

All India Mock for RBI Grade B English Section (4-5 May)

Directions (1-7): Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow. Some words in the passage have been highlighted to aid in answering the question.

The nearly Rs.1.5 lakh crore of Gross Goods and Services Tax (GST) collections in February are notable from several aspects. First, they mark the 12th successive months that GST revenue have stayed over Rs. 1.4 lakh crore, and the fourth highest single month kitty since the launch of the GST regime. The average monthly GST collections in the first 11 months of 2022-23 now stands at Rs. 1,49,776 crore, 21.5% than the average monthly kitty of little over Rs.1.23 lakh crore through 2021-22. Interestingly, the average monthly revenues so far this year are higher than actual collections in eight of those months, so collections in the other three months bumped up the average.

Those months happen to be April (with the highest monthly revenues of over Rs.1.67 lakh crore), and October and January 2023 (whose collections were upgraded to over Rs.1.57 lakh crore. The spike in these months can be attributed to quarter-end and year-end return filings whose taxes are collected in the first month of the subsequent quarter. This lends credence to the government's assertion in January that policy changes introduced over the past year have improved **compliance** with more taxpayer s filing returns - a pleasant cultural augury for a country with low tax base.

Meanwhile, a perceptible shift is underway in the composition of GST revenues. The first 10 months of this fiscal had seen revenues from good imports rising 29%, while domestic transactions and services reports yielded a 22% uptick in taxes. While, this breakdown is not available for January, February marks the second time in three months that domestic revenues have out- grown taxes from goods imports, with the former rising 15% and the latter just 6%. While this is in tune with a sharp dip in imports in January, it also signals a likely cooling of discretionary domestic demand that had been driving up the import bill along with the elevated commodity prices. That domestic revenue trends are uneven, with sharp variation across states, is another cause for concern.

The 2023-24 Budget expects GST revenue growth to slow from about 22% this year to 12%, with tax buoyancy expected to drop. That represents a **pragmatic** outlook amid a world tightening its belt for a slowdown, but the Finance Ministry's attempt to play up February's GST kitty by_____ that the "28 day" month normally witnesses lower revenues, is disingenuous and unnecessary, as these revenues pertained to transactions undertaken over the 31 days of January. By this logic, March should see a dip in tax in- flows as February had fewer days of activity.

Q1. What is the main reason behind a sharp dip in imports in January month?

(i)The shortest month marks the second time in three months that domestic revenues have relinquish taxes from ethical imports.

(ii) It also prompts an appropriate bracing of products and services that are desirable for consumers, but not essential to their daily living that had been driving up the import bill along with the elevated commodity prices.

(iii)The domestic revenue trends are even, with sharp variation across states.

(a) Only (iii)
(b) Only (i) and (ii)
(c) Only (ii) and (iii)
(d) Only (i) and (iii)
(e) All of the above

Q2. Which of the following statements is/are correct based on the information provided in the given passage?

(a) Leaving 2 months of the available fiscal, the rest months had seen virtuous revenues from good imports.

- (b) This year budget illustrates the sensible aspects across the world, straining for slowdown.
- (c) Only (i)
- (d) Both (i) and (ii)
- (e) None of these

Q3. Choose the most suitable antonym of the word 'compliance', as highlighted in the given passage.

- (a) Rebellion
- (b) Hostility
- (c) Defiance
- (d) Obstinacy
- (e) Affability

Q4. Which month will see a downswing in tax influx as former month has fewer days of activity?

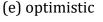
- (a) February
- (b) April
- (c) October
- (d) March
- (e) None of the above

Q5. What is the cause for concern regarding the uneven domestic revenue trends across states?

- (a) It indicates a decline in domestic demand
- (b) It suggests a lack of compliance with GST regulations
- (c) It creates disparities in revenue distribution among states
- (d) It leads to a rise in taxes from goods imports
- (e) None of these

Q6. From among the following given options, choose the word most similar in meaning to the highlighted word "pragmatic", as used in the context of the passage.

- (a) excited
- (b) idealistic
- (c) theoretical
- (d) practical







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Q7. Find the suitable word to fill the below given blank taken from the passage.

The Finance Ministry's attempt to play up February's GST kitty by ____ that the "28 day" month normally witnesses lower revenues.

- (a) knowing
- (b) arguing
- (c) contracting
- (d) initiating
- (e) none of the above

Directions (8-12): 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.

