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**USE OF ENGLISH 2005/06 QUESTIONS (GROUP 1)**  
**COMPREHENSION**

**INSTRUCTION:** Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow. Development in electronic science has transformed the art of record-keeping in the modern age. Traditionally, records of events were kept only in people's minds. It depended very much on the retentive power of the human memory. This was extremely dangerous as people either forgot events wholly or in part, or deliberately falsified details to suit their various interests. Interminable arguments were thus the order of the day. Even writing which replace mental recording was not entirely free from those shortcomings as untruths could be written as true records either willingly or inadvertently. With the advent of electronic memory, however, these dangers now show not only what happened, but also who did or aid what, including how and when.

1. The author believes that electronic recording is:
  - A. superior to mental recording
  - B. inferior to both mental recording and writing
  - C. superior to both mental and writing
  - D. inferior to only writing
  
2. The writer believes that the art of record keeping has:
  - A. Improved over the years
  - B. Endangered the art of writing
  - C. Changed human memory
  - D. Overcome all the problems facing it.
  
3. How many stages of development did the writer mention when discussing the art of record keeping?
  - A. Two B. Three C. Four D. Five
  
4. According to the author, human memory is unreliable because people
  - A. Die and we forget what they said
  - B. forget events or tell lies
  - C. do not always know when events happens
  - D. do not always know who did what and when
  
5. From the passage, we gather that writing is almost
  - A. As unreliable as human memory
  - B. As reliable as electronic memory
  - C. More reliable than electronic recording
  - D. Not to be compared to any other recording systems.

### LEXIS AND STRUCTURE

**In question 6-7, the option that best explain the information conveyed in the sentence.**

6. You are driving too fast for safety
- A. That speed is all right and safety
  - B. That speed is not fast enough for safety
  - C. That speed is not entirely safe
  - D. You should drive faster to ensure safety
7. For all I care, the man may be dead
- A. I am not sure the man is dead
  - B. I am not interested in his death
  - C. I very much care in case he is dead
  - D. I am ignorant if the man's death

**In each of question 8-11, choose the most appropriate option opposite in meaning to the words in italics**

8. The priest was invited to *consecrate* the new building.
- A. Destroy B. Abuse C. Tarnish D. Pollute
9. A majority of those who sat for the last jamb examination are *sanguine* of success.
- A. Hopeful B. Unsure C. Pessimistic D. Disheartened
10. When we woke up this morning, the sky was *overcast*.
- A. Cloudy B. Consistently C. Clear D. Overtly

11. Enemies of progress *covertly* strive to understand the efforts of this administration.

- A. Secretly B. Consistently C. Boldly D. Overtly

*In each of question 12-15, fill the gap with the most appropriate option from the list following the gap.*

12. The body is constantly under some ..... that he is the best student in the class.

- A. Elusion B. Delusion C. Illusion D. Allusion

13. Her parents did not approve her marriage two years ago because she has not reached her .....

- A. Maturity B. Puberty C. majority D. Minority

14. Our teacher ..... the importance of reading over our work before submission.

- A. Emphasized B. Emphasized C. Lay emphasis on D. Put emphasis

15. Young men should not get mixed ..... politics

- A. In with B. Up with C. Up in D. On with

### USE OF ENGLISH 2005/06 ANSWERS (GROUP 1) COMPREHENSION

1. The author believes that electronic recording is superior to both mental and recording and writing. This is obvious from the last sentence of the passage: “the electronic memory .... Now show not only what happened, but also who did or said what, including how and when”.

**Ans. C**

2. The writer believes that the art of record keeping has improved over the years. This can be deduced from the various stages of development mentioned in the passage. Each stage is an improvement on the preceding stage. **Ans. A**

3. The number of stages of development mentioned by the writer is three. i.e. mental recording, writing and electronic recording. **Ans. B**

4. According to the author, human memory is unreliable because people forget events or tell lies. This answer is found in the opening sentence of paragraph 2: “This (human memory) was

extremely dangerous as people either forget event wholly or in part, or deliberately falsified details to suit their various interests ....” **Ans. B**

5. From the passage we gather that writing is as unreliable as human memory. The choice of this answer is informed by the following sentence: “Even writing which replaced mental recording was not entirely free from these shortcomings as untruths could be writing as true records other willingly or inadvertently” **Ans. A**

### LEXIS AND STRUCTURE

6. **Ans. C** – That speed is not entirely safe.

7. **Ans. B** – I am not interested in his death

8. **D** – Pollute

9. **C** – Pessimistic

10. **C** – Clear

11. **D** – Overtly

12. The boy is constantly under some delusion that is the best student in the class. Note that options A and D cannot be the answer. So we are left with options B and C (i.e. illusion and delusion). Though the two words are similar, their meanings will help us to make a choice. **Delusion** – a false belief or opinion about yourself or your situation. **Illusion** – a false idea or belief, especially about something or about a situation. **Ans. B**

13. Her parents did not approve of her marriage two years ago because she has not reached her maturity. **Ans. A**

14. Our teacher emphasized the importance of reading over our work before submission. **Ans. B**

15. Young men should not get mixed up in politics. **Ans. C**

### SUMMARY OF ANSWERS

[ENGLISH 2005/06 (GROUP 1)]

1. C 2. A 3. B 4. B 5. A 6. C 7. B 8. D 9. C 10. C 11. D 12. B 13. C 14. B 15. C

## USE OF ENGLISH 2006/2007 QUESTIONS

### COMPREHENSION

**INSTRUCTION:** Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follows.

The approach to the university is being restructured to ease the flow of traffic, give better security and provide an appropriate introduction to a seat of high learning. The works and services complex is also under construction, and we intend to move into the completed (Major) part of it within the next few weeks.

