

Directions (1-10): The following question consists of a sentence divided into five parts. The highlighted portions are grammatically correct. Each sentence is followed by the three expressions which may or may not contain grammatical errors. Choose the most appropriate alternative among the five options which should replace the incorrect part of the sentence. If the given sentence is grammatically correct and contextually meaningful, choose option (e) i.e., "No correction required" as your answer.

Q1. After he had read/ the two first chapters/ of the novel, / he felt like reading/ the book at one sitting.

- [I] the first two chapters
- [II] in the novel
- [III] the book on one sitting

- (a) only [I]
- (b) only [II]
- (c) only [III]
- (d) both [I] and [III]
- (e) No correction required

L1Difficulty 4

QTags error correction

Q2. Would have they waited / even a week to start /advocating for change, / the reporters would/ have been gone home.

- [I] Had they waited
- [II] advocating over change
- [III] have gone home

- (a) only [I]
- (b) only [II]
- (c) only [III]
- (d) both [I] and [III]
- (e) No correction required

L1Difficulty 4

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Q3. To consider our own history, / surely compassion is/ infinitely preferable than our/ first step being to fine and forcibly /remove Venezuelans seeking our help.

- [I] Considering our own history
- [II] infinitely preferable to our
- [III] first step being too fine and forcibly

- (a) only [I]
- (b) only [II]
- (c) Both [I] and [II]
- (d) All [I], [II], [III]
- (e) No correction required

L1Difficulty 4

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Q4. You will meet not only / colleagues who you've never / met but also interact with / people regardless of where / in the hierarchy they stand.

- [I] Not only will you meet

[II] met yet also interact with
[III] people regarding of where

- (a) only [I]
 - (b) only [II]
 - (c) Both [I] and [II]
 - (d) All [I], [II], [III]
 - (e) No correction required
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Q5. **Reserve Bank of India, as the** / authority on capital flows in the country, / is privy to information on the outward remittances / of both individuals / **and Indian companies.**

[I] authority on capital flowing in the country
[II] is privy for information on the outward remittances
[III] of both individual

- (a) only [I]
 - (b) only [II]
 - (c) Both [I] and [III]
 - (d) All [I], [II], [III]
 - (e) No correction required
- L1Difficulty 4
QTags error correction

Q6. **The entire idea** of separate civil aviation and combat air shows in two cities are bound to damage **India's overall self-interest** and the aviation development programme.

(I)of separate civil aviation and combat air shows
(II)in two cities are bound to damage
(III)and the aviation development programme

- (a)Only (I)
 - (b)Only (II)
 - (c)Both (I) and (III)
 - (d)Both (II) and (III)
 - (e)No error
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Q7. Even though much city dwellers **continue to have some links** along their rural homes, there is a growing feeling of urban elites getting more alienated and aloof from urgent issues **concerning the majority of rural people.**

(I)Even though much city dwellers
(II)along their rural homes, there is a growing feeling
(III)of urban elites getting more alienated and aloof from urgent issues

- (a)Only (I)
 - (b)Only (III)
 - (c)Both (I) and (II)
 - (d)All (I), (II) and (III)
 - (e)No error
- L1Difficulty 4
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Q8. Living Farms has contacted group of women, **youth and elderly citizens not only to work** on healthy foods but also to seek their involvement in wider issues of **farming and the food system**.

(I) Living Farms has contacted group of women

(II) on healthy foods but also to seek

(III) their involvement in wider issues of

(a) Only (I)

(b) Only (II)

(c) Both (II) and (III)

(d) Both (I) and (II)

(e) No error

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Q9. **Considering the volume** of pork that is exported to China, higher tariffs on US exports is bound **to harm US producers** and undermine the rural economy.

(I) of pork that is exported to China

(II) higher tariffs on US exports is bound

(III) and undermine the rural economy

(a) Only (I)

(b) Only (II)

(c) Only (III)

(d) Both (I) and (II)

(e) No error

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Q10. MSP gives sufficient remuneration **to farmers, provides foodgrains** supply to buffer stocks and support the Food Security Programme **through PDS and other programmes**.

