# SBI Clerk Prelims 2020

# **S1.** Ans. (b)

**Sol.** Instead of 'were', 'was' will be used because when two subjects are attached with 'neither-nor' then verb is used according to the nearest subject. Here, 'his wife' is in 'third person and singular form' hence, 'was' will replace 'were'.

# S2. Ans. (d)

**Sol.** 'to' will be used instead of 'than' because we do not use conjunction 'than' after superior, posterior, senior, interior, etc.

# S3. Ans. (d)

**Sol.** Instead of 'to commit', 'committed' will be used because the given sentence is based on the construction given below:

- (i) He got a house built.
- (ii) He was able to get a house built.

Therefore, 'HGTV was able to get six actors committed to a project.'

# **S4.** Ans. (c)

**Sol.** 'any' will be used instead of 'no' as we use 'any' with 'rarely', 'seldom', scarcely', 'hardly' etc. and not 'no'.

# S5. Ans. (d)

**Sol.** 'experts' will replace 'expert' because noun or prono<mark>un</mark> is always plural with one of, any of, either of, neither of etc.

#### **S6.** Ans. (e)

**Sol.** The sentence is contextually meaningful and grammatically correct. Hence, there is 'no error'.

#### **S7.** Ans. (b)

**Sol.** Instead of 'in', 'with' will be used because 'with' accompanies 'entrust' in the sentence when the structure is 'entrust+somebody+with +something' whereas 'to' is used in the sentence when the structure of sentence is 'entrust+something+to +somebody'.

# **S8.** Ans. (a)

**Sol.** 'would' will be used instead of 'will' because the sentence is in past tense.



# **S9.** Ans. (a)

**Sol.** Instead of 'why had I', 'why I had' will be used because in indirect narration of an interrogative sentence, reported speech is Assertive (Subject +verb).

# **S10.** Ans. (b)

**Sol.** 'she had left' will be used in place of 'she left'. Also, 'she found' is in past tense and 'leaving bag and other valuables' was also done in the past. Therefore, we use past perfect tense for incident of past of the past.

# **S11.** Ans. (b)

**Sol.** Instead of 'hiding' it will be 'hidden' because in passive voice, 'to be +third form of verb' is used.

# S12. Ans. (c)

**Sol.** 'so' will not be used here as 'because, as, since, etc.' are conjunctions of reason and 'so, therefore' is not used after them.

# **S13.** Ans. (b)

**Sol.** 'that' will not be used because, in indirect narration, conjunction is not used before wh-question. For instance, he asked why I was late.

# S14. Ans. (a)

**Sol.** 'doubt' will be used instead of 'doubted' because each form of helping verb 'do' takes 'first form of verb'. Other forms of 'do' are 'does' and 'did'. For instance, does she sing?

# **S15.** Ans. (b)

**Sol.** 'thorough' will be used instead of 'thoroughly' because the latter is an adverb while the former is an adjective. An adjective qualifies a noun and not an adverb.

# S16. Ans. (c)

**Sol.** "Not" should be removed as it is not used when lest is used in a sentence.

#### **S17.** Ans. (d)

**Sol.** "It" should be used before "being"

### **S18.** Ans. (b)

**Sol.** "Have" should be replaced by "has" because after "many a" we use singular countable noun and a singular Verb

#### **S19.** Ans. (b)

**Sol.** The usage of "more" is irrelevant as it is a double comparative.

# **S20.** Ans. (b)

**Sol.** The error is in option (b). The word "Cross" should be replaced with Crossed. The structure for the sentence is {No sooner + had + Subject + Verb3rd form}.

#### **S21.** Ans. (d)

**Sol.** Change "With" into "from" as words like refrain/abstain/Prohibit takes from after it.

# **S22.** Ans. (b)

**Sol.** Change "homes" into "home" as the correct idiom is "at home"

# S23. Ans. (a)

**Sol.** Change "would have been" into "had".

#### **S24.** Ans. (a)

**Sol.** We will use "had" before left.

# **S25.** Ans. (b)

**Sol.** We will change "swam" into "swum" as after has/have/had/having we use past participle and we use Verb 3<sup>rd</sup> form.

#### **S26.** Ans. (c)

**Sol.** We will change "have" into "has".

# **S27.** Ans. (a)

Sol. We will change "Possessing" into "Possess".

#### **S28.** Ans. (b)

**Sol.** We will change "as well as" into "and". After "both" we use "and" as a conjunction in a sentence.

#### S29. Ans. (d)

**Sol.** We will replace "a" with "the" in the fourth part as the correct expression is "the naked eye".

#### S30. Ans. (d)

**Sol.** Instead of "will play", we will use "play" as in a sentence starting from if/when/unless/in case/as long as etc. we will use Simple Present tense.