- (a) gloomy
- (b) exuberant
- (c) stunted
- (d) meagre
- (e) none of the above

- (a) contraction
- (b) contradiction
- (c) relaxation
- (d) growth
- (e) extension

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- (a) affects
- (b) cause
- (c) source
- (d) effects
- (e) none of these

- (a) but
- (b) because
- (c) and
- (d) still
- (e) even

- (a) elevation
- (b) ascension
- (c) recession
- (d) perfection
- (e) none of the above

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Directions (13-17): In each of the question given below, a statement has been given with a blank. Some words or phrases have been given in the options following the statement. Choose the most appropriate word or phrase that could fit in the statement to make it contextually meaningful and grammatically correct.

Q13. The teacher was impressed with the student's _____ answer to the difficult question.

- (a) garbled
- (b) verbose
- (c) concise
- (d) ambiguous
- (e) incoherent

Q14. The principal's decision to cancel the sports event has created a lot of _____ among the students.

- (a) joy
- (b) relief
- (c) disappointment
- (d) motivation
- (e) enthusiasm

Q15. The doctor prescribed a ______ of antibiotics to treat the infection.

- (a) course
- (b) analysis
- (c) healing
- (d) treatment
- (e) cure

Q16. The athlete's performance in the championship was _____ by the injury he sustained in the previous match.

- (a) impaired
- (b) enhanced
- (c) unaffected
- (d) neutralized
- (e) amplified

Q17. The young athlete's dedication and hard work ______ in his impressive performance at the national championships.

- (a) resulted
- (b) stemmed
- (c) originated
- (d) initiated
- (e) instigated

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Directions (18-22): Rearrange the following sentences in the proper sequence to form a meaningful paragraph; then answer the questions given below them.

(A) Once we arrived, we set up our chairs and umbrellas and went for a swim.

(B) We spent the day playing beach volleyball, reading, and relaxing in the sun.

(C) First, we researched different beaches in the area and settled on one that was known for its clear waters and soft sand.

(D) Then, we packed our bags with sunscreen, towels, and beach chairs.

(E) My friend and I decided to go on a weekend trip to the beach.

(F) Next, we drove to the beach, which was about a two-hour drive from our city.

Q18. Which of the following should be the first sentence after rearrangement?

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

Q19. Which of the following should be the **third** sentence after rearrangement?

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

Q20. Among the following pairs which one of them is formed with two consecutive statements after the rearrangement?

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

(a) B

(b) E (c) F (d) C

(e) A

Q21. Which of the following should be the **fourth** sentence after rearrangement?



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Q22. What will be the correct sequence of the rearranged sentences to form a coherent paragraph?

- (a) CADEBF(b) ECDFAB(c) DBCEAF(d) DABFCE
- (e) ADBECF

Directions (23-25): 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 is inappropriate and mark it as your answer.

Q23. The enterprising **entrepreneur** (A) /, fueled by a deep **passion** (B) / and **unyeilding** (C) / determination to bring his **vision** (D) / to life.

- (a) entrepreneur
- (b) passion
- (c) unyeilding
- (d) vision
- (e) All are correct

Q24. The **vizionary** (A) / artist, inspired by the **vibrant** (B) / colors and diverse **textures** (C) / of the natural world, created a **breathtaking** (D) / masterpiece. All correct (E)

- (a) vizionary
- (b) vibrant
- (c) textures
- (d) breathtaking
- (e) All are correct

Q25. The erudite scholar, **renowned** (A) / for his encyclopedic knowledge of classical literature and **philosophy** (B) /, delivered a **reviting** (C) / lecture to a packed **audience** (D) / of students and academics.

- (a) renowned
- (b) philosophy
- (c) reviting
- (d) audience
- (e) All are correct

Directions (26-30): Each question is divided into four parts in which one part has the error. Choose the incorrect part of the statement as your answer choice. If no part has any error, choose, "No Error" as your answer.

