I. Vocabulary and Grammar

Select the most suitable options to fill the blanks.

1. He did_________food to the beggar, yesterday.
   A. has offered  
   B. had offered  
   C. offered  
   D. offer  

2. She __________late, as it’s a holiday.
   A. will rise  
   B. is rising  
   C. will raise  
   D. rose  

Select the most suitable options for the blanks.

3. Nisha is ________driving the car.
   A. with care  
   B. careful  
   C. careless  
   D. carefully  

4. Swimming is a_________ activity.
   A. healthy  
   B. healthier  
   C. healthiest  
   D. health  

Select options (synonyms) to the given words.

5. Eminent
   A. famous & respected  
   B. superior to all  
   C. efficient & attractive  
   D. Very important
Select the option with correctly punctuated statement.

6. A. The boys shoes' are polished.
   B. the boy's shoe's are polished
   C. The boy's shoes are polished.
   D. The boys shoes are polished!

There is an error in one part of every given sentence.
Select the option showing that part, in each case.

7. Sana/is/excitingly/watching the match.
   P  Q  R  S
   A. P                B. Q
   C. S                D. R

Select options correctly showing the change of sentences to passive voice.

8. They are painting the fence.
   A. The fence is being painted by them.
   B. The fence is painted by them.
   C. The fence has been painted by them.
   D. The fence will have been painted by them.
II. Reading Comprehension

A learning encounter

Simran and her mother were descending to the ground floor from their 10th floor flat when without warning, the lift stopped halfway and the door would not open. It was a terrifying moment for both of them — something they had never experienced before. Fortunately, the light in the lift was on or it would have been more frightening for them.

Simran’s mother had heard of people getting trapped in lifts for hours when the electricity failed, but those incidents had happened when the electricity system was less efficient and lifts were not as foolproof. Besides, the light in the lift was still on, which showed that it was not an electrical fault that had caused the lift to stop.

Several minutes passed, but nothing happened. Simran began to cry, but her mother said, “Don’t worry, Simran. Something will be done to get the lift working again, I can hear people talking outside. I’m sure they have sent for a technician.”

After some more minutes, all of a sudden, the lift started descending again. When they reached the ground floor, the door opened, and as they emerged from the lift, they saw a number of people standing around and talking. Among them was a boy with a screw driver in his hand, grinning at them. One of the bystanders said that the boy, Raju, had got the lift working again and he had done so once before too.
When the technician arrived, he was surprised that the lift was in working order. But when he heard that a boy had done something to get it working again, he was very angry. He said that it could be quite dangerous for an untrained person to meddle with the working of a lift.

9. Why was Simran and her mother’s experience less terrifying than it could have been?
   A. They had never experienced such a thing before.
   B. There was an alarm button for them to press.
   C. They were not left in total darkness.
   D. They could hear people talking outside.

10. In what way were incidents like the one related in the passage worse in the past?
    A. People were trapped in lifts for hours.
    B. The electricity system was less efficient.
    C. Lifts were not foolproof.
    D. There were no alarm buttons in lifts.

11. How did Simran and her mother immediately realise that it was Raju who had got the lift working again?
    A. He was grinning at them.
    B. He was holding a screwdriver.
    C. Somebody said that Raju had done the job.
    D. They knew that Raju had done it before.
12. In paragraph two, “not as foolproof” means __________.
   A. not easy to repair
   B. easily tampered by fools
   C. not getting out of order easily
   D. occasionally getting spoilt

13. The technician was very angry. Why?
   A. The people were praising Raju for his good deed.
   B. The lift had given trouble for the second time.
   C. A boy had got the lift working again before he could do it.
   D. What Raju had done could have been dangerous.

Select appropriate options to fill the blanks.

14. Raj: How would you _______ our _______ guest?
    Shyam: With a bouquet, sir.
    A. wellcome, chief   B. welcome, honorary
    C. welcome, chief    D. welcome, mane

15. Our limbs turned ______ climbing the ______ mountain.
    A. soar, sour         B. sour, soaring
    C. soar, souring      D. sure, severe