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Directions (1-5): In the following given passage, certain words are highlighted which may or may not fit in the sentence either grammatically or contextually. Each word is numbered followed by four possible replacements. If none of the possible replacements could replace the highlighted word, mark your answer, (e); "None of the above".

Current market conditions notwithstanding, industry and analysts are **astounding** (1) watching the upcoming initial public offering by SBI Cards. Banks with large credit card businesses believe that the planned IPO will add further **accelerated** (2) to the credit card market. The consumption story is also **imperative** (3) and consumers are still spending and repaying on time despite the slowdown, they aver. "It's an interesting time and sets the tone for the industry, especially when the credit culture in the country is taking off," noted an executive with a private sector lender recently, when asked about the planned IPO. A new report by ICICI Securities said macro factors are likely to keep the credit card momentum **decline** (4). "Steady escalation in discretionary spending, improved payment infrastructure and robust growth of e-commerce industry would further escalate an **executed** (5) in utilisation of credit cards addressing short-term credit needs of the customer unlike other payment modes," it said.

Q1.

- (a) Possessing
- (b) Benefits
- (c) Keenly
- (d) Avails
- (e) None of the above

Q2.

- (a) Momentum
- (b) Supported
- (c) Connotation
- (d) Detriments
- (e) None of the above

Q3.

- (a) Indication
- (b) Intact
- (c) Deterred
- (d) Declining
- (e) None of the above

Q4.

- (a) Lethargic
- (b) Unabated
- (c) Pursuing



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- (d) Vigorous
- (e) None of the above

Q5.

- (a) Aided
- (b) Superfluous
- (c) Upswing
- (d) Expense
- (e) None of the above

Directions (6-10): In the following question, a sentence is given with four bold words. The position of these words may be incorrect. Four options with different arrangements are provided. Mark your answer as the correct arrangement. If there is no rearrangement required, make 'No Interchange' as your answer.

Q6. innovative painters working for East India (A)/Company officials in the Calcutta of the 1830s (B)/ Shaikh Muhammad Amir of Karraya established (C)/ himself as one of the most prolific and (D)

- (a) BCAD
- (b) DCAB
- (c) CDAB
- (d) ACBD
- (e) No Interchange

Q7. earn much more because business (A)/ a career in business was not (B)/ attractive then, though one would (C)/was seen as a way of only making money (D)

- (a) BCAD
- (b) DCAB
- (c) CDAB
- (d) ACBD
- (e) No Interchange

Q8. are subject to laws that allow them (A)/to use data for very specific purposes (B) / our lawmakers and law enforcers (C)/ it is important to ensure that (D)

- (a) BCAD
- (b) DCAB
- (c) CDAB
- (d) ACBD
- (e) No Interchange

Q9. the country has, over the last decade, achieved (A)/ productivity, but the growth has been driven (B)/ significant growth in agriculture (C)/ by non-crop sectors such as aquaculture (D)

- (a) BCAD
- (b) DCAB

- (c) CDAB
- (d) ACBD
- (e) No Interchange

Q10. Fasal Bima Yojana if the premium (A)/rates exceed a reasonable level (B)/ shoulder higher burden of PM (C)/ the Centre wants the States to (D)

- (a) BCAD
- (b) DCAB
- (c) CDAB
- (d) ACBD
- (e) No Interchange



Direction (11-15): There are two different sentences with a blank space in each question. Choose the word from the given options which fits into both the blanks appropriately adding a proper and logical meaning to the sentences.

Q11.

- (I) Our _____ sea lion has been safely transported back to the Columbia River.
 - (II) Many religious texts legitimise keeping _____ women under control through the use of physical violence.
- (a) Register
 - (b) Wayward
 - (c) Perquisite
 - (d) Authentic
 - (e) Concordant

Q12.

- (I) Her charisma was kind of _____ under that mask and she was relying on an old-school stage presence
 - (II) The song slowly faded away, until all that remained was the _____ sounds of the soldiers and the occasional neighs from the horses.
- (a) Priority

- (b) Dissuaded
- (c) Ineptitude
- (d) Muffled
- (e) Sleight

Q13.

- (I) My mouth dropped in a _____, as I fought to find the right words to say to her.
 - (II) When VIPS zoom by in motorcades, you just _____ for a moment and then forget about it.
- (a) Gape
 - (b) Wink
 - (c) Kinetics
 - (d) Rigid
 - (e) Fire

Q14.

- (I) Every visit to prison involves an entire day of _____ travel and physical and emotional hardship – especially for elderly relatives and children.
 - (II) Achieving your fitness goals is a long and _____ process and it takes three to four months to see visible changes.
- (a) Endow
 - (b) Retiring
 - (c) Inflict
 - (d) Treatise
 - (e) Arduous

Q15.

- (I) Journalists who _____ on equal terms with the famous or powerful inevitably lose touch with the public.
 - (II) Not only is the business doing well but Gary also gets the opportunity to _____ with some of sports biggest personalities.
- (a) Relation
 - (b) Mingle
 - (c) Glorious
 - (d) Pervading
 - (e) Regression

Direction (16-17): In each of the following questions four words are given, of which two words are most nearly the same or opposite in meaning. Find the two words which are most nearly the same or opposite in meaning and indicate the number of the correct letter combination.

Q16.

- (A) Excursion
- (B) Antiquate

- (C) Growing
- (D) Jaunt

- (a) A and B
- (b) B and C
- (c) A and C
- (d) B and D
- (e) A and D

Q17.