Q26. The employees at the company (A) / has been working diligently (B) / to meet the project deadlines (C) / and deliver high-quality results (D) / No error (E)

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(b) b (c) c	(d) d			
(b) b	(c) c			
(a) a	(b) b			
	(a) a			

Q27. A proper training of Ayurveda graduates (A) / along a view to make them (B) / good primarycare doctors (C) / would involve in preparatory exercises (D) / No error (E)

- (a) a
- (b) b
- (c) c
- (d) d
- (e) e

Q28. Recently scientists have successfully transplant (A) / the human brain organoid cultures (B) / into rat brains, where they (C) / formed connections with the rat brain (D) / No error (E)

(a) a

(b) b

- (c) c
- (d) d
- (e) e

Q29. Tripura has been currently (A) / experiencing high temperatures with (B) / the mercury reaching 40 degrees Celsius, which is 5-6 degrees (C) above average for the current summer season (D) / No error (E)

- (a) a
- (b) b
- (c) c
- (d) d
- (e) e

Q30. The PPI-enabled merchants was (A) / already paying charges (B) / to the PPI issuer for the acceptance (C) / of mobile wallets or prepaid cards (D) / No error (E)

- (a) a
- (b) b
- (c) c
- (d) d
- (e) e

Solutions

S1. Ans.(b)

Sol. It is clearly mentioned in the second paragraph third and fourth line that "while, this breakdown is not available for January, February marks the second time in three months that domestic revenues have out-grown taxes from goods imports". It also signals a likely cooling of discretionary domestic demand that had been driving up the import bill along with the elevated commodity prices. Discretionary domestic demand means products and services that are desirable for consumers, but not essential to their daily living. Point (iii) is not true as in the paragraph it is clearly mentioned that domestic revenue trends are uneven not even.

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S2. Ans.(d)

Sol. Both the options (i) and (ii) are correct. On referring to the second paragraph thoroughly, both the statements are clearly mentioned that the first 10 months of this fiscal had seen revenues from good imports. Also, the 2023-24 budget represents a pragmatic outlook amid a world tightening its belt for a slowdown.

S3. Ans.(c)

Sol. The word compliance means the act of conforming, acquiescing, or yielding. And from the options given, defiance is the most suitable antonym of the word compliance. It means open refusal to obey somebody/ something.

Rebellion means the action of fighting against the authority or refusing to accept rules.

Hostility means unfriendly or aggressive behaviour towards people or ideas.

Obstinacy means the quality or condition of being obstinate; stubbornness.

Affability means the quality of having a friendly and good-natured manner.

S4. Ans.(d)

Sol. It is clearly mentioned in the last line of the paragraph that March will see a dip in tax in-flows as February had fewer days of activity.

S5. Ans.(c)

Sol. The cause for concern regarding the uneven domestic revenue trends across states is that it creates disparities in revenue distribution among states. The passage states that domestic revenue trends are uneven, with sharp variation across states, which suggests that some states may be collecting more revenue while others may be lagging behind. This is a cause for concern because it can lead to an imbalance in revenue distribution among states, which could affect their ability to fund development projects and provide essential services to their citizens. Moreover, this disparity in revenue distribution could lead to resentment among states, which could harm the unity and integrity of the country. Therefore, it is essential to ensure that GST collections are distributed fairly among all states to promote economic growth and development across the country.

S6. Ans.(d)

Sol. The word pragmatic means dealing with things sensibly and realistically in a way that is based on practical rather than theoretical considerations.

Excited means very enthusiastic and eager.

Idealistic means characterized by <u>idealism</u>; <u>unrealistically aiming</u> for perfection.

Practical means of or concerned with the actual doing or use of something rather than with theory and ideas.

Optimistic means hopeful and confident about the future; (of an estimate) <u>unrealistically</u> high.

S7. Ans.(b)

Sol. The most appropriate word that could fit in the blank to make the sentence contextually meaningful and grammatically correct is arguing. Arguing means to exchange or express <u>diverging</u> or opposite views, typically in a heated or angry way. The sentence talks about the attempt made by Finance Minsitry to play up February's GST kitty by arguing that the "28 day" month normally witnesses lower revenues.

Knowing means done in full awareness or <u>consciousness</u>, which doesn't fit the context of the sentence..

Contracting means to make or become shorter or narrower or generally smaller in size, which doesn't fit the context of the sentence.

Initiating means admit (someone) into a secret or obscure society or group, typically with a ritual, which doesn't fit the context of the sentence.

S8. Ans.(b)

Sol. Gloomy means sad and without much hope.

Exuberant means full of energy and excitement, passionate.

Stunted means to stop somebody/ something growing or developing properly.

Meagre means too small in amount.

In the blank, **"exuberant"** fits perfectly, making the sentence contextually meaningful.

S9. Ans.(a)

Sol. Contraction means the process of becoming or of making something become smaller or shorter. Contradiction means a statement, fact or action that is opposite to or different from another one. Relaxation means something that you do in order to rest, especially after work or effort. Growth means an increase (in something).

