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and my family**" for their relentless  
support. Hope this book will help  
students to achieve their goal.

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## Set-1

**Directions (1-5):** Read the following passage and answer the questions following it. Several alphabets are given to help u assist in answering those questions.

There is no doubt that WhatsApp, messages have played a key role in lynchings that have taken place in the country recently, but how valid is it to place the \_\_\_\_ (A) \_\_\_\_ on and acting against what is after all, a medium of circulating information. The argument against taking such a view has been made forcefully by many commentators. (B) The real problem, they aver, is not a messaging service, but the people who use them. The fact that WhatsApp is used all over the world without people lynching each other is proof that the problem is not technology, but its use in India. (C) Using a similar (1) transmitting, one could act against any mode of (2) argument information, because of the (3) effect that it might (4) create. While it is easy to agree with the argument that the principal problem lies with the users of this service and not the service itself, \_\_\_\_\_ (D) \_\_\_\_\_ we regulate new forms of media. Technology is not innocent, just because it carries no mischief in its intent. The users might be responsible but their usage is not independent of the technology; indeed, it is often deeply \_\_\_\_\_ (E) \_\_\_\_\_ in it.

- Q1.** Which of the following words given in the options should come at the place marked as (A) in the above passage to make it grammatically correct and contextually meaningful. Also, the word should fill in the two sentences given below to make them contextually correct and meaningful.
- (i) Government officials clearly deserve some of the \_\_\_\_\_ as well.
- (ii) A man can fail many times, but he isn't a failure until he begins to \_\_\_\_\_ somebody else.
- (a) support                      (b) Intervention                      (c) blame  
(d) Rejection                      (e) aim

- Q2.** In the above passage, a sentence B is given in Italics. There may or may not be an error in one part of the sentence. Choose the part which has an error in it as your answer. If there is no error, then choose option (e) as your answer.
- (a) The real problem,  
(b) they aver,  
(c) is not a messaging  
(d) service, but the people who use them.  
(e) no error

- Q3.** The sentence given in (C) has four words given in bold. Amongst the given bold words which of the followings must interchange to

make the sentence grammatically and contextually correct and meaningful?

- (a) 1-3                      (b) 2-1                      (c) 1-4  
(d) 2-3                      (e) 3-4

- Q4.** Which of the following phrases should fill the blank (D) to make it contextually and grammatically meaningful and correct respectively?
- (a) has given rise to a discourse steeped in hate and abuse  
(b) much greater accountability amongst those that hitherto  
(c) that doesn't mean that no change is required in the way that  
(d) emigrated from the island to escape poverty and starvation  
(e) None of the above
- Q5.** Which of the following words given in the options should come at the place marked as 'E' in the above paragraph to make it grammatically and contextually meaningful and correct. Also, the word should fill the two sentences given below to make them contextually correct and meaningful?
- (i) This agreement will be \_\_\_\_\_ in a state treaty to be signed soon.
- (ii) Because the bride loved sparkles, many beads were \_\_\_\_\_ in her wedding dress.
- (a) Embedded                      (b) Relegated  
(c) Stimulated                      (d) Fostered  
(e) Cultivated

**Directions (6-10):** Read the following passage and answer the questions following it. Several alphabets are given to help u assist in answering those questions.

If you're like most people, calling an insurance company isn't among your favorite activities. That's because the insurance industry is one of the least innovative areas for customer experience, meaning that customers typically come away from their interactions \_\_\_\_\_ (A) \_\_\_\_\_ and dissatisfied. However, things are definitely changing, and artificial intelligence is playing a large role. (B) The fast-growing technology has the potential to disrupt the entire industry and greatly improvement the insurance customer experience. The insurance agency is notorious for its outdated processes. (C) Filing a (1) consistently often looks the same today as it did (2) decades ago because the industry isn't (3) claim leveraging new (4) technologies that are available to them. If an employee is busy or on vacation, a claims request could sit still until the right person is back. \_\_\_\_\_ (D) \_\_\_\_\_ increasing the





workload and forcing them to work with antiquated systems and frustrated customers. However, AI can be applied to improve the claims process. Claims currently are touched by multiple employees. However, a new process of “touchless” claims doesn’t require any human \_\_\_\_\_. (E) \_\_\_\_\_. This process uses artificial intelligence and other technology to report the claim, capture damage, audit the system, and communicate with the customer.

- Q6.** Which of the following words given in the options should come at the place marked as (A) in the above passage to make it grammatically correct and contextually meaningful. Also, the word should fill in the two sentences given below to make them contextually correct and meaningful.

- (i) Instead of being \_\_\_\_\_ at where you are, think optimistically about where you are going.  
(ii) Man alone is born crying, lives complaining, and dies \_\_\_\_\_.  
(a) researched (b) published (c) vanished  
(d) disappointed (e) succeeded

- Q7.** In the above passage, a sentence B is given in Italics. There may or may not be an error in one part of the sentence. Choose the part which has an error in it as your answer. If there is no error, then choose option (e) as your answer.

- (a) The fast-growing  
(b) technology has the potential to  
(c) disrupt the entire industry and greatly  
(d) improvement the insurance customer experience.  
(e) no error

- Q8.** The sentence given in (C) has four words given in bold. Amongst the given bold words which of the followings must interchange to make the sentence grammatically and contextually correct and meaningful?

- (a) 1-3 (b) 2-1 (c) 1-4  
(d) 2-3 (e) 3-4

- Q9.** Which of the following phrases should fill the blank (D) to make it contextually and grammatically meaningful and correct respectively?

- (a) AI can analyze data better than humans to more accurately predict  
(b) Bots could potentially scan a customer’s social profile to gather information and  
(c) The outdated processes make it harder for agents by

- (d) Traditionally, insurance companies used blanket methods like cold calling customers  
(e) None of the above

- Q10.** Which of the following words given in the options should come at the place marked as ‘E’ in the above paragraph to make it grammatically and contextually meaningful and correct. Also, the word should fill the two sentences given below to make them contextually correct and meaningful?

- (i) The police’s officer’s \_\_\_\_\_ stopped Richard from beating his wife.  
(ii) Our nation’s \_\_\_\_\_ in another country’s war could pull us into the crisis.  
(a) intervention (b) invention (c) intuition  
(d) mention (e) None of these

**Directions (11-15): 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 inappropriate option reflecting the word which must be replaced 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.**

- Q.11.** Conversations about the role of flexible working have shifted. It’s no longer enough for companies to gift employees the option to either work from home or the office. Employees want to work from anywhere. (12) Companies that want to attract and retain top talent, and ensure teams are highly productive, need to adapt their culture and technology to accommodate this shift in altitudes. (13) And this is where the IT department can humify its role as a valued contributor to the success of a company, by implementing technologies that enable secure and remote collaboration. According to a recently commissioned Polycom survey, 24,000 respondents across 12 countries indicate that nearly two-thirds of today’s global workforce take advantage of the anywhere working model. (14) This is a significant shift since May of 2012 when only 14% of employees benefited from remote working. The survey results also provide insights into some of the cisterns among companies in moving forward with the anywhere working model. Two significant concerns are a lack of trust and the perception that employees are not working as hard when they are not in the office. (15) Also, among the 45-60-year-old age group, 59% worry that working anywhere will cause them to work better hours. The fear of being always connected to work and overworking is a significant deterrent for this age group. A good first step for companies to overcome the trust and perception concern is to ensure workers are measured by output and





not by the hours they have worked, commonly referred to as 'presenteeism.'

- Q11.** (a) flexible (b) shifted (c) gift  
(d) anywhere (e) All are correct
- Q12.** (a) retain (b) productive (c) adapt  
(d) altitudes (e) All are correct
- Q13.** (a) humidify (b) success (c) collaboration  
(d) respondents (e) All are correct
- Q14.** (a) shift (b) insights (c) cisterns  
(d) significant (e) All are correct
- Q15.** (a) better (b) overworking (c) deterrent  
(d) perception (e) All are correct

**Directions (16-20): 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 inappropriate option reflecting the word which must be replaced 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.**

(16) In the 19th century, more and more people began crowding into America's cities, including thousands of newly arrived immigrants seeking a better life than the one they had left behind. In New York City—where the population doubled every decade from 1800 to 1880—buildings that had once been single-family dealings were increasingly divided into multiple living spaces to accommodate this growing population. (17) Known as tenements, these narrow, low-rise apartment buildings—many of them concentrated in the city's Lower East Side neighborhood—were all too often cramped, poorly lit and lacked indoor plumbing and proper ventilation. (18) In the first half of the 19th century, many of the more achievement residents of New York's Lower East Side neighborhood began to move further north, leaving their low-rise masonry row houses behind. At the same time, more and more immigrants began to flow into the city, many of them fleeing famine in Ireland or revolution in Germany. (19) Both of these groups of new arrivals concentrated themselves on the Lower East Side, moving into row houses that had been converted from single-family dwellings into multiple-apartment tenements, or into new tenement fleeting built specifically for that purpose. (20) In many tenements, only the rooms on the retreat got any light, and the interior rooms had no ventilation. Later, speculators began building new tenements, often using cheap materials and construction shortcuts. Even new, this kind of housing was at best uncomfortable and at worst highly unsafe.

- Q16.** (a) crowding (b) seeking (c) dealings  
(d) accommodate (e) All are correct
- Q17.** (a) tenements (b) cramped (c) poorly  
(d) veneration (e) All are correct
- Q18.** (a) achievement (b) masonry (c) immigrants  
(d) famine (e) All are correct
- Q19.** (a) concentrated (b) converted (c) fleeting  
(d) purpose (e) All are correct
- Q20.** (a) retreat (b) interior  
(c) ventilation (d) speculators  
(e) All are correct

**Direction (21-25): Given below is a paragraph consisting of blanks against each number. Identify the correct option among the five alternatives that perfectly fits into the given blank to make the paragraph contextually meaningful and grammatically correct.**

A few days ago, I translated a verse by a mighty Indian poet — a sprawling banyan tree of literary \_\_\_\_ (21) \_\_\_\_ — from his mother tongue to English. It is a sensitive, minor poem that avoids easy sentimentalism or \_\_\_\_ (22) \_\_\_\_ endings. Then, I made a critical mistake. I looked up the poet on YouTube. For all of the poet's literary \_\_\_\_ (23) \_\_\_\_ on page, on stage, in the presence of an audience, he metamorphosed into a moralist who took it upon himself to catalogue the failings of society, all the while self-aggrandizing his own commitment to literature and higher ideals. To an extent, among the great crimes of humanity, the harmless \_\_\_\_ (24) \_\_\_\_ of a bureaucrat-poet are minor, almost inconsequential. Yet, it rankled within. For much of my adult reading life I have found myself \_\_\_\_ (25) \_\_\_\_ a book, only to later discover that in his personal lives the author was a moral skunk. There is, of course, a long history of this dichotomy — the yawning gap between luminous words and the wordsmith. Seneca was an obsequious slime ball in Nero's court who wrote stirring essays about honour and courage.

- Q21.** (a) Indicative (b) Consciousness (c) Copious  
(d) Immoral (e) Intimidating
- Q22.** (a) Bliss (b) Glib (c) Complacency  
(d) Elation (e) Solemn
- Q23.** (a) Sensitivities (b) Infers (c) Subdues  
(d) Assimilates (e) Franks
- Q24.** (a) Charming (b) Lush (c) Streaming  
(d) Vanities (e) Cursed
- Q25.** (a) discriminating (b) Admiring (c) consuming  
(d) appalling (e) Involving







## Answers And Solutions Set-1

**Q1.Ans. (c)**

Among the given options, the option (c) 'blame' is the most appropriate word to fill the blank. Hence, the option (c) is the correct answer.

**Q2.Ans. (c)**

There is an error in the phrase mentioned in the option (c).

Aver- state or assert to be the case.

Messaging service is a singular noun hence the pronoun used for the messaging service should be it instead of them.

The correct sentence should be, "The real problem, they aver, is not a messaging service, but the people who use it."

**Q3.Ans. (b)**

The positions of the words marked with (3) and (4) are correct. Upon interchanging 2-1, we get a sentence which is grammatically and contextually meaningful and correct as "Using a similar (1) argument, one could act against any mode of (2) transmitting information, because of the (3) effect that it might (4) create." Hence, the option (b) is the correct answer.

**Q4.Ans. (c)**

The hint for the answer is derived from the paragraph where it is given as "the principal problem lies with the users of this service and not the service itself" It signifies though the actual issue is with the user who uses the present media services but apart from the user there is a need of regulating the new forms of media. Hence, the option (c) is the correct answer.

**Q5.Ans. (a)**

relegated- assign an inferior rank or position to

Embedded- (of an object) fixed firmly and deeply in a surrounding mass; implanted.

Fostered- encourage the development of (something, especially something desirable).

Cultivated- refined and well educated.

Among the given options, the word 'Embedded' gels well with the theme of the paragraph and also makes the sentence grammatically and contextually correct and meaningful respectively.

Hence, the option (a) is the correct answer.

**Q6.Ans. (c)**

Among the given options, the option (c) 'disappointed' is the most appropriate word to fill the blank. Hence, the option (c) is the correct answer.

**Q7.Ans. (c)**

There is an error in the phrase mentioned in the option (d).

Aver- state or assert to be the case.

The correct sentence should be, "The fast-growing technology has the potential to disrupt the entire industry and greatly improve the insurance customer experience."

**Q8.Ans. (a)**

The positions of the words marked with (2) and (4) are correct. Upon interchanging 3-1, we get a sentence which is grammatically and contextually meaningful and correct as "Filing a (1) claim often looks the same today as it did (2) decades ago because the industry isn't (3) consistently leveraging new (4) technologies that are available to them." Hence, the option (a) is the correct answer.

**Q9.Ans. (c)**

The hint for the answer is derived from the paragraph where it is given as "increasing the workload and forcing them to work with antiquated systems...." It signifies that there is some reason because of which there is the increase in the workload and the working is not that efficient. Hence, the option (c) is the correct answer.

Antiquated- old-fashioned or outdated.

**Q10.Ans. (a)**

intervention - the action or process of intervening.

intuition - the ability to understand something instinctively, without the need for conscious reasoning.

Among the given options, the word 'intervention' gels well with the theme of the paragraph and also makes the sentence grammatically and contextually correct and meaningful respectively.

Hence, the option (a) is the correct answer.

**Q11.Ans. (c)**

The word 'gift' does not fit properly in the context of the paragraph. Therefore, the most suitable word to replace the erroneous word is "offer".

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

**Q12.Ans. (d)**

The word 'altitudes' does not fit properly in the context of the paragraph.

Therefore, the most suitable word to replace the erroneous word is "attitudes".

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



**Q13.Ans. (a)**

The word 'humidify' does not fit properly in the context of the paragraph.

Therefore, the most suitable word to replace the erroneous word is "solidify".

Hence, option (a) becomes the most suitable answer choice.

Humidify means increase the level of moisture

Respondents means a party against whom a petition is filed, especially one in an appeal or a divorce case.

**Q14.Ans. (c)**

The word 'cisterns' does not fit properly in the context of the paragraph.

Therefore, the most suitable word to replace the erroneous word is "concerns".

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

Insights means the capacity to gain an accurate and deep understanding of someone or something.

**Q15.Ans. (a)**

The word 'better' does not fit properly in the context of the paragraph.

Therefore, the most suitable word to replace the erroneous word is "longer".

Hence, option (a) becomes the most suitable answer choice.

Deterrent means something that should stop you doing something

**Q16.Ans. (c)**

The word 'dealings' does not fit properly in the context of the paragraph.

Therefore, the most suitable word to replace the erroneous word is "dwellings".

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

Dwellings - a house, flat, or other place of residence.

**Q17.Ans. (d)**

The word 'veneration' does not fit properly in the context of the paragraph.

Therefore, the most suitable word to replace the erroneous word is "ventilation".

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

Veneration - great respect; reverence.

**Q18.Ans. (a)**

The word 'achievement' does not fit properly in the context of the paragraph.

Therefore, the most suitable word to replace the erroneous word is "affluent".

Hence, option (a) becomes the most suitable answer choice.

**Q19.Ans. (c)**

The word 'fleeting' does not fit properly in the context of the paragraph.

Therefore, the most suitable word to replace the erroneous word is "housing".

Fleeting- lasting for a very short time.

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

**Q20.Ans. (a)**

The word 'retreat' does not fit properly in the context of the paragraph.

Therefore, the most suitable word to replace the erroneous word is "street".

Hence, option (a) becomes the most suitable answer choice.

Retreat - move back or withdraw.

**Q21.Ans. (b)**

The most appropriate option to be filled in the blank is option (b).

Consciousness- a person's awareness or perception of something.

Copious means abundant in supply or quantity.

Indicative- serving as a sign or indication of something.

Immoral not conforming to accepted standards of morality.

Intimidating- frightening or overawing (someone), especially in order to make them do what one wants.

**Q22.Ans. (b)**

Option (b) is the most appropriate choice to be filled in the blank.

Glib- (of words or a speaker) fluent but insincere and shallow.

Bliss means the action of giving a misleading account or impression.

Elation means great happiness and exhilaration.

Complacency means uncritical satisfaction with oneself or one's achievements.

Solemn means formal and dignified.

**Q23.Ans. (a)**

The most suitable option is option (a).

Infers means deduce or conclude (something) from evidence and reasoning rather than from explicit statements.

Subdues means overcome, quieten, or bring under control (a feeling or person).

Assimilates means take in and understand fully (information or ideas).

**Q24. Ans. (d)**

Option (d) is the answer.

Vanities- excessive pride in or admiration of one's own appearance or achievements.





Lush means (of vegetation, especially grass) growing luxuriantly.  
Streaming means running or flowing in a continuous current in a specified direction.

Cursed means invoke or use a curse against.

**Q25.Ans. (b)**

Option (b) is the apt choice to be filled in the blank.

Discriminating- having or showing refined taste or good judgement.

Admiring- characterized by or expressive of admiration or warm approval.

Appalling- causing shock or dismay; horrific.

## Set-2

**Direction (26-30):** Given below is a paragraph consisting of blanks against each number. Identify the correct option among the five alternatives that perfectly fits into the given blank to make the paragraph contextually meaningful and grammatically correct.

Professional sport is seriously competitive; sportsmen and women react when \_\_\_\_ (26) \_\_\_\_ or feel badly done by. The distance between the performer and the spectator once lent sport a unique charm — and enabled writers like Neville Cardus to invent conversations. The quotes he \_\_\_\_ (27) \_\_\_\_ were often humorous or imaginative, so the players didn't mind. And then came the stump mic. This was an innovation by Kerry Packer, who, briefly stole international cricket, spruced it up and returned it. He stuck microphones into the ground near the pitch so television audiences could hear the \_\_\_\_ (28) \_\_\_\_ of stumps. There were two unintended consequences as the microphones graduated to the middle stump: they picked up the \_\_\_\_ (29) \_\_\_\_ around the bat, and they served as a vehicle for free advertisement. The \_\_\_\_ (30) \_\_\_\_ that what happens on the field should be left on the field no longer applies. What happens on the field lands up in our drawing rooms and on the match referee's table.

**Q26.** (a) distinguished (b) frustrated (c) anticipated  
(d) Extravagance (e) Trustworthiness

**Q27.** (a) Extinction (b) Enhanced (c) fabricated  
(d) Revision (e) Modified

**Q28.** (a) Abduct (b) Isolate (c) Crack  
(d) rattle (e) Evacuate

**Q29.** (a) chatter (b) utter (c) peer  
(d) Effort (e) Augment

**Ans. (a)**

The most suitable option is (a).

Utter- complete; absolute.

Peer- look with difficulty or concentration at someone or something.

Chatter - talk informally about unimportant matters.

Augment means increased.

**Q30.** (a) agape (b) adage (c) Adverse  
(d) Durable (e) Indifferent

**Directions (31-35):** In the following passage, some phrases have been left out, each of which is indicated by a number. Find the suitable phrase from the options given against each number and fill up the blanks with appropriate phrases to make the paragraph meaningfully complete.





Pottery is dishes, plates, cups, cooking pots, and storage jars made out of clay. People make dishes and pots out of clay for several reasons. Clay is cheap and easy to get, \_\_\_\_\_(31)\_\_\_\_\_, and you can make it waterproof pretty easily too. It's relatively easy to clean. Plus it can be made very alluring, if you know what you are doing. \_\_\_\_\_(32)\_\_\_\_\_ from your neighbor's. People first started making pottery out of clay in East Asia, in both China and Japan, around 14,000 BC, long before they started farming. \_\_\_\_\_(33)\_\_\_\_\_, but just hadn't done it much. This early pottery was made by just pushing a hole into a ball of clay, \_\_\_\_\_(34)\_\_\_\_\_ a pot shape. It may have gotten started by making baskets and coating them with clay. In Japan, \_\_\_\_\_(35)\_\_\_\_\_. One reason for starting to make pottery was to preserve fish. You could ferment the fish into fish sauce in these buried pots. People probably began to make pottery in the Americas for the same reason, several thousand years later.

- Q31.** (a) pottery also spread west from East Asia  
(b) used pottery jars to preserve fish by fermenting it  
(c) pretty much anybody can make a useful pot out of it  
(d) remarkable rise of close to 50 per cent  
(e) in what is now Florida and Georgia knew how to make pottery
- Q32.** (a) the one that would be prolonged and severe  
(b) And it is easy to make yours look different  
(c) who is good at using it, the slow wheel makes potting  
(d) the second boom stretched from the beginning of 2014 till about the beginning of 2015  
(e) the result of two separate booms spliced together
- Q33.** (a) as a way of storing grain safely when they started farming  
(b) walk around your pot you can sit still and turn the pot around  
(c) is a little platform made of wood that you build the pot  
(d) Probably people had always known how to make pottery  
(e) near the beginning of the Neolithic period there
- Q34.** (a) the boom will be robust and resilient  
(b) people gradually began using pottery further north  
(c) downturn induced by the taper tantrum  
(d) or by making a long snake of clay and coiling it up into  
(e) You can turn the platform around so that
- Q35.** (a) from a place of entitlement  
(b) often the people who made the pots were children  
(c) early pots might be interred in the ground for storage  
(d) made glass cheap enough to be a serious competitor  
(e) from the basic issues of people

**Directions (36-40):** In the following passage, some phrases have been left out, each of which is indicated by a number. Find the suitable phrase from the options given against each number and fill up the blanks with appropriate phrases to make the paragraph meaningfully complete.

India is at the brink of a revolution. From emerging \_\_\_\_\_(36)\_\_\_\_\_, it is looking at a transition into becoming the world's production center for value added products. India has always been known \_\_\_\_\_(37)\_\_\_\_\_ Strong raw material base such as cotton and polyester and with its core competencies in producing woven fabric, knitwear and value added textiles; the future potential \_\_\_\_\_(38)\_\_\_\_\_. The textile industry holds significant status in the country. The industry provides one of the most fundamental necessities of the people. It is an independent industry, from the basic requirement of raw materials to the final products, \_\_\_\_\_(39)\_\_\_\_\_ Today textile sector accounts for nearly 14 per cent of the total industrial output. Indian fabric is in demand with its ethnic, earthly colored and many textures. The \_\_\_\_\_(40)\_\_\_\_\_. This conveys that it holds potential if one is ready to innovate. The textile industry is the largest industry in terms of employment economy.

- Q36.** (a) Indian textile industry is its huge fragmentation in industry structure  
(b) with an intention to help out small scale companies  
(c) as the sourcing hub for technology led service  
(d) amount of money in establishing big facilities or in  
(e) None of the above
- Q37.** (a) problems still sustains like various taxes and excise imbalances  
(b) for the high quality of its textile products.  
(c) raw materials, the continuous supply of cheap work force  
(d) the liberalization of the international trade coupled  
(e) None of the above
- Q38.** (a) small and often, un-registered units that invest low amount  
(b) weaving is one of the important sector for Indian textile industry  
(c) an outline of VAT is being implemented in place of all other tax  
(d) to market these products at the global level looks promising  
(e) None of the above
- Q39.** (a) weaving industry has conventionally been one of the most  
(b) any exclusive Government support even at present to go further  
(c) some directions to organize people to get  
(d) with huge value-addition at every stage of processing.  
(e) None of the above





- Q40.** (a) impact will be seen for some time more  
(b) production for very small companies that  
(c) textile sector accounts about 30 per cent in the total export  
(d) has world's largest installed base for looms  
(e) None of the above

**Directions (41-45): Read the following passage and answer the questions following it. Several alphabets are given to help u assist in answering those questions.**

While spoken or signed language is a more or less universal human (F) competition that has been characteristic of the species from the beginning and that is commonly acquired by human beings without systematic instruction, writing is a technology of relatively recent history that must be taught to each generation of children. Historical accounts of the evolution of writing systems \_\_\_\_\_(G)\_\_\_\_\_ with the Greek invention of the alphabet being regarded as the culmination of a long historical evolution. This efficiency is a product of a limited and manageable set of graphs that can express the full range of meanings in a language. (H) The Polish American Assyriologist Ignace Gelb (1) beginning four stages in this evolution, (2) distinguished with picture writing, which expressed ideas directly; followed by word-based writing systems; then by sound-based (3) syllabic writing systems, including unvocalized syllabaries or (4) consonantal systems; and concluding with the Greek invention of the alphabet. The invention of the alphabet is a major \_\_\_\_ (I) \_\_\_\_ of Western culture. It is also unique; the alphabet was invented only once, though it has been borrowed by many cultures. (J) It is a model of analytic thinking, breaking down perceptible qualities like syllables into more basic constituents, because it is capable of conveying subtle differences in meaning, it has come to be used for the expression of a great many of the functions served by speech. The alphabet requires little of the reader beyond familiarity with its orthography. It allows the reader to decipher words newly encountered and permits the invention of spellings for new patterns of sound, including proper names.

- Q41.** A word is given in bold in F. Choose the word which should replace the word given in bold to make the sentence correct and meaningful. If no change is required, choose option (e) as your answer.  
(a) affably (b) consecutive (c) competence  
(d) horridly (e) None of these
- Q42.** Two sentences are given in italics on both sides of G. Which of the following statements can come in between the two sentences in place of G and maintain the continuity of the paragraph?  
(a) have until recently concentrated on a single aspect, increased efficiency,  
(b) with some languages ranking as more primitive than others,

- (c) late 20th-century accounts of writing systems stressed how many different orthographies may function  
(d) This approach seems to work much better than the BPL surveys.  
(e) None of these

- Q43.** The sentence given in H has four words given in bold. Amongst the given bold words, which of the followings must replace each other to make the sentence contextually correct and meaningful?

- (a) 2-4 (b) 2-3 (c) 1-2  
(d) 3-4 (e) 1-3

- Q44.** Which of the following words should fill the blank given in I to make it contextually correct and meaningful?

- (a) origination (b) cessation (c) approach  
(d) consequence (e) achievement

- Q45.** In the passage given, a sentence J is given in Italics. There may or may not be an error in one part of the sentence. Choose the part which has an error in it as your answer.

- (a) It is a model of analytic thinking, breaking down perceptible qualities like  
(b) syllables into more basic constituents, because it is capable in conveying  
(c) subtle differences in meaning, it has come to be used for the  
(d) expression of a great many of the functions served by speech.  
(e) No error

**Directions (46-50): Read the following passage and answer the questions following it. Several alphabets are given to help u assist in answering those questions.**

The acquisition of knowledge is no longer the preserve of a few. The need for (F) sojourn literacy in modern societies as well as the development of public spheres has meant that the acquisition and communication of knowledge, including the understanding of radically different people and cultures, has to be democratized. Gathering knowledge through reading and writing and exchanging ideas is a general human need in contemporary societies. \_\_\_\_\_(G)\_\_\_\_\_ They had to learn the norms of knowledge formation: proper ways of collecting and assessing evidence; drawing sound inferences from data; formulating concepts and frameworks of explanation; cultivating empathetic understanding. It is true that some forms of knowledge gathering and transmission which were normal earlier make us uncomfortable today. (H) The (1) dissemination spoke primarily to themselves, wrote for themselves, (2) stealthily guarded the knowledge they 'owned', did not allow public (3) elites, and even punished anyone from outside the circle who tried to (4) procure it. (I) Yet, the crucial







point here is the existence of fairly rigorous norms of knowledge acquisition in the past, as also an ethic of reading, writing, speaking, listening, and sharing knowledge. Great emphasis was put on intellectual virtues, and measures were put in place to check corresponding intellectual vices. In the contemporary world of democratized knowledge acquisition, \_\_\_\_\_ (J) \_\_\_\_\_ attention is paid to intellectual norms and virtues. There are many, but mainly intellectual openness is one of them.

- Q46.** A word is given in bold in F. Choose the word which should replace the word given in bold to make the sentence correct and meaningful. If no change is required, choose option (e) as your answer.  
(a) Somber (b) Stubborn (c) widespread  
(d) Aloof (e) No correction required
- Q47.** Two sentences are given in italics on both sides of G. Which of the following statements can come in between the two sentences in place of G so as to maintain the continuity of the paragraph?  
(a) In the past, those trained to acquire, preserve, nourish and transmit knowledge had to go through rigorous protocols.  
(b) intellectual caution and not getting easily swayed by hyperbole is an integral part of intellectual life.  
(c) Relevant facts — some supporting and others challenging the claim — are available  
(d) part of our education, nurtured early in our childhood and ingrained so firmly that it remains with  
(e) None of the above
- Q48.** The sentence given in H has four words given in bold. Amongst given bolded words, which of the followings must replace each other to make the sentence contextually correct and meaningful.  
(a) 2-4 (b) 2-3 (c) 1-4  
(d) 3-4 (e) 1-3
- Q49.** In the passage given, a sentence I is given in Italics. There may or may not be an error in one part of the sentence. Choose the part which has an error in it as your answer.  
(a) Yet, the crucial point here is  
(b) the existence of fairly rigorous norms  
(c) of knowledge acquisition in the past, as also an  
(d) ethic of reading, writing, speaking, listening, and sharing knowledge.  
(e) no error
- Q50.** Which of the following words should fill the blank given in J to make it contextually correct and meaningful?  
(a) change (b) conduct (c) benevolence  
(d) insufficient (e) control

## Answers And Solutions Set-2

### Q26.Ans. (b)

frustrated will be used in the blank.

Anticipated- regard as probable; expect or predict.

Extravagance means lack of restraint in spending money or using resources.

Trustworthiness means the ability to be relied on as honest or truthful.

### Q27.Ans. (c)

fabricated means invent (something) in order to deceive.

Extinction means disappearance.

Modified means alteration.

### Q28.Ans. (d)

Rattle- a rapid succession of short, sharp, sounds.

Abduct means take (someone) away illegally by force or deception; kidnap.

Isolate means cause (a person or place) to be or remain alone or apart from others.

Crack means break or cause to break without a complete separation of the parts.

Evacuate means remove (someone) from a place of danger to a safer place.

### Q29.Ans. (a)

The most suitable option is (a).

Utter- complete; absolute.

Peer- look with difficulty or concentration at someone or something.

Chatter - talk informally about unimportant matters.

Augment means increased.

### Q30.Q31.Ans. (c)

All the given options, (a) (b)(d) and (e), grammatically or contextually don't fit in the given blank. Hence, option (c) is the most suitable answer choice.

### Q32. Ans. (b)

Here, options (e) and (d) being contextually incorrect can be omitted.

Also, phrase given in option (a) does not make a coherently meaningful statement. As option (c) perfectly fits in the given blank, it is the most suitable answer choice.



**Q33.Ans. (d)**

Here, apart from the phrase given in option (d), no other option makes a contextually meaningful statement. As “Probably people had always known how to make pottery” perfectly fits in the given blank, option (d) is the most suitable answer choice.

**Q34.Ans. (d)**

Here, options (a) and (c) being contextually incorrect can be omitted. We can clearly omit options (e) as it is grammatically incorrect. Also, option (b) makes an incomplete statement. Therefore, only the phrase given in option (d), “or by making a long snake of clay and coiling it up into”, fits perfectly in the given blank. Hence, option (d) is the most suitable answer choice.