(I) MSP gives sufficient remuneration

(II) supply to buffer stocks and

(III) support the Food Security Programme

(a) Only (I)

(b) Only (III)

(c) Both (I) and (II)

(d) Both (II) and (III)

(e) No error

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Directions (11-15): In the given following questions, a word is given in the bold followed by four sentences containing the same word. Choose the sentence(s) in which the given word is used correctly. If none of the given sentence has the correct usages of the word then choose option (e), 'None of the above' as your answer.

Q11. **REVISED**

(i) The dip in average rainfall is largely due to a **revised** in drought and depressed rainfall since 2000

(ii) President Ram Nath Kovind **revised** the solar-powered building, which has a total built-up area of 1,80,700 square metres and is situated on 12.19 acres of land abutting Pragati Maidan

(iii) The Bill lays the onus of the dam safety on the dam owner and **revised** for penal provisions for wilful "commission and omission of certain acts."

(iv) The Maharashtra government has informed the RLDA it will submit a **revised** proposal for the rehabilitation of slums on rail land needed for the Dharavi redevelopment project.

- (a) Only (ii)
 - (b) Both (i) and (iii)
 - (c) Only (iv)
 - (d) Both (ii) and (iv)
 - (e) Both (i) and (iv)
- L1Difficulty 3
QTags Vocabulary

Q12. **CONSENSUS**

- (i) India should once again become a **consensus**-builder, instead of the outlier it has progressively become.
- (ii) There is no need for India to **consensus** away diplomatic goodwill in seeking an elusive permanent seat in the UNSC
- (iii) The turbulence in West Asia is echoed in North and South Asia, a **consensus** of the nuclear and missile tests by the Democratic People's Republic of Korea
- (iv) There is a national **consensus** in Turkey that the country should disengage from the West.

- (a) Only (ii)
 - (b) Both (i) and (iii)
 - (c) Only (iv)
 - (d) Both (ii) and (iv)
 - (e) Both (i) and (iv)
- L1Difficulty 3
QTags Vocabulary

Q13. **HINDERS**

- (i) India has **hinders** both intent and resilience in attempting to secure the release of Mr. Jadhav despite the many hiccups along the way
- (ii) Journalists are facing heightened threats **hinders** the globe, according to the 2019 World Press Freedom Index compiled by Reporters Without Borders (RSF), covering 180 countries and territories.
- (iii) A rules-based international order helps rather than **hinders** India, and embracing the multilateral ethic is the best way forward
- (iv) Recent report highlighting the negative effects of mental health stigma in Qatar and how stigma **hinders** mental health patients from seeking help and treatment, published.

- (a) Only (ii)
 - (b) Both (iv) and (iii)
 - (c) Only (iv)
 - (d) Both (ii) and (iv)
 - (e) Both (i) and (iv)
- L1Difficulty 3
QTags Vocabulary

Q14. **Endorsed**

- (i) In the short term, the government's decision to **endorsed** the claim by Mr. Trump will have nipped any repercussions in the bud.
- (ii) An independent survey in 30 tea gardens across West Bengal in 2017 **endorsed** that the living conditions in the plantations have not seen any improvement in decades.
- (iii) With the Kartarpur exception to India's policy on Pakistan now established, it is necessary to see whether it can be built on to **endorsed** a mechanism for broader conversations between India and Pakistan.
- (iv) Given the high chances of cryptocurrencies being misused in money laundering, various government bodies such as IT, CBDT, and the customs departments have **endorsed** this endeavour.

