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## Multiple choice questions (MCQ) on Spot the Error - I:

1. Spot the error in the following sentence: Ram was/ senior to/ Sam in college

- a. Ram was
- b. senior to
- c. sam in college
- d. no error

**Ans: d. no error**

**Explanation:** "Ram was senior to Sam in college". The sentence is grammatically correct. So, there is no error.

2. Spot the error in the following sentence. It was him/who came/running/into the classroom

- a. It was him
- b. Who came
- c. running
- d. into the classroom

**Ans: a. It was him**

**Explanation:** "It was he who came running into the classroom."

"Him" is an object pronoun, and in this context, a subject pronoun should be used. After a linking verb like "was," the subject pronoun "he" should be used instead.



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3. Spot the error in the following sentence. The capital of yemen/ is situating/ 2190 meters above/ the sea level.

- The capital of yemen
- is situating
- 2190 meters above
- the sea level

**Ans: b. is situating**

**Explanation:** "The capital of yemen is situated 2190 meters above the sea level"

4. Spot the error in the following sentence. The captain along with his team/ are practicing very hard/ for the / forthcoming matches.

- The captain along with his team
- are practicing very hard
- for the
- forthcoming matches

**Ans: b. are practicing very hard**

**Explanation:** "The captain along with his team is practicing very hard for the forthcoming matches."

Here the subject of the verb is Captain which is singular so it must take a singular verb.



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5. Spot the error in the following sentence. Supposing if/ it rains/ what shall/ we do?

- a. supposing if
- b. it rains
- c. what shall
- d. we do

**Ans: a. supposing if**

**Explanation:** The use of both "supposing" and "if" together is redundant and incorrect. The correct answer is "Supposing it rains, what shall we do?"

6. Spot the error in the following sentence. Ankit prefers / self-employment / to job / in any office.

- a. Ankit prefers
- b. self-employment
- c. to job
- d. in any office

**Ans: c. to job**

**Explanation:** "Ankit prefers self-employment to a job in any office".

'Job' is a singular countable noun. Hence, 'a' should be used.



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7. Spot the error in the following sentence. Amar's habit of / delaying his work / put his friends / to lot of trouble.

- Amar's habit of
- delaying his work
- put his friends
- to lot of trouble

**Ans: d. to lot of trouble**

**Explanation:** "Amar's habit of delaying his work put his friends a lot of trouble.

Use 'a' before 'lot'. With certain idiomatic phrases and expressions. 'a' is used.

8. Spot the error in the following sentence. He is not / rich so he / cannot afford to buy / a expensive house.

- He is not
- rich so he
- cannot afford to buy
- a expensive house

**Ans: a. expensive house**

**Explanation:** "He is not rich so he cannot buy an expensive house".

" Replace 'a' with 'an' in part 4. Before a word beginning with vowel sound (A, E, I, O, U), 'an' should be used.



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9. Spot the error in the following sentence. Although he is not / a honorable man / yet he is / not a crook.

- a. Although he is not
- b. a honorable man
- c. yet he is
- d. not a crook.

**Ans: b. a honorable man.**

**Explanation:** "Although he is not an honorable man yet he is not a crook."

If a word starts with a consonant but gives the sound of a vowel, 'an' should be used.

10. Spot the error in the following sentence. The saint drew / an attention of the / followers to the / importance of regular practice.

- a. The saint drew
- b. an attention of the
- c. followers to the
- d. importance of regular practice.

**Ans: b. an attention of the**

**Explanation:** "The saint drew the attention of the followers to the importance of regular practice".

In a sentence, Noun + of + noun, 'the' should be used before the first noun.



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11. Spot the error in the following sentence. Disha is / a best student / in our class / at present.

- a. Diksha is
- b. a best student
- c. in our class
- d. at present

**Ans: b. a best student**

**Explanation:** "Disha is the best student in our class at present."

When a superlative degree is used, the article 'the' should be used.

12. Spot the error in the following sentence. The greater / the demand / higher / the price.

- a. The greater
- b. the demand
- c. higher
- d. the price.

**Ans: c. higher**

**Explanation:** "The greater the demand, the higher the price."

In this case, the sentence must be improved with use of definite article 'the'.



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13. Spot the error in the following sentence. Rajasthan Canal /will be the / longest/ in India.

