

## CHAPTER XXXV

## CORRECT ENGLISH

363. Given below are some of the common errors which are generally committed by Indian students in their everyday speech and writing :—

## 1. Errors in the Use of Nouns

*Incorrect*

1. I have received no *informations*.
2. That's a *useful information*.
3. He gave us many good *advices*.
4. My *circumstance* is bad.
5. No *pain* was spared.
6. I eat *vegetable*.
7. She has sold all her *furnitures*.
8. The *sceneries* of Kashmir are very charming.
9. *These news* are good.
10. I am learning a new *poetry*.
11. The *riches* should help the *poors*.
12. Her *hairs* are black.
13. This house is built of *stones*.
14. The *cattles* are grazing in the meadow.
15. *Peoples* do not like to be kept waiting.
16. His *trouser* was torn.
17. Those scissors *belongs* to me.
18. That pair of scissors *belong* to me.
19. He came with *his family members*.
20. She gave me *two dozens* mangoes.
21. The clock has struck *six* hours.
22. He will keep his *words*.
23. He did *many mischiefs*.
24. She greeted me with a stream of *abuses*.
25. He gave me a *ten rupees* note.

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2. That's a *useful piece (bit) of information*.
3. He gave us much *good advice*.
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6. I eat *vegetables* (or *vegetable food*).
7. She has sold all her *furniture*.
8. The *scenery* of Kashmir is very charming.
9. *The news* is good.
10. I am learning a new *poem*.
11. The *rich* should help the *poor*.
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13. This house is built of *stone*.
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15. *People* do not like to be kept waiting.
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19. He came with *the members of his family*.
20. She gave me *two dozen* mangoes.
21. The clock has struck *six*.
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23. He did *many acts of mischief*.
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## 2. Errors in the Use of Adjectives

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26. I like *these kind* of books.
27. I do not like *those sort of* people.
28. This is the *best* pen of the two.
29. Of the two boys, he was certainly the *tallest*.

*Correct*

26. I like *this kind* of books.  
[Or, I like books of *this kind*.]
27. I do not like *that sort of* people.  
[Or, *people of that sort*.]
28. This is the *better* pen of the two.
29. Of the two boys, he was certainly the *taller*.

*Incorrect*

30. Her essay is *worst* than mine.  
 31. He is *more cleverer* than I am.  
 32. This is the *most wisest* plan.  
 33. The rose smells *sweetly*.  
 34. Bring me *any* water to drink.  
 35. I did not find *some* girls there.  
 36. *Little* money is better than none.  
 37. I spent *little* money I had.  
 38. She has a *little* hope of passing this year.  
 39. I have only *little* time left with me.  
 40. I have still *few* rupees with me.  
 41. I read *a few* books I had.  
 42. He stayed here *few* days.  
 43. He has *a dozen of* cows.  
 44. The two men struck *one another*.  
 45. They all helped *each other*.  
 46. This pen is *superior than* that.  
 47. Your son is *junior than* mine.  
 48. This man is *senior than* me.  
 49. This wine is *inferior than* that.  
 50. This book is *much* interesting.  
 51. *Whole* Punjab mourns his loss.
52. This is a *best* book.  
 53. He is a *worst* boy.  
 54. Health is *more preferable than* wealth.  
 55. *My all* books are lost.  
 56. Always *speak truth*.  
 57. This boy is more honest *than all the boys*.  
 58. This paper has the largest circulation *of any other* daily paper.  
 59. The population of Bombay is greater *than Madras*.  
 60. Not *less* than forty soldiers were killed.  
 61. He is *elder* than Ali.  
 62. He is my *oldest* brother.

