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Directions (1-7): Each of the following questions has a paragraph from which one sentence has been deleted. From the given options, choose the one that completes the paragraph in the most appropriate way.

Q1.

By launching a trade war against China, the United States government that had pressured many a country to liberalise trade and globalise seems to have turned against its own agenda. In a series of aggressive moves, the U.S. — the one-time votary of freer trade — has put in place.

_____. These moves initiated by the Donald Trump administration were on occasion targeted at multiple countries. They involved rewriting the North American Free Trade Agreement with Canada and Mexico but the focus of the trade and technology war has been China.

- (a) It has widened the coverage of a protectionist shield aimed at stimulating domestic production and reducing the country's trade deficit.
- (b) Treasury has designated China as a currency manipulator.
- (c) What is clear, however, is that given the importance of China as a global manufacturing hub, these measures have disrupted global value.
- (d) Benedict tapped into a genuine grievance and railed against elements of a regime he too was a beneficiary of that brought him to power once.
- (e) None of these

Q2.

The Constituent Assembly formation was the culmination of the final stage of the struggle for freedom and Independence, which was won by the supreme sacrifices made by millions of Indians. People across the length and breadth of the country made sacrifices in one way or the other. _____. Every succeeding generation in India owes an eternal debt of gratitude to the country's forefathers for this 'sacred text'. There is absolutely no doubt that we must keep the spirit of this text as well as the letter, while also protecting Constitutional values and its morality.

- (a) Parliament, the judiciary and the executive are all under stress
- (b) On January 26, 1950, India got its Constitution
- (c) Things are going wrong in these fast-changing times.
- (d) They are indifferent to whether it is a government of the people and by the people.
- (e) None of these

Q3.

Today, liberty, equality and fraternity are becoming subservient to a new idea of sovereignty. Ultra-nationalism has trampled over basic human rights and the dignities of citizens, especially of the "downtrodden" and the "minorities". Constitutionalism is being forgotten.

_____. Each organ is paying lip service to this fundamental principle. Examples are writ large in front of us and happen every day.

- (a) The ruling party cannot be satisfied with chest thumping on Triple Talaq or the abrogation of Article 370.
- (b) The bifurcation of Jammu and Kashmir is most condemnable.
- (c) As a result democratic principles are unable to check legislative, judicial and executive powers.
- (d) The government's strategy on the abrogation of Article 370 is by far the most serious challenge to federalism.
- (e) None of These

Q4.

The judiciary, especially the Supreme Court of India, is the custodian of the fundamental rights of citizens under the Constitution. _____. The judiciary's blanching over protecting the fundamental rights of the citizens of Jammu and Kashmir points to its abdication of carrying out its duty. The judiciary itself has held that a judicial review of actions by the Executive is a part of the basic structure and has even proclaimed that "there are no unreviewable discretions under the constitutional dispensation". If one can go by various judgments, it is duty-bound to inquire into the legitimacy of the exercise of powers.

- (a) Now, the ambit of the office, the tenure, and who will hold the post, will have to be decided soon
- (b) Using Section 144 of the Code of Criminal Procedure Code, 1973 in a blanket manner is wholly insufficient as a justification for all that has been done.
- (c) The forces will no doubt have to be on a heightened sense of alert and in a seamless state of coordination to meet the challenges.
- (d) But the problem is not the absence of the law but of its implementation.
- (e) None of these

Q5.

The creation of the post of the Chief of the Defence Staff, which Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced in his Independence Day address, fulfils a long-felt and consistently articulated need to strengthen India's defence posture. _____. Indeed, Manohar Parrikar, as Defence Minister, had said this was on the cards. Yet, two Defence Ministers came and went, Arun Jaitley and Nirmala Sitharaman, and this logical step was not taken. Since this is to be a 'single-point' advisory position to the government, there must have been entrenched opposition to this becoming reality.

- (a) Considering that the Prime Minister underlined this announcement by saying that this was an "important" development, it gives legitimate pause to wonder why this has taken so many decades.
- (b) The CDS is expected to bridge such dangerous gaps and reduce response time.
- (c) It is envisaged he will keep the Defence Minister, continuously and fully briefed and effectively advised.
- (d) There was inadequate appreciation of the ground situation by the Indian Army, and poor sharing of intelligence
- (e) None of these

Q6.

Offers of admission are the product of much careful thought and hard work — both by the students who apply and by the universities that review the applications. Families also play an important, supportive role. At this time last year, our daughter, after many hours of working on her application essays and preparing for standardized admissions exams, was deciding which university to attend. It's a big decision, but there are really no bad choices.