- a. Rajasthan Canal
- b. will be the
- c. longest canal
- d. in India.

**Ans: a. Rajasthan Canal**

**Explanation:** "The Rajasthan Canal will be the longest in India."

Before the names of rivers, canals, seas, oceans, bays, gulfs, groups of islands, etc. 'the' should be used.

14. Spot the error in the following sentence. The honesty / is the / best policy.

- a. The honesty
- b. is the
- c. best policy.
- d. No Error

**Ans: a. The honesty**

**Explanation:** "Honesty is the best policy"

'The' is not used before abstract nouns. Honesty, Beauty, Truth, love etc. are some examples of abstract nouns.





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15. Spot the error in the following sentence. She can/ speak the Hindi, / Sanskrit and / English fluently.

- She can
- speak the Hindi,
- Sanskrit and
- English fluently.

**Ans: b. speak the Hindi,**

**Explanation:** "She can speak Hindi, Sanskrit, and English fluently."

'The' is not used before names of subject, languages, games and sports.

16. Spot the error in the following sentence. The man is / mortal and / ultimately has to/ leave everything here.

- The man is
- mortal and
- ultimately has to
- leave everything here.

**Ans: a. The man is**

**Explanation:** "Man is mortal and ultimately has to leave everything here."

Before words like Man, Woman, Life, Death, Science, Art and Nature, article is not used.





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17. Spot the error in the following sentence. The robbers / were caught just before / they were about to / escape the jail.

- The robbers
- were caught just before
- they were about to
- escape the jail.

**Ans: d. escape the jail.**

**Explanation:** "The robbers were caught just before they were about to escape jail."

An Article should not be used before nouns like school, college, university, church, bed, hospital, prison, jail, court, bed and market when these places are visited or used for their primary purpose.

18. Spot the error in the following sentence. It was / by a mistake / that he caught / his hand.

- It was
- by a mistake
- that he caught
- his hand.

**Ans: b. by a mistake**

**Explanation:** "It was by mistake that he caught his hand."

An Article is not used before phrases such as in danger, in fact, in debt, in confusion, in demand, in detail etc.



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19. Spot the error in the following sentence. He has been / promoted to the / rank of / the S.P.

- a. He has been
- b. promoted to the
- c. rank of
- d. the S.P.

**Ans: d. the S.P.**

**Explanation:** "He has been promoted to the rank of S.P."

An Article is not used with the following phrases – kind of, type of, sort of, variety of, rank of, post of, title of etc.

20. Spot the error in the following sentence. The rice / is the / favorite food of / the Bengalis.

- a. The rice
- b. is the
- c. favorite food of
- d. the Bengalis.

**Ans: a. The rice**

**Explanation:** "Rice is the favorite food of the Bengalis."

Article is not used before the names of food-grains.



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21. Subject-verb agreement: Identify the sentence with the error:

- The dog runs quickly.
- The cats eats their food.
- She enjoys reading books.
- They are playing outside.

**Ans: b. The cats eats their food.**

**Explanation:** The subject "cats" is plural, so the verb should be "eat" (plural) instead of "eats" (singular).

22. Pronoun usage: Identify the sentence with the error:

- Everyone should bring its own lunch.
- Neither of the boys has forgotten his book.
- Each of the girls is wearing her dress.
- The committee reached its decision.

**Ans: a. Everyone should bring its own lunch.**

**Explanation:** "Everyone" is singular, so the correct pronoun should be "his or her" or "their" instead of "its".



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23. Homophones: Identify the sentence with the error:

- Their going to the park later.
- I can't wait to see the new movie.
- The weather is really nice today.
- She knew the answer immediately.

**Ans: a. Their going to the park later.**

**Explanation:** The correct homophone is "They're" (they are) instead of "Their" (possessive).

24. Punctuation: Identify the sentence with the error:

- She asked, "Can you help me?"
- He said he would be here at 5, but he is late.
- The cat, which was hiding, suddenly jumped out.
- It's raining; we should bring umbrella's.

**Ans: d. It's raining; we should bring umbrella's.**

**Explanation:** The correct plural form is "umbrellas" without the apostrophe.

25. Tense consistency: Identify the sentence with the error:

- She went to the store and buys some groceries.
- They were playing football and having fun.
- I finished my homework and then watched TV.
- He was tired but continued to work.