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 50. This book is *very* interesting.  
 51. *The whole of the Punjab* mourns his loss.  
 52. This is a *very good* book.  
 53. He is a *very bad* boy.  
 54. Health is *preferable to* wealth.
55. *All my* books are lost.  
 56. Always *speak the truth*.  
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## 3. Errors in the Use of Articles

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63. He is *an* European.  
 64. He is *an* University Professor.  
 65. *Dead* man tells no tales.  
 66. *The* man is mortal.  
 67. *The gold* is a precious metal.  
 68. *Fire* broke out in the house.  
 69. It cost me *hundred* rupees.  
 70. I do not like that sort of *a man*.  
 71. *The God* is great.  
 72. *The honesty* is the best policy.  
 73. This is a *best* book on religion.  
 74. *Poors* are always with us.  
 75. He is *Kalidasa* of India.  
 76. *Ganges* is a sacred river.  
 77. *The Mount Everest* is highest mountain in world.  
 78. I have finished *the third and fourth* chapter of this book.  
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## 4. Errors in the Use of Pronouns

*Incorrect*

80. I am wiser than *him*.  
 81. I am not as tall as *him*.  
 82. I don't know *who* I can trust.  
 83. I know *who* you mean.  
 84. *Who* are you talking about?  
 85. I met the boy *whom* you said won the first prize.  
 86. I met the girl *who* you said you gave my book.  
 87. One should keep *his* promises.  
 88. *Your* separation distresses her.
89. *I and Bali* are ill.  
 90. This bench is for *me and him*.  
 91. *My* horse and *yours* are both lame.  
 92. I have a pen. Do you want?  
 93. The boy is not here. Shall I call?  
 94. This is the bird *who* sings.  
 95. I thought it was *her*.  
 96. They said it was *me*.  
 97. I supposed it to be *she*.  
 98. *Who's* speaking? It's *him*.

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 83. I know *whom* you mean.  
 84. *Whom* are you talking about?  
 85. I met the boy *who*, you said, won the first prize.  
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 87. One should keep *one's* promises.  
 88. Separation *from you* distresses her.  
 89. *Bali and I* are ill.  
 90. This bench is for *him and me*.  
 91. *Your* horse and *mine* are both lame.  
 92. I have a pen. Do you want *it*?  
 93. The boy is not here. Shall I call *him*?  
 94. This is the bird *which* sings.  
 95. I thought it was *she*.  
 96. They said it was *I*.  
 97. I supposed it to be *her*.  
 98. *Who's* speaking? It's *he*.  
 99. *Who's* there? It's *I*.

- Incorrect*
100. Let *you and I* the battle try.
  101. Between *you and I*, he is a thief.
  102. *Ali and myself* went there.
  103. *Each of the girls* have their books.
  104. I am not one of those who believe in everything *I* hear.
  105. Neither of the charges *were* just.
  106. This is *one of the best novel* that has been printed this year.
  107. This is the only one of the books that *are* worth reading.
  108. He is not *such* a man *whom* you depict to be.
  109. This is the *same* girl *who* came here yesterday.
  110. This is the *same* pen *which* is yours.

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### 5. Errors in the Use of Verbs

- Incorrect*
111. He *had gone* to Bombay yesterday.
  112. I *lived* in Poona since 1980.
  113. I *did not hear* from you for a month.
  114. Stephenson *has invented* the steam engine.
  115. They *have finished* the work a week ago.
  116. The new theatre *has been opened* last Sunday.
  117. I *had gone* to Poona last week.
  118. We *had gone* to the cinema last night.
  119. She *died* before her brother arrived.
  120. I *will go* by the time she *will come*.
  121. I *am* ill for two days.
  122. I *am* here for the last two weeks.
  123. My son *is ill* all this week.
  124. I *finished* my work just now.
  125. I *lived* here for the last three years.
  126. I *have come* here this morning.
  127. He *was ill* for two days, when the doctor was sent for.

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- Incorrect*
128. I *told* him to go.
  129. He has *ordered* a wrist watch.
  130. The ship was *sunk*.
  131. He would not *listen* to me.
  132. The river has *overflowed* its banks.
  133. The murderer was *hanged*.
  134. They *hung* the pictures on the wall.
  135. The hen has *laid* eggs.
  136. He *lay* under the tree.
  137. He never has *talked*, and never will *talk*, to that girl.
  138. Four weeks *is* a good holiday.
  139. The King, with his ministers, *was* present.
  140. *Many a men* were present there.
  141. His arguments *are as follow*.
  142. Mathematics *require* brains.
  143. The Committee has issued *their* report.
  144. The *Arabian Nights* *are* interesting book.
  145. Everyone of the men *were* present.
  146. Each boy and each girl *were* given a reward.
  147. He is one of those men who *knows* everything.
  148. Mohan as well as Sohan *have* come.
  149. He *kept himself* inside the house.
  150. *Enjoy* in the garden.
  151. He *availed* of the offer.
  152. She *resigned* to her fate.
  153. She *prided* on her achievement.
  154. I *engaged myself* in business.
  155. I *prepared myself* for the journey.
  156. Why she told that lie ?
  157. When *you will* return home ?
  158. Which book *he likes* best ?
  159. I *will* receive my pay today.
  160. I think he *shall* pass.
  161. I hope you *shall* pass.
  162. Thou *will* not steal.
  163. You had better *not to remain* here.

