

# SBI CLERK PRELIMS PRACTICE PDF | ENGLISH LANGUAGE | 500 QUESTIONS

**Directions (1-48):** Read each sentence to find out whether there is any grammatical error in it. The error if any will be in one part of the sentence, the number of that part will be the answer. If there is 'No error' mark (e) as the answer (Ignore errors of punctuation, if any)

**Q1.** Banks in India (a) / cannot open ATMs (b)/ except obtaining (c) / approval from RBI. (d)/ No error (e)

**Q2.** Today the success of (a) / companies depends on the (b)/ quality of their products and(c) / efficient managing staff. (d) /No error (e)

**Q3.** Ashok has managed to (a) / achieve his sales targets (b)/ for the quarter very easily (c) / than we expected. (d)/ No error (e)

**Q4.** He did not grant (a) / their request for a loan (b)/ although it would (c) / displease his boss. (d) /No error (e)

**Q5.** At present oil companies (a) / are making a loss of (b)/ rupees five on all (c) / litre of petrol that they sell. (d)/ No error (e)

**Q6.** His strictly discipline (a)/ had made him (b)/ very unpopular among (c)/ all the employees. (d)/ No error (e).

**Q7.** When the doctors found (a)/ that the player has taken (b)/ prohibited medicines, he reported (c)/ the matter to the team manager. (d)/ No error (e).

**Q8.** What you had said (a)/ about the employees was (b)/ found to be correct (c)/ but it could not be proved. (d)/ No error (e).

**Q9.** Our equipment gets damage (a)/ very often in summer (b)/ because there are (c)/ frequent power cuts. (d)/ No error (e)

**Q10.** Under the terms of the new deal (a)/ the channel can broadcast (b)/ the next cricket tournament to be (c)/ played among India and Australia. (d)/ No error e)

**Q11.** In order to streamline (a)/ the movement of vehicles during (b)/ the festival, traffic police have (c)/ chalked out diversion plans. (d)/ No error (e)

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- Q12.** (a) In the union Budget of 2002-2003, / (b) much of the problems related (c) / to human development / (d) have not been properly addressed. / (e) No error
- Q13.** (a) It was apparent for (b) / everyone present that if (c) / the patient did not receive medical (d) / attention fast, he would die. (e) / No error.
- Q14.** Whatever be the work (a) / that which you undertake (b) / put your best efforts (c) / in it. (d) / No error (e)
- Q15.** He has been working on (a) / the problem from a long time (b) / but is still not (c) / able to solve it. (d) / No error (e)
- Q16.** The cosy relationship between banks (a) / and big companies can be (b) / end only when there is real (c) / competition in the sector. (d) / No error. (e)
- Q17.** With inflation at 11 % (a) / companies need to come up (b) / with innovative ways to (c) / get customers to buy its goods. (d) / No error (e)
- Q18.** Although the brilliant writer, (a) / an lying (b) / pessimism prevails in (c) / all her novels. (d) / No error (e)
- Q19.** Given the current (a) / market conditions it is (b) / better for us to invest (c) / in the infrastructure sector. (d) / No error (e)
- Q20.** Many athletes have (a) / taken on yoga (a) / to develop their concentration (c) / and reduce stress. (d) / No error (e)
- Q21.** This is turned out to be (a) / one of our most successful projects (b) / and we have made quite (c) / a large profit from it. (d) / No error (e)
- Q22.** A non-banking financial company is a (a) / financial institution similarly to a bank (b) / but it cannot issue (c) / cheque books to customers. (d) / No error (e)
- Q23.** Ancient artifacts are (a) / a part of global heritage (b) / and should not be (c) / sold to the highest bidder. (d) / No error (e)
- Q24.** Most people like to (a) / rest after a day's hard work (b) / but he seemed to have (c) / an inexhaustive supply of energy. (d) / No error (e)
- Q25.** None of the student (a) / in the class (b) / scored below the (c) / given cut-off marks. (d) / No error (e)
- Q26.** To be a king and (a) / wear a crown are (b) / more glamorous to (c) / see than to bear. (d) / No error (e)

- Q27.** Ashok is among the (a) / few people in the world (b) / which did not blindly follow (c) / the path of others. (d) / No error (e)
- Q28.** The President has denied (a) / that the economy is in recession (b) / or was go into one (c) / despite a spate of downcast reports. (d) / No error (e)
- Q29.** The angry at being (a) / left out of the bonanza (b) / is palpable among (c) / employees of the organization. (d) / No error (e)
- Q30.** His comments came after (a) / the research group said that its (b) / consumer confidence index were (c) / slumped to its lowest level. (d) / No error (e)
- Q31.** In financial matters (a)/it is important to (b)/get disinterested advice(c)/ or no advice (d) /No error (e)
- Q32.** Among the many (a)/ challenges facing the country (b)/ in the next decade (c)/is poverty and unemployment (d) /No error (e)
- Q33.** He was aware (a)/ of the belief (b)/ that the evening news (c)/ are worth watching (d)/. No error (e)
- Q34.** Many believe that (a)/ nothing could have (b)/ avoided the war (c)/ between America and Iraq. (d)/. No error (e)
- Q35.** He is one of (a)/ those persons (b)/ who is never satisfied (c)/ with any achievements (d)/. No error (e)
- Q36.** All banks must necessary (a)/ keep a certain (b)/ percentage of deposits (c)/ with the Reserve Bank.(d)/ No error (e).
- Q37.** Students will be (a)/ the worse affected (b)/ by the public transport (c)/ strike next week. / (d) No error (e).
- Q38.** Our company has (a)/ the ambitious goal (b)/ of eliminating poverty(c)/ for ten years. (d)/ No error (e).
- Q39.** I cannot sanction (a)/ such a large sum (b)/ without no permission(c)/ of the manager. (d)/ No error (e).
- Q40.** Seventy out from the (a)/ eight hundred employees of (b)/ the company have opted (c)/ for voluntary retirement (d)./ No error (e).
- Q41.** Men of action (a)/ like Napoleon and Frederick the Great (b)/ had no opinion for history (c)/ holding it to be composed of falsehoods. (d)/ No error (e)

**Q42.** For some years (a)/ after the treaty of Versailles, it (b)/ was assumed by scholars and laymen (c)/ alike that Germany had caused World War I by her aggressive acts and encouraging Austria in her aggression (d)/ . No error (e)

**Q43.** None of two girls (a)/ who were present (b)/there appeared to be inclined (c)/ to listen to sane advice (d).No error (e)

**Q44.** When one buys tickets in advance (a)/ there is no guarantee sure (b)/ that you (c)/ will be free to attend the show on the night of performance. (d)/ No error (e)

**Q45.** Ironically, of the four theories (a)/ concerning (b)/ the structure of the universe, the one (c)/ which to date has had the longest life is also the one which is least correct (d)/. No error (e)

**Q46.** If I were the (a)/ Prime Minister of India (b)/ I will work for the (c)/ welfare of the poor. (d)/ No error. (e)

**Q47.** When he had been (a)/ walked along the road (b)/ a wild and ferocious dog (c)/ hit him hard and knocked him down. (d)/ No error (e)

**Q48.** One has to have a (a)/ good political network (b)/if he/she wants (c)/ to be honoured. (d)/ No error.(e)

**Directions (49-53):** In the following questions, a sentence is divided into five parts with last part of each sentence is highlighted in bold suggesting the grammatically correct part of the sentence. Out of the four other parts, choose the part of the sentence which contains grammatical or contextual error in it. If the given sentence is both grammatically correct and contextually meaningful, choose option (e) i.e., "No error" as your answer.

**Q49.** No sooner had the party leader (A)/ issued this ultimatum when a din rose (B)/ from the audience calling for the immediate removal (C)/ of a Diyawanna member and another (D)/ **electorate organizer from their posts. (E)**

- (a) No sooner had the party leader
- (b) issued this ultimatum when a din rose
- (c) from the audience calling for the immediate removal
- (d) of a Diyawanna member and another
- (e) No error

**Q50.** Instead we still (A)/ depict nostalgic snow scenes (B)/ on Christmas cards, (C)/ winters are now (D)/ **very much warmer. (E)**

- (a) Instead we still
- (b) depict nostalgic snow scenes
- (c) on Christmas cards,
- (d) winters are now
- (e) No error

**Q51.** Not only (A)/ proteins (B)/ but also (C)/ vitamin C are essential (D)/ **for small children. (E)**

- (a) Not only
- (b) proteins
- (c) but also
- (d) vitamin C are essential
- (e) No error

**Q52.** A new review by the (A)/ Department of Energy shows that (B)/ debt levels in the energy industry (C)/ are at their lowest levels for (D)/ **the third quarter of 2014. (E)**

- (a) A new review by the
- (b) Department of Energy shows that
- (c) debt levels in the energy industry
- (d) are at their lowest levels for
- (e) No error

**Q53.** What the Congress needs to do is to return (A)/ to its philosophical roots and clearly lay out (B)/ a vision of a composite nation, (C)/ as imagined by Gandhi and Nehru, (D)/ **which is imperilled by the BJP's ideological onslaught. (E)**

- (a) What the Congress needs to do is to return
- (b) to its philosophical roots and clearly lay out
- (c) a vision of a composite nation,
- (d) as imagined by Gandhi and Nehru
- (e) No error

**Directions (54-61):** Read each sentence to find out whether there is any grammatical or idiomatic error in it. The error, if any, will be in one part of the sentence. The alphabet corresponding to that part is your answer. If there is 'No error', the answer is (e). (Ignore errors of punctuation, if any.)

**Q54.** The priest together with (A)/his followers were fatally injured (B)/in the accident which occurred last night (C)/near the unmanned railway crossing. (D)/No Error (E)

- (a) A
- (b) B
- (c) C
- (d) D
- (e) E

**Q55.** The young woman who is watching television in that room (A)/lived here for more than (B)/a year but she has never created (C)/any problem for us. (D)/No Error (E)

- (a) A
- (b) B
- (c) C
- (d) D
- (e) E

**Q56.** Each of the employees, (A)/whom the company has chosen to take part (B)/in the international seminar to be conducted (C)/in the City Hall, are up to the mark. (D)/ No Error (E)

- (a) A
- (b) B
- (c) C
- (d) D
- (e) E

**Q57.** Needless to say, (A)/no sooner were all these large and rather expensive operations finished (B)/when the main electricity was brought in (C)/and the turbine became obsolete. (D)/No Error (E)

- (a) A
- (b) B
- (c) C
- (d) D
- (e) E

**Q58.** Plastic bags less than 50 microns thick (A)/are banned, (B)/but neither the states nor the city corporations (C)/cares to enforce this rule. (D)/No Error (E)

- (a) A
- (b) B
- (c) C
- (d) D
- (e) E

**Q59.** Tribal angst over economic issues (A)/leading to the scapegoating of nontribal longtime residents (B)/reflects the continued failure (C)/to forge a more inclusive politics in Meghalaya. (D)/No Error (E)

- (a) A
- (b) B
- (c) C
- (d) D
- (e) E

**Q60.** The Prime Minister has great power of (A)/implementing some useful (B)/schemes but the ministers (C)/have even greatest ability to foil them. (D)/No Error (E)

- (a) A
- (b) B
- (c) C
- (d) D
- (e) E

**Q61.** The blunder mistake (A)/was the apparent failure of detectives (B)/to inform the Parole Board that the murderer (C)/had threatened to return to kill her. (D)/No Error (E)

- (a) A
- (b) B
- (c) C
- (d) D
- (e) E

**Directions (62-66):** There are three sentences given in the following question. Find the sentence(s) which is/are grammatically incorrect and contextually meaningless and then mark your answer choosing the best possible alternative among the five options given below each question. If all sentences are incorrect, choose option (e) i.e., "none is correct" as your answer.

**Q62.** [I] The global economy is likely to expand at its fastest pace since 2011, according to new estimates from the International Monetary Fund (IMF).

[II] Private sector debt has doubled in the last decade in emerging markets.

[III] The global economy has added more debt recovering from the 2008 financial crisis, which was essentially caused by higher leverage.

- (a) Only (I)
- (b) Only (III)
- (c) Both (II) and (III)
- (d) Both (I) and (III)
- (e) None is correct

**Q63.** [I] Monisha was about to tell her teacher the truth when her friend interrupted her.

[II] No method of making other people agree to your viewpoint is as effective as this method.

[III] The laboratory of physics is not only equipped with all state of the art instruments but also with outstanding physicists.

- (a) Only (I)
- (b) Only (III)
- (c) Both (II) and (III)
- (d) Both (I) and (III)
- (e) None is correct

**Q64.** [I] Strengthening the capacity of the police force to investigate crimes and prosecute the guilty is one of those complex challenges that get neglected.

[II] The importance of this decision reside in the fact that it relates to people across the country.

[III] The more we deviate from simplicity, greater is the difficulty to get back to the short and straightforward route.

- (a) Only (II)
- (b) Only (I)
- (c) Both (II) and (III)
- (d) Both (I) and (III)
- (e) None is correct

**Q65.** [I] They all get dressed up in Halloween.

[II] Whether it is the beauty of sound, colour or rhythm, it is indeed a manifestation of divinity.

[III] I am sure that all my monthly expenses would exceed the income if I don't economize.

- (a) Only (II)
- (b) Only (I)
- (c) Both (II) and (III)
- (d) Both (I) and (III)
- (e) None is correct

**Q66.** [I] I don't know how many times he came to you and talked to you over this problem.

[II] Our country need a number of self-sacrificing and devoted political leaders.

[III] Namami Gange lays much emphasis on pollution abatement through improvement of sewage infrastructure.

- (a) Only (II)
- (b) Only (I)
- (c) Both (I) and (II)
- (d) Both (I) and (III)
- (e) None is correct

**Direction (67-71):** Below in each question some phrases are given, 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. If the given phrases are correct in order as it is then choose option (e). If the sequence is the one which is not given then choose option (d) as your choice.

**Q67.** of the activation - that is, energy is now (A)/ to be more powerful than the (B)/ when latent energy becomes activated, (C)/ no longer latent; it is translated into action. (D)/ this mark will be the symbolic representation (E)

- (a) ABDC
- (b) DBCA
- (c) CEAD
- (d) None of these
- (e) No correction required

**Q68.** people around the world (A)/ to put the wordless happening (B)/ the credit goes to those few enlightened (C)/ whatever man is today, (D)/ it is not due to his own effort; (E)

- (a) ABDC
- (b) DECA
- (c) ABCE
- (d) None of these
- (e) No correction required

**Q69.** growing U.S.-Russia tensions are creating (A)/ its new "spring offensive", (B)/ escalated dangerously this year (C)/ violence in Afghanistan had (D)/ even before the Taliban announced (E)

- (a) EBDC
- (b) ABDC
- (c) BCDE
- (d) None of these
- (e) No correction required



**Q70.** the functioning of the brain of astronauts (A)/ environment of outer space is reported to (B)/ who stay for long time in microgravity (C)/ have been adversely affected (D)/ some places may be more conducive (E)

- (a) AEDC
- (b) ACBD
- (c) BEDC
- (d) None of these
- (e) No correction required

**Q71.** Incidentally scientists have (A)/ discovered that before major (B)/ earthquakes an electromagnetic wave of (C)/ 0.01-10Hz emerges from (D)/ deep inside the earth (E)

- (a) BCDE
- (b) ABCD
- (c) CDEA
- (d) None of these
- (e) No correction required

**Directions (72-76):** In the following questions, a sentence is divided into five parts with one of the parts of each sentence is highlighted in bold suggesting the grammatically correct part of the sentence. Out of the four other parts, choose the part of the sentence which contains grammatical or contextual error in it. If the given sentence is both grammatically correct and contextually meaningful, choose option (e) i.e., "No error" as your answer.

**Q72.** No sooner had I (A)/ gotten my bags (B)/ unpacked when I (C)/ realized that my (D)/ **camera was missing.** (E)

- (a) No sooner had I
- (b) gotten my bags
- (c) unpacked when I
- (d) realized that my
- (e) No error

**Q73.** It was hard to say if (A)/ **Alex was withholding facts** (B)/ so she couldn't contest his (C)/ decisions or simply because (D)/ he thought she did not need to know. (E)

- (a) It was hard to say if
- (b) so she couldn't contest his
- (c) decisions or simply because
- (d) he thought she did not need to know
- (e) No error

**Q74.** She cannot sing and she cannot (A)/ play the piano, yet, as some (B)/ **early experiments show,** (C)/ she could learn mechanically to (D)/ beat out a tune on the keys. (E)

- (a) She cannot sing and she cannot
- (b) play the piano, yet, as some
- (c) she could learn mechanically to
- (d) beat out a tune on the keys
- (e) No error

**Q75.** He inquired me (A)/ that why I was (B)/ not going (C)/ to see myself (D)/ **to the doctor.** (E)

- (a) He inquired me
- (b) that why I was
- (c) not going
- (d) to see myself
- (e) No error

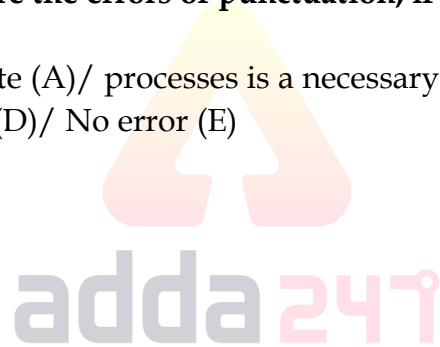
**Q76.** I guarded both doll as well as cradle (A)/ with the most jealous care; (B)/ but once I discovered (C)/ my little sister sleeping (D)/ **peacefully in the cradle.** (E)

- (a) I guarded both doll as well as cradle
- (b) with the most jealous care
- (c) but once I discovered
- (d) my little sister sleeping
- (e) No error

**Directions (77-86):** Read each sentence to find out whether there is any grammatical error in it. The error, if any, will be in one part of the sentence. The number of that part is the answer. If there is 'No error', the answer is (e). (Ignore the errors of punctuation, if any)

**Q77.** Re-engineering of administrate (A)/ processes is a necessary (B)/ condition for the realization of (C)/ the benefits of e-governance. (D)/ No error (E)

- (a) A
- (b) B
- (c) C
- (d) D
- (e) E



**Q78.** Good governance comprises of three (A)/ essential aspects name delivery, (B)/ accountability and transparency, the (C)/ third being the most important. (D)/ No error (E)

- (a) A
- (b) B
- (c) C
- (d) D
- (e) E

**Q79.** Besides having stand-alone (A)/ spirit, a leader must have (B)/ the capacity with getting (C)/ along with people. (D)/ No error (E)

- (a) A
- (b) B
- (c) C
- (d) D
- (e) E

- Q80.** One should not thought (A)/ that if others are casual, (B)/ one can also don (C)/ the same attitude. (D)/ No error (E)
- (a) A  
(b) B  
(c) C  
(d) D  
(e) E
- Q81.** Nothingelse's is really (A)/ being done to promote (B)/ the alternate medicine (C)/ systems in India. (D)/ No error (E)
- (a) A  
(b) B  
(c) C  
(d) D  
(e) E
- Q82.** As more and more new diseases (A)/ emerge there is a strong (B)/ need to shifting the focus (C)/ from sickness care to health care. (D)/ No error (E)
- (a) A  
(b) B  
(c) C  
(d) D  
(e) E
- Q83.** Citizens across the country (A)/ are using their right to (B)/ information exclusively regularly, (C)/ often to address public grievances. (D)/ No error (E)
- (a) A  
(b) B  
(c) C  
(d) D  
(e) E
- Q84.** The real aim of religion (A)/ is to develop and enrich (B)/ the lives of the people (C)/ who abide by itself principles. (D)/ No error (E)
- (a) A  
(b) B  
(c) C  
(d) D  
(e) E

**Q85.** Study does not (A)/ simply consist of learning (B)/ facts rather, it is close (C)/ connected with our living. (D)/ No error (E)

- (a) A
- (b) B
- (c) C
- (d) D
- (e) E

**Q86.** In-order to win the confidence (A)/ of the masses, the minister needs to (B)/ turn his attention of growth of (C)/ agriculture and agriculture based industries. (D)/ No error (E)

- (a) A
- (b) B
- (c) C
- (d) D
- (e) E

**Directions (87-91) Rearrange the following Six sentences (A), (B), (C), (D) and (E) in the proper sequence to form a meaningful paragraph; then answer the questions given below them –**

**A.** During the interrogation, officials even tested his academic proficiency with mathematics equations and computer science concepts, and despite giving “satisfactory answers” to convince the border police of his bona fide admission to NPU, Venkat was handcuffed at the end of the ordeal, deported to India and slapped with a five-year entry ban.

**B.** But a different fate awaited him.

**C.** Instead of disembarking the aircraft and travelling on to the NPU campus as he had hoped, Venkat was pulled out of the immigration line and grilled for three hours by U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) officers in a well-lit, sparsely furnished room.

**D.** In late 2015, Venkat, an Indian national, arrived at a popular West Coast airport in the U.S., brimming with excitement about the degree in computer science that he hoped to pursue at Northwestern Polytechnic University (NPU), in Fremont, California.

**E.** He had diligently pulled together what he believed was a strong cache of evidence on his college admission and his financial record, including documents citing the value of the farmland his father owned and even his brother’s income certificate.

**Q87.** Which of the following should be the **THIRD** sentence after rearrangement ?

- (a) B
- (b) C
- (c) D
- (d) E
- (e) A

**Q88.** Which of the following should be the **SECOND** sentence after rearrangement ?

- (a) B
- (b) C
- (c) D
- (d) E
- (e) A

**Q89.** Which of the following should be the **FIRST** sentence after rearrangement ?

- (a) A
- (b) B
- (c) D
- (d) E
- (e) C

**Q90.** Which of the following should be the **FIFTH** sentence after rearrangement ?

- (a) B
- (b) C
- (c) E
- (d) D
- (e) A

**Q91.** Which of the following should be the **FOURTH** sentence after rearrangement ?

- (a) A
- (b) B
- (c) C
- (d) E
- (e) D

**Directions (92-96):** Rearrange the following seven sentences (A), (B), (C), (D), (E), (F) and (G) in the proper sequence to form a meaningful paragraph, then answer the questions given below them.

(A) It is obvious from the above that the Commission has accorded highest priority to securing speedy justice to women.

(B) These members continue to pursue their mandated activities, namely review of legislation, Intervention in specific individual complaints of atrocities and denial or rights.

(C) The functions assigned to the Commission, as per the Act, are wide and varied covering almost all facets of issues relating to safeguarding women's rights and promotion.

(D) The National Commission for women was set up on 31<sup>st</sup> January 1992 in pursuance of the National Commission for Women Act 1990.

(E) Towards this end of speedy justice to women, the Commission is organizing Parivarik Mahila Lok Adalats, offering counseling in family disputes and conducting training programmes for creating legal awareness among women.

(F) They also suggest remedial action to safeguard the interest of women to the appropriate authorities.

(G) To carry out these functions the Commission has a Chairman, five members and a Member Secretary, all nominated by the Central Government.

**Q92.** Which of the following will be the **FOURTH** sentence?

- (a) A
- (b) C
- (c) D
- (d) B
- (e) E

**Q93.** Which of the following will be the **FIRST** sentence?

- (a) C
- (b) D
- (c) E
- (d) F
- (e) A

**Q94.** Which of the following will be the **LAST** sentence?

- (a) G
- (b) F
- (c) D
- (d) C
- (e) E

**Q95.** Which of the following will be the **THIRD** sentence?

- (a) G
- (b) B
- (c) F
- (d) D
- (e) C

**Q96.** Which of the following will be the **FIFTH** sentence?

- (a) C
- (b) D
- (c) F
- (d) E
- (e) B



**Directions (97-101):** Rearrange the following six sentences (A), (B), (C), (D), (E), (F) and (G) in the proper sequence to form a meaningful paragraph and then answer the questions given below.

A. It takes its recourse to progressive march towards perfection.

B. But one may conclude, while science is inclined towards reason; spiritualism is the essence of religion.

C. In religion deviation from the set course is not permissible, though some more rationalistic religious leaders also allow questioning and their satisfactory answers.

D. Many people believe that science and religion are contrary to each other.

E. The tools of religion, one the other hand, are faith, intuition, and the spoken words of the enlightened.

F. The method of science is observation, experiment and experience.

G. There is no doubt that the methods of science and religion are different.

**Q97.** Which of the following should be the **SECOND** sentence after rearrangement?

- (a) F
- (b) E
- (c) D
- (d) B
- (e) G

**Q98.** Which of the following should be the **FOURTH** sentence after rearrangement?

- (a) B
- (b) A
- (c) D
- (d) F
- (e) C

**Q99.** Which of the following should be the **LAST** sentence after rearrangement?

- (a) C
- (b) A
- (c) D
- (d) B
- (e) E

**Q100.** Which of the following should be the **FIRST** sentence after rearrangement?

- (a) C
- (b) B
- (c) D
- (d) F
- (e) A

**Q101.** Which of the following should be the **SIXTH** sentence after rearrangement?

- (a) C
- (b) F
- (c) A
- (d) G
- (e) D

**Directions (102-106):** Given sentences are not in their exact position. Rearrange them to make a coherent paragraph and then answer the questions given below.

(A) Jean-Claude Juncker, president of the European Commission, has reportedly stated that the European Union would react “within a few days” in response to any action taken to protect the US steel industry.

(B) In its latest Union budget, the government of India has proposed to almost double its import duties on inter alia labour-intensive sectors, such as beauty aids, watches, toys, among others, to 20%.

(C) Similarly, a global tariff of at least 7.7% on all aluminum imports from all countries has been endorsed.

(D) The import restrictions have been made under the “national security” provision of US trade laws and are intended to increase domestic production.

(E) **The US’ department of commerce has recently recommended a review of the policy on imports of steel and aluminum products.**

(F) It has suggested a global tariff of at least 24% on all steel imports from all countries and a tariff of at least 53% from 12 countries, including India.

**Q102.** Considering statement (E) “**The US’ department of commerce has recently recommended a review of the policy on imports of steel and aluminum products.**” as the first sentence of the paragraph then which one among the following becomes the last sentence to make the paragraph coherent?

- (a) A
- (b) C
- (c) B
- (d) E
- (e) D

**Q103.** If statement (E) “**The US’ department of commerce has recently recommended a review of the policy on imports of steel and aluminum products**” is the first sentence of the paragraph then which among the following does not coherently relate to the paragraph after the rearrangement?

- (a) D
- (b) C
- (c) A
- (d) B
- (e) F

**Q104.** Which one of the following statements should consecutively follow statement (F)?

- (a) A
- (b) B
- (c) C
- (d) D
- (e) E

**Q105.** Which one of the following is the **FOURTH** statement of the paragraph after rearrangement?

- (a) F
- (b) B
- (c) A
- (d) D
- (e) E

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**Q106.** Considering the statement (E) “The US’ department of commerce has recently recommended a review of the policy on imports of steel and aluminium products” as the first statement of the paragraph, choose the correct sequence of the paragraph after rearrangement.

- (a) EDCBA
- (b) ACDEB
- (c) DAFEC
- (d) EFCDA
- (e) DCAEB

**Directions (107-111):** Rearrange the following six sentences (A), (B), (C), (D), (E) and (F) in the proper sequence to form a meaningful paragraph and then answer the questions given below.

- (A) Like Gandhi’s mantra of swarajya, Modi has turned Swachh Bharat into a mass movement, a jan andolan that you cannot quarrel with whatever your political stripe.
- (B) The smartest thing Prime Minister Narendra Modi did was to hitch the Swachh Bharat Mission (SBM) to the aura of Mahatma Gandhi.
- (C) Modi has also been a constant communicator about Swachh Bharat in his speeches.
- (D) From its official launch at Raj Ghat on Gandhi Jayanti 2014, the Clean India message has been omnipresent and relentless.
- (E) Gandhi spoke and wrote prolifically, using his magazines Navajivan, Harijan and Young India, postcards, letters and telegrams.
- (F) He also has the power of social media, and a Swachh Bharat app so you can take pictures of dirt and garbage that are geo-spatially tagged and hopefully cleaned up.

**Q107.** Which of the following would be the THIRD sentence after rearrangement?

- (a) A
- (b) B
- (c) C
- (d) D
- (e) E

**Q108.** Which of the following would be the SECOND sentence after rearrangement?

- (a) A
- (b) B
- (c) C
- (d) D
- (e) E

**Q109.** Which of the following would be the FOURTH sentence after rearrangement?

- (a) A
- (b) E
- (c) C
- (d) D
- (e) F

**Q110.** Which of the following would be the SIXTH (LAST) sentence after rearrangement?

- (a) A
- (b) B
- (c) C
- (d) F
- (e) E

**Q111.** Which of the following would be the FIRST sentence after rearrangement?

- (a) A
- (b) B
- (c) C
- (d) D
- (e) E

**Directions (112-116):** Rearrange the following six sentence (A), (B), (C), (D), (E) and (F) in the proper sequence to form a meaningful paragraph; then answer the questions given below them.

A. Driven by allegiance towards her children, she seemed committed to recovery, following her first breakdown.

B. She, however, felt like a burden, and experienced a sense of alienation.

C. Her daughters, now married, remained unwavering in their support.

D. Disheartened by seemingly inadequate standards of responsiveness on emotional and pragmatic needs, she felt let down by her family.

E. Durga spent more than half her adult life battling mental illness.

F. Determined to die, rather than live a life bereft of the joy of mutually valued relationships or dignity of self-reliance, she set herself alight, undaunted by the finality of her decision.

**Q112.** Which of the following should be the THIRD sentence after rearrangement?

- (a) A
- (b) C
- (c) D
- (d) E
- (e) B

**Q113.** Which of the following should be the FIFTH sentence after rearrangement?

- (a) B
- (b) C
- (c) D
- (d) E
- (e) A

**Q114.** Which of the following should be the FIRST sentence after rearrangement?

- (a) F
- (b) B
- (c) E
- (d) A
- (e) D

**Q115.** Which of the following should be the **FOURTH** sentence after rearrangement?

- (a) A
- (b) E
- (c) D
- (d) B
- (e) C

**Q116.** Which of the following should be the **SIXTH** sentence after rearrangement?

- (a) E
- (b) A
- (c) B
- (d) C
- (e) F

**Directions (117-120):** Rearrange the following six sentences (A), (B), (C), (D), (E) and (F) in a proper sequence so as to form a meaningful paragraph, and then answer the questions given below:

- (A) Owing to such situation of false propaganda, one may even jump to conclusions.
- (B) It seems that he had closely observed that ignorance is the cause of mistaken judgments.
- (C) If one doesn't really know the facts, what he calls as ignorance, one is likely to blindly accept false rumours and propaganda.
- (D) An eminent educator said "Never judge something you don't know anything about."
- (E) Such conclusions may result in harbouring groundless fears and misgivings.
- (F) How true are these words! They find origin in the experiences of the educator.

**Q117.** Which of the following should be the **FOURTH** sentence after rearrangement?

- (a) A
- (b) C
- (c) D
- (d) B
- (e) E

**Q118.** Which of the following should be the **SECOND** sentence after rearrangement?

- (a) F
- (b) B
- (c) D
- (d) C
- (e) A

**Q119.** Which of the following should be the **FIRST** sentence after rearrangement?

- (a) E
- (b) F
- (c) C
- (d) D
- (e) A

**Q120.** Which of the following should be the **THIRD** sentence after rearrangement?

- (a) C
- (b) A
- (c) E
- (d) F
- (e) B

**Q121.** Which of the following should be the **LAST (SIXTH)** sentence after rearrangement?

- (a) B
- (b) D
- (c) C
- (d) E
- (e) A

**Directions (122-126):** Rearrange the following Six sentences (A), (B), (C), (D),(E) and (F) in the proper sequence to form a meaningful paragraph.

