

Quiz Date: 16<sup>th</sup> April 2020

Directions (1-5): In the following questions, a phrase is given in bold whose meaning can be inferred from one of the highlighted words/phrases of four sentences given below each phrase. Choose the most appropriate meaning of the phrase among the four options that can also be replaced by the given phrase without altering the meaning of the sentence. If none of the sentences conveys the correct meaning, choose (e) i.e., "None of the above" as your answer.

Q1. Rule out

- (a) Loss is met with at each step, and the great problem is **to eliminate** this waste.
- (b) She was not in harmony with the old man, and would do nothing **to defeat** my plan.
- (c) The combs were broken which gave the bees a **setback** from which they did not recover.
- (d) Worst of all and most fatal is the disease of the marrow, by which the whole course of the body is **reversed**.
- (e) None of the above.

Q2. Over the counter

- (a) Improved safety measures in cars can be **counterproductive** as they encourage people to drive faster.
- (b) The words came like a stunning blow where a verbal **counter-argument** was expected.
- (c) They will make a higher bid for the company in the hope of dissuading competing businesses from **counter-bidding**.
- (d) Brokers can use the system to look up prices or enter quotes for **the direct trade of securities**.
- (e) None of the above.

Q3. Work around

- (a) The preacher was trying **to explain** to us the eternal duration of God's punishment.
- (b) Who is there amongst you who cannot or who will not **justify** when they are accused?
- (c) One easy **modus operandi** is to select Control Panel and to double-click the internet icon.
- (d) All the gentlemen in the office showed a desire to serve and **advise** me.
- (e) None of the above.

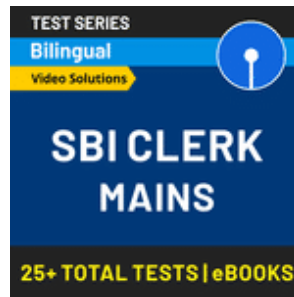
Q4. Put paid to

- (a) You cannot **forestall** that; you must depend upon your own self-confidence.
- (b) You are so rich, and so prudent, that the word in capital letters cannot **frighten** you.
- (c) A great French poet says that happy nights **make happy** days in matrimony.
- (d) The sight of a modern monument throws one into melancholy even while an ancient one has not ceased to **enrapture**.
- (e) None of the above.

Q5. Do away with

- (a) The only one who walked pretty soberly was the head-master, who had **to uphold** his dignity.
- (b) They will **abolish** themselves when their work is done, but not before.
- (c) How could an enlightened century **give birth** to so monstrous a delusion?

- (d) Your attack is passed over, and there's no more danger, if you 'll keep quiet.  
(e) None of the above.



Directions (6-10): Pick out the words opposite or nearly so in the meaning of the given words.

Q6. FERVENT

- (a) Fiery
- (b) Arbour
- (c) Poisonous
- (d) Apathetic
- (e) Original

Q7. REPUGNANCE

- (a) Sonorous
- (b) Predilection
- (c) Incision
- (d) Divulge
- (e) Antipathy

Q8. EMBELLISH

- (a) Garnish
- (b) Disfigure
- (c) Adorn
- (d) Disarm
- (e) Perish

Q9. ESTRANGE

- (a) Expedient
- (b) Alienate
- (c) Amalgamate
- (d) Prompt
- (e) Obnoxious

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Q10. BESTIAL

- (a) Least acceptable
- (b) Unanimated
- (c) Heavenly
- (d) Humane
- (e) Extravagant



Direction (11-15): Select the phrase/connector (STARTERS) from the given three options which can be used to form a single sentence from the two sentences given below, implying the same meaning as expressed in the statement sentences.

Q11.

- (1) India is a vibrant democracy today.
- (2) Politics in the battleground state is still influenced by the Hindu caste system, a social hierarchy with its origins in antiquity.

- (i) Even though India today...
- (ii) As India today is
- (iii) Despite India being a vibrant...

- (a) Only (i) is correct,
- (b) Only (ii) is correct,
- (c) Only (iii) is correct,
- (d) Both (i) and (iii) are correct,
- (e) Both (ii) and (iii) are correct

Q12.

- (1) Grid-connected large-scale installations have received maximum attention.
- (2) There is slow progress on rooftop solar.

- (i) While grid-connected ...
- (ii) Receiving maximum attention, the.....
- (iii) Slow progress on rooftop solar....

- (a) Only (i) is correct,
- (b) Only (ii) is correct,
- (c) Only (iii) is correct,
- (d) Both (i) and (ii) are correct,
- (e) Both (ii) and (iii) are correct

Q13.

- (1) I did not receive any packet from Sonaksi.
- (2) I also did not receive any phone call from her.

- (i) Neither did I receive...
- (ii) Clearly I did not...
- (iii) Either I did not...

- (a) Only (i) is correct,
- (b) Only (ii) is correct,
- (c) Only (iii) is correct,
- (d) Both (i) and (ii) are correct,
- (e) Both (i) and (iii) are correct

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Q14.

- (1) All those who value human life and other forms of life have been getting nervous and restless whenever the threat of nuclear weapons appears as happened recently when the Korean crisis accentuated.
- (2) It is due to all the possible dangers of nuclear or depleted uranium weapons.

- (i) Owing to all the possible...
- (ii) As all those who value...
- (iii) Given all the possible...

- (a) Only (i) is correct
- (b) Only (ii) is correct
- (c) Only (iii) is correct
- (d) Both (i) and (iii) are correct
- (e) All are correct

Q15.