Extension means an extra period of time that you are allowed for something.

In the blank, "contraction" fits perfectly, making the sentence contextually meaningful.

S10. Ans.(d)

Sol. Affects means to make somebody/ something change in a particular way; to influence somebody/ something.

Cause means a thing or person that makes something happen.

Source means a place, person or thing where something comes or starts from or where something is obtained.

Effects means a change that is caused by something; a result.

In the blank, **"effects"** fits perfectly, making the sentence contextually meaningful.

S11. Ans.(a)

Sol. But is used to introduce a phrase or clause contrasting with what has already been mentioned. Because is used to introduce a word or phrase that stands for a <u>clause</u> expressing an explanation or reason. And is used to connect words of the same part of speech, <u>clauses</u>, or sentences, that are to be taken <u>jointly</u>. Still means up to and including the present or the time mentioned; even now (or then) as formerly. Even is used to show that something is surprising, unusual, unexpected, or extreme.

In the blank, **"but"** fits perfectly (as it is the most suitable option as a conjunction, connecting two phrases or clauses), making the sentence contextually meaningful.

S12. Ans.(c)

Sol. Elevation means to move somebody/ something to a higher place or more important position.

Ascension means the action of rising to an important position or a higher level.

Recession means a period when the business and industry of a country is not successful.

Perfection means the state of being perfect or without fault.

In the blank, **"recession"** fits perfectly making the sentence contextually meaningful.

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S13. Ans.(c)

Sol. The most appropriate word that could fit in the blank to make the sentence contextually meaningful and grammatically correct is **concise**. Concise means giving a lot of information clearly and in a few words, and it is the best option for this sentence. The sentence talks about a student who gave a clear and brief answer to a difficult question, which impressed the teacher.

Option (a) garbled is an incorrect option as it means (of something said) <u>confused</u> and <u>unclear</u>, or giving a <u>false idea</u>

Option (b) verbose is an incorrect option as it means using too many words, which is the opposite of what the sentence is trying to convey.

Option (d) ambiguous is an incorrect option as it means open to more than one interpretation, which doesn't fit the context of the sentence.

Option (e) incoherent is an incorrect option as it means unclear or confusing, which doesn't fit the context of the sentence.

S14. Ans.(c)

Sol. The most appropriate word that could fit in the blank to make the sentence contextually meaningful and grammatically correct is **disappointment**. Disappointment means sadness or displeasure caused by the non-fulfilment of one's hopes or expectations.

Option (a) joy and Option (b) relief are incorrect options as they both convey positive emotions, which don't fit the context of the sentence. Joy means a feeling of great pleasure and happiness. Relief means a feeling of reassurance and relaxation following release from anxiety or <u>distress</u>.

Option (d) motivation and Option (e) enthusiasm are also incorrect options as they both convey positive feelings, which don't fit the context of the sentence. Motivation means a reason or reasons for acting or <u>behaving</u> in a particular way. Enthusiasm means intense and eager <u>enjoyment</u>, interest, or approval.

S15. Ans.(a)

Sol. The most appropriate word that could fit in the blank to make the sentence contextually meaningful and grammatically correct is **course**. Course means a series of medical treatments, and it is the best option for this sentence. The sentence talks about a doctor prescribing a course of antibiotics to treat an infection. Option (b) analysis is an incorrect option as it means detailed examination of the elements or structure of something.

Option (c) healing is an incorrect option as it means the process of making or becoming sound or healthy again.

Option (d) treatment is an incorrect option as it means medical care given to a patient for an illness or injury.

Option (e) cure is an incorrect option a substance or treatment that cures a disease or condition.

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S16. Ans.(a)

Sol. The most appropriate word that could fit in the blank to make the sentence contextually meaningful and grammatically correct is **impaired**. Impaired means weakened or damaged, and it is the best option for this sentence. The sentence talks about an athlete whose performance in the championship was weakened or affected by an injury he sustained in the previous match.

Option (b) is an incorrect option as it means intensify, increase, or further improve the quality, value, or extent of.

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Option (c) is an incorrect option as it means feeling or showing no effects or changes.

Option (d) is an incorrect option as it means to make (something) <u>ineffective</u> by applying an opposite force or effect.

Option (e) is an incorrect option as it means to enlarge upon or add detail to (a story or statement).

