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Directions (1-5): In the following question a part of the sentence is given in bold, it is then followed by three sentences which try to explain the meaning of the phrase given in bold. Choose the best set of alternatives from the five options given below each question which explains the meaning of the phrase correctly without altering the meaning of the sentence given in the question.

Q1. An analysis b*Mint*, a financial newspaper, suggests that every year some 36m families, or 14% of households, face an unexpected medical bill equal to the entire annual living expenses of one member of the family. All too often such surprise costs are enough **to tip families into penury.**
(i) An analysis by *Mint* suggests that every year 14% of the households, face shockingly high medical bill which is equal to the complete annual living expenses of one member of the family and is enough to overbalance and turn over families into poverty.
(ii) An analysis by *Mint*, a financial newspaper, suggests that some 36m families face small medical bill but which is unexpected. Such surprise costs, although low, are still powerful to throw families into poverty.
(iii) An analysis by *Mint*, a financial newspaper, suggests that some 36m families face an unexpected medical bill which is almost equal to the entire annual living expenses of one member of the family and such surprise costs are enough to throw families into the state of being poor.
(a) Only (i)
(b) Both (i) and (iii)
(c) Only (iii)
(d) Both (i) and (ii)
(e) All of (i), (ii) and (iii)

Q2. On September 16th, in this year's Berlin Marathon, the 33-year-old Kenyan didn't merely **edge the existing world record** of 2:02:57, set four years ago by Dennis Kimetto, his countryman, on the same course. Instead, he obliterated it, running a near-perfect race in cooperative conditions and setting a new standard at 2:01:39.
(i) Not only did the 33-year-old Kenyan broke the existing world record of 2:02:57 on September 16th, in this year's Berlin Marathon which was set by his countryman, Dennis Kimetto, four years ago on the same course, he destroyed it, running a near-perfect race in cooperative conditions and setting a new standard at 2:01:39.
(ii) Because of the cooperative conditions of track, the 33-year-old Kenyan not only broke the existing world record, set four years ago by Dennis Kimetto, his countryman, on the same course, he destroyed it, running a near-perfect race.
(iii) Though the 33-year-old Kenyan broke the existing world record of 2:02:57 on September 16th and set a new standard at 2:01:39, in this year's Berlin Marathon which was set by his countryman, Dennis Kimetto, four years ago on the same course, the former couldn't outperform the later because of the cooperative conditions in his near-perfect race.
(a) Both (i) and (iii)
(b) Both (ii) and (iii)

(c) Only (i)
(d) Only (iii)
(e) Only (ii)

Q3. In the beginning, **town twinning was idealistic and chummy.** Often pairings were the result of mayors who were mates, but there was also genuine concern for transnational reconciliation.
(i) In the beginning, building a new twin town of an existing town was idealistic and unrealistic. Often pairings were the result of mayors who were mates, but there was also genuine concern for transnational reconciliation.
(ii) In the beginning, constructing a new town out of an existing town which is twin of the latter was idealistic and unrealistic. But such pairings were the because of the mayors who were friends, but also has genuine concern for transnational reconciliation.
(iii) In the starting, the practice of establishing official or social links between two towns or cities, typically in different countries was friendly and characterized by idealism. Often pairings were the result of mayors who were mates, but there was also genuine concern for transnational reconciliation.
(a) Only (i)
(b) Both (i) and (ii)
(c) Both (ii) and (iii)
(d) Only (iii)
(e) Only (ii)

Q4. Aadhaar started life under the previous, Congress government, to provide every Indian with a form of identification and thus **to plug gushing leaks** in government welfare schemes.
(i) Aadhaar was started under the previous Congress government to block extravagant leaks in government welfare schemes by providing a form of identification to every Indian.
(ii) The government welfare schemes used to have high level of loopholes, and an attempt was made to fix such loopholes in the form of starting Aadhaar under the previous Congress government, the objective of which was to provide every Indian with a form of identification.
(iii) Aadhaar was originated by the previous Congress government to help cease the high shortcomings in the government welfare schemes by providing every Indian with a form of identification.
(a) Only (i)
(b) Both (i) and (iii)
(c) All (i), (ii) and (iii)
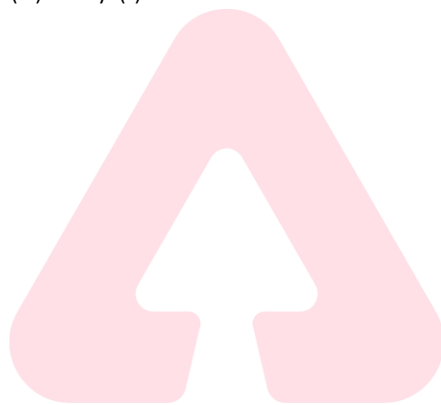(d) Only (ii)
(e) Both (i) and (ii)

Q5. It seemed a speech worthy of a place in history, and one to delight Pakistan's **shrinking cohort of liberals.** On September 4th Fawad Chaudhry, information minister of the Pakistan Movement for Justice (PTI), the party that leads the new government, hit out against religious bigotry.