- (a) The United States values diversity and actively supports students from varied backgrounds.
- (b) Even a school that might not have been one's first choice has a way of turning out to be the perfect fit.
- (c) Sometimes, we don't know what we should want.
- (d) Thankfully, US universities pay careful attention to the safety and welfare of their students.
- (e) In early autumn, the Education USA university tour will stop in all seven cities with advising centers.

Q7.

The fourth national tiger survey has generated much euphoria, whereas the first one in 2006 had cast a pall of gloom. However, missing from all the four survey reports are details necessary to assess the reliability of the tiger numbers. A brief history of India's tiger censuses can shed some light on this issue. _____ . These numbers were based on the 'pugmark census method', which simple-mindedly assumed that the pugmarks of every tiger could be found, recognised and tallied.

- (a) I had hoped these dramatic events would lead to a serious revamping of India's tiger monitoring methods.
- (b) A public-private partnership framework led by qualified scientists is needed.
- (c) The tradition of reporting tiger numbers dates back to the 1970s
- (d) These flaws were masked by misleading technical jargon, hype about advanced technologies and cursory reviews by 'foreign experts'.
- (e) None of these

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QTags Paragraph completion

Directions (8-11): In the following questions two columns are given containing three sentences/phrases each. In first column, sentences/phrases are A, B and C and in the second column the sentences/phrases are D, E and F. A sentence/phrase from the first column may or may not connect with another sentence/phrase from the second column to make a grammatically and contextually correct sentence. Each question has five options, four of which display the sequence(s) in which the sentences/phrases can be joined to form a grammatically and contextually correct sentence. If none of the options given forms a correct sentence after combination, mark (e), i.e. "None of these" as your answer.

Q8.

Column (1):

- (A) Prime Minister Narendra Modi's speech
- (B) India needs hope and optimism, now
- (C) He struck an optimistic note

Column (2):

- (D) more than at any moment in its recent past.
- (E) was familiar rhetoric with some fresh thoughts.
- (F) and said poverty can be eliminated

- (a)A-E
- (b)B-D
- (c)C-F
- (d)All of the above
- (e)None of these

Q9.

Column (1):

- (A)The master plan should focus on permitting
- (B)The water footprint needs to be reinstated
- (C)Controlled development can be proposed

Column (2):

- (D) only ecologically sensitive building strategies
- (E) water resources rebuilt
- (F) used building height rules

- (a)Both A-E and C-F
- (b)Only A-D
- (c) C-D
- (d)B-F
- (e)None of these

Q10.

Column (1):

- (A)U.S. President Donald Trump opened up another
- (B)The "developing country" status offers substantial benefits
- (C)He mentioned that wealth creators should not be demonised

Column (2):

- (D) front in the on-going global trade war
- (E) countries wanted to protect their domestic interests
- (F) and called upon businesses to invest

- (a)Both A-D and C-F
- (b)Only A-E
- (c) C-D

- (d)B-F
(e)None of these

Q11.

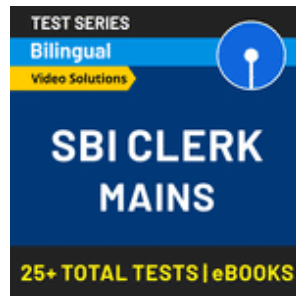
Column (1):

- (A) Post-disaster management of land and geography
(B) We must learn from each experience in
(C) A Rajapaksa victory in the presidential elections

Column (2):

- (D) order to collectively formulate strategies
(E) created the momentum for a major victory
(F) needs imaginative actions by the authorities

- (a)Both A-D and C-F
(b)Only A-E
(c) A-F
(d)Both B-D and A-F
(e)None of these



Directions (12-15): In each of the following questions below, a sentence is given with some bold words which may contain errors. Below each of the sentence, a table is given with two columns in which column 'A' contains the list of bold words, and in column 'B' the suggested corrections are listed. You have to choose the best alternative among the four given options. If no correction is required against any given bold word mark (e), .i.e. "None of the above" as your answer.

Q12.

Due to **raising** number of swine flu **cases** in the district, the health department has **decided** to spread **alertness** about the disease.

Column A

- (1) Raising
(2) Cases
(3) Decided
(4) Alertness

Column B

- (5) Increasing
(6) Events
(7) Circulated

(8) Awareness

- (a) Both (1-5) and (4-8)
- (b) (2-6)
- (c) (3-7)
- (d) (1-6)
- (e) None of the above

Q13.

Creating a few more schools or **allowed** hundreds of colleges and private universities to **furnish** is not going to **solve** the crisis of education in India.

