

JMET 2007 (10.12.2006) - Solutions

SECTION 1: VERBAL COMMUNICATION (Questions 1-40)

1. The answer is (D). A culture would require tolerance for diversity, and diversity can only lead to it flourishing (expanding) and not brandishing, flaunting (showing off) or displaying. Hence only (D) can be the answer.
2. The answer is (B). A contrast to someone we have not learnt to trust would only be someone we consider honest, and that can only lead to the narrator validating the story. Hence (B) is the answer.

Solutions for Q. 3-6:

3. The answer is (A). All the other options can be found in the passage. However the passage does not discuss the affirmation of the subconscious.
4. The answer is (B). The passage discusses the other three options. However quality is not discussed.
5. The answer is (C). The passage does not talk about visualization and the ability to focus on who you want to become.
6. The answer is (D). In the context of the passage the given word could only mean the most important reason.

Solutions for Q. 7-9:

7. The answer is (D). Pirate and buccaneer are synonyms, and pirouette and gyrate both refer to certain actions that are a part of dancing. Marauder is a raider, dive is to jump in, criminal is a rogue, tumble is to roll over, a convict is someone who has done a wrong, spin is to rotate.
8. The answer is (C). Commune means to connect, and communicate has a similar meaning and commute means to travel. Converse is to talk, interact is to be involved with others, announce is to proclaim, lighten is to illuminate, declare is to announce, exchange is to switch.
9. The answer is (A). Provincialism means narrowness of mind or ignorance, and parochialism is a synonym. Similarly, a dilettante is an amateur, similar in meaning to an inexperienced. Miscegenation is interbreeding of races, mitigation is reduction, meretricious is falsely attractive, sober is calm/composed, decadent is ruined, and resplendent is grand.

Solutions for Q. 10-15:

10. The answer is (C). To survey something means to take a general overview of something. Hence the word fits the context best. The other options involve an in depth analysis.
11. The answer is (B), as the plural noun 'flowers' have to be substantiated by a plural verb, but this option uses a singular verb 'was'. All the other options may grammatically be used.
12. The answer is (B). There is no direct relation between the given word and the options. However, when we grind something we get grit. Grid is a maze, grin is a curt smile, and grill is a method of cooking.

13. The answer is (A). Incomprehensible and inexplicable are synonyms, which means something which is hard to understand. Indelible is something that cannot be removed, Inextricable is something confusing, Infallible is incapable of error.
14. The answer is (C). Stigma is a mark of disgrace. Hence the answer has to be honor. Horror is terror, humor is fun, and holler is to shout.
15. The answer is (A). A tyro is a beginner in a field. Hence an expert is the opposite. Tyrannical is dominating, beginner is a synonym for the given word, tycoon is a businessman.

Solutions to Q. 16-18:

16. The answer is (D). The passage does not restrict discussion to changes only since the 60s, as in the end the author talks about "parents and grand parents before us", thereby eliminating (A). Neither does he discuss acceptance of changes nor talks about other things being obsolete, thereby eliminating (B) and (C). Hence only "the changing world" reflects the main intent of the passage.
17. The answer is (B). The second line of the fourth paragraph reflects this.
18. The answer is (D). The passage does not talk about a struggle against change, nor is it only referring to changes since the 60s and 70s. It does not talk about excitement for the changes. Hence (A), (B) and (C) can be eliminated.
19. The answer is (C). The usage of "as well as" in this sentence is incorrect.
20. The answer is (C). Options (B) and (D) can be eliminated, because in reported speech we need to use the connector 'that'. In option (A) the use of present tense is incorrect. Only option (C) gives us a correctly framed sentence.

Solutions for Q. 21-23:

21. The answer is (D). All the other options can be inferred from the passage. However no direct correlation between meditation and decision making is shown in the passages.
22. The answer is (B). The passage does not talk about transcending intuitive boundaries nor does it discuss intuition with relation to leadership or reasoning. However (B) reflects the intent of the passage.
23. The answer is (C) and is reflected in the beginning of the passage.

Solutions to Q. 24-26:

24. The answer is (A). The passage does not indicate any of the other options as being the meanings of commotion.
25. The answer is (A). It can be seen in the third line of the passage.
26. The answer is (C). The passage does not give us the causes of uncertainty, nor does it discuss misinterpretation and commotion. Also the passage does talk about uncertainty as the cause of commotion. Hence only "defining confusion" reflects the main idea of the passage.

Solutions to Q. 27-29:

27. The answer is (B). If a printer has ink and one puts in paper, one gets the paper back in a printed form. Similarly, if a vending machine has water, and one puts in ground coffee, one can get the coffee in a drinkable form.
28. The answer is (B). One needs vision to be able to enjoy movies on TV. Similarly, one needs to be able to feel, to enjoy the air from an air conditioner.
29. The answer is (D). A bird flies in the sky and thunder bolts in the sky and both can happen simultaneously. Similarly, one can have text and watermark on paper together.

Solutions for Q. 30-32:

30. The answer is (A). In (B) the word 'beside' should be replaced with 'besides'. In option (C), two contrasting words, 'in spite', and 'still' are used. Option (D) is merely a fragment.
31. The answer is (B). In option (A), the correct usage would be "as it was yesterday". In (C) the incorrect objective pronoun 'whom' is used. In (D) the superlative degree "hardest" should be used with the article "the".
32. The answer is (C). All the other options express the sentence with a wrong tense.

Solutions for Q. 33-35:

33. The answer is (C). The 6th line of the last paragraph reflects this idea.
34. The answer is (A). All other options are discussed in the passage. However the passage does not talk of business associations fostering SME-MNC linkages.
35. The answer is (B). The idea is reflected in the end of the last paragraph.
36. The answer is (C). It can be seen in the 9th and 10th line of the last paragraph.
37. The answer is (C). All the other options are seen in the passage. However nothing in the passage suggests that a knowledge firm does not have employees.
38. The answer is (B). Metaphorically means figuratively. One of the meanings of standard is average. A cog is a tiny wheel that's a component of machinery. And an engagement could also refer to an appointment.
39. The answer is (A) and is clarified in the beginning of the passage in the 1st and 2nd lines.
40. The answer is (B). "The firm has invested across many industry areas and has been leading in information technology, media and communications, telecommunications, healthcare, energy and financial services."
None of the other options arrange the sentences correctly.