- (a) Only (ii)
 - (b) Both (i) and (iii)
 - (c) Only (iv)
 - (d) Both (iii) and (iv)
 - (e) Both (ii) and (iv)
- L1Difficulty 3
QTags Vocabulary

Q15. ENDEAVOUR

- (i) In the past, a tour of the West Indies was deemed the toughest **endeavour** for any cricketer.
- (ii) The outbreaks were controlled by the fire department. No **endeavour** of the MTNL/BSNL employees or other persons in the buildings were reported
- (iii) Faheem Bhat turned himself from being novelist of **endeavour** to entrepreneur of substance.
- (iv) The Crime Branch CID was given custody of environmental activist Mugilan alias Shanmugam for three hours by a Karur court in T.N. on Tuesday to **endeavour** him in a "rape case" against him.

- (a) Only (ii)
 - (b) Both (i) and (iii)
 - (c) Only (iv)
 - (d) Both (ii) and (iv)
 - (e) Both (i) and (iv)
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Solutions

S1. Ans. (a)

Sol. The error is in the second part of the sentence as one of the important rules for a grammatically correct sentence structure says that *when in a sentence Ordinal adjective such as first, second, third, last etc. and cardinal adjective such as one, two, three, four etc., are present together, then the cardinal adjective must follow the ordinal adjective.* Eg. "The first five questions." However, the other parts of the sentence comprehend the grammatical syntax of the sentence and are correct and do not require any changes. Thus, **option (a)** becomes the most viable choice.

S2. Ans (d)

Sol. To correct the first and third part of the sentence, replace "**would have they wanted**" with "**Had they wanted**" and "**have been gone home**" with "**have gone home**" respectively as to express an *unfulfilled condition, desire, wish of past* "**Had+subject+V3, Subject + would/ could/ might/ should + have + V3**" syntax is used. *The conditional perfect is formed using would have together with the past*

participle of the main verb. It refers to an impossible condition in the past and its probable result in the past. Other part of the sentence is grammatically correct and doesn't require any changes. Therefore, with the given rationale **option (d)** is the most viable choice.

S3. Ans. (d)

Sol. All the three parts comprise either grammatical or contextual error in them. In **the first part** replace **"To consider our own history"** with **"Considering our own history"** to eliminate the contextual error. **'to consider'** means to think about (something or someone) carefully especially in order to make a choice or decision while **'considering'** can be used as a preposition or conjunction which means taking into consideration. In **the second part** of the sentence replace **"than"** with **"to"** as for the words like 'preferable, senior, junior, superior, inferior, posterior' **"to"** is used. The word prefer itself means choosing one thing over another and as per grammatical usages, generally prefer is used when two nouns are referred Eg. I prefer tea to coffee. Moreover, in **the third part** of the sentence **"to"** should be replaced with **"too"** to make the sentence logical and meaningful. **"to"** as a **preposition** means approaching or reaching (a particular condition); while **"too"** is an **adverb** which means to a higher degree than is desirable, permissible, or possible; excessively. Hence, as all the three parts contain error in them **option (d)** becomes the most viable answer choice.

S4. Ans. (a)

Sol. To make the syntax of the sentence grammatically correct replace **"You will meet not only"** with **"Not only will you meet"**. **"Not only"** should be used before **"meet"** and not after. As **"Not only...But also"** is used to connect two subjects, objects or verbs. It means that the words following both parts of this correlative conjunction (i.e., not only and but also) should belong to the same parts of speech. For example, if a verb follows not only, then a verb should also follow but also. The other parts of the sentence do not contain any error in them, therefore, **option (a)** becomes the most suitable answer choice.

S5. Ans. (e)

Sol. The given sentence is both grammatically and contextually correct. The sentence is in simple present tense and the syntax followed is precise. Therefore, none of the parts requires any changes. Hence, **options (e)** becomes the most feasible answer choice.

S6. Ans. (b)

Sol. There is a grammatical error in only the part (II) of the sentence, the verb **"are"** should be replaced by **"is"** as the subject of the verb is singular [**the entire idea**]. The other two parts are both grammatically correct and contextually meaningful. Hence option (b) is the correct choice.