**Q35.Ans. (c)**

Here, options (a) and (e) being contextually incorrect can be omitted. We can clearly omit options (b) and (d) as it is grammatically incorrect. Therefore, the statement given in option (c), “early pots might be interred in the ground for storage” fits perfectly in the given blank. Hence, option (c) is the most suitable answer choice.

**Q36.Ans. (c)**

All the given options, (a) (b)(d) and (e), grammatically or contextually don't fit in the given blank. Hence, option (c) is the most suitable answer choice.

**Q37.Ans. (b)**

Here, options (e) and (d) being contextually incorrect can be omitted. Also, phrase given in option (a) does not make a coherently meaningful statement. As option (c) perfectly fits in the given blank, it is the most suitable answer choice.

**Q38.Ans. (d)**

Here, apart from the phrase given in option (d), no other option makes a contextually meaningful statement. As “to market these products at the global level looks promising” perfectly fits in the given blank, option (d) is the most suitable answer choice.

**Q39.Ans. (d)**

Here, options (a) and (c) being contextually incorrect can be omitted. We can clearly omit options (e) as it is grammatically incorrect. Also, option (b) makes an incomplete statement. Therefore, only the phrase given in option (d), “with huge value-addition at every stage of processing”, fits perfectly in the given blank. Hence, option (d) is the most suitable answer choice.

**Q40.Ans. (c)**

Here, options (a) and (e) being contextually incorrect can be omitted. We can clearly omit options (b) and (d) as it is grammatically

incorrect. Therefore, the statement given in option (c), “textile sector accounts about 30 per cent in the total export” fits perfectly in the given blank. Hence, option (c) is the most suitable answer choice.

**Q41.Ans. (c)**

The most suitable word to replace the incorrect highlighted word at (F) is “competence” which means nearly; almost. The other words are either grammatically incorrect or contextually wrong. Hence, option (c) is the most suitable answer choice.

Competence- the ability to do something successfully or efficiently.

Affably means friendly and easy to talk to

Horridly means to bristle with fear, shudder

**Q42.Ans. (a)**

Here, options (c) and (d) being contextually incorrect can be omitted. Only option (a) is satisfying the logic to adjoin both the statements connecting (G). Hence, option (a) is the most suitable answer choice.

**Q43.Ans. (c)**

The statement (H) can be made grammatically correct and contextually meaningful by interchanging the positions of “beginning” and “distinguished” with each other. The other words in the statement are accurately placed. Hence, option (c) is the most suitable answer choice.

**Q44.Ans. (e)**

The most suitable word to fill the blank (I) is “achievement” which means a thing done successfully with effort, skill, or courage. All the other words are either grammatically incorrect or contextually unfit. Hence, option (e) is the most suitable answer choice.

Origination means the beginning or creation of something.

Cessation means the fact or process of ending or being brought to an end.

**Q45.Ans. (b)**

Part (b) of the sentence contains an error, ‘capable in’ should be replaced by ‘capable of’. Hence option (b) is the most suitable answer choice.

**Q46.Ans. (c)**

widespread- found or distributed over a large area or number of people.

Somber- dark or dull in colour or tone

Aloof- not friendly or forthcoming; cool and distant

Sojourn- a temporary stay

Hence, the option (c) is the correct answer.

**Q47.Ans. (a)**



Among the given options, only option (e) gels well with the preceding and the following sentences of (G). The rests seem out-of-context.

Hence, the option (a) is the correct answer.

“In the past, those trained to acquire, preserve, nourish and transmit knowledge had to go through rigorous protocols.”

**Q48.Ans. (e)**

The position of (2) and (4) seems correct, but the words ‘dissemination’ and ‘Elites’ seem to be incorrectly placed. Hence, upon interchanging 1-3, we get the sentence becoming grammatically and contextually correct and meaningful respectively. “The elites spoke primarily to themselves, wrote for themselves, stealthily guarded the knowledge they ‘owned’, did not allow public dissemination, and even punished anyone from outside the circle who tried to procure it.”

Hence, the option (e) is the correct answer.

**Q49.Ans. (e)**

The given sentence is grammatically correct and contextually meaningful and doesn’t require any changes. Hence, the option (e) ‘no error’ is the correct answer.

**Q50.Ans. (d)**

Malice- the desire to harm someone; ill will

Hence, the blank should be filled by the word ‘insufficient’ and so, option (d) is the correct answer.

Benevolence - the quality of being well meaning; kindness.





## Set - 3

**Directions (51-60): In the following passage there are words highlighted in bold, each of which has been numbered. These numbers are printed below the passage and against each, four words are suggested, one of which fits the blank appropriately. Find out the appropriate word in each case. If the word highlighted in bold does not require any replacement, choose (e) as your answer.**

Beyond the financial sector, it is true that most big levitation (51) have large budgets committed to “renewal” and learning to help fight the difficult battle of finishing (52) the knowledge and skill gaps of its personnel—and implementing the change agenda (53) in an ever-changing business ecosystem. For example, SBI boasts of a fluid (54) training infrastructure with five “apex” colleges and almost 60 learning centres; the bank spends an average of Rs180 crore annually on learning and developing (55) for its 280,000 employees. Other large organizations are known to have a similar resources commitment (56) to their training systems. However, the fact (57) of the initiatives taken by all organizations for alteration (58) workforce quality is a moot point. Training evaluation models like the Kirkpatrick four-level model and the Jack Phillips method have been subject to much abuse and have not proved to be reliable (59) indicators of the efficacy (60) of the training systems in individual organizations.

- Q51.** (a)organizations (b)unit (c)system  
(d)schedules (e)No replacement required
- Q52.** (a)association (b)arched (c)bridging  
(d)reaching (e)No replacement required
- Q53.** (a)programs (b)card (c)time  
(d)record (e)No replacement required
- Q54.** (a)robust (b)weak (c)fixed  
(d)flabby (e)No replacement required
- Q55.** (a)retreat (b)advance  
(c)development (d)culture  
(e)No replacement required
- Q56.** (a)training (b)code (c)understanding  
(d)evidence (e)No replacement required
- Q57.** (a)import (b)energy (c)use  
(d)effectiveness (e)No replacement required

- Q58.** (a)fixed (b)improved (c)converted  
(d)select (e)No replacement required
- Q59.** (a)deceptive (b>wobbly (c)faithful  
(d)factual (e)No replacement required
- Q60.** (a)influence (b)idleness (c)application  
(d)skill (e)No replacement required

**Directions (61-70): In the following passage there are blanks, each of which has been numbered and one word has been suggested alongside the blank. These numbers are printed below the passage and against each, five options are given. In four options, one word is suggested in each option. Find out the appropriate word which fits the blank appropriately. If the word written alongside the blank fits the passage, choose option ‘e’ (No correction required) as the correct choice.**

Right knowledge, right faith and right conduct are the three basic prerequisites for (61) [altering] liberation. In order to acquire these (62) [attires], Jainism prescribes observation of the five great vows: ahimsa, or non-violence; satya, or truth; asteya, or non-stealing; brahmacharya, or celibacy; and aparigraha, or non-attachment.

Acquisition of material goods (63) [leads] one to attachment and, hence, pain if, for some (64) [inference], the goods or wealth are (65) [forbidden]. Happiness is about (66) [abduction] from pain, which can only (67) [flow] from leading a life of simplicity and non-attachment. That is the message of aparigraha.

The thrust of aparigraha is to (68) [create] a balanced society with balanced individuals. The absolutely secular principle of aparigraha — not to allow greed to (69) [control] our thoughts and actions — can help (70) [affect] our tendency to over accumulate.

- Q61.** (a)promoting (b) getting (c)attaining  
(d) acquiring (e) no improvement required
- Q62.** (a)qualities (b) conditions (c) nature  
(d) aspect (e)no improvement required
- Q63.** (a)accelerate (b) induce (c)results  
(d)heads (e)no improvement required
- Q64.** (a)acumen (b) sense (c) argumentation  
(d) reason (e) no improvement required
- Q65.** (a)hidden (b) lost (c) forfeited





- (d) strayed (e) no improvement required
- Q66. (a) ability (b) freedom (c) discretion  
(d) privilege (e) no improvement required
- Q67. (a) amass (b) accrue (c) dissipate  
(d) amalgamate (e) no improvement required
- Q68. (a) accomplish (b) enforce (c) organise  
(d) achieve (e) no improvement required
- Q69. (a) dominate (b) deplete (c) oppress  
(d) govern (e) no improvement required
- Q70. (a) excel (b) better (c) conquer  
(d) overcome (e) no improvement required

**Direction (71-80):** Given below is a paragraph consisting of blanks against each number. Identify the correct option among the five alternatives that perfectly fits into the given blank against the respective number to make the paragraph contextually meaningful and grammatically correct.

Nobel Laureate Malala Yousafzai famously quoted “I raise up my voice—not so I can shout, but so that those without a (71)\_\_\_\_\_ can be heard...we cannot succeed when half of us are held back.”, and that sentiment precisely outlines the basis of new age women empowerment. (72)\_\_\_\_\_ against women is rampant all over the world even in this 21st century. (73)\_\_\_\_\_ societies in most countries are adept at exploitation as well as (74)\_\_\_\_\_ of women. Even though about 50% of the world’s population consists of women, but unfortunately most of them are denied basic rights education, freedom of speech, voting power and even independent identity. (75)\_\_\_\_\_ directed specifically against women are reported from all over the world. There still remain (76)\_\_\_\_\_ about acceptance of women empowerment in the most advanced of countries, while developing nations and nations under political duress are far from achieving the desired status. In India, in theory, women enjoy a status of (77)\_\_\_\_\_ with the men as per constitutional and legal provisions. Arguably, our country has taken enormous strides towards inclusion of women with the fairer gender excelling in diverse fields, from literature to astrophysics to finance. But with headlines about dowry killing, female (78)\_\_\_\_\_ and domestic violence still making the newspapers, put a silent question mark behind the two words. Here, in this current age, true development and growth can only be achieved by taking successful

strides in (79)\_\_\_\_\_ deep-rooted ideologies of gender bias and discrimination like the confinement of women to the private domestic realm, restrictions on their mobility, poor access to health services, nutrition, education and employment, and (80)\_\_\_\_\_ from the public and political sphere.

- Q71. (a) Voice (b) Anger (c) Resent  
(d) Daunted (e) Vocalist
- Q72. (a) Afforestation (b) Discrimination (c) Argumentation  
(d) Vacation (e) Artificial
- Q73. (a) Hierarchical (b) Matriarchal (c) Patriarchal  
(d) Mounted (e) Survival
- Q74. (a) Convocation (b) Infiltration (c) Normalization  
(d) Victimization (e) Diversification
- Q75. (a) Crown (b) Linked (c) Crowds  
(d) Classifies (e) Crimes







## Answers And Solutions Set-3

**Q51.Ans. (a)**

“Organizations” is the correct word replacement as it means an organized group of people with a particular purpose, such as a business or government department. Moreover, it is to be noted that the use of the words “most” and the plural verb “have” in the sentence indicates that the noun they refer should be in plural form. Hence (a) is the correct choice.

**Q52.Ans. (c)**

“bridging” is the correct word replacement as it means making (a difference between two groups) smaller or less significant. Other words are not suitable in the context of their usage in the sentence. Hence (c) is the correct choice.

Arched means constructed with or in the form of an arch or arches.

**Q53.Ans. (e)**

“agenda” is the correct word in the context of its usage in the sentence as it means a plan of things to be done or problems to be addressed. Hence it doesn't require any replacement.

**Q54.Ans. (a)**

“robust” is the correct word replacement as it means strong and healthy; vigorous. Thus it adds meaning to the sentence which other given words lack. Hence (a) is the correct choice.  
Flabby means having soft, loose flesh; overweight.

**Q55.Ans. (c)**

“Development” is the correct word replacement as it means the process of developing or being developed. It fits perfectly into the theme of the sentence as it gives a better meaning to the sentence which other words given as options fail to deliver. Hence (c) is the correct choice.

Retreat means withdraw to a quiet or secluded place.

**Q56.Ans. (e)**

“commitment” is the correct word in the context of its usage in the sentence as it means the state or quality of being dedicated to a cause, activity, etc. Thus it doesn't require any replacement. Hence (e) is the correct choice.

**Q57.Ans. (d)**

“effectiveness” is the correct word replacement as it means the degree to which something is successful in producing a desired result; success. Other words do not fit into the sentence contextually. Hence (d) is the correct choice.

**Q58.Ans. (b)**

“improved” is the correct word replacement as it means developed or increased in mental capacity by education or experience. Other words give a varying meaning to the sentence. Hence (b) is the correct choice.

**Q59.Ans. (e)**

“reliable” is the correct word in the context of its usage in the sentence as it means consistently good in quality or performance; able to be trusted. Thus it doesn't require any replacement. Hence (e) is the correct choice.

Wobbly means tending to move unsteadily from side to side.

**Q60.Ans. (e)**

“efficacy” is the correct word in the context of its usage in the sentence as it means the ability to produce a desired or intended result. Thus it doesn't require any correction. Hence (e) is the correct choice.

Idleness means a state of inaction; inactivity.

**Q61.Ans. (c)****Q62.Ans. (a)****Q63.Ans. (e)****Q64.Ans. (d)****Q65.Ans. (b)**

Forfeited means to lose something or have something taken away from you, usually because you have done something wrong  
Strayed means to go away from the place where you should be

**Q66.Ans. (b)**

Discretion means the freedom and power to make decisions by yourself

**Q67.Ans. (b)**

Amass - to collect or put together a large quantity of something

Accrue - to increase over a period of time

Dissipate - the ability to understand and judge things quickly and clearly

Amalgamate - to join together to form a single organization, group, etc.

**Q68.Ans. (e)****Q69.Ans. (a)**



Deplete – to reduce the amount of something so that there is not much left

Oppress - to treat a group of people in a cruel and unfair way by not allowing them the same freedom and rights as others

**Q70.Ans. (d)**

**Q71.Ans. (a)**

Option (a) is the correct answer choice. As the paragraph is telling about the women empowerment the line “I raise up my voice—not so I can shout, but so that those without” itself suggests that the correct answer choice should be option (a).

Resent- to feel angry about something because you think it is unfair

Daunt- to frighten or to worry somebody by being too big or difficult

**Q72.Ans. (b)**

Option (b) is the correct answer choice. The line “...against women is rampant all over the world even in...” suggest that option (b) should be the right answer choice. As the paragraph is also talking about the discrimination against women hence option (b) should be the correct answer choice.

Afforestation means planting trees on an area of land in order to form a forest

Augmentation means the action or process of making or becoming greater in size or amount.

**Q73.Ans. (c)**

Option (c) is the correct answer choice.

Patriarchal-relating to or denoting a system of society or government controlled by men

Matriarchal- relating to or denoting a system of society or government controlled by women

Mounted – riding a horse

**Q74.Ans. (d)**

Option (d) is the correct answer choice.

Victimization-the action of singling someone out for cruel or unjust treatment

Hence the meaning of the given word suggests that option (d) should be the right answer choice.

Convocation means the action of calling together a group of people formally usually for a special purpose

**Q75.Ans. (c)**

Option (e) is the correct answer choice. The line “...directed specifically against women are reported from all over the world”

itself suggests that the right answer choice to fill the blank is ‘crimes’ hence option (e) is the correct answer choice.





## Set-4

- Q76.** (a) Commotion (b) Abrasion (c) Propulsion  
(d) Questions (e) Emulsion
- Q77.** (a) Infirmary (b) Credibility (c) Equality  
(d) Burdened (e) Rationality
- Q78.** (a) Germicide (b) Feticides (c) Galvanized  
(d) Harmonize (e) Criticize
- Q79.** (a) Eliminating (b) Circulating (c) Misshaping  
(d) Rehabbing (e) Instigating
- Q80.** (a) Diversion (b) Extreme (c) Scheme  
(d) Realm (e) Exclusion

**Directions (81-90):** 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 planning commission is neither a constitutional nor statutory body, but over the years it has \_\_\_ (81) \_\_\_ tremendous power of distance planning which is \_\_\_ (82) \_\_\_ to a country as diverse and complex as India. Let us neither reinvent nor \_\_\_ (83) \_\_\_ such body. Let us, instead make a clean break and replace it with a think tank which supports high quality \_\_\_ (84) \_\_\_ research to support policy making in India.

The fundamental reason for this is that basic research is like defence: a pure public good which the private sector can supply only in \_\_\_ (85) \_\_\_ ways. The government, therefore, should provide the necessary support for this. The reason India need such a think tank is that despite \_\_\_ (86) \_\_\_ federalism and over liberalisation, the government will \_\_\_ (87) \_\_\_ a dominant and critical player in the Indian economy over the next several decades. Though the most \_\_\_ (88) \_\_\_ function of the planning commission -planning and enforcement of the five year plans-can be \_\_\_ (89) \_\_\_ to the states and other ministries, policymaking will remain integral to the function of the government at the centre and state levels and must be \_\_\_ (90) \_\_\_ with the central mission of evolving into a centre excellence for policy research.

- Q81.** (a) collected (b) seized (c) accomplished

- (d) acquired (e) realized

- Q82.** (a) interfering (b) unsuitable (c) desperate  
(d) clashing (e) contrary

- Q83.** (a) devastate (b) reshuffle (c) disorient  
(d) restructure (e) revamp

- Q84.** (a) separate (b) individual (c) restricted  
(d) sound (e) independent

- Q85.** (a) defined (b) different (c) limited  
(d) fixed (e) no

- Q86.** (a) magnified (b) enhanced (c) embellished  
(d) adorned (e) aggrandised

- Q87.** (a) remain (b) hover (c) tarry  
(d) lodge (e) endure

- Q88.** (a) visible (b) discernible (c) revealed  
(d) patent (e) manifested

- Q89.** (a) vacillated (b) shuffled (c) displaced  
(d) shifted (e) given

- Q90.** (a) secured (b) targeted (c) destroyed  
(d) concealed (e) established

**Directions (91-100):** In the following passage there are words highlighted in bold, each of which has been numbered. These numbers are printed below the passage and against each, four words are suggested, one of which fits the blank appropriately. Find out the appropriate word in each case. If the word highlighted in bold does not require any replacement, choose (e) as your answer.

The first FIFA event on Indian soil has been an unqualified fulfillment (91). The Under-17 World Cup came to a close on Saturday with a controlling (92) final in Kolkata, the quality of the football exemplifying what the competition had been all about. There was little of the dour, intelligent (93) play that is a feature of major finals at senior level; England and Spain instead attacked with freedom, making for a/an obsessing (94) spectacle, with England taking the game away in the second half. The likes of England's Phil Foden, adjudged player of the tournament, and his team-mate Rhian Brewster, the top- scorer, are clearly stars in the making. India embraced (95) the tournament wholeheartedly, with the turnout over the three weeks invalidating (96) previous attendance records for a FIFA youth tournament. Over 1.3 million people satiated (97) the





stadiums, with the crowds in football-crazy Kolkata in particular a sight to behold. While the Guwahati semifinal had to be moved because rain had demolished (98) the turf, and there were issues with the distribution of drinking water on the first match-day, things by and large went off smoothly. India proved it could deliver a world-class statement (99). And the improvement in infrastructure, with new training grounds built and existing stadiums upgraded, should ensure (100) a longer legacy for football in the country.

- Q91.** (a) acquisition (b) effort  
(c) strength (d) success  
(e) No improvement required
- Q92.** (a) winning (b) inviting (c) riveting  
(d) stimulating (e) No improvement required
- Q93.** (a) calculative (b) cautious (c) smart  
(d) dubious (e) No improvement required
- Q94.** (a) engrossing (b) devouring (c) vanishing  
(d) including (e) No improvement required
- Q95.** (a) selected (b) supported (c) confiscated  
(d) utilized (e) No improvement required
- Q96.** (a) subverting (b) sacking (c) shattering  
(d) overthrowing (e) No improvement required
- Q97.** (a) repleted (b) thronged (c) profused  
(d) charged (e) No improvement required
- Q98.** (a) contorted (b) fragmented (c) damaged  
(d) mutilated (e) No improvement required
- Q99.** (a) concern (b) status (c) situation  
(d) event (e) No improvement required
- Q100.** (a) secure (b) improvise (c) supervise  
(d) obligate (e) No improvement required





## Answers And Solutions Set-4

**Q76.Ans. (d)**

Option (d) is the correct answer choice. option (b), (c) and (e) are out of context.

Commotion- a state of confused and noisy disturbance

Abrasion – a damaged area of the skin where it has been rubbed against something hard and rough

Propulsion - the force that pushes or drives a vehicle, etc. forward

Emulsion - any mixture of liquids that do not normally mix together, such as oil and water

Hence the right answer choice is option (d).

**Q77.Ans. (c)**

Option (c) is the correct answer choice. The line “In India, in theory, women enjoy a status of..... with the men as per constitutional and” suggests that the ‘equality’ is the right word to make the sentence contextually correct. Hence option (c) is the correct answer choice.

**Q78.Ans. (b)**

Option (b) is the correct answer choice.

Feticides- destruction or abortion of a fetus, option (a) and (c) are out of the context. Hence option (b) is the right answer choice.

Germicide - a substance or other agent which destroys harmful microorganisms.

Harmonize - to produce a pleasant effect when seen, heard, etc. together

**Q79.Ans. (a)**

Option (a) is the correct answer choice. As the previous line, “true development and growth can only be achieved by taking successful strides in .....deep-rooted ideologies of gender bias and discrimination like...” suggests that deep rooted ideologies of gender bias should be eliminated. Hence option (a) is the correct answer choice.

**Q80.Ans. (e)**

Option (e) is the correct answer choice.

Realm- a kingdom

Exclusion- keeping or leaving somebody/something out

**Q81.Ans. (d)**

Seized- to take hold of something suddenly and firmly

Accomplished - highly skilled at something

**Q82.Ans. (b)**

Contrary means completely different or opposite

**Q83.Ans. (d)****Q84.Ans. (e)****Q85.Ans. (c)****Q86.Ans. (b)**

Embellished - to make something more beautiful by adding decoration to it

Adorned - to add something in order to make a thing or person more attractive or beautiful

**Q87.Ans. (a)**

Hover means to hang fluttering in the air or on the wing

Tarry means like or covered with tar.

**Q88.Ans. (a)**

Discernible means able to be perceived by a sense

**Q89.Ans. (d)**

Vacillated means to waver in mind, will, or feeling

**Q90.Ans. (e)**

**Directions (91-100): In the following passage there are words highlighted in bold, each of which has been numbered. These numbers are printed below the passage and against each, four words are suggested, one of which fits the blank appropriately. Find out the appropriate word in each case. If the word highlighted in bold does not require any replacement, choose (e) as your answer.**

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**Q91.Ans. (d)**

'success' is the correct word to be replaced as the sentence talks about the successful FIFA event held for the first time on Indian soil.

**Q92.Ans. (c)**

'riveting' is the appropriate word which means completely engrossing; compelling.

**Q93.Ans. (b)**

'cautious' is the most suitable word to be replaced as according to the sentence it was the severe game between the teams.

**Q94. Ans. (a)**

'engrossing' is the correct word which means absorb all the attention or interest of.  
Devouring means read quickly and eagerly.

**Q95.Ans. (e)**

No improvement is required here.

**Q96.Ans. (c)**

'shattering' best suits the purpose as the sentence discusses about the attendance for the event which has broken all the previous records.

**Q97.Ans. (b)**

'thronged' is the correct word which means flock or be present in great numbers.  
Profused means very plentiful, abundant.

**Q98.Ans. (c)**

'damaged' is the correct word to be replaced as the sentence indicates that the turf gets affected by rains.

**Q99.Ans. (d)**

'event' best suits the purpose as the whole passage is about the FIFA event organized first time in India.

**Q100.Ans. (e)**

No improvement is required here.

## Set-5

**Directions (101-106): In the following passage there are blanks, each of which has been numbered and one word has been suggested alongside the blank. These numbers are printed below the passage and against each, five options are given. In four options, one word is suggested in each option. Find out the appropriate option which fits the blank appropriately. If the word written alongside the blank fits the passage, choose option 'e' (No correction required) as the correct choice.**

What is a robot? What is a smart material? How can these two have so much \_\_\_\_ (1) \_\_\_\_ on our future lives? In this article we will examine the true \_\_\_\_ (2) \_\_\_\_ of robotics, and soft-smart robotics in particular. These technologies are set to turn our \_\_\_\_ (3) \_\_\_\_ of what a robot is, and how it can help us and the world we live in, upside down. Instead of thinking of robots as large, rigid, and \_\_\_\_ (4) \_\_\_\_ machines, we can view future robots as artificial robotic organisms that have properties mimicking, and greatly extending, the capabilities of natural organisms. The unique properties of softness and \_\_\_\_ (5) \_\_\_\_ make these machines highly suited to interactions with delicate things, including the human body. In addition, we will touch upon concepts in emerging robotics that have not been considered, including their biodegradability and regenerative energy \_\_\_\_ (6) \_\_\_\_ . How these new technologies will ultimately drive robotics and the exact form of future robots is unknown, but here we can at least glimpse the future impact of robotics for humans.

**Q101.** (a) Born (b) Bent (c) impact  
(d) Daunt (e) None of the above

**Q102.** (a) Arouse (b) potential (c) Argue  
(d) Affluent (e) None of the above

**Q103.** (a) Exchanged (b) Afforested (c) perceptions  
(d) Mounted (e) None of the above

**Q104.** (a) Restore (b) Reject (c) Nurture  
(d) resilient (e) None of the above

**Q105.** (a) Crowned (b) Linked (c) Crowded  
(d) compliance (e) None of the above





- Q106.** (a) Commotion (b) Abrasion (c) Propulsion  
(d) transduction (e) Emulsion

**Directions (107-112):** Read the following passage and answer the questions as directed. There are some blanks given in the passage based on which some questions are framed, and some words are highlighted as well to help you answer some of the questions

The \_\_\_\_\_ (A) \_\_\_\_\_ caused by the novel coronavirus should inspire a review of past choices and policies. Some of these policies had gained so much acceptance that one felt there was no point left in questioning them. Public health and education are two areas in which India took a decisive turn in the 1990s. (B) When several States decided to stop giving permanent (1) appointment letters to doctors and teachers in the mid-1990s, they were guided by an (2) ideological shift at the national level towards (3) opened health and education to be (4) allowing up for private enterprise. This was viewed as a major policy reform, a necessary part of the bigger package of economic reforms. They were presented as a package, offering little choice for specific areas. \_\_\_\_\_ (C) \_\_\_\_\_. It covered everything from roads to schools. (D) The form it took made it amply clear that the state would take a back seat after issuing a set of rules for private operators while the state's own infrastructure will shrink. Soon enough, cost-effective measures became the priority in both health and education. Chronic shortage of functionaries became the norm (E). Working on short-term contracts, with little security or dignity, became common. As we begin to imagine the post-coronavirus scenario, a key question to \_\_\_\_\_ (F) \_\_\_\_\_ is whether we should revisit the policies put in place during the 1990s. Some will doubtless argue that the clock cannot be put back, and that we should not waver from the path we had chosen, no matter what hardships people have to endure.

- Q107.** Which of the following words given in the options should come at the place marked as (A) in the above passage to make it grammatically correct and meaningful? Also, the word should fill in the two sentences given below to make them contextually correct and meaningful.
- (I) This feature of his character served him well when the World War brought about the long-expected \_\_\_\_\_ of European society.  
(II) In the great \_\_\_\_\_ of the Renaissance and the Reformation it was certain to be defied.
- (a) Extol (b) Upheaval (c) Vindictive  
(d) Relentless (e) None of these

- Q108.** The sentence given in (B) has four words given in bold. Amongst the given bold words, which of the followings must replace each other to make the sentence contextually correct and meaningful?

- (a) 2-4 (b) 2-3 (c) 3-4  
(d) 1-4 (e) 1-3

- Q109.** Which of the following phrases should fill the blank (C) to make it contextually and grammatically meaningful and correct respectively?

- (a) They deserve to have new sites and forms of livelihood.  
(b) These debates are no longer relevant  
(c) While the problem of defining a village in an academic sense has ceased to matter  
(d) The new buzz was public-private partnership  
(e) None of these

- Q110.** In the passage given, a sentence (D) is given in Italics. There may or may not be an error in one part of the sentence. Choose the part which has an error in it as your answer.

- (a) The form it took made it ample clear  
(b) That the state would take a back seat  
(c) After issuing a set of rules for private operators  
(d) While the state's own infrastructure will shrink  
(e) No error

- Q111.** Two sentences are given in italics on both sides of (E). Which of the following statements can come in between the two sentences in place of (E) and maintain the continuity of the paragraph?

- (a) While the problem of defining a village in an academic sense has ceased to matter  
(b) While young persons learned to wait for years for vacancies to be announced  
(c) People will not have to wait for hospitals to screen them directly.  
(d) It was characterised by sharp and growing regional disparities.  
(e) None of these

- Q112.** Which of the following words should fill the blank given in (F) to make it contextually correct and meaningful?

- (a) Resentment (b) Preponderance (c) Contemplate  
(d) Resistant (e) None of these

**Directions (113-117):** In the following passage there are blanks, each of which has been numbered and one word has been suggested alongside the blank. These numbers are printed below the passage and against each, five options are given. In four options,





one word is suggested in each option. Find out the appropriate option which fits the blank appropriately. If the word written alongside the blank fits the passage, choose option 'e' (No correction required) as the correct choice.

On October 2, 1983 the Grameen Bank Project (13) the Grameen Bank. We invited the Finance Minister to be the Chief Guest at our (14) ceremony. But when the Ministry came to (15) that the ceremony would take place in a remote district, they said it would not be an (16) place to launch a Bank and that the ceremony should be (17) in Dhaka so that all the top Government officials could attend.

- Q113.** (a) reorganized (b) merged (c) named  
(d) converted (e) became
- Q114.** (a) opening (b) closing (c) dedicated  
(d) inaugurate (e) induction
- Q115.** (a) reveal (b) know (c) aware  
(d) inform (e) acquaint
- Q116.** (a) excellent (b) available (c) inauspicious  
(d) appropriate (e) obvious
- Q117.** (a) invited (b) assembled (c) done  
(d) shifted (e) held

**Directions (118-123):** In the following passage there are blanks, each of which has been numbered and one word has been suggested alongside the blank. These numbers are printed below the passage and against each, five options are given. In four options, one word is suggested in each option. Find out the appropriate option which fits the blank appropriately. If the word written alongside the blank fits the passage, choose option 'e' (No correction required) as the correct choice.

Sleep problems can occur at any age. \_\_\_(118)\_\_\_ sleep affects the psychological well-being of an individual. Thus, the \_\_\_(119)\_\_\_ of the present study is, to determine the pre sleep habits, duration and pattern of sleep among school children and to determine association between their sleep schedules and sleep habits. This cross-sectional study comprised of 1050 children attending the government school. Based on \_\_\_(120)\_\_\_ and exclusion criteria children were from three age groups: 4-5 years, 6-10 years and 11-15 years of age. A \_\_\_(121)\_\_\_ about

demographical data, sleep problems and habits, was duly filled by the parents. The parents of children were questioned for bed time, wakeup time, sleep time and sleep duration during both weekdays and weekends. Total sleep time during weekdays was 8.9 (1.2) hours and 10.7 (1.1) hours during weekends. The wakeup time was significantly \_\_\_(122)\_\_\_ during weekends in all age groups. Moreover, total sleep time increased significantly during weekends in all age groups. Children using media after 8 pm and sleeping alone are also in significant sleep \_\_\_(123)\_\_\_ . Screen activities such as TV, internet and cellular phones in a child's bedroom had a negative effect on children's sleep/wake patterns and duration of sleep.