S17. Ans.(a)

Sol. The most appropriate word that could fit in the blank to make the sentence contextually meaningful and grammatically correct is **resulted**. Resulted means to occur or follow as the consequence of something and it is the best option for this sentence. The sentence talks about a young athlete whose dedication and hard work resulted in his impressive performance at the national level championships.

Option (b) is an incorrect option as it means having a long, thin supportive or main section.

Option (c) is an incorrect option as it means to create or initiate (something).

Option (d) is an incorrect option as it means to introduce someone to (a particular activity or skill, especially a difficult or obscure one).

Option (e) is an incorrect option as it means to incite someone to do something, especially something bad.

S18. Ans.(d)

Sol. Going through the given sentence it can be clearly seen that **(E)** will be the first sentence in the arrangement because it is independent. This will be then followed by **(C)** which is telling us the plans for going on a weekend. Next in the arrangement will be **(D)**, **(F)** and **(A)** in accordance with the chronological order of the events. Concluding sentence will be **(B)** in which it is mentioned that they spent the day playing beach volleyball, reading, and relaxing in the sun. So, the final arrangement would be **ECDFAB**.

S19. Ans.(b)

Sol. Going through the given sentence it can be clearly seen that **(E)** will be the first sentence in the arrangement because it is independent. This will be then followed by **(C)** which is telling us the plans for going on a weekend. Next in the arrangement will be **(D)**, **(F)** and **(A)** in accordance with the chronological order of the events. Concluding sentence will be (B) in which it is mentioned that they spent the day playing beach volleyball, reading, and relaxing in the sun. So, the final arrangement would be **ECDFAB**.

S20. Ans.(d)

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S21. Ans.(c)

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S22. Ans.(b)

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S23. Ans.(c)

Sol. The correct spelling should be 'unyielding.' Unyielding is defined as "(of a person or their behaviour) unlikely to be <u>swayed</u>; resolute.."

All the other words are correctly spelt and used appropriately with the context.

S24. Ans.(a)

Sol. The correct spelling should be 'visionary'. Visionary is defined as "thinking about or planning the future with imagination or wisdom."

All the other words are correctly spelt and used appropriately with the context.

S25. Ans.(c)

Sol. The correct spelling should be 'riveting'. Riveting is defined as "completely <u>engrossing</u>; compelling." All the other words are correctly spelt and used appropriately with the context.

S26. Ans.(b)

Sol. The error in the sentence is in part (a). In part (a), the subject "employees" is plural, indicating that there is more than one employee. However, the verb "has been" is in the singular form, which does not agree with the plural subject.

Change "has been" to "have been" in part (a) to match the plural subject.

In the corrected sentence, the verb "have been" is used to agree with the plural subject "employees." This ensures grammatical consistency in the sentence.

S27. Ans.(b)

Sol. Here, the error lies in part (B) of the sentence as along is not a correct word. There should be 'with' instead of along. In the corrected sentence, the preposition "along" is replaced with "with." The corrected phrase "with a view" aligns with standard usage and conveys the intended meaning more accurately.

S28. Ans.(a)

Sol. Here the error lies in part (A) of the sentence. There should be 'successfully transplanted' in place of 'have successfully transplant'. The sentence is in the form of simple past tense (V2). In English, verb tenses are used to indicate the time at which an action occurred. In this sentence, the action being described is the transplantation of human brain organoid cultures into rat brains. Since the action has already taken place, it should be expressed in the past tense.

The past tense of the verb "transplant" is "transplanted." By changing the verb to its past tense form, we ensure that the sentence accurately reflects the timing of the action being described.

Using the correct verb tense is essential for conveying information accurately and maintaining grammatical consistency in a sentence. In this case, the correction aligns the verb "transplanted" with the past tense context of the sentence, ensuring proper grammatical usage.

S29. Ans.(a)

Sol. Here, the error lies in part (A) of the sentence. There should be 'is currently' in place of 'has been currently'. The sentence is in the form of present continuous tense (is/ am / are + V1+ ing). The use of "has been" in part (a) is redundant and unnecessary. The word "currently" already indicates the present moment, so there is no need to use "has been" to further emphasize it. By removing "been," the sentence becomes more concise and grammatically correct.



S30. Ans.(a)

Sol. Here, the error lies in part (A) of the sentence. There should be 'were' in place of 'was'. The subject "PPI-enabled merchants" is plural, referring to multiple merchants. Therefore, the verb should be in the plural form "were" instead of the singular form "was" to agree with the subject. This ensures grammatical correctness and subject-verb agreement in the sentence.

