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English

Narration : Direct and Indirect Speech

Questions with Explanation



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16. Which of the following sentences in indirect narration is not correct-

- (a) He said that he lived many years in China.
- (b) He exclaimed sadly that he was undone.
- (c) The policeman enquired of the man where was he going.
- (d) He shouted to them to let him go.

[Jr. Accountant, 2012]

17. Which of the following does not match correctly?

Direct Speech

Indirect Speech

- (a) 'Let's punish that boy' - I suggested punishing the said I. boy.
- (b) He said, 'you needn't wait'. - He said that I needn't wait.
- (c) She said, 'I go for a walk every morning.' - She said that she goes for a walk every morning.
- (d) Ashok to Mohan : 'Can't you return it tomorrow?' - Ashok asked Mohan whether he couldn't return it the next day.

[Jr. Accountant Exam]

18. The doctor said to me, "Do not swim in cold water." In reported speech the above sentence will be- "The doctor advised me...".

- (a) do not swim in cold water.
- (b) that do not swim in cold water.
- (c) not to swim in cold water.
- (d) to not swim in cold water.

[RTET 2011]



19. He said to me. "Where do you live?" (Change into Indirect Narration)
- (a) He asked that where did I live?
- (b) He asked me where I lived.
- (c) He asked me where did I live?
- (d) He enquired of me that where I lived.

[BSTC 2014]

20. He said to the servant, "Bring a glass of water." (Change into Indirect Narration).
- (a) He asked the servant to bring a glass of water.
- (b) He requested the servant bring a glass of water.
- (c) He asked the servant that bring a glass of water.
- (d) He ordered the servant for bringing a glass of water.

[BSTC 2014]

21. The correct indirect narration of the sentence- The teacher said to students, "The earth is round."
- (a) The teacher told the students that the earth was round.
- (b) The teacher said to the students that the earth is round.
- (c) The teacher told the students that the earth is round.
- (d) The teacher told the students if the earth was round.

[BSTC 2016]

Which of the following is the correct indirect narration of the following sentence :

22. My mother said to me, "Don't waste your time."
- (a) My mother told me that don't waste time.
- (b) My mother advised me not to waste my time.
- (c) My mother told me to waste my time.
- (d) My mother ordered me that I don't waste time.

[BSTC 2016]



The indirect narration of the sentence :

23. She said to me, "Are you studying in class X?" is:

- (a) She asked me, I am studying in class X.
- (b) She asked me if you are studying in class X.
- (c) She asked me if I am studying in class X.
- (d) She asked me if I was studying in class X.

[BSTC 2016]

Change to Indirect Speech -

24. Lila will say, "Ravi has gone."

- (a) Lila would said the Ravi has gone.
- (b) Lila will say that Ravi has gone.
- (c) Lila was told that Ravi has gone.
- (d) None of these.

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[BSTC 2013]

Change to Indirect Speech -

25. She said to Mita, "Can you lend me this watch?"

- (a) She said to Mita if she could lend me this watch.
- (b) She asked Mita if she could lend her that watch.
- (c) She told to Mita if she lend her watch.
- (d) None of these.

[BSTC 2013]

26. The student will say, "I can't do the questions."

- (a) The student would say that he cannot do that question.
- (b) The student will say that he can't do the question.
- (c) The students says that he cannot do that question.
- (d) None of these.

[BSTC 2013]

Pick the correct alternative that completes the sentence into indirect speech.

28. Sheela said to Shweta, "Where is your house?"
- (a) Sheela asked Shweta that where here house was.
- (b) Sheela asked Shweta where her house was.
- (c) Sheela asked Shweta where was her house.
- (d) Sheela asked Shweta where is your house.

[BSTC 2011]

Choose the correct alternative that completes the sentence which is changed into indirect speech.

29. Abhinav said to Naveen, "Where is your house?"
- (a) Abhinav asked Naveen that where his
- (b) Abhinav asked Naveen where his house was.
- (c) Abhinav asked Naveen where was his house.
- (d) Abhinav asked Naveen where is your house.

[BSTC 2009]

30. The teacher said, "I am busy now." Change into Indirect Speech :

- (a) The teacher said that he was busy now.
- (b) The teacher said that I am busy.
- (c) The teacher said that he is busy now.
- (d) The teacher said that he was busy then.

[BSTC 2013]

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