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### FILL-IN THE GAPS WITH APPROPRIATE PREPOSITIONS:

Ms Parrot, (1) \_\_\_ most famous lady detective of (2) \_\_\_ twenty-first century, was born in (3) \_\_\_ United Kingdom in (4) \_\_\_ 1960s. Since then, she has been to many countries, including (5) \_\_\_ Portugal, Singapore and Australia, and has lived in (6) \_\_\_ northern hemisphere and (7) \_\_\_ southern hemisphere, as well as on (8) \_\_\_ equator. She has never been to (9) \_\_\_ Philippines or (10) \_\_\_ United States, but she speaks (11) English, French and Portuguese. Like Sherlock Holmes, (12) \_\_\_ famous detective, she plays (13) \_\_\_ violin, and sometimes 3. practises up to five times (14) \_\_\_ day. She is also (15) \_\_\_ only person in (16) world to have performed Tchaikovsky's 1812 overture [a long piece of music] in one breath on (17) \_\_\_ recorder.

She has been (18) \_\_\_ detective for thirty years and claims that although many people think that being (19) \_\_\_ detective is (20) \_\_\_ piece of cake, detectives 5. generally work very hard and it's not all fun and games. (21) \_\_\_ detective is someone who solves mysteries, and (22) \_\_\_ people who contact Ms Parrot have some very unusual problems. Little information is available about some of (23) cases she has solved, but quite (24) \_\_\_ few of her most famous cases have 6. attracted worldwide attention and she has been offered up to (25) \_\_\_ thousand dollars (26) \_\_\_ hour to help solve mysteries such as (27) \_\_\_ case of (28) \_\_\_ Australian owl in (29) \_\_\_ uniform. (30) \_\_\_ bird laid (31) \_\_\_ egg in (32) \_\_\_ 7. European nest in less than (33) \_\_\_ hour after its arrival. What (34) \_\_\_ strange problem!

With great (35) \_\_\_ modesty, she has either declined such (36) \_\_\_ fee or donated (37) \_\_\_ money to (38) \_\_\_ poor, or to (39) \_\_\_ Grammar Survival Fund, believing that (40) \_\_\_ detective should use their skills for (41) \_\_\_ common 9.

## good. FILL IN THE BLANKS WITH APPROPRIATE PREPOSITIONS

### CHOOSING ONE FROM THE FIVE ALTERNATIVES GIVEN **BELOW EACH SENTENCE:**

 After the advice of his father, he was reconciled.....his wife. (B) with (C) by (D) in (E) into (A) to

2. The art exhibition is to be officially opened......Wednesday......2 p.m.

(A) on; at (B) at; on (C) from; on (D) on; from (E) None of these

3. I am tired.....writing to him. (D) from (A) with (B) of (C) by (E) None of these

4. What do you make.....all this?

(A) with (B) of (C) by (D) for (E) to 5. There is an exception.....every rule.

(B) from (C) to (E) None of these (A) for (D) in

6. He cut his finger.....a knife.

(A) with (B) by (D) into (E) None of these (C) from 7. Good citizens always abide.....the law.

(E) None of these (B) of (C) by (A) with (D) for 8. He died from want.....medical aid.

(A) with (B) against (C) by (D) of (E) None of these

His path was beset.....difficulties.

(A) with (B) within (C) among (E) against (D) by

(E) behind (B) with (C) at (A) by (D) from 11. There is the book that you asked-

10. He was struck.....lightning.

(A) beside (B) within (C) after

(B) after (C) for (A) to (D) from (E) about 12. There is a disturbing nexus......politics and sports in India.

(A) among (B) with (C) by (D) between (E) upon

13. Nitu's marriage......Deepak was tumultous. (B) with (C) between (D) of (E) None of these

14. Baggage can be covered......loss or accident during travel.

(D) for (A) against (B) with (C) along (E) of

15. Gita kept talking loudly oblivious......the fact that it was the college

library and not the student's common room. (A) with (B) about (C) for (E) by (D) of

16. He plays cricket.....hockey.

17. The parents are usually not satisfied.....the performance of their children.

(D) besides

(E) and

(A) to (B) with (C) over (D) about (E) None of these 18. Shylock was devoid.....pity.