S7. Ans. (c)

Sol. There are grammatical errors in both the parts (I) and (II). In the part (I), the determiner **"much"** should be replaced by **"many"** as the noun it signifies is **countable** [**city dwellers**]. It is to be noted that both **'much'** and **'many'** are determiners, and have the same or similar meaning i.e., **'a lot of'**, or **'in great quantities'**, or **'a great amount'**, but their usage differs. If a noun is an uncountable noun (which is often in singular form), the 'much' determiner should be used, while the determiner 'many' should be used with countable nouns, or plural nouns. In the part (II) of the sentence, the preposition **"along"** should be replaced by **"with"** as **"to have some links with their rural homes"** is the correct expression in the context of the sentence. The part (III) of the sentence doesn't require any correction. Hence option (c) is the correct expression.

S8. Ans. (a)

Sol. There is an error in only the part (I) of the sentence, the singular form of the word **"group"** should be replaced by its plural **"groups"** as the word is used for all three: women, youth and elderly citizens i.e., **group of women, group of youth and group of elderly citizens**. The other parts of the sentence are both grammatically correct and contextually meaningful. Hence option (a) is the correct choice.

S9. Ans. (e)

Sol. The given sentence is both grammatically correct and contextually meaningful. Hence option (e) is the correct choice.

S0. Ans. (b)

Sol. There is an error in the part (III) of the sentence, the verb “**support**” should be replaced by “**supports**” as the subject of the verb is singular [**MSP**]. The other parts of the sentence are both grammatically and contextually correct. Hence option (b) is the correct choice.

S11. Ans. (c)

Sol. From the given sentences, the use of ‘**REVISED**’ in the (i) and (iii) sentence is grammatically as well as contextually incorrect. Also, in the second sentence it doesn’t make a contextually meaningful sentence. Whereas, option (iv) is the only sentence in which the highlighted word is used correctly. Hence, the correct answer choice would be option (c)

S12. Ans. (e)

Sol. Consensus means a general agreement.

So, going through the given sentences it can be seen that the usage of the given word is incorrect in the sentence (ii) and (iii). In sentence (ii) the hint can be taken from the word ‘away’ so instead of ‘Consensus’ it should be ‘fitter’. And, sentence (iii) which is talking about the turbulence in West Asia which resulted from the nuclear missile tests, the correct word should be ‘Consequence’ instead of ‘Consensus’. The usage of the given word in the sentence (i) and (iv) is grammatically as well as contextually correct. Hence, the correct answer choice would be option (e)

S13. Ans. (b)

Sol. Hinders means make it difficult for (someone) to do something or for (something) to happen.

The usage of the word ‘Hinders’ in the sentence (i) and (ii) is incorrect because this is making the given sentence grammatically incorrect instead it should be ‘Shown’ and ‘Around’ respectively which will make the given sentence both grammatically and contextually correct. The usage of the word ‘Hinders’ is correct in the sentence (iii) and (iv). Hence, the correct answer choice would be option (b)

S14. Ans. (e)

Sol. Endorsed means declare one’s public approval or support of.

Going through the given sentences, the usage of ‘Endorsed’ in sentence (i) might appear contextually correct but it will make the given sentence grammatically incorrect. Also, in sentence (iii) the use of ‘Endorsed’ is incorrect instead it should be ‘Create’ to make the given sentence grammatically and contextually correct. The usage of the given word in the sentence (ii) and (iv) is both grammatically as well as contextually correct. Hence, the correct answer choice would be option (e)

S15. Ans. (b)

Sol. Endeavour means try hard to do or achieve something.

In the given statements, the word ‘Endeavour’ is correctly used only in sentence (i) and (iii). Whereas, in sentence (ii) it should be ‘causalities’ instead of ‘Endeavour’ as the given sentence is talking about the fire outbreak in the MTNL/ BSNL building. And in sentence (iv) it should be ‘Investigate’ instead of ‘Endeavour’ because the given sentence is talking about the custodial arrest of activist on the charges of the rape. Hence, the correct answer choice would be option (b).