**A.** In the present time, due to lack of such vast spiritual knowledge, controlling psychology is almost absent. Even in Mahabharata war, it was misused due to defective psychology.

**B.** The same energy was also used as atom bomb in ancient India, which was called as Brahmaastra.

**C.** Energy, in the form of electricity, was used in ancient India, which was called as vaidyutaagni.

**D.** Similarly, whether the computer is used for spiritual work or at least for the development of technology in the worldly benefits of humanity or whether the computer is used for doing cyber crimes or used in useless entertainments, it depends upon the attitudes and psychology of human beings in the absence of lack of stress on the spiritual knowledge in the present system of education. Hence, God is used as a vehicle only.

**E.** In the Mahabharata war, the atom bomb (Brahmaastra) was used and its full description along with all the posterior effects (as observed in Hiroshima) were clearly explained.

**F.** In that ancient time, when this weapon was given to disciples, several controlling instructions were given side by side. Due to the background of vast spiritual knowledge, this weapon was almost out of use.

**Q122.** If A is the FIFTH sentence of the paragraph, which of the following should be the First sentence after rearrangement?

- (a) F
- (b) B
- (c) C
- (d) D
- (e) E

**Q123.** If A is the FIFTH sentence of the paragraph, which of the following should be the Third sentence after rearrangement?

- (a) B
- (b) E
- (c) F
- (d) D
- (e) C

**Q124.** If A is the FIFTH sentence of the paragraph, which of the following should be the Fourth sentence after rearrangement?

- (a) F
- (b) A
- (c) D
- (d) C
- (e) B

**Q125.** If A is the FIFTH sentence of the paragraph, which of the following should be the Last sentence after rearrangement?

- (a) C
- (b) D
- (c) B
- (d) E
- (e) A

**Q126.** If A is the FIFTH sentence of the paragraph, which of the following should be the Second sentence after rearrangement?

- (a) D
- (b) C
- (c) E
- (d) A
- (e) B

**Directions (127-131):** Rearrange the following Six sentences (A), (B), (C), (D), (E) and (F) in the proper sequence to form a meaningful paragraph.

**A.** However, these achievements come with a problem: innovation in technology, enhanced connectivity, and increasing integration in commerce and governance also make India the fifth most vulnerable country in the world in terms of cybersecurity breaches, according to the Internal Security Threat Report of 2017 by Symantec.

**B.** Till June 2017, 27,482 cybersecurity threats had been reported in the country, according to the Indian Computer Emergency Response Team's report. As this is a 23% increase from 2014 figures, it coincides with rapid growth and innovation in the ICT sector.

**C.** The good news, though, is that India recognises this. The second Global Cybersecurity Index, released by the International Telecommunication Union in July, which measured the commitment of nations to cybersecurity, found that India ranked 23 out of 165 nations.

**D.** Pioneering and technology-inspired programmes such as Aadhaar, MyGov, Government e-Market, DigiLocker, Bharat Net, Startup India, Skill India and Smart Cities are propelling India towards technological competence and transformation.

**E.** India is one of the key players in the digital and knowledge-based economy, holding more than a 50% share of the world's outsourcing market.

**F.** India is already the third largest hub for technology-driven startups in the world and its Information and Communications Technology sector is estimated to reach the \$225 billion landmark by 2020.

**Q127.** If E is the FIRST sentence of the paragraph, which of the following should be the Last sentence after rearrangement?

- (a) F
- (b) B
- (c) C
- (d) D
- (e) A

**Q128.** If E is the FIRST sentence of the paragraph, which of the following should be the Third sentence after rearrangement?

- (a) B
- (b) A
- (c) F
- (d) D
- (e) C

**Q129.** If E is the FIRST sentence of the paragraph, which of the following should be the Fourth sentence after rearrangement?

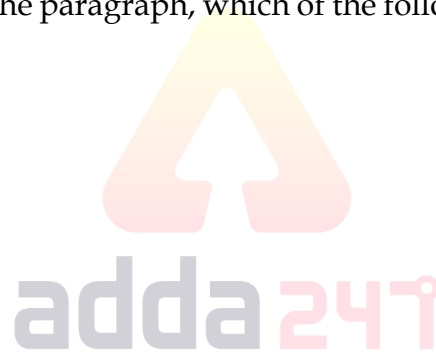
- (a) F
- (b) A
- (c) D
- (d) C
- (e) B

**Q130.** If E is the FIRST sentence of the paragraph, which of the following should be the Fifth sentence after rearrangement?

- (a) C
- (b) D
- (c) B
- (d) F
- (e) A

**Q131.** If E is the FIRST sentence of the paragraph, which of the following should be the Second sentence after rearrangement?

- (a) D
- (b) C
- (c) F
- (d) A
- (e) B



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**Directions (132-136): Rearrange the following Five sentence (A), (B), (C), (D) and (E) in the proper sequence to form a meaningful paragraph.**

**A.** The PES and RTE do have problems, and they need to be fixed; we need to find a way to make the system deliver in terms of better learning outcomes.

**B.** The Right to Education Act (RTE) was designed to improve this system.

**C.** However, all the attacks which arise from private schools, their supporters and the privatisation lobby are unjustified; and the solutions that are being aggressively pushed will lead us further into the morass.

**D.** Therefore, it is natural that the RTE will also come under fire from the same quarters that have been attacking the PES.

**E.** The public education system (PES) has for long been under fire. It is being painted as non-functioning, wasteful and un-improvable.

**Q132.** Which of the following should be the Fourth sentence after rearrangement?

- (a) A
- (b) B
- (c) C
- (d) D
- (e) E

**Q133.** Which of the following should be the Fifth sentence after rearrangement?

- (a) B
- (b) E
- (c) A
- (d) D
- (e) C

**Q134.** Which of the following should be the First sentence after rearrangement?

- (a) A
- (b) E
- (c) D
- (d) C
- (e) B

**Q135.** Which of the following should be the Second sentence after rearrangement?

- (a) C
- (b) D
- (c) B
- (d) E
- (e) A

**Q136.** Which of the following should be the Third sentence after rearrangement?

- (a) D
- (b) C
- (c) E
- (d) A
- (e) B

**Directions (137-141):** Below in each question, some phrases are given, 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. If the given phrases are correct in order as it is, then choose option (e). If the correct sequence is the one which is not given then choose option (d) as your choice.

**Q137.** the caste coverlet the BJP spread to wrap up (A)/ the BJP tripped its youthful rivals in the UP (B)/ assembly elections by quietly weaving (C)/ and then pulling from under their feet (D)/an intricate rug of social identities (E)

- (a) BCDE
- (b) ACBD
- (c) DBCA
- (d) None of these
- (e) No correction required

**Q138.** even if everything else moves (A)/ as per the constitutional scheme, (B)/ of freedoms will emerge by default (C)/ still the need for a new charter (D)/ there should be no two opinions (E)

- (a) BCAD
- (b) ABDC
- (c) DEBC
- (d) None of these
- (e) No correction required

**Q139.** after years of disappointing sales and declining profits (A)/ in the business that made it a household name, (B)/ the giant from Atlanta is reinventing itself, (C)/ desperately trying to shed its tag (D)/ of a permanent placeholder at birthdays and family barbecues (E)

- (a) BCAD
- (b) ABDC
- (c) DABC
- (d) None of these
- (e) No correction required

**Q140.** with a white beard holding up a bottle of coke (A)/ featuring him as the big, jolly man in the red suit (B)/ no Christmas was complete without Coke (C)/ through the 1930s, (D)/ Coca-Cola ran a series of Santa Claus advertisements (E)

- (a) BCAE
- (b) ABDC
- (c) DEBA
- (d) None of these
- (e) No correction required



**Q141.** will make 75 million existing jobs (A)/ re-skill or up-skill millions in (B)/ a new World Economic Forum (C)/ report says that automation (D)/ redundant by 2022 (E)

- (a) BCAE
- (b) ADBC
- (c) DEBA
- (d) None of these
- (e) No correction required

**Directions (142-146):** In each question below some sentences are given which are divided into five parts. The first part of the sentence (1) is correct and is given in bold followed by four parts named A, B, C and D. Rearrange the four parts of the sentence to make a coherent paragraph. The rearranged sequence of the parts will be your answer. If the given sentence is correct as it is then choose option (e).

**Q142.** Crashes in the early days (1)/ to be caused by technical faults, (A)/ of commercial jets tended (B)/ such as metal fatigue (C) /in the airframe or engines (D)

- (a) DCAB
- (b) ABDC
- (c) BACD
- (d) CABD
- (e) No arrangement required

**Q143.** There have been a lot of (1)/ drivers not obeying (A)/ complaints recently about (B)/ in downtown Boston (C)/ the speed limits (D)/

- (a) BADC
- (b) ABDC
- (c) BCAD
- (d) CABD
- (e) No arrangement required

**Direction (144-148):** Below in each question a sentence is divided into parts, find the part which is not really contributing to the main theme and the of the passage or find the odd part out and rearrange the remaining parts to make a coherent paragraph. If the given part is correct as it is then choose option (e). If the sequence is the one which is not given then choose option (d) as your choice.

**Q144.** Act passed eight years ago (A)/ States have to notify (B)/ the private schools, on behalf (C)/ of the children admitted under Section 12(1) (D)/ per-child costs to pay (E)

- (a) ACDE
- (b) BECD
- (c) BCAE
- (d) None of these
- (e) No correction required

**Q145.** over the past two years than it did (A)/ in the previous five years, if the latest (B)/ surveys conducted in league (C)/ India has built more toilets (D)/ official sanitation survey is to be believed (E)

- (a) DABE
- (b) BECD
- (c) BCAE
- (d) None of these
- (e) No correction required

**Q146.** Indian firms are estimated to have (A)/ churned out a record amount of steel (B)/ in the year that ended in March (C)/ as the government took steps to protect steel makers, (D)/ construction activity rebounded and China shut down illegal factories (E)

- (a) ACDE
- (b) DEBC
- (c) BDAC
- (d) None of these
- (e) No correction required

**Q147.** the remains of a large building, (A)/ in northeast China's Liaoning Province (B)/ said to be around 2,000-year-old, (C)/ the excavation site (D)/ have been discovered (E)

- (a) ACDE
- (b) DEBC
- (c) ACEB
- (d) None of these
- (e) No correction required

**Q148.** it is commonly understood (A)/ great meteorite impact on the Earth 66 million years ago (B)/ with a bang – wiped out by a (C)/ that the dinosaurs disappeared (D)/ an expansion of dinosaurs (E)

- (a) ACDE
- (b) DEBC
- (c) BDAC
- (d) None of these
- (e) No correction required

**Directions (149-153):** Each questions below has two blanks, each blank indicating that something has been omitted. Choose the set of words for each blank that best fits the meaning of the sentence as a whole.

**Q149.** e-Commerce has provided the best platform for boosting the growth of small industries and with the right \_\_\_\_\_ by Make in India, it could \_\_\_\_\_ the development of small and medium enterprises.

- (a) approach, hold
- (b) energy, keep
- (c) incentive, do
- (d) direction, mould
- (e) impetus, transform

**Q150.** Risk capital investments in India in the first half of this year have \_\_\_\_\_ the money inflow in all of 2014, \_\_\_\_\_ the stage for another record funding year.

- (a) surpassed, setting
- (b) exceeded, made
- (c) excelled, performed
- (d) failed, erected
- (e) lost, created

**Q151.** Journalists \_\_\_\_\_ with the Press Information Bureau (PIB), a status that allows them easy \_\_\_\_\_ to many government offices, will need to get their police verification done every year.

- (a) certified, course
- (b) accredited, access
- (c) authorised, entrance
- (d) licensed, door
- (e) recognised, approach

**Q152.** Delhi Police have \_\_\_\_\_ concerns \_\_\_\_\_ the security aspect.

- (a) lifted, on
- (b) built, against
- (c) raised, over
- (d) elevated, about
- (e) reduced, for

**Q153.** The government of Gujarat is \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_ chapters on the founder of the Reliance group, Dhirubhai Ambani, in its school textbooks.

- (a) anxious, offering
- (b) ardent, preceding
- (c) intense, recommending
- (d) keen, introducing
- (e) apathetic, proposing

**Directions (154-158):** The Following questions have two blanks, each blank indicating that something has been omitted. Choose the set of words for each blank that best fits the meaning of the sentence as a whole.

**Q154.** If you are \_\_\_\_\_ you tend to respond to stressful situations in a calm, secure, steady and \_\_\_\_\_ way.

- (a) resilient, rational
- (b) obdurate, manageable
- (c) propitious, stable
- (d) delectable, flexible
- (e) supportive, positive

**Q155.** Management can be defined as the process of \_\_\_\_\_ organizational goals by working with and through human and non-human resources to \_\_\_\_\_ improve value added to the world.

- (a) getting, deliberately
- (b) managing, purposefully
- (c) targeting, critically
- (d) realizing, dialectically
- (e) reaching, continuously

**Q156.** If you are an introvert, you \_\_\_\_\_ to prefer working alone and, if possible, will \_\_\_\_\_ towards projects where you can work by yourself or with as few people as possible.

- (a) like, depart
- (b) advocate, move
- (c) tend, gravitate
- (d) express, attract
- (e) feel, follow

**Q157.** The modern world is fast \_\_\_\_\_ itself into rival camps, armed to the teeth with the sophisticated and deadly \_\_\_\_\_ of destruction.

- (a) making, sources
- (b) changing, factors
- (c) developing, procedures
- (d) parting, way
- (e) resolving, weapons

**Q158.** We are said to be superstitious when we \_\_\_\_\_ ourselves to fanciful causes for happenings that seem to be \_\_\_\_\_.

- (a) Bind, unwarranted
- (b) Project, heavenly
- (c) torture, harmful
- (d) subject, inexplicable
- (e) treat, harrowing

**Directions (159-160):** In each of these questions, there are two blanks indicating that something has been omitted. There are five alternatives given. Choose the one that best fits the meaning of the sentence or sentences as a whole.

**Q159.** The admiration Mahatma Gandhi earned was ..... by his ..... concern for the welfare of the underdog.

- (a) Developed , real
- (b) Transcended , haughty
- (c) Belied , prudent
- (d) Engendered , sincere
- (e) Aroused , proverbial

**Q160.** The Indian prince and rulers seldom thought in terms of the country as a whole and ..... their time and energy in ..... Warfare.

- (a) Exhausted , common
- (b) Dissipated , mutual
- (c) Depreciated , mutual
- (d) Desiccated , isolationist
- (e) Wasted , reciprocal

**Direction (161-165):** There are two different sentences with a blank space in each sentence. Choose the word from the given options which fits appropriately in both the blanks adding a proper and logical meaning to the sentences.

**Q161.** [I] The \_\_\_\_\_ furniture designer is known for turning unusual objects into tables and chairs.

[II] People said he was mad but I think he was just slightly \_\_\_\_\_

- (a) eccentric
- (b) apathy
- (c) Delude
- (d) Mislead
- (e) Deceive

**Q162.** [I] Soft soap is used by dermatologists in the treatment of \_\_\_\_\_ eczema, and opodeldoc is a domestic remedy for stiffness and sprains.

[II] There is no easy short-term solution to Britain's \_\_\_\_\_ economic malaise.

- (a) alternate
- (b) impulsive
- (c) chronic
- (d) moderately
- (e) exclusively

**Q163.** [I] Regulations are changed on a whim, resulting in \_\_\_\_\_ results that distort long - established competitive values.

[II] When the astronomer looked into the telescope, he was shocked by the sight of a star moving in an \_\_\_\_\_ path.

- (a) flourishing
- (b) auspicious
- (c) thriving
- (d) aberrant
- (e) groomed

**Q164.** [I] The absent-minded couple acted \_\_\_\_\_ to the mess their child made in the restaurant

[II] In his drunken stupor, Fred was \_\_\_\_\_ to the fact he was driving in the wrong lane.

- (a) religious
- (b) oblivious
- (c) astute
- (d) remarkable
- (e) adroit

**Q165.** [I] Jefferson was an expert violinist, a good singer and dancer, \_\_\_\_\_ in outdoor sports, and an excellent horseman.

[II] With practice people can become \_\_\_\_\_ at recognizing and turning off the tension within the body for themselves without drugs.

- (a) naive
- (b) candid
- (c) genuine
- (d) scrupulous
- (e) proficient

**Directions (166-170):** Given below are sentences consisting of two blanks in each. Identify the most suitable alternative possessing the combination of the words that fails to make the sentence logical and meaningful.

**Q166.** The Integrated Agro-meteorological Advisory Service (IAAS) has been helping farmers \_\_\_\_\_ income from crop production by \_\_\_\_\_ them to cope with current, short-term climate-induced risk.

- (a) maximise, assisting
- (b) increase, helping
- (c) escalate, aiding
- (d) augment, succoring
- (e) control, derogating

**Q167.** As computing power has grown, it has become easier to \_\_\_\_\_ information hidden inside datasets that seem totally \_\_\_\_\_.

- (a) uncover, unconnected
- (b) discover, detached
- (c) unveil, disconnected
- (d) reveal, intelligence
- (e) divulge, isolated

**Q168.** We are told to blend into uniformity, our walks, laughter, words measured so that they don't \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ silence of our unexpressed desires.

- (a) rupture, pervasive
- (b) harmonize, narrow
- (c) breach, extensive
- (d) disrupt, prevalent
- (e) sever, penetrating

**Q169.** Pre-election surveys were \_\_\_\_\_ to know the problems that discouraged women from participating in the electoral process and to identify areas where \_\_\_\_\_ were required.

- (a) removed, collections
- (b) conducted, interventions
- (c) organized, interferences
- (d) held, intercessions
- (e) directed, mediations

**Q170.** Pricing strategies are programmed to \_\_\_\_\_ profit over a long horizon and algorithms "learn" to behave \_\_\_\_\_ on their own.

- (a) maximise, collusively
- (b) escalate, tricky
- (c) increase, cunningly
- (d) augment, crafty
- (e) accumulate, resourceful

**Directions (171-175):** Each question below has one blank, which is indicating that something has been omitted. Find out which option can be used to fill up the blank in the sentence to make it meaningfully complete.

**Q171.** Religious commitments go much \_\_\_\_\_ than intellectual explanations.

- (a) Converged
- (b) Climatic
- (c) Deeper
- (d) Managerial
- (e) Preclude

**Q172.** Modern science and technology \_\_\_\_\_ human beings to control natural forces more effectively.

- (a) Populates
- (b) Empower
- (c) Interprets
- (d) Adjourns
- (e) Reschedule

**Q173.** The customer also threatened to \_\_\_\_\_ his business relationship with the employer.

- (a) Aspect
- (b) Ponder
- (c) Terminate
- (d) Appease
- (e) Increase

**Q174.** For college students to do a part-time job will exert a \_\_\_\_\_ influence on their personality and life.

- (a) Disfiguring
- (b) Yearning
- (c) Blameless
- (d) Profound
- (e) Aloof

**Q175.** The reduction in white blood cell counts lowers the \_\_\_\_\_ to disease.

- (a) Reaction
- (b) Acceptance
- (c) Resistance
- (d) Magnificence
- (e) Reliability

**Directions (176-180):** In each of the following sentence there is a blank space. Below each sentence there are four words given. Choose the most appropriate word (s) that must fill the blank and make the sentence grammatically correct and contextually meaningful. If none of the given words fill the blank correctly choose (e) i.e., none of these as your answer choice.

**Q176.** In the old society, owing to cruel exploitation and successive years of tangled warfare among warloads, the labouring people led a \_\_\_\_\_ life.

- (A) rescued
- (B) vagrant
- (C) itinerant
- (D) destruction
- (a) only (A)
- (b) only (B)
- (c) only (C) and (D)
- (d) only (B) and (C)
- (e) None of these



**Q177.** The student's \_\_\_\_\_ actions towards the teacher got him suspended from school.

- (A) flippant
- (B) fanciful
- (C) jaunty
- (D) sedate
- (a) only (A)
- (b) only (B)
- (c) only (C) and (D)
- (d) only (B) and (C)
- (e) None of these

**Q178.** Not even the leading experts in criminology could understand the killer's \_\_\_\_\_ motives.

- (A) enigmatic
- (B) impenetrable
- (C) untrodden
- (D) inscrutable
- (a) only (A)
- (b) only (B)
- (c) only (C) and (D)
- (d) only (A), (B) and (D)
- (e) None of these

**Q179.** As soon as the citizens learned their brutal leader was dead, they burned a / an \_\_\_\_\_ of his image.

- (A) elegy
- (B) alloy
- (C) effigy
- (D) convex
- (a) only (A)
- (b) only (B)
- (c) only (C)
- (d) only (A), (B) and (D)
- (e) None of these

**Q180.** Everyone is excited about the idea of the handsome athlete playing a \_\_\_\_\_ spy in the new movie.

- (A) vagabond
- (B) aweless
- (C) scrupulous
- (D) meticulous
- (a) only (A)
- (b) only (B)
- (c) only (C) and (D)
- (d) only (A), (B) and (C)
- (e) None of these

**Direction (181-185):** There are two different sentences with a blank space in each question. Choose the word from the given options which fits into both the blanks appropriately adding a proper and logical meaning to the sentences.

**Q181.** (I) On behalf of the company, I would like to \_\_\_\_\_ our hearty thanks to you all.  
(II) I'll send you your clothes and some other things next month by \_\_\_\_\_ delivery.  
(a) vague  
(b) articulate  
(c) express  
(d) augur  
(e) portend

**Q182.** (I) Hertford struck at Edinburgh in May, and in the leader's own words " made a \_\_\_\_\_ fire "and did much mischief.  
(II) He's one of those sad guys who gets his \_\_\_\_\_ from lurking in chat rooms.  
(a) jolly  
(b) gloomy  
(c) tempt  
(d) blazing  
(e) contrite

**Q183.** (I) I can't really remember what won, though at the time, I thought it all very \_\_\_\_\_ looking and exciting.  
(II) Leaning \_\_\_\_\_, she relinquished the blanket and urged him to lie down on the couch.  
(a) quickens  
(b) accelerates  
(c) advance  
(d) further  
(e) forward

**Q184.** (I) If someone \_\_\_\_\_ you, they draw attention away from you by being more attractive or interesting.  
(II) When an actor is \_\_\_\_\_, he or she is or moves towards the back part of the stage.  
(a) execute  
(b) arrange  
(c) originate  
(d) upstage  
(e) control

**Q185.** (I) The hotel is set \_\_\_\_\_ in the middle of the high streets.  
(II) When people \_\_\_\_\_ a building, they put in all the pipes for carrying water.  
(a) cognize  
(b) plumb  
(c) vanish  
(d) prone  
(e) vault

**Directions (186-190):** In each of the following sentences, there is a blank space, followed by some choices of words given in options. You have to determine which of these words fits well in all making them meaningful and grammatically correct. Word can be modified according to the tense of the sentence keeping the meaning of root word intact.

**Q186.** I. She \_\_\_\_\_ for several minutes before introducing the main speaker.

II. Willy \_\_\_\_\_ on about Norman archways"

- (a) Rambled
- (b) came
- (c) wait
- (d) ventured
- (e) interest

**Q187.** I. We need a \_\_\_\_\_ between the townspeople and mayor over the site of the new library.

II. The buyer and seller are continuing \_\_\_\_\_ on the sale price and repairs to the house.

- (a) trend
- (b) increasing
- (c) talks
- (d) follower
- (e) ne

**Q188.** I. He underwent a surgery to \_\_\_\_\_ a torn ligament in his knee.

II. The truck was beyond \_\_\_\_\_.

- (a) find
- (b) goal
- (c) complete
- (d) repair
- (e) present

**Q189.** I. She \_\_\_\_\_ from other people as she grew older.

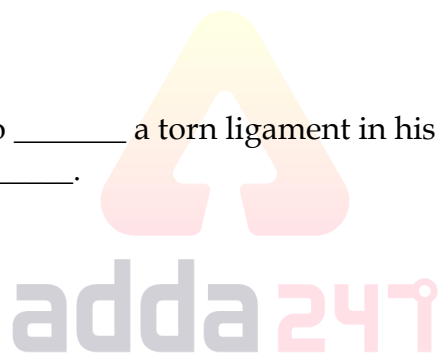
II. UN forces \_\_\_\_\_ from the province

- (a) discussed
- (b) withdrew
- (c) differ
- (d) request
- (e) refer

**Q190.** I. At least he had the good \_\_\_\_\_ to admit that he was wrong.

II. The governor fell from \_\_\_\_\_ after being accused of tax fraud.

- (a) ladder
- (b) content
- (c) grace
- (d) improve
- (e) percent



**Q191.** I. She asked them not to talk about the accident in her \_\_\_\_\_.

II. The Internet service is making its \_\_\_\_\_ known by doing a lot of advertising.

- (a) absence
- (b) reputation
- (c) role
- (d) presence
- (e) decision

**Q192.** I. His voice was \_\_\_\_\_ audible above the sound of the river.

II. \_\_\_\_\_ 50 percent of the population voted.

- (a) around
- (b) not
- (c) barely
- (d) really
- (e) somehow

**Q193.** I. She agreed to the terms \_\_\_\_\_ in the contract.

II. All subscriptions are for one year unless otherwise \_\_\_\_\_.

- (a) refer
- (b) say
- (c) natural
- (d) specified
- (e) mention



**Q194.** I. His fans have gone \_\_\_\_\_ crazy over his latest CD.

II. That restaurant serves \_\_\_\_\_ the best food I've ever eaten.

- (a) about
- (b) absolutely
- (c) together
- (d) with
- (e) most

**Q195.** I. They have been unable to settle the \_\_\_\_\_ over working conditions.

II. There is a labor \_\_\_\_\_ between workers and management.

- (a) referred
- (b) related
- (c) give
- (d) of
- (e) dispute

**Directions (196-200):** The following sentences each contains a blank, indicating that something has been left out of the sentence. Select the answer choice, that, when inserted in the sentence fits the context of the sentence.

**Q196.** He seems to have taken a great risk, as if things go wrong, they could dent his image and the adulation he has so assiduously created \_\_\_\_\_ the decades.

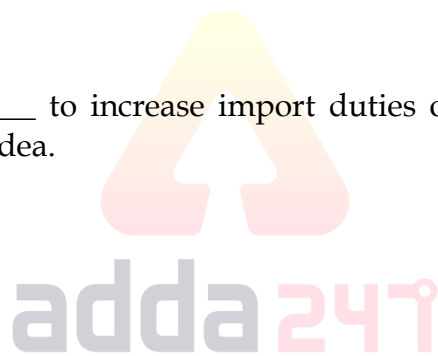
- (a) since
- (b) of
- (c) for
- (d) over
- (e) along

**Q197.** The challenge for India and China, as the two fastest growing major economies, is to engage with \_\_\_\_\_ and with other willing partner nations, particularly in the East Asia and the Pacific region, to maintain openness and embrace globalisation.

- (a) another
- (b) together
- (c) each other
- (d) company
- (e) them

**Q198.** The government's \_\_\_\_\_ to increase import duties on a variety of products, including phones and TV sets, is not a good idea.

- (a) scene
- (b) calls
- (c) decision
- (d) argue
- (e) describe



**Q199.** India needs to quickly frame an appropriate and updated cybersecurity \_\_\_\_\_ , create adequate infrastructure, and foster closer collaboration between all those involved to ensure a safe cyberspace.

- (a) updation
- (b) price
- (c) agreements
- (d) policy
- (e) longer

**Q200.** It is true that the rich and the middle class control a major share of the \_\_\_\_\_ resources, which consequently is not available to the poor.

- (a) nature
- (b) native's
- (c) publics
- (d) newer
- (e) world's

**Directions (201-215):** In each of the following sentences, there is a blank space. Below each such sentence, there are four options. Fill up the blank with the word that makes the sentence grammatically and contextually correct. If none of the given words is your answer, choose option (e) as your answer choice.

**Q201.** The buzz around 'Mission Shakti' should be an ----- to review India's defence strategy.

- (a) chance
- (b) awful
- (c) abysmal
- (d) opportunity
- (e) None of the above

**Q202.** After 'Mission Shakti' – India's anti-satellite test – there is a feeling that India needs this form of ----- for its security.

- (a) dissuaded
- (b) deter
- (c) deterrence
- (d) guarded
- (e) None of the above

**Q203.** To be visibly strong in order to deter any enemy from ----- is a concern that goes back to pre-historic times for India.

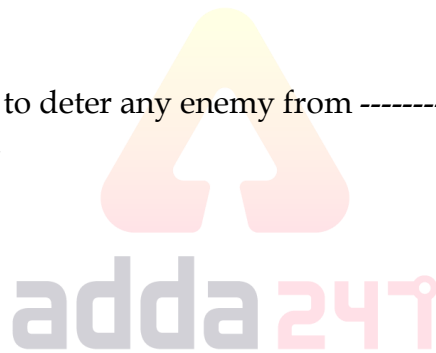
- (a) attacking
- (b) harmed
- (c) attacked
- (d) fight
- (e) None of the above

**Q204.** For more than 100 years now, scientists and writers of science fiction alike have ----- - the illusion that some day humankind will have a weapon so terrible that the fear of its impact will end war for all times.

- (a) advancing
- (b) fostered
- (c) back
- (d) redeeming
- (e) None of the above

**Q205.** Globally, the annual expenditure on armaments is now ----- to stand at about \$1.7 trillion.

- (a) vision
- (b) omen
- (c) estimate
- (d) estimated
- (e) None of the above



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**Q206.** According to the Global Peace Index, in 2017, the economic impact of violence -----  
-- was estimated at about \$14.76 trillion, which was 12.4% of global GDP.

- (a) globally
- (b) annual
- (c) period
- (d) revolve
- (e) None of the above

**Q207.** Since 2012, there has been a 16% increase in the economic impact of violence largely due to the -  
----- in Syria, Afghanistan and Iraq.

- (a) attacked
- (b) fought
- (c) conflicting
- (d) conflicts
- (e) None of the above

**Q208.** Chowkidars exist mostly in Asian countries where poor men work as ----- of the rich.

- (a) protectors
- (b) protect
- (c) protecting
- (d) cowards
- (e) None of the above

**Q209.** India's ASAT test has not ----- any norm, but it is a reminder of the need for a global regulatory regime.

- (a) rejects
- (b) harming
- (c) violates
- (d) violated
- (e) None of the above

**Q210.** China had quietly carried out its first successful hit-to-kill intercept in January 2007 till international reports about the ----- increase in space debris forced Beijing to acknowledge the test.

- (a) cause
- (b) consequents
- (c) consequent
- (d) decreasing
- (e) None of the above

**Q211.** An ASAT capability is ----- a part of a Ballistic Missile Defence (BMD) programme.

- (a) gradual
- (b) normal
- (c) normally
- (d) general
- (e) None of the above

**Q212.** While a BMD targets an incoming ballistic missile, an ASAT interceptor ----- a hostile satellite.

- (a) focused
- (b) focus
- (c) target
- (d) targets
- (e) None of the above

**Q213.** Faced with Pakistan's growing missile capability in the 1990s, India ----- on its BMD programme in 1999.

- (a) embarking
- (b) embarked
- (c) taken
- (d) task
- (e) None of the above

**Q214.** Since the Sputnik was launched in 1957, more than 8,000 satellites/manmade ----- objects have been launched, of which about 5,000 remain in orbit; more than half are non-functional.