- (A) Folksy
- (B) Entity
- (C) Informal
- (D) Vacillating

- (a) A and B
- (b) B and C
- (c) A and C
- (d) B and D
- (e) A and D

Directions (18-20): In each question below, a word is given followed by four pairs. Choose the pair which states either the synonyms or the antonyms or a synonym and an antonym of the given word. If none of the four pairs are correct then choose "None of these" as your answer choice.

Q18.

Craving

- (a) Sodality, Accelerated
- (b) Appetite, Longing
- (c) Animated, Encouraged
- (d) Excessively, Embrace
- (e) Assisted, Ceased

Q19.

Quirk

- (a) Peculiarity, ordinary
- (b) Reluctant, Willing
- (c) Frustrated, Grumbled
- (d) Practicable, Continuation
- (e) Certainly, Evoked

Q20.

Unfeigned

- (a) Automated, Unable

- (b) Moment, Stage
- (c) Period, Responsive
- (d) Genuine, Sincere
- (e) Understandings, Defector



Solutions

S1. Ans. (c)

Sol. “**Keenly**” should replace the highlighted word in the passage. Hence, **option (c)** is the right answer choice.

S2. Ans. (a)

Sol. “**Momentum**” should replace the highlighted word in the passage. Hence, **option (a)** is the right answer choice.

S3. Ans. (b)

Sol. “**Intact**” should replace the highlighted word in the passage. Hence, **option (b)** is the right answer choice.

S4. Ans. (b)

Sol. “**Unabated**” should replace the highlighted word in the passage. Hence, **option (b)** is the right answer choice.

S5. Ans. (c)

Sol. “**Upswing**” should replace the highlighted word in the passage. Hence, **option (c)** is the right answer choice.

S6. Ans. (c)

Sol. The correct sequence is **CDAB**. The sentence after rearrangement is, *Shaikh Muhammad Amir of Karraya established himself as one of the most prolific and innovative painters working for East India Company officials in the Calcutta of the 1830s.* Hence, **option (c)** is the right answer choice.

S7. Ans. (a)

The correct sequence is **BCAD**. The sentence after rearrangement is, *"A career in business was not attractive then, though one would earn much more because business was seen as a way of only making money."* Hence, **option (a)** is the right answer choice.

S8. Ans. (b)

Sol. The correct sequence is **DCAB**. The sentence after rearrangement is, *"It is important to ensure that our lawmakers and law enforcers are subject to laws that allow them to use data for very specific purposes."* Hence, **option (b)** is the right answer choice.

S9. Ans. (d)

Sol. The correct sequence is **ACBD**. The sentence after rearrangement is, *"The country has, over the last decade, achieved significant growth in agriculture productivity, but the growth has been driven by non-crop sectors such as aquaculture."* Hence, **option (d)** is the right answer choice.

S10. Ans. (b)

Sol. The correct sequence is **DCAB**. The sentence after rearrangement is, *"The Centre wants the States to shoulder higher burden of PM Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY) if the premium rates exceed a reasonable level."* Hence, **option (b)** is the right answer choice.

S11. Ans. (b)

Sol. **"Wayward"** fits into both the blanks appropriately adding a proper and logical meaning to the sentences. It means **difficult to control or predict because of wilful or perverse behaviour**. Hence, **option (b)** is the right answer choice.

Perquisite- a benefit which one enjoys or is entitled to on account of one's job or position.

Concordant- in agreement; consistent.

S12. Ans. (d)

Sol. **"Muffled"** fits into both the blanks appropriately adding a proper and logical meaning to the sentences. It means **(of a sound) not loud because of being obstructed in some way; muted**.

Hence, **option (d)** is the right answer choice.

Dissuaded- persuade (someone) not to take a particular course of action.

Ineptitude- lack of skill or ability.

Sleight- the use of dexterity or cunning, especially so as to deceive.

S13. Ans. (a)

Sol. **"Gape"** fits into both the blanks appropriately adding a proper and logical meaning to the sentences. It means **be or become wide open, stare**. Hence, **option (a)** is the right answer choice.

S14. Ans. (e)

Sol. **"Arduous"** fits into both the blanks appropriately adding a proper and logical meaning to the sentences. It means **involving or requiring strenuous effort; difficult and tiring**. Hence, **option (e)** is the right answer choice.

Endow- give or bequeath an income or property to (a person or institution).

Treatise- a written work dealing formally and systematically with a subject.

Inflict- cause (something unpleasant or painful) to be suffered by someone or something.

S15. Ans. (b)

Sol. **"Mingle"** fits into both the blanks appropriately adding a proper and logical meaning to the sentences. It means **mix or cause to mix together**. Hence, **option (b)** is the right answer choice.

Pervading- (especially of a smell) spread through and be perceived in every part of.

Regression- a return to a former or less developed state.

S16. Ans. (e)

Sol. **"A-D; Excursion, Jaunt"** are nearly same in meaning. Hence, **option (e)** is the right answer choice.

Excursion- a short journey or trip, especially one taken as a leisure activity.

Jaunt- a short excursion or journey made for pleasure.

S17. Ans. (c)

Sol. **"A-C; Folksy, Informal"** are nearly same in meaning. Hence, **option (c)** is the right answer choice.

Folksy- informal and unpretentious.

S18. Ans. (b)

Sol. **Appetite and longing** are synonyms of the given word. Hence, **option (b)** is the right answer choice.

S19. Ans. (a)

Sol. **"Peculiarity and Ordinary"** are synonym and antonym respectively of the given word. Hence, **option (a)** is the right answer choice.

Quirk- a peculiar aspect of a person's character or behaviour.

S20. Ans. (d)

Sol. **"Genuine and Sincere"** are synonyms of the given word. Hence, **option (d)** is the right answer choice.

Unfeigned- real, True

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