- Q118.** (a) fragmented (b) incompatible  
(c) dabbng (d) Inadequate  
(e) no correction required
- Q119.** (a) fleeting (b) present (c) reveal  
(d) objective (e) no correction required
- Q120.** (a) inclusion (b) mansion (c) incision  
(d) incursion (e) no correction required
- Q121.** (a) question (b) supplant (c) questionnaire  
(d) architect (e) no correction required
- Q122.** (a) delayed (b) enjoyed (c) waged  
(d) preserved (e) no correction required
- Q123.** (a) research (b) debt (c) duty  
(d) convict (e) no correction required

**Directions (124-128):** In the following passage there are blanks, each of which has been numbered and one word has been suggested alongside the blank. These numbers are printed below the passage and against each, five options are given. In four options, one word is suggested in each option. Find out the appropriate option which fits the blank appropriately. If the word written alongside the blank fits the passage, choose option 'e' (No correction required) as the correct choice.

Think of sport in Japan, and you'll likely think of sumo. But don't forget to take the \_\_\_(124)\_\_\_ to get to know some of Japan's other traditional sports as well as so-called Western imports. Like many other countries across the world, baseball and soccer are \_\_\_(125)\_\_\_ popular in Japan. Going to a game—where the passionate fans provide as much entertainment as the players—would certainly be a \_\_\_(126)\_\_\_ of your trip. If you get a chance to watch a sumo tournament during your visit, make sure you take it. Two-week tournaments of Japan's official national sport are held





six times a year in four different locations. While a single bout of highly technical pushing and shoving can be over in mere seconds, the ritualistic aspect of the sport makes for an \_\_\_\_\_(127)\_\_\_\_\_spectacle. The sport has recently seen a surge in popularity, and it can be tricky to get hold of tickets—especially for the weekends—so booking in advance is recommended. Seat prices vary depending on how close you sit, however even if you find yourself a little set back from the action, the sheer force of two man-mountains \_\_\_\_\_(128)\_\_\_\_\_at ferocious speed sends shock waves around the entire arena.

- Q124.** (a) fragmented (b) incompatibility (c) generosity  
(d) opportunity (e) no correction required
- Q125.** (a) fleeting (b) seemly (c) Unfortunately  
(d) wildly (e) no correction required
- Q126.** (a) highlight (b) flight (c) fight  
(d) disguise (e) no correction required
- Q127.** (a) hiring (b) alarming (c) engrossing  
(d) chocking (e) no correction required
- Q128.** (a) colliding (b) comforting (c) lacking  
(d) mutating (e) no correction required





## Answers And Solutions Set-5

**Q101.Ans. (c)**

Option (c) is the correct answer choice. As the paragraph is telling about the Robotics, Smart Materials, and their future impact for humans.

**Q102.Ans. (b)**

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 neighbouring kingdoms to fight Tipu Sultan, and thus he was moving around for getting help.

**Q103.Ans. (c)**

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 (93) should be 'attracted'.

**Q104.Ans. (d)**

Option (d) is the correct answer choice.

**Q105.Ans. (d)**

Option (d) is the correct answer choice.

**Q106.Ans. (d)**

Option (d) is the correct answer choice.

**Q107.Ans. (b)**

In all the given blanks, 'upheaval' (noun) which means 'a violent or sudden change or disruption to something.' can fit in perfectly to make the statements grammatically correct and contextually meaningful. Hence, option (b) is the most suitable answer choice.

Extol (verb): praise enthusiastically

Vindictive (adj.): having or showing a strong or unreasoning desire for revenge

Relentless (adj.): unceasingly intense

**Q108.Ans. (c)**

Among the given words, 'opened' and 'allowing' have been incorrectly placed and must be interchanged to make the statement grammatically correct and contextually meaningful. Hence, option (c) is the most suitable answer choice.

**Q109.**

Ans. (d)

Among the given phrases, the most suitable phrase to fill in the given blank will be "The new buzz was public-private partnership". The hint can be driven by establishing connection between 'a major policy reform' and 'covered everything from roads to schools'. Hence, option (d) is the most suitable answer choice.

**Q110.Ans. (a)**

Among the given parts of the sentence, the error lies in part of the sentence given in option (a) where 'ample clear' must be replaced with 'amply clear' because of clear being an adjective it should be preceded by and adverb. Hence, option (a) is the most suitable answer choice.

**Q111.Ans. (b)**

Among the given statements, only the statement given in option (b) can follow the former italicized statement. Hence, option (b) is the most suitable answer choice.

**Q112.Ans. (c)**

Among the given words, the most suitable word to fill in the given blank will be 'contemplate' (verb) which means 'look thoughtfully for a long time at.' Hence, option (c) is the most suitable answer choice.

Resentment (noun)- bitter indignation at having been treated unfairly  
Preponderance (noun)- the quality or fact of being greater in number, quantity, or importance

Resistant (adj.)- offering resistance to something or someone

**Q113.Ans. (c)****Q114.Ans. (a)****Q115.Ans. (b)****Q116.Ans. (d)****Q117.Ans. (e)****Q118.Ans. (d)**

The given passage discusses sleeping habits among school children and their effects on sleep pattern. Therefore, "Inadequate" fits in perfectly in the given blank.

Fragmented: break or cause to break into fragments.

Incompatible: (of two things) so different in nature as to be incapable of coexisting.

Dabbing: the action or practice of inhaling small quantities of a concentrated and vaporized drug, typically cannabis oil or resin.







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

**Q119.Ans. (d)**

Fleeting (adjective)- lasting for a very short time.

Therefore, "objective" fits in perfectly in the given blank. Hence, option (d) becomes the most suitable answer choice.

**Q120.Ans. (a)**

Inclusion criteria are characteristics that the prospective subjects must have if they are to be included in the study. Exclusion criteria are those characteristics that disqualify prospective subjects from inclusion in the study.

Mansion: a large, impressive house.

Incision: a surgical cut made in skin or flesh.

Incursion: an invasion or attack, especially a sudden or brief one.

Therefore, "inclusion" fits in perfectly in the given blank. Hence, option (a) becomes the most suitable answer choice.

**Q121.Ans. (c)**

Questionnaire: a set of printed or written questions with a choice of answers, devised for the purposes of a survey or statistical study.

Supplants- supersede and replace. Therefore, "questionnaire" fits in perfectly in the given blank. Hence, option (c) becomes the most suitable answer choice.

**Q122.Ans. (a)**

waged: having or relating to regular paid employment.

Preserved: maintain (something) in its original or existing state.

Delayed: make (someone or something) late or slow.

Therefore, "delayed" fits in perfectly in the given blank. Hence, option (a) becomes the most suitable answer choice.

**Q123.Ans. (b)**

Sleep debt, also called a sleep deficit, is the difference between the amount of sleep someone needs and the amount they actually get.

Convict: a person found guilty of a criminal offence and serving a sentence of imprisonment.

Therefore, "debt" fits in perfectly in the given blank. Hence, option (a) becomes the most suitable answer choice.

**Q124.Ans. (d)**

Incompatibility: (of two things) so different in nature as to be incapable of coexisting.

Generosity: the quality of being kind and generous..

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

**Q125.Ans. (d)**

seemly: proper/decent

Wildly- in a way that lacks discipline or restraint.

Option (d) is the most suitable answer choice.

**Q126.Ans. (a)**

disguise: give (someone or oneself) a different appearance in order to conceal one's identity.

Option (a) is the most suitable answer choice.

**Q127.Ans. (c)**

option (c) is the most suitable answer choice.

**Q128.Ans. (a)**

colliding: come into conflict or opposition..

Mutating- change in form or nature

Hence, option (a) becomes the most suitable answer choice.





## Set-6

**Q.129-133** 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 (129) \_\_\_\_\_ of a possible global economic (130) \_\_\_\_\_ in the air. Whether these forebodings will (31) \_\_\_\_\_ 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 (132) \_\_\_\_\_ in the world have the (133) \_\_\_\_\_ to respond effectively.

- Q129.** 1. breaks                      2. revelation                      3. study  
4. murmurings                      5. research
- Q130.** 1. turbulence                      2. boom                      3. sound  
4. policies                      5. easiness
- Q131.** 1. require                      2. suggest                      3. allocate  
4. transact                      5. transpire
- Q132.** 1. junctions                      2. configurations                      3. renovations  
4. transfer                      5. placements
- Q133.** 1. charges                      2. bill                      3. wherewithal  
4. arrears                      5. withdrawals

**Directions (134-138):** 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 contextual meaning to the paragraph. If no such error is their mark (e) i.e. "all are correct" as your answer choice.

India's shipping industry is at a (134) crossroads. The country is aiming to make big strides in the maritime sector and investing billions of dollars to modernise and set up new ports as well as related infrastructure. But its domestic shipping industry is finding it tough to compete with foreign shipping lines in carrying India specific export-import trade due to cost (135) disadvantages and an

uneven playing field. Indian shipowners have asked the Centre to consider having a national fleet. This is in line with other major maritime powers supporting their own shipping firms, for adjusting control and securing the transportation of critical cargo. A national fleet policy (136) initiates that ships engaged in trade must be flagged, or registered, in India irrespective of whether they are owned by Indian or foreign shipping lines. Though India has allowed 100% FDI in shipping since 2001, foreign lines are yet to flag in India.

Insisting that India must have a national fleet, Anil Devli, CEO, Indian National Shipowner's Association (INSA), asked, "If foreign shipping lines control over 90% of India's cargo, why should they not be asked to flag some of their vessels in India and pay taxes like us." Foreign lines register their vessels in favourable tax regimes such as Panama and at their local (137) jurisdictions. Japan, China, the U.S., Malaysia, Indonesia and European nations practice absolute cabotage to protect their shipping lines. The EU practices cabotage even in ship recycling. China ensures that 600 million tonnes of coastal cargo is carried by Chinese vessels only. Cabotage means to a legal restriction that limits the transportation of goods and people within the country by that country's own transport services. Japan ensures that all its imports are carried on by vessels owned, built and financed by (138) entities registered in the country. The Donald Trump system in the U.S. has proposed at least 30% of gas exports should be executed by their national carriers.

- Q134.** (a) crossroads                      (b) strides                      (c) modernise  
(d) related                      (e) all are correct
- Q135.** (a) disadvantages                      (b) uneven                      (c) consider  
(d) adjusting                      (e) all are correct
- Q136.** (a) initiates                      (b) irrespective                      (c) yet  
(d) Insisting                      (e) all are correct
- Q137.** (a) jurisdictions                      (b) cabotage                      (c) ensures  
(d) means                      (e) all are correct
- Q138.** (a) entities                      (b) system                      (c) proposed  
(d) executed                      (e) all are correct

**Directions (139-143):** 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 inappropriate option reflecting the word which must be replaced to give contextual meaning to the paragraph. If there is no such error mark (e) i.e. "All are correct" as your answer choice.





(139) It is important for citizens to understand the legal and ethical utility that guides the relationship between a source and a journalist. The European Court of Human Rights, in *Goodwin v. the United Kingdom*, ruled: "Protection of journalistic sources is one of the basic conditions for press freedom... Without such protection, sources may be deterred from assisting the press in informing the public on matters of public interest. (140) As a result the vital public-watchdog role of the press may be undermined, and the ability of the press to provide accurate and reliable information be eloquently affected... An order of source disclosure ... cannot be compatible with Article 43 of the Convention unless it is justified by an overriding requirement in the public interest." (141) A sharp observation by James Risen, senior national security correspondent at *The Intercept* and director of First Look Media's press freedom defence fund, explains the chores in front of a reporter: "We're being forced to act like spies, having to learn trade craft and encryption and all the new ways to protect sources. But we are not an intelligence agency. We're not really spies. So, there's going to be a time when you might make a mistake or do something that might not perfectly protect a source. This is really hard work. It's really dangerous for everybody." (142) All major investigative stories draw their strength not only from the relentless work of reporters but also from conscientious sources who first alert reporters about the misdoing. (143) The first principle in investigative journalism is to protect your sources and defend anonymity when it is requested. James Risen was nearly arrested by the U.S. administration because he subdued to identify the source of information contained in his 2003 book, *State of War: The Secret History of the CIA and the Bush Administration*, about a bungled covert CIA operation involving Iran. The relationship between a source and a reporter cannot be reduced to a transactional equation. The relationship is built on trust and involves mutual respect. The idea of common good binds the source and the reporter. Hence, their relationship is sacrosanct.

- Q139.** (a) utility (b) protection (c) assisting  
(d) interest (e) All are correct
- Q140.** (a) undermined (b) eloquently (c) disclosure  
(d) overriding (e) All are correct
- Q141.** (a) observation (b) Chores (c) encryption  
(d) protect (e) All are correct
- Q142.** (a) investigative (b) relentless (c) conscientious  
(d) misdoing (e) All are correct
- Q143.** (a) anonymity (b) subdued (c) bungled  
(d) transactional (e) All are correct

**Directions (144-153):** In the following passage there are words highlighted in bold, each of which has been numbered. These numbers are printed below the passage and against each, four words are suggested, one of which fits the blank appropriately. Find out the appropriate word in each case. If the word highlighted in bold does not require any replacement, choose (e) as your answer.

The Indian economic model has been a bit of a paradox. India has sometimes impinged (44) the successful economies of East Asia in terms of high domestic savings, close integration with the global economy and macroeconomic fidelity (45). And it has sometimes resembled the volatile countries of Latin America in terms of weak domestic savings, macroeconomic instability and growing oligarchic power. This column had earlier analyzed (46) that rising inequality could mean successive governments would have strong incentives to honor (47) fiscal spending in a bid to buy social peace, taking India closer to the Latin American model. High domestic savings are a/an cardinal (49) part of the story. The admiring (48) investment boom in the five years to 2008 was supported by a sharp rise in the domestic savings rate. The revival (50) in investment activity after 2010 led to a current account crisis because domestic savings were relatively deliberate (51). In other words, those magic moments of rapid economic intensification (52) plus macroeconomic stability are possible only when the domestic savings rate is rising (53).

- Q144.** (a) Encroached (b) reached (c) resembled  
(d) elated (e) No improvement required
- Q145.** (a) longevity (b) nativity (c) stability  
(d) alacrity (e) No improvement required
- Q146.** (a) impugned (b) incited (c) challenged  
(d) argued (e) No improvement required
- Q147.** (a) strike (b) boost (c) promote  
(d) prefer (e) No improvement required
- Q148.** (a) important (b) radical (c) logical  
(d) overruling (e) No improvement required
- Q149.** (a) splendid (b) assuring (c) reproaching  
(d) lethargic (e) No improvement required
- Q150.** (a) coaxing (b) provocation (c) proliferation  
(d) leverage (e) No improvement required





- Q151.** (a) withdrawn (b) sluggish (c) reluctant  
(d) reserved (e) No improvement required

- Q152.** (a) gain (b) upgrade (c) growth  
(d) enrichment (e) No improvement required

- Q153.** outgoing emanating striking  
escalating No improvement required

**Directions (154-163):** In the following passage there are blanks, each of which has been numbered and one word has been suggested alongside the blank. These numbers are printed below the passage and against each, five options are given. In for options, one word is suggested in each option. Find out the appropriate word which fits the blank appropriately. If the word written alongside the blanks fits the passage, choose option 'e' (No correction required) as the correct choice.

CHINA has long \_\_\_\_\_ 154 \_\_\_\_\_ [moved] between the urge to \_\_\_\_\_ (155) \_\_\_\_\_ [enrich] its elite with foreign knowledge and skills, and an opposing instinct to turn inward and rebuff such \_\_\_\_\_ (156) \_\_\_\_\_ [importance]. In the 1870s the Qing imperial court ended centuries of educational isolation by sending young men to America, only for the communist regime to shut out the world again a few decades later. Today record numbers of Chinese study abroad: over half a million people left in 2015 alone, many for America. The Communist Party officially endorses international exchanges in education while at the same time preaching the dangers of Western ideas on Chinese campuses. A new front in this battlefield is \_\_\_\_\_ (157) \_\_\_\_\_ [emerging], as the government cracks down on international schools catering to Chinese citizens. Only holders of foreign passports used to be allowed to go to international schools in China: children of expat workers or the foreign-born offspring of Chinese returnees. Chinese citizens are still \_\_\_\_\_ (158) \_\_\_\_\_ [illicit] from attending such outfits, but more recently a new type of school has proliferated on the mainland, \_\_\_\_\_, (159) \_\_\_\_\_ [proposing] an international curriculum to Chinese nationals planning to study at foreign universities. Their number has more than doubled since 2011, to over 500. Many are clustered on the wealthy eastern seaboard, but even poor interior provinces such as gansu, Guizhou and Yunnan have them.

Some international schools are \_\_\_\_\_ (160) \_\_\_\_\_ [privately run], including offshoots of famous foreign institutions such as Dulwich college in Britain or Haileybury in Australia. Even wholly Chinese ventures often \_\_\_\_\_ (161) \_\_\_\_\_ [taken up] foreign-sounding names to increase their appeal: witness "Etonkids", a Beijing based chain which has no link with the illustrious British boarding school. Since 2003 some 90 state schools have \_\_\_\_\_ (162)

\_\_\_\_\_ [enabled] international programmes too, many of them at the high schools in China, including those \_\_\_\_\_ (10) \_\_\_\_\_ [acquainted] with Peking.

- Q154.** (a) wobbled (b) wavered (c) oscillated  
(d) rotated (e) No correction

- Q155.** (a) supply (b) equip (c) endow  
(d) appoint (e) No correction

- Q156.** (a) influences (b) impact (c) prevalence  
(d) instrument (e) No correction.

- Q157.** (a) eminent (b) elusive (c) requisite  
(d) obligatory (e) No correction

- Q158.** (a) elicited (b) apprehended (c) prohibit  
(d) Forbidden (e) No correction

- Q159.** (a) providing (b) presenting (c) offering  
(d) contributing (e) No correction

- Q160.** (a) confidentially run (b) distinctly run (c) personally run  
(d) publically run (e) No correction

- Q161.** (a) adopt (b) select (c) Refrain  
(d) outcast (e) No correction

- Q162.** (a) conducted (b) extended (c) convoyed  
(d) opened (e) No correction

- Q163.** (a) accorded (b) affiliated (c) provisioned  
(d) conversant (e) No correction





## Answers And Solutions Set-6

### Q129.Ans. (4)

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.).

### Q130.Ans. (1)

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.

### Q131.Ans. (5)

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.

### Q132.Ans. (2)

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.

### Q133.Ans. (3)

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.

### Q134.Ans. (e)

all are correct

### Q135.Ans. (d)

Replace ‘adjusting’ with ‘retaining’

Foreign countries are not supporting their shipping firms for ‘adjusting’ control but they are doing so for ‘retaining’ control. It is clear from the passage that they want to retain control of their shipping industry.

Adjusting: adapt or become used to a new situation

### Q136.Ans. (a)

Replace ‘initiates’ with ‘mandates’

initiates: cause (a process or action) to begin

Initiates means starting something new, which does not fit in the context of the sentence. The national fleet policy is already there so initiates cannot be used here. The policy mandates or ask shipping companies to register in India therefore ‘mandates’ or any other word similar in meaning to mandates will replace ‘initiates’.

### Q137.Ans. (d)

replace ‘means’ with ‘refers’. Use of ‘to’ after ‘means’ is wrong but ‘to’ is used after ‘refers’ therefore ‘means’ will be replaced by ‘refers’.

### Q138.Ans. (b)

Replace ‘system’ with ‘administration’. Use of system after Donald Trump’s name is not right as system does not belong to one man but government and administration can belong to one man.

### Q139.Ans. (a)

The paragraph is describing the relationship between journalists and their sources. The paragraph explains why is it important for citizens to understand the legal and ethical framework that guides the relationship between a source and a journalist.







The word 'utility' does not fit properly in the context of the paragraph.

Utility- the state of being useful, profitable, or beneficial.

To guide the relationship between a source and a journalist there are some guidelines.

Therefore, the most suitable word to replace the erroneous word is "framework". Hence, option (a) becomes the most suitable answer choice.

**Q140.Ans. (b)**

The paragraph is describing the relationship between journalists and their sources. The paragraph explains why is it important for citizens to understand the legal and ethical framework that guides the relationship between a source and a journalist.

Eloquently- in a fluent or persuasive manner.

Since this gives a contextually incorrect meaning to the given passage, the most suitable word to replace 'eloquently' should be 'adversely.' All the other given words are precise in the context of the paragraph. Hence, option (b) is the most feasible answer choice.

**Q141.Ans. (b)**

The paragraph is describing the relationship between journalists and their sources. The paragraph explains why is it important for citizens to understand the legal and ethical framework that guides the relationship between a source and a journalist. The word 'Chores' does not fit in the theme of the paragraph.

'Chores' means a routine task, especially a household one. The most suitable word to replace 'Chores' in order to provide meaning to the paragraph is 'challenges.'

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

**Q142.Ans. (e)**

All the given words in bold are grammatically correct and contextually meaningful. The given set of words provides complete coherence to the theme of the paragraph. Hence, the option (e) is the most suitable answer choice.

**Q143.Ans. (b)**

The paragraph is describing the relationship between journalists and their sources. The paragraph explains why is it important for citizens to understand the legal and ethical framework that guides the relationship between a source and a journalist.

The word 'subdued' does not fit in the theme of the paragraph as it creates grammatical as well as contextual error. 'subdued' means (of a person or their manner) quiet and rather reflective or depressed.

The given line, "James Risen was nearly arrested by the U.S. administration because he..... to identify the source of information contained in his 200342 book.....," in the passage

explains that someone was arrested and on questioning he did something, the most suitable word to replace 'subdued' in order to provide meaning to the paragraph is 'refused' which means indicate that one is not willing to accept or grant (something offered or requested). Hence, option (b) is the most suitable answer choice.

**Q144.Ans. (c)**

'resembled' is the correct word to be replaced.

Impinged means have an effect, especially a negative one.

Elated means very happy and excited

**Q145.Ans. (c)**

'Stability' is the correct word as this term is also used in following lines of the paragraph.

Fortitude means courage in pain or adversity.

Alacrity means great willingness, eagerness or enthusiasm

**Q146.Ans. (d)**

'argued' is the correct word to be replaced.

Impugned means dispute the truth, validity, or honesty of (a statement or motive)

Incited means to encourage somebody to do something by making him/her very angry or excited

**Q147.Ans. (b)**

'boost' is the correct word.

**Q148.Ans. (a)**

'important' best suits the purpose.

**Q149.Ans. (a)**

'splendid' best suits the purpose which means magnificent, very impressive.

**Q150. Ans. (e)**

No improvement is required here.

Coaxing means to persuade somebody gently

Provocation means doing or saying something deliberately to try to make somebody angry or upset

Leverage means the act of using a lever to lift or open something

Proliferation means o grow by rapid production of new parts, cells, buds, or offspring

**Q151.Ans. (b)**

'sluggish' is the most appropriate word which means moving or working more slowly than normal in a way that seems lazy

**Q152.Ans. (c)**



'growth' is the correct word making the sentence meaningful.

Enrichment means **makes something more meaningful, substantial, or rewarding**

**Q153.Ans. (e)**

No improvement is required here.

Emanating means to produce or show something

Escalating means to move upward

**Q154.Ans. (c)**

Wobbled means to move from side to side in a way that is not steady

Oscillated means to keep changing from one extreme of feeling or behaviour to another, and back again

**Q155.Ans. (b)**

Endow means to give a large sum of money to a school, a college or another institution

**Q156.Ans. (a)**

**Q157.Ans. (e)**

Elusive means not easy to catch, find or remember

Requisite means necessary for a particular purpose

**Q158.Ans. (e)**

**Q159.Ans. (c)**

**Q160.Ans. (e)**

**Q161.Ans. (a)**

**Q162.Ans. (d)**

**Q163.**

**Ans. (b)**



## Set-7

**Q. (164-173) Given below is a paragraph consisting of blanks. Identify the correct option among the five alternative pairs that should fill the blank against the number to make the paragraph contextually meaningful and grammatically correct.**

It is hugely welcome that power supply has finally reached all (164) \_\_\_\_\_ villages in India. The goal should now be to reach every home in every village and, further, to ensure quality power supply in rural areas during the day, so that some (165) \_\_\_\_\_ value addition of village produce making use of electric motors and machinery would be possible. This still remains a far cry. A village is officially (3) \_\_\_\_\_ as electrified if at least 10% of its (165) \_\_\_\_\_ have an electric connection. This means that even with a 'fully electrified' countryside, millions of villagers could go without power. In many tier-2 and tier-3 towns, power supply is (166) \_\_\_\_\_ and often limited to a few hours of the day. This must change, for the country to gain the actual (6) \_\_\_\_\_ of being fully electrified. The rural electrification programme rolled out in 2005, (167) \_\_\_\_\_ completion in 2011-12. The goal was missed, but by 2014, 94% of villages were, (168) \_\_\_\_\_, electrified. Those that (169) \_\_\_\_\_ would have been the most difficult ones: so (170) \_\_\_\_\_ as to be out of the reach of the conventional \_\_\_\_\_ grid.

**Q164.** flourished a/ budded separated b/ distributed classified c/ sectioned inhabited d/ tenanted flooded e/ colonized

**Q165.** minimal a/ moderate trivial b/ negligible casual c/ petty extraneous / paltry superfluous d/ futile

**Q.166** classified a/ categorized rated b/ divulged separated c/demarcated placed d/ restricted tabulated e/ concealed

**Q.167** provinces a/ itinerant residences b/ farmers migrants c/ peasants lodges d/ refugees abodes e/ dwellings

**Q.168** asymmetrical a/ percipient Nebulous b/ consistent vague c/ unscrupulous d/ intermittent e/ efluctuant dependable f/ turbulent

**Q.169** advantage a/ comfort amorous b/ deterrents hindrances c/ amorphous admiration d/ barriers encumbrances e/ applause

**Q.170.** reserving a/ following appreciating b/ ionizing appropriating c/presenting targeting d/ earmarking admiring e/ acclamating

**Q.171.** verily a/ definitely remarkably b/ repeatedly Obviously c/ conspicuously suspiciously d/ undeniably apparently e/ dubiously

**Q.172.** remained / left endured / persisted persevered / laced unresolved / perused prevailed / doubtful

**Q.173** inappropriate a/ far pivotal b/ faraway eccentric c/ obscure faraway d/ distant isolated e/ apogee

**Directions (174-183): In the following passage there are blanks, each of which has been numbered and one word has been suggested alongside the blank. These numbers are printed below the passage and against each, five options are given. In four options, one word is suggested in each option. Find out the appropriate word which fits the blank appropriately. If the word written alongside the blank fits the passage, choose option 'e' (No correction required) as the correct choice.**

Every revolution means a sharp turn in the lives of a vast number of people. Unless the time is (174) \_\_\_\_\_ for such a turn, no real revolution can take place. And just as any turn in the life of an individual teaches him a great deal and brings rich experience and great emotional stress, so a revolution teaches an entire people very rich and valuable lessons in a short space of time. During a revolution, millions and tens of millions of people learn in a week more than they do in a year of ordinary, (175) \_\_\_\_\_ life. For at the time of a sharp turn in the life of an entire people it becomes particularly (176) \_\_\_\_\_ what aims the various classes of the people are pursuing, what strength they possess, and what methods they use. Every class-conscious worker, soldier and peasant should (94) \_\_\_\_\_ sunk thoroughly over the lessons of the Russian revolution, especially now, at the end of July, when the first phase of our revolution has failed. Let us see, in fact, what the workers and peasants were (177) \_\_\_\_\_ striving for when they made the revolution. As we know, they expected liberty, peace, bread and land. But instead of liberty, the old (96) \_\_\_\_\_ creed is coming back. The death penalty is being introduced for the soldiers at the front. Peasants are prosecuted for the unauthorized (178) \_\_\_\_\_ seizure of landed estates. Printing presses of workers' newspapers are (179) \_\_\_\_\_ extreme. Bolsheviks are arrested, often without any charge or upon (180) \_\_\_\_\_ instinctively trumped-up charges. It may be argued that the persecution of Bolsheviks does not constitute a violation of freedom, for only certain individuals are being prosecuted and on certain charges. What chiefly exposes the (100) \_\_\_\_\_ scrupulous character of the charges against the Bolsheviks is that the newspapers of the landowners and capitalists furiously abused the Bolsheviks for their struggle against the war and against





the landowners and capitalists, and openly demanded the arrest and prosecution of the Bolsheviks even when not a single charge against a single Bolshevik had been trumped up.

- Q174.** (a) wobbled (b) ripe  
(c) oscillated (d) rotated  
(e) No correction required
- Q175.** (a) Altered (b) Absorbed (c) somnolent  
(d) Affluent (e) No correction required
- Q176.** (a) Lucid (b) Accountable (c) Detrimental  
(d) Mounted (e) No correction required
- Q177.** (a) Dabble (b) Junk (c) Funk  
(d) ponder (e) No correction required
- Q178.** (a) Crowned (b) Linked (c) Crowded  
(d) Garbled (e) No correction required
- Q179.** (a) liberality (b) democracy (c) tyranny  
(d) treasury (e) No correction required
- Q180.** (a) Infirmary (b) Credibility (c) Equality  
(d) Burdened (e) No correction required
- Q181.** (a) Diversion (b) wrecked (c) Scheme  
(d) Realm (e) No correction required
- Q182.** (a) blatantly (b) Immaculately (c) venality  
(d) subliminally (e) No correction required
- Q183.** (a) pious (b) libelous (c) hiatus  
(d) nebulous (e) No correction required

**Direction (184-193):** 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 to make the paragraph contextually meaningful and grammatically correct.

The \_\_\_\_\_ (184) \_\_\_\_\_ amounts of forgotten and disregarded food that are tossed mindlessly into our landfills are a global \_\_\_\_\_ (185) \_\_\_\_\_ of massive proportions. And the higher the population \_\_\_\_\_ (186) \_\_\_\_\_, the more surplus food is produced. Between 2009 and 2030, the World Bank estimates that the demand for food will increase by 50% as the global population grows, creating a positive feedback loop resulting in further waste. Acidification and salinization resulting from inappropriate use of nitrogen fertilizers and the removal of beneficial vegetation destroy nutrient cycles within the soil and cause once rich

landscapes to become dry, \_\_\_\_\_ (187) \_\_\_\_\_ plains; unfit to house life ("Salinity and acidity"). Produce wasted in \_\_\_\_\_ (188) \_\_\_\_\_ countries such as Europe and the United States lead to unneeded loss of soil fertility and unnecessary expenditures of fresh water. The developed world in particular speeds the process of global warming by \_\_\_\_\_ (189) \_\_\_\_\_ such large amounts of food. Food waste is buried in landfills, where it decomposes "into toxic effluent and methane, a greenhouse gas twenty-one times more \_\_\_\_\_ (190) \_\_\_\_\_ than carbon dioxide". While disposal and waste of food is a problem of global concern, unethical food waste is not only a \_\_\_\_\_ (191) \_\_\_\_\_ concern; it is also an economic and environmental problem. The excessive amounts of food wasted could feed millions of hungry people. Further complicating the problem are the unseen inputs that are necessary to create food that is \_\_\_\_\_ (192) \_\_\_\_\_ for the trash. Producing food that is squandered also wastes important finite resources such as oil, freshwater, soil fertility, land, various ecosystem services as well as undocumented human labor. Understanding the true price tag that accompanies food waste is the first step toward creating a \_\_\_\_\_ (193) \_\_\_\_\_ food system.