- (a) orbiting
- (b) orbit
- (c) revolved
- (d) rotate
- (e) None of the above

**Q215.** India has two ----- satellites, one each for the Indian Navy and the Indian Air Force.

- (a) man
- (b) dedicating
- (c) dedicated
- (d) defect
- (e) None of the above



**Directions (216-220):** In each question below, a sentence with four words printed in bold type is given. These are numbered as (a), (b), (c) and (d). One of these four words printed in bold may be either wrongly spelt or inappropriate in the context of the sentence. Find out the word which is wrongly spelt or inappropriate, if any. The number of that word is your answer. If all the words printed in bold are correctly spelt and also appropriate in the context of the sentence, mark (e) ie. 'All correct' as your answer.

**Q216.** The **whole** (A)/ time she walked with her child in her arms, the only **thing** (B)/ that **worried** (C)/ her was her son's **feature**. (D)/ All correct (E)

- (a) A
- (b) B
- (c) C
- (d) D
- (e) E

**Q217.** When the young artist **returned** (A)/ to his village, his family held a **festive** (B)/ dinner on its lawn to celebrate his **triumphant** (C)/ **homecoming**. (D)/ All correct (E)

- (a) A
- (b) B
- (c) C
- (d) D
- (e) E

**Q218.** Had she not **suppressed** (A)/ all the details of her Company's **project** (B)/ her Company would have **bagged** (C)/ the **contract**. (D)/ All correct (E)

- (a) A
- (b) B
- (c) C
- (d) D
- (e) E

**Q219.** She trusted Mira with all her **heart** (A)/ and thus **handled** (B)/ over her **life's** (C)/ savings to her **instantly**. (D)/ All correct (E).

- (a) A
- (b) B
- (c) C
- (d) D
- (e) E

**Q220.** It is **difficulty**(A)/ to see the **picture** (B)/ when you are **inside** (C)/ the **frame**. (D)/ All correct (E)

- (a) A
- (b) B
- (c) C
- (d) D
- (e) E

**Directions (221-235):** 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.

**Q221.** Column (1)

- (A) The fear of being always connected to work and overworking
- (B) most lottery winners go from being conservative
- (C) A good first step for companies to overcome the trust and perception concern

Column (2)

- (D) was so profligate as to line all the walls of his apartment
- (E) is to ensure workers are measured by output and not by the hours they have worked
- (F) is a significant deterrent for this age group

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

**Q222.** Column (1)

- (A) There were many number of reasons
- (B) The apex court observed that it was important to strike a balance
- (C) Today's young employees are used to a less formal and more engaging work approach

Column (2)

- (D) the Congress alleged that there were financial irregularities in the Intergovernmental Agreement
- (E) I routinely take shelter in a bookshop or a public library
- (F) making it important for companies to do away with rigid hierarchical structures

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

**Q223.** Column (1)

- (A) The focus is on laws, policies and legal frameworks that have been developed
- (B) But population estimates for the sensitive zones
- (C) This is not going to be easy

Column (2)

- (D) with the participation of young people and which help them realize their full potential
- (E) of allowing extractive industries such as quarrying and mining

(F) drawing by solar power are available.

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

**Q224.** Column (1)

- (A) The Centre had then returned the Bills
- (B) Rising costs, drop in income and increasing incidence of indebtedness
- (C) There is a history of misuse of laws aimed

Column (2)

- (D) limited to the question whether holy books of other religions did not warrant the same protection.
- (E) in the name of protecting the feelings of a section of society.
- (F) among small and marginal farmers manifested in a spate of suicides over the years

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

**Q225.** Column (1)

- (A) Leader field, Leader for short,
- (B) Tourism in these parts made a small start around 2003
- (C) The popular PPF and the girl-child oriented Sukanya Samriddhi Yojana(SSY) are

Column (2)

- (D) of a Garo married to a Khasi living in a village in this part of the Khasi Hills.
- (E) variable rate products in which rates applicable on the investment keep changing throughout the tenure

(F) most vulnerable to rising energy costs

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

**Q226.** COLUMN A

- (A) The net interest margin is expected to be around 2.65%
- (B) The bank expect slippages to moderate
- (C) the lender came under RBI's PCA framework

COLUMN B

- (D) capital infusion of ₹11,740 crore in three tranches during 2018-19
- (E) with visible improvement in cost-to-income ratio.
- (F) the break even during Q1 FY20

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

**Q227. COLUMN A**

- (A) Car major Toyota has cautioned
  - (B) The global automobile industry has
  - (C) country is one of the most dynamic
- COLUMN B

- (D) exists in the Indian automotive sector
  - (E) that the Indian automotive sector might suffer skill mismatch
  - (F) went through radical changes
- (a) B-F
  - (b) C-D
  - (c) A-E
  - (d) C-D & B-E
  - (e) None of these

**Q228. COLUMN A**

- (A) JSW Steel plans to scale up the capacity
  - (B) The lender said this was not a default
  - (C) The rating revision factors in further
- COLUMN B

- (D) being there was a 'cure period' of seven days
  - (E) deterioration in company's liquidity profile
  - (F) of its flagship integrated steel plant
- (a) C-F
  - (b) C-D
  - (c) A-D
  - (d) A-F
  - (e) None of these

**Q229. COLUMN A**

- (A) The election results have indeed made
  - (B) Earnings could not be result as there
  - (C) The effect of the strong inflows is evident
- COLUMN B

- (D) market participants quite bullish on stocks
  - (E) overseas investors bullied on Indian equities
  - (F) first time ever during intraday trades
- (a) B-F
  - (b) A-D
  - (c) C-E
  - (d) A-D & C-F
  - (e) None of these

**Q230. COLUMN A**

- (A) The country's services sector activity for
- (B) the emergence of the 5G ecosystem in India
- (C) The collaboration seeks to advance the development

**COLUMN B**

- (D) invest jointly in research and development
- (E) electrification technology to support transition to a autonomous
- (F) increased at slowest pace in a year in May

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

**Q231. COLUMN 1**

- (A) Both the Centre and the State have moved the Supreme Court on
- (B) Rajnath Singh on Sunday said any future talks with Pakistan would focus
- (C) The Supreme Court cautioned the government about

**COLUMN 2**

- (D) only on the status of Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (PoK).
- (E) sought reduction of tensions between India and Pakistan
- (F) the legislative route could be discussed in future

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

**Q232. COLUMN 1**

- (A) The bench, comprising justices Deepak Gupta and Aniruddha Bose were
- (B) the Southern Railway has sent an SOS to the Ministry of Railways
- (C) the BJP has asked all its legislators to

**COLUMN 2**

- (D) attend the swearing-in so that those chosen would be available on time
- (E) undergo a crucial orbit manoeuvre around 9.30 a.m. on Tuesday morning
- (F) the move, called the Lunar Orbit Insertion or LOI

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

**Q233.COLUMN 1**

- (A) The moon-bound Chandrayaan-2 spacecraft is scheduled to
- (B) People across the length and breadth of the country
- (C) There is absolutely no doubt that we must keep

**COLUMN 2**

- (D) However, the current state of affairs in the country is an example of
  - (E) made sacrifices in one way or the other
  - (F) undergo a crucial orbit manoeuvre around 9.30 a.m. on Tuesday morning
- (a) (A) and (F) ,and (B) and (E)
  - (b) (A) and (D)
  - (c) (D) and (C)
  - (d) (B)and (E)
  - (e) None of these

**Q234.COLUMN 1**

- (A) Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced in his Independence Day address
- (B) the creation of the post of the Chief of the Defence Staff
- (C) the Chief of the Defence Staff (CDS) is expected to bridge

**COLUMN 2**

- (D) Considering that the Prime Minister underlined this announcement
  - (E) this is to be a 'single-point' advisory position to the government
  - (F) such dangerous gaps and reduce response time.
- (a) (A) and (D)
  - (b) (B) and (F)
  - (c) (A)and (E)
  - (d) (C) and (F)
  - (e) None of these

**Q.235.COLUMN 1**

- (A) authorities reimposed restrictions on movement in major parts
- (B) China were subjected to a phased 10% levy, with a clear threat that these levies too can be raised to 25%
- (C) The U.S. has also imposed sanctions on

**COLUMN 2**

- (D) on Sunday after violent overnight clashes between residents and the police
  - (E) it left dozens injured, two senior officials and eyewitnesses said
  - (F) parallel to all this, based on the allegation that
- (a) (A) and (E)
  - (b) (B) and (E)
  - (c) (A) and (D)
  - (d) (C) and (F)
  - (e) None of these

**Directions (236-250):** Select the phrase/connector (it must be at the start) 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.

**Q236.** (I) The scientists have discovered a new member of the family.

(II) They identified it through remains found in northeastern Utah.

- (i) the newly discovered
- (ii) discovering the new member
- (iii) the new member being discovered
- (a) (i) and (ii) both
- (b) only (ii)
- (c) only (i)
- (d) (i) and (iii) both
- (e) none of these

**Q237.** (I) scientists have used a synthetic polymer called resol.

(II) Scientists now have created an artificial wood that has the weblike structure similar to natural wood or lignin.

- (i) by using a synthetic polymer
- (ii) synthetic polymer being used
- (iii) while using synthetic polymer
- (a) only (i) and (ii)
- (b) only (ii) and (iii)
- (c) only (i)
- (d) only (i) and (iii)
- (e) none of these



**Q238.** (I) ISRO Chairman K. Sivan spoke first time on issues raised about the 5,700-kg high throughput satellite.

(II) he justified ISRO's unprecedented decision to recall the satellite midway between its reaching the French port and the launch.

- (i) speaking for the first time
- (ii) although speaking
- (iii) speaking however
- (a) (i) and (ii) both
- (b) only (i)
- (c) only (iii)
- (d) (iii) and (i) both
- (e) none of these

**Q239.** (I) Holmes stood up in the cave with excitement only to bang his head on the cave's roof.

(II) According to Coleridge much of which was, made up of "the roots of old trees".

- (i) in his excitement
- (ii) standing with excitement
- (iii) being in the cave
- (a) (i) and (ii) both
- (b) only (i)
- (c) only (iii)
- (d) (iii) and (i) both
- (e) none of these

**Q240.** (I) Mr. Vajpayee didn't find the numbers for his 13-days old government in 1996 so he resigned on the floor of the House.

(II) he made a mark before he left with his standout speech. "Governments come and go and parties are born and disappear. Above it all, the country must stay shining, its democracy immortal,"

- (i) After failing to find the
- (ii) while he was failing to find the
- (iii) before failing to find the no
- (a) (i) and (ii) both
- (b) only (i)
- (c) only (iii)
- (d) (iii) and (i) both
- (e) none of these

**Q241.**

(A) Emergency measures have been announced by the Maharashtra government

(B) Tackle the widespread pink bollworm (PBW) infestation in parts of the State.

- (i) The Maharashtra government has announced
- (ii) Announcing emergency measures to
- (iii) To tackle the widespread pink bollworm (PBW) infestation
- (a) Only (i) is correct
- (b) Only (iii) is correct
- (c) Both (i) and (iii) are correct
- (d) Both (i) and (ii) are correct
- (e) None is correct

**Q242.** (I) How to have painless labor during the birth of a child?

(II) This has been a very old problem

- (i) How to have...
- (ii) Since how to have painless labor...
- (iii) This has been...
- (a) Only (ii)
- (b) Only (i)
- (c) Both (i) and (ii)
- (d) Both (ii) and (iii)
- (e) None of these



**Q243.** (I) Scriptures have given to us the concept of Purushartha Chatushtaya.

(II) The ultimate objective for Purushartha Chatushtaya is every human being should strive to attain self-realization.

(i) Despite scriptures have given...

(ii) Because scriptures have given...

(iii) Scriptures have given...

(a) Only (iii)

(b) Both (i) and (iii)

(c) Only (ii)

(d) Only (i)

(e) None of these

**Q244.** (I) We were on a running train.

(II) We were on pilgrimage.

(i) Since, we were on a...

(ii) While on pilgrimage...

(iii) Because we were on a...

(a) Only (i)

(b) Only (iii)

(c) Only (ii)

(d) Both (ii) and (iii)

(e) None of these

**Q245.** (I) At the World Parliament of Religions in Chicago, 125 years ago, Swami Vivekananda delivered his landmark address.

(II) Vivekananda's address was about the need for harmony of religions.

(i) At the World Parliament...

(ii) Because Vivekananda's address was ...

(iii) Despite Vivekananda's address was ...

(a) Both (i) and (ii)

(b) Only (ii)

(c) Both (i) and (iii)

(d) Only (i)

(e) None of these

**Q246.** (I) The report acknowledges several barriers like lack of maternity benefits.

(II) The report falls short of thinking out-of-the-box.

(i) The report acknowledges...

(ii) Falling short the report...

(iii) However, the report falls short...

(a) Only (i)

(b) Only (iii)

(c) Both (ii) and (iii)

(d) None of these

(e) All of these

- Q247.** (I) India is home to a third of the world's malnourished children  
(II) The importance of nutrient-rich items in the meal cannot be emphasized enough.
- (i) Since India is home to....
  - (ii) Given that India is...
  - (iii) However India is...
- (a) Only (ii)
  - (b) Only (iii)
  - (c) Both (i) and (iii)
  - (d) Both (i) and (ii)
  - (e) All of these

- Q248.** (I) All class groups place enormous emphasis on children's education.  
(II) Women's participation in full-time employment is seen as antithetical.
- (i) All class groups...
  - (ii) Since all class groups...
  - (iii) In order that class groups...
- (a) Only (i)
  - (b) Only (iii)
  - (c) Both (ii) and (iii)
  - (d) None of these
  - (e) All of these

- Q249.** (I) Higher happiness can be achieved by giving and not grabbing.  
(II) It is produced by social interactions, love, affection, enthusiasm and empathy.
- (i) Since higher happiness...
  - (ii) In accordance to higher happiness...
  - (iii) Along with social interactions, love...
- (a) Only (i)
  - (b) Only (iii)
  - (c) Both (ii) and (iii)
  - (d) None of these
  - (e) All of these

- Q250.** (I) Paddy farmers this year received a price that was 7% higher compared to 2017 season.  
(II) Despite depressed market situation and increased production.
- (i) Paddy farmers this year...
  - (ii) Despite depressed market...
  - (iii) In spite of depressed market...
- (a) Only (i)
  - (b) Only (iii)
  - (c) Both (ii) and (iii)
  - (d) None of these
  - (e) All of these

**Directions (251-265):** In each question, there is a sentence with a part of the sentence printed in bold. Decide whether this bold part is correct and fits in the grammatical and contextual framework of the sentence. If it is to be changed, choose from option (a) to (d) to replace that part. If not, mark (e) as the answer i.e. 'No change required'.

**Q251.** Except for you and I, everyone brought a present to the party.

- (a) With the exception of you and I everyone brought
- (b) Except for you and I, everyone had brought
- (c) Except for you and me, everyone brought
- (d) Exception of you and me, everyone had brought
- (e) No change required

**Q252.** Had I realized how close I was to falling, I would not have gone to the party.

- (a) If I would have realized how close
- (b) Had I realize how close
- (c) When I realized how close
- (d) If I realized close
- (e) No change required

**Q253.** If he was to decide to go to college, I for one, would recommend that he go to Yale University.

- (a) If he were to decide to go to college.
- (b) Had he decided to go to college
- (c) In the event that he decides to go to college
- (d) Supposing he was, to decide to go to college
- (e) No change required

**Q254.** Being as I am a realist, I could not accept his statement that super natural beings has caused the disturbance.

- (a) That I am a realist
- (b) Being a realist
- (c) Being that I am a realist
- (d) Realist that I am
- (e) No change required

**Q255.** He failed to carry over his instructions because they were not specific.

- (a) in carrying forward
- (b) to carry on
- (c) carrying around
- (d) to carry out
- (e) No correction required

**Directions (256-260):** In each of the following sentences, a part of the sentence has been italicized. Below are given alternatives to the part italicized which may improve the sentence. Choose the correct alternative. Wherever no improvement is needed choose 'No correction required' or 'No Improvement' as the answer.

**Q256.** Although he is **able to** make political enemies with this decision, the prime minister does not mind doing it for the sake of public welfare.

- (a) liable from
- (b) of a mind to
- (c) acknowledging his liability to
- (d) liable to
- (e) No correction required

**Q257.** Had I realized how close I was to failing, I would not have gone to the party.

- (a) If I would have realised
- (b) Were I realized how close
- (c) When I realized how close
- (d) If I realized how close
- (e) No correction required

**Q258.** Except for you and I, everyone brought a present to the party.

- (a) With the exception of you and I, everyone brought
- (b) Except for you and I, everyone had brought
- (c) Except for you and me, everyone brought
- (d) Exception of you and me, everyone had brought
- (e) No correction required

**Q259.** A nuclear testing fills the air with radioactive dust **and left the** area uninhabitable.

- (a) and leaves the
- (b) also leaves the
- (c) also leaving the
- (d) and making to
- (e) No correction required

**Q260.** Alcohol in moderate quantity boosts concentration of good cholesterol and **inhibiting blood clots.**

- (a) inhibits blood clots
- (b) inhabits blood clots
- (c) inhibited blood clots
- (d) inhabiting blood clots
- (e) No correction required

**Directions (261-270):** Which of the phrases (a), (b), (c) and (d) given below each sentence should replace the phrase printed in bold letters to make the sentence grammatically correct? If the sentence is correct as it is, mark (e) i.e., "No correction required" as the answer.

**Q261.** It was **until many years** later that Che Guevara became a rebel against authority.

- (a) It was not until many years
- (b) It was not many years
- (c) Until It was many years
- (d) It was till many years
- (e) No correction required

**Q262.** The players involved in match fixing **should heavily punished** as they do it intentionally.

- (a) shall have heavy fine
- (b) should be heavy fined
- (c) should have heavily fined
- (d) should be heavily fined
- (e) No correction required

**Q263.** The quality of food at the restaurant was rather **worst than I had expected**.

- (a) worst than was expected
- (b) worse than I had expected
- (c) bad as I had expected
- (d) worse than expectation
- (e) No correction required

**Q264.** Acquisition of certain athletic skills **can be facilitated from** regular practice and hard work.

- (a) can be facilitated by
- (b) may be felicitated with
- (c) can be felicitated with
- (d) may facilitate through
- (e) No correction required

**Q265.** Their earnings are such that they find it difficult **to make both ends to meet**.

- (a) to make both ends meet
- (b) to makings both ends meet
- (c) for making both ends to meet
- (d) to make both ends for meeting
- (e) No correction required

**Q266.** The step of demonetization is a major breakthrough and **attempts to acquaint** us with the problems of corruption and terror funding.

- (a) attempting to acquaint
- (b) attempts at acquainting
- (c) attempted to acquaint
- (d) attempt to acquaint
- (e) No correction required

**Q267.** The accused now flatly denies **have admitted** his guilt in his first statement.

- (a) had admitted
- (b) has admitting
- (c) have been admitting
- (d) having admitted
- (e) No correction required

**Q268. Despite of their** differences on various issues, they all agree on continuing this project.

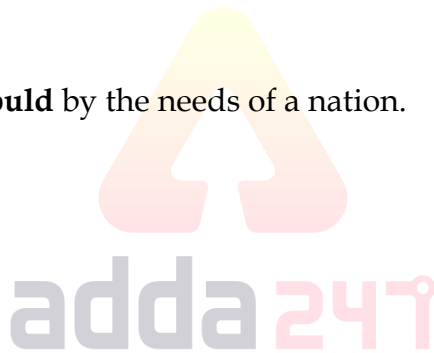
- (a) Despite for their
- (b) Despite off their
- (c) Despite their
- (d) Despite of the
- (e) No correction required

**Q269.** No sooner **he had arrived** home than he was asked to start another journey.

- (a) has he arrived
- (b) he has arrived
- (c) had he arrived
- (d) he had arrived
- (e) No improvement

**Q270.** A budget **should have to mould** by the needs of a nation.

- (a) should be moulded
- (b) should have mould
- (c) should mould
- (d) should be moulding
- (e) No correction



**Directions (271-280):** In each of the question given below a/an idiom/phrase is given in bold which is then followed by five options which then tries to decipher its meaning as used in the sentence. Choose the option which gives the meaning of the phrase most appropriately in context of the given sentence.

**Q271.** All I knew about were Antony's own financial dealings, which were always **above board**.

- (a) subservience
- (b) priority
- (c) pattern
- (d) guideline
- (e) honest

**Q272.** It took a considerable amount of polish and **elbow grease** before the brass shone like new.

- (a) accent
- (b) gist
- (c) bulge
- (d) toil
- (e) brim

**Q273.** Alex's opponents never missed an opportunity to cast **aspersions** on his professionalism.

- (a) limit
- (b) abuse
- (c) annex
- (d) appreciate
- (e) adore

**Q274.** You should always try and shoot for being **above par** so that you know you made something for your time.

- (a) exquisite
- (b) mediocre
- (c) navigable
- (d) participate
- (e) dwindle

**Q275.** When she heard us mocking her, she **cast down** her book and stormed out of the room.

- (a) impair
- (b) taper
- (c) expatiate
- (d) slump
- (e) doleful

**Q276.** We had to calm her down and encourage her to **keep heads**.

- (a) composed
- (b) jubilant
- (c) consumed
- (d) demented
- (e) elated

**Q277.** Those socialist niceties always turn to **dog eat dog**.

- (a) entranced
- (b) diplomat
- (c) arbitrator
- (d) ferocious
- (e) untraced

**Q278.** I may still have a **black dog** in me, but I manage to keep him corralled

- (a) melancholy
- (b) responsibility
- (c) authority
- (d) immaturity
- (e) answerability

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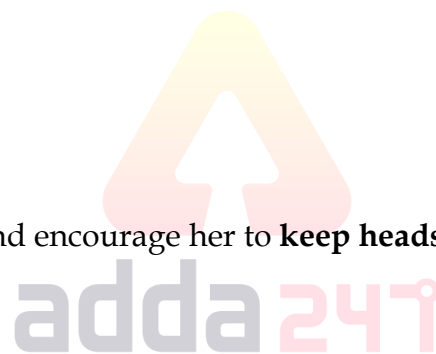
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**Q279.** The person went **scot-free** even though there were many people convinced of his crime because the evidence against him was circumstantial.

- (a) offended
- (b) unscathed
- (c) spoiled
- (d) operative
- (e) hidden

**Q280.** We had to be going **lickety-split** in order to reach our destination on time.

- (a) hurriedly
- (b) extremely
- (c) recklessly
- (d) foolishly
- (e) dangerously

**Directions (281-285):** The following questions consists of a sentence, whose certain parts are **highlighted in bold**. 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 states the incorrect part(s) of the sentence. If the given sentence is grammatically correct and contextually meaningful, choose option (e) i.e., "No error" as your answer.

**Q281.** It is hard when you work in a city far away from **family and friends**, and home excursions is always **much awaited**.

- (I) It is hard when you work
- (II) in a city far away from
- (III) and home excursions is always

- (a) Only (I)
- (b) Only (III)
- (c) Both (I) and (II)
- (d) Both (II) and (III)
- (e) No error

**Q282.** The **recently concluded** 'informal' summit meeting between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Chinese President Xi Jinping in Wuhan is **more about optics** than substance.

- (I) 'informal' summit meeting between
- (II) Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Chinese President Xi Jinping in Wuhan is
- (III) than substance

- (a) Only (I)
- (b) Only (II)
- (c) Both (I) and (II)
- (d) Both (II) and (III)
- (e) No error



**Q283.** PM Modi had urged **the people to be more conscious** about preventive health care because not only prevention was beneficial **for a person but also for his or her family and society**.

- (I) PM Modi had urged
- (II) about preventive health care
- (III) because not only prevention was beneficial
- (a) Only (III)
- (b) Only (II)
- (c) Both (I) and (II)
- (d) Both (II) and (III)
- (e) No error

**Q284.** The **poor state of conservation** of our monuments is that needs a **major overhaul**, and outsourcing without proper and right monitoring will not solve the problem.

- (I) of our monuments is that needs
- (II) and outsourcing without proper and right
- (III) monitoring will not solve the problem
- (a) Only (III)
- (b) Only (II)
- (c) Both (I) and (III)
- (d) Both (I) and (II)
- (e) No error

**Q285.** No sooner the summit **ended than significant** differences emerged on how **India and China interpret even** the understandings reached at Wuhan.

- (I) No sooner the summit
- (II) differences emerged on how
- (III) the understandings reached at Wuhan
- (a) Only (III)
- (b) Only (I)
- (c) Both (I) and (III)
- (d) Both (I) and (II)
- (e) No error

**Directions (286-290):** Which of the phrases (a), (b), (c) and (d) given below each statement should replace the phrase printed in bold in the sentence to make it grammatically correction? If the sentence is correct as it is given and no correction is required, mark (e) as the answer.

**Q286.** The grim job market has taken its toll on students, **many of this** had hoped for a much better future.

- (a) much of whom
- (b) many of whom
- (c) several of that
- (d) many of which
- (e) No correction required

**Q287.** The relationship we have with **our clients are** the cornerstone of our future.

- (a) our client are
- (b) each clients is
- (c) our clients is
- (d) all clients are
- (e) No correction required

**Q288.** Many developed countries **have been attempting** to buy agricultural land in other countries to meet their own demand.

- (a) has been attempting
- (b) have being attempting
- (c) are being attempting
- (d) have been attempted
- (e) No correction required

**Q289.** A nuclear testing fills the air with radioactive dust **and left the** area uninhabitable

- (a) and leaves the
- (b) also leaves the
- (c) and leaving the
- (d) and making the
- (e) No correction required

**Q290.** Modern ideas of governance **started back to** the time when people began to question kings.

- (a) started when to
- (b) set back to
- (c) start back to
- (d) date back to
- (e) No correction required

**Directions (291-295):** Given below are sentences with an idiom given in bold. Replace the idiom from the four options provided to make the sentence contextually meaningful and grammatically correct. If no such replacement is required mark (e) i.e., "No replacement required" as your answer choice.

**Q291.** After the long road trip, we were all dead tired and ready to **hang in there** as soon as we reached home.

- (a) cut some slack
- (b) break a leg
- (c) cut corners
- (d) hit the sack
- (e) no replacement required

**Q292.** In this competitive scenario, if you don't keep yourself abreast of latest developments, you are going **to get your act together**.

- (a) to pull someone's leg
- (b) to miss the boat
- (c) under the weather
- (d) on the ball
- (e) no replacement required

**Q293.** A scandal that's wrapped around the term "telephony metadata" is not going **to get people bent out of shape**.

- (a) so far so good
- (b) cut the mustard
- (c) to get your act together
- (d) to make matters worse
- (e) no replacement required

**Q294.** In most countries, people want the leaders in their government **to cost an arm and a leg** and always tell the truth.

- (a) to bite the bullet
- (b) to get out of hand
- (c) to call it a day
- (d) to break the ice
- (e) no replacement required

**Q295.** We'd planned a surprise party for Donna, but some guy she works with **burn bridges**, so now she knows.

- (a) barking up the wrong tree
- (b) live and learn
- (c) let the cat out of the bag
- (d) the whole nine yards
- (e) no replacement required

**Directions (296-310):** In each Question below, a sentence is given with four words given in **Bold** in the sentence. Among these bold words one may be wrongly spelt or incorrectly used with respect to the context of the passage. The option of that word is the answer. If all four words are correctly spelt or used mark (e). i.e. 'All Correct' as the answer.

**Q296.** The **inventor** **arguably** had the worst idea in the **world** for **recycle** toilet paper.

- (a) Inventor
- (b) arguably
- (c) world
- (d) recycle
- (e) All Correct

**Q297.** A judge's **perspective** of the **justice** system is **quite** different from a **convicted** felon's perspective.

- (a) perspective
- (b) justice
- (c) quite
- (d) convicted
- (e) All Correct

**Q298.** To the pianist, **running** his fingers over the **keys** was a **meditative** approach to **dealing** with his problems.

- (a) running
- (b) keys
- (c) meditative
- (d) dealing
- (e) All Correct

**Q299.** **Before** the **movie** hit the big screen, a **screenplay** was **drafted** to map out the plot.

- (a) before
- (b) movie
- (c) screenplay
- (d) drafted
- (e) All are Correct

**Q300.** The **methodology** to **been** a successful teacher involved **gaining** the students' respect, providing explicit guidelines and giving **appropriate** assignments.

- (a) methodology
- (b) been
- (c) gaining
- (d) appropriate
- (e) All Correct

**Q301.** My **elderly neighbour** still has the racist **ideolgy** that was **prominent** during his teen years.

- (a) elderly
- (b) **neighbour**
- (c) ideolgy
- (d) prominent
- (e) All Correct

**Q302.** The first sale is **conditional** and will be **cancelled** if the seller cannot **produce** a thousand units **for** a week's time.

- (a) conditional
- (b) cancelled
- (c) produce
- (d) for
- (e) All Correct

**Q303.** During the summer **months**, the **mosquitoes** are very **conspiguous** near the water.

- (a) during
- (b) months
- (c) mosquitoes
- (d) conspiguous
- (e) All Correct

**Q304.** It was **obvious** from the man's **anxious demean** that he was nervous about being on the **witness** stand.

- (a) obvious
- (b) anxious
- (c) demean
- (d) witness
- (e) All Correct

**Q305.** We are not **accustomed** to the **overwhelming** authoritarian **superiority** of the **new** director.

- (a) accustomed
- (b) overwhelming
- (c) superiority
- (d) new
- (e) All Correct

**Q306.** In the solar system, Mercury, the **planet** closest to the Sun, takes just 88 days to make one **revolution** around the sun, while Neptune, the **far** one, takes 165 years to make one **round**.

- (a) planet
- (b) revolution
- (c) far
- (d) round
- (e) All Correct

**Q307.** Laws of gravity **expect** us to see stars **closer** to the centre of galaxies **rotatig** faster than the stars on the **edge**.

- (a) expect
- (b) closer
- (c) rotatig
- (d) edge
- (e) All Correct

**Q308.** **Cosmologists** have come up with **various hypothesis** and **theory** to explain the Dark Matter.

- (a) cosmologists
- (b) various
- (c) hypothesis
- (d) theory
- (e) All Correct

**Q309. Detailed surveys** of the cosmos indicate that almost 85% of the total mass of the **Universe** is **compose** of dark matter.

- (a) detailed
- (b) surveys
- (c) universe
- (d) compose
- (e) All Correct

**Q310.** If you look at the policeman's **stern demeanor**, you can see he is **serious** about **catching** the suspect.

- (a) stern
- (b) demeanor
- (c) serious
- (d) catching
- (e) All Correct

**Directions (311-320): Read the passage carefully and answer the questions given below it. Certain words/ phrases have been given in bold to help you locate them while answering some of the questions.**

Among the natural resources which can be called upon in national plans for development, possibly the most important is human labour. Without a productive labour force, including effective leadership and intelligent middle management, no amount of foreign assistance or of natural wealth can ensure successful development and modernization.