Column A

- (1) Creating
- (2) Allowed
- (3) Furnish
- (4) Solve

Column B

- (5) Banning
- (6) Allowing
- (7) Grow
- (8) Dissolve

- (a) Both (1-5) and (4-8)
- (b) Both (2-6) and (3-7)
- (c) (3-7)
- (d) (1-6)
- (e) None of the above

Q14.

By providing **incentives** for local trade, **communities** help their small businesses and **reduce** under employment by **providing** the job within the community.

Column A

- (1) Incentives
- (2) Communities
- (3) Reduce
- (4) Providing

Column B

- (5) Fiduciary
- (6) Company
- (7) Enhanced
- (8) Deducting

- (a) Only (1-5)
- (b) Only (2-6)
- (c) Only (3-7)



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- (d) Only (1-6)
 (e) None of the above

Q15.

Rural Areas of Asia, Latin America and Africa have **offer** some of the most **effective** and important programmes by **adaptation** agriculture –base systems of exchange rather than **monetary** ones.

Column A

- (1) Offer
 (2) Effective
 (3) Adaptation
 (4) Monetary

Column B

- (5) Offered
 (6) Impressed
 (7) Adopting
 (8) Materialistic

- (a) Both (1-5) and (4-8)
 (b) Both (2-6) and (3-7)
 (c) Both (1-5) and (3-7)
 (d) (1-6)
 (e) None of the above

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Direction (16-20): Below in each question a sentence is divided into five parts. Find the phrase which is not really contributing to the main theme of the sentence or find the odd phrase out and rearrange the remaining phrases to make a coherent sentence.

Q16. pushed for regime change(A)/New Delhi must continue (B) /on all the changes in the(C) /to keep a keen eye (D)/ White House and Cabinet(E)

- (a) BDCE
 (b) BDCA
 (c) BECD
 (d) BCAD
 (e) BEDA

Q17. with the U.S (A)/must build its (B)/ inflicted the greatest damage(C)/strategic and economic relationship (D)/ on the bilateral front, India (E)/

- (a) BDCA
- (b) EBDA
- (c) BEDC
- (d) BEAD
- (e) BCDE

Q18. Iran as the only arena where Mr. Trump can (A)/demonstrate his diplomatic dexterity (B)/ Taliban's unwillingness to (C)/ has also stalled because (D)/ stop military action leaves (E)

- (a) CBAD
- (b) CDAB
- (c) CEAB
- (d) DBCA
- (e) EDDBA

Q19. been the two major (A)/ meeting in France followed (B)/ between the two Presidents(C)/Israel and John Bolton have (D)/ obstacles to a direct encounter (E)/

- (a) DBCA
- (b) DCAE
- (c) DCEB
- (d) DBEC
- (e) DAEC

Q20. possible approach to fight BJP(A)/the Congress had once (B)/again shown itself to (C)/ be riven by confusion on the(D)/ constitutionally commit and correcting (E)

- (a) DEBC
- (b) BDCA
- (c) BDEA
- (d) BEAD
- (e) BCDA



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S1. Ans. (a)

Sol. The given stanza is talking about a trade war which is launched against China. As it says that U.S had pressured many countries for liberalisation and globalization but it has now turned against its own agenda because of focused trade and technology war against China. Option (d) is stating about some other person so it can be omitted easily. Option (c) is talking about measures resulting into a disrupted global value so it's irrelevant with respect to the information given before the blank. Option (b) can also be removed as it is not in context with the stanza. However, option (a) is relating to the sentence right before the blank. It is elaborating 'the one time votary of freer trade' which has widened the coverage of a protectionist shield aimed at stimulating domestic production and reducing the country's trade deficit.' Hence option (a) is justifiably correct.

S2. Ans. (b)

Sol. Here, the paragraph is about struggle for freedom and independence. Further, it is mentioning about sacrifices made by the people in different ways. While closely reading the sentences just after the blank, you will notice that it is talking about some text. Option (b) stands completely in relevance with the same. Here, constitution is mentioned as 'sacred text'. Rest of the options are out of context of this stanza. Hence, option (b) is correct answer choice.

S3. Ans. (c)

Sol. Here, it is mentioned in the above given stanza how constitutionalism is forgotten and basic human rights and citizens' dignity is trampled over nationalism. The blank must contain the after effects of forgotten constitutionalism. While going through the given options option (a) and (b) can be easily omitted as they are out of context. Also, option (d) has no relevance with the stanza. But option (c) showcases the drawbacks of forgotten constitutionalism which lead to inability for checking legislative, judicial and legislative powers. Hence, option (c) is right answer choice.