- Q184.** (a) Indicative/Suggestive (b) Penniless/poor  
(c) Copious/Profuse (d) Immoral/Wicked  
(e) Intimidating/Menacing
- Q185.** (a) Bliss/Elation  
(b) Travesty/Distortion  
(c) Complacency/Contentment  
(d) Avaricious/Materialistic  
(e) Ceremonious/Solemn
- Q186.** (a) Soars/Escalates (b) Infers/Chokes (c) Subdues/Daunts  
(d) Standardizes/Assimilates (e) Franks/Blazes
- Q187.** (a) Engrossing/Charming (b) Lush/Thriving  
(c) Sodden/Streaming (d) Arid/Barren  
(e) Cursed/Mesmerizing
- Q188.** (a) Melodious/harmonious (b) Affluent/Opulent  
(c) Lonely/Secluded (d) Affluent/Effluent  
(e) Involved/Precluded
- Q189.** (a) Branding/Stamping (b) Composing/Devising  
(c) Squandering/Dissipating (d) Inducing/Prompting  
(e) Replacing/substituting





- Q190.** (a)Compensating/Reimbursing (b)Superficial/Exterior  
(c)Howling/Yelping (d)Fragile/Insubstantial  
(e)Potent/Vigorous

- Q191.** (a)Humanitarian/Benevolent (b)Inhumane/Brutal  
(c)Serene/Placid (d)Violent/intemperate  
(e)Dignified/Noble

- Q192.** (a)Servitude/domination (b)Predestined/destined  
(c)Lacking/Missing (d)Lightning/Sparkling  
(e)Rising/Augmenting

- Q193.** (a)Preaching/Sermon  
(b)Dirty/Untidy  
(c)Sustainable/Endurable  
(d)Characteristic/Feature  
(e)Scent/Misty

**Directions (194-203):** In the passage given below there are blanks which are to be filled with the options given below. Find out the appropriate pair of words in each case which can most suitably complete the sentence without altering the meaning of the statement. Both the words must fill the blank.

One does not have to be a political theorist to \_\_\_\_ (194) \_\_\_\_ how in the face of the \_\_\_\_ (195) \_\_\_\_ state of these pillars of our governing structure, we can expect the government to \_\_\_\_ (196) \_\_\_\_ the challenges of the emergent new world. Nor to ask the \_\_\_\_ (197) \_\_\_\_ questions. Is it realistic — or even fair — to expect our elected leaders to deliver on the promises they make on their election \_\_\_\_ (198) \_\_\_\_? After all, they are continually electioneering and given the size of their constituencies and the cost of \_\_\_\_ (199) \_\_\_\_ an election, they cannot \_\_\_\_ (200) \_\_\_\_ their dependence on “financiers”. How can we expect leaders whose success has been achieved within a system framed by the \_\_\_\_ (201) \_\_\_\_ of nationalism and national politics, and whose continuation in power depends on appealing to narrow ascriptive identities, to be \_\_\_\_ (202) \_\_\_\_ to the global challenges of climate change, terrorism, migration or religious sectarianism? Most importantly, how can our democracy \_\_\_\_ (203) \_\_\_\_ the opportunities and threats of globalisation with the pressures of individual expectations?

- Q194.** (a)wonder/ponder (b)admire/expect (c)account/idolize  
(d)alarm/fear (e)confuse/distract

- Q195.** (a)increasing/refreshing  
(b)tired/distress  
(c)collapsing/crumbling

- (d)accomplished/achieved  
(e)fatigue/empty

- Q196.** (a)venture/attack (b)tackle/address  
(c)materialize/distinguish (d)implement/create  
(e)contrive/derive

- Q197.** (a)material/capital (b)opposite/deliberate  
(c)unreal/dangerous (d)consequential/significant  
(e)following/fatty

- Q198.** (a)trail/movement (b)scope/trouble  
(c)aftermath/wake (d)dangle/flourish  
(e)shadow/charge

- Q199.** (a)breaching/opposing  
(b)quitting/fraying  
(c)fighting/contesting  
(d)battling/conflicting  
(e)broiling/withstand

- Q200.** (a)uphold/choose (b)cast/take in  
(c)yield/allow (d)flake out/vacate  
(e)discard/scrap

- Q201.** (a)permission/license (b)straitjacket/barrier  
(c)impediment/agitation (d)arrest/deprivation  
(e)freedom/limit

- Q202.** (a)responsive/amenable  
(b)impassive/complying  
(c)considerate/grateful  
(d)favorable/influential  
(e)easy/alive

- Q203.** (a)incite/disperse (b)adjust/allow  
(c)clarify/judge (d)reconcile/resolve  
(e)modify/separate

**Directions (204-213):** Read the following passage and answer the questions as directed. There are some blanks given in the passage based on which some questions are framed, and some words are highlighted as well to help you answer some of the questions.

I agree with Eric Klinenberg's recent submission to The New York Times that social distancing, advocated by health authorities







worldwide, as a means of \_\_\_\_\_ (A) \_\_\_\_\_ the spread of the coronavirus, can only be a part of firefighting. (B) The rapid worldwide spread of COVID-19 has a lot to do with the fallout of globalisation, included the travel industry, tourism and the neoliberal attack on universal health care. (C) Moreover, (1) unfettered promotion of social distancing can (2) exclusion existing social (3) prejudices driven by different forms of social (4) reinforce. The onset of the COVID-19 epidemic in India and Sri Lanka \_\_\_\_\_ (D) \_\_\_\_\_. Both in India and Sri Lanka, the first cases were reported among foreign tourists from Italy and China, respectively. The tour guides who travelled with the respective tourists and their contacts became the first set of local people \_\_\_\_\_ (E) \_\_\_\_\_ to the disease triggering local transmissions. Both Sri Lanka and Kerala in India have large portions of their labour force employed overseas. Returnees from these overseas destinations have contributed to the (F) besmirch in the COVID-19 epidemic in South Asian countries. For instance, among 18 conformed COVID-19 patients in Sri Lanka by March 15 as many as 11 (61%) were Sri Lankan returnees from Italy, a popular destination for Sri Lankan migrant workers from the 1990s. Thus, imported cases and those directly exposed to them comprise over 90% of all COVID-19 cases detected in Sri Lanka as of March 22. \_\_\_\_\_ (G) \_\_\_\_\_. Nearly 60% of all cases are among Sri Lankan workers returning from abroad and their contacts indicating that exposure to the disease through overseas employment has triggered the epidemic in Sri Lanka. Considering that nearly 50% of the entire caseload in Sri Lanka is among workers returning from Italy, it is important to note that many Sri Lankan workers in Italy work as live-in care givers for elderly people. (H) The (1) quarantine and social distancing processes may not be totally (2) between in so far as these workers and their families are often in (3) effective two states, experiencing (4) difficulties at both ends. (I) The workers returning from Italy and South Korea were the first to be sent to quarantine centres in Batticaloa and Kandakadu from March 10. Initially, they resented the mandatory two-week quarantine in a remote location. Both migrant workers and tourist guides already experience discrimination of various kinds because of their occupations and the risks involved. A military style lockdown though \_\_\_\_\_ (J) \_\_\_\_\_ given the circumstances is likely to reinforce the existing prejudices. This clearly shows that we need to think beyond social distancing and address problems of the fallout from globalisation in dealing with the pandemic in the global South. It appears as if the much publicised problems of a run-away world have been finally crystallised in this deadly global epidemic.

**Q204.** Which of the following words given in the options should come at the place marked as (A) in the above passage to make it

grammatically correct and contextually meaningful. Also, the word should fill in the two sentences given below to make them contextually correct and meaningful.

- (i) The next moment the two \_\_\_\_\_ divisions were a confused struggling mass.  
(ii) It was futile to formulate plans for \_\_\_\_\_ them till he had discovered what the designs were.
- (a) anticipating (b) narrating (c) combating  
(d) mutating (e) juxtaposing

**Q205.** In the above passage, a sentence B is given in Italics. There may or may not be an error in one part of the sentence. Choose the part which has an error in it as your answer. If there is no error, then choose option (e) as your answer.

- (a) The rapid worldwide spread of COVID-19 has  
(b) a lot to do with the fallout of globalisation,  
(c) included the travel industry, tourism  
(d) and the neoliberal attack on universal health care.  
(e) no error

**Q206.** The sentence given in (C) has four words given in bold. Amongst the given bold words which of the followings must interchange to make the sentence grammatically and contextually correct and meaningful?

- (a) 1-3 (b) 2-4 (c) 1-4  
(d) 2-3 (e) 3-4

**Q207.** Which of the following phrases should fill the blank (D) to make it contextually and grammatically meaningful and correct respectively?

- (a) has been comfortable for too long with some of the most unconscionable inequalities in the planet  
(b) was possible only for the rich and the middle class with assured incomes during the period  
(c) has a lot to do with tourism and labour migration, processes intimately connected with globalisation  
(d) did the government not remember the millions of informal workers and destitute people  
(e) None of these

**Q208.** Which of the following words given in the options should come at the place marked as 'E' in the above paragraph to make it grammatically and contextually meaningful and correct. Also, the word should fill the two sentences given below to make them contextually correct and meaningful?





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(i) I figured she was better off not being \_\_\_\_\_ to that situation.

(ii) Maybe he was glad Allen had been \_\_\_\_\_ and he had not.

- (a) exposed (b) relegated (c) researched  
(d) published (e) vanished

**Q209.** A word is given in bold in F. Choose the word which should replace the word given in bold to make the sentence correct and meaningful. If no change is required, choose option (e) as your answer.

- (a) urge (b) nudge (c) upsurge  
(d) Aloof (e) None correction required

**Q210.** Two sentences are given in italics on both sides of G. Which of the following statements can come in between the two sentences in place of G so as to maintain the continuity of the paragraph?

- (a) No different from the unseen strings of politics and religion that make marionettes of us.  
(b) We need new solutions to get the malaria response back on track, and this vaccine gives us a promising tool to get there  
(c) The pilot programme is designed to generate evidence and experience to inform WHO policy recommendations  
(d) The malaria vaccine pilot aims to reach about 360,000 children per year across the three countries.  
(e) Roughly about 20.5% of confirmed cases are connected with tourism

**Q211.** The sentence given in H has four words given in bold. Amongst given bolded words, which of the followings must replace each other to make the sentence contextually correct and meaningful.

- (a) 2-4 (b) 2-3 (c) 1-4  
(d) 3-4 (e) 1-3

**Q212.** In the passage given, a sentence I is given in Italics. There may or may not be an error in one part of the sentence. Choose the part which has an error in it as your answer.

- (a) The workers returning from Italy  
(b) and South Korea were the first  
(c) to be sent to quarantine centres in  
(d) Batticaloa and Kandakadu from March 10.  
(e) no error

**Q213.** Which of the following words should fill the blank given in J to make it contextually correct and meaningful?

- (a) change (b) decipher (c) benevolence  
(d) inevitable (e) auspices

**Q164.Ans. (d)**

: Inhabited and tenanted is the most appropriate choice as it revolves around the context of living or occupying the area.

**Q165.Ans. (a)**

: “minimal and moderate” the context of this statement is there should be value addition and it does not matter it will be minimal or moderate. Other options do not go with the blank.

The sentence of the paragraph is describing about penetration of electricity supply in the villages

**Q.166Ans. (a)**

: The most suitable pair of words that fill the blank is “classified / grouped”. ‘Classified’ is an adjective which means arranged in classes or categories. The sentence of the paragraph expresses about the villages which are electrified now and can be classified under this category. All the other pair of words do not fit in the blank.

**Q.167Ans. (e)**

: The correct option to choose is abodes and dwellings since the distribution of electricity among residents of the village is talked about.

**Q.168Ans. (d)**

: the correct pair of word should be intermittent and erratic which means something which is unsteady and not constant, and it fits with the context of the passage as dis continuity of the electricity in village is talked about.

**Q.169Ans. (a)**

: The correct pair of word is “advantage and comfort” as it is discussed in the passage that the actual benefit of being electrified must change.

**Q.170.Ans. (d)**

: the correct pair of word is “targeting and earmarking” which means to designate something for a particular purpose.

**Q.171.Ans. (a)**





: The correct pair of words that fill the blank appropriately is “verily and definitely” which means certainly and this is the most viable option to choose from.

**Q.172.Ans. (a)**

: “remained and left” is the word that fits with the context as because the context of the passage is meant to indicate that 64% are electrified but the “remaining” 6 % would be in difficulty.

**Q.173.Ans. (d)**

: The correct pair of word is “faraway and distant” which should be used to indicate the context of the village which is so far that it is difficult to be within the reach of the agency.

**Q174.Ans. (b)**

Option (b) is the correct answer choice. As the paragraph talks about the ‘Lessons of the Revolution’. As the line of the paragraph is talking about the correct or the perfect time to start any kind of revolution.

Ripe- having arrived at the fitting stage or time for a particular action or purpose).

Wobbled- move or cause to move unsteadily from side to side.

Wavered- move in a quivering way; flicker.

Hence option (b) gives the correct answer choice.

**Q175.Ans. (c)**

Option (c) is the correct answer choice. Hence ‘somnolent’ is the correct option to be filled in the given blank.

Somnolent- sleepy; drowsy

Absorbent- (of a material) able to soak up liquid easily.

The sentence is conveying the idea that when any kind of revolution takes place there is so much that the people go through and it teaches a lesson to all the people which are part of the revolution. people learn in a week more than they do in a year of ordinary drowsy life. Hence option (c) is the correct answer choice.

**Q176.Ans. (c)**

Option (c) is the correct answer choice.

Affable- friendly, good-natured, or easy to talk to

Lucid- expressed clearly; easy to understand.

Detrimental- tending to cause harm.

Hence option (c) is the correct answer choice which best fills the given meaning contextually.

**Q177.Ans. (d)**

Option (d) is the correct answer choice. Hence the correct option to fill the blank should be ‘Ponder’.

Ponder- think about (something) carefully, especially before making a decision or reaching a conclusion.

Sunk- cause to fail.

Dabble- take part in an activity in a casual or superficial way.

Hence option (d) is the correct answer choice which best fills the given meaning contextually.

**Q178.Ans. (e)**

Option (e) is the correct answer choice. As the given word ‘striving’ doesn’t need any replacement. It contextually fits in the given blank.

Garbled- reproduce (a message, sound, or transmission) in a confused and distorted way

Striving- make great efforts to achieve or obtain something.

Hence option (e) is the correct answer choice.

**Q179.Ans. (c)**

Option (c) is the correct answer choice. Hence the correct option to fill the blank should be ‘tyranny’.

Tyranny- cruel and oppressive government or rule.

Creed- a system of religious belief; a faith.

Hence option (c) is the correct answer choice which best fills the given meaning contextually.

**Q180.Ans. (e)**

Option (e) is the correct answer choice. As the given word ‘seizure’ doesn’t need any replacement. It contextually fits in the given blank.

Seizure- the action of capturing someone or something using force.

Infirmary- physical or mental weakness.

Credibility- the quality of being trusted and believed in. Hence option (e) is the correct answer choice.

**Q181.Ans. (b)**

Option (b) is the correct answer choice.

Realm- a kingdom

Wrecked- destroy or severely damage (a structure, vehicle, or similar).

Hence option (b) is the correct answer choice which best fills the given meaning contextually.

**Q182.Ans. (a)**

Option (a) is the correct answer choice.

Instinctively- without conscious thought; by natural instinct.

Blatantly- in an open and unashamed manner.

Immaculately- in a perfectly clean, neat, or tidy manner.

Venality- quality of being open to bribery or overly motivated by money

Hence option (a) is the correct answer choice which best fills the given meaning contextually.



**Q183.Ans. (b)**

Option (b) is the correct answer choice.  
 libelous- containing or constituting a libel.  
 Hiatus- a pause or break in continuity in a sequence or activity.  
 Nebulous- in the form of a cloud or haze; hazy.  
 Pious- devoutly religious.  
 Scrupulous- careful, thorough, and extremely attentive to details  
 Hence option (b) is the correct answer choice which best fills the given meaning contextually.

**Q184.Ans. (c)**

The most appropriate option to be filled in the blank is option (c).  
 Copious means abundant in supply or quantity.  
 Profuse means (especially of something offered or discharged) very plentiful; abundant.  
 As the next blank talks about the word amounts these two are the appropriate words.  
 Indicative- serving as a sign or indication of something.  
 Penniless means having no money; very poor.  
 Immoral not conforming to accepted standards of morality.  
 Wicked- evil or morally wrong.  
 Intimidating- frightening or overawing (someone), especially in order to make them do what one wants.  
 Menacing- suggesting the presence of danger; threatening.

**Q185.Ans. (b)**

Option (b) is the most appropriate choice to be filled in the blank.  
 Travesty means a false, absurd, or distorted representation of something.  
 Distortion means the action of giving a misleading account or impression.  
 Bliss means the action of giving a misleading account or impression.  
 Elation means great happiness and exhilaration.  
 Complacency means uncritical satisfaction with oneself or one's achievements.  
 Contentment means satisfaction.  
 Avaricious means having or showing an extreme greed for wealth or material gain.  
 Ceremonious means relating or appropriate to grand and formal occasions.  
 Solemn means formal and dignified.

**Q186.Ans. (a)**

The most suitable option is option (a).  
 Soars means increases rapidly above the usual level.  
 Escalates means increases rapidly. As the sentence is talking about the population, we can only talk about the increase or decrease of it.  
 Hence it is the most appropriate answer.  
 Infers means deduce or conclude (something) from evidence and reasoning rather than from explicit statements.  
 Chokes means suffocates.  
 Subdues means overcome, quieten, or bring under control (a feeling or person).  
 Daunt means make (someone) feel intimidated or apprehensive.  
 Assimilates means take in and understand fully (information or ideas).  
 Blazes means shines.

**Q187.Ans. (d)**

Option (d) is the answer as the word before it is dry and thus the next word that must follow it that is describing the plains must be arid which means having little or no rain; too dry or barren to support vegetation.  
 Barren means too poor to produce much or any vegetation.  
 Engrossing means absorbing all the attention or interest of.  
 Lush means (of vegetation, especially grass) growing luxuriantly.  
 Thriving means prosperous and growing; flourishing.  
 Sodden means saturated with liquid, especially water; soaked through.  
 Streaming means running or flowing in a continuous current in a specified direction.  
 Cursed means invoke or use a curse against.  
 Mesmerizing means capturing the complete attention of (someone); transfixing.

**Q188.Ans. (b)**

Option (b) is the apt choice to be filled in the blank. As it is mentioned in the blank that Produce wasted in 'what type of' countries such as Europe and the United States lead to unneeded loss of soil fertility. Europe and U.S. are affluent and opulent countries thus meaning having a great deal of money; wealthy. Option (d) cannot be used as it has effluent as the choice too along with affluent which means liquid waste or sewage discharged into a river or the sea.  
 Melodious means pleasant-sounding.  
 Harmonious means free from disagreement or dissent.  
 Secluded means concealed.  
 Precluded means prevent from happening; make impossible.

**Q189.Ans. (c)**





Option (c) is the most appropriate choice to be filled in the blank.  
 Squandering means wasting in a reckless or foolish manner.  
 Dissipating means wasting or frittering away.  
 Stamping means walking with heavy or forceful steps.  
 Devising means planning or inventing (a complex procedure, system, or mechanism) by careful thought.  
 Inducing means succeeding in persuading or leading (someone) to do something.  
 Prompting means causing or bringing about.

**Q190.Ans. (e)**

Option (e) is the most suitable choice for the answer.  
 Methane and carbon dioxide are compared by the use of superlative degree. So only words potent and vigorous fit in the blank.  
 Potent means having great power, influence, or effect.  
 Vigorous means strong, healthy, and full of energy.  
 Compensating means repaying.  
 Reimbursing means refunding, repaying.  
 Superficial means existing or occurring at or on the surface.  
 Howling means weeping and crying out loudly.  
 Yelping means screaming.  
 Fragile means (of an object) easily broken or damaged.  
 Insubstantial means lacking strength and solidity.

**Q191.Ans. (a)**

Option (a) is the most appropriate choice to be filled in the blank.  
 When it comes to concern it can only be humanitarian or benevolent.  
 Humanitarian means concerned with or seeking to promote human welfare.  
 Benevolent means well-meaning and kindly.  
 Inhumane means without compassion for misery or suffering; cruel.  
 Serene means calm, peaceful, and untroubled; tranquil.  
 Placid means not easily upset or excited.  
 Intemperate means having or showing a lack of self-control; immoderate.  
 Dignified means having or showing a composed or serious manner that is worthy of respect.

**Q192.Ans. (b)**

Option (b) is the most suitable option to be filled in the blank.  
 Predestined and destined are the same which mean destiny (someone) for a particular fate or purpose.  
 Servitude means the state of being a slave or completely subject to someone more powerful.  
 Domination means the exercise of power or influence over someone or something, or the state of being so controlled.  
 Lightning(adj.) means very quick.  
 Sparkling(adj.) means shining brightly with flashes of light.

Augmenting means making (something) greater by adding to it; increasing.

**Q193.Ans. (c)**

Option (c) is the most appropriate choice to be filled in the blank.  
 Sustainable means able to be maintained at a certain rate or level.  
 Endurable means able to be endured; bearable. These two words will come in blank because the statement talks about the food system. The food system can be sustainable or endurable that is which can be maintained at some level.  
 Preaching means giving moral advice to someone in a pompously self-righteous way.  
 Sermon means a long or tedious piece of admonition or reproof; a lecture.  
 Scent means a distinctive smell, especially one that is pleasant.  
 Misty means full of, covered with, or accompanied by mist.

**Q194.Ans. (a)**

“wonder/ponder” is the correct set of words that fits perfectly into the provided space. Moreover, both these words give the similar meaning to the sentence which is contextually meaningful. Hence option (a) is the most appropriate choice.  
 Wonder means desire to know something; feel curious.  
 Ponder means think about (something) carefully, especially before making a decision or reaching a conclusion.  
 Idolize means admire, revere, or love greatly or excessively.  
 Distract means prevent (someone) from concentrating on something.

**Q195.Ans. (c)**

“increasing/refreshing” is the correct set of words that fits perfectly into the provided space. Moreover, both these words give the similar and contextual meaning to the sentence. Hence option (c) is the correct choice.  
 Distress means extreme anxiety, sorrow, or pain.  
 Crumble means break or fall apart into small fragments, especially as part of a process of deterioration.  
 Fatigue means cause (someone) to feel exhausted.

**Q196.Ans. (b)**

“tackle/address” is the correct set of words that fits perfectly into the provided space. Moreover, both these words give the similar and contextual meaning to the sentence. Hence option (b) is the correct choice.  
 Tackle means make determined efforts to deal with (a problem or difficult task).  
 Venture means undertake a risky or daring journey or course of action.







Materialize means become actual fact; happen.

Contrive means create or bring about (an object or a situation) by deliberate use of skill and artifice.

**Q197.Ans. (d)**

“consequential/significant” is the correct set of words that fits perfectly into the provided space. Moreover, both these words give the similar and contextual meaning to the sentence. Hence option (d) is the correct choice.

Consequential means important; significant.

Deliberate means done consciously and intentionally.

**Q198.Ans. (a)**

“trail/movement” is the correct set of words that fits perfectly into the provided space. Moreover, both these words give the similar and contextual meaning to the sentence. Hence option (a) is the correct choice.

Trail means a mark or a series of signs or objects left behind by the passage of someone or something.

Scope means the extent of the area or subject matter that something deals with or to which it is relevant.

Aftermath means the consequences or after-effects of a significant unpleasant event.

Dangle means hang or swing loosely.

**Q199.Ans. (c)**

“fighting/contesting” is the correct set of words that fits perfectly into the provided space. Moreover, both these words give the similar and contextual meaning to the sentence. Hence option (c) is the correct choice.

Breach means an act of breaking or failing to observe a law, agreement, or code of conduct.

Fray means (of a fabric, rope, or cord) unravel or become worn at the edge, typically through constant rubbing.

Broil means become very hot, especially from the sun.

Withstand means remain undamaged or unaffected by; resist.

**Q200.Ans. (e)**

“discard/scrap” is the correct set of words that fits perfectly into the provided space. Moreover, both these words give the similar and contextual meaning to the sentence. Hence option (e) is the correct choice.

Discard means get rid of (someone or something) as no longer useful or desirable.

Scrap means discard or remove from service.

Uphold means confirm or support (something which has been questioned).

Take in means deceive.

Flake out means leave behind, relinquish.

**Q201.Ans. (b)**

“straitjacket/barrier” is the correct set of words that fits perfectly into the provided space. Moreover, both these words give the similar and contextual meaning to the sentence. Hence option (b) is the correct choice.

Straitjacket means a severe restriction on freedom of action, development, or expression.

Impediment means a hindrance or obstruction in doing something.

Deprivation means the lack, or denial of something considered to be a necessity.

**Q202.Ans. (a)**

“responsive/amenable” is the correct set of words that fits perfectly into the provided space. Moreover, both these words give the similar and contextual meaning to the sentence. Hence option (a) is the correct choice.

Responsive means reacting quickly and positively.

Amenable means open and responsive to suggestion; easily persuaded or controlled.

Impassive means not feeling or showing emotion.

Complying means acting in accordance with a wish or command.

**Q203.Ans. (d)**

“reconcile/resolve” is the correct set of words that fits perfectly into the provided space. Moreover, both these words give the similar and contextual meaning to the sentence. Hence option (d) is the correct choice.

Incite means encourage or stir up (violent or unlawful behaviour).

Disperse means distribute or spread over a wide area.

Reconcile means settle (a quarrel).

Modify means make partial or minor changes to (something).

**Q204.Ans. (c)**

combating - take action to reduce or prevent (something bad or undesirable).

Juxtaposing - place or deal with close together for contrasting effect.

Mutating- change in form or nature.

Hence, the option (c) is the correct answer.

**Q205.Ans. (c)**

There is an error in the phrase mentioned in the option (c).

Since the given italicized sentence is in present perfect tense,

Included should be replaced by including.

Hence, the option (c) is the correct answer.



**Q206.Ans. (b)**

The positions of the words marked with (1) and (3) are correct. Upon interchanging 2-4, we get a sentence which is grammatically and contextually meaningful and correct. Hence, the option (b) is the correct answer.

**Q207.Ans. (c)**

Option (c) is the correct answer choice.

**Q208.Ans. (a)**

exposed- in a vulnerable position or situation.

relegated- assign an inferior rank or position to

the given phrase “was it bubonic plague, typhoid, typhus fever, or Ebola” before the blank suggests that the correct word to fill the blank would be ‘decimated’ because all the diseases mentioned in the phrase are malign in nature, Hence, the option (a) is the correct answer.

**Q209.Ans. (c)**

besmirch- damage (someone's reputation).

Upsurge- an upward surge in the strength or quantity of something; an increase.

Urge- try earnestly or persistently to persuade (someone) to do something.

Nudge- touch or push (something) gently or gradually.

Aloof- not friendly or forthcoming; cool and distant.

Hence, the option (c) is the correct answer.

**Q210.Ans. (e)**

Among the given options, only option (e) goes well with the preceding and the following sentences of (G). Hence, the option (e) is the correct answer.

**Q211.Ans. (b)**

The position of (1) and (4) seems correct, but the words ‘between’ and ‘effective’ seem to be incorrectly placed. Hence, upon interchanging 2-3, we get the sentence becoming grammatically and contextually correct and meaningful respectively.

Hence, the option (b) is the correct answer.

**Q212.Ans. (e)**

The given sentence is grammatically correct and contextually meaningful and doesn't require any changes. Hence, the option (e) ‘no error’ is the correct answer.

**Q213.Ans. (d)**

Option (d) is the correct answer choice.

Inevitable- certain to happen; unavoidable.

Auspices- a divine or prophetic token.

Decipher- convert (a text written in code, or a coded signal) into normal language.

Benevolence- the quality of being well meaning; kindness.

Hence, the blank should be filled by the word ‘inevitable’ and so, option (d) is the correct answer.





## Set-8

**Directions (214-223): 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 fails 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.**

(214) For centuries, European Jews were falsely criticized of poisoning wells during wars, epidemics or civic unrest. Late 18th century Paris, witness to deep polarisation along class lines, was replete with the rumour that the rich had distributed lethal, contaminated flour to the poor. (215) Periods of social stress or natural disasters are fertile ground for rumours, which not only spread like wild fire but have grave challenges — scapegoating, social boycott, violence and arson, even lynching and murder. Where do rumours spring from and why and how do they spread so fast? Why do they thrive in a crisis? (216) Not all rumours are pernicious. Some are potentially harmful, but like meteors in the sky, they distract without much impact. But the ones that concern us here are toxic, occur with cataclysmic events and have devastating results. How must such rumours be checked? (217) For a start, a rumour is an untested piece of information, opinion, report or story. Therefore, its veracity is doubtful. This unverified, loquacious status is at the heart of a rumour, making it largely what it is. The moment an account is publicly demonstrated and accepted to be true or false, it ceases to be a rumour. (218) In a sense then, a rumour's truth or falsity is irrelevant to its efficacy or impact. Yet, every unconfirmed account is not a rumour. To become one, it must have other features. First, it must have a ring of truth. Something in it must make it contextually plausible for the listener or the reader. If an account is obviously bizarre — the sun will freeze overnight — or instantly falsifiable — Sachin scored a thousand runs in an ODI — it cannot become a rumour. (219) Second, it short-circuits reason. Laced with passion, it works by seizing the collective psyche of victims. Suddenly, many start to believe it. This also lends it a third important feature — it subjugates rapidly. Fourth, it manifests itself through an event. (220) It is a passing gust, sometimes a tornado that leaves devastation in its wake but is peripheral. Fifth, even when deliberately planted by only a few, it derives authority largely from the mob. Indeed, expert-authority is helpless against its seductive power. So, a rumour is a useful half-truth with strong emotional overtones that spreads fast, gripping individual minds to create a common consciousness and agency, often with grave social

consequences. (221) Rumours are efficacious in societies already prepared to receive them. What then are the conditions that recede them? First, a context where there is either an information void or an information overload. Unable to satisfactorily make sense of their world in these uncertain contexts, humans become cognitively unstable and anxious. (222) To meet their cognitive needs, they are forced to rely on bits and pieces of available knowledge, on a patchwork of half-truths, a rag bag of allusions that together provide a fragile, corroborated framework for interpreting events. (10) Rumours feed on this mythic framework. Add emotional anxiety to this cognitive framework, and one has a ready-made arena for rumours to wither.

- Q214.** (a) criticized (b) polarisation (c) replete  
(d) contaminated (e) all are correct
- Q215.** (a) fertile (b) challenges (c) arson  
(d) lynching (e) all are correct
- Q216.** (a) pernicious (b) distract (c) cataclysmic  
(d) devastating (e) all are correct
- Q217.** (a) untested (b) veracity (c) loquacious  
(d) demonstrated (e) all are correct
- Q218.** (a) efficacy (b) unconfirmed (c) plausible  
(d) bizarre (e) all are correct
- Q219.** (a) Laced (b) psyche (c) subjugates  
(d) manifests (e) all are correct
- Q220.** (a) peripheral (b) deliberately (c) seductive  
(d) consciousness (e) all are correct
- Q221.** (a) efficacious (b) recede (c) void  
(d) satisfactorily (e) all are correct
- Q222.** (a) cognitive (b) patchwork (c) allusions  
(d) corroborated (e) all are correct
- Q223.** (a) mythic (b) anxiety (c) arena  
(d) wither (e) all are correct

**Directions (224-230): 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 fact that India's holiest river is counted among the 10 most polluted rivers of the world and its water in some places is so contaminated that it is \_\_\_\_\_ (224) even to be used for irrigation is absolutely \_\_\_\_\_ (225) After the failure of the \_\_\_\_\_ (226) Ganga Action Plan launched by former prime minister Rajiv Gandhi, the National Ganga River Basin Authority set up in 2009 too proved to be a \_\_\_\_\_ (227). Now, Prime Minister Narendra Modi's promise made during the election campaign to restore the glorious past of the river has raised the hopes of people. Though it is a \_\_\_\_\_ (228) challenge for Modi, he has made his intentions clear by appointing Uma Bharti as the Union minister for water resources, river development and Ganga \_\_\_\_\_ (229). She has already started the \_\_\_\_\_ (230) aimed at rescuing the river. It will be a litmus test for her too.