In this, one essential factor is usually overlooked or ignored. The forgotten factor is the role of women. Development will be handicapped as long as women remain second-class citizens, uneducated, without any voice in family or community decision, without legal or economic status, married when they are still practically children and thenceforth producing one baby after another, often only to see half of them die before they are of school age. We can enhance development by improving 'woman power' by giving women the opportunity to develop themselves.

The principle seems established that an educated mother has healthier and more intelligent children, and that this is related to the fact that she has fewer children. The tendency of educated, upper-class mother to have fewer children operates even without access to contraceptive services, as was noted in Western Europe before the turn of the Century.

If we examine the opportunities for education of girls or women in the less developed countries we usually find a dismal picture. In some countries the ratio of boys to girls in secondary schools is more than seven to one. In Afghanistan, Turkey and Tunisia most sizeable towns have some sort of dormitory for girls. Even at the primary school level, especially in rural areas, the number of boy students greatly exceeds that of girls.

What happens to the girls? Often they are kept at home to look after younger siblings and to perform a variety of domestic chores. Their education is not perceived as in any way equal in importance to that of boys. When an illiterate, or barely literate girl reaches adolescence, she has little or no qualification for employment, even if her community provides any opportunity for employment of women. So the solution is to get her married as soon as possible, with the inevitable result that she produces children 'too soon, too late and too often.' With no education she is hardly aware that there is any alternative. In

a study made in Thailand, it was noted that the educated women marries later and ceases childbearing earlier than her less educated counterpart. But the uneducated village woman is so chained to her household by the necessities of gathering fuel, preparing food and tending children that she is very difficult to reach, even if health services, nutrition, education, maternal and child health centres are available in her community. She cannot understand what they are intended to do.

Not only does the lack of education among women make the dissemination of nutrition education difficult. It appears also to be a major obstacle to campaigns for family planning. It is significant that one of the more successful family planning efforts has been in Korea, where literacy is over 80 per cent. Thailand, Singapore, Hong Kong and Taiwan have also had more satisfactory result than, for example, Afghanistan, Pakistan, Bangladesh, India or Indonesia, where a large proportion of the female population is illiterate. The education level of women is significant also because it has a direct influence upon their chances of employment; and the number of employed women in a country's total labour force has a direct bearing on both the Gross National Product and the disposable income of the individual family.

The specific courses of action necessary to raise the status of women must vary widely from one country to another, but in general they should be concerned with four main objectives which correspond with four areas of activity in the life of a woman. First, the school: girls must have equal educational opportunities, and their equal need for education must be recognized.

Second, the home: women must be provided with some respite from the incessant labour and the hazards and difficulties associated with domestic life under primitive conditions. This could take the form of improved housing, pure water supply, community mills, bakeries and laundries, and also the provision of day-care centres where younger children may be left while the mother undertakes other work, whether in the home or outside it.

Third, the community: women must be permitted to have a voice in the affairs, not only of the household, but also of the village or town. They must be involved in the conduct of schools, health centres and other matters of local concern. If the all-male society of the tea house or tavern cannot be reached, then associations and organizations of women must be encouraged and their opinions and wishes granted equal attentions

Fourth, the law: The legal status of women must be changed or modified to give women equal rights in matters of marriage and divorce, property and inheritance, control over their own earnings, and a voice in local and national government.

Until women are given the opportunity to become 'separate and complete' human beings, their own potential for productivity is wasted. Until they become separate and complete human beings, they will perpetuate in their children those characteristics which are least conducive to development. Viewed in this light, the education of women and the improvement of their social, economic, legal and political status become more than the focus of an emotional crusade for human rights. They must be acknowledged as a prerequisite of national development and given a high priority for strictly practical reasons.

**Q311.** Which of the following is most important for the successful development and modernization of a nation?

- (a) Natural wealth
- (b) Effective leadership
- (c) Foreign assistance
- (d) Productive labour force
- (e) None of the above

**Q312.** According to the passage educational opportunities are

- (a) more for boys than girls in most countries
- (b) same for boys and girls in developed countries
- (c) less for girls than boys in developing countries
- (d) not at all available for girls in developing countries
- (e) None of the above

**Q313.** A village woman is unable to understand what different services are intended for because

- (a) she is busy in rearing children.
- (b) she gathers food.
- (c) she is chained to her husband.
- (d) she is uneducated.
- (e) None of the above

**Q314.** Very often girls who stay at home

- (a) spend their time studying.
- (b) try their best to please their parents.
- (c) have large number of domestic duties.
- (d) prepare themselves for employment.
- (e) None of the above

**Q315.** The main obstacle in the family planning campaign is

- (a) unemployment among women
- (b) lack of education among women
- (c) objection from the community
- (d) dissemination of nutrition education
- (e) None of the above

**Q316.** Even if there are opportunities for employment, women do not usually get it because they

- (a) are not educated.
- (b) are inferior to men.
- (c) do not want to work.
- (d) produce children too often.
- (e) None of the above

**Q317.** The education level of women is significant because it ultimately leads to

- (a) increase in the family income
- (b) increase in gross national product
- (c) increase in their chance of employment
- (d) increase in healthy children
- (e) None of the above



**Q318.** Which of the following will make women 'separate and complete human beings'?

- (a) Employment
- (b) Nutrition
- (c) Human rights
- (d) Education
- (e) None of the above

**Q319.** "They will perpetuate in their children....." Here perpetuate means

- (a) improve for use
- (b) dissolve finely
- (c) preserve forever
- (d) persist long lastingly
- (e) None of the above

**Q320.** According to the passage which type of women will perpetuate in their children those characteristics which are least conducive to development?

- (a) Uneducated women
- (b) Educated women
- (c) Village women
- (d) Unemployed women
- (e) None of the above

**Directions (321-330):** Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow based on the information given in the passage.

Right through history, imperial powers have clung to their possessions to death. Why, then, did Britain in 1947 give up the jewel in its crown, India? The independence struggle exposed the hollowness of the white man's burden. Provincial self-rule since 1935 paved the way for full self-rule. Churchill resisted independence, but the Labour Government of Atlee was anti-imperialist by ideology. Finally, the Royal Indian Navy Mutiny in 1946 raised fears of a second Sepoy Mutiny, and convinced British waverers that it was safer to withdraw gracefully. But politico-military explanations are not enough. The basis of empire was always money. The end of empire had much to do with the fact that British imperialism had ceased to be profitable. World War II left Britain victorious but deeply indebted, needing Marshall Aid and loans from the World Bank. This constituted a strong financial case for ending the no longer-profitable empire.

Empire building is expensive. The US is spending one billion dollar a day in operations in Iraq that fall well short of full scale **imperialism**. Through the centuries, empire building was costly, yet constantly undertaken because it promised high returns. The investment was in armies and conquest. The returns came through plunder and taxes from the conquered. No immorality was attached to imperial loot and plunder. The biggest conquerors were typically revered (hence titles like Alexander the Great, Akbar the Great, and Peter the Great). The bigger and richer the empire, the more the plunderer was admired. This mindset gradually changed with the rise of new ideas about equality and governing for the public good, ideas that culminated in the French and the American Revolutions. Robert Clive was impeached for making a little money on the side, and so was Warren Hastings. The white man's burden came up as a new moral rationale for conquest. It was supposedly for the good of the conquered. This led to much muddled **hypocrisy**. On the one hand, the empire needed to be profitable. On the other hand, the white man's burden made brazen loot impossible.

An additional factor deterring loot was the 1857 Sepoy Mutiny. Though crushed, it reminded the British vividly that they were a tiny ethnic group who could not rule a gigantic subcontinent without the support of important locals. After 1857, the British stopped annexing one princely state after another, and instead treated the princes as allies. Land revenue was fixed in absolute terms, partly to prevent local unrest and partly to promote the notion of the white man's burden. The empire **proclaimed** itself to be a protector of the Indian peasant against exploitation by Indian elites. This was denounced as hypocrisy by nationalists like Dadabhai Naoroji in the 19th century, who complained that land taxes led to an enormous drain from India to Britain. Objective calculations by historians like Angus Maddison suggest a drain of perhaps 1.6 percent of Indian Gross National Product in the 19th century.

But land revenue was more or less fixed by the Raj in absolute terms, and so its real value diminished rapidly with inflation in the 20th century. By World War II, India had ceased to be a profit centre for the British Empire. Historically, conquered nations paid taxes to finance **fresh** wars of the conqueror. India itself was asked to pay a large sum at the end of World War I to help repair Britain's finances. But, as shown by historian Indivar Kamtekar, the independence movement led by Gandhiji changed the political landscape, and made mass-taxation of India increasingly difficult. By World War II, this had become politically impossible. Far from taxing India to pay for World War II, Britain actually began paying India for its contribution of men and goods. Troops from white dominions like Australia, Canada and New Zealand were paid for entirely by these countries, but Indian costs were shared by the British government. Britain paid in the form of non-convertible sterling balances, which mounted swiftly. The conqueror was paying the conquered, undercutting the profitability on which all empire is founded. Churchill opposed this, and wanted to tax India rather than owe it money.

But he was overruled by Indian hands, who said India would resist payment, and paralyze the war effort. Leo Amery, Secretary of State for India, said that when you are driving in a taxi to the station to catch a life-or-death train, you do not loudly announce that you have doubts whether to pay the fare. Thus, World War II converted India from a **debtor** to a creditor with over one billion pound in sterling balances. Britain, meanwhile, became the biggest debtor in the world. It's not worth ruling over people who are afraid to tax.

**Q321.** Which of the following was NOT a reason for the emergence of the 'white man's burden' as a new rationale for empire building in India?

- (a) The emergence of the idea of the public good as an element of governance.
- (b) The decreasing returns from imperial loot and increasing costs of conquest.
- (c) The weakening of the immorality attached to an emperor's looting behaviour.
- (d) A growing awareness of the idea of equality among peoples.
- (e) None of these

**Q322.** Which of the following best expresses the main purpose of the author?

- (a) To present the various reasons that can lead to the collapse of an empire and the granting of independence to the subjects of an empire.
- (b) To point out the critical role played by the 'white man's burden' in making a colonizing power give up its claims to native possessions.
- (c) To highlight the contradictory impulse underpinning empire building which is a costly business but very attractive at the same time.
- (d) To illustrate how erosion of the financial basis of an empire supports the granting of independence to an empire's constituents.
- (e) None of these

**Q323.** What was the main lesson the British learned from the Sepoy Mutiny of 1857?

- (a) That the local princes were allies, not foes.
- (b) That the land revenue from India would decline dramatically.
- (c) That the British were a small ethnic group.
- (d) That India would be increasingly difficult to rule. The Princeton Review CAT sample paper 13
- (e) None of these

**Q324.** Which of the following best captures the meaning of the 'white man's burden', as it is used by the author?

- (a) The British claim to a civilizing mission directed at ensuring the good of the natives.
- (b) The inspiration for the French and the American Revolutions.
- (c) The resource drain that had to be borne by the home country's white population.
- (d) An imperative that made open looting of resources impossible.
- (e) None of these

**Q325.** Why didn't Britain tax India to finance its World War II efforts?

- (a) Australia, Canada and New Zealand had offered to pay for the Indian troops.
- (b) India had already paid a sufficiently large sum during World War I.
- (c) It was afraid that if India refused to pay, Britain's war efforts would be jeopardised.
- (d) The British empire was built on the premise that the conqueror pays the conquered.
- (e) None of these

**Directions (326-328): Choose the word which is opposite in meaning to the word printed in bold as used in the passage.**

**Q326. Proclaim**

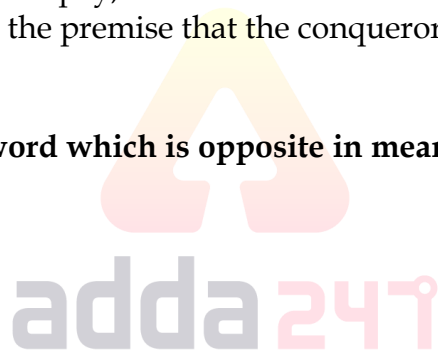
- (a) declare
- (b) clarion
- (c) trumpet
- (d) predicate
- (e) deny

**Q327. Debtor**

- (a) loanee
- (b) drawee
- (c) mortgagor
- (d) defaulter
- (e) mortgagee

**Q328. Hypocrisy**

- (a) glibness
- (b) phoniness
- (c) honesty
- (d) quackery
- (e) deceit



**Directions (329-330): Choose the word which is most similar in meaning to the word printed in bold as used in the passage**

**Q329. Imperialism**

- (a) development
- (b) quackery
- (c) underprogress
- (d) failure
- (e) None of these

**Q330. Fresh**

- (a) new
- (b) old
- (c) medium
- (d) light
- (e) None of these

**Direction (331-340): 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.**

In **stark** contrast to mammals, the zebrafish has the ability to completely regenerate its retina and restore vision after an injury. Researchers from Indian Institute of Science Education and Research (IISER) Mohali, have decoded the signals and genes behind this tremendous feat and hope to uncover valuable clues as to why we humans fail at such regeneration. A particular signalling system – sonic hedgehog (Shh) – in zebrafish has been previously reported to aid in developmental and tissue regeneration activities. To decipher the influence of Shh signalling on retina regeneration, the researchers first inhibited its function. They found that **impairing** this signal made 90% of the zebrafish embryo exhibit a birth defect called cyclopia. Cyclopia is also seen in humans, where there is a single median eye or a partially divided eye. Detailed understanding of this signalling may provide **insights** into the rare defect. Since this signalling is also responsible for retina regeneration in zebrafish, the researchers are trying to understand why the signalling does not **bring about** retina regeneration in humans.

They performed whole retina RNA sequencing at various time points post-retinal injury to the zebrafish eye. Several genes (zic2b, foxn4, mmp9) were found to be upregulated through 'Shh' signalling. Zic2b and foxn4 are essential components for development and tissue regeneration, whereas mmp9 is an enzyme which makes the environment **congenial** for freshly formed cells. Individual knockdowns of these genes also revealed that these are indeed essential for normal retina regeneration. The researchers also showed the role of a microRNA (let-7) which is regulated through a particular gene (Lin28a) which allows normal Shh signalling during the retina regeneration process. "During an injury, you need the proliferation of cells that let-7 is capable of blocking. So Lin28a steps in action, clears or scavenges let-7 and allows differentiated cells to be transformed into multipotent stem cells, which aid in regeneration," explains Rajesh Ramachandran from the Department of Biological Sciences at the Institute and corresponding author of the work published in the journal Cell Reports.

They further carried out studies on mice models by injecting the protein. “Shh protein can easily bind to its respective receptor and turn on the signalling pathway after an acute retinal injury,” says Simran Kaur, PhD scholar and first author of the work. “Though there was increased proliferation and upregulation of the genes, no regeneration of the retina was seen in mice.”

“Although we have understood the signals and genes behind the regeneration, the whole pathway and network need to be unravelled before trying it out in the mammalian system,” adds Prof. Rajesh.

**Q311.** According to the researchers from Indian Institute of Science Education and Research (IISER) Mohali, what tremendous feat has been found in the zebrafish?

- (a) Regeneration of retina
- (b) Restoring the vision
- (c) Both (a) and (b)
- (d) regeneration of cells
- (e) None of these

**Q312.** According to the passage what quality of zebrafish helps in developmental and tissue regeneration activities?

- (a) A particular signalling system making ‘screech’ sound
- (b) A particular sonic hedgehog (Shh) signalling system
- (c) A particular signalling system making ‘purr’ sound
- (d) Both (a) and (b)
- (e) None of these

**Q333.** According to the passage what is the foremost challenge that the researchers are facing regarding the signaling pattern of zebrafish?

- (a) Why impairing this signal made 90% of the zebrafish embryo exhibit a birth defect called cyclopia.
- (b) If this signalling is responsible for retina regeneration in zebrafish why the signalling does not bring about retina regeneration in humans
- (c) What is the source of that particular signalling system – sonic hedgehog (Shh) – in zebrafish
- (d) Both (a) and (c)
- (e) None of these

**Q334.** During development and tissue regeneration which enzyme makes the environment congenial for freshly formed cells?

- (a) zic2b,
- (b) foxn4, mmp9
- (c) foxn4, zic2b
- (d) mmp9
- (e) None of these

**Q335.** According to the researchers how microRNA (let-7) and (Lin28a) gene play their important role during the retina regeneration process?

- (a) Let-7 clears or scavenges Lin28a and allows differentiated cells to be transformed into multipotent stem cells, which aid in regeneration.
- (b) Lin28a combines with Zic2b and then clears let-7 and allows differentiated cells to be transformed into multipotent stem cells, which aid in regeneration.
- (c) Lin28a clears or scavenges let-7 and allows differentiated cells to be transformed into multipotent stem cells, which aid in regeneration.
- (d) Both (b) and (c)
- (e) None of these

**Directions (336-337): Choose the word which is most similar in meaning as the word printed in bold as used in the passage.**

**Q336. Stark**

- (a) Fuzzy
- (b) Ornate
- (c) Comfortable
- (d) Indistinct
- (e) Utter

**Q337. Impairing**

- (a) Damage
- (b) Improve
- (c) Enhance
- (d) Bloating
- (e) Quirking



**Q338.** Which of the following options explain the most suitable meaning of the phrasal verb '**bring about**' used?

- (a) To make something happen
- (b) To be the cause of something bad
- (c) To use the skills of a particular group or person
- (d) To take someone or something from one place to the place where someone else is
- (e) None of these

**Directions (339-340): Choose the word which is most opposite in meaning to the word printed in bold as used in the passage.**

**Q339. Congenial**

- (a) Convivial
- (b) Genial
- (c) Personable
- (d) Hospitable
- (e) Incompatible

### Q340. Insights

- (a) Comprehension
- (b) Acumen
- (c) Cognizance
- (d) Obtuseness
- (e) Apprehension

**Directions (341-350):** Read the following passage to answer these questions given below it. Certain words phrases have been printed in bold to help you locate them while answering some of the questions:

Access to affordable electricity for each and every household is a necessary condition for social and economic development. However, rural electrification received attention in the development agenda mostly in the last one-and-a-half decades. In 2005, the Central government launched the Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Vidyutikaran Yojana (RGGVY) which **subsumed** all other ongoing schemes related to rural electrification. The scheme focused on electrification of villages through implementation of decentralized distributed generation (DDG). RGGVY was later included in the Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Gram Jyoti Yojana (DDUGJY) (recently renamed the Saubhagya scheme), which additionally focuses on feeder separation, improvement of sub-transmission and distribution network, and metering to reduce losses. All these schemes have delivered results and now only a few villages are left that have yet to achieve the target of 100% electrification. As per the latest government statistics, only 910 villages are yet to be electrified, which account for 5% of India's un-electrified villages (as on April 2015), excluding some uninhabited villages. However, the performance of rural household electrification is not that encouraging. Around 35 million households—approximately 11% of the total rural households—are yet to be electrified.

The success of rural electrification should not be measured only on the basis of connections provided, but also on the basis of provision of **reliable** and quality power supply during peak hours. Both these are still persistent problems faced by a majority of India's rural households. As per the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) recommended "Energy Plus" approach, supply of electricity only for lighting is a necessary but not sufficient condition for rural livelihood development. This framework emphasizes on energy access in combination with productive use of electricity for income generation and livelihood **upliftment**. However, to use electricity directly for income-generation activities, ownership of appliances plays an important role, apart from market availability, financial and technical assistance. Appliance ownership, in turn, depends on the household's economic status and on the quality and availability of power supply. This makes the problem more challenging. Further, lack of access to energy at home and for income-generating activities is associated with higher levels of poverty, low productivity, heavy workload, women's safety issues, missed educational opportunities and high **exposure** to health risks.

The cost of power supply to rural areas is also significantly high. As a majority of the rural households cannot afford high cost supply, utilities are **reluctant** to supply the required quality and quantity of electricity in these areas. This is apart from the issue of capacity constraint in terms of power generation/purchase. However, implementing some appropriate measures such as smart meters, infrastructure development, franchisee arrangements with local self-help-groups (for more effective billing, monitoring and collection) may improve the situation to some extent. The recent Saubhagya scheme addresses some of these issues. It aims to improve environment, public health, education and connectivity with the help of last-mile power connections across India along with providing electricity connections to over 40 million families in rural and urban areas by December. Households out of reach of the national electricity grid are proposed to be provided with solar power packs along with battery banks with the Rural Electrification Corporation as the nodal agency.

**Q341.** According to the passage, Saubhagya Scheme aims to

- (a) Supply of electricity through dedicated feeders.
- (b) improvement of metering and distribution network to reduce losses.
- (c) Access to affordable electricity through implementation of decentralized distributed generation.
- (d) Both (b) and (c)
- (e) All are correct

**Q342.** What is/ are the problem(s) faced by Indian rural population nowadays?

- (I) Lack of sufficient appliances to access the electricity.
  - (II) Lack of reliable and quality power supply.
  - (III) Lack of connection provided for electrification.
- (a) Only (I)
  - (b) Both (I) and (II)
  - (c) Both (II) and (III)
  - (d) Both (I) and (III)
  - (e) All are correct

**Q343.** The need of “energy plus” approach is to

- (a) use it for educational opportunities.
- (b) avoiding high health risks.
- (c) use electricity for income generation activities.
- (d) provide women safety.
- (e) All

**Q344.** How the problems can be resolved for easy access of electricity to rural population?

- (a) By developing infrastructure
- (b) By installing smart and effective machinery to the system.
- (c) By launching some schemes aiming to improve rural electrification.
- (d) By effective monitoring of the power supply.
- (e) All of the above.

**Q345.** The **tone** of the author in context to the passage is

- (a) sarcastic
- (b) didactic
- (c) cynical
- (d) critical
- (e) Analytical

**Directions (346- 348):** Choose the word which is most **same** in meaning of the word printed in bold in context of the passage.

**Q346. Subsume**

- (a) abundant
- (b) variegate
- (c) integrate
- (d) comprise
- (e) consistent



**Q347. Reluctant**

- (a) ardent
- (b) anonymous
- (c) grudging
- (d) suggest
- (e) enthusiastic

**Q348. Uplift**

- (a) extenuate
- (b) pacify
- (c) abet
- (d) mollify
- (e) elevate

**Directions (349- 350):** Choose the word which is most **opposite** in meaning of the word printed in bold in context of the passage.

**Q349. Reliable**

- (a) conciliate
- (b) dodgy
- (c) persistence
- (d) persuade
- (e) incite

**Q350. Exposure**

- (a) candor
- (b) dire
- (c) subdue
- (d) safety
- (e) proficient



**Directions (351-360):** In the given passage there are blanks, each of which has been numbered. Against each, five words are suggested, one of which fits the blank appropriately. Find the appropriate word in each case.

With doubt, there is one thing ...(351)... to all of us. We have played a game at some time in our lives. Most of us play to relax or have fun, but for many playing a game or a sport is a way to ...(352)... poverty behind, In fact, in many African countries, playing professionally can ...(353)... the lives of a person's entire family.

For example, in the small town of Bekoji, in Ethiopia ...(354)... than a hundred boys and girls can be seen running at dawn everyday. Each of these youth is ...(355)... and serious and their coach is ...(356)... that one of them will be a world champion. This seems like an idle ...(357)... but it is virtually a guarantee in this small community ...(358)... mainly farmers. Many of the fastest male and female distance runners in the world hail from this small town.

A small hand-painted sign which greets visitors outside bekoji ...(359)... “Welcome to the village of Athletes”. Children here start running at an early age, ...(360)... great distances to fetch water and firewood or to reach school. At the Olympics, runners from this small town are likely to win more medals than those from developed countries. It will give their families a way out of poverty.

**Q351.**

- (a) accepted
- (b) common
- (c) alike
- (d) similar
- (e) popular

**Q352.**

- (a) alleviate
- (b) forgot
- (c) prevent
- (d) reduce
- (e) leave

**Q353.**

- (a) changes
- (b) arrange
- (c) control
- (d) transform
- (e) shift

**Q354.**

- (a) further
- (b) more
- (c) greater
- (d) over
- (e) larger

**Q355.**

- (a) concentrated
- (b) rival
- (c) focused
- (d) playful
- (e) performed

**Q356.**

- (a) convince
- (b) optimist
- (c) intended
- (d) privilege
- (e) confident



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**Q357.**

- (a) boast
- (b) suspicion
- (c) risk
- (d) worship
- (e) precaution

**Q358.**

- (a) existing
- (b) that
- (c) comprising
- (d) consisting
- (e) for

**Q359.**

- (a) warn
- (b) inform
- (c) notices
- (d) reads
- (e) wish

**Q360.**

- (a) covering
- (b) driving
- (c) measuring
- (d) following
- (e) competing



**Directions (361-370): In the following passage, there are blanks, each of which has been numbered. These numbers are printed below the passage and against each, five words are suggested, one of which fits the blank appropriately. Find out the appropriate word in each case.**

Information technology and the hardware and software \_\_\_ (361)\_\_\_ with the IT industry, are an \_\_\_(362)\_\_\_ part of nearly \_\_\_(363)\_\_\_ major global industry. IT industry has become one of the most robust industries in the world. IT, more than any other industry or economic \_\_\_ (364) \_\_\_ has an increased productivity, particularly in the developed world, and therefore is a key driver of google economic growth. Economics of scale and \_\_\_ (365) \_\_\_ demand from both consumers and enterprises \_\_\_ (366)\_\_\_ this rapidly growing sector. The information technology association of America (ITAA) explains 'information technology' as \_\_\_(367)\_\_\_ all possible aspects of information systems based on computer systems. \_\_\_(368)\_\_\_ to its easy accessibility and the wide-range of IT products available, the demand-for IT services has increased \_\_\_(369)\_\_\_ over the years. The IT sector has emerged as a major global \_\_\_ (370) \_\_\_ of both growth and employment.

**Q361.**

- (a) amalgamation
- (b) use
- (c) associated
- (d) vision
- (e) regulated

**Q362.**

- (a) integral
- (b) fundamental
- (c) increased
- (d) vital
- (e) eager

**Q363.**

- (a) most
- (b) all
- (c) every
- (d) few
- (e) some

**Q364.**

- (a) World
- (b) opinion
- (c) stature
- (d) profit
- (e) facet

**Q365.**

- (a) multiply
- (b) insatiable
- (c) decreasing
- (d) unquenchable
- (e) unreasonable

**Q366.**

- (a) forage
- (b) thwart
- (c) motivate
- (d) fuelling
- (e) characterize



**Q367.**

- (a) making
- (b) qualifying
- (c) inclusive
- (d) encompassing
- (e) trusting

**Q368.**

- (a) owing
- (b) since
- (c) catering
- (d) in order
- (e) complement

**Q369.**

- (a) regularly
- (b) substantially
- (c) minimally
- (d) exponential
- (e) savagely

**Q370.**

- (a) fortune
- (b) meltdown
- (c) spring
- (d) source
- (e) economy



**Directions (371-380):** In the following passage there are blanks, each of which has been numbered. These numbers are printed below the passage and against each, five words are suggested, one of which fits the blank appropriately. Find out the appropriate word in each case.

Once upon a time, two friends were **(371)** through the desert. During some point of the **(372)** they had an argument, and one friend slapped the other one in the face. The one who got slapped was **(373)**, but without saying anything, he wrote in the sand, "Today my best friend slapped me in the face." They kept on walking **(374)** they found an oasis, where they **(375)** to take a both. The one, who had been slapped, got **(376)** in the quicksand and started drowning, but the friend saved him. After the friend **(377)** from the near drowning, he wrote on a stone, "The friend who had slapped and saved his best friend asked him, "After I hurt you, you wrote in the sand and **(378)** you write on a stone, why?" The other friend **(379)**, "When someone hurts us, we should write it down in sand where winds of forgiveness can erase it away. But, when someone does something good for us, we must **(380)** it in stone where no wind can ever erase it."

**Q371.**

- (a) crawling
- (b) speaking
- (c) swimming
- (d) walking
- (e) dancing

**Q372.**

- (a) journey
- (b) sand
- (c) running
- (d) border
- (e) hunt

**Q373.**

- (a) dead
- (b) captured
- (c) presentable
- (d) missing
- (e) hurt

**Q374.**

- (a) as
- (b) until
- (c) from
- (d) with
- (e) through

**Q375.**

- (a) decided
- (b) fell
- (c) made
- (d) want
- (e) left

**Q376.**

- (a) home
- (b) stuck
- (c) blended
- (d) mixed
- (e) sitting



Q377. (a) separated

(b) leaked

(c) died

(d) recovered

(e) saved

Q378. (a) so

(b) how

(c) when

(d) tomorrow

(e) now

Q379. (a) called

(b) tell

(c) replied

(d) questioned

(e) asked

Q380. (a) talk

(b) push

(c) engrave

(d) add

(e) bury

**Directions (381-390): In the following passage, some of the words have been left out, each of which is indicated by a numbers. Find the suitable word from the options given against each number and fill up the blanks with appropriate words to make the paragraph meaningful.**

Against the **backdrop(381)** of the attacks on Indian students in Milan, the External Affairs Ministry has **told(382)** citizens in Italy not to panic. External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj has received a detailed report on the situation even as the students met Indian diplomats. While **mobilizing(383)** the Indian students of their safety, the Minister said she was overseeing the situation. "I have got the detailed report [on the attacks in Milan]. Please do not worry. I am **adjudicating(384)** the situation personally," Ms. Swaraj said in a social media message. The Indian Students Association for Polimi (Politechnic University of Milan) said two incidents took place over the past few days in which a group of people beat up a student and **scraped(385)** his mobile phone and another student was **scoured(386)** by a gang. Following these incidents, the Consulate General of India (CGI) in Milan on Monday issued a/an **induction(387)** to Indian nationals and students urging them not to panic. "The Consulate has received reports of the unfortunate incidents of attacks on Indian students in Milan. All Indian students are urged not to panic. The Consulate is taking up this matter with the highest level of law and order authorities in Milan," the Consulate said in the advisory posted on social media platforms. However, G.V. Sandeep of the students' association said the **study(388)** needs to be completed and avoided describing the attacks as 'racist'. "Following the attacks, locals have reached out to us offering to help. Our community is widely **targeted(389)** in Milan; even the media in the city has enquired and extended all sorts of help to create awareness, so I want to state clearly that Italy remains safe for Indians and Indian students," Mr. Sandeep said while explaining that the attacks were **likely(390)** to be part of a racist plot.

- Q381.**(a) rise  
(b) evidence  
(c) increase  
(d) record  
(e) No improvement

- Q382.**(a) endorsed  
(b) urged  
(c) backed  
(d) reproached  
(e) No improvement

- Q383.**(a) affirming  
(b) securing  
(c) conjuring  
(d) assuring  
(e) No improvement

- Q384.**(a) escalating  
(b) monitoring  
(c) testing  
(d) leading  
(e) No improvement

- Q385.**(a) plucked  
(b) secured  
(c) snatched  
(d) obtained  
(e) No improvement

- Q386.**(a) pelted  
(b) swepted  
(c) hurtled  
(d) assaulted  
(e) No improvement

- Q387.**(a) checklist  
(b) ruling  
(c) advisory  
(d) assistance  
(e) No improvement





Q388.(a) investigation

- (b) research
- (c) survey
- (d) observation
- (e) No improvement

Q389.(a) condemned

- (b) appreciated
- (c) criticized
- (d) ignored
- (e) No improvement

Q390.(a) unlikely

- (b) thought
- (c) guessed
- (d) sought
- (e) No improvement

**Directions (391-400): In the following passage there are blanks, each of which has been numbered. These numbers are printed below the passage and against each, five words/phrases are suggested, one of which fits the blank appropriately. Find out the appropriate word/phrase in each case.**

There is a considerable amount of research about the factors that make a company innovate. So is it possible to create an environment (391) to innovation? This is a particularly pertinent (392) for India today. Massive problems in health, education etc. (393) be solved using a conventional approach but (394) creative and innovative solutions that can ensure radical change and (395). There are several factors in India's (396). Few countries have the rich diversity that India or its large, young population (397). While these (398) innovation policy interventions certain additional steps are also required. These include (399) investment in research and development by (400) the government and the private sector, easy transfer of technology from the academic world etc. To fulfill its promise of being prosperous and to be at the forefront, India must be innovative.