S4. Ans. (d)

Sol. Here, option (a), (b) and (c) hold relevance neither with the stanza nor it fits into the blank for an entire contextually correct paragraph. However, option (d) is relevant, so it is a right answer choice.

S5. Ans. (a)

Sol. The paragraph is talking about creation of CDS post announced by PM in his Independence Day address. Option (b) states to 'bridge such gaps' but 'which gaps': it fails to mention. Option (c) mentions information about some person keeping the Defence Minister fully briefed and effectively advised, so it's irrelevant. Option (d) is also out of context. However, option (a) carries relevance to the statement before the blank because it is elaborating information about the announcement made by PM. Hence, option (a) is right answer choice.

S6. Ans. (b)

Sol. Read the paragraph, it emphasizes on the hard work of the students to attain a good university for admissions. Only sentence (b) fits into the paragraph and conclude the paragraph saying about the school that turn out to be a perfect fit despite of not having one's first choice. All other sentences are telling us about US universities which are irrelevant to the paragraph. Hence sentence (b) is the right choice.

S7. Ans. (c)

Sol. Here, option (c) is the most suitable answer choice to fill the given blank. The sentence before the blank is talking about brief history of tiger census while the one after the blank furthers the information of tiger numbers. Therefore, option (c) is an apt answer choice.

S8. Ans. (d)

Sol. Here, all the combinations make grammatically and contextually correct sentences. As:
(i) Prime Minister Narendra Modi's speech was familiar rhetoric with some fresh thoughts.
(ii) India needs hope and optimism, now more than at any moment in its recent past.
(iii) He struck an optimistic note and said poverty can be eliminated
Therefore, option (d) is an apt answer choice.

S9. Ans. (b)

Sol. Here only combination given in option (b) stands correct grammatically and contextually. As:
'The master plan should focus on permitting only ecologically sensitive building strategies.'

S10. Ans. (a)

Sol. Here, combinations in option (a) are correct.

(I) U.S. President Donald Trump opened up another front in the on-going global trade war
(II) He mentioned that wealth creators should not be demonised and called upon businesses to invest

S11. Ans. (d)

Sol. Option (d) is right answer because the combinations it has are grammatically and contextually correct. As:

Post-disaster management of land and geography needs imaginative actions by the authorities
We must learn from each experience in order to collectively formulate strategies

S12. Ans. (a)

Sol. Here, option (a) is right answer choice. As the sentence after applying the given combination in this option becomes correct.

"Due to increasing number of swine flu cases in the district, the health department has decided to spread awareness about the disease."

S13. Ans. (b)

Sol. After applying the combinations given in option (b), the sentence is:

“Creating a few more schools or allowing hundreds of colleges and private universities to grow is not going to solve the crisis of education in India.” Hence, option (b) is correct answer choice.

S14. Ans. (e)

Sol. Since the given sentence stand correct, there is no need to make changes. Hence, option (e) ‘none of these’ is right answer choice.

S15. Ans. (c)

Sol. After making the necessary changes as in option (c), the sentence is:

“Rural Areas of Asia, Latin America and Africa have offered some of the most effective and important programmes by adopting agriculture –base systems of exchange rather than monetary ones. “,which is contextually and grammatically correct.

S16. Ans. (a)

Sol. The correct sequence of the sentence is BDCE, ‘New Delhi muct continue to keep a keen eye on all the changes in the White House and Cabinet’. A is the incoherent phrase. Hence, option (a) is the right answer choice.

S17. Ans. (b)

Sol. The correct sequence of the sentence is EBDA, ‘On the bilateral front, India must build its strategic and economic relationship with the U.S’. C is the incoherent phrase. Hence, option (b) is the right answer choice.

S18. Ans. (c)

Sol. The correct sequence of the sentence is CEAB, “Taliban’s unwillingness to stop military action leaves Iran as the only arena where Mr. Trump can demonstrate his diplomatic dexterity.” D is incoherent phrase. Hence, option (c) is the right answer choice.

S19. Ans. (e)

Sol. The correct sequence of the sentence is DAEC, ‘Israel and John Bolton have been the two major obstacles to a direct encounter between the two Presidents.’ B is incoherent phrase. Hence, option (e) is the right answer choice.

S20. Ans. (e)

Sol. The correct sequence of the sentence is BCDA, ‘The Congress had once again shown itself to be riven by confusion on the possible approach to fight BJP.’ E is the incoherent phrase. Hence, option (e) is the right answer choice.

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