All these projects are being executed with an eye to aesthetics, for we recognize the important influence of a beautiful and healthy environment on its inhabitants and feel that a cluster of building on a small space such as we have, should be so well designed as to have a beneficial psychological and sociological effect on all members of the community. I have gone to these length to itemize these examples of current development for two main reasons. Firstly, to advise you that the road diversion and other physical inconveniences currently being experienced will be on the increase because of intense development activity. We therefore appeal to you to bear with us in full knowledge and consolation that such inconveniences are temporary and will soon yield final tangible results. Secondly, to demonstrate our capacity for executing approved project with dispatch, and to assure government that we are up to the task. Indeed, I can assure government that its ability to disburse funds to us will be more than matched by our capacity to collect and expand them on executing various worthy projects in record time.

1. From the passage, we can gather that
  - A. There is not much consideration for the health of the inhabitants.
  - B. There is deliberate efforts to inconvenience the people
  - C. Buildings are put up anyhow
  - D. Projects are carried out without approval
  - E. The inconveniences suffered by inhabitants will be for a while.
  
2. Unless it can be shown that money voted for projects can be spent on them in good time
  - A. The development will not be intense
  - B. It will not be easy to convince the government of our executive ability

- C. It will not be difficult to ask government for funds  
D. Our final result will be unreliable  
E. The road diversion and other inconveniences will continue.
3. An eye on aesthetics in this passage means .....
- A. Regard for space  
B. Beneficial psychological effects  
C. Regards for health  
D. Consideration for beauty  
E. A cluster of buildings.
4. In this passage, the author tries to explain why
- A. It is necessary to establish the works and services complex in the university  
B. Beauty should not taken into consideration when building on such a small space as we have.  
C. The gateway to the university is being rebuilt.  
D. A major part of the project should be completed in the next few weeks  
E. Visitors should be debarred from using the gates in the meantime.
5. Which of these is NOT among the reasons given by the author for enumerating the examples of the current development?
- A. To show that we are capable of executing approved projects  
B. To convince the government that we can be trusted with tasks  
C. The inconveniences currently being experienced will go on indefinitely  
D. We are fully aware of the inconveniences being caused but we do not want you to complain  
E. We have the capacity to complete worthy projects within the scheduled time.

**In each of question 6-15, fill the gap with the most appropriate option from the list following the gap.**

6. Some smugglers have created a road diversion in order to ..... the new import duty.  
A. Circumflex                      B. Circumscribe                      C. Circumspect                      D. Circumvent
7. It happened that our dog is male but ..... are all females.

- A. Their's                      B. There's                      C. Theirs'                      D. Theirs
8. We can use the telephone; the lines are all .....
- A. On                              B. Off                      C. Up                      D. Down
9. Ayayi cashed ..... our boy's defiance to score the equalizer
- A. On                      B. In with                      C. In on                      D. In
10. I heard that Italy's victory at the world cup ..... the radio
- A. In                              B. On                              C. Over                              D. From
11. He travels very often as if he does not know that a car runs ..... petrol.
- A. With                              B. By                              C. On                              D. In
12. We were all delighted when the lady ..... a bouncing baby boy.
- A. Delivered                              B. Brought forth                              C. Gave birth to                              D. Was delivered of
13. Although the problem was simple ..... students were able to solve it.
- A. Few                              B. a few                              C. A lot of                              D. Little
14. Some students ..... believed they can succeed in exams without working hard.
- A. Many a times                              B. Many at time                              C. Many a time                              D. Many at times
15. The defendant claimed that he had been ..... into making a statement.
- A. Coerced                              B. Coaxed                              C. Coarsed                              D. Coerced

#### USE OF ENGLISH 2006/2007 ANSWERS COMPREHENSION

1. From the passage, we can gather the inconveniences suffered by inhabitants will be for a while. **Ans. E**

2. Unless it can be shown that money voted for projects can be spent on them in good time, it will not be easy to convince the government of executive ability. **Ans. B**
3. An eye for aesthetics in the passage means consideration for beauty. **Ans. D**
4. In the passage, the author tries to explain why the gateway of the university is being rebuilt. **Ans. C**
5. The inconvenience currently being experienced will go on indefinitely. **Ans. C**

### LEXIS AND STRUCTURE

6. Some smugglers have create a road diversion in order to *circumvent* the new import duty. **Ans. D**
7. It happened that our dog is male but theirs are all female. **Ans. D**
8. We can use the telephone; the lines are all on. **Ans. A**
9. Ayayi cashed in on our boy's defensive error to score the equalizer. **Ans. C**
10. I heard that Italy's victory at the world cup on the radio. **Ans. B**
11. He travels very often as if he does not know that a car runs on petrol. **Ans. C**
12. We were all delighted when the lady was delivered of a bouncing baby boy. **Ans. D**
13. Although the problem was simple few students were able to solve it. **Ans. A**
14. Some students many a time believed they can succeed in exams without working hard. **Ans. C**
15. The defendant claimed that he had been coerced into making a statement. **Ans. D**

### SUMMARY OF ANSWERS

1. E 2. B 3. D 4. C 5. C 6. D 7. D 8. A 9. C 10. B 11. C 12. D 13. A 14. C 15.

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