Q391.

- (a) stimuli
- (b) conducive
- (c) incentive
- (d) facilitated
- (e) impetus

Q392.

- (a) objective
- (b) controversy
- (c) doubt
- (d) question
- (e) inference

**Q393.**

- (a) cannot
- (b) possibly
- (c) should
- (d) never
- (e) must

**Q394.**

- (a) necessary
- (b) apply
- (c) need
- (d) consider
- (e) requires

**Q395.**

- (a) quantity
- (b) advantages
- (c) increase
- (d) chaos
- (e) growth

**Q396.**

- (a) challenges
- (b) praises
- (c) favour
- (d) leverage
- (e) esteem

**Q397.**

- (a) blessed
- (b) enjoys
- (c) endows
- (d) prevails
- (e) occurs

**Q398.**

- (a) aid .
- (b) jeopardise
- (c) promotes
- (d) endure
- (e) cater



**Q399.**

- (a) acute
- (b) utilising
- (c) restricting
- (d) inspiring
- (e) increased

**Q400.**

- (a) both
- (b) besides
- (c) combining
- (d) participating
- (e) aid

**Directions (401 - 410): In the following passage there are blanks, each of which has been numbered. These numbers are printed below the passage and against each five words are suggested, one of which fits the blank appropriately. Find out the appropriate words.**

Above all, be of single aim, have a ..... (401)..... and useful purpose, and devote yourself .....(402)..... to it. Let nothing draw you aside; remember that 'The double-minded man is .....(403) ..... in all his ways. Be eager to learn but slow ..... (404) ..... have a thorough understanding of your work and let it be your own; and as you proceed, ever following the inward guide, the ..... (405) ..... voice, you will pass on from victory to victory, and will rise step by step to higher resting-places, and your ever broadening outlook will gradually .....(406) .....to you the essential beauty and purpose of life. Self-purified, health will be yours; faith protected, Success will be yours; self-governed, power will be yours and all that you do will .....(407) ....., for ceasing to be a disjointed unit, self-enslaved, you will be in harmony with the Great Law, working no longer against, but with the universal life, the Eternal with you; what success you achieve will be .....(408)..... all human computation, and will never pass away; and what influence and power you .....(409) ..... will continue to increase throughout the ages, for it will be a part of that .....(410)..... principle which supports the universe.

**Q401.** (a) legal

- (b) legitimate
- (c) genuine
- (d) true
- (e) beneficial

**Q402.** (a) decidedly

- (b) practically
- (c) profoundly
- (d) unreservedly
- (e) seriously

- Q403.** (a) volatile  
(b) floating  
(c) unstable  
(d) instable  
(e) vacillating

- Q404.** (a) to beg  
(b) to forget  
(c) to ignore  
(d) to neglect  
(e) to be careless

- Q405.** (a) dauntless  
(b) infallible  
(c) unshakable  
(d) incorruptible  
(e) unfailing

- Q406.** (a) demonstrate  
(b) disclose  
(c) resurrect  
(d) revamp  
(e) reveal

- Q407.** (a) prosper  
(b) flourish  
(c) burgeon  
(d) promote  
(e) stabilize

- Q408.** (a) bewildering to  
(b) outside  
(c) beyond  
(d) limited by  
(e) unrestricted by

- Q409.** (a) command  
(b) exercise  
(c) practise  
(d) carry  
(e) wield



- Q410.** (a) unchangeable  
(b) inexorable  
(c) irrefutable  
(d) inscrutable  
(e) irredeemable

**Directions (411-415):** In the following passage there are blanks, each of which has been numbered. These numbers are printed below the passage and against each, five options are given. Four of the five words fit into the blank coherently. Find out the word which does not fit into the blank appropriately.

Tyre-maker CEAT has introduced a 'work from remote location' policy, one that (411) \_\_\_\_\_ its employees to work from anywhere – cafes, home, mall, or whatever they (412) \_\_\_\_\_ fit as a place they can work from. The company, three months ago, (413) \_\_\_\_\_ mandatory attendance recording, allowing its employees to operate on a (414) \_\_\_\_\_ timetable. The management at RPG Enterprises, which owns CEAT, believes this motivates employees enough and drives up productivity. CEAT/RPG are not the only ones that are (415) \_\_\_\_\_ their workplace policies, including on attendance, to give employees more freedom. Mahindra, Cipla, Godrej and ICICI Bank are doing this, too.

- Q411.** (a) enables  
(b) compels  
(c) lets  
(d) allows  
(e) permits

- Q412.** (a) scrutinize  
(b) deem  
(c) consider  
(d) presume  
(e) believe

- Q413.** (a) dismissed  
(b) eliminated  
(c) discarded  
(d) hoarded  
(e) scrapped

- Q414.** (a) flexible  
(b) workable  
(c) fluid  
(d) variable  
(e) brittle



- Q415.** (a) tweaking  
(b) modifying  
(c) resizing  
(d) changing  
(e) altering

**Directions (416-420):** In the following paragraph, there is a set of four highlighted words against each number indicated in bold in the beginning of the sentences. One word out of the given set of words may or may not fit into the statement. Choose the word which is not suitable in the context of the paragraph. If all the four words are correct and feasible, choose (e) i.e. "No error" as your answer.

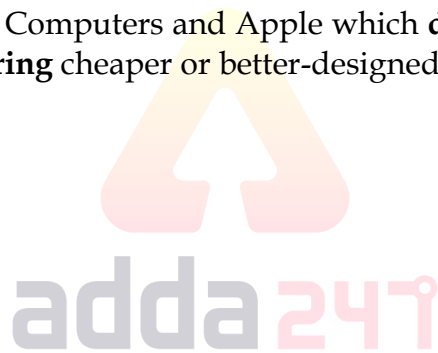
**(416)** Apple co-founder Steve Wozniak's **recent** comment **praising** the creativity of Indians **was** ill-informed **at** best. **(417)** **since**, his criticism about the absence of companies making big **advances** in technology is **indisputably** true, sizable companies like Infosys Ltd and Tata Consultancy Services Ltd (TCS) **notwithstanding**. **(418)** Out of the seven Indian companies **only** made it to 2017's Fortune 500 list, three are private companies – Reliance Industries, Tata Motors and Rajesh Exports – and none is a tech company. The early **stories** of many tech companies feature a **precocious** geek who identifies a need and uses technology to create the **revolutionary** product. **(419)** Larry Page **and** Sergey Brin at Google and Bill Gates at Microsoft **come** to mind. Elon Musk at Tesla is **cast** in the same **mould**. **(420)** There are also **companies** like Dell Computers and Apple which **don't** invent a new product line, **but** better served consumers by **delivering** cheaper or better-designed products.

- Q416.** (a) recent  
(b) praising  
(c) was  
(d) at  
(e) no error

- Q417.** (a) since  
(b) advances  
(c) indisputably  
(d) notwithstanding  
(e) No error

- Q418.** (a) only  
(b) stories  
(c) precocious  
(d) revolutionary  
(e) No error

- Q419.** (a) and  
(b) come  
(c) cast  
(d) mould  
(e) No error



- Q420.** (a) companies  
(b) don't  
(c) but  
(d) delivering  
(e) No error

**Direction (421-430):** Given below is a paragraph consisting of blanks against each number. Identify the correct option among the five alternative pairs that perfectly fits into the given blank against the respective number to make the paragraph contextually meaningful and grammatically correct.

She was (421)\_\_\_\_\_ in the small village of Kakati in Belgaum, Karnataka in 1778. From a very young age she received training in sword fighting, archery and horse riding and got private lessons at home. Once King Mallasarja of Kittur was moving (422) \_\_\_\_\_ trying to find support from neighbouring kingdoms to fight Tipu Sultan and approached Dhulappa Desai. He then saw Chennamma and was (423)\_\_\_\_\_ to her confidence and bravery. Though he was already (424) \_\_\_\_\_ and had a son Shivalinga Rudra Sarja, he took Chennamma as his second wife. They had a son who died at a young age. King Mallasarja also passed away. It is said that East India company's collector and political agent Thackeray wished to (425) \_\_\_\_\_ Kittur to expand the British Empire. Rani Chennamma now queen of Kittur decided to take charge and rallied together her trusted men to fight against the British. As a (426)\_\_\_\_\_ of this war British officers including Thackeray were killed. The remaining officials and soldiers were (427) \_\_\_\_\_ and she ensured that they were treated with courtesy and kindness. The British Empire was enraged at the humiliation of defeat at the hands of a small ruler and sent bigger armies to Kittur to capture it. A fierce battle was fought but this time due to a number of (428)\_\_\_\_\_ in her camp she lost the battle and was captured by the British and their treasury looted. It is said that such was her indomitable courage and fearlessness that she tried to (429) \_\_\_\_\_ twice from the Kittur fort but was recaptured both times and then put in solitary confinement for life. She spent her days performing pooja and reading the holy texts till her death. In the year 1829 she died in confinement with the (430) \_\_\_\_\_ of a free Kittur in her heart and mind. Her burial place or Samadhi is at Bailhongal taluka surrounded by a small park.

**Q421.**

- (a) Born  
(b) Bent  
(c) Folded  
(d) Daunted  
(e) Frightened

**Q422.**

- (a) Arouse  
(b) Around  
(c) Argue  
(d) Affluent  
(e) Artificial

**Q423.**

- (a) Exchanged
- (b) Afforested
- (c) Attracted
- (d) Mounted
- (e) Balanced

**Q424.**

- (a) Restored
- (b) Rejected
- (c) Nurtured
- (d) Married
- (e) Divorced

**Q425.**

- (a) Crowned
- (b) Linked
- (c) Crowd
- (d) Classify
- (e) Capture

**Q426.**

- (a) Commotion
- (b) Abrasion
- (c) Propulsion
- (d) Conclusion
- (e) Emulsion

**Q427.**

- (a) Sanctioned
- (b) Adjourned
- (c) Imprisoned
- (d) Burdened
- (e) Rationed

**Q428.**

- (a) Followers
- (b) Traitors
- (c) Practitioners
- (d) Survivors
- (e) Instructors





**Q429.**

- (a) Escape
- (b) Recap
- (c) Mishap
- (d) Rehab
- (e) Instigate

**Q430.**

- (a) Supreme
- (b) Extreme
- (c) Scheme
- (d) Realm
- (e) Dream

**Directions (431-437):** In the following passage there are blanks, each of which has been numbered. These numbers are printed below the passage and against each, five words/phrases are suggested, one of which fits the blank appropriately. Find out the appropriate word/phrase for each blank.

There are once again (431) \_\_\_\_\_ of a possible global economic (432) \_\_\_\_\_ in the air. Whether these forebodings will (433) \_\_\_\_\_ is a matter for economists to debate. But it is worth asking if there were to be another financial crisis in the near future, would political (434) \_\_\_\_\_ in the world have the (435) \_\_\_\_\_ to respond effectively. After the 2008 crisis, the global system (436) \_\_\_\_\_ a response to contain the immediate crisis. It was by no means adequate to deal with the deep structural issues (437) \_\_\_\_\_ the global economy. But there was, nonetheless, a coordinated response of some kind.

**Q431.** (a) breaks

- (b) revelation
- (c) study
- (d) murmurings
- (e) research

**Q432.** (a) turbulence

- (b) boom
- (c) sound
- (d) policies
- (e) easiness

**Q433.** (a) require

- (b) suggest
- (c) allocate
- (d) transact
- (e) transpire

- Q434.** (a) junctions  
(b) configurations  
(c) renovations  
(d) transfer  
(e) placement

- Q435.** (a) charges  
(b) bill  
(c) wherewithal  
(d) arrears  
(e) withdrawals

- Q436.** (a) lost  
(b) catch  
(c) mounted  
(d) diminished  
(e) disfigured

- Q437.** (a) ailing  
(b) strengthening  
(c) boosting  
(d) twisting  
(e) gaining

**Directions (438-445):** In the following passage there are blanks, each of which has been numbered. These numbers are printed below the passage and against each, some words are suggested, one of which fits the blank appropriately. Find out the appropriate word in each case.

Educational institutions usually deal with gender issues in a textbook mode, \_\_\_\_\_(438)equality and mythologizing modernity. In the typical ethos of a social science classroom, no \_\_\_\_\_(439) is possible with male attitudes towards women either. Nor can the terror internalized by girls at an early age be \_\_\_\_\_(440) and discussed. Lessons on gender \_\_\_\_\_(441) mention prejudices and \_\_\_\_\_(442) in religious practices and festive rituals. While education has improved the distribution of eligibility and job opportunities for women, it has made little impact on male aggression and self-righteousness. The potential that education has for improving male sanity has been severely \_\_\_\_\_(443) by the unprecedented and easy access provided by digital devices to pornography, including child pornography. The situation is quite dire. A helpline was set up by the National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR) as a facility for children who have been abused. It was \_\_\_\_\_(444) by callers looking for pornography. Apparently, the state apparatus has no immediate answers to offer for a social \_\_\_\_\_(445) growing at a wild pace.

- Q438.** (a)Benefitting  
(b) Preaching  
(c) Facilitating  
(d) Anticipating  
(e) Abstracting

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**Q439.**(a)Engagement

- (b) position
- (c) Empathy
- (d) Inferring
- (e) Furthering

**Q440.** (a)Forced

- (b) Includes
- (c) Acknowledged
- (d) Distinct
- (e) Helped

**Q441.** (a)Equally

- (b) Compare
- (c) Disparity
- (d) Practicality
- (e) Order

**Q442.**(a)Explicitly

- (b) Direct
- (c) Sanction
- (d) Embedded
- (e) practice

**Q443.** (a)Hampered

- (b) Employed
- (c) Observed
- (d) Protected
- (e) Separated

**Q444.** (a)Endured

- (b) Expressed
- (c) utility
- (d) Emptied
- (e) Inundated

**Q445.**(a) phenomenon

- (b) achieve
- (c) noteworthy
- (d) accomplish
- (e) gratifying



**Directions (446-455):** In the following passage, some of the words have been left out, each of which is indicated by a number. Find the suitable word from the options given against each number and fill up the blanks with appropriate words to make the paragraph meaningfully complete.

Cancer is a/an \_\_\_\_\_(446)\_\_\_\_\_ growth and multiplication of cells in a given organ (for example, the lung or stomach), which are damaged due to \_\_\_\_\_(447)\_\_\_\_\_ or external triggers (such as smoking or high doses of radiation). While normal cells are programmed to multiply and grow to a certain size and stay so, cancer cells, whose DNA is \_\_\_\_\_(448)\_\_\_\_\_ due to such damage, go on a \_\_\_\_\_(449)\_\_\_\_\_ growth leading to tumors, weakening the body and ultimately even death. There have been a variety of approaches to win over this emperor. Surgical removal of the tumor has been one option, but it does not guarantee total removal, nor its recurrence if the original cause is not \_\_\_\_\_(450)\_\_\_\_\_. Radiation therapy using high power gamma rays has also been tried, again with \_\_\_\_\_(451)\_\_\_\_\_ success. Many doctors have tried combining drugs along with shining the tumor using radiation such as gamma-rays for short periods of time. But the trouble is that they need to be used for \_\_\_\_\_(452)\_\_\_\_\_ periods. A recent \_\_\_\_\_(453)\_\_\_\_\_ in the field is to for the oncologist to isolate a piece of cancer tissue from the patient, and collaborate with a group of molecular bio-analysts to identify the neo-antigen on the cancer cells. Next, the oncologist asks an immunologist collaborator to prepare the \_\_\_\_\_(454)\_\_\_\_\_ antibody molecule, which can be \_\_\_\_\_(455)\_\_\_\_\_ to the patient so as to stop recurrence of the tumor. This is thus a therapeutic vaccine (not a preventive vaccine such as the one against hepatitis or mumps). Some such cancer vaccines are already in the market.

**Q446.**

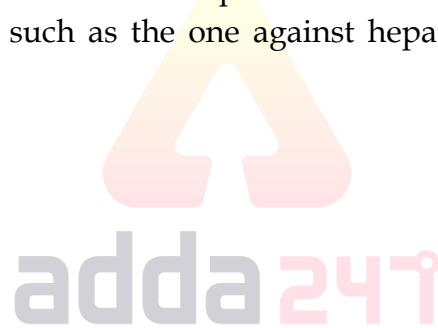
- (a) Common
- (b) Relaxing
- (c) Uncontrolled
- (d) Oral
- (e) Inorganic

**Q447.**

- (a) Connect
- (b) Inborn
- (c) Skilled
- (d) Scattered
- (e) Balanced

**Q448.**

- (a) Mutated
- (b) Purposed
- (c) Seasoned
- (d) Sprayed
- (e) Integrated



**Q449.**

- (a) Rampant
- (b) Slow
- (c) Proper
- (d) Poor
- (e) Bit

**Q450.**

- (a) Praised
- (b) Appreciated
- (c) Addressed
- (d) Forgiven
- (e) Convinced

**Q451.**

- (a) Obsessed
- (b) Disapproved
- (c) Uninterested
- (d) Limited
- (e) Worried

**Q452.**

- (a) Reluctant
- (b) Beneficial
- (c) Universal
- (d) Difficult
- (e) Sustained

**Q453.**

- (a) Approach
- (b) Imperfection
- (c) Cruelty
- (d) Arrogance
- (e) Casualty

**Q454.**

- (a) Co-operated
- (b) Specific
- (c) Acquired
- (d) Demonstrate
- (e) Initiated



**Q455.**

- (a) Advanced
- (b) Disguised
- (c) Uniformed
- (d) Concentrated
- (e) Injected

**Direction (456-460):** Given below is a paragraph consisting of blanks against each number.

**Identify the correct option among the five alternative pairs that perfectly fits into the given blank against the respective number to make the paragraph contextually meaningful and grammatically correct.**

Abu Abdullah Muhammad Ibn Battuta was a Moroccan Muslim scholar and traveler. He was known for his \_\_\_(456)\_\_\_ and undertaking excursions called the Rihla. His journeys lasted for a period of almost thirty years, covering nearly the whole of the known Islamic world and beyond. They \_\_\_(457)\_\_\_ from North Africa, West Africa, Southern Europe and Eastern Europe in the West, to the Middle East, Indian subcontinent, Central Asia, Southeast Asia and China in the East, a \_\_\_(458)\_\_\_ readily surpassing that of his predecessors. After his travels he returned to Morocco and gave his account of the \_\_\_(459)\_\_\_ to Ibn Juzay. He first began his \_\_\_(460)\_\_\_ by exploring the lands of the Middle East.

**Q456.**

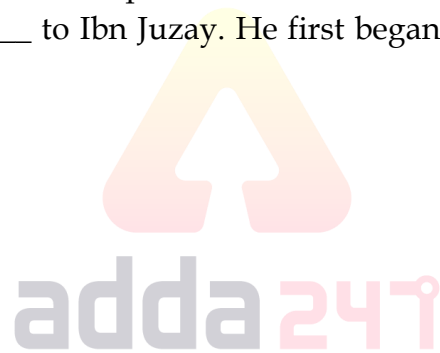
- (a) Traveling
- (b) Actuating
- (c) Folded
- (d) Daunting
- (e) Frightening

**Q457.**

- (a) Aroused
- (b) Extended
- (c) Argued
- (d) Eliminated
- (e) Artificial

**Q458.**

- (a) Disturbance
- (b) Diligence
- (c) Distance
- (d) Mounted
- (e) Balanced



**Q459.**

- (a) Restored
- (b) Rejected
- (c) Nurtured
- (d) Experience
- (e) Divorced

**Q460.**

- (a) Crowned
- (b) Linked
- (c) Vague
- (d) Variance
- (e) Voyage

**Directions (461-465):** In the following passage against each number four words are suggested in bold which may or may not fit into the sentence contextually. These numbers are printed below the passage and against each, five options are given. Find out the most appropriate alternative reflecting the word which doesn't fit into the blank appropriately and thus fail to give a contextual meaning to the paragraph. If no such error is there mark (e) i.e. "all are correct" as your answer choice.

(461) There is little **surprise** in the Law Commission of India **recommendation** that the Board of Control for Cricket in India be **brought** under the **receipt** of the Right to Information Act. (462) Over the years, the popular **expectation** that India's cash-rich and commercially successful **apex** cricket body will have to make itself more **transparent** and accountable has been **reliving**. (463) While the BCCI is a private body that needs no financial help from the government, it is being increasingly **recognised** that it performs significant public functions. Even though a five-judge Bench of the Supreme Court in 2005 held by a 3-2 majority that the BCCI could not be termed an **instrumentality** of the 'State' under Article 12 of the Constitution, **subsequent** developments have ensured that the public **character** of its functioning is widely recognised. (464) In recent years, especially against the **backdrop** of the betting scandal that hit the Indian Premier League tournament a few years ago, the **vision** that the cricket board is functioning in an **opaque** manner and not entirely in the game's interest has **gained** ground. (465) The Supreme Court's intervention led to the constitution of the Justice R.M. Lodha Committee, which recommended **sweeping** reforms in the board's structure and the rules **governing** its administration. Many believe that implementing these reforms at both national and State levels would **impart** greater transparency in its functioning and lead to an **overhaul** of cricket administration in the country. The apex court also reaffirmed the public character of the BCCI's functions.

- Q461.** (a) surprise  
(b) recommendation  
(c) brought  
(d) receipt  
(e) No error

- Q462.** (a) expectation  
(b) apex  
(c) transparent  
(d) reliving  
(e) no error

- Q463.** (a) recognised  
(b) instrumentality  
(c) subsequent  
(d) character  
(e) no error

- Q464.** (a) backdrop  
(b) vision  
(c) opaque  
(d) gained  
(e) no error

- Q465.** (a) sweeping  
(b) governing  
(c) impart  
(d) overhaul  
(e) no error

**Direction (466-470):** Given below is a paragraph consisting of pairs of words given in bold. Identify the correct option among the five alternative pairs that perfectly fits the given blank against the respective number to make the paragraph contextually meaningful and grammatically correct.

Retired people suddenly have so much time during the day that they may stop bothering about their routine. Their time of waking up, shower, breakfast and overall schedule become \_\_\_(466)\_\_. They may feel time is moving at a slower pace and they do not know what to look forward to. This may \_\_\_(467)\_\_ to a hitherto-unseen focus on their interpersonal relationships, \_\_\_(468)\_\_ about what their children or relatives are up to, etc, which may lead to interference in their near and dear ones' lives. This can turn into a troublesome \_\_\_(469)\_\_\_ for those around them. Shortcomings in their families appear magnified and become the most important thing that they believe have to be \_\_\_(470)\_\_\_ as top priority.

- Q466.** (a) rational/ logical  
(b) random/ astute  
(c) erratic/ bizarre  
(d) fanciful/ mutilate  
(e) botch/ failure



- Q467.** (a) cast/ mold  
(b) accelerate/ hasten  
(c) lead/ result  
(d) step/ stride  
(e) conduct/ bear

- Q468.** (a) uncertain/ shocked  
(b) weird/ unusual  
(c) deviation/ aberrant  
(d) strange/ awkward  
(e) curiosity / interest

- Q469.** (a) ravel/ untangle  
(b) tackle/ handle  
(c) experience/ happening  
(d) valiant/ audacious  
(e) resolute/ intent

- Q470.** (a) resolved/ settled  
(b) dissolved/ waned  
(c) examined/ appraised  
(d) proposed/ undaunted  
(e) confirmed/ convinced

**Directions (471-475):** In the following passage there are blanks, each of which has been numbered. These numbers are printed below the passage and against each, five options are given. Four of the five words fit into the blank coherently. Find out the word which does not fit into the blank appropriately.

If you can control your mind, your speech will be \_\_\_\_ (471) \_\_\_\_\_. To avoid \_\_\_\_ (472) \_\_\_\_\_ speech first learn to control your mind. The spiritual path \_\_\_\_ (473) \_\_\_\_\_ a disciplined mind. So, you have to learn to master the mind. When you are able to do that you gain greater mastery over your speech. These two things happen simultaneously – by controlling your speech, the mind comes under check, and by \_\_\_\_ (474) \_\_\_\_\_ in the mind, you avoid heedless speech. All spiritual people share this \_\_\_\_ (475) \_\_\_\_\_. When people discuss truth and Paramatman, the mind is controlled.

- Q471.** (a) subvert  
(b) flawless  
(c) impeccable  
(d) immaculate  
(e) exquisite

- Q472.** (a) agitated  
(b) incited  
(c) unbridled  
(d) perturbed  
(e) abrupt

- Q473.** (a) expunges  
(b) demands  
(c) requires  
(d) entails  
(e) necessitates

- Q474.** (a) reining  
(b) checking  
(c) curbing  
(d) restraining  
(e) repealing

- Q475.** (a) quality  
(b) trait  
(c) vitiate  
(d) aspect  
(e) characteristic

**Directions (476-485):** In the following passage there are blanks, each of which has been numbered. These numbers are printed below the passage and against each, five words are suggested, one of which fits the blank appropriately. Find out the appropriate word in each case.

The World Diabetes Congress has determined that India has the largest number of diabetics in the world. Apart from the loss of productivity, the (476) burden is alarming-\$2.8 billion annually. Sedentary jobs, (477) of electronic entertainment, changing diet patterns and (478) dependence on automobiles have driven the activity (479) of Indians' lives especially in cities.

The (480) is, therefore, to make people physically (481) and requires interventions which impact a large (482) of the population. Admittedly physical activity is a (483) of choice and is strongly driven by (484) preferences. But policymaking needs to shift to (485) moderate levels of physical activity in the daily lives of people. One way to accomplish this is to create walkable communities that give residents a variety of destinations within walking distance.

- Q476.**  
(a) economic  
(b) finance  
(c) subsidy  
(d) physical  
(e) health

- Q477.**  
(a) broadcast  
(b) spread  
(c) actually  
(d) compare  
(e) collected

**Q478.**

- (a) totally
- (b) entirely
- (c) grown
- (d) mutual
- (e) increasing

**Q479.**

- (a) most
- (b) out
- (c) from
- (d) through
- (e) outside

**Q480.**

- (a) ultimate
- (b) hazard
- (c) sensitivity
- (d) challenge
- (e) dispute

**Q481.**

- (a) equip
- (b) building
- (c) active
- (d) train
- (e) qualified

**Q482.**

- (a) section
- (b) variety
- (c) decree
- (d) huge
- (e) peace

**Q483.**

- (a) want
- (b) matter
- (c) scarcity
- (d) right
- (e) lack



**Q484.**

- (a) showing
- (b) given
- (c) special
- (d) personal
- (e) individually

**Q485.**

- (a) pursuit
- (b) indulge
- (c) introduce
- (d) insists
- (e) attracts

**Directions (486-495): In the following passage, there are blanks, each of which has been numbered. These numbers are printed below the passage and against each, five words are suggested, one of which fits the blank appropriately. Find out the appropriate word in each case.**

In the last few days, circumstances forced the Supreme Court and the Catholic Church in Kerala, two organizations that normally operate in complete secrecy, to open up \_\_\_486\_\_\_ a few of their decisions. Since what came out in the \_\_\_487\_\_\_ were issues of impropriety, the immediate demand from all quarters was for even more openness about the functioning of both these organizations.

The Catholic Church is a 2,000 year old organization that has made secrecy an art form. The case isn't too \_\_\_488\_\_\_ for the Supreme Court in India. The key decisions were \_\_\_489\_\_\_ only by a select few insiders and the man in the street was never privy to the machinations. The common man had no option but to \_\_\_490\_\_\_ their decisions or face the consequences, in complete silence.

Like sunlight, the ideal disinfectant, transparency has been considered the panacea against corruption in organizations and society. Transparency allows \_\_\_491\_\_\_ to all decision-making processes. Decisionmakers know that what \_\_\_492\_\_\_ say or do will be linked to them personally. They all know that their performance will be evaluated by others according to some \_\_\_493\_\_\_ standards. The decisionmaker is also expected to provide clear reasons for taking any \_\_\_494\_\_\_. Thus, transparency is expected to bring in the twin benefits of clarity about a decision and holding the decisionmaker \_\_\_495\_\_\_ for it. It seems that more transparency can only do more good. Should organizations then open up all their decision-making processes?

**Q486.** (a) around

- (b) into
- (c) about
- (d) the
- (e) since

**Q487.**

- (a) catholic
- (b) open
- (c) selected
- (d) easy
- (e) closed

**Q488.**

- (a) really
- (b) display
- (c) views
- (d) different
- (e) commonly

**Q489.**

- (a) mentioned
- (b) bring
- (c) caused
- (d) formatted
- (e) taken

**Q490.**

- (a) reveal
- (b) feel
- (c) obey
- (d) negotiate
- (e) care

**Q491.**

- (a) everybody
- (b) you
- (c) easy
- (d) access
- (e) learn

**Q492.**

- (a) it
- (b) they
- (c) really
- (d) themselves
- (e) around

**Q493.**

- (a) helpful
- (b) below
- (c) normative
- (d) shifting
- (e) personal

**Q494.**

- (a) final
- (b) decisions
- (c) immediate
- (d) cautious
- (e) functioned



**Q495.**

- (a) accountable
- (b) fitted
- (c) demanded
- (d) operative
- (e) supreme

**Directions (496-500):** In each of the following questions five options are given, of which one word is most nearly the same or opposite in meaning to the given word in the question. Find the correct option having either same or opposite meaning.

**Q496. Multifarious**

- (a) braggart
- (b) entice
- (c) strive
- (d) varied
- (e) adorn

**Q497. Incongruous**

- (a) introvert
- (b) unsuited
- (c) Bard
- (d) Voluble
- (e) edible

**Q498. Cumbersome**

- (a) Effigy
- (b) Ironic
- (c) Myriad
- (d) manageable
- (e) correlate

**Q499. Edify**

- (a) braggart
- (b) instruct
- (c) entice
- (d) adorn
- (e) agile

**Q500. Perpetuity**

- (a) fragile
- (b) audacious
- (c) transience
- (d) appease
- (e) shunned



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## SOLUTIONS

**S1. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** "except" should be replaced by "without"

**S2. Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** "efficiency of" managing staff

**S3. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** "more easily" than expected

**S4. Ans.(e)**

**Sol.** No error

**S5. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** "each/every" litre instead of "all" litre, because litre is singular. More over in the context each or every litre is right.

**S6. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** Replace 'Strictly' with 'strict'. **Adverb never qualifies a Noun**

**S7. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** Use 'had' in place of 'has' because the sentence is in the past tense.

**S8. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** When the verb 'found' is followed by an adjective, 'to be' is not used before the adjective. E.g. They were found safe and well. So, the sentence should be like ..... **found correct** .....