**Ans: a. She went to the store and buys some groceries.**

**Explanation:** The past tense "went" should be followed by "bought" (past tense) instead of "buys" (present tense).



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26. Articles: Identify the sentence with the error:

- She has a cat and a dog.
- He is reading an interesting book.
- She is the best singer in the choir.
- He bought an orange, an apple, and banana.

**Ans: d. He bought an orange, an apple, and banana.**

**Explanation:** The article "a" should precede "banana" to match the others: "an orange, an apple, and a banana."

27. Prepositions: Identify the sentence with the error:

- She is good at playing the piano.
- He is interested with science.
- They arrived at the party on time.
- She sat beside her friend during the movie.

**Ans: b. He is interested with science.**

**Explanation:** The correct preposition is "in". "He is interested in science."

28. Double negatives: Identify the sentence with the error:

- I don't have no time to waste.
- She doesn't like chocolate.
- He never said anything about it.
- They can't find their keys anywhere.

**Ans: a. I don't have no time to waste.**

**Explanation:** The correct sentence should be "I don't have any time to waste" or "I have no time to waste."

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29. Redundancy: Identify the sentence with the error:

- The meeting was scheduled at 10 a.m. in the morning.
- She quickly ran to the store.
- He is a tall, strong man.
- They both agreed on the decision.

**Ans: a. The meeting was scheduled at 10 a.m. in the morning.**

**Explanation:** "a.m." already indicates morning. So "in the morning" is redundant.

30. Pronoun 'one': Identify the sentence with the error:

- One should always do one's best.
- If one is prepared, one will succeed.
- One must respect their elders.
- One cannot be too careful.

**Ans: c. One must respect their elders.**

**Explanation:** The pronoun should be "one's" to match the subject "one": "One must respect one's elders."

31. Question tags: Identify the sentence with the error:

- It's a nice day, isn't it?
- You are coming, aren't you?
- She didn't see him, did she?
- You can swim, can you?

**Ans: d. You can swim, can you?**

**Explanation:** The question tag should be opposite: "can't you?" because the main clause is positive.



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32. 'Not' with 'unless': Identify the sentence with the error:

- You won't pass unless you study.
- Unless you hurry, we will be late.
- He won't come unless you invite him.
- She won't go out not unless it's sunny.

**Ans: d. She won't go out not unless it's sunny.**

**Explanation:** "Not" should be removed because "unless" already implies a negative condition: "She won't go out unless it's sunny."

33. Relative pronoun 'that': Identify the sentence with the error:

- She is the smartest person who I know.
- He is the fastest runner that I've seen.
- This is the best cake that I've ever tasted.
- She has the most beautiful voice that I've heard.

**Ans: a. She is the smartest person who I know.**

**Explanation:** After a superlative adjective, "that" should be used instead of "who": "She is the smartest person that I know."

34. Subject-verb agreement: Identify the sentence with the error:

- The students works hard every day.
- The book is on the table.
- They enjoy playing basketball.
- He reads a book every night.

**Ans: a. The students works hard every day.**

**Explanation:** The subject "students" is plural, so the verb should be "work" instead of "works."

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35. Pronoun usage: Identify the sentence with the error:

- Somebody left their jacket in the classroom.
- Each of the players has his own locker.
- Everyone should take their seats.
- Neither of the solutions were effective.

**Ans: d. Neither of the solutions were effective.**

**Explanation:** "Neither" is singular, so the verb should be "was" instead of "were."

36. Homophones: Identify the sentence with the error:

- They're going to the concert tonight.
- She couldn't bare the pain any longer.
- The sun sets in the west.
- He knew the answer to the question.

**Ans: b. She couldn't bare the pain any longer.**

**Explanation:** The correct word is "bear" (endure) instead of "bare" (naked).

37. Punctuation: Identify the sentence with the error:

- The teacher asked, "Who can solve this problem?"
- She enjoys reading; however, she didn't bring her book.
- My favorite colors are blue, red, and green.
- Its raining outside; we should stay in.

**Ans: d. Its raining outside; we should stay in.**

**Explanation:** The correct form is "It's" (it is) instead of "Its" (possessive).

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38. Tense consistency: Identify the sentence with the error:

- She was walking to the store when she saw a friend.
- They planned the event and were happy with the turnout.
- He starts his day with a run and then ate breakfast.
- We visited the museum and learned a lot.

