(d) very trivial and hence  
(e) No improvement
105. But for your time of helping, we could not have accomplished our goal in such a small time span.  
(a) But for your timely help  
(b) Because of your timely helping  
(c) Despite your time of helping  
(d) But your time for helping  
(e) No improvement
106. He failed in his attempt to disperse the mob before the miscreants set the fire on the bus.  
(a) set the bus on fire  
(b) setting fire on the bus  
(c) set fire to the bus  
(d) set the fire on to the bus  
(e) No improvement
107. Even on most critical moments, he is calm, but today he appears very much disturbed.  
(a) appeared very much disturb  
(b) appears very much to disturb  
(c) appeared to be very much disturbing  
(d) is appearing very much disturbing  
(e) No improvement
108. Their attempt of rioting was foiled because of the police squad arrived on time.  
(a) of the police squad being arrived  
(b) of the arrival of the police squad  
(c) the police squad arrival  
(d) of the police squad had arrived  
(e) No improvement
109. How can one mobilise support from colleagues without being cordially to them?  
(a) being cordially for  
(b) been cordially to  
(c) being cordial to  
(d) cordially being to  
(e) No improvement
110. For every citizen it is mandatory to help the civic administration for keep up the city clean.  
(a) for upkeep clean the city  
(b) for clean and keep the city  
(c) for keeping of the city cleanliness  
(d) to keep the city clean  
(e) No improvement
111. Any one who known to India's villages knows the meaning of scarcity.  
(a) knowing India's villages knows  
(b) is known to India's villages knows  
(c) knows India's villages knows  
(d) knew India's villages knowing  
(e) No improvement
112. In our country women have opportunities to rise to top in every walk to life.  
(a) have been having opportunities  
(b) have had opportunities for a raise  
(c) have opportunities for a raise

- (d) having opportunities to rise  
(e) No improvement
113. The modifications made by them in the draft were so drastic that the entire emphasis had been shifted.  
(a) shall have been shifted  
(b) had shifted  
(c) was being shifted  
(d) had been shifting  
(e) No improvement
114. It is reliable to learn that there is not substantial evidence to prove his innocence.  
(a) is reliably learnt  
(b) reliably to learn  
(c) was reliable to learn  
(d) has been reliable learning  
(e) No improvement
115. He has now succeeded in overwhelming the grief.  
(a) successful in overwhelming  
(b) successful to overwhelm  
(c) succeeded to overwhelm  
(d) succeeded in overcoming  
(e) No improvement
116. Despite their best efforts, they could not convince the members by changing their decision.  
(a) and changed their  
(b) to change their  
(c) with changing their  
(d) in changing his  
(e) No improvement
117. The novel ideas suggested by the employee were appreciated by the management.  
(a) have appreciated by  
(b) have been appreciated for  
(c) were appreciative of  
(d) had appreciated by  
(e) No improvement
118. The two brothers were so much similar in appearance that nobody believed that they were twins.  
(a) very much similar in  
(b) so much similar at  
(c) so different in
- (d) so different from  
(e) No improvement
119. The sight of the accident was so frightened that the bystanders could not utter a single word.  
(a) so very frightening because  
(b) so frightening that  
(c) extremely frightening as  
(d) extremely frightened  
(e) No improvement
120. The police break-up the trunk and found the looted jewellery.  
(a) broke opened (b) broke open  
(c) break opened (d) breakingly opened  
(e) No improvement
121. The advertisement offered a reward for information relating to the activities of the terrorists.  
(a) relative to the  
(b) as related to the  
(c) which relate to  
(d) regarding to the  
(e) No improvement
122. He travelled by bus but would have travelled by train to save time.  
(a) must have travelled  
(b) should be travelling  
(c) could be travelling  
(d) should have travelled  
(e) No improvement
123. If Indian people are united, this nation can become a source of strength of the entire world.  
(a) could become a resource of  
(b) can become resourceful for  
(c) would be a source in  
(d) can became a source with  
(e) No improvement
124. All their efforts were direct to promote harmony among various groups of people.  
(a) were directing to  
(b) were directed at  
(c) have directed for  
(d) were directed to  
(e) No improvement

125. What did happen there in the first place is not a matter of our concern.
- What happens
  - What would have happened
  - What happened
  - What should have happened
  - No improvement
126. The speaker highlighted the contribution of women for bringing about social changes.
- for bringing in
  - in bringing of
  - for the brought over
  - in bringing about
  - No improvement
127. Such inequalities can be founded enshrined in the constitutions of other countries also.
- could have been founded
  - can be found
  - could be founded
  - could have found
  - No improvement
128. The local authorities were never bothering to care about the unfortunate happenings.
- were never bothered to
  - never bothered to
  - never were bothering to
  - were never bothering to
  - No improvement
129. India's outlook on the world is composing of these various elements.
- is composed of
  - is composing of
  - is composed with
  - has been composing at
  - No improvement
130. How religious intolerance can blight social peace and harmony can be gauged from events take place around the globe.
- taken place over
  - taking place around
  - took place around
  - taken place in
  - No improvement

### Answer

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| 1. B   | 2. D   | 3. A   | 4. C   | 5. D   | 6. C   | 7. A   |
| 8. C   | 9. A   | 10. A  | 11. C  | 12. C  | 13. B  | 14. D  |
| 15. B  | 16. C  | 17. C  | 18. C  | 19. A  | 20. C  | 21. C  |
| 22. B  | 23. B  | 24. A  | 25. C  | 26. A  | 27. B  | 28. A  |
| 29. B  | 30. A  | 31. C  | 32. B  | 33. C  | 34. A  | 35. A  |
| 36. C  | 37. C  | 38. B  | 39. C  | 40. B  | 41. C  | 42. B  |
| 43. A  | 44. D  | 45. B  | 46. D  | 47. D  | 48. C  | 49. B  |
| 50. B  | 51. A  | 52. B  | 53. B  | 54. A  | 55. A  | 56. C  |
| 57. C  | 58. D  | 59. C  | 60. B  | 61. A  | 62. C  | 63. A  |
| 64. B  | 65. A  | 66. B  | 67. B  | 68. B  | 69. C  | 70. C  |
| 71. B  | 72. D  | 73. C  | 74. C  | 75. C  | 76. B  | 77. A  |
| 78. C  | 79. D  | 80. C  | 81. B  | 82. C  | 83. B  | 84. C  |
| 85. A  | 86. C  | 87. A  | 88. B  | 89. A  | 90. A  | 91. A  |
| 92. B  | 93. C  | 94. C  | 95. C  | 96. A  | 97. A  | 98. C  |
| 99. D  | 100. D | 101. B | 102. C | 103. D | 104. D | 105. A |
| 106. A | 107. E | 108. B | 109. C | 110. D | 111. A | 112. E |
| 113. B | 114. A | 115. D | 116. B | 117. E | 118. C | 119. B |
| 120. B | 121. E | 122. D | 123. E | 124. D | 125. C | 126. E |
| 127. B | 128. B | 129. A | 130. B |        |        |        |