

Quiz Date: 6<sup>th</sup> May 2020

**Directions (1-8):** In each question below, a word is given followed by four pairs. Choose the pair which states either the synonyms or the antonyms or a synonym and an antonym of the given word. If none of the four pairs are correct then choose "None of these" as your answer choice.

Q1. **Bewail**

- (a) Mourn, Rejoice
- (b) Exceptional, Sincere
- (c) Accord, Enmity
- (d) Discord, Pretend
- (e) None of these

Q2. **Smattering**

- (a) Inappropriate, Unfortunately
- (b) Modicum, comprehensive
- (c) Arduous, Easy
- (d) Submission, Reject
- (e) None of these

Q3. **Sordid**

- (a) Confusing, Chaos
- (b) Peace, Calm
- (c) Unsullied, Filthy
- (d) Mischievous, Imaginary
- (e) None of these

Q4. **Meddle**

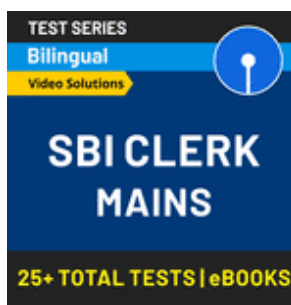
- (a) Dramatic, Gigantic
- (b) Certain, Established
- (c) Brightness, Suddenly
- (d) Neglect, Disregard
- (e) None of these

Q5. **Bucolic**

- (a) Vagrant, Psychic
- (b) Brave, Shakeful
- (c) Bloated, Lasting
- (d) Agitation, Commotion
- (e) None of these

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Q6. **Wretched**

- (a) Anguished, Desolate
- (b) Vacillating, Dependant
- (c) Honest, Violent
- (d) Titillating, Agonising
- (e) none of these

Q7. **Indigenous**

- (a) Tranquillity, Indomitable
- (b) Domestic, Alien
- (c) Anxious, Unmatched
- (d) Agreement, Harmony
- (e) none of these

Q8. **Derisive**

- (a) Inconvenient, Insurrection
- (b) Elegant, Possession
- (c) Scornful, Respectful
- (d) Foible, Slander
- (e) None of these

**Directions (9-15):** In the following questions, a word is given in bold followed by three sentences. Choose the appropriate option mentioning the sentence(s) that uses the highlighted word in a grammatically correct and contextually meaningful manner.

Q9.

**Indubitably**

- (I) the MPC's reasons for **indubitably** on to the status quo were along expected lines.
- (II) There is no need for a test of backwardness for SC/STs, as they **indubitably** fall within the expression 'backward class of citizens'.
- (III) There is something disturbing about the **indubitably** with which the ruling BJP has aligned its ranks in Parliament

- (a) Only (I)
- (b) Only (II)
- (c) Only (III)
- (d) Both (II) and (III)
- (e) Both (I) and (III)

Q10.

**Presumption**

- (I) His incarceration goes against the maxim that 'everyone is entitled to the **presumption** of innocence until they are proved to be guilty.'

(II) Home Minister Amit Shah has simultaneously **presumption** to start work on a countrywide National Register of Citizens (NRC).

(III) Given the dire state of the economy, a little flexibility on fiscal deficit targets may **presumption** be out of place.

- (a) Only (I)
- (b) Only (II)
- (c) Only (III)
- (d) Both (II) and (III)
- (e) Both (I) and (III)



Q11.

#### Purview

(I) Between FY16 and FY19, **purview** disbursed under the scheme have grown by over 30 per cent annually.

(II) The operators still have to pay the **purview** dues at the end of the two-year period.

(III) Adi Shankara, the prominent Hindu saint, is all set to be kept out of the Odisha government's administrative **purview**.

- (a) Only (I)
- (b) Only (II)
- (c) Only (III)
- (d) Both (II) and (III)
- (e) Both (I) and (III)

Q12.

#### Quantifiable

(I) Players such as Vodafone Idea will be able to **quantifiable** over immediate liquidity crunch and stay operational.

(II) Less **quantifiable**, but perhaps of greater long-term significance, is the role of these students as agents of cultural transmission.

(III) The money of CSR departments is likely to skew NGO agendas towards more **quantifiable** and output-oriented programmes

- (a) Only (I)

- (b) Only (II)
- (c) Only (III)
- (d) Both (II) and (III)
- (e) Both (I) and (III)

Q13.

**Reaffirm**

- (I) The latest estimates on economic output and growth, while not a surprise, **reaffirm** the fact that the ongoing six-quarter slump is still in search of a bottom.
- (II) They would be the most well-equipped to provide information regarding the assets and liabilities of the **reaffirm**.
- (III) This week, the Supreme Court had another occasion to **reaffirm** the law.

