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Directions (1-5): In each question, the word at the top of the table is used in four different ways, numbered (a) to (d). Choose the option in which the usage of the word is INCORRECT or INAPPROPRIATE. If it is used correctly in every sentence choose option (e) as your choice.

Q1.

VEHEMENT

- (a) Nancy Pelosi has refused to hold a chamber-wide vote to authorise the impeachment inquiry, despite **vehement** pushback from the White House and Republicans.
- (b) Oil Minister Dharmendra Pradhan made a **vehement** appeal to Finance Minister for bringing jet fuel and natural gas under the ambit of GST.
- (c) There has further been **vehement** support of the government's decision on economic grounds to galvanize J&K.
- (d) Karthi steals the show in his **vehement** and action packed role
- (e) All are correct

Q2.

SALUBRIOUS

- (a) The idea is to provide our guests an unmatched ambience of dining under the stars in this **salubriously** weather.
- (b) The only uses of company's technology will be the most optimistic, the most hopeful, and the most **salubrious**.
- (c) Sasha is evidently freed from both time and genre constraints, allowing his mixes to blend with **salubrious** ease.
- (d) Pat always eats on board and even has a full-time cook to prepare the finest food on his **salubrious** floating residence.
- (e) All are correct

Q3.

RECUSE

- (a) If I am satisfied that I am biased, then I can **recuse** myself from hearing this case.
- (b) This issue cropped up while the apex court was **recuse** a clutch of petitions challenging the validity of provisions related to compensation.
- (c) Pennsylvania appeals court rejects request to **recuse** judge whose girlfriend filed complaint against DA's office.
- (d) Supreme Court Justice Arun Mishra refused to **recuse** himself from the Constitution Bench he was heading to re-examine one of his own judgements on the Land Acquisition Act
- (e) All are correct

Q4.

APPREHENSION

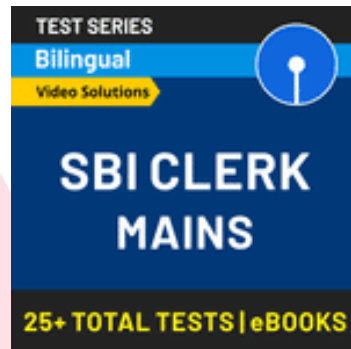
- (a) Some **apprehension** to MLS's playoff change comes from how it alters a team's strategy.

- (b) "We want to make sure we're doing everything we can to prevent that **apprehension** from taking place," said Stefanson.
- (c) As the fiscal year comes to an end, border **apprehensively** statistics reveal that illegal border crossings are at a level not seen since 2007.
- (d) Residential sales will either remain tepid or may even go down further in the coming six months due to stagnant job market and the **apprehension** to spend.
- (e) All are correct

Q5.

BOLSTER

- (a) Costa Rica campaign seeks to **bolster** marriage equality support
- (b) Exmoor river 'reset' aims to cut flood risk and **bolster** wildlife
- (c) Atlassian acquires Code Barrel to **bolster** automation in Jira
- (d) The European shipping industry urges the EU to **bolstered** maritime security in the Gulf of Guinea.
- (e) All are correct



Direction (6-15): Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions given below it. Certain words are given in bold to help you locate them while answering some of the questions.

Arjuna was one of the five Pandava brothers of the Mahabharata epic. He was born to Kunti and king Pandu with the energy of Indra, the leader of the gods. At a very young age he got acclaim for his sincerity and skill in archery. He was known for his steadfastness and single mindedness in **pursuing** his goals. He was instrumental in winning Draupadi in a contest for himself and his brothers as their joint wife. He also married Subhadra the sister of Krishna and Balarama and kept his friendship with them forever. Lord Krishna became his mentor and guide for the rest of his life.