(i) The speech made by Fawad Chaudhry, information minister of the Pakistan Movement for Justice (PTI), the party that leads the new government, which was based on him hitting out against religious bigotry, seemed a speech worthy of a place in history, and one to delight Pakistan's decreasing group of liberals.

(ii) Though the speech made by Fawad Chaudhry has the potential to spark controversy as he hit out against religious bigotry, it was something that could offer something to the evicted group of liberals.

(iii) Because the speech made by Fawad Chaudhry who is information minister of the Pakistan Movement for Justice (PTI), the party that leads the new government was controversial, it would please the advancing group of liberals.
(a) Only (ii)
(b) Both (i) and (ii)
(c) Both (ii) and (iii)
(d) Only (iii)
(e) Only (i)

Directions (6-10): In each of the given question, a sentence is divided into four parts with each part numbered. Among the given phrases, two of them might not be at their correct positions. Each statement is followed by a set of options that suggest the interchange of phrases to make the statement correct. Identify the correct interchange. If all the phrases are at their correct positions, mark 'e' as your answer.

Q6. Mr. Modi urged that district-level disease (1)/ as soon as possible to make sure (2)/ surveillance officers should be appointed (3)/that penetration of the strategy is optimum (4)
(a) 1-4
(b) 2-3
(c) 2-4
(d) 1-3
(e) None of these

Q7. a rapid anti-body test in hot-spots (1)/909, and the Health Ministry confirmed that it was (2)/looking at tweaking the testing protocol, with (3)/ the number of cases increased sharply from (4)

(a) 1-4
(b) 2-3
(c) 2-4
(d) 1-3
(e) None of these

Q8. ban on travel or transport and resorted (1)/ practiced isolation, and imposed a (2)/ since ancient times, societies have (3)/to maritime quarantine of persons (4)
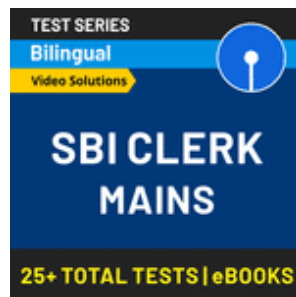(a) 1-4
(b) 2-3
(c) 2-4
(d) 1-3
(e) None of these

Q9. As India enters the second week of a (1)/ the healthcare system is in dealing with the pandemic (2)/to COVID-19, it is still unclear how well prepared (3)/ national lockdown imposed in response (4)
(a) 1-4
(b) 2-3
(c) 2-4
(d) 1-3
(e) None of these

Q10. The environmental protection confers (1)/ with diverse species keep viruses (2)/ health protection and pristine forests (3)/ virtually bottled up, out of man's way (4)
(a) 1-4
(b) 2-3
(c) 2-4
(d) 1-3
(e) None of these

Directions (11-15): In each of the following questions, a sentence is given with a blank. There are five idioms given below each sentence, one out of which can be used in the blank to form a meaningful sentence. Choose the most appropriate idiom among the five options that makes the sentence contextually meaningful and grammatically correct.

Q11. After constantly being prank-called, Julian decided to give Juan _____ and ordered twenty-seven pizzas to be delivered to Juan's house.
(a) Once in a blue moon
(b) Easy does it
(c) A taste of his own medicine
(d) Cutting Corners
(e) Pull yourself together

Q12. Liam had _____ before he went on stage to play the violin.
(a) Cat got your tongue
(b) Lose your marbles
(c) Sick and tired
(d) Butterflies in his stomach
(e) Snug as a bug in a rug

Q13. You have been a _____so many times that no one believes you when you're really hurt.
(a) Give it a whirl
(b) Crying Wolf
(c) Better late than never
(d) Sleep on it
(e) Get your act together

Q14. Even though you just got fired, remember that _____—at least you don't have to work for that grouchy boss anymore
(a) Step up your game
(b) Easy does it
(c) Tip on the iceberg
(d) Take it easy
(e)Every cloud has a silver lining

Q15. Tom felt like a _____at the Star Trek convention his new girlfriend begged him to attend.
(a) A short fuse
(b) Stick your nose into something
(c) Fish out of water
(d) Cutting Corners
(e) Up a creek without a paddle

SOLUTIONS

S1. Ans. (b)
Sol. 'tip' [verb] means 'overbalance to fall or turn over';
Penury [noun] means 'the state of being very poor; extreme poverty';
So, 'to tip families into penury' means 'to turn over families to extreme poverty';
Clearly, the alternatives (i) and (iii) correctly impart the meaning of the highlighted phrase.
Hence, the option (b) is the correct answer.