- Q224.** a) Unfit                      b) Disfit                      c) Proper  
d) lacking                      e) None of these
- Q225.** a) Stupefying                      b) Shocking                      c) Both a and b  
d) hobnobbing                      e) both a and d
- Q226.** a) Ambitious                      b) Suspicious                      c) Concoction  
d) Both 1 and 3                      e) None of these
- Q227.** a) Black elephant  
b) White elephant  
c) One's eyes are bigger than stomach.  
d) Follow suit  
e) None of these
- Q228.** a) frank                      b) wanton                      c) Formidable  
d) silly                      e) None of the above
- Q229.** a) Rejuvenation                      b) Debilitate                      c) Invalidate  
d) enfeeble                      e) None of these
- Q230.** a) Spadework                      b) Deception                      c) Both a and b  
d) appalling                      e) None of these

**Directions (231-236):** 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.

One India, an \_\_\_\_\_ (231) by Facebook on Republic TV, is series that showcases stories how communities are

empowering themselves to solve issues by \_\_\_\_\_ (232) the strength of digital platforms. On the episode \_\_\_\_\_ (233) on January 27, the spotlight was on SM Hoax Slayer, started by Pankaj Jain who was tired of fake articles shared by his friends and family and actively engaged in correcting them. Social media has given the common man the \_\_\_\_\_ (234) and power to communicate directly with their network, and their network's network. However, even though freedom of expression is a fundamental right for a democracy, in the age of Social Media it has created a \_\_\_\_\_ (235) for fake news to wreak havoc. Today, pranksters and negative social elements take advantage of this very freedom of expression to spread fake news to benefit from it financially or otherwise, Recognizing the need to \_\_\_\_\_ (236) multiple circulating fake news, Pankaj Jain, a 39-year old businessman from Mumbai, started a personal project to verify online content in 2015.

- Q231.** a) Scholarship                      b) Channel                      c) programme  
d) Initiative                      e) None of the above
- Q232.** a) Advantage                      b) Leveraging                      c) Regularly  
d) Equivocating                      e) None of the above
- Q233.** a) Hamstrunged                      b) marinated                      c) Telecasted  
d) Telecast                      e) None of the above.
- Q234.** a) Sorrow                      b) sentient                      c) Platform  
d) Surface                      e) None of the above
- Q235.** a) compelled                      b) Haven                      c) Miff  
d) Forage                      e) None of the above
- Q236.** a) rescue                      b) Refuge                      c) Debunk  
d) bequeathed                      e) None of the above

**Directions (237-246):** 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 COVID-19 PANDEMIC has eaten into the academic year of schools, creating ..... (i) challenges for teachers and learning problems for students. This emergency demands creative solutions from the country's education policymakers. Instead, the country's ..... (ii) examination body, the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE), has used the blunt and mechanical measure of reducing syllabi "by up to 30 per cent" to "reduce the course load for students of Class 9 to 12". ..... (iii) from





the syllabi of classes 11 and 12 are chapters on citizenship, nationalism, secularism and the Partition of the country. The algebra basic, the binomial theorem, and the chapter on mathematical reasoning have been sacrificed at the ..... (iv) of “curriculum rationalisation”. The CBSE and the Union Ministry of Human Resource Development reason that the cuts will “ease the ..... (v) on students”. But their reasoning actually reflects an old failing of education policy-making in India — there has been scarcely any attempt amongst policymakers to understand what actually stresses the child. The “course load” has become an easy ..... (vi) for student anxiety. Teachers have been given the ..... (vii) instruction that the dropped topics are to be “explained to students to the extent required to connect different topics.” They have also been told that these topics “would not be a part of either internal assessment or the board examination”. Such trivialization of knowledge is symptomatic of an outlook that regards textbooks as assemblages of facts, which have to be memorised and ..... (viii) in examinations — the curriculum only serves the utilitarian function of enabling students to pass examinations. This thinking has ..... (ix) an ecosystem in which coaching “institutes” mushroom and there is brisk business in guidebooks and ..... (x) of questions of past examinations and “model answers”. There is now a growing body of scholarly work which shows how the emphasis on “model answers” stands in the way of students approaching examination questions in a creative way. These faultlines in the system were also exposed by the Vyapam scam in Madhya Pradesh, more than a decade ago.

**Q237.** Find the word appropriate to be filled in (i)

- a) Catapult      b) Pedagogical      c) Fomenting  
d) Mellifluous      e) Jolt

The correct answer is b – Pedagogical Meaning of words – Pedagogical - The activities of educating or instructing; activities that impart knowledge or skill, Catapult - Shoot forth or launch, Jolt - move or cause to move with a sudden jerky motion, Fomenting – Try to stir up public opinion, Mellifluous – Pleasing to ear

**Q238..** Find the word appropriate to be filled in (ii)

- a) Unnerving      b) Onus      c) Elide  
d) Premier      e) Disavowing

**Q239.** Find the word appropriate to be filled in (iii)

- a) Excised      b) Imbuing      c) Ruction  
d) Downpour      e) Pervasive

**Q240.** Find the word appropriate to be filled in (iv)

- a) Altar      b) Tirade      c) Intimidate  
d) Fussy      e) Covenant

**Q241.** Find the word appropriate to be filled in (v)

- a) Gossamer      b) Impending      c) Burden  
d) Contended      e) Defamation

**Q242.** Find the word appropriate to be filled in (vi)

- a) Wile      b) Hiatus      c) Succinct  
d) Scapegoat      e) Confabulation

**Q243.** Find the word appropriate to be filled in (vii)

- a) Disgorge      b) Snubbed      c) Vague  
d) Substantive      e) Impasse

**Q244.** Find the word appropriate to be filled in (viii)

- a) Despot      b) Taint      c) Capricious  
d) Regurgitated      e) Seep

**Q245.** Find the word appropriate to be filled in (ix)

- a) Serpentine      b) Dogmatic      c) Bauble  
d) Fostered      e) Bagatelle

**Q246.** Find the word appropriate to be filled in (x)

- a) Unicameral      b) Backlog      c) Crux  
d) Compendia      e) Acme

**Directions (247-252):** 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 start point for DATA is mandatory and common data standards for all entities receiving government funds in all forms of funding and the endpoint is a single searchable website to ..... (i) total government funding by element and entity. But covering the distance between these needs three elements: 100 per cent end-to-end electronic data capture, data governance for standards across all government entities, and technology architecture. The first is clear; all receipts and expenditure transactions including demands, assessment, and invoices should be received, processed, and paid electronically. The second is complex; data standards are rules for describing and recording data elements with precise meanings and ..... (ii) that enable integration, sharing, and interoperability. Prescribing data elements for all transactions will ensure standardization, clarify ..... (iii), minimise redundant data, and create protocols for integration across different databases across entities receiving government funds, collecting revenues on behalf of the government, and those







discharging core functions on behalf of the government. The proposed government-wide data standards ..... (iv) with real-time data captured end-to-end will enable the use of ..... (v) intelligence tools like analytics, artificial intelligence, machine learning, which in turn will support the establishment of budget baselines, detecting anomalies, data-driven project/activity costing, performance comparisons across departments and agencies, and benchmarking. The third element of technology architecture must ensure that all IT government systems should conform to a prescribed open architecture framework (for instance, IndEA) while ensuring ..... (vi) security and maintaining privacy. A citizen-centric view of a single source of truth encompassing every rupee of public money would make the 299 remarkable people who wrote India's Constitution proud of this 21st-century citizen empowerment innovation.

**Q247.** Find the word appropriate to be filled in (i)

- a) Parsimony      b) Ascertain      c) Avarice  
d) Hotheads      e) Disdain

**Q248.** Find the word appropriate to be filled in (ii)

- a) Punctilious      b) Panegyric      c) Semantics  
d) Slapdash      e) Keel

**Q249.** Find the word appropriate to be filled in (iii)

- a) Ambiguity      b) Exonerate      c) Locust  
d) Exculpate      e) Obscenity

**Q250.** Find the word appropriate to be filled in (iv)

- a) Coupled      b) Stale      c) Vocation  
d) Peremptorily      e) Hackneyed

**Q251.** Find the word appropriate to be filled in (v)

- a) Nadir      b) Impeach      c) Perilously  
d) Inexpedient      e) Cognitive

**Q252.** Find the word appropriate to be filled in (vi)

- a) Indict      b) Flamboyant      c) Robust  
d) Defiance      e) Vulnerable





## Answers And Solutions Set-8

**Q214.Ans. (a)**

The bold word “criticized” doesn’t fit in the context of the paragraph.

“Criticized for” and “accused of” are the right expressions.

Hence, “criticized” should be replaced by “accused” which means charge (someone) with an offence or crime. Thereby, option (a) becomes the most suitable answer choice.

Replete: filled or well-supplied with something.

**Q215.Ans. (b)**

The bold word “challenges” doesn’t fit in the context of the paragraph.

Hence, “challenges” should be replaced by “consequences” which means a result or effect, typically one that is unwelcome or unpleasant. Thereby, option (b) becomes the most suitable answer choice.

Arson: the criminal act of deliberately setting fire to property.

**Q216.Ans. (b)**

The bold word “distract” doesn’t fit in the context of the paragraph.

Hence, “distract” should be replaced by “disappear” which means cease to be visible. Thereby, option (b) becomes the most suitable answer choice.

Pernicious: having a harmful effect, especially in a gradual or subtle way.

Cataclysmic: (of a natural event) large-scale and violent.

**Q217.Ans. (c)**

The bold word “loquacious” doesn’t fit in the context of the paragraph.

Hence, “loquacious” should be replaced by “ambiguous” which means open to more than one interpretation; not having one obvious meaning. Thereby, option (c) becomes the most suitable answer choice.

Veracity: conformity to facts; accuracy.

Loquacious: tending to talk a great deal; talkative.

**Q218.Ans. (e)**

all the given words are correctly used and make contextually and grammatically correct sense. Hence option (e) is the correct answer choice.

**Q219.Ans. (c)**

The bold word “subjugates” doesn’t fit in the context of the paragraph.

Hence, “subjugates” should be replaced by “circulates” which means pass from place to place or person to person. Thereby, option (c) becomes the most suitable answer choice.

Laced: fasten

Subjugates: bring under domination or control, especially by conquest.

Manifests: show (a quality or feeling) by one's acts or appearance; demonstrate.

**Q220.Ans. (a)**

The bold word “peripheral” doesn’t fit in the context of the paragraph.

Hence, “peripheral” should be replaced by “ephemeral” which means lasting for a very short time. Thereby, option (a) becomes the most suitable answer choice.

**Q221.Ans. (b)**

The bold word “recede” doesn’t fit in the context of the paragraph.

Hence, “recede” should be replaced by “beget” which means cause; bring about. Thereby, option (b) becomes the most suitable answer choice.

Efficacious: (of something inanimate or abstract) successful in producing a desired or intended result; effective.

Recede: gradually diminish.

**Q222.Ans. (d)**

The bold word “corroborated” doesn’t fit in the context of the paragraph.

Hence, “corroborated” should be replaced by “uncontroverted” which means not confirmed or supported by other evidence or information. Thereby, option (d) becomes the most suitable answer choice.

Cognitive: relating to cognition.

Allusions: an expression designed to call something to mind without mentioning it explicitly; an indirect or passing reference.

**Q223.Ans. (d)**

The bold word “wither” doesn’t fit in the context of the paragraph.

Hence, “wither” should be replaced by “flourish” which means develop rapidly and successfully. Thereby, option (d) becomes the most suitable answer choice.

**Q224.Ans. (a)**

option a, the blank requires a verb, unfit is the most contextually correct word for the blank. Disfit word doesn’t exist in English.



**Q225.Ans. (c)**

option c, the blank requires a verb because it is followed by adverb, Stupefy means to shock somebody. hobnobbing means friendly talk

**Q226.Ans. (a)**

Option a, the blank needs a noun, ambitious means being hopeful, concoction means mixture of various ingredients. other options are out of context.

**Q227.Ans. (b)**

Option b, White elephant is an idiom meaning something that you no longer need and that is not useful any more, although it cost a lot of money which is a perfect fit in the blank, One's eyes are bigger than stomach means one has consumed more food than one can chew, follow suit means imitate.

**Q228.Ans. (c)**

Option c, blank demands noun, Formidable means difficult to deal with; needing a lot of effort. wanton means undisciplined

**Q229.Ans. (d)**

Option d, blank needs noun as it is preceded by article 'the' Rejuvenation means restore to an original state. the sentence is positive, all negative options are eliminated except a, enfeeble and debilitate are synonyms meaning weaken.

**Q230.Ans. (a)**

Option a, the blank needs a noun as it is preceded by article 'the', Spadework means the hardwork that has to be done in order to prepare for something which fits the context perfectly.

**Q231.Ans. (d)**

Option d, the blank demands a noun having a sound of vowel because of presence of an before the blank. so all the options are eliminated except initiative.

**Q232.Ans. (B)**

Option b, the blank requires a verb in ing form, leveraging means taking advantage of something. equivocating means not clear.

**Q233.Ans. (d)**

Option d, the blank requires a verb in past tense, all the three forms of verb for telecast is telecast itself. Telecast is the correct usage, hamstring means obstruct which is a wrong usage here. marinated means to soak something in order to absorb the flavour.

**Q234.Ans. (c)**

Option c, the blank requires a noun because of article the. platform means medium to do something. sentient means sensation

**Q235.Ans. (b)**

Option b, the blank requires a noun because of article 'a' before the blank. haven means place of safety. all other options are contextually incorrect. foraging means searching, miff means irritate.

**Q236.Ans. (c)**

option c, debunk means expose the falsehood of something, other options are contextually incorrect

**Q237.** The correct answer is b – Pedagogical Meaning of words – Pedagogical - The activities of educating or instructing; activities that impart knowledge or skill, Catapult - Shoot forth or launch, Jolt - move or cause to move with a sudden jerky motion, Fomenting – Try to stir up public opinion, Mellifluous – Pleasing to ear

**Q238.Ans. (d)**

The correct answer is d – Premier Meaning of words – Premier – The person or organization which is head of others, Disavowing - To refuse strongly and solemnly to own or acknowledge, Elide - To break or dash in pieces, Onus - A burden/ a difficult concern/ an obligation, Unnerving - Inspiring fear

**Q239.Ans. (a)**

The correct answer is a – Excised Meaning of words – Excised - Remove by erasing, Imbuing - to cause to become impressed or penetrated, Ruction - the act of making a noisy disturbance, Downpour - A heavy rain or shower, Pervasive - Spreading throughout

**Q240.Ans. (a)**

The correct answer is a – Altar Meaning of words – Altar – A raised structure on which sacrifices are offered, Tirade - a speech of violent denunciation, Fussy - annoyed and irritable, Intimidate- To compel or deter by or as if by threats, Covenant - An undertaking/ on sufficient consideration

**Q241.Ans. (c)**

The correct answer is c – Burden Meaning of words – Burden - an onerous or difficult concern, impending - close in time; about to occur, Gossamer - characterized by unusual lightness and delicacy, Contended - Have an argument about something, Defamation- A false accusation of an accuse or a malicious misrepresentation of someone's words or actions

**Q242.Ans. (d)**



The correct answer is d – Scapegoat Meaning of words – Scapegoat - someone who is punished for the errors of others, Wile - the use of tricks to deceive someone, Hiatus - an interruption in the intensity or amount of something, Succinct - Briefly giving the gist of something, Confabulation - An informal conversation

**Q243.Ans. (c)**

The correct answer is c – Vague Meaning of words – Vague - Lacking clarity or distinctness, Disgorge - Vomit forth what anything contains; to discharge; to make restitution, Snubbed - Refuse to acknowledge, Substantive - Having a firm basis in reality and being therefore important, meaningful or considerable, Impasse - A situation in which no progress can be made

**Q244.Ans. (d)**

The correct answer is d – Regurgitated Meaning of words – Regurgitated - to rush or surge back, Despot - One who rules regardless of a constitution or laws, Capricious - determined by chance or impulse or whim rather than by necessity or reason, Taint - The state of being contaminated, Seep - Pass gradually or leak through or as if through small openings

**Q245.Ans. (d)**

The correct answer is d – Fostered Meaning of words – Fostered - Help develop and grow, Bagatelle - a thing of no importance, Bauble - cheap showy jewelry or ornament on clothing, Dogmatic - Characterized by assertion or unproved principles, Serpentine - Having the qualities of a serpent/ winding or turning one way and the other

**Q246.Ans. (d)**

The correct answer is d – Compendia Meaning of words – Compendia – A concise but comprehensive summary of a larger work, Unicameral - composed of one legislative body, Acme - The top of highest point of something, Backlog - An accumulation of unfulfilled jobs or materials yet to be dealt with, Crux - Anything that is very puzzling or difficult to explain/ the most important point

**Directions (247-252): 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.**

**Q247.Ans. (b)**

The correct answer is b – Ascertain Meaning of words – Ascertain - Be careful or certain to do something; make certain of something, Avarice - insatiable desire for wealth, Parsimony - reluctance to

spend money unnecessarily, Hotheads - A reckless belligerent and irresponsible person, Disdain - Regard someone with contempt and aversion

**Q248.Ans. (c)**

The correct answer is c – Semantics Meaning of words – Semantics - The study of language meaning, Punctilious - marked by precise accordance with details, Panegyric - An oration or eulogy in praise of some person or achievement, Slapdash - In a careless or reckless manner, Keel - To navigate

**Q249.Ans. (a)**

The correct answer is a – Ambiguity Meaning of words – Ambiguity - An expression whose meaning cannot be determined from its context, Exonerate - pronounce not guilty of criminal charges, Exculpate - To clear from alleged fault or guilt, Locust - Migratory grasshoppers of warm regions, Obscenity - The trait of behaving in an abusive or impure language

**Q250.Ans. (a)**

The correct answer is a – Coupled Meaning of words – Coupled - Joined together especially in a pair or pairs, Hackneyed - repeated too often; over familiar through overuse, Stale - lacking freshness, palatability, or showing deterioration from age, Vocation - The particular occupation for which a person is trained, Peremptorily - In an imperative and commanding manner

**Q251.Ans. (e)**

The correct answer is e – Cognitive Meaning of words – Cognitive - Of or being or relating to or involving cognition, Impeach - challenge the honesty or veracity of, Nadir - an extreme state of adversity; the lowest point of anything, Perilously - In a dangerous manner, Inexpedient - Not suitable or advisable

**Q252.Ans. (c)**

The correct answer is c – Robust Meaning of words – Robust - Sturdy and strong in form, constitution, or construction, Indict - accuse formally of a crime, Flamboyant - marked by ostentation but often tasteless, Defiance - A state of opposition/ willingness to fight, Vulnerable - Susceptible to criticism or attack





## Set-9

**Directions (253-260):** 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.

A blanket gag order against the media is often ..... (i) with serious consequences for both free speech and the citizen's right to receive information. Orders by different courts, .....(ii) the media from reporting on particular cases or programmes from being telecast, have withdrawn attention this week to questions of prior restraint, media freedom and the right of people facing investigation to a fair trial. A quite unusual and legally questionable decision has been the order of the Andhra Pradesh High Court ..... (iii) ban on the media, and even on social media, from mentioning anything in relation to an FIR filed by the police against a former Advocate General of the state. It is unusual in the sense that there appears to be no material to justify such censorship other than an allegation by the petitioner that it is a ..... (iv) case. It is also accompanied by an order staying the investigation itself. It is indeed open to a High Court to grant a stay on investigation in extraordinary cases. When political ..... (v) is alleged against the government of the day and that too by someone who had served a previous regime as a law officer, the need for media coverage and public ..... (vi) is all the greater. .... (vii) against publication can either be an order to prevent possible defamation or ..... (viii) of privacy, or one aimed at protecting the fairness of a trial or investigation.

**Q253.** Find the word appropriate to be filled in (i)

- a) Astute                      b) Curt                      c) Lampoon  
d) Anecdote                      e) Fraught

**Q254.** Find the word appropriate to be filled in (ii)

- a) Sabbatical                      b) Hobble                      c) Restraining  
d) Implication                      e) Dampen

**Q255.** Find the word appropriate to be filled in (iii)

- a) Amble                      b) Imposing                      c) Goofy  
d) Grievous                      e) Having power to constrain

**Q256.** Find the word appropriate to be filled in (iv)

- a) Tapering                      b) Paean                      c) Prenatal  
d) Foisted                      e) Grappling

**Q257.** Find the word appropriate to be filled in (v)

- a) Hussy                      b) Jinx                      c) Shedding  
d) Vendetta                      e) Fettered

**Q258.** Find the word appropriate to be filled in (vi)

- a) Ballyhoo                      b) Scrutiny                      c) Harbinger  
d) Remit                      e) Intimidate

**Q259.** Find the word appropriate to be filled in (vii)

- a) Sparse                      b) Edict                      c) Premonition  
d) Rouge                      e) Injunctions

**Q260.** Find the word appropriate to be filled in (viii)

- a) Unkempt                      b) Beget                      c) Invasion  
d) Misgivings                      e) Rampant

**Directions (261-266):** 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.

At first glance, they are difficult to ..... (i). On a closer, second look, the dots, curves and the 'akku' unique to the Tamil script – albeit stylized – reveal themselves. In straight, thick lines, they are ..... (ii) in a calligraphic style which is satisfying contemporary. And, interestingly, what lends content to this style is ancient Tamil literature. Avvaiyar's 12th Century text, Aathichoodi, a collection of 109 single-line quotations arranged in alphabetical order that ..... (iii) everything from good habits to the importance of discipline. An ..... (iv) reader of Tamil literature, Chennai based artist Arvind Sundar draws a lot from ancient texts in his calligraphic practice. His lockdown interest has now evolved itself into an online design studio, which he runs along with photographer Mahesh Thiru. His studio ..... (v) to create a contemporary design space exclusively for Tamil literature. The studio's upcoming project is a pack of playing cards demarcated by the four dynasties that ruled Tamil Nadu – namely the Chola, Chera, Pandya and Pallava. The kings are portrayed in their war ..... (vi) with the royal insignia, while the queens take up different roles pertaining to medicine, literature and battle.

**Q261.** Find the word appropriate to be filled in (i)

- a) Jettison                      b) Decipher                      c) Assiduity  
d) Whittled                      e) Battered

**Q262.** Find the word appropriate to be filled in (ii)

- a) Limp                      b) Inscribed                      c) Oblivious  
d) Rogatory                      e) Inundation







**Q263.** Find the word appropriate to be filled in (iii)

- a) Convalesce      b) Preaches      c) Spiteful  
d) Assailants      e) Buttress

**Q264.** Find the word appropriate to be filled in (iv)

- a) Esthetic      b) Renegade      c) Extradited  
d) Avid      e) Freak

**Q265.** Find the word appropriate to be filled in (v)

- a) Sybarite      b) Strives      c) Shun  
d) Staggering      e) Minacious

**Q266.** Find the word appropriate to be filled in (vi)

- a) Inept      b) Pillage      c) Conspirator  
d) Attire      e) Elude

**Directions (267-276): 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 Government's decision to reconsider the minimum age of marriage for women is a welcome step. Currently ..... (i) at 18 years for women and 21 for men, the minimum age of marriage is a product of personal laws that mostly do not have equal rights for women. For Hindu women, the change from child marriage being a norm to outlawing it has been an ..... (ii) fight against religious and social conservatives. The Indian Penal Code in 1860 criminalised sexual intercourse with a girl below the age of 10, introducing the first legal framework for a minimum age of ..... (iii) for girls. Increasing the age by even just two years to 12 in the Age of Consent Bill in 1927 was opposed by many nationalists who saw the move as ..... (iv) interference with local customs. In 1929, the barrier was further raised to ..... (v) marriage of girls below 16. From then, it took nearly five decades to bring the law to its current standard of 18 years for women and 21 for men. There are two crucial reasons that make it necessary to update the law again. First is to improve female health. According to a United Nations Population Fund report, India is home to one in three child brides in the world. Early marriages causing early pregnancies are ..... (vi) linked to higher rates of malnourishment, maternal and infant mortality. Although maternal mortality rate has been declining, the move to increase the minimum age of marriage could ..... (vii) the fight. Second is the promise of equality made to women under the Constitution. There is no reason why the law makes the ..... (viii) that the minimum age of marriage must be different for men and women. It

..... (ix) benevolent sexism or the stereotype that women are more mature and therefore, can be given greater responsibilities at a younger age in comparison to men. The reflection of ..... (x) in personal laws must change to fit the framework of the Constitution.

**Q267.** Find the word appropriate to be filled in (i)

- a) Pliant      b) Toil      c) Leeway  
d) Arraignment      e) Pegged

**Q268.** Find the word appropriate to be filled in (ii)

- a) Comet      b) Reprove      c) Rouse  
d) Satchel      e) Arduous

**Q269.** Find the word appropriate to be filled in (iii)

- a) Devoured      b) Consent      c) Tawdry  
d) Gamut      e) Jingoism

**Q270.** Find the word appropriate to be filled in (iv)

- a) Trinket      b) Imperial      c) Incarcerations  
d) Talisman      e) Fore

**Q271.** Find the word appropriate to be filled in (v)

- a) Outlaw      b) Lull      c) Fallible  
d) Frantic      e) Extricate

**Q272.** Find the word appropriate to be filled in (vi)

- a) Progeny      b) Flicker      c) Inherently  
d) Tactic      e) Ploy

**Q273.** Find the word appropriate to be filled in (vii)

- a) Gallant      b) Boost      c) Espoused  
d) Jocular      e) Ardent

**Q274.** Find the word appropriate to be filled in (viii)

- a) Peril      b) Nebulous      c) Fetish  
d) Presumption      e) Arid

**Q275.** Find the word appropriate to be filled in (ix)

- a) Flagrant      b) Dismal      c) Perpetuates  
d) Murky      e) Miniature

**Q276.** Find the word appropriate to be filled in (x)

- a) Jocose      b) Repudiate      c) Immaculate  
d) Patriarchy      e) Embellished

**Directions (277-281): 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 of the given words in each set 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.

(196) Pearl Harbor is a U.S. naval base near Honolulu, Hawaii, that was the scene of a devastating surprise attack by Japanese forces on December 7, 1941. Just before 8 a.m. on that Sunday morning, hundreds of Japanese fighter planes absconded on the base, where they managed to (197) destroy or damage nearly 20 American naval vessels, including eight battleships, and over 300 airplanes. More than 2,400 Americans deranged in the attack, including civilians, and another 1,000 people were wounded. (198) The day after the assaulted, President Franklin D. Roosevelt asked Congress to declare war on Japan. The attack on Pearl Harbor was a surprise, but Japan and the United States had been edging toward war for decades. (199) The United States was particularly unhappy with Japan's increasingly benevolent attitude toward China. The Japanese government believed that the only way to solve its economic and demographic problems was to expand into its neighbor's territory and take over its import market. (200) To this end, Japan declared war on China in 1937, resulting in the Nanking Massacre and other atrocities. American officials responded to this aggression with a battery of economic sanctions and trade embankment. They reasoned that without access to money and goods, and especially essential supplies like oil, Japan would have to rein in its expansionism. Instead, the sanctions made the Japanese more determined to stand their ground. During months of negotiations between Tokyo and Washington, D.C., neither side would budge. It seemed that war was all but inevitable.

- Q277.** (a) Devastating (b) By (c) Absconded  
(d) Managed (e) No error.
- Q278.** (a) Damage (b) Vessels (c) Deranged  
(d) Wounded (e) No error.
- Q279.** (a) Assailed (b) Asked (c) Declare  
(d) On (e) No error.
- Q280.** (a) Unhappy (b) Benevolent (c) Believed  
(d) Demographic (e) No error.
- Q281.** (a) Atrocities (b) Aggression (c) Embankment  
(d) Expansionism (e) No error.

**Directions (282-289):** Given below is a paragraph that has blank spaces. Corresponding to each blank five options are given, out of which

only one is appropriate. Choose the option that fits most suitably in the given blank making sentence grammatically and contextually correct.

Galaxy \_\_\_\_\_ (282) is at the heart of our understanding of cosmic evolution. Although there is a consensus that galaxies \_\_\_\_\_ (283) from the expanding matter background by gravitational instability of primordial fluctuations, a \_\_\_\_\_ (284) of additional physical processes must be understood and \_\_\_\_\_ (285) in theoretical models before these can be reliably used to \_\_\_\_\_ (286) observations. In parallel, the astonishing recent progresses made in detecting galaxies that formed only a few hundreds of million years after the Big Bang is pushing the \_\_\_\_\_ (287) for more sophisticated and detailed studies of early structures. In this review, we combine the information gleaned from different theoretical models/studies to build a coherent picture of the Universe in its early stages which includes the physics of galaxy formation along with the \_\_\_\_\_ (288) that early structures had on large-scale \_\_\_\_\_ (289) as cosmic re-ionization and metal enrichment of the intergalactic medium.