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  158. Which book *does he* like best ?
  159. I *shall* receive my pay today.
  160. I think he *will* pass.
  161. I hope you *will* pass.
  162. Thou *shalt* not steal.
  163. You had better *not remain* here.

*Incorrect*

68. He did nothing *but to laugh*.  
 You need not *to go* there.  
 Bring me a chair *to sit*.  
 I want a pen *to write*.  
 69. I must have toys *to play*.  
 70. I was pleased at *him* coming back.  
 170. I was amused at the *dog* running after her.  
 171. I depend upon *Raman* coming here.  
 172. All depends upon the *house's* being built.  
 173. She *persisted to do* evil.  
 174. He *insisted to go* there.  
 175. *Refrain to do* evil.  
 176. You are *prohibited to eat* this fruit.  
 177. Do not prevent her *to go* there.  
 178. Abstain *to take* wine.  
 179. I depend on *you to go* there.  
 180. I insisted on *him to leave* at once.

## 6. Errors in the Use of Adverbs

*Incorrect*

181. I am *very* surprised at the news.  
 182. I am *much* sorry to hear this.  
 183. Honey is *too* sweet.  
 184. *Of course* she dances very well.  
 185. *Only* she drinks water.  
 186. He is *much* tired.  
 187. I am *much* pleased to see you.  
 188. It is *too* hot today.  
 189. I am *very* obliged to you.  
 190. She *seldom or ever* makes a mistake.  
 191. I am *so* tired.  
 192. I haven't got *none*.

## 7. Errors in the Use of Prepositions

*Incorrect*

193. It has been raining *from* 8 o'clock.  
 194. It has been raining *since* three hours.  
 195. I have been here *from* last June.  
 196. I have been suffering from fever *from* last night.  
 197. He will come *after* a week.  
 198. The examination will begin *from* Tuesday.

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199. She is married *with* a rich man.  
 200. I prefer reading poetry *than* prose.  
 201. This book is different *to* that.  
 202. *Attend* your work.  
 203. Your conduct *admits* no excuse.  
 204. He *resembles with* his father.  
 205. They *discussed about* the matter.  
 206. He *ascended up* the hill.  
 207. He *picked up* a quarrel with me.  
 208. *Due to* the accident, I could not go.  
 209. I shall come *before* an hour.  
 210. I shall finish my work *within* 6 o'clock.

## 8. Errors in the Use of Conjunctions

*Incorrect*

211. *Unless* you *do not* work harder, you will fail.  
 212. He *aksed that* what was my name.  
 213. He said *that*, 'I am ill'.  
 214. He *asked that* how long you would be absent.  
 215. I asked her *that whether* her mother was at home.  
 216. He *not only was fined* but also expelled.  
 217. *Scarcely* had he left *than* Ali came.  
 218. No sooner he *heard* the news, he left.  
 219. No sooner the bell *rang* the boys ran out of their classes.  
 220. Though he worked hard *but* he failed.  
 221. He had *hardly* reached there *than* it began to rain.  
 222. Neither he *or* his sister came.

## Miscellaneous Errors

*Incorrect*

223. I am, *your's* sincerely.  
 224. I have an *urgent business* to do.  
 225. He has not yet *replied* my letter.  
 226. *Explain me* this question.  
 227. At what time do you *sleep*?  
 228. He *took* his breakfast at six.

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 227. At what time do you *go to bed*?  
 228. He *had* breakfast at six.

