

Quiz Date: 11th March 2020

Directions (1-6): In the following questions, a part of the sentence is given in bold which may or may not be fitting into the sentence either due to grammatical error or contextual error. There are four expressions given below each sentence, out of which one of them can be used to replace the existing highlighted phrase to make the sentence both grammatically and contextually correct. Choose the most appropriate alternative among the five options that determine the correct phrase that should replace the phrase given in bold. If the phrase given in bold doesn't require any replacement, choose option (e) i.e., "No correction required" as your answer.

Q1. The banking industry **had begun already** incorporating blockchain.

- (a) began already
- (b) has already begun
- (c) have already begun
- (d) will began already
- (e) no replacement required

Q2. Thoughts are helpful in the field of science, **rather thinking cannot be given** the touch of experience of the supreme truth, the inner core.

- (a) however, thinking merely must not give
- (b) since thinking merely would not give
- (c) yet mere thanking should not
- (d) but mere thinking cannot give
- (e) no replacement required

Q3. Predicting how an industry will fare further down the line **has never been more difficult** because of the swift changes brought on by technology—and with such swift changes comes uncertainty.

- (a) have been more difficult
- (b) is most difficult
- (c) have never been difficult
- (d) had not become more difficult
- (e) no replacement required

Q4. As we settle into another long summer, **I am finding for first time** I am ready for the holidays.

- (a) me finding for the first time
- (b) I did found for the first time
- (c) I find that for the first time
- (d) I have found that for first time
- (e) no replacement required

Q5. The hospital **restrict the number of visitor** who can enter the intensive care unit.

- (a) restricting the number of visitor
- (b) restricts the number of visitors

- (c) restricted the number for visitors
- (d) restriction for number of visitors
- (e) no replacement required

Q6. Next time I switch jobs, I **needed work that could** let me make use of the experience I've gained up to now.

- (a) I need work that will
- (b) I would work that
- (c) I would need work that would
- (d) I needed work that will
- (e) no replacement required

Directions (7-12): In each of the following questions, a sentence is given with a blank. There are four phrases given below each sentence, one out of which can be used in the blank to form a meaningful sentence. Choose the most appropriate idioms or phrases among the five options that makes the sentence contextually meaningful. If none of the given idioms could fit in the blank, mark your answer as "none of these, (e)"

Q7.

It's not that the management is not aware of few false bills here and there, but they don't call it because it would expose many and _____.

- (a) Would be a blessing in disguise
- (b) Stir up a hornets' nest
- (c) Beating around the bush
- (d) Would bite the bullet
- (e) None of these

Q8. With banks baying for his blood over default in payments, he has his _____.

- (a) Back against the wall
- (b) Called it a day
- (c) Got out of hand
- (d) Get his act together
- (e) None of these

Q9. Max fell _____ in love with her colleague and wants to marry her.

- (a) Hang in there
- (b) Let himself off the hook
- (c) Got back to the drawing board
- (d) Head over heels
- (e) None of these

Q10. The increase in customs duty by the government has _____ of those car companies who were importing most of their car parts.

- (a) Missed the boat
- (b) Pulled their leg
- (c) Upset (someone's) the applecart
- (d) Made a long story short
- (e) None of these

Q11. The heavy overnight rain _____ to play cricket next morning.

- (a) Spoken of the devil
- (b) Spoilt our plan
- (c) Under the weather
- (d) On the ball
- (e) None of these

Q12. I've more productive time in the day because I've developed this good habit of _____.

- (a) Keeping video games at arm's length
- (b) So far so good
- (c) The best of both worlds
- (d) Bending out of shape
- (e) None of these

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S1. Ans. (b)

Sol. To make the sentence grammatically correct, replace the phrase given in bold with [has already begun]. Here, "already" is an adverb which should be placed in the mid position in the sentence i.e., after the first auxiliary verb or after a modal verb when more than one verb is present. Moreover, the subject [The banking industry] is singular, therefore, the verb associated with the subject should also be in its singular form. Hence, option (b) becomes the most suitable answer choice.

