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OLYMPIAD PRACTICE WORKSHEET

(Q1-Q4) Choose the correct option

1. The news of the merger and the threat of job losses have caused considerable _____ among the work force.
a) Allusion b) allowance c) alarm d) applause e) application
2. Deborah and Simon can't stand each other. There is deep _____ between them.
a) Animosity b) analysis c) anarchy d) anger e) angle
3. We didn't think she would come and so we were delighted when she put in an unexpected _____ at our party.
a) Appeal b) appearance c) anomaly d) answer e) apology
4. Your company has had a long and fruitful _____ with mine.
a) Assignment b) assistance c) association d) assessment e) assets

Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow by choosing the answers from given options.

The death of Dr Christiaan Barnard, the famous transplant surgeon, has occurred at a time when many of his modern counterparts are facing difficulties. Many of the early problems, such as tissue rejection, have, to a great extent, now been solved, thanks to the introduction of new drugs. However, there remains a major problem. The people in need of transplant surgery far outnumber the available organs.

The shortage of organ donors has caused several doctors to call for urgent improvements to be made to the system by which organs are donated. Many countries, such as Britain, have huge waiting lists of people whose lives could be saved by being given a kidney, lung, heart, or liver transplant. Sadly, many of them die before they reach the top of those lists.

Under the present British scheme, people are asked to carry donor cards, and/or put their names on the national donor register. Thus, if they lose their lives suddenly, for example, in a traffic accident, they have given permission in advance of their deaths for their organs to be used. If they have not done so, surgeons are faced with the task of asking the distraught next-of-kin for permission to use the organs of the deceased. Of course, often the relatives are too upset even to think of such a thing until it is too late. Organ transplants have to take place quite soon after the death of the donor.

Dying and donating organs is not something most of us like to think about, and only about 14% of people have registered. Now, it has been suggested that, instead of the present register, there should be a register of people who wish to opt out of having their organs removed for transplant surgery.

Increasing the number of donors is made more difficult because it is such an emotive issue. Just recently, an article in the Journal of the American Medical Association showed that half of the families in the United States refused, when asked for permission to use the organs of their loved ones.

5. Contemporary doctors face difficulties in transplant surgery because

- a) Tissue rejection has not been solved
- b) Expert doctors like Christian Barnard are not at hand to give advice
- c) People needing transplant outnumber donors
- d) Introduction of new drugs has led to harmful side effects.

6. Patients often meet an unfortunate end because of.....

- a) shortage of donors
- b) tissue mis-match
- c) Lack of good doctors
- d) lack of funds

7. Carrying donor cards is helpful in.....

- a) Asking people to donate organs
- b) preventing accidental deaths
- c) Locating relatives of donors
- d) locating donors quickly after death

8. Many do not want to donate organs because

- a) They are selfish
- b) they cannot reach the hospital in time
- c) They are ignorant
- d) of emotional reasons

9. The word 'distraught' in the third paragraph means.....

- a) Upset
- b) angry
- c) selfish
- d) happy

(Q10-13) Choose the best synonym for each word.

10. Compose

- a) Distribute
- b) deliver
- c) completed
- d) compile

11. Contagious

- a) Infectious
- b) painful
- c) rare
- d) moving

12. Internal

- a) major
- b) illness
- c) inside
- d) possible

13. Gullible.

- a) deceitful
- b) honest
- c) friendly
- d) trusting

(Q14-17) Choose the best antonym for each word.

14. Expedient.

- a) Contrivance
- b) Serviceable
- c) Untimely
- d) Device

15. Commoner

- a) Foul
- b) Tidy
- c) Distract
- d) Noble

16. Dross

- a) Trash b) Clean c) Decrease d) Shrink

17. Discerning

- a) Understanding b) Analysing c) Blind d) Greedy

(Q17-20) Choose the correct option.

18. Who is the author of the book "The Great Indian Novel"?

- a) Devdutt Patnaik b) Shashi Tharoor c) A.P.J. Abdul Kalam. d) Pranab Mukherji

19. William Mark Tully is resident of which of the following country?

- a) USA b) Britain c) Spain d) Germany

20. Who won the Scripps National Spelling Bee 2017?

- a) Radhika Vinay b) Ananya Vinay c) Sahil Vinay d) Ashi Vinay