He was known by different names or rather titles, such as Phaalgun, Keerti, Partha, Savyashachee, Dhanajaya and so on. During his sojourns to faraway places in the subcontinent, he married Chitrangada, daughter of the king of Manipur and Ulupi, a naga princess. Two brave warrior sons were born to him. They were Abhimnyu through Subhadra and Bhabhrvahana through Chitrangada. Both his sons played an important role during the Mahabharata war.

During the exile, when all the Pandava brothers had to leave behind their kingdom and wander in the forests for twelve years as a part of their agreement with the Kauravas, Arjuna had a strange encounter with Lord Siva from whom he got Pasupatha. During the same period he met with Indra and other gods in the heavens from whom he received training and also helped them in return by slaying some asuras. While he was in the heavens he displeased Urvashi, the heavenly nymph, by turning away her advances. She cursed him out of anger to turn into a eunuch for a year in his life as chosen by him.

Apart from archery, he also excelled in the arts of dancing, singing and acting which enormously helped the Pandavas when they had to stay in the court of Virat in total **disguise** as a part of their agreement with the Kauravas in the thirteenth year of their exile. Arjuna took advantage of the curse he got from Urvashi and turned himself into Brihannala, a eunuch and acted as dance master for the royal household, especially Uttara, the daughter of Virat. At the end of the one year stay, he helped king Virat by fighting a battle with Kauravas who invaded his kingdom Matsya. After realizing that the five people who were working in his court were indeed Pandavas in disguise, king Virat offered to marry his daughter to Abhimanyu the son of Arjuna in return for the services rendered by the brothers, a marriage that proved **crucial** in the post mahabharata period as the son borne out of the wedlock was the only surviving member of the Pandava clan.

He could have been a great king in his own right, but he remained loyal to his elder brother Dharmaraj Yudhishtir who ascended the throne of Hastinapur (A) in the family. After the battle of Mahabharata, he assisted his brother greatly in expanding their empire by **annexing** several outlying kingdoms and defeating warring tribes. Strangely after the passing away of Lord Krishna, he forgot most of his skills as an archer and spent the rest of his life in humility and devotion. Arjuna serves as an example of a great human being, a dutiful householder, a loyal brother, a great warrior, a devout husband and a sincere devotee of God.

Q6. What stopped Arjun to become the great King of Hastinapur?

- (a) He wanted to expand their empire after the battle of Mahabharata.
- (b) He wished to remain loyal to his eldest brother who has the first right over the throne.
- (c) Since he forgot his skills as an archer, he wanted to spend his life in humility and devotion.
- (d) He wanted to devote his time in developing his skills in the arts of dancing, singing and acting
- (e) None of these

L1Difficulty 2

QTags Reading Comprehension

Q7. What helped Arjun to disguise himself as Brihannala to complete his thirteenth year of exile?

- (I) The curse of Urvashi that transformed Arjun into a eunuch for a year.
- (II) The meeting of Arjun with Lord shiva and Indra during his exile.
- (III) Arjun has excellent skills in the arts of dancing, singing and acting.

- (a) Only (I)
- (b) Only (II)
- (c) Only (III)

- (d) Both (I) and (III)
- (e) All (I) (II) and (III)

Q8. Who among the following is not the wife of Arjun?

- (a) Subhadra who was the sister of Lord Krishna and Balarama.
- (b) Draupadi whom he won in a context for himself and his brothers.
- (c) Uttra who was the daughter of King Virat of Matsya Kingdom.
- (d) Chitrangada who was a Naga princess and the daughter of King of Manipur and Ulupi.
- (e) None of these

L1Difficulty 2

QTags Reading Comprehension

Q9. Which of the following qualities of Arjun are highlighted in the passage?

- (I) Conscientious
 - (II) Combatant
 - (III) Earnest
 - (IV) Devotee
- (a) Only (I)
 - (b) Only (II)
 - (c) Only (I) (II) and (IV)
 - (d) Both (II) and (IV)
 - (e) All (I) (II) (III) and (IV)

BANKERS

Q10. Which of the following statement is FALSE according to the given passage?

