

Kerala High Court - Office Attendant

General English | 15 Questions with Answers & Explanations

Format: MCQ, 4 options each, 1 mark per question. Practice format - check the official notification for exact marks and negative marking.

PRACTICE QUESTIONS

Q1. Choose the synonym of RAPID

- (A) Slow
- (B) Quick
- (C) Weak
- (D) Calm

Answer: (B) Quick - Rapid means fast; synonym = quick.

Q2. Choose the antonym of ANCIENT

- (A) Old
- (B) Historic
- (C) Modern
- (D) Antique

Answer: (C) Modern - Ancient = very old; opposite = modern.

Q3. One who can speak two languages is called

- (A) Bilingual
- (B) Linguist
- (C) Polyglot
- (D) Orator

Answer: (A) Bilingual - Bilingual = two languages; polyglot = many languages.

Q4. Choose the correctly spelt word

- (A) Acommodation
- (B) Accomodation
- (C) Accommodation
- (D) Acomodation

Answer: (C) Accommodation - Accommodation has double 'c' and double 'm'.

Q5. She is ____ honest girl.

- (A) a
- (B) an
- (C) the
- (D) no article

Answer: (B) an - 'Honest' begins with a vowel sound (silent h), so use 'an'.

Q6. He is good ____ mathematics.

- (A) in
- (B) on
- (C) at
- (D) for

Answer: (C) at - The correct phrase is 'good at' (a subject or skill).

Q7. She ____ to school every day.

- (A) go
- (B) goes
- (C) going
- (D) gone

Answer: (B) goes - Simple present with a singular subject takes verb + s/es.

Q8. Each of the students ____ a book.

- (A) have
- (B) has
- (C) are having
- (D) were

Answer: (B) has - 'Each' is singular, so it takes 'has'.

Q9. The idiom 'a piece of cake' means

- (A) A sweet dish
- (B) Something very easy
- (C) A small gift
- (D) A difficult task

Answer: (B) Something very easy - It describes a task that is very easy to do.

Q10. Plural of the word 'analysis'

- (A) Analyseses
- (B) Analysis
- (C) Analyses
- (D) Analysys

Answer: (C) Analyses - Words ending in -is change to -es: analysis > analyses.

Q11. Change to passive voice: The cat chased the mouse.

- (A) The mouse chased the cat.
- (B) The mouse was chased by the cat.
- (C) The mouse is chased by the cat.
- (D) The cat was chased by the mouse.

Answer: (B) The mouse was chased by the cat. - Past tense active > 'was/were + past participle + by'.

Q12. Change to indirect speech: He said, "I am happy."

- (A) He said that I am happy.
- (B) He said that he is happy.
- (C) He said that he was happy.
- (D) He said that he has been happy.

Answer: (C) He said that he was happy. - Reporting verb in past: pronoun changes and 'am' becomes 'was'.

Q13. Choose the grammatically correct sentence

- (A) He don't like tea.
- (B) He doesn't likes tea.
- (C) He doesn't like tea.
- (D) He not like tea.

Answer: (C) He doesn't like tea. - With 'he', use 'doesn't' followed by the base verb.

Q14. If it rains, we ____ at home.

- (A) stay
- (B) will stay
- (C) stayed
- (D) would stayed

Answer: (B) will stay - First conditional: If + present, will + base verb.

Q15. The past participle of 'speak' is

- (A) Spoke
- (B) Spoken
- (C) Speaked
- (D) Speaking

Answer: (B) Spoken - speak - spoke - spoken.

QUICK ANSWER KEY

No.	Ans	No.	Ans	No.	Ans
Q1	B	Q6	C	Q11	B
Q2	C	Q7	B	Q12	C
Q3	A	Q8	B	Q13	C
Q4	C	Q9	B	Q14	B
Q5	B	Q10	C	Q15	B

QUICK GRAMMAR RULES

Topic	Quick Rule
Articles	'an' before vowel SOUNDS (an hour, an honest man); 'a' before consonant sounds (a university)
Subject-verb	Each, every, either, neither + singular verb
Simple present	He/She/It + verb with s/es
Passive voice	Object + be (am/is/are/was/were) + past participle + by + subject
Indirect speech	Past reporting verb: am/is > was, will > would, can > could
Conditionals	If + present, will + base verb (real possibility)
Plurals	-is > -es (analysis > analyses); child > children; man > men
Prepositions	good at, afraid of, interested in, depend on, different from