**S9. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** Substitute 'damaged' for 'damage'

**S10. Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** Substitute 'between' for 'among'

**S11. Ans.(e)**

**Sol.** No correction required

**S12. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** Change 'much of the problems' to 'many of the problems'. Because 'much' is used before uncountable nouns and 'many' is used before countable nouns. 'Problem' is a countable noun.

**S13. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** Use 'to' in place of 'for'.

**S14. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** 'That which' is redundant; simply 'that' will do.

**S15. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** The correct preposition is to be used. We work on something 'for' some time.

**S16. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** Replace end with ended.

**S17. Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** 'Companies' is a plural subject therefore it should take a plural possessive. Hence, 'its' should be followed by 'their'.

e.g. Organisations need to improve their ways of working.

**S18. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** 'An lying' is a wrong expression. The correct expression is 'a lying' to be used here.

e.g. A lying man can't be trusted.

e.g. She has a better attitude than her brother.

**S19. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** The sentence has future prospects. So, the expression should read out 'it will be'.

e.g. With the current advancement in tech. It will be beneficial to upgrade use of technology.

**S20. Ans.(e)**

**Sol.** No error.

**S21. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** Substitute 'has' for 'is'.

**S22. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** Substitute 'similar' for 'similarly'.

**S23. Ans.(e)**

**Sol.** There is no error in the sentence.

**S24. Ans.(c)**

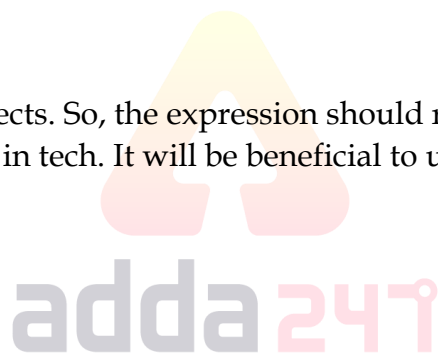
**Sol.** Use 'seems' in place of 'seemed'.

**S25. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** Use 'students' instead of 'student' as 'None of' takes plural noun after it.

**S26. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** Replace 'are' with 'is'





**S27. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** Replace 'which' with 'who'

**S28. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** Replace 'was to go' for 'was go'

**S29. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** Substitute 'anger' for 'angry'

**S30. Ans.(c)** Substitute 'had' for 'were'

**S31. Ans.(e)**

**Sol.** No error

**S32. Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** Substitute 'are' with 'is'. Poverty and unemployment are two different things hence plural verb 'are' should be used.

**S33. Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** Replace 'are' with 'is' because 'news' is singular noun.

**S34. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** Substitute 'averted' for 'avoided'. 'Avoid' means 'refrain from doing something' with 'avert' means 'to prevent something unpleasant'

**S35. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** Change 'is' to 'are'. If a subject and the verb are joined by a relative pronoun, the verb will agree with the antecedent to the relative pronoun.

**S36. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** Only an adverb can qualify a verb, so use 'necessarily' in place of 'necessary'.

**S37. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** Use 'worst' in place of 'worse'. **Worse** is the comparative form, while **Worst** is the superlative form. E.g., This is the worst movie I have ever seen. It is worse than that.

**S38. Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** Use 'within' in place of 'for'.

**S39. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** Replace 'no' with 'any'. You cannot use, double negatives in a sentence. It makes an error. I cannot give you nothing. (Wrong) I cannot give you anything. (Right)

**S40. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** 'Out of' is correct expression. Ten **out of** twenty people are blind.

**S41. Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** Replace "holding it to be" with "and held it to be".

**S42. Ans.(e)**

**Sol.** No error

**S43. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** 'Substitute' none by 'neither'.

None is used in reference to more than two. In reference to two, 'neither' is used.

**S44. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** Change 'you' to one'.

**S45. Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** Use "the least".

**S46. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** Change 'will' to 'would'. The sentence is in past.

**S47. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** Replace 'walked' with 'walking'. The structure of past perfect continuous is - Subject + had been + V<sub>4</sub> (verb + ing).

**S48. Ans.(e)**

**Sol.** No error.

**S49. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** The error lies in part (B) of the sentence. It is to be noted that no sooner is used to show that one thing happens immediately after another thing. It is often used with the past perfect, and usually followed by 'than'. Thus, to correct the syntax of the sentence, "when" should be replaced by "than". Since, all the other parts of the sentence are correct, option (b) is the most suitable answer choice.

**S50. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** The error lies in part (A) of the sentence. "Instead" which means as a substitute or alternative to; in its place creates a contextual error in the part (A) of the sentence. To correct the sentence, replace "instead" with "Although". All the other parts of the sentence are grammatically as well as contextually correct. Therefore, option (a) is the most suitable answer choice.

**S51. Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** Replace 'are' with 'is'.

When two subjects are joined by 'not only...but also', the verb must agree with the second subject.

Note that the second part "vitamin C" is singular.

The same rule applies when two subjects are joined by 'or', the verb must agree with the second subject.

For e.g. Krish and his brothers were there. (Second subject is 'plural')

Mohan or Sohan is responsible for this. (Second subject is 'singular')

**S52. Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** The error lies in part (D) of the sentence. It is to be noted that when discussing time, the two prepositions you use are “for” and “since.” When using the word “for” you are measuring time and when using the word “since” you are referring to a specific time. Thus, ‘for’ should be replaced by ‘since’. All the other parts of the sentence are grammatically as well as contextually correct. Therefore, option (d) is the most suitable answer choice.

**S53. Ans.(e)**

**Sol.** All the parts of the given statement are grammatically correct and contextually meaningful. Since the sentence does not require any corrections, option (e) becomes the most suitable answer choice.

**S54. Ans (b)**

**Sol.** In the second part of the sentence, the word “were” will be replaced by the word “was” because when two subjects are combined with ‘together with’, the main subject is the one which is written before together with, and the verb follows the main subject. All other parts of the sentence are correct. Hence, option (b) will be the correct answer.

**S55. Ans (b)**

**Sol.** In the second part of the sentence, the word “lived” will be replaced by “has lived” or “has been living” because “is watching” used in first part of the sentence and “has never created” used in the third part of the sentence signify that the sentence is in present tense. Hence, option (b) will be the correct answer.

**S56. Ans (d)**

**Sol.** In the fourth part of the sentence, “are” should be replaced by “is” because the subject of the statement starts with “Each of” and such sentences always follow singular Verb. Hence, option (d) will be the correct answer.

**S57. Ans (c)**

**Sol.** In the third part of the sentence, “when” will be replaced by “than” because ‘No sooner’ is always followed by ‘than’ and ‘Hardly/Scarcely’ is followed by ‘when/before’. Hence, option (c) will be the correct answer.

**S58. Ans (d)**

**Sol.** In the fourth part of the sentence, “cares” should be replaced by “care” because if two subjects are combined using ‘Either...or’ or ‘Neither...nor’ then the verb always follows the subject near to it, which in this case is ‘the city corporations’. So the verb will be plural. Hence, option (d) will be the correct answer.

**S59. Ans (e)**

**Sol.** All the parts of the given sentence are grammatically correct. Hence, option (e) will be the correct answer.

**S60. Ans (d)**

**Sol.** In the fourth part of the sentence, "greatest" should be replaced by "greater" because here we are comparing between two types of people, 'Prime Minister' and 'Ministers', and when we compare two types of people or things in Comparative Degree then the adjective used should also be of Comparative Degree. Hence, option (d) will be the correct answer.

**S61. Ans (a)**

**Sol.** The error lies in the first part of the sentence where the usage of the words 'blunder' and 'mistake' together is superfluous as 'blunder' itself means 'a stupid or careless mistake'. Hence, option (a) will be the correct answer.

**S62. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** Among the given sentences only sentence (III) contains a grammatical error in it. To make the sentence grammatically correct replace 'recovering' with 'to recover' as if the main verb has an object [The global economy] that is a noun or a pronoun, it is almost always followed by an infinitive verb instead of a gerund. Therefore, option (b) becomes the most suitable answer choice.

**S63. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** Both the sentences (II) and (III) are grammatically incorrect.

In sentence [II] the expression "No method" should be replaced by "No other method" to make the sentence grammatically correct. It is to be noted that to express a comparison between one method with the other methods the correct phrase that should provide the precise contextual meaning to the sentence is "no other method". Moreover, in sentence [III] replace "not only equipped with" with "equipped not only with" as "not only...but also" is used to connect two prepositional phrases [with all state of the art instruments] and [with outstanding physicists]. Hence option (c) becomes the most suitable answer choice.

**S64. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** Sentence [I] and [III] are absolutely correct and do not require any corrections. However, sentence [II] contains a grammatical error. Thus, to make the sentence grammatically correct replace the verb "reside" with "resides" as the subject [this decision] of the verb is singular therefore to comply with the rule of subject-verb agreement the verb of the subject should also be in its singular form. Hence, option (a) becomes the most suitable answer choice.

**S65. Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** Sentence (I) and (III) are grammatically incorrect. In sentence (I), the preposition 'at' should be used in place of 'in' as 'at' is used to show a point on the calendar. Moreover, sentences (III) can be corrected with the omission of "all" as it is superfluous in the sentence; 'monthly expense' itself means all the kinds of expenses in the month. Hence, option (d) becomes the most suitable answer choice.

**S66. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** Among all the given sentences, sentence (II) does not follow the correct grammatical syntax of the sentence. Thus, to make the sentence grammatically correct replace the verb "need" with "needs" as the subject [our country] of the verb is singular therefore to comply with the rule of subject-verb agreement the verb of the subject should also be in its singular form [needs]. Hence, option (a) becomes the most suitable answer choice.

**S67. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** Phrases CEAD form a coherent sentence while phrase (B) will not be a part of the sentence. We can get the hint from phrases (E) and (A) that can be interlinked as 'symbolic representation' is a noun that must be followed by preposition telling the relation to something, linking another clause to it. Phrase (B) does not find any connection with other clauses and hence it will not be a part of the sentence making option (c) as the right choice.

**S68. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** We can derive the conclusion that phrases DECA form a coherent sentence while clause (E) is not a part of the sentence. We can point out that phrases (D) and (E) are interlinked as 'his' pronoun used in phrase (E) of the sentence, is denoted to 'man' used in phrase (D) of the sentence. Hence option (b) can be marked as correct.

**S69. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** The phrases after rearrangement is EBDC. Phrase (A) will not be a part of the sentence as here the subject 'U.S.- Russia tensions' is not related to other phrases. Other phrases are talking about Afghanistan (Phrase D) and Taliban (Phrase E) which are linked to each other. Hence option (a) can be marked as correct.

**S70. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** ACBD is the correct sequence of phrases making the sentence coherent. The theme of the phrase is adverse affect on functioning of brain of astronauts due to microgravity environment that is making phrase (E) unrelated to the other phrases of the sentence. Hence option (b) can be marked as correct.

**S71. Ans.(e)**

**Sol.** The sentence does not require any further improvement.  
Hence option (e) is the correct choice.

**S72. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** Clause (C) is incorrect in the sentence.

'when' should be replaced by 'than' as syntax of the sentence starting with 'No sooner' is 'No sooner .... than' whereas in sentence starting with 'hardly/ scarcely' is 'hardly/ scarcely... when/ before'.

Ex. (i) **No sooner** had I eaten the fish **than** I started feeling sick.

(ii) **Hardly/ Scarcely** had he left for Chennai **when** his father died.

Hence option (c) is the correct choice.

**S73. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** Clause (A) has error in it. The usage of 'if' is incorrect. 'if' should be replaced by 'whether' as 'or' is used in the part (D) of the sentence.

'whether... or' is used in the sentence to introduce alternative possibilities.

Hence option (a) is the correct choice.

**S74. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** Clause (B) has error in it. The use of 'yet' is incorrect here.

'although' will be used in place of 'yet'.

'Although or though' is a conjunction that means 'in spite of the fact that' and is used to tell the condition whereas we use 'yet' in a negative or interrogative clause, usually with perfective aspect, to show that something has not happened by a particular time.

Here, in the sentence, the condition is she could learn mechanically. Hence 'although' will be used.

Hence option (b) is the correct choice.

**S75. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** Here the error is in part (b) of the sentence.

The use of 'that' is superfluous as in indirect narration, conjunction is not used before 'Wh- question'.

Ex. He asked me **why** I was late.

Hence option (b) is the correct choice.

**S76. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** Clause (A) of the sentence is incorrect.

'and' will be used in place of 'as well as' as conjunction 'and' is used after 'both'.

Ex. **Both** Sarah **and** Tammy were watching her.

Hence option (a) is the correct option.

**S77. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** Here, Re-engineering of administrative (Adjective) ..... should be used.

**S78. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** Here, essential aspects namely (Adverb), delivery ..... should be uses.

**S79. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** Here, the capacity to get (infinitive) ..... should be used.

**S80. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** Here, One should not think (V<sub>i</sub>) ..... should be used.

**S81. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** Here, Nothing else is really ..... should be used.

**S82. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** Here, need to shift the focus ..... should be used.

**S83. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** Here, it is not proper to use exclusively.

**S84. Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** Here, who abide by their principles ..... should be used.

**S85. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** Here, facts rather, it is closely ..... should be used.

**S86. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** Here, turn his attention to the growth of ..... should be used.

**S87. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** The correct sequence to form meaningful paragraph is **DEBCA**.

**S88. Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** The correct sequence to form meaningful paragraph is **DEBCA**.

**S89. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** The correct sequence to form meaningful paragraph is **DEBCA**.

**S90. Ans.(e)**

**Sol.** The correct sequence to form meaningful paragraph is **DEBCA**.

**S91. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** The correct sequence to form meaningful paragraph is **DEBCA**.

**S92. Ans.(d);**

**Sol.** The correct sequence to form meaningful sequence is **DAGBFE**.

**S93. Ans.(b);**

**Sol.** The correct sequence to form meaningful sequence is **DAGBFE**.

**S94. Ans.(e);**

**Sol.** The correct sequence to form meaningful sequence is **DAGBFE**.

**S95. Ans.(a);**

**Sol.** The correct sequence to form meaningful sequence is **DAGBFE**.

**S96. Ans.(c);**

**Sol.** The correct sequence to form meaningful sequence is **DAGBFE**.

**S97. Ans.(e)**

**Sol.** The correct sequence is **DGFAECB**.

**S98. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** The correct sequence is **DGFAECB**.

**S99. Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** The correct sequence is **DGFAECB**.

**S100. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** The correct sequence is **DGFAECB**.

**S101. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** The correct sequence is **DGFAECB**.

**S102. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** As provided in the question, statement (E) is the first statement of the paragraph in which the US department's recommendation on the review of import policies of aluminum and steel has been suggested. Sentence (E) and (F) forms a coherent pair as sentence (F) is conveying the facts brought out after the review of import policy. Sentence (C) is consecutively following sentence (F). Moreover, sentence (D) and (A) are forming a contextually logical pair. Thus, **sentence (A)** becomes the last sentence of the paragraph as it describes about the statement made by Jean-Claude Juncker, president of the European Commission on the import policies. However, sentence (B) fails to connect with the theme of the paragraph as it is describing about import duties levied in India in various sectors. Therefore, with the elimination of sentence (B) the sequence thus formed is **EFCDA**. Hence, **option (a)** becomes the most suitable answer choice.

**S103. Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** As statement (E) is the first sentence of the paragraph, it provides a hint for the theme of the paragraph which is about the import trade policies for steel and aluminum implemented by US. The sequence of the paragraph is EFCDA. Along with the first sentence i.e., statement (E) which states about the review on the policies of imports on steel and aluminum, all the other coherent statements also describe about the tariffs on steel and aluminum imports in US. Therefore, only **option (d)** i.e., **statement (B)** does not follow the theme of the paragraph as it is describing about the import duties levied by India in various sectors.

**S104. Ans (c)**

**Sol.** The sequence of the paragraph is EFCDA. Therefore, **statement (C)** follows statement (F) as statement (C) is further describing about the facts described in statement (F) about the import tariffs implemented in US. Thus, **option (c)** is the correct answer choice.

**S105. Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** The sequence of the paragraph is EFCDA. Therefore, **option (d)** is the correct choice.

**S106. Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** The correct sequence of the paragraph is EFCDA.

**S107. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** The correct sequence of the sentences to form a coherent paragraph is BDAECF. Hence, option (a) is the most suitable answer choice.

**S108. Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** The correct sequence of the sentences to form a coherent paragraph is BDAECF. Hence, option (d) is the most suitable answer choice.



**S109. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** The correct sequence of the sentences to form a coherent paragraph is BDAECF. Hence, option (b) is the most suitable answer choice.

**S110. Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** The correct sequence of the sentences to form a coherent paragraph is BDAECF. Hence, option (d) is the most suitable answer choice.

**S111. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** The correct sequence of the sentences to form a coherent paragraph is BDAECF. Hence, option (b) is the most suitable answer choice.

**S112. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** Correct sequence is EACBDF.

E is the first statement. It initiates the discussion. Her daughters, now married, remained unwavering in their support.

**S113. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** Correct sequence is EACBDF. Disheartened by seemingly inadequate standards of responsiveness on emotional and pragmatic needs, she felt let down by her family.

**S114. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** Correct sequence is EACBDF. Durga spent more than half her adult life battling mental illness.

**S115. Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** Correct sequence is EACBDF. She, however, felt like a burden, and experienced a sense of alienation.

**S116. Ans.(e)**

**Sol.** F is the concluding statement. Correct sequence is EACBDF.

Determined to die, rather than live a life bereft of the joy of mutually valued relationships or dignity of self-reliance, she set herself alight, undaunted by the finality of her decision.

**S117. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** The correct sequence of the sentences is DFBCAE.

**S118. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** The correct sequence of the sentences is DFBCAE.

**S119. Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** The correct sequence of the sentences is DFBCAE.

**S120. Ans.(e)**

**Sol.** The correct sequence of the sentences is DFBCAE.

**S121. Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** The correct sequence of the sentences is DFBCAE.

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**S122. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** The correct sequence is CBEFAD. Statement C is the initiating sentence of the paragraph. It starts the paragraph with role and usage of "Energy" in ancient India.

**S123. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** The correct sequence is CBEFAD. Statement E logically follows B.

**S124. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** The correct sequence is CBEFAD.

**S125. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** The correct sequence is CBEFAD. Statement D is the concluding sentence of the paragraph as it beautifully makes the transition from the different roles of energy from past to present.

**S126. Ans.(e)**

**Sol.** The correct sequence is CBEFAD. Statement B logically follows C, and explains how this energy was used atom bomb in ancient India.

**S127. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** The correct sequence is EDFABC. Statement C logically concludes the paragraph.

**S128. Ans.(C)**

**Sol.** The correct sequence is EDFABC.

**S129. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** The correct sequence is EDFABC. Statement A is the Fourth sentence of the paragraph and introduces transition in the discussion. It shows problems that India faces with its technological transformations.

**S130. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** The correct sequence is EDFABC. Statement B explains A and supports it with facts and figures.

**S131. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** The correct sequence is EDFABC. D logically follows E and explains steps taken by India technological competence and transformation.

**S132. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** The correct sequence is EBDAC.

**S133. Ans.(e)**

**Sol.** The correct sequence is EBDAC.

**S134. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** The correct sequence is EBDAC.

**S135. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** The correct sequence is EBDAC.

**S136. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** The correct sequence is EBDAC.

**S137. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** The correct sequence of the phrases is BCDE making the sentence meaningful. Phrase (A) does not provide any meaning with respect to the other phrases and hence is irrelevant here. Phrases (C) and (D) can easily be identified as interlinked. All the other sequences fail to make the sentence comprehensive. Hence option (a) is the correct choice to be made.

**S138. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** The correct sequence of the phrases is ABDC making the sentence meaningful. Phrase (E) does not provide any meaning with respect to the other phrases and hence is irrelevant here. Phrases (D) and (C) can easily be identified as interlinked as phrase (D) mentions about a new charter [a written grant by the sovereign or legislative power of a country, by which a body such as a borough, company, or university is created or its rights and privileges defined] which finds connection with phrase (C) of the sentence. All the other sequences fail to make the sentence comprehensive. Hence option (b) is the correct choice to be made.

**S139. Ans.(e)**

**Sol.** The given sentence is properly assembled and doesn't require any changes or restructuring. All the parts of the sentence help to make the sentence comprehensive, logical and grammatically error free. Hence, the correct answer key is option (e).

**S140. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** The phrases can be arranged in a sequence of DEBA. However, clause (C) fails to coherently become a part of the sentence. Parts (B) and (A) can be contextually interlinked with each other. Moreover, parts (E) and (B) also form a coherent pair. Hence, by eliminating part (C), option (c) becomes the most suitable answer choice.

**S141. Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** The correct sequence that makes the sentence grammatically and contextually correct is CDAE. This can be verified as the parts (C) and (D) frame a logical pair providing a coherent meaning. None of the given options provide these parts in a consecutive manner. Moreover, part (B) fails to become the part of the sentence in a coherent manner. Hence, option (d) is the most suitable answer choice.

**S142. Ans.(c)**

**Ans.** The correct sequence of the other parts to form a grammatically correct and contextually meaningful sentence is BACD. Hence, option (c) is the most suitable answer choice.

**S143. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** The correct sequence of the other parts to form a grammatically correct and contextually meaningful sentence is BADC. Hence, option (a) is the most suitable answer choice.

**S144. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** The correct sequence to arrange the sentence properly and meaningfully is BECD. Part (B) and (E) can be interlinked. The hint can be received as part (E) of the sentence is expressing the information that the state must notify. Moreover, part (A) of the sentence fails to connect logically and contextually with any other part of the sentence. Hence, option (b) becomes the most viable answer choice.

**S145. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** The different parts of the sentence can be assembled in a sequence of DABE to make the sentence grammatically correct and contextually meaningful. Part (D) clearly introduces the sentence while part (A), (B) and (E) connects logically with each other and is moulded in an accurate grammatical structure. However, part (C) is superfluous and doesn't fit in the sentence. Therefore, option (a) becomes the most satisfactory answer choice.

**S146. Ans.(e)**

**Sol.** The given sentence is properly assembled and doesn't require any further changes or restructuring. All the parts of the sentence help to make the sentence comprehensive, logical and grammatically error free. Hence, the correct answer key is option (e).

**S147. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** The correct sequence to arrange the sentence properly and meaningfully is ACEB. Expression (E) "have been discovered" can be joined with expression (B) "in northeast China's Liaoning Province" as they can be contextually related. However, part (D) doesn't belong to the context of the sentence and thus shall be eliminated. Therefore, option (c) is the most suitable answer choice.

**S148. Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** The correct sequence that makes the sentence grammatically and contextually correct is ADCB. This can be verified as the parts (A) and (D) frames a logical pair providing a coherent meaning. None of the given options provides these parts in a consecutive manner. Moreover, part (E) fails to become the part of the sentence in a coherent manner. Hence, option (d) is the most suitable answer choice.

**S149. Ans.(e)**

**Sol.** 'impetus, transform' is the correct use.

**Impetus-** something that makes a process or activity happen or happen more quickly.

**Transform-** make a marked change in the form, nature, or appearance of.

**S150. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** 'surpassed, setting' is the correct use.

**Surpassed-** to exceed.

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**S151. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** 'accredited, access' is the correct use.

**Accredited-** give credit to (someone) for something.

**Access-** the means or opportunity to approach or enter a place.

**S152. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** 'raised, over' is the correct use.

**S153. Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** 'keen, introducing' is the correct use.

**Keen-** very interested

**S154. Ans.(a)**

**Sol. Resilient** means (of a substance or object) able to recoil or spring back into shape after bending, stretching, or being compressed.

**Rational** means based on or in accordance with reason or logic.

**S155. Ans.(e)**

**S156. Ans.(c)**

**Sol. Tend** means go or move in a particular direction.

**Gravitate** means move, or tend to move, towards a centre of gravity or other attractive force.

**S157. Ans.(e)**

**S158. Ans.(d)**

**Sol. Inexplicable** means unable to be explained or accounted for

**S159. Ans.(d)**

**Sol. Engendered** - cause or give rise to (a feeling, situation, or condition). **Sincere** - free from pretence or deceit; proceeding from genuine feelings

**S160. Ans.(b)**

**Sol. Dissipated** - (of a person or way of life) over indulging in sensual pleasures.

**S161. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** The blank can be filled with the word 'Eccentric' making the sentence meaningful. *Eccentric* means *a person of unconventional and slightly strange views or behaviour*. Other words are irrelevant and do not fit in the context of the sentence here. Hence option (a) is the correct choice.

**Apathy (noun):** the feeling of not being interested in or enthusiastic about anything

**Delude (noun):** to make somebody believe something that is not true

**S162. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** The blank can be filled with the word '*Chronic*' making the sentence meaningful. In sentence [I] *chronic means (of an illness) persisting for a long time or constantly recurring* while in sentence [II] it means *of a very poor quality*. Other words are irrelevant and do not fit in the context of the sentence here. Hence option (c) is the correct choice.

*Impulsive* means acting or done without forethought.

**S163. Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** The blank can be filled with the word '*Aberrant*' making the sentence meaningful. *Aberrant* means *departing from an accepted standard or diverging from the normal type*. Other words are irrelevant and do not fit in the context of the sentence here. Hence option (d) is the correct choice.

*Auspicious* means conducive to success; favourable.

*Thriving* means prosperous and growing; flourishing

**S164. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** The blank can be filled with the word '*Oblivious*' making the sentence meaningful. *Oblivious* means *not aware of or concerned about what is happening around one*. Other words are irrelevant and do not fit in the context of the sentence here. Hence option (b) is the correct choice.

*Astute* means having or showing an ability to accurately assess situations or people and turn this to one's advantage.

*Adroit* means clever or skillful.

**S165. Ans.(e)**

**Sol.** The blank can be filled with the word '*proficient*' making the sentence meaningful. *Proficient* means *competent or skilled in doing or using something*. Other words are irrelevant and do not fit in the context of the sentence here. Hence option (e) is the correct choice.

*Naïve* means (of a person or action) showing a lack of experience, wisdom, or judgement.

*Candid* means truthful and straightforward; frank.

*Scrupulous* means (of a person or process) careful, thorough, and extremely attentive to details

**S166. Ans.(e)**

**Sol.** Both the words of all the options except for option (e) makes the sentence grammatically and contextually correct. Therefore option (e) becomes the correct answer choice.

*Envisages* means contemplate or conceive of as a possibility or a desirable future event.

*Conceptualizes* means form a concept or idea of (something).

*Allied* means in combination or working together with.

*Confederated* means bring (states or groups of people) into an alliance.

*Procured* means obtain (something), especially with care or effort.

**S167. Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** All the combinations fit precisely in the given blanks except for option (d). However, in option (d) the first blank might get satisfied with the word "reveal" but the second word of option (d) i.e., "intelligence" doesn't satisfy the second blank of the sentence. Therefore, option (d) is the correct choice.

*Detached* means separate or disconnected, in particular:

*Unveil* means show or announce publicly for the first time.

*Divulge* means make known (private or sensitive information).

**S168. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** Only the words of option (b) fail to fill the blanks of the sentence meaningfully and logically. All the other words successfully make the sentence coherent.

Rupture means breach or disturb (a harmonious feeling or situation)

Pervasive means (especially of an unwelcome influence or physical effect) spreading widely throughout an area or a group of people

Harmonize means add notes to (a melody) to produce harmony.

Breach means an act of breaking or failing to observe a law, agreement, or code of conduct.

Sever means put an end to (a connection or relationship); break off.

**S169. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** Option (a) is the correct choice. The words 'removed' and 'collections' do not fit into the blank aptly and fail to make the sentence meaningful and logical.

Interventions means the action or process of intervening.

Interferences means the action of interfering or the process of being interfered with

Intercessions means intervention in a dispute in order to resolve it; arbitration.

**S170. Ans.(e)**

**Sol.** Both the words of all the options except for option (e) make the sentence grammatically and contextually correct. Therefore option (e) becomes the correct answer choice.

Collusively means Acting in secret to achieve a fraudulent, illegal, or deceitful goal.

Escalate means make (something) greater by adding to it; increase.

Augment means make (something) greater by adding to it; increase.

Cunningly means in a clever and deceitful way.

Accumulate means gather together or acquire an increasing number or quantity of.

**S171.** Option (c) is the most appropriate choice to be filled in the sentence. According to the context of the sentence deeper is the only word that fits in the blank.

Converging means tending to meet at a point.

Managerial means relating to management or managers.

Preclude means prevent from happening; make impossible.

**S172. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** Option (b) is the most appropriate choice to be filled in the blank. According to the context of the sentence, the word that fits most suitably in the blank is empower. This is because modern science and technology has empowered which means boosted human beings to control natural forces more effectively.

Empower means make (someone) stronger and more confident, especially in controlling their life and claiming their rights.

Interprets means explain the meaning of (information or actions).

Adjourns means put off or postpone (a resolution or sentence)

Reschedule means change the time of (a planned event).

**S173. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** Option (c) is the most suitable choice to be filled in the blank. According to the sentence and the usage, terminate is the most appropriate word to be used as the employer was threatened to end the business relationship he had with the customer. Rest all the words do not fit in the blank.

Terminate means bring to an end.

Aspect means the side of a building facing a particular direction.

Ponder means think about (something) carefully, especially before making a decision or reaching a conclusion.

But ponder will take the preposition 'over'. So it does not fit here.

Appease means assuage or satisfy (a demand or a feeling).

**S174. Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** Profound is the most appropriate option to be filled in the blank. This is so as being a college student doing a part time job too can only have a positive effect which is described by the word profound among all of the given options.

Profound means very great or intense.

Disfiguring means spoil the appearance of.

Yearning means a feeling of intense longing for something.

Aloof means not friendly or forthcoming; cool and distant.

**S175. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** Resistance is the most suitable option that fits in the blank among all of the given options. As lowering resistance to disease is the result of reduction in white blood cell count.

Resistance means the refusal to accept or comply with something.

Magnificence means glory, opulence.

Reliability means the quality of being trustworthy or of performing consistently well.

**S176. Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** 'vagrant' means a person without a settled home or regular work who wanders from place to place and lives by begging while itinerant means travelling from place to place. Therefore, both the words provide an absolute meaning in the context of the sentence. Hence, option (d) is the correct choice.

**S177. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** 'Flippant' is an adjective which means not showing a serious or respectful attitude. Therefore, the sentence can be made contextually comprehensible only with 'flippant'. All the words fail to aptly fit in the blank. Hence, option (a) is the most suitable answer choice.

Fanciful means over-imaginative and unrealistic.

Jaunty means having or expressing a lively, cheerful, and self-confident manner.

Sedate means calm, dignified, and unhurried.

**S178. Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** 'Inscrutable' is an adjective which means impossible to understand or interpret. 'impenetrable' and 'enigmatic' are synonyms of inscrutable. As, all three words completely satisfy the context of the sentence option (d) becomes the most viable answer choice.

Untrodden means (of a surface) not having been walked on



**S179. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** 'Effigy' is a noun which means a sculpture or model of a person. Therefore, the sentence can be made contextually comprehensible only with 'effigy'. All the words fail to aptly fit in the blank. Hence, option (c) is the most suitable answer choice.

Elegy means (in modern literature) a poem of serious reflection, typically a lament for the dead.

Alloy means a metal made by combining two or more metallic elements, especially to give greater strength or resistance to corrosion.