- (a) Only (I)
- (b) Only (II)
- (c) Only (III)
- (d) Both (II) and (III)
- (e) Both (I) and (III)

Q14.

**Budge**

- (I) A strong telecom industry, that is **budge** of operating a world-class communication network, is key to securing India's digital future.
- (II) The court did not **budge** while staying the contempt proceedings in the High Court against government officials.
- (III) The recent Supreme Court ruling on Adjusted Gross Revenue has **budge** the telecom sector further into a financial mess

- (a) Only (I)
- (b) Only (II)
- (c) Only (III)
- (d) Both (II) and (III)
- (e) Both (I) and (III)

Q15.

**Stodgy**

- (I) A blending of cuisines occurred when the British trained Indians to recreate their **stodgy** offerings in a bid to counter the spice levels of Indian cooking.
- (II) The massive drive by the government was intended to **stodgy** the funding need of small businesses
- (III) The Union Cabinet **stodgy** the draft Bill that replaces the lapsed legislation that had been cleared in January, this year.

- (a) Only (I)

- (b) Only (II)
- (c) Only (III)
- (d) Both (II) and (III)
- (e) Both (I) and (III)



### Solutions

S1. Ans. (a)

Sol. The term 'bewail' means 'express sadness or regret'. 'Mourn' and 'Rejoice' are synonym and antonym respectively of the given term. Hence, option (a) is the right answer choice.

S2. Ans. (b)

Sol. The term 'smattering' means 'a slight superficial knowledge of a language or subject; small amount of something'. 'Modicum' and 'comprehensive' are the synonyms of the given word. Hence, option (b) is the right answer choice.

S3. Ans. (c)

Sol. The term 'sordid' means 'dirty or unclean'. 'Unsullied' and 'filthy' are antonym and synonym respectively of the given word. Hence, option (c) is the right answer choice.

S4. Ans. (d)

Sol. The term 'meddle' means 'to interfere'. 'Neglect' and 'disregard' are antonyms of the given word. Hence, option (d) is the right answer choice.

S5. Ans. (e)

Sol. The term 'Bucolic' means 'pleasant aspects of countryside or country life'. 'Rustic' and 'Urban' are synonym and antonym of the given word. The given options do not contain synonym or antonym of this word. Hence, option (e) is the right answer choice.

S6. Ans. (a)

Sol. The term 'wretched' means 'unhappy or unfortunate state'. 'Anguished' and 'Desolate' are the synonyms of the given word. Hence, option (a) is the right answer choice.

S7. Ans. (b)

Sol. The term 'indigenous' means 'occurring naturally in a particular place or native'. 'Domestic' and 'Alien' are synonym and antonym respectively of the given word. Hence, option (b) is the right answer choice.

S8. Ans. (c)

Sol. The term 'derisive' means 'expressing contempt or ridicule'. 'Scornful' and 'Respectful' are synonym and antonym respectively of the given word. Hence, option (c) is the right answer choice.

S9. Ans. (b)

Sol. The term '**Indubitably**' means '**Too evident to be doubted; Unquestionable, Certain.**' Statement (II) uses **indubitably** in grammatically correct and contextually meaningful manner. Hence, **option (b), [Only II]** is the right answer choice.

S10. Ans. (a)

Sol. The term **Presumption** means **An idea that is taken to be true on the basis of probability; Audaciousness.** Statement (I) uses **Presumption** in grammatically correct and contextually meaningful manner. Hence, **option (a), [Only I]** is the right answer choice

S11. Ans. (c)

Sol. The term '**Purview**' means '**the limit of someone's responsibility, interest, or activity; Duty, obligation.**' Statement (III) uses **purview** in grammatically correct and contextually meaningful manner. Hence, **option (c), [Only III]** is the right answer choice

S12. Ans. (d)

Sol. The term '**Quantifiable**' means '**Able to be expressed or measured as a quantity; Perceptible, Quantitative.**' Statement (II) and (III) use **Quantifiable** in grammatically correct and contextually meaningful manner. Hence, **option (d), [Both II and III]** is the right answer choice.

S13. Ans. (e)

Sol. The term **Reaffirm** means '**State again strongly; Confirm, Reiterated.**' Statement (I) and (III) use **Quantifiable** in grammatically correct and contextually meaningful manner. Hence, **option (e), [Both I and III]** is the right answer choice.

S14. Ans. (b)

Sol. The term **Budge** means '**Change an opinion.**' Statement (II) uses **Budge** in grammatically correct and contextually meaningful manner. Hence, **option (b), [Only II]** is the right answer choice.

S15. Ans. (a)

Sol. The term **Stodgy** means '**Dull and uninspired; lacking originality or excitement.**'

Statement (I) uses **Stodgy** in grammatically correct and contextually meaningful manner. Hence, option (a), [Only I] is the right answer choice.

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