(A) of (B) with (C) in (D) to (E) None of these

19. All the members of my family go to Church.....every

Sunday......the morning, usually.....nine O' clock. (A) on; in; at (B) in; on; at (C) on; at; in (D) at; in; on (E) None of these

20. Last year his mother died......typhoid ......the Christmas eve.

(A) of; on (B) on; of (C) from; at (D) at; of (E) None of these

21. I have resigned myself.....my fate. (B) with (C) on (E) by (A) at (D) to

22. The train is.....time. (A) besides (B) between (C) behind

(D) by (E) along 23. You should start at dawn to reach the station.....time.

(A) upon (B) by (C) in (D) into (E) None of these

24. Ninety members voted......favour of the resolution. (B) to (C) for (E) None of these (A) in (D) from

25. My father gets up everyday......5 o'clock. (E) with (B) at (C) from (A) on (D) upon

# CHOOSE THE BEST ANSWER AJ, BJ, CJ OR DJ.

lunch by the time they arrived. 1. Andrew a) finished c) had finished

b) was finished d) has finished

2. I have a terrible headache. I another aspirin.

c) am taking a) take

d) will be taking b) 'Il take A cold wind for the last week

a) has been blowing c) blows

b) is blowing d) blew We'll meet in September when she \_\_\_ back.

a) will come c) came b) will have come d) comes

Maria \_ a comic when the teacher asked her to come to the blackboard.

a) was reading c) read b) has been reading d) has read

You won't need the jacket. It \_ warmer.

c) 's got a) gets b) 's getting d) 'd got

Bryan \_\_\_\_ when the meeting started. a) hasn't arrived c) hasn't been arriving

b) hadn't arrived d) wasn't arriving

she will be able to handle this properly. 8. To be honest, I\_ a) doubt c) am doubting

b) have doubted d) will doubt

\_ for 5 years at the end of this year. They \_\_\_\_

a) will meet c) will be meeting

b) will have been meeting d) are going to meet 10. I am not surprised they've broken up. She never knew if she could trust

him and was afraid he \_\_\_\_\_

a) will leave c) would leave

b) is going to leave d) will have left into.

11. Call the police. Our apartment c) is broken a) was broken

a) will be working

(find) anything suitable. I \_\_\_\_\_

b) has been broken d) will be broken

12. She can't go hiking with us. She on her new book all day tomorrow.

c) is working

b) will work d) will have worked

13. By the time you finish my dress it old-fashioned.

a) will become c) is becoming d) will have become b) will be becoming

for some time when their mother told them to be silent.

a) had shouted c) had been shouting

b) have shouted d) have been shouting

by the end of the week. 15. The letter a) is not going to be delivered c) is not delivered

d) won't have been delivered b) won't be delivered

# COMPLETE THE SENTENCES USING THE CORRECT FORM OF THE VERBS IN BRACKETS. SOME VERBS ARE NEGATIVE.

(start) looking for a new flat 2 weeks ago, but I still

(live) with my parents these days.

2. We	We (see) Mike yesterday, but Ann				_ (want) to meet him		
we	(cross) the str	eet.		7.	6/		
3. In a few minutes' time, when the clock						(strike) 5	
2	(wait)					3	
4. Mrs Blake	e (aı			et, but s	she		
	re she(go		- 5				
5. You must be hungry. Let me just put this away and I						(mak	
you some sa	ndwiches.	757 FE	120			- 8	
6. Let's meet	t at the station. The	train		_ (leav	e) at 7 p.	m.	
7. You (eat) the whole pie! You (be)						k.	
8. She won't	be able to come in	n the afternoor	a.		20000 0500		
She	(see)	her lawyer at	4 o'clo	ck.			
9. Don't exp	ect us to come at 6	o'clock.					
We		(still, play)	tennis				
10. They	*	(see) fo	or 5	years	before	he fina	
	(propos	e) to her.					
11. What		(you, do	) the	whole	evening	g while	
	(look f						
12 When	TATO	(a	ot (or	500 F	nim last	night	

iast night,

(play) computer games; (play) since lunch time. 13. By the end of last year they \_ (finished) three large

\_\_\_ (finish) two more. I projects, and by next year they (be) with them since last month, but I (work) on presen-(believe) they\_ tations at present.