**Ans: c. He starts his day with a run and then ate breakfast.**

**Explanation:** The verbs should be consistent in tense: "He starts his day with a run and then eats breakfast" or "He started his day with a run and then ate breakfast."

39. Articles: Identify the sentence with the error:

- He is a honest man.
- She is reading an interesting article.
- The dog barked at the stranger.
- I saw a movie last night.

**Ans: a. He is a honest man.**

**Explanation:** "An" should be used before a word starting with a vowel sound: "He is an honest man."

40. Prepositions: Identify the sentence with the error:

- She is interested in art.
- He is good at math.
- They are worried for the exam.
- She walked through the park.

**Ans: c. They are worried for the exam.**

**Explanation:** The correct preposition is "about": "They are worried about the exam."

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41. Double negatives: Identify the sentence with the error:

- She can't find her keys nowhere.
- I haven't seen him today.
- They don't know anything about it.
- He never tells a lie.

**Ans: a. She can't find her keys nowhere.**

**Explanation:** The correct sentence should be "She can't find her keys anywhere" or "She can find her keys nowhere."

42. Redundancy: Identify the sentence with the error:

- The small tiny kitten is adorable.
- He spoke loudly and clearly.
- She is very happy with the results.
- They agreed mutually on the decision.

**Ans: a. The small tiny kitten is adorable.**

**Explanation:** "Small" and "tiny" mean the same thing, so one should be removed: "The tiny kitten is adorable."

43. Pronoun 'one': Identify the sentence with the error:

- If one works hard, one will succeed.
- One must take care of oneself.
- One should do their best.
- One cannot be too cautious.

**Ans: c. One should do their best.**

**Explanation:** The pronoun should match the subject "one": "One should do one's best."

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44. Question tags: Identify the sentence with the error:

- He is your friend, isn't he?
- You haven't seen her, have you?
- She will arrive soon, won't she?
- You are not going, is you?

**Ans: d. You are not going, is you?**

**Explanation:** The question tag should match the subject and verb: "are you?"

45. 'Not' with 'unless': Identify the sentence with the error:

- We won't start unless everyone is here.
- Unless it rains, we will go hiking.
- He won't eat unless he is hungry.
- She won't pass not unless she studies hard.

**Ans: d. She won't pass not unless she studies hard.**

**Explanation:** "Not" should be removed because "unless" already implies a negative condition: "She won't pass unless she studies hard."

46. Relative pronoun 'that': Identify the sentence with the error:

- She is the best student who I have ever taught.
- This is the most interesting book that I've read.
- He is the tallest person that I know.
- She has the most beautiful garden that I've seen.

**Ans: a. She is the best student who I have ever taught.**

**Explanation:** After a superlative adjective, "that" should be used instead of "who":  
"She is the best student that I have ever taught."

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47. Subject-verb agreement: Identify the sentence with the error:

- The children play in the park.
- The dog barks at strangers.
- The teacher explain the lesson.
- The birds are singing in the morning.

**Ans: c. The teacher explain the lesson.**

**Explanation:** The subject "teacher" is singular, so the verb should be "explains" (singular) instead of "explain" (plural). The correct sentence is "The teacher explains the lesson."

48. Pronoun usage: Identify the sentence with the error:

- Each of the boys has his own bike.
- Somebody left their bag on the bus.
- Neither of the girls brought their lunch.
- Everyone should do his or her best.

**Ans: c. Neither of the girls brought their lunch.**

**Explanation:** "Neither" is singular, so the pronoun should be "her" instead of "their." The correct sentence is "Neither of the girls brought her lunch."

49. Homophones: Identify the sentence with the error:

- They're going to the store.
- I can't wait to hear the news.
- The flower smells sweet.
- Their coming to visit us.

**Ans: d. Their coming to visit us.**

**Explanation:** The correct homophone is "They're" (they are) instead of "Their" (possessive). The correct sentence is "They're coming to visit us."

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50. Punctuation: Identify the sentence with the error:

- She asked, "Can you help me?"
- He said he would be here at 5, but he is late.
- It's raining; we should bring umbrella's.
- The cat, which was hiding, suddenly jumped out.

**Ans: c. It's raining; we should bring umbrella's.**

**Explanation:** The correct plural form is "umbrellas" without the apostrophe. The correct sentence is "It's raining; we should bring umbrellas."