- (a) Arjun was born with the energy of Indra, the king of Gods.
- (b) Bhabhrvahana was the son of Arjun and Chitrangada.
- (c) Arjun pleased the heavenly nymph Urvashi by accepting her advances.
- (d) Arjun assisted his elder brother in expanding their empire by annexing several outlying kingdoms.
- (e) Indra and some other gods helped pandavs by providing training and slaying some asuras.



Q11. Which of the following phrases can fill in the blank (A) as highlighted in the passage?

- (a) married the queen Draupdi
- (b) is the follower of Dronacharya
- (c) by virtue of being the eldest
- (d) to the worthy of being the modest
- (e) None of these

Q12. Which of the following word is most similar to "PURSUING" as highlighted in the passage given above?

- (a) Calculating
- (b) Seeking
- (c) Fleeing
- (d) Gathering
- (e) Assembling

Q13. Choose the word which is opposite to "CRUCIAL" as highlighted in the passage given above.

- (a) Requisite
- (b) Compelling
- (c) Critical
- (d) Insignificant
- (e) Pivotal



BANKERS

Q14. Which of the following word is most SIMILAR in meaning of the highlighted word DISGUISE, as given in the passage?

- (a) Outsider
- (b) Camouflage
- (c) Relieve
- (d) Entice
- (e) Excite

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Q15. Which of the following word is the most OPPOSITE in meaning of the highlighted word ANNEXING as given in the passage?

- (a) Detach
- (b) Climb
- (c) Soothe
- (d) Pacify
- (e) Applaud



Solutions

S1. Ans. (e)

Sol. The right answer choice is option (e). The term 'vehement' means 'Showing strong feeling; forceful, passionate, or intense; Forceful, Ardent'. All the given sentences have correct usage of the highlighted word.

S2. Ans. (a)

Sol. The right answer choice is option (a). The term 'salubrious' means 'Health-giving; Healthy'. Statement (a) is not having correct usage of the highlighted word.

S3. Ans. (b)

Sol. The right answer choice is option (b). The term 'recuse' means 'Challenge a judge, prosecutor, or juror as unqualified to perform legal duties because of a potential conflict of interest or lack of impartiality'. Statement is not having correct usage of the highlighted word.

S4. Ans. (c)

Sol. The right answer choice is option (c). The term 'apprehension' means 'Anxiety or fear that something bad or unpleasant will happen'. Statement (c) is not having correct usage of the highlighted word.

S5. Ans. (d)

Sol. The right answer choice is option (d). The term 'bolster' means 'support or strengthen'. Statement (d) is not having correct usage of the highlighted word.

S6. Ans. (b)

Sol. Arjun was one of the Pandav brothers having the eldest brother Dharamraj Yudhishtir. Therefore, Arjun wanted to remain loyal to his eldest brother who has the first right over the thorne being the eldest son of the family. Refer to the first line of the 5th paragraph "He could have been a great king in his own right, but he remained loyal to his elder brother Dharmaraj Yudhishtir who ascended the throne of Hastinapur by virtue of being the eldest in the family." All the other options describe the characteristics of Arjun but fail to provide the precise reason. Hence, option (b) is the most suitable answer choice.

S7. Ans. (d)

Sol. In an agreement with Kaurwas, Pandavs accepted an exile of thirteen years i.e. to wander twelve years in forests while in the thirteenth year they had to disguise themselves. Arjun choose to transform himself as Brihannala. Following points helped him to disguise himself

(i) The curse of Urvashi that transformed Arjun into a eunuch for a year.

Refer to the 3rd line of the 4th paragraph "Arjuna took advantage of the curse he got from Urvashi and turned himself into Brihannala, a eunuch and acted as dance master for the royal household, especially Uttara, the daughter of Virat."

(iii) Arjun has excellent skills in the arts of dancing, singing and acting.