Convex means having an outline or surface curved like the exterior of a circle or sphere.

**S180. Ans.(e)**

**Sol.** None of the given words can be used to fill the blank coherently. Hence, option (e) becomes the correct answer choice.

Vagabond means a person who wanders from place to place without a home or job.

Serene means calm, peaceful, and untroubled; tranquil.

Scrupulous means (of a person or process) careful, thorough, and extremely attentive to details.

Meticulous means showing great attention to detail; very careful and precise.

**S181. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** The blank can be filled with the word 'express' making the sentence meaningful. In the first sentence, **express** is used as verb which means convey (a thought or feeling) in words or by gestures and conduct while in the second sentence it is used as an adjective which means express is something that has a specific purpose or something that operates at a faster-than-normal speed. Here, it is describing the quality of the delivery services. Other words are irrelevant here. Hence option (c) is the correct choice.

Portend means be a sign or warning that (something, especially something momentous or calamitous) is likely to happen.

Articulate means having or showing the ability to speak fluently and coherently.

Vague means of uncertain, indefinite, or unclear character or meaning.

Augur means to foresee or predict.

**S182. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** The word 'jolly' is correct here. In the first sentence, Jolly is an adjective that means happy and cheerful whereas in second sentence, jolly is a noun that means a party or celebration. Hence, 'jolly' is the only word that can give meaning to the sentence. Hence option (a) proves to be correct.

Gloomy means dark or poorly lit, especially so as to appear depressing or frightening.

Tempt means entice or try to entice (someone) to do something that they find attractive but know to be wrong or unwise.

Contrite means feeling or expressing remorse at the recognition that one has done wrong.

Blazing means very hot.

**S183. Ans.(e)**

**Sol.** Option (e) 'forward' is the right choice here which is making the sentence meaningful and correct. Forward as used in the first sentence means directed or facing towards the front or the direction that one is facing or travelling whereas in the second sentence, it is an adjective that means in the direction that one is facing or travelling; towards the front. Hence option (e) is the most suitable choice.

**S184. Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** Option (d) is the correct choice. 'Upstage' best suits the purpose here as in first sentence it is a verb that means divert attention from (someone) towards oneself whereas in second sentence it is an adverb conveying the meaning as at or towards the back of a theatre stage. All the other options do not fit in the blank hence, option (d) becomes the most suitable answer choice.

**S185. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** Option (b) is correct.

In first sentence, plumb behaves as an adverb delivering the meaning as exactly whereas in second sentence, plumb is a verb that means to adjust or test by a plumb line. All the other options are irrelevant.

Hence option (b) is the correct choice.

Cognize means know or become aware of.

Vault means provide (a building or room) with an arched roof or roofs.

**S186. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** Rambled- to go from one subject to another without any clear purpose or direction, to walk or go from one place to another place without a specific goal, purpose, or direction, it is always followed by an adverb or preposition.

**S187. Ans.(e)**

**Sol.** Negotiation- a formal discussion between people who are trying to reach an agreement, an act of negotiating

**S188. Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** Repair- to put (something that is broken or damaged) back into good condition, to correct or improve (something, such as a relationship or reputation)

**S189. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** withdraw- to take back (something that is spoken, offered, etc.), to stop participating in something

**S190. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** Grace- If you fall from grace or experience a fall from grace, you no longer enjoy the success or good reputation that you once had, usually because you have done something wrong.

**S191. Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** Presence- make your presence felt/heard/known- to make people aware of you by gaining power or influence over them, the area that is close to someone – used to describe being in the same place as someone, the area that is close to someone – used to describe being in the same place as someone

**S192. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** Barely-used to say that someone or something only has a specified small size, age, length, etc, used to say that someone or something only has a specified small size, age, length, etc.

**S193. Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** specify- to name or mention (someone or something) exactly and clearly, to be specific about (something)

**S194. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** Absolutely- completely or totally, with unlimited power, used in speech as a forceful way of saying "yes" or of expressing agreement

**S195. Ans.(e)**

**Sol.** Dispute-a disagreement or argument, to say or show that (something) may not be true, correct, or legal

**S196. Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** Option D is the correct choice.

**S197. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** Option C is the correct choice.

**S198. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** Option C is the correct choice.

**S199. Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** Option D is the correct choice.

**S200. Ans.(e)**

**Sol.** Option E is the correct choice.



**S201. Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** 'Opportunity' is the correct word here and makes the sentence contextually and grammatically correct.

**S202. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** 'Deterrence' is the correct word here and makes the sentence contextually and grammatically correct. It means the act of deterring, especially deterring a nuclear attack by the capacity or threat of retaliating.

**S203. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** 'Attacking' is the correct word here and makes the sentence contextually and grammatically correct.

**S204. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** 'Fostered' is the correct word here and makes the sentence contextually and grammatically correct. It means to promote the growth or development of; further; encourage.

**S205. Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** 'Estimated' is the correct word here and makes the sentence contextually and grammatically correct. It means to make an estimate.

**S206. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** 'Globally' is the correct word here and makes the sentence contextually and grammatically correct.

**S207. Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** 'Conflicts' is the correct word here and makes the sentence contextually and grammatically correct.

**S208. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** 'Protectors' is the correct word here and makes the sentence contextually and grammatically correct.

**S209. Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** 'Violated' is the correct word here and makes the sentence contextually and grammatically correct.

**S210. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** 'Consequent' is the correct word here and makes the sentence contextually and grammatically correct. It means following as a logical conclusion.

**S211. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** 'Normally' is the correct word here and makes the sentence contextually and grammatically correct.

**S212. Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** 'Targets' is the correct word here and makes the sentence contextually and grammatically correct.

**S213. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** 'Embarked' is the correct word here and makes the sentence contextually and grammatically correct. It means to venture or invest (something) in an enterprise.

**S214. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** 'Orbiting' is the correct word here and makes the sentence contextually and grammatically correct. It means the curved path, usually elliptical, described by a planet, satellite, spaceship, etc., around a celestial body, as the sun.

**S215. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** 'Dedicated' is the correct word here and makes the sentence contextually and grammatically correct. It means wholly committed to something, as to an ideal, political cause, or personal goal.

**S216. Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** It should be 'her was her son's future'.

**S217. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** The correct spelling should be 'triumphant'.

**S218. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** The word suppressed should be replaced by revealed or leaked in the sentence.

**S219. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** It should be 'handed over' which means the act of moving power or responsibility from one person to another.

**S220. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** The correct spelling is difficult.

**S221. Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** Sentence (C) and (E) makes a perfect match, the connection between C and E can be traced from the key words, "companies" and "workers."

Deterrent- a thing that discourages or is intended to discourage someone from doing something.

Phrase (A) and (F) makes a perfect match. The connection between A and F can be traced from the key words, "fear" and "deterrent."

Hence option (d) is the correct answer choice.

**S222. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** Only phrases (C) and (F) make proper combination as the phrase, "less formal and more engaging work" used in sentence (C) makes a match with the phrase, "do away with rigid hierarchical structures."

Hence option (a) is the correct answer choice.

**S223. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** Only sentence (A) and (D) makes a perfect match as in sentence (A) has mentioned some new developed laws, policies and frameworks and in sentence (D) has mentioned that these will help realizing the young people their full potential. Hence option (c) is the correct answer choice.

**S224. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** Only sentence (B) and (F) makes a perfect match.

Indebtedness- the condition of owing money.

Spate- a large number of similar things coming in quick succession.

Phrase (B) states increasing costs, decrease in income and pegged up condition of indebtedness these all conditions can be easily correlated with the succession of a large number of suicidal cases among the farmers that has been mentioned in the stanza (F).

Hence option (b) is the correct answer choice.

**S225. Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** Only sentence (C) and (E) makes a perfect match as both are talking about the investment schemes, Phrase (C) has mentioned the investment schemes and phrase (E) as talked about the pattern of the interest rates in such schemes. None of the other two sentences make the meaningful coherent sense.

Hence option (d) is the correct answer choice.

**S226. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** There is a grammatical error in part (B) 'expect' should be replaced with 'expects' because 's/es' is used with the verbs of third person singular subjects. Apart from A-E, none of the given options makes a contextually correct sentence. Hence, option (c) is the correct answer.

**S227. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** From the given options, B-F makes a contextual meaningful sentence but there is a grammatical error in that, 'went' should be replaced with 'gone' because of 'has +V3' sentence structure. And from the remaining options, only option (c) is able to make a contextual and meaningful sentence.

**S228. Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** From the given options C-D makes a meaningful sentence but there is a grammatical error in that sentence. 'Being' should be replaced with 'since' because 'since' is used to indicate cause. Also, A-F makes a contextual and meaningful sentence. Hence, option (d) is the correct answer.

**S229. Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** From the given options, only A-D and C-F are able to make a meaningful and contextually correct sentence. Hence, option (d) is the correct answer.

**S230. Ans.(e)**

**Sol.** There is a grammatical error in part (E) and (F). In part (E) 'a' should be replaced with 'an' and in option (F) article 'the' should be placed before slowest because 'the' is used before superlative degree. And option (D) fails to make a meaningful sentence with the remaining options. Hence, option (e) is the correct answer.

**S231. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** 'Focus' takes preposition 'on' after it . so, option (b) the most appropriate choice.

**S232. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** Only (C) and (D) make a meaningful and grammatically correct sentence. The sentence is talking about BJP asking its legislators to attend the swearing -in. Moreover preposition 'to' is always followed by first form of verb.(C) and (E) make a grammatically correct sentence because 'to' is followed by first form of verb but it is not meaningful hence option (a)is the most appropriate choice.

**S233. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** The grammatically correct and meaningful sentences are :

The moon-bound Chandrayaan-2 spacecraft is scheduled to undergo a crucial orbit manoeuvre around 9.30 a.m. on Tuesday morning . ( preposition 'to' is always followed by first form of verb)

People across the length and breadth of the country made sacrifices in one way or the other.

(This sentence is talking about people making sacrifice in different ways.)

Hence , the obvious choice is option (a).

**S234. Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** The only meaningful sentence is ' The Chief of the Defense Staff (CDS) is expected to bridge such dangerous gaps and reduce response time. Hence, the answer would be option (d).

**S235 Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** Only phrases (A) and (D) make grammatically correct and meaningful sentence . All other phrases are parts of different sentences.

**S236. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** option c is the correct answer.

The newly discovered member of the family, identified through remains was found in northeastern Utah.

**S237. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** option (c) is the correct answer.

By using a synthetic polymer called resol, scientists have now created an artificial wood that has the web like structure similar to natural wood or lignin.

**S238. Ans (b)**

**Sol.** option (b) is the correct answer.

Speaking for the first time on issues raised about the 5,700-kg high throughput satellite, he justified ISRO's unprecedented decision to recall the satellite midway between its reaching the French port and the launch.

**S239. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** option (b) is the correct answer.

In his excitement, Holmes stood up in the cave only to bang his head on the cave's roof, much of which was, according to Coleridge himself, made up of "the roots of old trees".

**S240. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** option (b) is the correct answer.

After failing to find the numbers for his 13-day old government in 1996, Mr. Vajpayee resigned on the floor of the House but not before leaving a mark with his standout speech. "Governments come and go and parties are born and disappear. Above it all, the country must stay shining, its democracy is immortal,"

**S241. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** Option (c) is the correct choice for the given question.

(i) The Maharashtra government has announced emergency measures to tackle the widespread pink bollworm (PBW) infestation in parts of the State.

(iii) To tackle the widespread pink bollworm (PBW) infestation in parts of the State, the Maharashtra government has announced emergency measures.

**S242. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** Among the starters, only starter (i) is the correct answer. The starters (ii) and (iii) are irrelevant. 'How to have painless labor during the birth of a child has been a very old problem.'  
Hence, the option (b) is the correct answer.

**S243. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** Among the given alternatives, the alternative (iii) is the most relevant and could successfully form a grammatically correct and contextually meaningful sentence. The other two alternatives are irrelevant and out of context.  
Hence, the option (a) is the correct answer.  
'Scriptures have given to us the concept of Purushartha Chatushtaya, the ultimate objective of which is every human being should strive to attain Self-realisation.'

**S244. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** Among the given alternatives, only alternative (ii) is the most relevant and is the correct answer. The other alternatives are out of context and irrelevant and wouldn't make a grammatically correct and contextually meaningful sentence.  
Hence, the correct answer is the option (c).  
'While on pilgrimage, we were on a running train.'

**S245. Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** Among the given alternatives, only alternative (i) could successfully form a grammatically correct and contextually meaningful sentence. The other alternatives are irrelevant and out-of-context.  
Among the given options, the correct answer is the option (d).  
'At the World Parliament of Religions in Chicago, 125 years ago, Swami Vivekananda delivered his landmark address, about the need for harmony of religions.'

**S246. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** Only starter (iii) can be used to frame a meaningful sentence without altering the exact meaning of the given sentences. However, it is not possible to construct a contextual sentence using the first and second starter as they would alter the intended meaning. Hence option (b) is the correct choice.  
Here however means in whatever way; regardless of how.  
(iii) However, the report falls short of thinking out-of-the box, it acknowledges several barriers like lack of maternity benefits.

**S247. Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** Both the starters (i) and (ii) can be used to frame a meaningful sentence without altering the exact meaning of the given sentences. However, it is not possible to construct a contextual sentence using the third starter as it would alter the intended meaning. Hence option (d) is the correct choice.  
(i) Since India is home to a third of the world's malnourished children, the importance of nutrient-rich items in the meal cannot be emphasized enough.  
(ii) Given that India is home to a third of the world's malnourished children, the importance of nutrient-rich items in the meal cannot be emphasized enough.



**S248. Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** None of the given starter can connect both the statements coherently to form a grammatically correct and contextually meaningful sentence. Hence, option (d) is the most suitable answer choice.

**S249. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** Only starter (iii) can be used to frame a meaningful sentence without altering the exact meaning of the given sentences. However, it is not possible to construct a contextual sentence using the first and second starter as they would alter the intended meaning. Hence option (b) is the correct choice.

*(iii) Along with social interactions, love, affection, enthusiasm and empathy, higher happiness can be achieved by giving and not grabbing.*

**S250. Ans.(e)**

**Sol.** All the three starters can be used to frame a meaningful sentence without altering the intended meaning of the given sentences. Hence option (e) is the correct choice.

*(i) Paddy farmers this year received a price that was 7% higher compared to 2017 season despite depressed market situation and increased production.*

*(ii) Despite depressed market situation and increased production, paddy farmers this year received a price that was 7% higher compared to 2017 season.*

*(iii) In spite of depressed market situation and increased production, paddy farmers this year received a price that was 7% higher compared to 2017 season.*

**S251. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** Replace 'Except for you and I, everyone brought' with 'Except for you and me, everyone brought'.

**S252. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** 'Had I realized how close' with 'If I would have realized how close'.

**S253. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** 'If he was to decide to go to college' with 'If he were to decide to go to college.'

**S254. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** 'Being as I am a realist' with 'Being a realist'

**S255. Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** Replace 'to carry over' with 'to carry out'

**S256. Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** 'Liable to' means 'subject to' an obligation or exposed to a possibility or risk ('likely to'). Don't mark (a) in a hurry just because you recognized 'liable' to be the correct term; the preposition following it should also be correct.

**S257. Ans.(e)**

**Sol.** No correction required

**S258. Ans.(e)**

**Sol.** No correction required

**S259. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** Co-ordinate connector 'and' takes same verb forms. So, there should be 'fills' and 'leaves' respectively.

**S260. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** Co-ordinate connector 'and' takes same verb forms. So, there would be 'boosts' and 'inhibits' respectively.

**S261. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** 'It was not until many years' is the correct use.

**S262. Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** 'should be heavily fined' is the correct use.

**S263. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** 'worse than I had expected' is the correct use.

**S264. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** 'can be facilitated by' is the correct use.

**S265. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** 'to make both ends meet' is the correct use.

**S266. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** 'attempts at acquainting' is the correct use.

**S267. Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** 'having admitted' is the correct use.

**S268. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** 'Despite their' is the correct use.

**S269. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** Auxiliary verb is used before subject in the sentences starting from No sooner, hardly, scarcely, rarely, seldom.

**S270. Ans.(a)**

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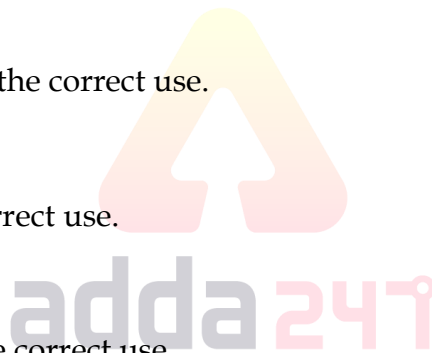
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**S271. Ans.(e)**

**Sol.** The correct word that decipher the meaning of the phrase “*above board*” is “*honest*” as ‘above board’ means *in the open; without dishonesty, concealment, or fraud*. Hence, the word ‘honest’ provides the intended meaning to the sentence without altering the context of the sentence. Hence, **option (e)** becomes the most suitable answer choice.

*Subservience* means willingness to obey others unquestioningly.

*Priority* means the fact or condition of being regarded or treated as more important than others.

**S272. Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** The correct word that decipher the meaning of the phrase “*elbow grease*” is “*toil*” as ‘elbow grease’ means *vigorously applied physical labor*. Hence, the word ‘toil’ provides the intended meaning to the sentence without altering the context of the sentence. Hence, **option (d)** becomes the most suitable answer choice.

*Accent* means a special or particular emphasis.

*Gist* means the substance or general meaning of a speech or text.

*Bulge* means a rounded swelling which distorts an otherwise flat surface.

*Brim* means be full to the point of overflowing.

**S273. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** The correct word that decipher the meaning of the phrase “*cast aspersions*” is “*abuse*” as ‘cast aspersions’ means *an attack on the reputation or integrity of someone or something*. Hence, the word ‘abuse’ provides the intended meaning to the sentence without altering the context of the sentence. Hence, **option (b)** becomes the most suitable answer choice.

*Annex* means add as an extra or subordinate part, especially to a document.

*Adore* means love and respect (someone) deeply.

**S274. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** The correct word that decipher the meaning of the phrase “*above par*” is “*exquisite*” as ‘above par’ means *better than average or normal*. Hence, the word ‘exquisite’ provides the intended meaning to the sentence without altering the context of the sentence. Hence, **option (a)** becomes the most suitable answer choice.

*Navigable* means (of a website) easy to move around in.

*Dwindle* means diminish gradually in size, amount, or strength.

**S275. Ans.(e)**

**Sol.** The correct word that decipher the meaning of the phrase “*cast down*” is “*doleful*” as ‘cast down’ means *to make discouraged or dejected*. Hence, the word ‘doleful’ provides the intended meaning to the sentence without altering the context of the sentence. Hence, **option (e)** becomes the most suitable answer choice.

*Impair* means weaken or damage (something, especially a faculty or function).

*Taper* means diminish or reduce in thickness towards one end.

*Expatiate* means speak or write in detail about.

*Slump* means sit, lean, or fall heavily and limply.

**S276. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** The correct word that decipher the meaning of the phrase “*keep heads*” is “composed” as ‘keep heads’ means *to remain calm and sensible when in an awkward situation that might cause a person to panic or go out of control*. Hence, the word ‘composed’ provides the intended meaning to the sentence without altering the context of the sentence. Hence, **option (a)** becomes the most suitable answer choice.

*Jubilant* means feeling or expressing great happiness and triumph.

*Demented* means behaving irrationally due to anger, distress, or excitement.

*Elated* means make (someone) ecstatically happy.

**S277. Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** The correct word that decipher the meaning of the phrase “*dog eat dog*” is “ferocious” as ‘dog eat dog’ is used *to refer to a situation of fierce competition in which people are willing to harm each other in order to succeed..* Hence, the word ‘ferocious’ provides the intended meaning to the sentence without altering the context of the sentence. Hence, **option (d)** becomes the most suitable answer choice.

*Entranced* means fill (someone) with wonder and delight, holding their entire attention.

*Arbitrator* means an independent person or body officially appointed to settle a dispute.

*Ferocious* means savagely fierce, cruel, or violent.

**S278. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** The correct word that decipher the meaning of the phrase “*black dog*” is “melancholy” as ‘black dog’ is *a metaphorical representation of melancholy or depression*. Hence, the word ‘melancholy’ provides the intended meaning to the sentence without altering the context of the sentence. Hence, **option (a)** becomes the most suitable answer choice.

**S279. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** The correct word that decipher the meaning of the phrase “*scot-free*” is “unscathed” as ‘scot-free’ means *without suffering any punishment or injury*. Hence, the word ‘unscathed’ provides the intended meaning to the sentence without altering the context of the sentence. Hence, **option (b)** becomes the most suitable answer choice.

*Offended* means resentful or annoyed, typically as a result of a perceived insult.

*Operative* means functioning or having effect.

**S280. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** The correct word that decipher the meaning of the phrase “*lickety-split*” is “hurriedly” as ‘lickety-split’ means *as fast as possible*. Hence, the word ‘hurriedly’ provides the intended meaning to the sentence without altering the context of the sentence. Hence, **option (a)** becomes the most suitable answer choice.

*Recklessly* means without regard to the danger or the consequences of one's actions; rashly.

**S281. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** There is a grammatical error in the third part of the sentence; there is an issue of subject-verb agreement. The verb “*is*” should be replaced by its plural “*are*” to make the sentence grammatically correct as the subject of the verb is plural [*home excursions*]. The other two parts are grammatically feasible. Hence option (b) is the correct choice.

**S282. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** There is a grammatical error in the second part of the sentence. It is to be noted that the verb [*concluded*] in the highlighted part of the sentence indicates that the event [*'informal' summit meeting*] held in the past thus, the sentence should be in the past tense. Therefore, the helping verb in the second part of the sentence "*is*" should be replaced by "*was*" to make the sentence in accord with the appropriate grammatical syntax of the sentence. Hence, **option (b)** becomes the most suitable answer choice.

**S283. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** Expression (I) and (II) are correct and do not require any correction. While expression (III) comprises, a grammatical error making the sentence incorrect. It is to be noted that "*not only...but also*" is a correlative conjunction which is used to connect two clauses. Moreover, while using not only . . . but also in a sentence, parallelism should be the goal. *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.* Moreover, contextually the noun '*prevention*' should have been used for both the clauses of "not only...but also". Therefore, the correct phrase should have been [*...because prevention was not only beneficial for a person but also for his or her family and society*]. Hence, **option (a)** is the correct choice.

**S284. Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** Expression (I) and (II) do not comply with the grammatical syntax of the syntax. To make **expression (I)** correct replace the determiner "that" with the relative pronoun "what" as '*that*' is used to refer a specific thing previously mentioned, known, or understood while; '*what*' is used for the thing or things that are used in specifying something. Moreover, **expression (II)** contains a contextual error as the use of the adjectives "*proper*" and "*right*" together is redundant. Therefore, omitting 'right' from the sentence makes it coherent and grammatically viable. Hence, **option (d)** becomes the most feasible answer choice.

**S285. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** The error lies in the first part of the sentence. To make the sentence in accord with the grammatical syntax of the sentence '*had*' should be added after '*no sooner*'. *It is to be noted that in all the cases where the sentence begins with 'no sooner', helping verb takes place before the subject of the sentence; Ex. No sooner had he reached the office than his friend arrived.* Thus, the correct phrase of the sentence should be "*No sooner had the summit*". Hence, **option (b)** becomes the most suitable answer choice.

**S286. Ans.(b)**

**S287. Ans.(c)**

**S288. Ans.(e)**

**S289. Ans.(a)**

**S290. Ans.(d)**

**S291. Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** The idiom given in bold is incorrect and thus requires a replacement. “**hang in there**” means to remain persistent and determined in difficult circumstances. Therefore, it should be replaced with option (d) “**hit the sack**”. “**Hit the sack**” means to go to bed in order to sleep. All the other idioms fail to make the sentence contextually meaningful.

*Cut somebody some slack* means to not judge someone as severely as you usually would because they are having problems at the present time

*Break a leg* is a phrase of encouragement typically said to one who is about to perform before an audience

*Cut corners* means to do something perfunctorily so as to save time or money.

**S292. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** The idiom given in bold is incorrect and thus requires a replacement. “**to get your act together**” means to start to organize yourself so that you do things in an effective way. Therefore, it should be replaced with option (b) “**to miss the boat**”. “**To miss the boat**” means to lose an opportunity to do something by being slow to act. All the other idioms fail to make the sentence contextually meaningful.

*To pull someone’s leg* means to tell someone something that is not true as a way of joking with the person.

*Under the weather* means slightly unwell or in low spirits

*On the ball* is used to refer the qualities, such as competence, skill, or knowledge, that are necessary for success

**S293. Ans.(e)**

**Sol.** The idiom given in bold “*to get people bent out of shape*” means to take offense; to become angry, agitated, or upset. Thus, it completely provides a coherent meaning to the sentence. Hence, it doesn’t require any replacement making *option (e)* is the most suitable answer choice.

*So far so good* means progress has been satisfactory up to now.

*Cut the mustard* means come up to expectations; reach the required standard.

*To get your act together* means to start to organize yourself so that you do things in an effective way.

*To make matters worse* means with the result that a bad situation is made worse.

**S294. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** The idiom given in bold is incorrect and thus requires a replacement. “**to cost an arm and a leg**” means to be extremely expensive. Therefore, it should be replaced with option (a) “**to bite the bullet**”. “**To bite the bullet**” means to decide to do something difficult or unpleasant that one has been putting off or hesitating over. All the other idioms fail to make the sentence contextually meaningful.

*To get out of hand* means to become difficult to control.

*To call it a day* means to stop what you are doing because you do not want to do any more or think you have done enough.

*To break the ice* means to do or say something to relieve tension or get conversation going in a strained situation or when strangers meet.

**S295. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** The idiom given in bold is incorrect and thus requires a replacement. “**burn bridges**” means to destroy one's path, connections, reputation, opportunities, etc., particularly intentionally. Therefore, it should be replaced with option (c) “**let the cat out of the bag**”. “**To let the cat out of the bag**” means to allow a secret to be known, usually without intending to. All the other idioms fail to make the sentence contextually meaningful.

*Barking up the wrong tree* means to suggest a mistaken emphasis in a specific context.

*Live and learn* means learn from experience and from your mistakes.

*The whole nine yards* means everything possible or available.

**S296. Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** 'Recycle' is incorrectly used in the sentence. It should be 'recyclable' instead of 'recycle'.

**S297. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** Quite is the correct spelling.

**S298. Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** 'Dealing' is incorrectly used in the sentence. It should be 'deal' instead of 'dealing'. According to standard english, 'to' is not followed by the third form of verb.

**S299. Ans.(e)**

**Sol.** All are correct.

**S300. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** 'Been' is incorrectly used in the sentence. It should be 'being' instead of 'been'. 'Been' is used after 'have' and is thus inappropriately used in the sentence.

**S301. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** Ideology

**S302. Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** 'For' is incorrectly used in the sentence. It should be 'within' instead of 'for'.

**S303. Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** Conspicuous

**S304. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** 'Demean' is incorrectly used in the sentence. It should be 'demeanor' instead of 'demean'. 'Demeanor' means outward behaviour or bearing.

**S305. Ans.(e)**

**Sol.** All are correct.

**S306. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** 'Far' is incorrectly used in the sentence. It should be 'farthest' instead of 'far'. Since a comparison is being made here, we will use 'farthest'.

**S307. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** Rotating

**S308. Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** 'Theory' is incorrectly used in the sentence. It should be 'theories' instead of 'theory'.

**S309. Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** 'Compose' is incorrectly used in the sentence. It should be 'composed' instead of 'compose'. Since the sentence is in passive voice, 'is' will take the third form of verb here.

**S310. Ans.(e)**

**Sol.** All are correct.

**S311. Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** Refer the first paragraph, "Among the natural resources which can be called upon in national plans for development, possibly the most important is human labour."

**S312. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** Refer the fourth paragraph, "If we examine the opportunities for education of girls or women in the less developed countries we usually find a dismal picture. In some countries the ratio of boys to girls in secondary schools is more than seven to one. In Afghanistan, Turkey and Tunisia most sizeable towns have some sort of dormitory for girls."

**S313. Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** A village woman is unable to understand what different services are intended for because she is uneducated.

**S314. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** Refer beginning sentences of the fifth paragraph, "What happens to the girls? Often they are kept at home to look after younger siblings and to perform a variety of domestic chores."

**S315. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** Refer the second sentences of the sixth paragraph, "Not only does the lack of education among women make the dissemination of nutrition education difficult. It appears also to be a major obstacle to campaigns for family planning."

**S316. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** Refer the fourth sentences of the fifth paragraph, "What happens to the girls? Often they are kept at home to look after younger siblings and to perform a variety of domestic chores. Their education is not perceived as in any way equal in importance to that of boys. When an illiterate, or barely literate girl reaches adolescence, she has little or no qualification for employment, even if her community provides any opportunity for employment of women."



**S317. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** This is the ultimate result; others are direct ones. (Last sentence of the sixth paragraph)

**S318. Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** Education will make women 'separate and complete human beings.

**S319. Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** Here perpetuate means preserve forever.

**S320. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** According to the passage unemployment type of women will perpetuate in their children those characteristics which are least conducive to development.

**S321. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** Refer to the second paragraph of the passage.

**S322. Ans.(d);**

**Sol.** Refer to the last line of the first paragraph, the second paragraph and the last line of the passage.

**S323. Ans.(c);**

**Sol.** "Though crushed, it reminded the British vividly that they were a tiny ethnic group who could not rule a gigantic subcontinent without the support of important locals"

**S324. Ans.(a);**

**Sol.** "The white man's burden came up as a new moral rationale for conquest. It was supposedly for the good of the conquered"

**S325. Ans.(c);**

**Sol.** Refer to the fifth paragraph of the passage.

**S326. Ans.(e);**

**Sol. Proclaim**

**Meaning-**to announce officially or publicly. So, deny is the word which is opposite in meaning to it.

**S327. Ans.(e);**

**Sol. Debtor**

**Meaning -** a person who owes a creditor. So, mortgagee is the word which is opposite in meaning to it.

**S328. Ans.(c);**

**Sol. Hypocrisy**

**Meaning-** pretending to have qualities or beliefs that you do not have. So, honesty is the word which is opposite in meaning to it.

**S329. Ans.(a);**

**Sol. Imperialism**

**Meaning-** a policy of extending your rule over foreign countries. So, development is the word which is similar in meaning to it.

**S330. Ans.(a);**

**Sol. Fresh**

**Meaning-** recently made, produced, or harvested. So, new is the word which is similar in meaning to it.

**S331. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** Option (c) is the correct answer choice. Option (c) can be traced from the 1st paragraph of passage "the zebrafish has the ability to completely regenerate its retina and restore vision after an injury."

**S332. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** Option (b) is the correct answer choice. Option (b) can be traced from the 1st paragraph of passage "A particular signalling system – sonic hedgehog (Shh) – in zebrafish has been previously reported to aid in developmental and tissue regeneration activities."

**S333. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** Option (b) is the correct answer choice. Option (b) can be traced from the 1st paragraph of passage where it is stated ". Since this signalling is also responsible for retina regeneration in zebrafish, the researchers are trying to understand why the signalling does not bring about retina regeneration in humans."

**S334. Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** Option (d) is the correct answer choice. Option (d) can be traced from the 2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph of passage where it is stated as "Zic2b and foxn4 are essential components for development and tissue regeneration, whereas mmp9 is an enzyme which makes the environment congenial for freshly formed cells."