- (1) Tighter immigration and visa requirements in the United States and the United Kingdom are set to come into force.
- (2) Netherlands certainly has great potential in challenging these two countries as the preferred higher educational destination for Indian students.

- (i) Considering that tighter...  
 (ii) As tighter immigration...  
 (iii) In view of the fact that tighter...

- (a) Only (i) is correct  
 (b) Only (ii) is correct  
 (c) Both (i) and (ii) are correct  
 (d) Both (ii) and (iii) are correct  
 (e) All are correct



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S1. Ans. (a)

Sol. The phrase “*rule out*” means *to prevent the participation, consideration, or inclusion of*. Among the four sentences, the most suitable word or phrase that defines its meaning is “*to eliminate*” and thus the phrase can replace the existing word without altering the meaning of the sentence. However, the other words are not the correct explanation of the given phrase. The word “*setback*” means *a reversal or check in progress*. Hence option (a) is the correct choice.

S2. Ans. (d)

Sol. The idiom “*over the counter*” is generally used in finance and economics which is used *to describe shares that are traded directly between dealers (= people and organizations that buy and sell for others), rather than on a stock market*. Among the four options, the most appropriate phrase that generates the meaning of the idiom is mentioned in the sentence (d), “*the direct trade of*”. The idiom can also replace the existing phrase without changing the meaning of the sentence. Hence option (d) is the correct choice.

**Counterproductive** means having an effect that is opposite to the one intended or wanted.

**Counter-argument** means an argument against another argument, idea, or suggestion.

**Counter-bidding** means a situation in which someone offers to pay more than someone else for a company, property, etc.

S3. Ans. (c)

Sol. The phrase "**work around**" means **a method for overcoming a problem or limitation in a program or system**. Among the four options, the word/phrase mentioned in the sentence (c) gives the exact meaning of the given phrase which can also replace the existing one without altering the exact meaning of the sentence. Other words do not justify the appropriate meaning of the phrase. The word "**modus operandi**" means **a particular way or method of doing something**. Hence option (c) is the correct choice.

**Justify** means show or prove to be right or reasonable.

S4. Ans. (a)

Sol. The phrase "**put paid to**" means **stop abruptly; destroy**. Among the given four options, only the word mentioned in the first statement defines the correct meaning of it. The word "**forestall**" means **prevent or obstruct (an anticipated event or action) by taking advance action**. Other words are not the correct explanation of the phrase. Hence option (a) is the correct choice.

**Enrapture** means give intense pleasure or joy to.

S5. Ans. (b)

Sol. The phrase "**Do away with**" means **to get rid of or destroy something**. Among the given options, the word mentioned in the sentence (b) gives the exact meaning of the phrase and thus can be replaced by the given phrase without altering the meaning of the sentence. Other words or phrases are not the correct explanation of the given phrase. Hence option (b) is the correct choice.

**Uphold** means confirm or support (something which has been questioned).

**Keep quiet** means refrain or prevent someone from speaking or from disclosing something secret.

S6. Ans.(d)

Sol. Apathetic is an antonym of fervent.

**Fervent** means having or displaying a passionate intensity.

**Apathetic** means showing or feeling no interest, enthusiasm, or concern.

S7. Ans.(b)

Sol. Antipathy is similar in meaning to repugnance

Repugnance means intense disgust.

Antipathy means a deep-seated feeling of aversion.

Predilection means a preference or special liking for something; a bias in favour of something

S8. Ans.(b)

Sol. Disfigure is an antonym of Embellish

**Embellish** means make (something) more attractive by the addition of decorative details or features.

**Disfigure** means spoil the appearance of.

S9. Ans.(c)

Sol. Alienate is similar in meaning to estrange

Estrange means cause (someone) to be no longer on friendly terms with someone.

Alienate mean to make (someone) feel isolated or estranged.

Amalgamate means combine or unite to form one organization or structure

S10. Ans.(d)

Sol. Noble is an antonym of bestial

**Bestial** means savagely cruel and depraved.

**Humane** means having or showing compassion or benevolence

S11. Ans.(d)

Sol. (i) Even though India today is a vibrant democracy, politics in the battleground state is still influenced by the Hindu caste system, a social hierarchy with its origins in antiquity.

(iii) Despite India being a vibrant democracy today, politics in the battleground state is still influenced by the Hindu caste system, a social hierarchy with its origins in antiquity.

S12. Ans.(a)

Sol. (i) While grid-connected large-scale installations have received maximum attention, there is slow progress on rooftop solar.

S13. Ans.(a)

Sol. (i) Neither did I receive any packet from Sonaksi nor did I receive any phone call from her.

S14. Ans. (d)

Sol. (i) Owing to all the possible dangers of nuclear or depleted uranium weapons, all those who value human life and other forms of life have been getting nervous and restless whenever the threat of such weapons appears as happened recently when the Korean crisis accentuated.

(iii) Given all the possible dangers of nuclear or depleted uranium weapons, all those who value human life and other forms of life have been getting nervous and restless whenever the threat of such weapons appears as happened recently when the Korean crisis accentuated.

S15. Ans. (e)

Sol. (i) Considering that tighter immigration and visa requirements in the United States and the United Kingdom are set to come into force, Netherlands certainly has great potential in challenging these two countries as the preferred higher educational destination for Indian students.

(ii) As tighter immigration and visa requirements in the United States and the United Kingdom are set to come into force, Netherlands certainly has great potential in challenging these two countries as the preferred higher educational destination for Indian students.

(iii) In view of the fact that tighter immigration and visa requirements in the United States and the United Kingdom are set to come into force, Netherlands certainly has great potential in challenging these two countries as the preferred higher educational destination for Indian students.

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