S2. Ans. (c)
Sol. The phrase 'edge the existing world record' means 'breaking the existing world record'. The given passage doesn't *supply the reason* for the happening of the 33-year-old Kenyan breaking the existing world record but focuses on the fact that the 33-year-old Kenyan *not just broke the existing world record*, but *destroyed it*.
Clearly, the alternatives (ii) and (iii) are incorrect, and only the alternative (i) supplies the correct meaning.
Hence, the option (c) is the correct answer.

S3. Ans. (d)
Sol. Town twining means 'the practice of establishing official or social links between two towns or cities, typically in different countries.'
Chummy [adjective] means 'on friendly terms; friendly';
Idealistic [adjective] means 'characterized by idealism; unrealistically aiming for perfection';
So, the highlighted phrase means '*the practice of establishing official or social links between two towns or cities, typically in different countries was friendly and characterized by idealism.*'
Hence, the correct answer is the option (d).

S4. Ans. (c)
Sol. 'Gushing' [adjective] means '(of speech or writing) effusive or exaggeratedly enthusiastic';
'Plug' [verb] means 'block or fill in (a hole or cavity)';

So, the meaning of the highlighted phrase is '… blocking the extravagant leaks…'
All the given alternatives (i), (ii) and (iii) say the same things and are grammatically correct and contextually meaningful.
Hence, the correct answer is the option (c).

S5. Ans. (e)
Sol. Cohort [noun] means 'a group of people with a shared characteristic; a supporter or companion';
Shrinking [noun] means 'becoming smaller in size or amount';
The meaning of the highlighted phrase is 'decreasing group of liberals'.
Clearly, only the alternative (i) provides the correct meaning of the phrase without altering the overall meaning of the passage.
There is no mention of 'controversial nature of the speech'. So, the alternatives (ii) and (iii) are incorrect.
Hence, the correct answer is the option (e).

S6. Ans. (b)
Sol. 2-3 is the correct interchange of the phrases to make the statement correct. The correct sentence after the interchange is,
Mr. Modi urged that district-level disease surveillance officers should be appointed as soon as possible to make sure that penetration of the strategy is optimum.
Hence, option (b) is the right answer choice.

S7. Ans. (a)
Sol. 1-4 is the correct interchange of the phrases to make the statement correct. The correct sentence after the interchange is,
The number of cases increased sharply from 909, and the Health Ministry confirmed that it was looking at tweaking the testing protocol, with a rapid anti-body test in hot-spots.
Hence, option (a) is the right answer choice.

S8. Ans. (d)
Sol. 1-3 is the correct interchange of the phrases to make the statement correct. The correct sentence after the interchange is,
Since ancient times, societies have practiced isolation, and imposed a ban on travel or transport and resorted to maritime quarantine of persons.
Hence, option (d) is the right answer choice.

S9. Ans. (c)
Sol. 2-4 is the correct interchange of the phrases to make the statement correct. The correct sentence after the interchange is,
As India enters the second week of a national lockdown imposed in response to COVID-19, it is still unclear how well prepared the healthcare system is in dealing with the pandemic.
Hence, option (c) is the right answer choice.

S10. Ans. (c)
Sol. **2-3** is the correct interchange of the phrases to make the statement correct. The correct sentence after the interchange is,
The environmental protection confers health protection and pristine forests with diverse species keep viruses virtually bottled up, out of man's way.
Hence, **option (c)** is the right answer choice.

S11. Ans. (c)
Sol. 'A taste of your own medicine' means ' Bad treatment deservedly received for treating other people badly'.
Hence, option (c) is the right answer choice.

S12. Ans. (d)
Sol. **Butterfly in your stomach** means **to be nervous**.
Hence, option (d) is the right answer choice.

S13. Ans. (b)
Sol. **Crying wolf** means **to ask for help when you don't need it.**
Hence, option (b) is the right answer choice.

S14. Ans. (e)
Sol. **Every cloud has silver lining** means **You can find good in every bad situation.**
Hence, option (e) is the right answer choice.

S15. Ans. (c)
Sol. **Fish out of water** means **to be out of place.**
Hence, option (c) is the right answer choice.
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