Refer to the first line of the 4th paragraph "Apart from archery, he also excelled in the arts of dancing, singing and acting which enormously helped the Pandavas when they had to stay in the court of Virat in total disguise as a part of their agreement with the Kauravas in the thirteenth year of their exile."

Hence, option (d) is the most suitable answer choice.

S8. Ans. (c)

Sol. Subhadra, Chitrangada and Draupdi were the wives of Arjun, however, Uttara was the wife Arjun and Subhadra's son Abhimanyu. Refer to the sixth line of the 4th paragraph "After realizing that the five people who were working in his court were indeed Pandavas in disguise, king Virat offered to marry his daughter to Abhimanyu the son of Arjuna in return for the services rendered by the brothers". Hence, option (c) is the most viable answer choice.

S9. Ans. (c)

Sol. Options (I) (II) and (IV) are described in the passage.

Conscientious means wishing to do one's work or duty well and thoroughly.

Combatant means a person or nation engaged in fighting during a war.

Devotee means a person who is very interested in and enthusiastic about someone or something.

Refer to the last line of the passage "Arjuna serves as an example of a great human being, a dutiful householder, a loyal brother, a great warrior, a devout husband and a sincere devotee of God."

However, earnest means resulting from or showing sincere and intense conviction. The passage has not described anywhere regarding the firm beliefs of Arjun. Hence, option (c) is the most suitable answer choice.

S10. Ans. (c)

Sol. All the given statements are true in context of the passage, except for option (c).

For option (a) refer to 2nd line of 1st paragraph "He was born to Kunti and and king Pandu with the energy of Indra, the leader of the gods".

For option (b) refer to the last line of 2nd paragraph "They were Abhimnyu through Subhadra and Bhabhruvahana through Chitrangada. Both his sons played an important role during the Mahabharata war."

For option (d), refer to the 2nd line of the last paragraph "After the battle of Mahabharata, he assisted his brother greatly in expanding their empire by annexing several outlying kingdoms and defeating warring tribes."

For option (e) Refer to the 3rd line of 3rd paragraph “During the same period he met with Indra and other gods in the heavens from whom he received training and also helped them in return by slaying some asuras.”

However, option (c) is not true. Refer to the 4th line of 3rd paragraph “While he was in the heavens he displeased Urvashi, the heavenly nymph, by turning away her advances.”

Hence, option (c) is the most suitable answer choice.

S11. Ans. (c)

Sol. As per the given line, “ He could have been a great king in his own right, but he remained loyal to his elder brother Yudhishtir ” , we know that Yudhishtir became king because he was the eldest. So, option (c) is the best choice whereas all others doesn't fit in the context.

S12. Ans. (b)

Sol. Pursuing means seek to attain or accomplish (a goal) over a long period. Seeking means attempt or desire to obtain or achieve (something). Since both the words are synonyms of each other, option (b) is the most suitable answer choice.

Fleeing means run away from a place or situation of danger.

Assembling means (of people) gather together in one place for a common purpose.

S13. Ans. (d)

Sol. Crucial means decisive or critical, especially in the success or failure of something.

Insignificant means too small or unimportant to be worth consideration. Since both the words are antonyms of each other, option (d) is the most suitable answer choice.

Requisite means made necessary by particular circumstances or regulations.

Compelling means evoking interest, attention, or admiration in a powerfully irresistible way

Pivotal means of crucial importance in relation to the development or success of something else.

S14. Ans. (b)

Sol. The right answer choice is option (b). The term ‘disguise’ means ‘give (someone or oneself) a different appearance in order to conceal one's identity’. ‘Camouflage’ is the synonym of the highlighted word which means to conceal or hide.

S15. Ans. (a)

Sol. The right answer choice is option (a). The term ‘annexing’ means ‘add (territory) to one's own territory by appropriation’ or ‘add as an extra or subordinate part, especially to a document’. ‘Detach’ means ‘disengage (something or part of something) and remove it’ or ‘leave or separate oneself from (a group or place)’.