

Quiz Date: 23rd March 2020

Directions: (1-8): In the following questions, few sentences are provided. Identify and mark the sentence which may fail to become the part of the paragraph coherently.

Q1.

- (a) This premium residential development in Worli comes with a seven-acre private park surrounded by six residential towers, each comprising more than 75 floors.
- (b) The charm of Mumbai lies in its exhilarating pace and multi-layered, cosmopolitan vibe.
- (c) The margins for volatile stocks will be increased to 40% by the end of the month in a phased manner.
- (d) But there are times when we all seek open, verdant spaces in the city to reconnect with nature.
- (e) Indeed, if your heart sings for lush green surroundings, Lodha Park is the place to be.

Q2.

- (a) The Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi) clarified that the markets would function normally.
- (b) The partial lockdown will not affect essential services.
- (c) These curbs gave rise to apprehensions whether the trading in markets would be affected.
- (d) Rather, it is a measure of general satisfaction with life.
- (e) This clarification came amidst a partial lockdown in the financial capital and a curb on bus and train services.

Q3.

- (a) Even while running at full speed, this fan consumes only 28 W of electricity, compared to the usual rate of 75-80 W.
- (b) Atomberg was not well-equipped to enter into the offline retail space at that point.
- (c) The result is a saving of anywhere between Rs.1,500 and Rs.2,000 per year.
- (d) Gorilla fan is not your regular ceiling fan that you come across in most places.
- (e) It's no surprise then that Gorilla Fan, which is manufactured by a start-up called Atomberg Technologies, is today heralded as India's most energy-efficient ceiling fan.

Q4.

- (a) Proper integration is a counter to the potential lack of transparency and interpretability in these models' decision-making processes.
- (b) Fintech – the technological innovations in the design and delivery of financial services and products – is revolutionising customer expectations.
- (c) Emerging technologies such as Artificial Intelligence (AI), big data and analytics, blockchain, cloud, Internet of Things (IoT), and robotics are disrupting traditional finance.
- (d) Research predicts that digital payments in India will exceed USD 500 billion by 2020, up from USD 50 billion in 2016.
- (e) It's just one way in which fintech is changing the face of the financial services industry.

Q5.

- (a) Digital and emerging technologies will have profound implications for the field of finance, but they are still nascent.
- (b) Machines still require human direction to carry out tasks.
- (c) Robo-advisors cannot operate independently of their human counterparts because their algorithms require a longer learning curve.
- (d) Blockchain may redefine how financial institutions operate, but it is not yet mature and will need to overcome hurdles if a sustainable business model with regulatory approval is to be achieved.
- (e) It is likely to be the case that we will come through this better if we hold our social connections together.

Q6.

- (a) The most obvious one is the practice of discouraging girls from pursuing secondary or college education in India.
- (b) An important mindset is to possess a clear short-term as well as a long-term view.
- (c) Moreover, stereotyping women as caregivers and homemakers has often restricted their fields of study to teaching, nursing, fine arts, home economics and the like.
- (d) A significant proportion of those who study either drop out on the pretext of marriage or are not encouraged taking up careers in science and technology.
- (e) The problem of women's underrepresentation in STEM has its roots in socio-cultural as well as economic factors.

Q7.

- (a) There are several other start-ups, including unicorns, which have had to cut down their operations and consequently employment.
- (b) This question assumes significance in the light of the dismal survival rate statistics of start-ups in India, with failure rates being as high as 90 per cent.
- (c) In particular, can these start-ups transform into 'business institutions' - organisations which have at their core certain universally accepted values and norms for which they are revered?
- (d) India is now reinforcing its position as the third largest start-up ecosystem in the world and with 1300 start-ups added in 2019 alone.
- (e) The vexing question is how can such start-ups endure and withstand the several business challenges posed by tough business environments to contribute to multiple stakeholders?

Q8.

- (a) But according to the authors of the 2020 World Happiness Report, this is precisely the right moment to consider why Finland has once again made the top of the list.
- (b) The Finnish, who so pride themselves on their stoicism that they have a word national grit (sisu), have been named the happiest people in the world for the third year in a row.
- (c) After all, who can really be happy during a global pandemic?
- (d) They do trust each other and care about each other, and that's what fundamentally makes for a better life.
- (e) It might seem an odd time to release a report ranking which countries are happiest.



Directions (9-15): In the following passage there are blanks, each of which has been numbered. These numbers are printed below the passage and against each, five options with a set of words in each are suggested, both the words of which can fit in the blank appropriately. Find out the appropriate set of words in each case.