**S335. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** Option (c) is the correct answer choice. Option (c) can be traced from the 2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph of passage where it is stated as "During an injury, you need the proliferation of cells that let-7 is capable of blocking. So Lin28a steps in action, clears or scavenges let-7 and allows differentiated cells to be transformed into multipotent stem cells, which aid in regeneration."

**S336. Ans.(e)**

**Sol.** Stark- complete; sheer

Utter- complete; absolute.

So the best answer choice is option (e).

**S337. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** Impairing- weaken or damage (something, especially a faculty or function)

Option (b) and (c) are the antonyms of the given word.

So the best answer choice is (a)

Quirking- (with reference to a person's mouth or eyebrow) move or twist suddenly

**S338. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** option (a) is the most suitable answer choice.

Bring about- to make something happen, especially to cause changes in a situation

All other given options are the meanings of different phrasal verbs.

**S339. Ans.(e)**

**Sol.** Congenial- (of a thing) pleasant or agreeable because suited to one's taste or inclination

All the given options are the synonyms of the given word 'congenial' except option (e). So the best answer choice is option (e).

**S340. Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** Insights- the capacity to gain an accurate and deep understanding of someone or something.

All the given options are the synonyms of the given word 'insights' except option (d). So the best answer choice is option (d).

**S341. Ans.(e)**

**Sol.** According to paragraph 1, Saubhagya scheme, previously named as Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Vidyutikaran Yojana focuses on feeder separation, improvement of sub-transmission and distribution network, and metering to reduce losses in addition to electrification of villages through implementation of decentralized distributed generation (DDG).

Hence option (e) is the correct choice.

**S342. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** In reference to second paragraph of the passage, we can infer that India's rural household are facing non- reliable power supply at peak hours and lack of connection.

Hence option (c) is the correct choice.

Refer the first few lines of second paragraph "The success of rural electrification should not be measured only on the basis of connections provided, but also on the basis of provision of reliable and quality power supply during peak hours."

**S343. Ans.(e)**

**Sol.** All the given options are correct.

Refer third paragraph of the passage which indicates that "energy plus" approach is not just providing electricity for lighting but also for other facilities.

Hence option (e) is the correct choice.

"This makes the problem more challenging. Further, lack of access to energy at home and for income-generating activities is associated with higher levels of poverty, low productivity, heavy workload, women's safety issues, missed educational opportunities and high exposure to health risks."

**S344. Ans.(e)**

**Sol.** All the given statements are correct with respect to the third paragraph of the passage.

**S345. Ans.(e)**

**Sol.** The author's tone is 'analytical' as the author gave a detailed treatment of the issue after undergoing deep analysis of the causes and effects.

**S346. Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** Subsumed means to consider or include. Hence it has same meaning as comprise.

**S347. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** Reluctant means unwilling and hesitant; disinclined. Hence it has same meaning as grudging.

**S348. Ans.(e)**

**Sol.** Uplift means to lift up, elevate. Hence it has same meaning as elevate.

Extenuate means acting in mitigation to lessen the seriousness of guilt or an offence.

Mollify means appease the anger or anxiety of.

Abet means to help or encourage a person or thing to do something.

**S349. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** Reliable means consistently good in quality or performance; able to be trusted. Hence its opposite is dodgy.

Incite meaning encourage.

Conciliate means stop (someone) being angry or discontented; placate.

**S350. Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** Exposure means the state of having no protection from something harmful. Hence it has opposite meaning as safety.

Candor means the quality of being open and honest; frankness.

Dire means extremely serious or urgent.

**S351. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** 'Similar' takes preposition 'in'. And alike is used as, 'We all are alike in one thing'. So, common is correct.

**S352. Ans.(e)**

**Sol.** Since 'behind' is there, unquestioningly 'leave' is the correct option.

**S353. Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** Option (a) is wrong since, no 's' or 'es' is suffixed to a verb when using with 'can'. Hence 'transform' is correct.

**S354. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** 'Greater than' is used with numbers and 'larger than' is used with areas, etc. So, "name" is suitable.

S355. Ans.(c)

S356. Ans.(e)

Sol. convince is in present tense so it is wrong. One may also get confused with option (b) but 'confident' goes well with the meaning of the passage.

S357. Ans.(a)

S358. Ans.(c)

Sol. 'Comprise something' or 'consist of something' mean the same.

S359. Ans.(d);

S360. Ans.(a);

S361. Ans.(c)

S362. Ans.(a)

S363. Ans.(c)

S364. Ans.(e)

S365. Ans.(b)

S366. Ans.(e)

S367. Ans.(d)

S368. Ans.(a)

S369. Ans.(b)

S370. Ans.(d)

S371. Ans.(d)

S372. Ans.(a)

S373. Ans.(e)

S374. Ans.(b)

S375. Ans.(a)



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S376. Ans.(b)

S377. Ans.(d)

S378. Ans.(e)

S379. Ans.(c)

S380. Ans.(c)

S381. Ans.(e)

**Sol. Backdrop** means lie behind or beyond; serve as a background to.  
Hence backdrop will be the correct choice.

S382. Ans.(b)

**Sol. Reproached** means the expression of disapproval or disappointment.  
**Urged** means recommend (something) strongly  
Hence urged is the correct choice among all.

S383. Ans.(d)

**Sol. Conjuring** means the performance of tricks which are seemingly magical, typically involving sleight of hand.

**Mobilizing** means to organize or prepare something, such as a group of people, for a purpose

**Assuring** means make (something) certain to happen.

Hence assuring best fits the purpose.

S384. Ans.(b)

**Sol. Escalating** means increase rapidly.

**Adjudicating** means make a formal judgement on a disputed matter.

Hence monitoring will be the correct choice among all the options.

S385. Ans.(c)

**Sol. Snatched** means quickly seize (something) in a rude or eager way.

**Plucked** means take hold of (something) and quickly remove it from its place.

**Scraped** means drag or pull a hard or sharp implement across (a surface or object) so as to remove dirt or other matter.

Hence snatched will best explain the meaning here.

S386. Ans.(d)

**Sol. Assaulted** means make a physical attack on.

**Scoured** means clean or brighten the surface of (something) by rubbing it hard, typically with an abrasive or detergent.

**Hurtled** means move or cause to move at high speed, typically in an uncontrolled manner.

Here assaulted will be the most suitable option among all.

S387. Ans.(c)

**Sol. Advisory** means an official announcement or warning.

**Induction** means the process or action of bringing about or giving rise to something.

Here, advisory best fits the purpose.

S388. Ans.(a)

**Sol. Investigation** means a formal inquiry

Hence, investigation will be the most exact option among all.

S389. Ans.(b)

**Sol. Condemned** means express complete disapproval of; censure.

Here, appreciated best fits the purpose.

S390. Ans.(a)

**Sol. Sought** means attempt or desire to obtain or achieve (something).

**Unlikely** means not likely to happen, be done, or be true; improbable.

Hence unlikely will be the correct choice.

S391. Ans.(b)

S392. Ans.(d)

S393. Ans.(a)

S394. Ans.(e)

S395. Ans.(e)

S396. Ans.(c)

S397. Ans.(c)

S398. Ans.(c)

S399. Ans.(e)

S400. Ans.(a)

S401. Ans.(b)

S402. Ans.(d)

S403. Ans.(c)

S404. Ans.(a)



**S405. Ans.(b)**

**S406. Ans.(e)**

**S407. Ans.(a)**

**S408. Ans.(c)**

**S409. Ans.(e)**

**S410. Ans.(a)**

**S411. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** The paragraph is describing about a policy introduced by CEAT in its working culture of permitting its employees to work from remote areas. The most suitable word that will coherently fit in the given blank is “permits” or a word similar in meaning. However, “compels” means force or oblige (someone) to do something. Therefore, it fails to fit coherently in the given paragraph. Hence, option (b) is the most suitable answer choice.

**S412. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** Since the paragraph is describing about a policy introduced by CEAT in its working culture of permitting its employees to work from remote areas, the most suitable word for the given blank becomes “deem” or a word with similar meaning. However, scrutinize which means examine or inspect closely and thoroughly fail to provide coherence to the given paragraph. Hence, option (a) becomes the most suitable answer choice.

Deem means regard or consider in a specified way.

Presume means suppose that something is the case on the basis of probability.

**S413. Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** The sentence is describing the policy of abolishing the policy of mandatory attendance recording. The most suitable word to comply with the theme of the paragraph is “scrapped” or a word similar in the meaning. However, “hoarded” which means accumulate (money or valued objects) and hide or store away. Therefore, it does not comply with the theme of the paragraph. Hence, option (d) is the most suitable answer choice.

Dismissed means deliberately cease to think about.

Eliminated means completely remove or get rid of (something).

Scrapped means abolish or cancel.

**S414. Ans.(e)**

**Sol.** The paragraph is describing about a policy introduced by CEAT in its working culture of permitting its employees to work from remote areas. The most suitable word that will coherently fit in the given blank is “flexible” or a word similar in meaning. However, “brittle” means hard but liable to break easily. Therefore, it fails to fit coherently in the given paragraph. Hence, option (e) is the most suitable answer choice.

Fluid means not settled or stable; likely or able to change.



**S415. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** The theme of the paragraph is describing about a policy introduced by CEAT in its working culture of permitting its employees to work from remote areas. The most suitable word that will coherently fit in the given blank is “tweaking” or a word similar in meaning. However, “resizing” means alter the size of (something, especially a computer window or image). Therefore, it fails to fit coherently in the given paragraph. Hence, option (c) is the most suitable answer choice.

Tweaking means improve (a mechanism or system) by making fine adjustments to it.

Altering means change in character or composition, typically in a comparatively small but significant way.

**S416. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** The word ‘praising’ is incorrectly used in the paragraph as later, in the paragraph it has been described that the words of Apple co-founder Steve Wozniak’s were of criticism. Thus, the correct word required here is “doubting” or a word that should stand against Indians. All the other words given in bold are appropriate and fit suitably in each blank. As, the error is in option (b) it becomes the correct answer choice.

**S417. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** The usage of ‘since’ makes the sentence of the paragraph contextually and grammatically incorrect. “since” can be used as an adverb, conjunction and preposition. It means ‘in the intervening period between (the time mentioned) and the time under consideration, typically the present’. Thus, the word ‘since’ fails to make the paragraph coherent. Therefore, the correct word required here is “but” which while acting as a preposition means ‘except; apart from; other than’. All the other words given in bold are relevant and fit aptly in each blank. As the error lies in option (a), it becomes the correct answer choice.

**S418. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** Option (a) is the correct choice as the usage of the word “only” fails to provide meaning to the paragraph. In the latter part of the sentence the companies listed in Fortune 500 have been mentioned. Thus, it confirms the incorrect usage of “only”. “That” is a determiner used for referring to a specific thing previously mentioned, known, or understood. Therefore, the correct word required here is “that” as the name of the companies have been mentioned later. The other given words in bold are precise and make the paragraph coherent.

**S419. Ans.(e)**

**Sol.** All the given words in bold are grammatically and contextually correct and provide an absolute sense to the theme of the paragraph. Thus, the given words don’t require any replacement making option (e) the most viable choice.

**S420. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** Option (b) is the correct choice. The sentence of the paragraph contains a grammatical error with the usage of “don’t” as the present tense of to do verb is “do”, however the context of the sentence in the paragraph is of the past, thus “don’t” should be replaced with its past form “didn’t” to make the sentence grammatically feasible. The other bold words are grammatically and contextually correct and don’t require any correction or replacement. Therefore, option (b) becomes the most suitable choice.

**S421. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** Option (a) is the correct answer choice. As the paragraph is telling about the story of the Rani Chennamma a great warrior from the war of independence. As the very first line of the paragraph describes her birth place and the year so 'born' would be the best choice to fill the blank.

**S422. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** Option (b) is the correct answer choice. As the 3<sup>rd</sup> line of the paragraph states that King Mallasarja of Kittur was looking for help from his neighboring kingdoms to fight Tipu Sultan, and thus he was moving around for getting help.

**S423. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** Option (c) is the correct answer choice. As the next line states that "he took Chenamma as his second wife" so the correct option to fill the blank should be 'attracted'.

**S424. Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** Option (d) is the correct answer choice. As the line itself suggests that the King Mallasarja of Kittur already had a son so the correct option to fill the blank should be 'married'.

**S425. Ans.(e)**

**Sol.** Option (e) is the correct answer choice. As the line itself suggests that Thackeray the East India Thackeray Company's collector and political agent wanted to expand the British Empire so the correct word to fill the blank should be 'capture'.

**S426. Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** Option (d) is the correct answer choice. As the line, "As a \_\_\_\_\_ of this war British officers including Thackeray were killed" suggests the idea of the outcome of war so the best answer choice to fill the blank should be 'conclusion'.

**S427. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** Option (c) is the correct answer choice. The line ".....including Thackeray were killed .....The remaining officials and soldiers were \_\_\_\_\_and **she** ensured that they were treated with courtesy and kindness." suggests that the queen had won the war and Thackeray got killed and the remaining officials were 'imprisoned'. Therefore option (c) is the correct answer choice.

**S428. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** Option (b) is the correct answer choice. The line, " A fierce battle was fought but this time due to a number of \_\_\_\_\_in her camp she lost the battle and was captured by the British and their treasury looted" suggests that while the war took place second time the queen lost the battle and that too just because of some renegades inside her camp. So the 'traitors' is the correct answer choice to fill the blank (98).

**S429. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** Option (a) is the correct answer choice. As the previous line, "....she lost the battle and was captured by the British and their treasury looted....." suggests that the queen had lost the war and she was captured therefore 'escape' is the correct word to fill the blank.

**S430. Ans.(e)**

**Sol.** Option (e) is the correct answer choice. As the line, "In the year 1829 she died in confinement with the \_\_\_\_\_ of a free Kittur in her heart and mind." itself suggests that while dying the queen had a wish/dream in her heart, therefore the best answer choice to fill the blank should be 'dream'.

**S431. Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** The paragraph is describing about expected changes and their effects in the economy. Here, the most suitable word is "murmurings" as it aptly fits in the context of the paragraph. Murmurings means a low or indistinct continuous sound. All the other words fail to fill the blank appropriately. Hence, option (d) is the most suitable answer choice.

Revelation means a surprising and previously unknown fact that has been disclosed to others.

Research means discover or verify information for use in (a book, programme, etc.).

**S432. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** The paragraph is describing about expected changes and their effects in the economy. Here, the most suitable word is "turbulence" as the later part of the paragraph hints that a possible "financial crisis" might occur in near future. Turbulence means a state of conflict or confusion. All the other words fail to fill the blank appropriately. Hence, option (a) is the most suitable answer choice.

**S433. Ans.(e)**

**Sol.** The paragraph is describing about expected changes and their effects in the economy. Here, the most suitable word is "transpire" as it aptly fits in the context of the paragraph. If it transpires that something has happened, this previously secret or unknown fact becomes known. All the other words fail to fill the blank appropriately. Hence, option (e) is the most suitable answer choice.

Transact means conduct or carry out (business).

Allocate means distribute (resources or duties) for a particular purpose.

**S434. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** The paragraph is describing about expected changes and their effects in the economy. Here, the most suitable word is "configurations" as it aptly fits in the context of the paragraph. Configuration means an arrangement of parts or elements in a particular form, figure, or combination. All the other words fail to fill the blank appropriately. Hence, option (b) is the most suitable answer choice.

Junctions mean a point where two or more things are joined.

Renovations mean the action of renovating a building.

**S435. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** The paragraph is describing about expected changes and their effects in the economy. Here, the most suitable word is "Wherewithal" as it aptly fits in the context of the paragraph. Wherewithal means the money or other means needed for a particular purpose. All the other words fail to fill the blank appropriately. Hence, option (c) is the most suitable answer choice.

**S436. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** The paragraph is describing about expected changes and their effects in the economy. Here, the most suitable word is "Mounted" as it aptly fits in the context of the paragraph. Mounted in context of the paragraph means set in or attach to a backing or setting. All the other words fail to fill the blank appropriately. Hence, option (c) is the most suitable answer choice.

**S437. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** The paragraph is describing about expected changes and their effects in the economy. Here, the most suitable word is "Ailing" as it aptly fits in the context of the paragraph. Ailing means in poor health. All the other words fail to fill the blank appropriately. Hence, option (a) is the most suitable answer choice.

**S438. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** Preaching must be the word that must come in the blank as educational institutions that deal with gender issues have incorporated equality and modernity only through textbook mode. So option (b) is the appropriate choice.

**S439. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** Option (a) is the most suitable choice for the blank. Engagement is the word to be filled because the line refers about involvement of talks between males and females in a classroom which is impossible due to male attitudes towards women.

**S440. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** Option (c) is the appropriate choice. Acknowledged is the word that must fill the blank most suitably. Acknowledged means admitted or accepted as true, valid, or legitimate. Here the statement means that the terror experienced by the girls at an early stage cannot be recognized and discussed. Rest all the words are contextually incorrect.

**S441. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** Option (c) is the appropriate choice to be filled in the blank. Disparity means a great difference. Lessons on gender difference mention prejudices and stereotypes i.e. a widely held but fixed and oversimplified image or idea of a particular type of person or thing. Equality means same consideration. Practicality and order and contextually are wrong words to use here.

**S442. Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** Embedded means fixed firmly and deeply in surroundings. In the given statement it is the only word that fits most suitably in the blank. Explicit means stated clearly and in detail, leaving no room for confusion or doubt.

**S443. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** Option (a) is the most apt choice. Hampered means hinder or impede the movement or progress of. Here the statement that includes the given word means that education which has the potential to improve the male minds and their ability to think and behave in a normal and rational manner is hampered and lessened by the easy access provided by child pornography. All other words do not fit contextually.

**S444. Ans.(e)**

**Sol.** Option (e) is the most suitable choice to be filled in the blank in the given statement. Inundated means overwhelm (someone) with things or people to be dealt with. Endured means remain in existence; last.

**S445. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** The most suitable word for the given blank is phenomenon which means a fact or situation that is observed to exist or happen, especially one whose cause or explanation is in question.

**S446. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** Option (c) is the most suitable choice. Since multiplication of cells takes place unevenly and by itself the only word that can fit the blank is uncontrolled which means not in a controlled manner. Inorganic means lifeless.

**S447. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** Option (b) fits in the blank most suitably. The line after the blank talks about the triggers which are external or they could be inborn which means genetic due to which cancer is caused. Other options are irrelevant and they do not fit in the blank.

Skilled means expert at something.

Scattered means throw in various random directions.

**S448. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** Mutated is the correct option to be filled in the blank as it means (with reference to a cell, DNA molecule, etc.) undergo or cause to undergo change in a gene or genes. The DNA of cancer cells cannot be purposed, seasoned, sprayed or integrated. They can only be mutated. Hence all other options are irrelevant and only option (a) is correct.

**S449. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** The only word that fits the blank is rampant that is option (a) as it is given that cancer cells whose DNA is mutated or changed go on a rampant or say flourishing or spreading unchecked growth. Slow, proper or poor growths are not the suitable words to be filled in the blank given.

**S450. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** The only word that fits most suitably in the blank is option (c) that is addressed. This is so because the total removal or the recurrence can only be addressed. Rest all of the options are irrelevant.

Praised means express warm approval or admiration of.

Appreciated means valued.

Convinced means completely certain about something.

**S451. Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** Option (d) is the most appropriate answer. As the line talks about a trial about the radiation therapy using high power gamma rays, the option can only be limited success. Rest all the other options do not fit in the blank in terms of success.

Obsessed means preoccupy or fill the mind of (someone) continually and to a troubling extent.

Disapproved means have or express an unfavorable opinion.

Worried means anxious or troubled about actual or potential problems.

Uninterested means not interested in or concerned about something or someone.

**S452. Ans.(e)**

**Sol.** Option (e) is the choice to be filled in the blank. Sustained means continuing for an extended period or without interruption.

Reluctant means unwilling and hesitant ; disinclined.

Beneficial means resulting in good; favorable or advantageous.

Universal means general.

**S453. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** Option (a) is the most suitable choice.

Approach means a way of dealing with a situation or problem.

Imperfection means a fault, blemish, or undesirable feature.

Cruelty means cruel behavior or attitudes.

Arrogance means pride, egotism.

Casualty means a person killed or injured in a war or accident.

**S454. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** Option (b) is the most suitable choice. Here the sentence talks about the some particular antibody molecule which can be defined by the only word specific in the options given. Rest all of the options are irrelevant.

Co-operated means work jointly towards the same end.

Acquired means learned or developed.

Demonstrated means clearly show the existence or truth of (something) by giving proof or evidence.

Initiated means caused to begin.

**S455. Ans.(e)**

**Sol.** Option (e) is the most suitable choice. Here the antibody molecule can be injected into the patient which means inserted or introduced into the patient. Rest all other options do not fit in the blank given.

Advanced means new and not yet generally accepted.

Disguised means give (someone or oneself) a different appearance in order to conceal one's identity.

Uniformed means make of a similar form or character to another or others.

Concentrated means wholly directed to one thing; intense.

**S456. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** Option (a) is the correct answer choice. As the paragraph is telling the story of Ibn Battuta who was a Moroccan Muslim scholar and traveler. As line "His journeys lasted for a period of almost thirty years....." of the paragraph describes that he was a traveller and was known for his travelling hence, the option (a) is the correct answer choice.

**S457. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** Option (b) is the correct answer choice. As the line "North Africa, West Africa, Southern Europe and Eastern Europe in the West, to the Middle East, Indian subcontinent, Central Asia, Southeast Asia...." suggests the pattern of Ibn Battuta's travel. Hence, the option (b) is the correct answer choice.

**S458. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** Option (c) is the correct answer choice. As the previous line “North Africa, West Africa, Southern Europe and Eastern Europe in the West, to the Middle East, Indian subcontinent, Central Asia, Southeast Asia...” suggests that the correct answer choice should be option (c). Distance is the only option which fits contextually correct in the given sentence.

**S459. Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** Option (d) is the correct answer choice. As the line “After his travels he returned to Morocco and gave his account of the .....to Ibn Juzay.” itself suggests that after Ibn was done with his travelling he would have shared his experience with Ibn Juzay.

**S460. Ans.(e)**

**Sol.** Option (e) is the correct answer choice. As the paragraph is talking about the journey of Ibn Battuta around the world, hence ‘Voyage’ is the correct answer choice to fill the blank.

Voyage- a long journey involving travel by sea or in space

Variance- the fact or quality of being different, divergent, or inconsistent

Vague- of uncertain, indefinite, or unclear character or meaning

**S461. Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** *The paragraph is describing about the functioning of BCCI and meeting the expectation of maintaining transparency with the public. However, the word ‘receipt’ means the action of receiving something or the fact of its being received thus, to make the sentence grammatically and contextually correct it should be replaced with ‘purview’ which is a noun and it means ‘the scope of the influence or concerns of something.’ Hence, option (d) is the correct choice.*

**S462. Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** *The paragraph is describing about the functioning of BCCI and meeting the expectation of maintaining transparency with the public. However, in order to make the sentence grammatically correct and contextually meaningful replace ‘reliving’ with ‘rising’ as the sentence of the paragraph is expressing the increase in expectation of maintaining the transparency with the public. Hence, option (d) is the correct answer choice.*

**S463. Ans.(e)**

**Sol.** *As, the theme of the paragraph is about the functioning of BCCI and meeting the expectation of maintaining transparency with the public. The given set of bold words are correct and provide the intended meaning to the paragraph. Since, no replacement is required option (e) becomes the most viable answer choice.*

**S464. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** The usage of the word ‘vision’ is incorrect as ‘vision’ means *the ability to think about or plan the future with imagination or wisdom*. It is to be noted that the sentence of the paragraph is describing about an ongoing time [*in recent years*] therefore the word ‘vision’ becomes incorrect as it gives an impression of a future plan to be implemented. Thus, the correct word that should make the sentence contextually correct is ‘view’. Hence, option (b) becomes the most feasible answer choice.

**S465. Ans.(e)**

**Sol.** As, the theme of the paragraph is about the functioning of BCCI and meeting the expectation of maintaining transparency with the public. The given set of bold words are correct and provide the intended meaning to the paragraph. Since, no replacement is required **option (e)** becomes the most viable answer choice.

**S466. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** 'erratic/ bizarre' is the correct set of words making the sentence meaningful.

The sentence is indicating some negative effect on retired people's schedule due to plenty of time during the day.

Hence a negative word must fill the blank.

**Erratic** means not even or regular in pattern or movement, which is similar in meaning with irregular can be used with it interchangeably.

**Botch** means carry out (a task) badly or carelessly.

**Mutilate** means inflict serious damage on.

**Astute** means having or showing an ability to accurately assess situations or people and turn this to one's advantage.

**S467. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** 'lead/ result' is the correct set of words making the sentence correct and meaningful.

The sentence points to the outcome of being retired and feeling like time is moving at slower pace.

Hence option (c) is correct.

**Hasten** means move or travel hurriedly.

**Stride** means a long, decisive step.

**S468. Ans.(e)**

**Sol.** 'curiosity / interest' is the right choice.

Noun or pronoun should come before the new clause.

Curiosity is a noun having similar meaning as 'interest' that can be used interchangeably.

**Aberrant** means departing from an accepted standard.

**Awkward** means causing difficulty; hard to do or deal with.

**S469. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** 'experience/ happening' is the correct set of words.

'troublesome' is an adjective which must be followed by a noun.

All the other words are adjective and adjective is not followed by adjective.

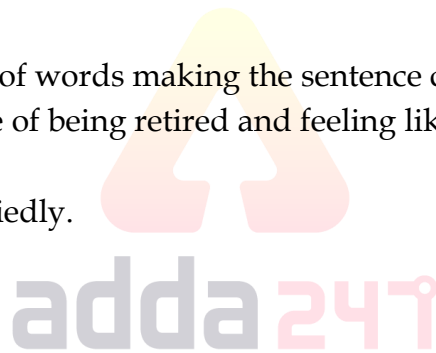
**Ravel** means to untangle something

**Valiant** means possessing or showing courage or determination.

**Audacious** means showing a willingness to take surprisingly bold risks.

**Resolute** means admirably purposeful, determined, and unwavering.

**Intent** means intention or purpose.





**S470. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** 'resolved/ settled' is the correct set of words making the sentence meaningful and correct. Resolved which means settle or find a solution to, can also be used as 'settled' interchangeably.

**Waned** means have a progressively smaller part of its visible surface illuminated, so that it appears to decrease in size.

**Appraised** means assess the value or quality of.

**Undaunted** means not intimidated or discouraged by difficulty, danger, or disappointment.

**S471. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** 'Subvert' is the right answer.

Here, the controlled mind has been related to the controlled speech. Hence the blank must be filled by the word which has the similar meaning as 'controlled'.

Going through the options, we can conclude that all the words except 'subvert' are making the sentence correct and meaningful as 'subvert' means undermine the power and authority of (an established system or institution), and thus fail to make the paragraph coherent.

Immaculate, which means free from flaws or mistakes (Perfect) is the appropriate word to be filled in the blank. The other words are also similar in meaning to immaculate which are going in agreement with the sentence. Hence, option (a) i.e., 'subvert' should be the right choice to be made.

Exquisite means selective, wonderful or excellent.

Impeccable means in accordance with the highest standards; faultless.

**S472. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** Option (b) is the correct answer.

The theme of the paragraph is controlling speech through controlling mind. The blank must be filled by an adjective that will go opposite in meaning to 'control'. Moreover, the verb 'to avoid' reflects that a negative word should be filled in the blank. The word 'incited' which means encourage or stir up, is completely against the theme and is the correct choice to get eliminated.

On the other hand, unbridled which means uncontrolled or unconstrained reflects the appropriate meaning that makes the paragraph comprehensive. All the other options are also conveying the similar context to the paragraph.

Hence option (b) is the correct choice.

Perturbed means anxious or unsettled.

Agitated means feeling or appearing troubled or nervous.

**S473. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** 'expunges' is the correct answer choice.

The sentence must be completed with the verb that tells the relationship between spiritual path and disciplined mind.

'Demands' which means requires is the correct word for the blank. Other options except 'expunges' are also conveying a similar meaning to the sentence. Expunge, which means obliterate or remove completely does not make any sense to the sentence fails to comply with the theme of the paragraph.

Hence option (a) is the correct choice.

Necessitates means make (something) necessary as a result or consequence.

Entails means involve (something) as a necessary or inevitable part or consequence.

**S474. Ans.(e)**

**Sol.** 'repealing' is the wrong word to be filled in the blank.

Here the simultaneous relation has been provided in the sentence that is controlling mind through controlling speech and controlling speech through controlling mind.

Hence the word that fills the blank must be a synonym of 'controlled'. All the other words except 'repealing' are appropriate for delivering the meaning to the sentence as repealing means revoking or annulling which is not appropriate for the sentence.

Hence option (e) is the right choice.

Reining means keeping under control.

Curbing means keeping in check or restrain.

**S475. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** All the words except 'vitiate' can be filled in the blank making the sentence correct and meaningful. Here the blank must be filled by the noun. The words quality, trait, aspect and characteristic are all nouns and can be filled in the blank interchangeably whereas 'vitiate' is a verb which means spoil or impair the quality or efficiency of. Hence 'vitiate' is the correct word to be eliminated.

Hence option (c) is the correct choice.

**S476. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** 'economic' fits the blank appropriately.

**S477. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** 'spread' fits the blank appropriately.

**S478. Ans.(e)**

**Sol.** 'increasing' fits the blank appropriately.

**S479. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** 'out' fits the blank appropriately.

**S480. Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** 'challenge' fits the blank appropriately.

**S481. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** 'active' fits the blank appropriately.

**S482. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** 'section' fits the blank appropriately.

**S483. Ans.(b)**

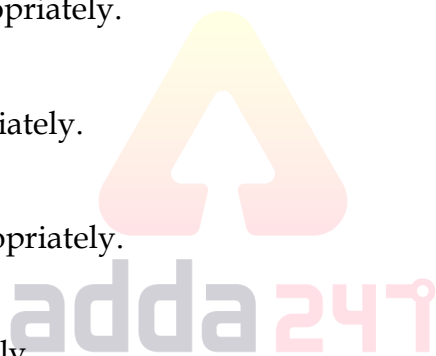
**Sol.** 'matter' fits the blank appropriately.

**S484. Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** 'personal' fits the blank appropriately.

**S485. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** 'introduce' fits the blank appropriately.



**S486. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** Correct choice is option C.

**S487. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** Correct choice is option B.

**S488. Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** Correct choice is option D.

**S489. Ans.(e)**

**Sol.** Correct choice is option E.

**S490. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** Correct choice is option C.

**S491. Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** Correct choice is option D.

**S492. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** Correct choice is option B.

**S493. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** Correct choice is option C.

**S494. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** Correct choice is option B.

**S495. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** Correct choice is option A.

**S496. Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** multifarious-varied; motley; greatly diversified

**S497. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** incongruous means not in harmony or keeping with the surroundings or other aspects of something. Option B is the correct choice.

**S498. Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** cumbersome-large or heavy and therefore difficult to carry or use; unwieldy.

**S499. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** edify- instruct or improve (someone) morally or intellectually.

**S500. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** Perpetuity means endless time. Antonym is transience.

Transience- the state or fact of lasting only for a short time; transitoriness.

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