14. Look at that little boy in the corner. He \_\_\_ (wait) for three hours \_\_ (come) to take him home. now and no one \_\_\_\_\_ 15. Look at this mess! You \_\_\_\_\_ \_ (always, leave) your clothes all over the

room!

Some of the following sentences are correct and some have mistakes in them. Tick the correct ones and correct the ones with mistakes.

1. My brother and his fiancée will get married on Saturday. They have invited more than 300 guests.

2. It's three minutes to 8. We are going to be late.

3. They have left home at 7 o'clock and arrived to school at 8.30.

4. He has been eating three sandwiches and he is still hungry.

5. I have to sit down. I have run for more than an hour.

6. I found that ring while I was playing in the sand with my nephew.

7. When I checked your homework I noticed that you had problems with spelling.

clothes without asking me anything! 9. A stitch in time is saving nine.

8. I am really angry. She is always borrowing my

10. She enrolled at university last year. Which subjects did she chose?

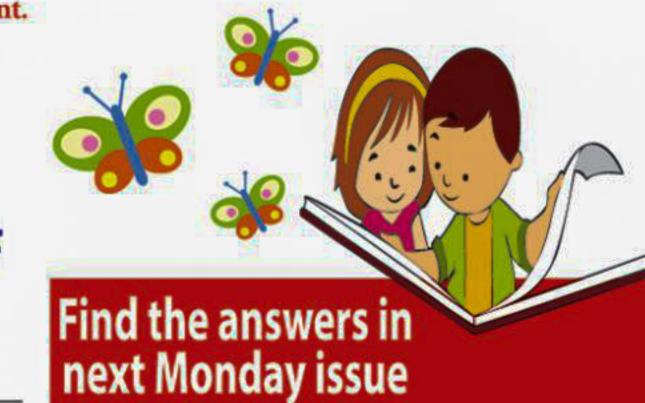
11. Why you lent her my earrings? I was going to wear them tonight.

12. They had driven for only 10 minutes when they had a puncture.

13. This is the best pizza I ever had.

14. I had been hoping to explain it to her, but she wouldn't listen to me.

15. By the time she comes the best roles will have taken.



ANSWER KEY TO THE LAST EIS PAGE ACTIVITIES (DATED SEPTEMBER 17, 2018)

#### **COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS:**

1 China 2 Language and Arithmetic 3 in a journal 4 Four years 5 All ages 6 Over 91% 7 Air pollution 8 One year's worth of education 9 The over-60s 10 Concrete

Complete the sentences with the verbs in the box: 1 didn't do 2 don't send 3 am learning 4 weren't doing 5 learn 6 haven't done 7 send 8 hadn't learned

Complete the sentences with the correct present or past form of the verbs in brackets: 1 tell, happened 2 has been teaching, got 3 thought, considering 4 forgot, have done 5 said, couldn't listen, was talking 6 went, had 7 thinking, haven't made 8 misbehave

Cross out the redundant prepositions in the dialogue: at // for // to // because of // about // out // on // for // on // to // with Complete the text with suitable indefinite

quantifier: One example is done for you. (1) much (2) few (3) little (4) only (5) many (6) enough (7) many (8) number (9) lot (10) hardly Use the following adjectives and adverbs from the box to complete the story: (1) poor (2) magic (3) angry (4) large (5) new (6) comfortable (7) patiently (8) slowly (9) immediately (10) angrily