- Q282.** (a) Undoing (b) Jumbling (c) Initiation  
(d) Formation (e) Lowering
- Q283.** (a) Instituted (b) Scented (c) Abled  
(d) Resisted (e) Emerged
- Q284.** (a) Numerous (b) Glowing (c) Number  
(d) Religious (e) Industrious
- Q285.** (a) Implemented (b) Invest (c) Inexperienced  
(d) Imagined (e) Destroyed
- Q286.** (a) Skill (b) Interpret (c) Disturb  
(d) Supervise (e) Hinder
- Q287.** (a) Rest (b) Raise (c) Hunt  
(d) Replacement (e) Abhor
- Q288.** (a) Season (b) Sustenance (c) Venture  
(d) Impact (e) Loop
- Q289.** (a) Places (b) Inferences (c) Processes  
(d) Diagnose (e) Distinctions





## Answers And Solutions

### Set-9

#### Q253.Ans. (c)

The correct answer is e – Fraught Meaning of words – Fraught - Filled with or attended with, Astute - marked by practical hardheaded intelligence, Curt - brief and to the point, Lampoon - Ridicule someone with satire, Anecdote - A particular or detached incident or fact of an interesting nature

#### Q254.Ans. (c)

The correct answer is c – Restraining Meaning of words – Restraining - Place limits on (extent or access), Sabbatical - enjoying or bringing an intermission of labor, Hobble - walk impeded by some physical limitation or injury, Implication - Something that is inferred/ a meaning that is not expressively stated but can be inferred, Dampen - Smother or suppress/ make moist

#### Q255.Ans. (b)

The correct answer is b – Imposing Meaning of words – Imposing - Compel to behave in a certain way, Amble - walk leisurely, Goofy - Adapted to excite laughter, without scorn or contempt, Grievous - Causing fear or anxiety by threatening great harm, Coercive - Having power to constrain

#### Q256.Ans. (d)

The correct answer is d – Foisted Meaning of words – Foisted - To force onto another, Tapering - Becoming gradually smaller toward one end, Paeon - a formal expression of praise, Prenatal - Being or happening before birth, Grappling - The act of engaging in close hand-to-hand combat

#### Q257.Ans. (d)

The correct answer is d – Vendetta Meaning of words – Vendetta - Action taken in return for an injury or offence, Hussy - A worthless woman or girl/ a housewife or housekeeper, Jinx - a person believed to bring bad luck to those around him, Shedding - A tiny or scarcely detectable amount, Fettered - Confine or restraining something

#### Q258.Ans. (b)

The correct answer is b – Scrutiny Meaning of words – Scrutiny - The act of examining something closely (as for mistakes), Ballyhoo - advertize noisily or blatantly/ blatant or sensational promotion, Harbinger - something that precedes and indicates the approach of something or someone, Remit - To give up/surrender/resign or to send money in a payment, Intimidate - Make timid or fearful

#### Q259.Ans. (e)

The correct answer is e – Injunctions Meaning of words – Injunctions - A formal command or admonition, Sparse - Not dense, Edict - a formal or authoritative proclamation, Premonition - A feeling of evil to come, Rouge - Redden cheeks or to show anger

#### Q260.Ans. (e)

The correct answer is c – Invasion Meaning of words – Invasion - Any entry into an area not previously occupied, Unkempt - not properly maintained or cared for, Beget - To produce as an effect/ to cause to exist, Misgivings - Painful expectation/ doubt or mistrust, Rampant - Unrestrained and violent

#### Q261.Ans. (b)

The correct answer is b – Decipher Meaning of words – Decipher - Convert code into ordinary language, Jettison - throw away, of something encumbering, Assiduity - great and constant diligence and attention, Whittled - To cut or shape a piece of wood with a small knife, Battered - Damaged by blows or hard usage/exhibiting symptoms resulting from repeated physical and emotional injury

#### Q262.Ans. (b)

The correct answer is b – Inscribed Meaning of words – Inscribed - Written (by handwriting, printing, engraving, or carving) on or in a surface, Limp - walk impeded by some physical limitation or injury/ proceed slowly or with difficulty, Oblivious – lacking conscious awareness of, Rogatory - Seeking information/ authorized to examine witnesses or ascertain facts, Inundation - An overwhelming number or amount

#### Q263.Ans. (b)

The correct answer is b – Preaches Meaning of words – Preaches - Speak, plead, or argue in favour of, Convalesce - To recover health and strength gradually, after sickness or weakness, Spiteful - showing malicious ill will and a desire to hurt, Assailants - One who or that which assails, attacks or assaults, Buttress - Anything that supports or strengthens

#### Q264.Ans. (d)

The correct answer is d – Avid Meaning of words – Avid - Marked by active interest and enthusiasm, Esthetic - concerning or characterized by an appreciation of beauty or good taste, Renegade - One faithless to principle or party, Extradited - Hand over or delivered to the authorities of another country, Freak - Someone who is strongly devoted to something that it resembles an addiction



**Q265.Ans. (b)**

The correct answer is b – Strives Meaning of words – Strives - Attempt by employing effort, Sybarite – a person addicted to luxury and pleasures of the senses, Shun - avoid and stay away from something deliberately, Staggering - Surprisingly impressive to stun or overwhelm, Minacious - Threatening or foreshadowing evil or tragic developments

**Q266.Ans. (d)**

The correct answer is d – Attire Meaning of words – Attire - Clothing of a distinctive style or for a particular occasion, Inept - generally incompetent and ineffectual, Pillage - To strip of money or goods by open violence, Conspirator - One who engages in a conspiracy or plot, Elude - Escape, either physically or mentally

**Q267.Ans. (e)**

The correct answer is e – Pegged Meaning of words – Pegged - Succeed in obtaining a position, Pliant - capable of being influenced or formed capable of being influenced or formed, Toil - Work hard, Leeway - A permissible difference, Arraignment - A calling to an account to faults/ accusation

**Q268.Ans. (e)**

The correct answer is e – Arduous Meaning of words – Arduous - Characterized by effort to the point of exhaustion; especially physical effort, Cornet - A brass instrument, with cupped mouthpiece, and furnished with valves or pistons, now used in bands, and, in place of the trumpet, in orchestras, Reprove - To express disapprobation of, Rouse - Become active/ excited to thought or action from a state of inattention, Satchel - A little sack or bag for carrying papers/ luggage consisting of a small case with a flat bottom and a shoulder strap

**Q269.Ans. (b)**

The correct answer is b – Consent Meaning of words – Consent - Give an affirmative reply to; respond favourably to, Devoured - destroy completely, Tawdry - Tastelessly showy, Gamut - A complete extent or range of something, Jingoism - An appeal intended to arouse patriotic emotions

**Q270.Ans. (b)**

The correct answer is b – Imperial Meaning of words – Imperial - Relating to or associated with an empire, Trinket - A thing of little value, Incarcerations - The act of confining or the state of being confined, Talisman - Something that produces extraordinary effects especially in averting or repelling evil, Fore - Method of proceeding/ front, future

**Q271.Ans. (a)**

The correct answer is a – Outlaw Meaning of words – Outlaw - Disobedient to or defiant of law, Lull - a pause during which things are calm or activities are diminished/ calm by deception, Fallible - likely to fail or make errors, Frantic - Wild and disorderly, Extricate - Release or free from difficulties

**Q272.Ans. (c)**

The correct answer is c – Inherently Meaning of words – Inherently - Existing as an essential constituent or characteristic, Progeny - Descendants of the human kind or offspring of other animals; children; offspring; race, lineage, Flicker - Move back and forth very rapidly/ a momentary flash of light, Tactic - A plan for attaining a particular goal, Ploy - A trick or maneuver in a game or conversation/ an opening remark intended to secure an advantage for the speaker

**Q273.Ans. (b)**

The correct answer is b – Boost Meaning of words – Boost - Contribute to the progress or growth of, Ardent - Characterized by intense emotion, Gallant - a man who is much concerned with his dress and appearance/ unflinching in battle or action, Espoused - Choose and follow theories, policies, ideas or plans of someone/ to promise something in marriage, Jocular - Characterized by jokes and good humour

**Q274.Ans. (d)**

The correct answer is d – Presumption Meaning of words – Presumption - An assumption that is taken for granted, Peril - To expose to danger, Nebulous - lacking definite form or limits, Fetish - Any object to which one is excessively devoted, Arid - Exhausted of moisture/ lacking sufficient water or rainfall

**Q275.Ans. (c)**

The correct answer is c – Perpetuates Meaning of words – Perpetuates - Cause to continue or prevail, Flagrant - conspicuously and outrageously bad or reprehensible, Dismal - sorrowful and depressing to the feelings, Murky - Dark and gloomy, Miniature – Anything much smaller than usual size or length

**Q276.Ans. (d)**

The correct answer is d – Patriarchy Meaning of words – Patriarchy - A form of social organization in which a male is the family head and title is traced through the male line, Jocular - Characterized by jokes and good humor, Repudiate - refuse to acknowledge, ratify, or recognize as valid, Immaculate - Free from stain or blemish/ without fault or error, Embellished - Make appear better or greater.





**Q277.Ans. (c)**

'descended' will be the correct use instead of 'absconded'.

Descended- move or fall downwards.

"The aircraft began to descend"

Absconded- leave hurriedly and secretly, typically to escape from custody or avoid arrest.

Hence option (c) is the correct answer choice.

**Q278.Ans. (c)**

'died' will be the correct use instead of 'deranged'.

Deranged- mad; insane.

It is contextually incorrect word.

Hence option (c) is the correct answer choice.

**Q279.Ans. (a)**

'assault' will be the correct use instead of 'assaulted'.

Assault (verb) - make a physical attack on

Assault (noun) - a physical attack

Here 'Assault' is used as a noun whereas 'assaulted' is the past participle of the 'assault' as a verb.

'Assaulted' used here is grammatically incorrect

Hence option (a) is the correct answer choice.

**Q280.Ans. (b)**

'benevolent' used here is contextually incorrect.

Benevolent- well-meaning and kindly

Here in the given passage the warlike nature of Japan has been shown so a correct word to be used here should be 'belligerent'.

Hence option (b) is the correct answer choice.

**Q281.Ans. (c)**

'embankment' used here is contextually incorrect.

Embankment- a wall or bank of earth or stone built to prevent a river flooding an area.

"Economic sanctions and trade embargo" phrase gives a perfect sense to the given passage.

Embargo- an official ban on trade or other commercial activity with a particular country

Hence option (c) is the correct answer choice.

**Q282.Ans. (d)**

Formation is the appropriate word to be used. Since the first statement talks about cosmic evolution which could only happen by the galaxy formation, hence it is to be used. Rest all the words are not suitable to be used.

**Q283.Ans. (e)**

Emerged is the word that must come in the given blank. The line means to say that although there is a general agreement that galaxies have emerged from the expanding matter background by gravitational instability of

**Q284.Ans. (c)**

Option (c) is the most suitable choice. Here only 'number' is relevant among all the given words i.e., a number of additional physical processes must be understood.

Industrious means diligent and hard-working.

**Q285.Ans. (a)**

Option (a) is the correct choice to be used here. 'Implemented' will be used because here additional physical processes must be understood and implemented that is must be inculcated in theoretical models before they can be reliably used. Invest is not the right form of verb. Inexperienced, imagined and destroyed are irrelevant.

**Q286.Ans. (b)**

Option (b) is the most suitable choice. 'Interpret' means explain the meaning of.

Skill means the ability to do something well.

Supervise means observe and direct the execution of (a task or activity).

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

**Q287.Ans. (c)**

Option (c) is the correct choice. Hunt means a long or arduous search for something. Here the statement means that the Big Bang is pushing the search or hunt for more sophisticated and detailed studies of early structures.

Abhor- regard with disgust and hatred.

**Q288.Ans. (d)**

Option (d) is the most suitable choice. Impact must be used in the blank given as the line refers about the different theoretical models or studies to build a coherent picture of the Universe in its early stages which includes the physics of galaxy formation along with the impact that early structures had.

**Q289.Ans. (c)**

Option (c) is the most apt choice. 'Processes' must be used since 'large scale processes' is the only relevant choice here to be used with cosmic re-ionization. Places, inferences, inculcations and distinctions all cannot be used with large scale word and hence are irrelevant.







## Set-10

**Direction (290-298): Read the following paragraph and answer the questions related to it.**

‘Women officers are only showpieces in the Army!’ he said and went on with similar \_\_\_\_\_ (i). Those gendered swipes were made at a woman soldier discharging her duties at the sensitive Indo-Pak border for months at a stretch. She had seen no civilian life or even the face of another woman (viii). She was facing extreme weather conditions of the Thar Desert in the peak of winter; living in makeshift tents with no concrete roof above or floor below; with no privacy as a woman, as there were only male soldiers for miles around (ix). The accusations of ‘taking away our share of peace postings’ were made against a woman soldier who wore a dog tag and was out there (vi). She was ready to make the supreme sacrifice for the country in the event of a war (vii). In 2001, India’s Parliament was attacked by Pakistan-trained terrorists. The PM then, Atal Bihari Vajpayee, decided to launch a \_\_\_\_\_ (v) attack. Lakhs of troops were mobilised to the border. She was a young Captain, on leave, when the orders of ‘recall from leave’ came. Leaving her two year-old child, the mother reported on duty. Her Air Defence regiment, located in central India, got orders to get deploy along (xi) the border and the responsibility of safely transporting the goods train full of weapon systems, associated equipment and manpower was assigned to her. The train took 15 days to reach the operational area. The task was accomplished without a glitch. At no point did she think that she is a woman, and the only one in the train and the deployment area (ii). A woman living in an extreme war situation, performing exceptionally well and excelling hurt the male ego of some fellow officers (iii). Thus they started the everyday nagging, \_\_\_\_\_ (iv) remarks for being in a profession that didn’t belong to her gender. A climate of intimidation and insecurity was created — ‘women officers are a liability’. It was the sheer ugliness of this mansplaining that made her existence a hell, not the hardships and exigencies of service. The perpetual sexist jibes lower the morale of women workers and drain out their energy, which otherwise is intended for job performance. \_\_\_\_\_ (x). Research shows that 80% of women have been confronted with this phenomenon of mansplaining and maninterrupting at work. In order to support inclusive and sustainable. Development, substantial measures need to be taken to prevent sexism and its manifestations in all public and private spheres. Our defence forces are at a nascent stage of including women in the organisational setup (xii). They have the opportunity to be at the forefront and lead by example by creating legislation, policies and programmes that perpetuate gender parity (xiii). Let them.

**Q290.** Find the word appropriate to be filled in (i)

- a) Dwindling      b) Sweeping      c) Fatality  
d) Affronts      e) Dismissal

**Q291.** Find the connector that can be used to join (viii) and (ix) sentences?

- a) Whether      b) While      c) Whereas  
d) Though      e) As

**Q292.** Find the sentence which is appropriate to be filled in (x) to make a coherent paragraph.

- a) Russia denies involvement and has dismissed the international investigation that led to the four suspects being charged as being prejudiced against Moscow.  
b) The marchers chanted slogan for equal rights and freedom of women.  
c) Such hostile environment impacts the organisational culture and its overall efficiency.  
d) As part of the diversification plan, Rs 100 crore has been kept side for giving dues to cane growers.  
e) None of the above

**Q293.** Find the word appropriate to be filled in (v)

- a) retaliatory      b) Exempt      c) Legitimate  
d) Retrospective      e) Improvisation

**Q294.** The phrase underlined in (xi) may or may not be grammatically correct. Find the correct replacement from the following options. If the underlined phrase is correct, select NO CORRECTION REQUIRED in option e.

- a) To get deployed along      b) To getting deploy for  
c) Towards get deployed along      d) In get deployed from  
e) No correction required

**Q295.** Which of the following can be used for starters if we join the (vi) and (vii) sentences?

- (1) Though the accusations were made...  
(2) Yet she was ready to make the supreme sacrifice...  
(3) Since a woman who wore a dog tag...  
a) Only 3      b) Only 1      c) Only 2  
d) Both 2 and 3      e) None of the above

**Q296.** Find the connector required to join sentences (ii) and (iii).

- a) Even if      b) Thus      c) However  
d) Whether      e) Also

**Q297.** Find the word appropriate to be filled in (iv)

- a) Pitched      b) Derogatory      c) Dissent  
d) Augmenting      e) Prevailing





**Q298.** Which of the following can be used for starters if we join the (xii) and (xiii) sentences?

- (1) As our defence forces are at a....  
 (2) Though our defence forces have opportunity to...  
 (3) Including women in the organizational setup...  
 a) Only 1                      b) Only 2                      c) Only 3  
 d) Both 1 and 3            e) None of the above

**Direction (299-307):** Read the following paragraph and answer the questions related to it.

Large-scale migration from rural to urban areas as well as the property boom led to the mushrooming of thousands of illegal colonies all across Punjab over the past couple of decades (vi). Bursting at their seams, most cities are an unseemly picture of unplanned growth and expansion (vii). This is a sad reflection of the \_\_\_\_\_ (i) of government foresight to cater to the demand for affordable housing. Unsettling questions on how the settlements could come into (xi) without the necessary clearances, as also how the authorities looked the other way, seem to have been brushed under the carpet. The result of not nipping the issue in the bud is that today the state is faced with the challenging complexity of regularising 6,000 colonies. (ii). It cannot afford to displace the lakhs of people — a formidable vote bank, now — who inhabit the colonies (iii). They have put in their lifetime's savings in their dream plots and apartments. It is a \_\_\_\_\_ (iv) that successive state governments have not been able to properly regulate and regularise all illegal houses despite policies framed from time to time. During the previous regime, of the 7,000 illegal colonies, nearly 2,500 were regularised. The offer of the present Congress government to legalise them has \_\_\_\_\_ (v) only 1,100 applications. Obviously, there are gaps in the proposals. The authorities need to iron out the creases in a strictly one-time, timebound manner with all the stakeholders: the Punjab Urban Planning and Development Authority, local governments, builders and residents. The regularisation will help the people get authorised power and water supply, sewerage and roads. \_\_\_\_\_ (x). A look into the Delhi plan in this connection would help. There is an urgent need to filter out structures that for various reasons are unviable and must be demolished (xii). Like the constructions in the Sukhna wetland that were recently ordered to be razed by the High Court (xiii). Urbanisation at the cost of environment is counter-productive. Zero tolerance for any colony is allowed to spring up illegally (viii). It would ultimately make Punjab cities 'smart' and livable (ix).

**Q299.** Find the word appropriate to be filled in (i)

- a) Downplay                      b) Paucity                      c) Maverick  
 d) Reluctant                      e) Scraping

**Q300.** Find the connector that can be used to join (viii) and (ix) sentences?

- a) However                      b) Also                      c) Albeit  
 d) Henceforth                      e) Despite

**Q301.** Find the sentence which is appropriate to be filled in (x) to make a coherent paragraph.

- a) The revenue collected from the process of regularization will ensure these civic amenities.  
 b) Those gendered swipes were made at a woman soldier discharging her duties at the sensitive Indo-Pak border for months at a stretch.  
 c) Any transfer to the account wherein the first name is of your father may be treated as a gift from you to your father.  
 d) When the damage to credibility is self-inflicted, cries of 'media under attack' get lost in the cacophony of right versus wrong, fake versus real, sloganeering versus debating.  
 e) None of the above.

**Q302.** Find the word appropriate to be filled in (v)

- a) Elicited                      b) Prevailing                      c) Shrouded  
 d) Cacophony                      e) Bizarre

**Q303.** The phrase underlined in (xi) may or may not be grammatically correct. Find the correct replacement from the following options. If the underlined phrase is correct, select NO CORRECTION REQUIRED in option e.

- a) Settlements can comes up  
 b) Settlements can coming for  
 c) Settlements could come up  
 d) Settlements could comes for  
 e) No correction required

**Q304.** Which of the following can be used for starters if we join the (vi) and (vii) sentences?

- (1) As a result of the Large-scale migration to urban areas...  
 (2) While bursting at their seams, most cities are...  
 (3) Although the mushrooming of thousands of illegal colonies...  
 a) Only 1                      b) Both 2 and 3                      c) Only 3  
 d) Both 1 and 2                      e) All of the above

**Q305.** Find the connector required to join sentences (ii) and (iii).

- a) Because                      b) Though                      c) As  
 d) Even as                      e) Therefore

**Q306.** Find the word appropriate to be filled in (iv)





- a) Overarching      b) Introspect      c) Dismay  
d) Pity              e) Pandering

**Q307.** Which of the following can be used for starters if we join the (xii) and (xiii) sentences?

- (1) Similar to the constructions in the Sukhna wetland....  
(2) Even though there is an urgent need to filter out structures....  
(3) Likewise to the orders of the High Court to raze....  
a) Both 2 and 3      b) Only 1      c) Only 3  
d) Both 1 and 3      e) None of the above

**Direction (308- 316): Read the following paragraph and answer the questions related to it.**

Women have been ruling the education space at the school level because of their innate ability to \_\_\_\_\_ (i) a sense of security among children. "They have a natural instinct to better understand the emotional needs of a student. This gives them an edge over their male counterparts," says Banka (Bihar) school teacher Ruby Kumari, who made headlines for her unique Mathematics pedagogy where she taught using one's hands as a calculator. \_\_\_\_\_ (x). "They are \_\_\_\_\_ (v) about the safety of the girl child but the presence of woman teachers comes as a relief." adds Ruby, who has emerged as a role model for many village girls in Bihar. What makes women successful as a teacher is their ability to multitask (vi). They can juggle both at home and professional front (vii). Women find greater acceptance as teachers at the primary level (ii). They still do not have a stronghold in higher education sector (iii). Gender bias exists, although it may not be \_\_\_\_\_ (iv) at first sight. The students, given their patriarchal background, sometimes feel that women may not be good enough to teach, more specifically the STEM subjects. The number of women faculties for STEM courses is less (xii). In the field of Chemistry, for instance, there are less than five female professors in the entire IIT Kharagpur (xiii). It is ironical that the number of women enrolling for PhD programmes in STEM is proportional to the number of men (viii). By the time they receive their PhDs, these women often succumb to the societal pressure of marriage and starting families (ix). Careers takes a backseats (xi) as they tend to look for flexible time or location-specific jobs to help adjust to their family's needs. Despite their aspirations, with family as their priority, Indian women find it difficult to meet the demands of such high-pressure jobs, which reduce their pursuance, and thereby chances of being at the top. Certainly, there is a need to encourage women in leadership positions to bring in the element of diversity and newness in the already established organizational governance mindset.

**Q308.** Find the word appropriate to be filled in (i)

- a) Instil              b) Vigil              c) Cognizant  
d) Fragile              e) Accede

**Q309.** Find the connector that can be used to join (viii) and (ix) sentences?

- a) Instead of      b) Despite      c) Although  
d) But              e) And

**Q310.** Find the sentence which is appropriate to be filled in (x) to make a coherent paragraph.

- a) The resolution would now be sent to the Union home ministry which will have to introduce a bill in Parliament for passage.  
b) Hailing from the rural belt, Ruby, however, struggles to convince the parents in the village to make the children, particularly girls, attend schools daily.  
c) The ED is probing a series of financial transactions involving the PFI as part of a widening probe into the alleged role of the outfit.  
d) The road is closed and it is causing inconvenience to a large number of people.  
e) None of the above

**Q311.** Find the word appropriate to be filled in (v)

- a) Precedent      b) Fanning      c) Impinge  
d) Apprehensive      e) Agitation

**Q312.** The phrase underlined in (xi) may or may not be grammatically correct. Find the correct replacement from the following options. If the underlined phrase is correct, select NO CORRECTION REQUIRED in option e.

- a) Is takes a backseat      b) Takes a backseats  
c) Take a backseat      d) Takes backseat  
e) No correction required

**Q313.** Which of the following can be used for starters if we join the (vi) and (vii) sentences?

- (1) Women have an ability to multitask which...  
(2) Women have ability to juggle both...  
(3) Successful women teachers make their ability...  
a) Only 2              b) Both 1 and 3      c) Both 1 and 2  
d) Only 3              e) None of the above

**Q314.** Find the connector required to join sentences (ii) and (iii).

- a) However      b) Though      c) Even if  
d) While              e) But





**Q315.** Find the word appropriate to be filled in (iv)

- a) Cordoned      b) Unprecedented      c) Apparent  
d) Encroachment      e) Promptly

**Q316.** Which of the following can be used for starters if we join the (xii) and (xiii) sentences?

- (1) In IIT Kharagpur, the number of female teachers in...  
(2) STEM courses have less number of...  
(3) An example of less female faculties in STEM...  
a) Both 1 and 2      b) All of the above      c) Only 2  
d) Both 2 and 3      e) Only 1

**Direction (317-325):** Read the following paragraph and answer the questions related to it.

An unbearable \_\_\_\_\_ (i) of debates on television, pandemonium in both Houses of Parliament, limitless sophistry in courtrooms, and a surfeit of meaningless statements in newspapers overwhelms us in the aftermath of the recent Delhi riots. This bluster could have been \_\_\_\_\_ (v), had the purpose been to provide relief and succour to the riot-hit people of Delhi. Sadly, this is hardly the case. A small example will suffice. When Parliament assembled on 2 March, instead of observing a minute's silence for the 46 dead and discussing ways and means to lessen the misery of the riot hit, Parliament was turned into a war zone with the Opposition parties accusing the ruling party of having blood on its hands and the ruling party blaming the Opposition for the \_\_\_\_\_ (iv). There has been criticism and even a writ petition questioning its decision to grant relief to all riot victims (ii). The Delhi Government has largely kept itself out of the raging controversy (iii). Its officials are providing monetary assistance to the families of the deceased and are now in the process of assessing the damage to homes and businesses with a view to provide quick relief to the victims of the riots. A hate speech by a BJP leader purportedly provoked the bloody riots (viii). A relevant question arises: "The provocative speech can be likened to a spark to gunpowder (ix). But, then, how did so much hate accumulate that it required only some thoughtless words to set off a three-day orgy of violence?" No doubt, Indians are a dissatisfied and unhappy lot, weighed down by day-to-day worries, figuring at the bottom of the World Happiness Index (vi). Add to it age-old taboos and exclusionary social practices and you have to search to find a happy and contented Indian (vii). But if there ever was a Hate Your Neighbour Index, we would undoubtedly beat the very top. The British policy of 'divide and rule' was successful only because we were ready to be divided on the (xi) basis of caste and religion. After the Revolt of 1857, the British organised the Indian Army in

caste-based regiments. The logic being that soldiers of two different regiments composed of different castes would never unite to fight the British (xii). Instead they would fight amongst themselves if so ordered by their British commanders (xiii). The British are long gone but Indians still do not have much love lost for fellow Indians of other castes or religions. Starting from the Partition of 1947, which divided India on the basis of religion, we had States organised on the basis of language, reservation in jobs and education on the basis of caste. \_\_\_\_\_ (x). Even 70 years after Independence, most Indians do not identify themselves simply as Indians; our religious or caste identity is more important to us than our national identity. If they don't share a common background, neighbours hardly mix with each other. Only cricket players, Bollywood actors and Indian Army personnel have pan-India acceptance.

**Q317.** Find the word appropriate to be filled in (i).

- a) Revoke      b) Assailing      c) Cacophony  
d) Sectarian      e) Cavalcade

**Q318.** Find the connector that can be used to join (viii) and (ix) sentences?

- a) While      b) Even though      c) As  
d) As well as      e) Amidst

**Q319.** Find the sentence which is appropriate to be filled in (x) to make a coherent paragraph.

- a) While the shopkeepers have encroached over 5-6 feet of area for displaying their items, hawkers occupy the roads on Mondays.  
b) While AAP was the first to announce its candidate, the decision to replace sitting MLA ND Sharma with RS Netaji didn't go down well with the former.  
c) The petitioners claimed the challans slapped on them violated their fundamental right to free speech and they could not be penalized for 'expressing their opinion in a permitted manner'.  
d) Such steps have ensured that till today, Indians remain segregated in watertight compartments.  
e) None of the above

**Q320.** Find the word appropriate to be filled in (v)

- a) Goad      b) Intruding      c) Impetus  
d) Excusable      e) Infringement

**Q321.** The phrase underlined in (xi) may or may not be grammatically correct. Find the correct replacement from the following options. If the underlined phrase is correct, select NO CORRECTION REQUIRED in option e.

- a) Been divided on the      b) Be divided on the  
c) Be divide in the      d) Being divided on the





e) No correction required

**Q322.** Which of the following can be used for starters if we join the (vi) and (vii) sentences?

- (1) Figuring for Indians to be at the bottom of World Happiness...
  - (2) If we add age-old taboos and exclusionary social practices to...
  - (3) We have to search for a happy and contented Indian with...
- a) Only 1                      b) Both 2 and 3                      c) Only 2  
d) Both 1 and 2                      e) None of the above

**Q323.** Find the connector required to join sentences (ii) and (iii).

- a) Thus                      b) Even if                      c) Despite  
d) Whereas                      e) Besides

**Q324.** Find the word appropriate to be filled in (iv)

- a) Vigour                      b) Conflagration                      c) Celibate  
d) Burble                      e) Rooky

**Q325.** Which of the following can be used for starters if we join the (xii) and (xiii) sentences?

- (1) The British had the logic that the two different regiments...
  - (2) Instead of the fact that the logic behind making two...
  - (3) Since the different regiments would never unite to fight the British...
- a) Both 1 and 2                      b) Only 1                      c) Both 2 and 3  
d) All of the above                      e) Both 1 and 3







## Answers Ans Solutions

### Set-10

**Q290.Ans. (d)**

The correct answer is d – Affronts Meaning of words: Dwindling – Gradually decreasing until little remains, Sweeping – Taking in or moving over a wide area, Fatality – A quality of being able to cause death or fatal disasters, Affronts – Speak rudely, Dismissal – Termination of someone from employment

**Q291.Ans. (b)**

The correct answer is b – While. While she had seen no civilian life or even the face of another woman, she was facing extreme weather conditions of the Thar Desert in the peak of winter; living in makeshift tents with no concrete roof above or floor below; with no privacy as a woman, as there were only male soldiers for miles around.

**Q292.Ans. (c)**

The correct answer is c - Such hostile environment impacts the organisational culture and its overall efficiency.

**Q293.Ans. (a)**

The correct answer is a – Retaliatory Meaning of words – Retaliatory – An action taken in return for an injury or offence, Exempt – Freed from an obligation or liability, Legitimate - Lawful, Retrospective – Related to past, Improvisation – An unplanned action

**Q294.Ans. (a)**

The correct answer is a – The correct phrase is – ‘To get deployed along’.

**Q295.Ans. (e)**

The correct answer is e – None of the above. Here, we find that the two starters 1 and 2 are correct as they make a correct start of the joining the two sentences. But, we don't have any option showing a combination of these. Therefore, e – None of the above is the correct answer. • Though the accusations were made against a women soldier of ‘taking away our share of peace postings’ who wore a dog tag and was out there, she was ready to make the supreme sacrifice for the country in the event of a war. • Yet she was ready to make the supreme sacrifice for the country in the event of a war, there were accusations made against her who wore a dog tag and was out there, of ‘taking away our share of peace postings’.

**Q296.Ans. (c)**

The correct answer is c – However At no point did she think that she is a woman, and the only one in the train and the deployment area, however woman living in an extreme war situation, performing exceptionally well and excelling hurt the male ego of some fellow officers.

**Q297.Ans. (b)**

The correct answer is b – Derogatory Meaning of words: Pitched – Fall or plunge forward, Derogatory – Expression of low opinion, Dissent – Express opposition, Augmenting – Increase or enhance, Prevailing –Most common

**Q298.Ans. (a)**

The correct answer is a – Only 1. From the other option, we learn that starter suggested at 2 has a connector ‘though’ which shows contrast but the sentences mentioned in (xii) and (xiii) are both positive sentences showing continuation. Therefore, this starter doesn't fit. Also, the starter suggested at 3 doesn't form a complete sentence. Therefore, this starter also doesn't fit. As our defence forces are at a nascent stage of including women in the organisational setup, they have the opportunity to be at the forefront and lead by example by creating legislation, policies and programmes that perpetuate gender parity.

**Q299.Ans. (b)**

The correct answer is b – Paucity. Meaning of words – Paucity – An insufficient number or quantity, Downplay – Represent as less important, Maverick – Independent in behavior or manner, Reluctant – Unwillingness to do something, Scraping – A process of breaking things off something.

**Q300.Ans. (d)**

The correct answer is d – Henceforth. The sentence (ix) shows the result of sentence (viii). And the connector that is used to show results is henceforth, here. Zero tolerance for any colony is allowed to spring up illegally; henceforth it would ultimately make Punjab cities ‘smart’ and ‘livable’.

**Q.301.Ans. (a)**

The correct answer is a - The revenue collected from the process of regularization will ensure these civic amenities.

**Q302.Ans. (a)**

The correct answer is a – Elicited Meaning of words – Elicited – Call forth, Prevailing – Most frequent or most common, Shrouded – to





cover something, Cacophony – A loud harsh voice, Bizarre – Unusual

**Q303.Ans. (c)**

The correct answer is c – The correct phrase is ‘Settlements could come up’.

**Q304.Ans. (d)**

The correct answer is d – Both 1 and 2. • As a result of the Large-scale migration from rural to urban areas as well as the property boom led to the mushrooming of thousands of illegal colonies all across Punjab over the past couple of decades and thus, bursting at their seams, most cities are an unseemly picture of unplanned growth and expansion. • While bursting at their seams, most cities are an unseemly picture of unplanned growth and expansion, the large scale migration from rural to urban areas as well as the property boom led to the mushrooming of thousands of illegal colonies all across Punjab over the past couple of decades.

**Q305.Ans. (c)**

The correct answer is c – As. The sentence (iii) gives the reason for the action in sentence (ii). Therefore, we use as for connector to show this purpose. The result of not nipping the issue of in the bud is that today the state is faced with the challenging complexity of regularizing 6000 colonies, as it cannot afford to displace the lakhs of people – a formidable vote bank, now – who inhabit the colonies.

**Q306.Ans. (d)**

The correct answer is d – Pity Meaning of words: Overarching – Covering all issues, Introspect – To think one’s own thoughts or actions, Dismay – Fear, Pity – A feeling of sympathy for misfortune of others, Pandering – Giving satisfaction

**Q307.Ans. (d)**

The correct answer is d – Both 1 and 3. • Similar to the constructions in the Sukhna wetland that were recently ordered to be razed by the High Court, there is an urgent need to filter out structures that for various reasons are unviable and must be demolished. • Likewise to the orders of the High Court to raze the constructions in the Sukhna wetland, there is an urgent need to filter out structures that for various reasons are unviable and must be demolished.

**Q308.Ans. (a)**

The correct answer is a – Instil Meaning of words: Instil – Enter drop by drop, Vigil – A purposeful surveillance, Cognizant – Having knowledge or understanding, Fragile – Easily destroyed or damaged, Accede – Take on duties or office

**Q309.Ans. (d)**

The correct answer is d – But When two sentences of positive and negative sense are joined, it shows contrast. Here, the option that fits best for showing contrast is ‘But’. It is ironical that the number of women enrolling for PhD programmes in STEM is proportional to the number of men, but by the time they receive their PhDs, these women often succumb to the societal pressure of marriage and starting families.

**Q310.Ans. (b)**

The correct answer is b - Hailing from the rural belt, Ruby, however, struggles to convince the parents in the village to make the children, particularly girls, attend schools daily.

