**23. PUNCTUATION**

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**Let’s Get Started:**

**Write the sentences with proper punctuation:**

1. Let’s eat, grandma.
2. Rachel Ray finds inspiration in cooking, her family, and her dog.
3. Most of the time, travellers worry about their luggage.
4. We’re going to learn to cut and paste, kids.
5. ‘Thank you! Your donation just helped someone get a job.’
6. **Rewrite the sentences using commas and full stops where required.**
7. Come what may, I’m going to finish this today.
8. May I call you in the morning, madam?
9. Swayam brings you clean, hygienic and wholesome products.
10. We are impressed by her performance, by her behaviour, and by her attitude.
11. He started preparations for his trip on Monday, 26 May, on a hot afternoon.
12. In our company, we ensure high standards of food safety while cleaning, storing, and packaging all products.
13. Brother, will you take me with you?
14. They never called you back, did they?
15. **Rewrite the sentences inserting semicolons, colons and commas where needed.**
16. While in Himachal Pradesh, we plan to visit three people: my brother who works in Shimla; my aunt who lives near Solan, and my friend Sheela, who is studying at the Central University of Himachal Pradesh.
17. It was the poet, Ella Wheeler Wilcox, who wrote, ‘Laugh and the world laughs with you; weep, and you weep alone.’
18. **Rewrite the sentences using appropriate punctuation marks.**
19. Are you not coming with us?
20. The audience shouted, ‘What a catch!’
21. You need a lot of things to be winner in sports: patience, hard work, perseverance, stamina.
22. Will you give me a week’s break?
23. Now that it is festival time, it’s raining discounts.
24. You did not fill the application form correctly; therefore, you cannot come for the interview.
25. Ms Meenakshi, our new project head, is a stickler for punctuality.
26. She asked me where I had gone for my vacation.

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**Let Us Write:**

**Rewrite this passage from the story ‘The Gift of the Magi’ by O.Henry using correct punctuation.**

‘Jim,’ she cried, ‘don’t look at me that way. I had my hair cut off and sold because I couldn’t have lived through Christmas without giving you a present. It’ll grow out again. You won’t mind, will you? I just had to do it. My hair grows awfully fast. Say Merry Christmas, Jim and let’s be happy. You don’t know what a nice, what a beautiful nice gift I’ve got for you!’

‘You’ve cut off your hair?’ asked Jim, as he had not arrived at that fact yet even after the hardest mental effort.

‘Cut it off and sold it,’ said Della.’ ‘Don’t you like me just as well? Anyhow, I’m me without my hair, am I not?’