S2. Ans. (d)

Sol. The sentence can be made grammatically correct and contextually meaningful by replacing the phrase given in bold by [but mere thinking cannot give]. "rather" is an adverb which is used to indicate one's preference in a particular matter. However, there's no comparison provided. Therefore, the correct conjunction to provide the sentence a contextual meaning should be "but" or "yet". The conjunction "but" is used to introduce a phrase or clause contrasting with what has already been mentioned. However, option (c) is contextually incorrect. Hence, option (d) becomes the most viable answer choice.

S3. Ans. (e)

Sol. The given sentence is grammatically correct and contextually meaningful. As, the phrase given in bold completely justifies the grammatical and contextual structure of the sentence, it

does not require any correction or replacement. Hence, option (e) becomes the most suitable answer choice.

S4. Ans. (c)

Sol. To make the sentence grammatically correct, replace the phrase given in bold by [I find that for the first time]. It is to be noted that the definite article "the" is used before ordinal numbers such as 'first', 'second', 'third' etc. Moreover, the correct phrase with no grammatical errors is option (c) which is making the sentence contextually correct. Thus, it becomes the most suitable answer choice.

S5. Ans. (b)

Sol. The correct phrase that should replace the incorrect phrase in bold should be "restricts the number of visitors". It is to be noted that the subject [the hospital] in the sentence is singular which should be associated with the singular verb, hence the correct form of verb should be "restricts". Moreover, the expression "the number of" always takes a plural noun hence, option (b) becomes the most viable choice to replace the phrase given in bold to make the sentence grammatically correct.

S6. Ans. (a)

Sol. The sentence can be made grammatically correct and contextually meaningful by replacing the phrase given in bold [I needed work that could] by [I need work that will]. All the other given expressions fail to be grammatically correct. Hence, option (a) becomes the most suitable answer choice.

S7. Ans. (b)

Sol. "**Stir up a hornets' nest**" is the most appropriate idiom that makes the sentence contextually meaningful. It means "**Provoke trouble**". Hence, **option (b)** is the right answer choice.

A blessing in disguise- a good thing that seemed bad at first

Beating around the bush- Avoid saying what you mean, usually because it is uncomfortable

Bite the bullet-To get something over with because it is inevitable

S8. Ans. (a)

Sol. "**Back against the wall**" is the most appropriate idiom that makes the sentence contextually meaningful. It means "**Be in a difficult situation from where escape is difficult**". Hence, **option (a)** is the right answer choice.

Call it a day- Stop working on something

Get out of hand- Get out of control

Get (one's) act together- Work better or leave

S9. Ans. (d)

Sol. "**Head over heels**" is the most appropriate idiom that makes the sentence contextually meaningful. It means that "**If you're head over heels, you're completely in love.**" Hence, **option (d)** is the right answer choice.

Hang in there-Don't give up

Let someone off the hook- To not hold someone responsible for something
Go back to the drawing board- Start over

S10. Ans. (c)

Sol. **"Upset (someone's) applecart"** is the most appropriate idiom that makes the sentence contextually meaningful. It means that **"If you upset someone's applecart, you do something that causes a plan to go wrong."** Hence, **option (c)** is the right answer choice.

Miss the boat- It's too late

Pull someone's leg- To joke with someone

Make a long story short- Tell something briefly

S11. Ans. (b)

Sol. **"Spoil (someone's) plan"** is the most appropriate idiom that makes the sentence contextually meaningful. It means **"To ruin someone's plans."** Hence, **option (b)** is the right answer choice.

Under the weather- Sick

On the ball- Doing a good job

Speak of the devil- The person we were just talking about showed up!

S12. Ans. (a)

Sol. **"Keep someone or something at arm's length"** is the most appropriate idiom that makes the sentence contextually meaningful. It means that **"If you keep someone at arm's length, you avoid becoming friendly with them or avoid doing something."** Hence, **option (a)** is the right answer choice.

So far so good- Things are going well so far

The best of both worlds- An ideal situation

To get bent out of shape- To get upset

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