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English

Narration : Direct and Indirect Speech

Questions with Explanation



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Choose the sentence with the correct Indirect form of Narration :

31. He said, "I met this man two days ago."

- (a) He said that he met this man two days before.
- (b) He said that he had met this man two days ago.
- (c) He said that he had met that man two days before.
- (d) He said that he might meet that man two days ago.

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32. I said to my brother, "Let's go to some hill station for a change". (Indirect Speech)

- (a) I asked my brother to go to some hill station for a change.
- (b) I asked my brother if he would go to some hill station for a change.
- (c) I permitted my brother to go to some hill station for a change.
- (d) I suggested to my brother that we should go to some hill station for a change.

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[RPSC, II Grade English, 2013]

33. The saint chanted, "God is great." The indirect speech of this sentence is :

- (a) The saint said that God is great.
- (b) The saint told that God was great.
- (c) The saint said why God is great.
- (d) The saint said whether God is great.

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[REET (Leve-II), 2022]



34. Keats said, "A thing of beauty is a joy forever".

- (a) Keats said that a thing of beauty is joyful.
- (b) Keats said that a beautiful thing is a joy.
- (c) Keats said that a thing of beauty is a joy forever.
- (d) Keats said that things beautiful are forever joyful.

[RPSC, II Grade English, 2013]

35. "Are you going to Delhi tomorrow?" I said to her. (Indirect Speech)

- (a) I asked her if she was going to Delhi the next day.
- (b) I asked from her if she was going to Delhi tomorrow.
- (c) I told her that she was going to Delhi tomorrow.
- (d) I asked her intention the next day of going to Delhi.

[RPSC, II Grade English, 2013]

36. He inquired whether his name was not Ahmed. (Direct Speech).

- (a) He asked, "Are you Ahmed?"
- (b) He inquired, "Your name is Ahmed?"
- (c) He said to him, "Is not your name, Ahmed?"
- (d) None of the above

[RPSC, II Grade English, 2013]

37. I exclaimed with wonder that it was an excellent idea. (Direct Speech)

- (a) "Oh! What an excellent idea," said I.
- (b) "Oh! this is such an excellent idea".
- (c) "An excellent idea!" I said.
- (d) "Ah! An excellent idea this is."

[RPSC, II Grade English, 2013]

38. Ram said, "The children had better go to bed early." (Indirect Speech)

- (a) Ram said that the children had better go to bed early.
- (b) Ram said that the children should go to bed.
- (c) Ram often says that children go to bed early.
- (d) Children go to bed early.

[RPSC, II Grade English, 2013]



39. "I could read when I was three!" she said (Indirect Speech)

- (a) She could read when she was nearly three.
- (b) She says that she had been reading since three.
- (c) She said she read at three.
- (d) She said that she could read when she was three.

[RPSC, II Grade English, 2013]

Choose the correct options :

40. He said, "My wife leaves for Mumbai tomorrow." (Change into indirect speech)

- (a) He said that his wife would leave for Mumbai the next day.
- (b) He said that my wife leaves for Mumbai tomorrow.
- (c) He said that his wife leaves for Mumbai the day after tomorrow.
- (d) He said that his wife would have left for Mumbai the next day.

[Fireman Exam, 2022]

41. "Give me some tea, mother"

- (a) The mother ordered to give her some tea.
- (b) He asked the mother to give him some tea.
- (c) The mother ordered them to give them some tea.
- (d) He enquired from the mother whether she could give him some tea.

[RPSC, II Grade English, 2011]

42. "Fall in! Soldiers".

- (a) The captain commanded the soldiers to fall in.
- (b) The soldiers commanded the captain to fall in.
- (c) The captain was commanded to fall in.
- (d) The soldiers were commanded to fall in.

[RPSC, II Grade English, 2011]



43. "I do not know where to go, soldiers! Please guide me" said the old man.

- (a) The old man said that he did not know where to go.
- (b) The old man told the soldiers, that he did not know where to go and requested them to guide him.
- (c) The old man told to the soldiers that he did not know where to go and requested them to guide him.
- (d) The old man told to the soldiers that he had not known where to go and requested him to guide.

[RPSC, II Grade, English, 2011]

44. He said, "I have been waiting for ages." He said that-

- (a) I had been waiting for ages.
- (b) He had been waiting for ages.
- (c) He has been waiting for ages.
- (d) I have been waiting for ages.

[School Lecturer (Sans.), 2020]

Select the correct sentence in "Direct speech from the given options, for the sentence below :

45. An old mouse asked who would bell the cat.

- (a) An old mouse said, "Who will have bell the cat?"
- (b) An old mouse said, "Who would have bell the cat?"
- (c) An old mouse said, "Who can bell the cat?"
- (d) An old mouse said, "Who will bell the cat?"

[RPSC, I Grade Teacher, 2016]

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