## Incorrect

229. He *forbade* the boys *not to talk*.  
 230. Do *not make noise*.  
 231. I have been studying *from* early morning.  
 232. He said that he *is* well.  
 233. Sitting on a gate, *a wasp stung me*.  
 234. I gave her *two hundreds* rupees.  
 235. I worked for *one and a half* hours.  
 236. French defeated English.  
 237. This piece of muslin is *five and a half metres long*.  
 238. Columbus *invented* America.  
 239. Edison *discovered* the phonograph.  
 240. He *refused* having murdered her.  
 241. He *denied* to give an explanation.  
 242. Divide this money *among* the two brothers.  
 243. The four brothers always quarrelled *between* themselves.  
 244. I saw *a theatre* last night.  
 245. This is *a worth seeing building*.  
 246. He will not *listen* what you say.  
 247. A series of objections *have* been raised.  
 248. He *recommended for me* to the Magistrate.  
 249. He does not *obey to* my orders.  
 250. He always kept his *words*.  
 251. This is such an honour *which* I never expected.  
 252. The *sceneries* of Switzerland *are* very fine.  
 253. *Being* a hot day, I remained indoors.  
 254. I request *your favour of* granting me three days' leave.  
 255. The *house's roof* fell down.  
 256. It is one of the most satisfactory *proposal* that *has* ever been made.  
 257. This is a long paper ; have you completed ?  
 258. I never *had* and never will do such a thing.  
 259. He *had died* yesterday by cholera.

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## Incorrect

260. This statement is quite different *to* what we expected.  
 261. Shakespeare is greater than any dramatist.  
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 263. I have *many works* to do.  
 264. He went to the river *for* bathing.  
 265. One must do *his* duty towards *his* fellow-men.  
 266. He is my *oldest* son.  
 267. The hen *has lain* six eggs yesterday.  
 268. He knows *swimming*.  
 269. I want you to *immediately go* there.  
 270. No sooner *he fell* ill, he died.  
 271. I prefer coffee *than* tea.  
 272. He is addicted to *drinking*.  
 273. Good *night*, sir ; I am *much* glad to see you.  
 274. He says that his brother is *sick*.  
 275. There is no *place* in this compartment.  
 276. I have heard *many* good news today.  
 277. He *dares* not to come here.  
 278. He is *elder* than *me*.  
 279. Of the three he is *more intelligent*.  
 280. Of the two pens this is the *best*.  
 281. The Taj is *worth seeing building*.  
 282. He had *leave of three days*.  
 283. *Yours* affectionate son.  
 284. *Your* sincerely.  
 285. *Mr. M.N. Basu, Esq.*  
 286. He got nearly *cent per cent* marks in every subject.  
 287. I am *alright*, thank you.  
 288. She was very fond of *playing with* cards.  
 289. She is *playing upon* the harmonium.  
 290. Character and not riches *win* esteem.  
 291. My tooth is *paining*.  
 292. He *resembles to* his father in appearance.

## Correct

260. This statement is quite different *from* what we expected.  
 261. Shakespeare is greater than any *other* dramatist.  
 262. He is one of the best *scholars* that *have* ever lived.  
 263. I have *much work* to do.  
 264. He went to the river *to* bathe.  
 265. One must do *one's* duty towards *one's* fellow-men.  
 266. He is my *eldest* son.  
 267. The hen *laid* six eggs yesterday.  
 268. He knows *how to swim*.  
 269. I want you *to go* there *immediately*.  
 270. No sooner *did he fall* ill than he died.  
 271. I prefer coffee *to* tea.  
 272. He is addicted to *drink*.  
 273. Good *evening*, sir ; I am *very* glad to see you.  
 274. He says that his brother is *ill*.  
 275. There is no *room* in this compartment.  
 276. I have heard *much* good news today.  
 277. He *dares* not to come here.  
 278. He is *elder* than *me*.  
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*Incorrect**Correct*

- He prayed God for *his* mercy.  
The examination will begin *from* May 15.
293. He prayed *to* God for *His* mercy.  
294. The examination will begin *on* May 15.
295. Many a *man* does not do *his* duty towards *his* country.  
296. He *put on* his hat and left the room.  
297. My secretary usually opens the *post*.  
298. The majority of boys *was* caught copying.  
299. This fruit tastes *bitterly*.  
300. Was the note written *with* pencil or *with* ink?