**Q311.Ans. (d)**

The correct answer is d – Apprehensive Meaning of words: Precedent – A law established by following earlier judicial decisions, Fanning – Make fiercer, Impinge – Advance beyond the usual limit, Apprehensive – Quick to understand, Agitation – A feeling of being not calm

**Q312.Ans. (c)**

The correct answer is c – The correct phrase is ‘Take a backseat’.

**Q313.Ans. (c)**

The correct answer is c – Both 1 and 2 • Women have an ability to multitask which makes them successful as a teacher as they can juggle both at home and professional front. • Women have ability to juggle both at home and professional front and this makes women successful as a teacher is their ability to multitask.

**Q314.Ans. (d)**

The correct answer is d – While ‘While’ is used to show two incidents at a same time or happening in a relation to each other and this is what required in the (ii) and (iii) sentences.

**Q315.Ans. (c)**

The correct answer is c – Apparent Meaning of words: Cordoned – Separate with line of police, troops, Unprecedented - Unbelievable, Apparent – Clear truth, Encroachment – An entry into an area not previously occupied, Promptly – With no delay



**Q316.Ans. (c)**

All of the above • In IIT Kharagpur, the number of female teachers in the field of Chemistry is less than five which is for instance an example of less number of women faculties for STEM courses. • STEM courses have less number of women faculties and for instance, there are less than five female professors in the field of Chemistry in the entire IIT Kharagpur. An example of less female faculties in STEM is the entire IIT Kharagpur which has less than five female professors in the field of Chemistry.

**Q317.Ans. (c)**

The correct answer is c – Cacophony Meaning of words: Revoke – Cancel officially, Assailing – Use aggressive force against, Cacophony – A loud voice, Sectarian – Of relating to a sect, Cavalcade – A procession of people travelling on horseback

**Q318.Ans. (b)**

The correct answer is b – Even though To show the combination of a positive and a negative statement, we find 'Even though' perfect here as no other option can be used to express such combination. Even though a hate speech by a BJP leader purportedly provoked the bloody riots, a relevant question arises "The provocative speech can be likened to a spark to gunpowder.

**Q319.Ans. (d)**

The correct answer is d - Such steps have ensured that till today, Indians remain segregated in watertight compartments.

**Q320.Ans. (d)**

The correct answer is d – Excusable Meaning of words – Goad – Give courage to, Intruding – Projecting inward, Impetus – A force that moves something along, Excusable – Easily excused or forgiven, Infringement – An act that disregards an agreement

**Q321.Ans. (b)**

The correct answer is b – The correct phrase is – 'Be divided on the'.

**Q322.Ans. (e)**

The correct answer is e – None of the above. No starters make a combined sentence for (vi) and (vii).

**Q323.Ans. (c)**

The correct answer is c – Despite The (ii) and (iii) sentences show contrast to each other and the only connector that fits grammatically and contextually correct is 'Despite'. Despite that there has been criticism and even a writ petition questioning its decision to grant relief to all riot victims, the Delhi government has largely kept itself out of the ranging controversy.

**Q324.Ans. (b)**

The correct answer is b – Conflagration Meaning of words: Vigour – Strength of body or mind, Conflagration – A very intense or uncontrolled fire, Celibate - A person who has taken religious chastity, Burble – Flow in an irregular current with a bubbling noise, Rooky – An American crow

**Q325.Ans. (b)**

The correct answer is b – Only 1 Both the starters listed in 2 and 3 do not form proper combination to make a meaningful sentence. The British had the logic that the two different regiments composed of different castes would never unite to fight the British and instead would fight amongst themselves if so ordered by their British commanders.





## Set-11

**Direction (326-334): Read the following paragraph and answer the questions related to it.**

Delhi's move to prevent a \_\_\_\_\_ (i) Chinese hunt for Indian companies comes at a time when the stock market has been badly bruised by the coronavirus. It underlines the emerging perception in Delhi that there is no separating commerce and security in dealing with China. Delhi's concerns are similar to those being expressed elsewhere in the world. A number of European countries have already moved in that direction. In recent years, \_\_\_\_\_ (iv) have grown, in both the developing and the developed world, that China is targeting their infrastructural, industrial and technological assets for control. But many governments were willing to give the benefit of doubt to Beijing. No longer, that willingness has rapidly \_\_\_\_\_ (v) in the wake of the corona crisis that has devastated the Western world. Few world leaders want to join the US president, Donald Trump, in publicly attacking China (viii). Many of them know that Beijing bears some responsibility for letting a health emergency in one of its cities become a global pandemic (ix). Chinese companies have access to easy money and strong political support in Beijing (vi). China's take of economic advantage of other nations' misery has added insult to injury (vii). While most leaders are preoccupied with the corona crisis, they are not likely to let Beijing have its way. Even in Britain, where the Boris Johnson government – which came into power with (xi) the determination to strengthen economic partnership with China and willingness to distance itself from its close ally, the US, on the question of adopting 5G technologies – is now taking a second look. Beyond the question of accountability for the spread of the coronavirus, many countries are thinking the very nature of their commercial engagement with China. On a host of issues ranging from trade and investment to intellectual property protection, there is an inescapable sense that China has games the global system for unilateral gains. India certainly has had a longer learning curve than the West in recognising the relationship between commerce and national security (xii). Since the early 1990s, Delhi bet that expanding economic cooperation with China will help mitigate political disputes (xiii). But the differences have only become intractable even as China became stronger economically. \_\_\_\_\_ (x). It led cheap imports from China undermine India's manufacturing sector and run up a massive trade surplus. India allowed massive Chinese penetration of its telecom, digital and other advanced sectors only to discover the multiple negative consequences. The last few years have seen

a new approach that has seen India oppose China's Belt and Road initiative and walk out of the RCEP negotiations citing the trade imbalance with China. The decision on Chinese FDI can be seen as one of that piece (ii). The puzzle of dealing with a rising China's strategic economic onslaught will test Delhi for a long time (iii).

**Q326.** Find the word appropriate to be filled in (i)

- a) Menacing                      b) Predatory                      c) Blinker  
d) Repudiate                      e) Concurring

**Q327.** Find the connector that can be used to join (viii) and (ix) sentences?

- a) Instead of                      b) Similar to                      c) Moreover  
d) Although                      e) Thus

**Q328.** Find the sentence which is appropriate to be filled in (x) to make a coherent paragraph.

- a) A large explosion shook the US city of Houston, Texas shocked residence woken before dawn as houses were badly damaged.  
b) Delhi gave China an easy pass into the WTO.  
c) The Supreme Court has ordered that an "acting arrangement" should not ordinarily exceed more than a month in any of the High Courts in the country.  
d) The Houston fire department said one person had been taken to hospital as fire fighter.  
e) None of the above

**Q329.** Find the word appropriate to be filled in (v)

- a) Sardonic                      b) Fugitive                      c) Rhetoric  
d) Eroded                      e) Garrulous

**Q330.** The phrase underlined in (xi) may or may not be grammatically correct. Find the correct replacement from the following options. If the underlined phrase is correct, select NO CORRECTION REQUIRED in option e.

- a) Comes into power of  
b) Came to power for  
c) Coming with power into  
d) Comes for power with  
e) No correction required

**Q331.** Which of the following can be used for starters if we join the (vi) and (vii) sentences?

- (1) Chinese companies take economic advantage...  
(2) Strong political support in Beijing and access to easy money...  
(3) Other nations' misery has added insult to the injury...







- a) Only 3      b) Both 1 and 3      c) Both 1 and 2  
d) All of the above      e) None of the above

**Q332.** Find the connector required to join sentences (ii) and (iii).

- a) Moreover      b) Yet      c) As soon as  
d) Since      e) In lieu of

**Q333.** Find the word appropriate to be filled in (iv)

- a) Choleric      b) Apprehensions      c) Paucity  
d) Fervor      e) Pristine

**Q334.** Which of the following can be used for starters if we join the (xii) and (xiii) sentences?

- (1) As India certainly has had a longer learning curve...  
(2) Expanding economic cooperation with China will...  
(3) Recognising the relationship between commerce and national security...  
a) Only 1      b) Both 1 and 2      c) Both 2 and 3  
d) Only 3      e) None of the above

**Direction (335-339):** Read the following paragraph and answer the questions related to it.

The Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi) were likely to made (vii) investment rules more stringent for China and other neighbouring nations. This follows the recent modification in the Union government's foreign direct investment (FDI) norms, with China at the centre of the tweak. Besides stepping up \_\_\_\_\_ (i), Sebi could put a cap on the purchase limit, beyond which additional approvals would be required, said a person privy to the initial discussion. Sebi may also ask custodians not settle any trade without proper identification of end-beneficiaries. Last week, the government removed all neighbouring countries from the automatic FDI route. What was applicable only to Pakistan and Bangladesh — the two countries that were barred from automatic FDI — has now been \_\_\_\_\_ extended \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ all \_\_\_\_\_ neighbouring countries. \_\_\_\_\_ (vi). The move is seen as a wedge to prevent Chinese investment firms from acquiring domestic companies at bargain valuations caused by the Covid-19 outbreak. Earlier, Sebi had sought extensive details from custodians with respect to investments from nations with whom India shares its borders. Beneficial ownership, control and board composition of funds and total investment corpus are some of the details asked by Sebi. The increase in vigilance comes after Chinese firms picked up stake in several domestic companies during the selloff in March. The regulator is in touch with custodians that empanel foreign portfolio investors (FPIs) (iv). It wants to ensure verification of all accounts, and not just those with new purchases but also the existing ones (v).

Sebi wants investments routed through Hong Kong and other financial hubs to be vetted as well. Chinese companies are now required to take government approval for any FDI (ii). No China-domiciled FPI can buy beyond 10 per cent in a listed company without prior permission from the Indian authorities (iii).

**Q335.** Which of the following can be used for starters if we join the (iv) and (v) sentences?

- (1) The regulator which is in touch with custodians wants to ensure...  
(2) To ensure verification of all accounts, the regulator is...  
(3) Custodians that empanel foreign portfolio investors...  
a) Only 1      b) Only 2      c) Only 3  
d) Both 1 and 3      e) None of the above

**Q336.** Find the word appropriate to be filled in (i)

- a) Coup      b) Scrutiny      c) Tenuous  
d) Myriad      e) Surfeit

**Q337.** Find the connector required to join sentences (ii) and (iii).

- a) Like      b) Contrary to      c) Rather than  
d) Moreover      e) When

**Q338.** The phrase underlined in (vii) may or may not be grammatically correct. Find the correct replacement from the following options. If the underlined phrase is correct, select NO CORRECTION REQUIRED in option e.

- a) Is like to made      b) Was likely to making  
c) Is likely to make      d) Will liked to make  
e) No correction required

**Q339.** Find the sentence which is appropriate to be filled in (vi) to make a coherent paragraph.

- a) The daily wager was caught red-handed while accepting part payment of bribe from the builder during a trap.  
b) The experienced Tim Southee bowled the next over which was a crucial one in the chase.  
c) There will be pre-buying by customers ahead of BS VI norms kicking in from the next financial year.  
d) Chinese investment, forming a large chunk in the Indian start-up world, is believed to have triggered the change in the FDI rulebook.  
e) None of the above

**Direction (340-344):** In the following passage some words have been deleted. Fill in the blanks with the help of the alternatives given. Select the most appropriate option for each blank.

A needless controversy has (1) ..... over Banks revealing that banks have written off bad loans worth Rs 79,456 crore in its







response to Right-to-Information (RTI) query. The presumption in some quarters that banks will not (2) ..... the debts of these 50 top defaulters and let absconding diamantaire Mehul Choksi or liquor baron Vijay Mallya go scot-free is wrong. The writing-off of a toxic loan does not mean the loan has been (3) ..... It means that the bank has made 100% provisioning (setting aside capital) against the loan, to protect depositors even if not a paisa of that loan is repaid. Banks use write-offs to remove bad loans from their balance-sheets and minimise their tax liability. The amount that the bank has written off will not be counted as part of its gross and net non-performing assets. However, the borrower will not be exempt or (4) ..... from debt repayment as banks will not halt recovery. So, banks do not lose interest in the written-off asset and may recover their loan in part when the bad loan reaches resolution. When a value is realised, the (5) ..... are written back. A write-back goes into the profit and loss account of the bank, and boosts the bank's bottomline. A recent example is the reported write-back to RBI in the Steel resolution.

**Q340.** A needless controversy has (1) ..... over Banks revealing that banks have written off bad loans worth Rs 79,456 crore in its response to Right-to-Information (RTI) query.

- a) Erupted                      b) Atavistic                      c) Timeless  
d) Refined                      e) None of these

**Q341.** The presumption in some quarters that banks will not (2) ..... the debts of these 50 top defaulters and let absconding diamantaire Mehul Choksi or liquor baron Vijay Mallya go scot-free is wrong.

- a) Pursue                      b) Acrid                      c) Quandary  
d) Stagger                      e) None of these

**Q342.** The writing-off of a toxic loan does not mean the loan has been (3) ..... It means that the bank has made 100% provisioning (setting aside capital) against the loan, to protect depositors even if not a paisa of that loan is repaid.

- a) Douse                      b) Muddle                      c) Forgiven  
d) Missive                      e) None of these

**Q343.** However, the borrower will not be exempt or (4) ..... from debt repayment as banks will not halt recovery.

- a) Odious                      b) Pungent                      c) Heinous  
d) Pardoned                      e) None of these

**Q344.** When a value is realised, the (5) ..... are written back.

- a) Acrimonious                      b) Provisions                      c) Candour  
d) Predicament                      e) None of these

**Comprehension (345-349):** In the following passage some words have been deleted. Fill in the blanks with the help of the alternatives given. Select the most appropriate option for each blank.

As the prime minister confers with chief ministers on the lockdown and the modalities of lifting it, along with other measures to contain the pandemic, it is (1) ..... to take up some practical problems faced by industry. Despite clarification by the government that its guidelines do not (2) ..... filing a case against the management of any enterprise where an employee contracts Covid, industry faces the (3) ..... of different state governments, indeed, different district administrations or police authorities in the same state, interpreting the Disaster Management Act differently, to arrive at different penal conclusions. It must be stated categorically that managements are responsible for following the standard operating procedure prescribed (4) ..... the sector in which it operates, not for anyone contracting the disease. What is mandatory and what is optional should be clear, and any official who seeks to (5) ..... what is optional as mandatory, for the purpose of rent seeking, should face stiff penalties. For example, finding accommodation for workers in adjacent buildings, registering their attendance through contactless means or organising their transport by means of fleets of vehicles would not be possible or viable in many contexts, particularly for small enterprise.

**Q345.** As the prime minister confers with chief ministers on the lockdown and the modalities of lifting it, along with other measures to contain the pandemic, it is (1) ..... to take up some practical problems faced by industry.

- a) Amicable                      b) Drench                      c) Imperative  
d) Collude                      e) None of these

**Q346.** Despite clarification by the central government that its guidelines do not (2) ..... filing a case against the management of any enterprise where an employee contracts Covid

- a) Imply                      b) Nibbled                      c) Magnanimity  
d) Bewilder                      e) None of these

**Q347.** Industry faces the (3) ..... of different state governments, indeed, different district administrations or police authorities in the same state

- a) Prospect                      b) Ebullient                      c) Leaf through  
d) Deviousness                      e) None of these

**Q348.** It must be stated categorically that managements are responsible for following the standard operating procedure prescribed (4) ..... the sector in which it operates, not for anyone contracting the disease.

- a) Into                      b) Of                      c) On





- d) For                      e) None of these

**Q349.** What is mandatory and what is optional should be clear, and any official who seeks to (5) ..... what is optional as mandatory, for the purpose of rent seeking, should face stiff penalties.

- a) Frantic                      b) Interpret                      c) Snuff out  
d) Rueful                      e) None of these

**Direction (350–354):** In the following passage some words have been deleted. Fill in the blanks with the help of the alternatives given. Select the most appropriate option for each blank.

The report further stated that in the (1) ..... future, there are no big asteroids that scientists see as a threat. The report quoted Manager of ISRO's Centre for Near-Earth Object Studies as saying that they don't have any significantly-sized asteroid which has significant chances (2) ..... hitting the Earth, on their list. The report also stated that according to ISRO, they have identified and tracked over 90 percent of the asteroids near the Earth (NEAs) with a minimum width of 1 km, which is big enough to be a threat to the humans if they (3) ..... with the Earth. However, scientists and NASA's Planetary Defence Officer Jade Darwin have both said that the fact that NASA does not have any asteroid on its list should not lead to (4) ....., since there are a large number of NEAs and some dangerous ones could go undetected. Moreover, the paths of the asteroids often get altered due to gravitational pulls of various spatial objects, making it difficult for scientists to (5) ..... predict their orbits for a long time. The fact is attested by the end of the dinosaurs, which occurred due to asteroid collision.

**Q350.** The report further stated that in the (1) ..... future, there are no big asteroids that scientists see as a threat.

- a) Esoteric                      b) Pusillanimity                      c) Foreseeable  
d) Parochial                      e) None of these

**Q351.** The report quoted Manager of ISRO's Centre for Near-Earth Object Studies as saying that they don't have any significantly-sized asteroid which has significant chances (2) ..... hitting the Earth, on their list.

- a) Of                      b) On                      c) Off  
d) By                      e) None of these

**Q352.** The report also stated that according to ISRO, they have identified and tracked over 90 percent of the asteroids near the Earth (NEAs) with a minimum width of 1 km, which is big enough to be a threat to the humans if they (3) ..... with the Earth.

- a) Line up                      b) Valour                      c) Arcane  
d) Waggyish                      e) None of these

**Q353.** However, Scientists and NASA's Planetary Defence Officer Lindley Johnson have both said that the fact that ISRO does not have any asteroid on its list should not lead to (4) ....., since there are a large number of NEAs and some dangerous ones could go undetected.

- a) Sombre                      b) Complacency                      c) Contend with  
d) Whimsical                      e) None of these

**Q354.** Moreover, the paths of the asteroids often get altered due to gravitational pulls of various spatial objects, making it difficult for scientists to (5) ..... predict their orbits for a long time.

- a) Pummel                      b) Shady                      c) Put up with  
d) Accurately                      e) None of these





## Answers And Solutions Set-11

**Q326.Ans. (b)**

The correct answer is b – Predatory Meaning of words – Menacing – Indicating evil intent, Predatory – Living by victimizing others for personal gain, Blinker – A light that flashes on and off, Repudiate – Refuse to acknowledge, Concurring – Being of the same opinion

**Q327.Ans. (d)**

The correct answer is d – Although The (viii) and (ix) sentences show contrast to each other. And the only option that shows contrast as well as fits correctly is 'Although'. Although few world leaders want to join the US president, Donald Trump, in publicly attacking China, Many of them know that Beijing bears some responsibility for letting a health emergency in one of its cities become a global pandemic,

**Q328.Ans. (b)**

The correct answer is b - Delhi gave China an easy pass into the WTO.

**Q329.Ans. (d)**

The correct answer is d – Eroded Meaning of words: Sardonic – Scornful or mocking, Fugitive – Someone who is sought by law officers, Rhetoric – Using language effectively to please or persuade, Eroded - Deteriorated, Garrulous – Useless conversation

**Q330.Ans. (e)**

The correct answer is e – No correction required – Came into power with

**Q331.Ans. (c)**

The correct answer is e – None of the above. None of the starters can be used to connect the two sentences.

**Q332.Ans. (b)**

The correct answer is b – Yet The sentence (ii) and (iii) show contrast and 'yet' conveys the same. The decision on Chinese FDI can be seen as one of that piece, yet the puzzle of dealing with a rising China's strategic economic onslaught will test Delhi for a long time.

**Q333.Ans. (b)**

The correct answer is b – Apprehensions Meaning of words: Choleric – Easily aroused to anger, Apprehensions – Fearful expectation, Paucity – Insufficient in number, Fervor – Feelings of

great warmth and intensity, Pristine – Completely free from dirt or contamination

**Q334.Ans. (a)**

The correct answer is a – Only 1 The starters listed in 2 and 3 are excerpts of the sentences and hence, don't form a complete sentence even after combination. Therefore, only 1 is the answer. • As India certainly has had a longer learning curve than the West in recognising the relationship between commerce and national security, Delhi bet since the early 1990s that expanding economic cooperation with China will help mitigate political disputes.

**Q335.Ans. (c)**

The correct answer is c – Only 3 • Custodians that empanel foreign portfolio investors are in touch with the regulator as the regulator wants to ensure verification of all accounts, and not just those with new purchases but also the existing ones.

**Q336.Ans. (b)**

The correct answer is b – Scrutiny Meaning of words: Coup – A sudden and decisive change of government illegally or by force, Scrutiny – The act of examining something closely, Tenuous – Having thin consistency, Myriad - A large indefinite number, Surfeit – A state of being more than full

**Q337.Ans. (d)**

The correct answer is d – Moreover The sentence (iii) adds information to what written in sentence (ii). Therefore, we use 'moreover' to convey the same. Moreover to the fact that Chinese companies are now required to take government approval for any FDI, no China-domiciled FPI can buy beyond 10 percent in a listed company without prior permission from the Indian authorities.

**Q338.Ans. (c)**

The correct answer is c – The correct phrase is 'Is likely to make'.

**Q339.Ans. (d)**

The correct answer is d - Chinese investment, forming a large chunk in the Indian start-up world, is believed to have triggered the change in the FDI rulebook.

**Q340.Ans. (a)**

In the given sentence, only 'erupted' makes it grammatically as well as contextually correct. Option a) is the correct alternative among the following as 'erupted' means break out suddenly and dramatically, It fits here both grammatically and contextually. Also





after 'has' we take past participle form of the verb. In that way it is also correct. Option b) is incorrect as atavistic means relating to or characterized by reversion to something ancient or ancestral which also an adjective does not make any sense here both grammatically and contextually. Option c) is incorrect as timeless means not affected by the passage of time or changes in fashion which does not make any sense here. Option d) is incorrect as refined which means with impurities or unwanted elements having been removed by processing does not fit here.

**Q341.Ans. (a)**

In the given sentence, only „pursue" makes it grammatically as well as contextually correct. Option a) is the correct alternative among the following as pursue means follow or chase (someone or something) which perfectly fits in the blank both grammatically and contextually which is a verb in present form. Option b) is incorrect as acrid means unpleasantly bitter or pungent which does not make any sense here, also it is an adjective. But this blank is needs a verb. Option c) is incorrect as quandary means a state of perplexity or uncertainty over what to do in a difficult situation which does not fit here. Option d) is incorrect as stagger means walk or move unsteadily, as if about to fall. This does not fit here contextually.

**Q342.Ans. (c)**

In the given sentence, only 'forgiven' makes it grammatically as well as contextually correct. Option a) is incorrect as douse means pour a liquid over; drench. Though it is a verb but we need here a verb in past participle form. Option b) is incorrect as muddle means bring into a disordered or confusing state which does not make any sense here. Option c) is the correct alternative among the following as forgiven means stop feeling angry or resentful towards (someone) for an offence, flaw, or mistake which perfectly fits in the blank both grammatically and contextually, also as the sentence is in passive voice so we take past participle form of verb. Option d) is incorrect because missive means a letter, especially a long or official one which is contextually wrong.

**Q343.Ans. (d)**

In the given sentence, only 'pardoned' verb make it grammatically as well as contextually correct. Option a) is incorrect because odious means extremely unpleasant; repulsive which does not fit here. Also it is an adjective but we need a verb here. Option b) is incorrect as pungent means having a sharply strong taste or smell which does not make any sense here. Option c) is incorrect as heinous means (of a person or wrongful act, especially a crime) utterly odious or wicked which does not fit here. Option d) is the correct alternative among

the following as pardoned means forgive or excuse which fit here both grammatically and contextually. Also as the sentence is in passive voice we need past participle form of verb.

**Q344.Ans. (b)**

In the given sentence, only 'provisions' makes it grammatically as well as contextually correct. Option a) is incorrect because acrimonious means (typically of speech or discussion) angry and bitter which does not fit here. Option b) is the correct alternative among the following as provisions means the action of providing or supplying something for use which fit here both grammatically and contextually, also after the article we need a noun here. Option c) is incorrect as candour means the quality of being open and honest; frankness which does not fit here, though it is a noun. Option d) is incorrect as predicament means a difficult, unpleasant, or embarrassing situation which does not fit here contextually.

**Q345.Ans. (c)**

In the given sentence, the word 'imperative' makes it grammatically as well as contextually correct. Option a) is incorrect as amicable means characterized by friendliness and absence of discord. Option b) is incorrect as drench means wet thoroughly; soak. It does not make any sense here. Option c) is the correct alternative among the following as imperative means of vital importance; crucial. It perfectly fits in the blank both grammatically and contextually. Option d) is incorrect because collude means cooperate in a secret or unlawful way in order to deceive or gain an advantage over others which is contextually wrong.

**Q346.Ans. (a)**

In the given sentence, only 'imply' make it grammatically as well as contextually correct. Option a) is the correct alternative among the following as imply means indicate the truth or existence of (something) by suggestion rather than explicit reference which fit here both grammatically and contextually and after „do/did" we need present form of verb. Option b) is incorrect as nibbled means take small bites out of does not make any sense here, also it is a verb in past form. Option c) is incorrect as magnanimity means the fact or condition of being magnanimous; generosity which does not make any sense here. Option d) is incorrect as bewilder means cause (someone) to become perplexed and confused which does not fit here.

**Q347.Ans. (a)**

In the given sentence, only 'prospect' makes it grammatically as well as contextually correct. Option a) is the correct alternative among







the following as prospect means the possibility or likelihood of some future event occurring which perfectly fits in the blank both grammatically and contextually and after article we need a noun here. Option b): is incorrect as ebullient means cheerful and full of energy which does not make any sense here. Also it is an adjective. Option c): is incorrect as 'leaf through' means to peruse a book, magazine, or other reading material by casually turning the pages, often without much attention or scrutiny which does not fit here. Option d): is incorrect as deviousness means not straightforward which does not fit here contextually.

**Q348. Ans. (d)** In the given sentence, only 'for' makes it grammatically as well as contextually correct. Option a) is incorrect because 'into' preposition does not fit here. Option b) is incorrect as 'of' preposition does not make any sense here. Option c) is incorrect as 'on' preposition does not fit here. Option d) is the correct alternative among the following as 'for' preposition fit here both grammatically and contextually

**Q349. Ans. (b)**

In the given sentence, only 'interpret' makes it grammatically as well as contextually correct. Option a) is incorrect because 'frantic' means distraught with fear, anxiety, or other emotion which does not fit here. Also, it is an adjective. Option b) is the correct alternative among the following as interpret means explain the meaning of which fits here both grammatically and contextually and after infinitive we need the present form of the verb. Option c) is incorrect as snuff out phrasal verb means to extinguish which does not fit here. Option d) is incorrect as rueful means expressing sorrow or regret, especially in a wry or humorous way which does not fit here contextually.

**Q350. Ans. (c)**

In the given sentence, only 'foreseeable' makes it grammatically as well as contextually correct. Option a) is incorrect as esoteric means intended for or likely to be understood by only a small number of people with a specialized knowledge or interest. Option b) is incorrect as pusillanimity means lack of courage or determination; timidity which does not make any sense here. Option c) is the correct alternative among the following as foreseeable means able to be foreseen or predicted which perfectly fits in the blank both grammatically and contextually. Also before noun we need an adjective. Option d) is incorrect because parochial means having a limited or narrow outlook or scope which is contextually wrong.

**Q351. Ans. (a)**

In the given sentence, only 'of' makes it grammatically as well as contextually correct. Option a) is the correct alternative among the following as 'of' preposition fits here both grammatically and contextually Option b) is incorrect as 'on' preposition does not make any sense here. Option c) is incorrect as 'off' preposition does not make any sense here. Option d): is incorrect as 'by' preposition does not fit here.

**Q352. Ans. (a)**

In the given sentence, only 'line up' which is a phrasal verb makes it grammatically as well as contextually correct. Option a) is the correct alternative among the following as line up means arrange a number of people or things in a straight row which perfectly fits in the blank both grammatically and contextually Option b) is incorrect as valour means great courage in the face of danger, especially in battle which does not make any sense here. Option c) is incorrect as 'arcane' does not fit here. Option d) is incorrect as waggish means humorous in a playful, mischievous, or facetious manner which does not fit here contextually.

**Q353. Ans. (b)**

In the given sentence, only 'complacency' makes it grammatically as well as contextually correct. Option a) is incorrect because 'sombre' means dark or dull in colour or tone which does not fit here, which is also an adjective. Option b) is the correct alternative among the following as 'complacency' means a feeling of smug or uncritical satisfaction with oneself or one's achievements which fits here both grammatically and contextually Option c) is incorrect as 'contend with' means to deal with which does not fit here. Option d) is incorrect as 'whimsical' means playfully quaint or fanciful, especially in an appealing and amusing way which does not fit here contextually.

**Q354. Ans. (d)**

In the given sentence, adverb 'accurately' makes it grammatically as well as contextually correct. Option a) is incorrect because pummel means strike repeatedly with the fists which does not fit here. Also it is a verb, it cannot make the sentence grammatically correct if used here. Option b) is incorrect as shady means situated in or full of shade which does not make any sense here. Option c) is incorrect as 'put up with' means tolerate; endure which does not fit here. Option d) is the correct alternative among the following as 'accurately' means in a way that is correct in all details; exactly which fits here both grammatically and contextually, and before the verb „predict“ we need an adverb.







## Set-12

**Direction (355–359): In the following passage some words have been deleted. Fill in the blanks with the help of the alternatives given. Select the most appropriate option for each blank.**

Gaganyaan space mission: For the development of (1) ..... technologies for sustained Indian human space programme as well as for space exploration, the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) has recently invited proposals. The proposals have been (2) ..... by the Directorate of Human Space Programme of the Bangalore-headquartered ISRO for a total of 18 tentative technology development areas. The first manned mission of India to space 'Gaganyaan' is likely to take place around the year 2022. At present, four Indian Air Force (IAF) fighter pilots are under training in Moscow, Russia, and they are likely to be (3) ..... candidates for the 'Gaganyaan' space mission, according to a PTI report. According to the report, the last date for submission of the proposals in 18 (4) ..... technology development areas is July 15. These areas include space food and related technologies, radiation hazards characterization and mitigation techniques, human robotic interfaces, human psychology for long term missions, environmental control and life support systems, as well as simulated gravity technologies. The Directorate in its Announcement of Opportunity (AO) said that the proposals are (5) ..... from national research or academic institutions for developing affordable as well as indigenous cutting edge technologies for the survival of humans in low earth orbits and beyond for space exploration.

**Q355.** Gaganyaan space mission: For the development of (1) ..... technologies for sustained Indian human space programme as well as for space exploration, the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) has recently invited proposals.

- a) Perilous      b) Conspire      c) Indigenous  
d) Peculiarity      e) None of these

**Q356.** The proposals have been (2) ..... by the Directorate of Human Space Programme of the Bangaloreheadquartered ISRO for a total of 18 tentative technology development areas.

- a) Sought      b) Caricature      c) Intrigue  
d) Quirk      e) None of these

**Q357.** At present, four Indian Air Force (IAF) fighter pilots are under training in Moscow, Russia, and they are likely to be (3) ..... candidates for the 'Gaganyaan' space mission, according to a PTI report.

- a) Lampoon      b) Potential      c) Moratorium  
d) Redound      e) None of these

**Q358.** According to the report, the last date for submission of the proposals in 18 (4) ..... technology development areas is July 15.

- a) Beef up      b) Cacus      c) Serendipity  
d) Tentative      e) None of these

**Q359.** The Directorate in its Announcement of Opportunity (AO) said that the proposals are (5) ..... from national research or academic institutions for developing affordable as well as indigenous cutting edge technologies for the survival of humans in low earth orbits and beyond for space exploration.