Already _____ (9) with the coronavirus outbreak, the smartphone industry now has to deal with another hurdle. GST on mobile phones has increased from 12 percent to 18 percent. According to the GST council, the move is an attempt to correct the _____ (10) duty structure in the smartphone industry, where the components were taxed at 18 percent and the finished products at 12 percent. Experts, however, believe that the GST for all components should have been brought to 12 percent instead. The tax increase— _____ (11) from April 1—has been criticised by mobile manufacturers who say it will push up the prices of smartphones. “This can weaken demand and affect the mobile industry's Make in India programme. It could also have a long lasting impact on internet _____ (12) and the Digital India programme, as a majority of Indians access internet on smartphones,” says Manu Kumar Jain, Global VP, Xiaomi, and Managing Director, Xiaomi India. “At a time when coronavirus is spreading panic, economic slowdown is at its peak, consumer sentiment is _____ (13) and stock markets are in a free-fall, increasing GST is both counter-intuitive and insensitive. This will lead to immediate job losses and _____ (14) future investments in manufacturing,” says Pankaj Mohindroo, chairman, India Cellular & Electronics Association. “Our domestic consumption target of \$80 billion (Rs 6 lakh crore) by 2025 will not be achieved. We will fall short by at least Rs 2 lakh crores.” “The coronavirus pandemic could have been an opportunity for India as smartphone manufacturers look for avenues outside China,” says Navkendar Singh, research director of IDC India, a market research firm. “But these kinds of judgements don't _____ (15) well when it comes to the ease of doing business.”

Q9.

- (a) Rendering/Appealing
- (b) Grappling/Struggling
- (c) Generating/ Theoretical
- (d) Ranged/ Campaigning

(e) Leagued/ Labored

Q10.

- (a) Inverted/ Upended
- (b) Granted/ Dwelled
- (c) Conferring/ Contraction
- (d) Earnest/ Entertaining
- (e) Yielding/ Wanders

Q11.

- (a) Insist/ Knight
- (b) Convincible/ Inspiring
- (c) Conventional/ Skilling
- (d) Applicable/ Executorial
- (e) Harry/ Financially

Q12.

- (a) Penetration/ Accessibility
- (b) Reflect/ Novel
- (c) Furnished/ Compelled
- (d) Ventured/ Territories
- (e) Temper/ Bent

Q13.

- (a) Intimated/ Undertook
- (b) Majoritarian/ Assertion
- (c) Chambering/ Humbled
- (d) Schemed/ Keen
- (e) Battered/ Thumped

Q14.

- (a) Liberalized/ Despaired
- (b) Attitudinal/ Justification
- (c) Flagged/ Meritorious
- (d) Dampen/ Restrained
- (e) Manifestation/ Revealed

Q15.

- (a) Scale/ Notion
- (b) Formal/ Resource
- (c) Bode/ Augur
- (d) Persist/ Contempt
- (e) Tour/ Plead



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S1. Ans. (c)

Sol. The correct sequence is **bdea**. **Statement (c)** fails to become the part of the paragraph coherently. Hence, **option (c)** is the right answer choice.

S2. Ans. (d)

Sol. The correct sequence is **aecb**. **Statement (d)** fails to become the part of the paragraph coherently. Hence, **option (d)** is the right answer choice.

S3. Ans. (b)

Sol. The correct sequence is **dace**. **Statement (b)** fails to become the part of the paragraph coherently. Hence, **option (b)** is the right answer choice.

S4. Ans. (a)

Sol. The correct sequence is **debc**. **Statement (a)** fails to become the part of the paragraph coherently. Hence, **option (a)** is the right answer choice.

S5. Ans. (e)

Sol. The correct sequence is **abcd**. **Statement (e)** fails to become the part of the paragraph coherently. Hence, **option (e)** is the right answer choice.

S6. Ans. (b)

Sol. The correct sequence is **eadc**. **Statement (b)** fails to become the part of the paragraph coherently. Hence, **option (b)** is the right answer choice.

S7. Ans. (a)

Sol. The correct sequence is **decb**. **Statement (a)** fails to become the part of the paragraph coherently. Hence, **option (a)** is the right answer choice.

S8. Ans. (d)

Sol. The correct sequence is **ecab**. **Statement (d)** fails to become the part of the paragraph coherently. Hence, **option (d)** is the right answer choice.

S9. Ans. (b)

Sol. Both **“Grappling and Struggling”** can fit in the blank appropriately. Hence, **option (b)** is the right answer choice.

S10. Ans. (a)

Sol. Both **“Inverted/ Upended”** can fit in the blank appropriately. Hence, **option (a)** is the right answer choice.

S11. Ans. (d)

Sol. Both **“Applicable/Executorial”** can fit in the blank appropriately. Hence, **option (d)** is the right answer choice.

S12. Ans. (a)

Sol. Both **“Penetration/Extent”** can fit in the blank appropriately. Hence, **option (a)** is the right answer choice.

S13. Ans. (e)

Sol. Both **“Battered/Thumped”** can fit in the blank appropriately. Hence, **option (e)** is the right answer choice.

S14. Ans. (d)

Sol. Both **“Dampen/Restrained”** can fit in the blank appropriately. Hence, **option (d)** is the right answer choice.

S15. Ans. (c)

Sol. Both **“Bode/Augur”** can fit in the blank appropriately. Hence, **option (c)** is the right answer choice.

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