## Exercise 105. Correct the following sentences :—

1. I am sure that the two men love one another.  
2. I was so tired that I laid down on the sofa.  
3. I could see that none of them were there.  
4. He thought of marrying her more than once.  
5. Of the two books, choose the least expensive.  
6. I couldn't hardly believe what he said.  
7. Every one thought of their own safety.  
8. He does not study like his brother did.  
9. A series of lectures on the subject have been arranged.  
10. Its circulation is larger than any newspaper.  
11. Why should we return them their money back ?  
12. Who would you like to travel with ?  
13. This is strictly between you and I.  
14. The bishop unveiled the statue instead of the mayor.  
15. The most worth seeing place in India is Kashmir.  
16. I hate those sort of people.  
17. The man with his daughters are returning tonight.  
18. One might do his duty to his country.
19. Having received no apology, the letter was sent.  
20. He told me to leave the room, but I denied.  
21. I have not seen him from a long time ago.  
22. He inquired after my family members.  
23. Except he, all failed.  
24. Please excuse me for the troubles.  
25. He seldom or ever arrives in time.  
26. He spent two hours enjoying.  
27. No sooner had he come when he was taken ill.  
28. I shall order for a copy of that book tomorrow.  
29. I will be glad to see you tomorrow.  
30. This book resembles to that.  
31. I insisted to have my fee paid.  
32. These three men quarrelled between themselves.  
33. Take heed lest you may not fall.  
34. I find the two first chapters of this book very easy.  
35. He showered many abuses on me.  
36. I take meal at home.  
37. They knew it as well as us.  
38. There were not less than ten boys in the room.  
39. The father and son were present.  
40. I regret at the delay.  
41. He spoke a lie.

42. Do not make noise.  
43. Your horse is more preferable than mine.  
44. I had gone to Delhi yesterday.  
45. He did not avail of the opportunity.  
46. Whom do you think the cleverest of the two ?  
47. The ship with all its crews were lost.  
48. I am one of those who speak what I feel.  
49. I haven't done nothing.  
50. A few hours study are quite enough.  
51. Either the boy or his mother have acted wrongly.  
52. He only came to school this week.  
53. They left without any one knowing.  
54. Both Ashok as well as his friend were found guilty.  
55. He not only visited Calcutta but also Bombay.  
56. I made it clear to my friends that I will not go with them.  
57. He needs not go there now.  
58. A bird in hand is worth two in bush.  
59. He got the least marks of all.  
60. They stopped to have rest.  
61. She was crowned as Queen.  
62. No news are good news.  
63. He objects to me leaving the place.  
64. I sat under the feet of many teachers.  
65. He informed the matter to the police.  
66. He has been appointed as Headmaster.  
67. It is ten in my watch.  
68. He was universally loved by all.  
69. He resigned from the post.  
70. The girl prides on her success.  
71. The doctor saw my pulse.  
72. I always have and shall be your friend.  
73. As he was late, so he was marked absent.  
74. The house comprised of a living room, a kitchen, a bathroom and four bedrooms.  
75. She told to me the whole truth.
76. My hands were so cold as I couldn't even hold the key properly.  
77. You can get the informations by telephone to the Tourist Bureau.  
78. I have sent him a telegram only a week ago.  
79. He has brought a good news for you.  
80. There aren't some good restaurants in this part of the town.  
81. We relaxed ourselves under the shade of a tree.  
82. Concerning about your absence, you are requested to produce a medical certificate.  
83. Each of them brought their own food to the picnic.  
84. The teacher asked us to please attend to him.  
85. I do not like these sort of things.  
86. Ravi and Vinod both play well, but Ravi is the best.  
87. He asked what do I like ?  
88. I regret to inform that the supplies you have ordered for are not in stock now.  
89. Please don't leave open the door when you go out.  
90. We have not had so good crop of mangoes since about ten years.  
91. You will be wise in accepting his advice lest you should not lose his favour.  
92. Dr. Chand is only dentist in our village.  
93. Sharan is getting strong day by day.  
94. I go to bed at eight in the night.  
95. You are not understanding my difficulties.  
96. The boy who stands first he will get a prize.  
97. He denied to carry out my orders.  
98. This is strictly confidential among you and me.  
99. This book is too interesting.  
100. Why did you not answer to my letter ?