- a) Solicited      b) Epithet      c) Flaunt  
d) Mill around      e) None of these

**Direction (360-364): In the following passage some words have been deleted. Fill in the blanks with the help of the alternatives given. Select the most appropriate option for each blank.**

The CNSA said all of China's planetary (1) ..... missions in the future will be named the Wentia series, signifying the Chinese nation's perseverance in (2) ..... truth and science and exploring nature and the universe, the state-run Huaxin news agency reported. China in recent years has (3) ..... as a major space power with manned space missions and landing a rover in the dark side of the moon. It is currently building a space station of its own. However, China's attempts to send an exploratory probe (4) ..... Mars called Huoyin-1, in a Russian spacecraft in 2011 failed as shortly after the launch and it was declared lost and later burnt during re-entry. The US, Russia, the EU besides India so far succeeded in sending missions to Mars (5) ..... as the most complex space mission. India became the first Asian country to have successfully launched its Mars orbiter mission, Mangalyaan which has entered the orbit of the red planet in 2014.

**Q360.** The CNSA said all of China's planetary (1) ..... missions in the future will be named the Wentia series,

- a) Exploration      b) Flourish      c) Proclivity  
d) Delinquent      e) None of these

**Q361.** signifying the Chinese nation's perseverance in (2) ..... truth and science and exploring nature and the universe, the state-run Huaxin news agency reported.

- a) Willowy      b) Fall out      c) Pursuing  
d) Gainsay      e) None of these

**Q362.** China in recent years has (3) ..... as a major space power with manned space missions and landing a rover in the dark side of the moon.

- a) Pensive      b) Emerged      c) Svelte  
d) Spasmodic      e) None of these





**Q363.** However, China's attempts to send an exploratory probe (4) ..... Mars called Huoyin-1, in a Russian spacecraft in 2011 failed as shortly after the launch and it was declared lost and later burnt during re-entry.

- a) On                      b) By                      c) With  
d) To                      e) None of these

**Q364.** The US, Russia, the EU besides India so far succeeded in sending missions to Mars (5) ..... as the most complex space mission.

- a) Regarded              b) Single out              c) Rancorous  
d) Disgrace              e) None of these

**Direction (365-369): In the following passage some words have been deleted. Fill in the blanks with the help of the alternatives given. Select the most appropriate option for each blank.**

Telecom and IT minister Mr. Prasad said on Tuesday that the Aarogya Setu app, which alerts people if any known person in their (1) ..... has tested positive, will soon be made available on feature phones also. Currently, the app can be downloaded only on smartphones as feature phones don't have any downloading facility. Hence, Prasad said that his department, the government of West Bengal and IIT Kharagpur are jointly working on making the app (2) ..... on feature phones through an interactive voice response system (IVRS). Further, the app will also have added features like the e-pass for movement during the restrictions (3) ..... by the government to fight the pandemic. Since there are around 500 million feature phone users in the country, such a facility will help the people at the bottom of the pyramid (4) ..... remaining informed and alert. Prasad, who on Tuesday interacted with state IT ministers through video-conferencing to discuss Covid-19 challenges, tech innovations and road map for the IT and electronics sector, said, "Every state highly (5) ..... the Aarogya Setu app and shared their thoughts on it. I have assured them that a similar solution for feature phones is being developed and will be launched very soon."

**Q365.** Telecom and IT minister Mr. Prasad said on Tuesday that the Aarogya Setu app, which alerts people if any known person in their (1) ..... has tested positive, will soon be made available on feature phones also.

- a) Mortification              b) Vicinity              c) Decamp  
d) Scurry                      e) None of these

**Q366.** Hence, Prasad said that his department, the government of West Bengal and IIT-Kharagpur are jointly working on making the app (2) ..... on feature phones through an interactive voice response system (IVRS).

- a) Accessible              b) Absquatulate              c) Gruesome  
d) Erudition              e) None of these

**Q367.** Further, the app will also have added features like the e-pass for movement during the restrictions (3) ..... by the government to fight the pandemic.

- a) Ignominy              b) Morbid              c) Imposed  
d) Imbecile              e) None of these

**Q368.** Since there are around 500 million feature phone users in the country, such a facility will help the people at the bottom of the pyramid (4) ..... remaining informed and alert.

- a) In                      b) On                      c) Into  
d) By                      e) None of these

**Q369.** Every state highly (5) ..... the Aarogya Setu app and shared their thoughts on it.

- a) Colossus              b) Stun              c) Macabre  
d) Appreciated              e) None of these

**Direction (370-374): In the following passage some words have been deleted. Fill in the blanks with the help of the alternatives given. Select the most appropriate option for each blank.**

The Reserve Bank of India's decision to open a special facility to (1) ..... the availability of adequate liquidity for the mutual fund industry is a timely move in signalling to investors that the central bank is alert to the need to preserve financial stability in these challenging times. In assigning ₹70,000 crore exclusively for commercial banks to lend to mutual funds, the RBI made clear on Monday that it wants to (2) ..... on any build up of liquidity strains at mutual fund houses in the wake of heightened volatility in the capital markets and increased redemption pressures as a fallout of the COVID-19 pandemic. The (3) ..... trigger for the central bank's move was last week's announcement by Franklin Templeton Mutual Fund that it was winding up six debt funds — funds that collectively had assets under management (AUM) amounting to about ₹84,000 crore. The RBI has rightly recognised the urgent need to ward off any (4) ..... contagion impact from the closure of these six funds. With the overall industry-wide AUM for debt funds at about ₹25-lakh crore, it was crucial for the banking regulator to reassure





investors that liquidity need not be a concern while deciding (5) ..... whether to retain or redeem their investments in these mutual funds. The Association of Mutual Funds in India (AMFI) had, separately, last week, sought to assure investors that a majority of debt fund schemes had “invested in superior credit quality securities” and had appropriate liquidity to back their normal operations.

**Q370.** The Reserve Bank of India’s decision to open a special facility to (1) ..... the availability of adequate liquidity for the mutual fund industry is a timely move in signalling to investors that the central bank is alert to the need to preserve financial stability in these challenging times.

- a) Amble                      b) Ensure                      c) Guffaw  
d) Cajolery                      e) None of these

**Q371.** In assigning ₹70,000 crore exclusively for commercial banks to lend to mutual funds, the RBI made clear on Monday that it wants to (2) ..... on any build up of liquidity strains at mutual fund houses in the wake of heightened volatility in the capital markets and increased redemption pressures as a fallout of the COVID-19 pandemic.

- a) Tamp down                      b) Appraisal                      c) Malarkey  
d) Blandishment                      e) None of these

**Q372.** The (3) ..... trigger for the central bank’s move was last week’s announcement by Franklin Templeton Mutual Fund that it was winding up six debt funds — funds that collectively had assets under management (AUM) amounting to about ₹84,000 crore.

- a) Proximate                      b) Oscillate                      c) Critique  
d) Coaxing                      e) None of these

**Q373.** The RBI has rightly recognised the urgent need to ward off any (4) ..... contagion impact from the closure of these six funds.

- a) Dither                      b) Decry                      c) Penury  
d) Incipient                      e) None of these

**Q374.** With the overall industry-wide AUM for debt funds at about ₹25-lakh crore, it was crucial for the banking regulator to reassure investors that liquidity need not be a concern while deciding (5) ..... whether to retain or redeem their investments in these mutual funds.

- a) Of                      b) In                      c) On  
d) For                      e) None of these

**Direction (375-379):** In the following passage some words have been deleted. Fill in the blanks with the help of the alternatives given. Select the most appropriate option for each blank.

The current (1) ..... of migrant workers during the lockdown should become an occasion to reflect on their (2) ..... condition in “normal” times. Many “contractual labourers” rarely see a written contract. A minimum, regular wage per month is legally required but seldom paid. Many do not receive wages for months, and at the end of the season when they are finally paid it is often less than what was agreed. There is a lack of transparency in accounting — excessive, (3) ..... and unexpected deductions from final payments are common. Lack of regular wages means that workers either borrow from employers or from local moneylenders. This renders them even more financially vulnerable because of (4) ..... Quite often they work long hours, between 10 and 13 hours a day, live in tents or makeshift shanties without access to (5) ..... water, toilets, and electricity. I doubt if they are ever fully protected from the elements. Many of them do not have a kitchen and are forced to eat from local street vendors who live in similar conditions. Under such dire working and living circumstances, is it a surprise that under an unexpected lockdown they all wish to return to their original homes?

**Q375.** The current (1) ..... of migrant workers during the lockdown should become an occasion

- a) Plight                      b) Affluence                      c) Applaud  
d) Get along with                      e) None of these

**Q376.** to reflect on their (2) ..... condition in “normal” times. Many “contractual labourers” rarely see a written contract.

- a) Deferment                      b) Abysmal                      c) Solipsism  
d) Fuss over                      e) None of these

**Q377.** There is a lack of transparency in accounting — excessive, (3) ..... and unexpected deductions from final payments are common.

- a) Omniscience                      b) Promptitude                      c) Arbitrary  
d) Goad                      e) None of these

**Q378.** This renders them even more financially vulnerable because of (4) ..... Quite often they work long hours, between 10 and 13 hours a day

- a) Indebtedness                      b) Insouciance                      c) Enconce  
d) Dissuade                      e) None of these

**Q379.** Live in tents or makeshift shanties without access to (5) ..... water, toilets, and electricity.

- a) Fizzle out                      b) Disinterest                      c) Traitorous  
d) Potable                      e) None of these





## Answers And Solutions Set-12

### Q355.Ans. (c)

In the given sentence, only 'indigenous' which is an adjective makes it grammatically as well as contextually correct. Option a) is incorrect as perilous means full of danger or risk though it is an adjective. Option b) is incorrect as conspire means make secret plans jointly to commit an unlawful or harmful act which does not make any sense here. Option c) is the correct alternative among the following as indigenous means originating or occurring naturally in a particular place; native which perfectly fits in the blank both grammatically and contextually. Option d) is incorrect because peculiarity means a strange or unusual feature or habit which is contextually wrong.

### Q356. Ans. (a)

In the given sentence, only 'sought' which is a past participle form of 'seek' makes it grammatically as well as contextually correct. Option a) is the correct alternative among the following as sought means attempt to find which fit here both grammatically and contextually also as the sentence is in passive voice we need past participle form of verb. Option b) is incorrect as caricature means make or give a caricature of which does not make any sense here. Option c) is incorrect as intrigue means arouse the curiosity or interest of; fascinate which does not make any sense here. Option d) is incorrect as quirk means a peculiar aspect of a person's character or behaviour which does not fit here.

### Q357.Ans. (b)

In the given sentence, only 'potential' makes it grammatically as well as contextually correct. Option a) is incorrect because 'lampoon' means publicly criticize (someone or something) by using ridicule, irony, or sarcasm which does not fit here. Option b) is the correct alternative among the following as potential means having or showing the capacity to develop into something in the future which is an adjective fits here both grammatically and contextually. Option c) is incorrect as moratorium means a temporary prohibition of an activity which does not fit here. Also this is a noun. Option d) is incorrect as „redound” means contribute greatly to (a person's credit or honour) which does not fit here contextually.

### Q358.Ans. (d)

In the given sentence, the adjective 'tentative' makes it grammatically as well as contextually correct. Option a) is incorrect because 'beef up' means to add weight, strength, or power to (something) which does not fit here. Option b) is incorrect as caucus means a conference of members of a legislative body who belong to a particular party or faction which does not make any sense here. Option c) is incorrect as serendipity means the occurrence and development of events by chance in a happy or beneficial way which does not fit here. Also this is a noun. Option d) is the correct alternative among the following as „tentative” means not certain or fixed; provisional that fits here both grammatically and contextually.

### Q359.Ans. (a)

In the given sentence, only 'solicited' makes it grammatically as well as contextually correct. Option a) is the correct alternative among the following as solicited means ask for or try to obtain (something) from someone that perfectly fits in the blank both grammatically and contextually. As the sentence is in passive voice we need past participle form of verb. Option b) is incorrect as epithet means an adjective or phrase expressing a quality or attribute regarded as characteristic of the person or thing mentioned which does not make any sense here. Also this is a noun. Option c) is incorrect as flaunt means display (something) ostentatiously, especially in order to provoke envy or admiration or to show defiance which does not fit here. Option d) is incorrect as „mill around” means move around with no particular purpose or in no particular direction which does not fit here contextually.

### Q360.Ans. (a)

In the given sentence, the noun 'exploration' makes it grammatically as well as contextually correct. Option a) is the correct alternative among the following as exploration means the action of exploring an unfamiliar area which fits here both grammatically and contextually. Option b) is incorrect as flourish means (of a living organism) grow or develop in a healthy or vigorous way, especially as the result of a particularly congenial environment which does not make any sense here. Option c) is incorrect as proclivity means a tendency to choose or do something regularly; an inclination or predisposition towards a particular thing which does not make any sense here though it is a noun. Option d) is incorrect as delinquent means (typically of a young person) tending to commit crime, particularly minor crime which does not fit here.

### Q361.Ans. (c)

In the given sentence, the gerund 'pursuing' makes it grammatically as well as contextually correct. Option a) is incorrect as willowy means (of a person) tall, slim, and lithe. Also this is an adjective. Option b) is incorrect as fall out phrasal verb means (of the hair, teeth, etc.) become detached and drop out which does not make any







sense here. Option c) is the correct alternative among the following as 'pursuing' means follow or chase (someone or something) which perfectly fits in the blank both grammatically and contextually. Option d) is incorrect because gainsay means deny or contradict (a fact or statement) which is contextually wrong.

**Q362.Ans. (b)**

In the given sentence, the verb „emerged“ makes it grammatically as well as contextually correct. Option a) is incorrect because „pensive“ means engaged in, involving, or reflecting deep or serious thought which does not fit here. Also it is an adjective. Option b) is the correct alternative among the following as emerged means become apparent or prominent which fit here both grammatically and contextually. Option c) is incorrect as 'svelte' means (of a person) slender and elegant which does not fit here. Option d) is incorrect as 'spasmodic' means occurring or done in brief, irregular bursts which does not fit here contextually.

**Q363.Ans. (d)**

In the given sentence, the preposition 'to' makes it grammatically as well as contextually correct. Option a) is incorrect because the preposition 'on' does not fit here. Option b) is incorrect as the preposition 'by' does not make any sense here. Option c) is incorrect as the preposition 'with' does not fit here. Option d) is the correct alternative among the following as 'to' preposition fit here both grammatically and contextually.

**Q364.Ans. (a)**

In the given sentence, the verb 'regarded' make it grammatically as well as contextually correct. a) is the correct alternative among the following as regarded means consider or think of in a specified way which perfectly fits in the blank both grammatically and contextually. b) is incorrect as „single out“ means to treat or to speak about (someone or something in a group) in a way that is different from the way one treats or speaks about others which does not make any sense here. c) is incorrect as rancorous means characterized by bitterness or resentment which does not fit here. Also this is an adjective. d) is incorrect as disgrace means loss of reputation or respect as the result of a dishonourable action which does not fit here contextually.

**Q365.Ans. (b)**

In the given sentence, the noun 'vicinity' makes it grammatically as well as contextually correct. a) is incorrect because „mortification“ means great embarrassment and shame which does not fit here, though it is a noun. b) is the correct alternative among the following as vicinity means the area near or surrounding a particular place fit

here both grammatically and contextually c) is incorrect as 'decamp' means leave a place suddenly or secretly which does not fit here. d) is incorrect as 'scurry' means (of a person or small animal) move hurriedly with short quick steps which does not fit here contextually.

**Q366.Ans. (a)**

In the given sentence, only 'accessible' adjective makes it grammatically as well as contextually correct. a) is the correct alternative among the following as accessible means (of a place) able to be reached or entered which fit here both grammatically and contextually. b) is incorrect as absquatulate means leave abruptly which does not make any sense here. c) is incorrect as gruesome means causing repulsion or horror; grisly which does not make any sense here though it is an adjective. d) is incorrect as „erudition“ means the quality of having or showing great knowledge or learning; scholarship which does not fit here.

**Q367.Ans. (c)**

In the given sentence, only 'imposed' makes it grammatically as well as contextually correct. a) is incorrect as ignominy means public shame or disgrace. b) is incorrect as morbid means characterized by an abnormal and unhealthy interest in disturbing and unpleasant subjects, especially death and disease which does not make any sense here. Also it is an adjective. c) is the correct alternative among the following as imposed means force (an unwelcome decision or ruling) on someone which perfectly fits in the blank both grammatically and contextually. Also as the sentence is in passive voice we need past participle form of verb. d) is incorrect because imbecile means a stupid person which is contextually wrong.

**Q368.Ans. (a)**

In the given sentence, only 'in' makes it grammatically as well as contextually correct. Option a) is the correct alternative among the following as preposition 'in' perfectly fits in the blank both grammatically and contextually. b) is incorrect as 'on' preposition does not make any sense here. c) is incorrect as „into“ preposition does not fit here. d) is incorrect as 'by' preposition does not fit here contextually.

**Q369.Ans. (d)**

In the given sentence, verb 'appreciated' makes it grammatically as well as contextually correct. a) is incorrect because colossus means a statue that is much bigger than life size which does not fit here. Also it is a noun. b) is incorrect as stun means knock unconscious or into a dazed or semi-conscious state which does not make any sense here. c) is incorrect as macabre means disturbing because concerned with or causing a fear of death which does not fit here. d) is the correct alternative among the following as appreciated means recognize the full worth of which fit here after adverb 'highly' both grammatically and contextually.





**Q370.Ans. (b)**

In the given sentence, only 'ensure' makes it grammatically as well as contextually correct. a) is incorrect because 'amble' means walk or move at a slow, relaxed pace which does not fit here. b) is the correct alternative among the following as ensure means make certain that (something) will occur or be the case which fits here both grammatically and contextually. Also after infinitive we need verb in present form. c) is incorrect as 'guffaw' means a loud and hearty laugh which does not fit here. d) is incorrect as 'cajolery' means coaxing or flattery intended to persuade someone to do something does not fit here contextually. Also, it is a noun.

**Q371.Ans. (a)**

In the given sentence, only 'tamp down' makes it grammatically as well as contextually correct. a) is the correct alternative among the following as 'tamp down' means To pat, press, or pack some loose substance down which fit here both grammatically and contextually b) is incorrect as appraisal means an act of assessing something or someone which does not make any sense here. c) is incorrect as malarkey means meaningless talk; nonsense which does not make any sense here. d) is incorrect as blandishment means a flattering or pleasing statement or action used as a means of gently persuading someone to do something which does not fit here.

**Q372.Ans. (a)**

In the given sentence, adjective 'proximate' makes it grammatically as well as contextually correct. a) is the correct alternative among the following as proximate means (especially of the cause of something) closest in relationship; immediate which perfectly fits in the blank both grammatically and contextually b) is incorrect as oscillate means move or swing back and forth in a regular rhythm which does not make any sense here. Also it is a verb. c) is incorrect as critique means evaluate (a theory or practice) in a detailed and analytical way which does not fit here. d) is incorrect as coaxing means gently and persistently persuasive which does not fit here contextually.

**Q373.Ans. (d)**

In the given sentence, only the adjective 'incipient' makes it grammatically as well as contextually correct. a) is incorrect because dither means be indecisive which does not fit here. b) is incorrect as decry means publicly denounce does not make any sense here. c) is incorrect as warring does not fit here. Also it is a verb. In that way it does not fit here grammatically. d) is the correct alternative among the following as 'incipient' means beginning to happen or develop which fit here both grammatically and contextually

**Q374.Ans. (c)**

In the given sentence, only 'on' make it grammatically as well as contextually correct. a) is incorrect as the preposition 'of' does not fit here. b) is incorrect as the preposition 'in' does not make any sense here. c) is the correct alternative among the following as the preposition 'on' perfectly fits in the blank both grammatically and contextually d) is incorrect because 'for' preposition is contextually wrong.

**Q375.Ans. (a)**

In the given sentence, the noun 'plight' makes it grammatically as well as contextually correct. a) is the correct alternative among the following as plight means a dangerous, difficult, or otherwise unfortunate situation which perfectly fits in the blank both grammatically and contextually b) is incorrect as affluence means the state of having a great deal of money; wealth which does not make any sense here. c) is incorrect as applaud means show approval or praise by clapping which does not fit here. Also it is a verb. d) is incorrect as 'get along with' phrasal verb means have a harmonious or friendly relationship does not fit here contextually.

**Q376.Ans. (b)**

In the given sentence, only the adjective 'abysmal' makes it grammatically as well as contextually correct. a) is incorrect because deferment means the action or fact of putting something off to a later time; postponement which does not fit here. Also it is a noun. b) is the correct alternative among the following as abysmal means extremely bad; appalling which fit here both grammatically and contextually. c) is incorrect as 'solipsism' means the view or theory that the self is all that can be known to exist which does not fit here. d) is incorrect as 'fuss over' means to pay a lot of attention to which does not fit here contextually.

**Q377.Ans. (c)**

In the given sentence, only 'arbitrary' makes it grammatically as well as contextually correct. a) is incorrect as omniscience means the state of knowing everything. b) is incorrect as promptitude means the quality of acting quickly and without delay which does not make any sense here. c) is the correct alternative among the following as arbitrary means based on random choice or personal whim, rather than any reason or system which perfectly fits in the blank both grammatically and contextually . d) is incorrect because goad means provoke or annoy which is contextually wrong.

**Q378.Ans. (a)**



In the given sentence, only 'indebtedness' noun makes it grammatically as well as contextually correct. a) is the correct alternative among the following as 'indebtedness' means the condition of owing money which fit here both grammatically and contextually. b) is incorrect as insouciance means casual lack of concern; indifference which does not make any sense here. c) is incorrect as ensconce means establish or settle (someone) in a comfortable, safe place which does not make any sense here. d) is incorrect as dissuade means persuade (someone) not to take a particular course of action which does not fit here. Also it is a verb.

**Q379.Ans. (d)**

In the given sentence, only the adjective 'potable' makes it grammatically as well as contextually correct. a) is incorrect because 'fizzle out' means Fail, end weakly, especially after a hopeful beginning which does not fit here. b) is incorrect as disinterest means the state of not being influenced by personal involvement in something; impartiality which does not make any sense here, though it is an adjective. c) is incorrect as traitorous means relating to or characteristic of a traitor; treacherous which does not fit here. d) is the correct alternative among the following as 'potable' means safe to drink; drinkable which fit here both grammatically and contextually





## Set-13

**Direction (380-384): In the following passage some words have been deleted. Fill in the blanks with the help of the alternatives given. Select the most appropriate option for each blank.**

The herd immunity that these scientists are referring to is not very (1) ..... from the one practised by Roman Pope who intended using it as a strategy to end the epidemic. But the difference is that while Pope put even the elderly and those (2) ..... comorbidities at risk of infection through his approach, both these scientists have kept the interests of the elderly and those with comorbidities as top priorities. While these two categories of people who may experience serious symptoms and even death can protect themselves by self-isolation — also called as reverse quarantine — the young, who mostly (3) ..... only mild symptoms, can go out by following containment measures together with universal mask wearing, physical distancing and hand hygiene. Strictly following (4) ..... measures, wearing a mask and maintaining physical distancing not only slow down the rate of infection but also the rate at which herd immunity is achieved naturally. But that is a small price to pay in order to avoid (5) ..... the health-care system, if many require hospitalisation.

**Q380.** The herd immunity that these scientists are referring to is not very (1) ..... from the one practised by Roman Pope who intended using it as a strategy to end the epidemic.

- a) Dissimilar      b) Futile      c) Preachy  
d) Jingoistic      e) None of these

**Q381.** But the difference is that while Pope put even the elderly and those (2) ..... comorbidities at risk of infection through his approach, both these scientists have kept the interests of the elderly and those with comorbidities as top priorities.

- a) By      b) Of      c) With  
d) On      e) None of these

**Q382.** While these two categories of people who may experience serious symptoms and even death can protect themselves by self-isolation — also called as reverse quarantine — the young, who mostly (3) ..... only mild symptoms, can go out by following containment measures together with universal mask wearing, physical distancing and hand hygiene.

- a) Fusillade      b) Exhibit      c) Sanctimonious  
d) Garner.      e) None of these

**Q383.** Strictly following (4) ..... measures, wearing a mask and maintaining physical distancing not only slow down the rate of infection but also the rate at which herd immunity is achieved naturally.

- a) Permissive      b) Diktat      c) Remorse  
d) Containment      e) None of these

**Q384.** But that is a small price to pay in order to avoid (5) ..... the health-care system, if many require hospitalisation.

- a) Overwhelming      b) Contrition  
c) Puritanical      d) Ukase  
e) None of these

**Direction (385-389): In the following passage some words have been deleted. Fill in the blanks with the help of the alternatives given. Select the most appropriate option for each blank.**

In his now-legendary (1) ..... judgment, delivered at the height of Indira Gandhi's Emergency, Justice H.R. Khanna, invoking Justice Brandeis of the U.S. Supreme Court, wrote that "[the] greatest danger to liberty lies in insidious (2) ..... by men of zeal, well-meaning but lacking in due deference for the rule of law." Justice Khanna was not speaking about the crushing of freedom at the point of a bayonet. He was concerned, rather, about situations where the government used the excuse (3) ..... a catastrophe to ignore the rule of law. Quoting Brandeis, he said, "experience should teach us, "to be most on our guard to protect liberty when the Government's purposes are beneficent." Today we live in the midst of a (4) ..... public health crisis. There is little doubt that the government is best placed to tackle the COVID-19 pandemic. Doing so requires it to take (5) ..... actions. This is why the efforts of the Central and State governments to maintain a nationwide lockdown, to enforce norms of physical distancing and to restrict movement, have been met with support.

**Q385.** In his now-legendary (1) ..... judgment, delivered at the height of Indira Gandhi's Emergency, Justice H.R. Khanna, invoking Justice Brandeis of the U.S. Supreme Court

- a) Deck out      b) Concubine      c) Cannonade  
d) Dissenting      e) None of these

**Q386.** greatest danger to liberty lies in insidious (2) ..... by men of zeal, well-meaning but lacking in due deference for the rule of law." Justice Khanna was not speaking about the crushing of freedom at the point of a bayonet.

- a) Encroachment      b) Paramour      c) Bevy  
d) Retrieve      e) None of these





**Q387.** He was concerned, rather, about situations where the government used the excuse (3) ..... a catastrophe to ignore the rule of law.

- a) To                      b) Of                      c) With  
d) For                    e) None of these

**Q388.** Today we live in the midst of a (4) ..... public health crisis. There is little doubt that the government is best placed to tackle the COVID-19 pandemic.

- a) Kerfuffle              b) Troupe                c) Grave  
d) Egg on                e) None of these

**Q389.** Doing so requires it to take (5) ..... actions.

- a) Extraordinary        b) Relegate            c) Salvage  
d) Antiquated           e) None of these

**Directions (390-399):** In the following passage there are blanks, each of which has been numbered and one word has been suggested alongside the blank. These numbers are printed below the passage and against each, five options are given. In four options, one word is suggested in each option. Find out the appropriate option which fits the blank appropriately. If the word written alongside the blank fits the passage, choose option 'e' (No correction required) as the correct choice.

At a time when the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) is mulling (1) tighter regulation around non-banking financial companies, these firms, also referred to as shadow banks, have written to the Prime Minister Narendra Modi that such regulations will tether (2) the growth of the sector. "Regulation with the objective of aligning it with that of banks is leading to over regulation where NBFCs are being regulated like banks," the letter that was sent to the prime minister's office said. The letter was submitted after the chiefs of NBFCs met Mr. Modi last week. "This is hampering the growth of the unique NBFC model of lending (3) which has successfully withstood the adverse scenario like the 2008 global crisis and the recent liquidity crisis," the letter said, highlighting the need for the regulator to also play the role of developer. Last week, the Reserve Bank said it intends to strengthen the Asset-Liability Management framework (4) for NBFCs on lines similar to that for banks and harmonise it across different categories of NBFCs. The move comes after the sector faced stress on insolvency (5) following the IL&FS crisis. There are around 10,000 NBFCs registered with the RBI. The Reserve Bank of India-regulated sector grew 15.8% in 2017-18. By the end of March 2018, it was 19.8% of the scheduled commercial banks (SCBs) taken together, in terms of balance sheet size. The shadow banks said systemically, NBFCs having asset base of ₹500 crore, must be allowed to accept public deposits. Since 1997, RBI

has entangled (6) to limit the operations and growth of NBFCs with the objective of securing depositors' interest. There are only 108 deposit-taking NBFCs. Further, it said application from an NBFC to convert to a bank should be treated differently from any other application for a banking licence. "Since NBFCs are already subject to onsite and offsite repenting (7) and regular submission of returns to RBI, due diligence of NBFC application for a bank licence should be less time devouring (8)," the letter said. The sector also sought a liquidity window from the RBI, including for housing finance firms, against sale of secured loans by taking appropriate margins on these loans. They also said all HFCs should be permitted access to the NHB reliance (9) facility. HFCs should be given time till December 31, 2020 to adobe (10) with the requirement that individual home loans should be more than 50% of the HFC's assets, the letter said.

**Q390.** Find out the appropriate option which fits the blank (1) appropriately?

- (a)sullyng                (b)selling                (c)sculling  
(d)rattling                (e)No correction required

**Q391.** Find out the appropriate option which fits the blank (2) appropriately?

- (a)elevator                (b)hamper                (c)harper  
(d)regulator                (e) No correction required

**Q392.** Find out the appropriate option which fits the blank (3) appropriately?

- (a)bribing                (b)reviving                (c) lending  
(d)subsuming                (e) No correction required

**Q393.** Find out the appropriate option which fits the blank (4) appropriately?

- (a)demotic                (b)construction                (c)composition  
(d)anatomy                (e)No correction required

**Q394.** Find out the appropriate option which fits the blank (5) appropriately?

- (a) liquidity                (b)concurrence                (c)sanction  
(d)agreement                (e) No correction required.

**Q395.** Find out the appropriate option which fits the blank (6) appropriately?

- (a)rendered                (b)subdued                (c)endeavored  
(d)unearthed                (e) No correction required.

**Q396.** Find out the appropriate option which fits the blank (7) appropriately?







- (a) inspection (b) intervention (c) retention  
(d) deliberation (e) No correction required.

**Q397.** Find out the appropriate option which fits the blank (8) appropriately?

- (a) devouring (b) engulfing (c) immersing  
(d) emerging (e) No correction required.

**Q398.** Find out the appropriate option which fits the blank (9) appropriately?

- (a) deemed (b) conceive (c) kindled  
(d) refinance (e) No correction required.

**Q399.** Find out the appropriate option which fits the blank (10) appropriately?

- (a) eulogistic (b) abide (c) burly  
(d) renegade (e) No correction required.

**Direction (400-409):** In the following passage there are blanks, each of which has been numbered and one word has been suggested alongside the blank. These numbers are printed below the passage and against each, five options are given. Find out the appropriate word which fits the blank appropriately. If the word written alongside the blank fits the passage, choose option 'e' (No correction required) as the correct choice.

Although our understanding of the linkages between gender and process (1) is still evolving, there is mounting presumption (2) that economic crises affect women more than men. Women are often turn out (3) first as men are traditionally considered to be the main breadwinners. Economic shocks that worsen (4) infrastructure, physical and human, affect women more than men by reducing their access to markets and basic services. Girls are often distant (5) from schools to help with household work and informal enterprises during times of economic crisis, hindering (6) gender gaps in education.

Gender as a new growth driver has begun to attract the attention of policymakers in recent years. Economic growth and development depend upon successfully utilizing (7) the workforce, both male and female. Recent estimates suggest that increasing the female participation rate to that of men could potentially build (8) economic growth by as much as 5%. While achieving economic growth sometimes requires tough structural change (9) and choices (e.g., progressive taxation that may discourage effort), the opposite is true for gender as a driver (10) of growth.

**Q400.** Find out the appropriate word which fits the blank (1) appropriately?

- (a) stock (b) growth (c) upgrade

- (d) expansion (e) No correction required

**Q401.** Find out the appropriate word which fits the blank (2) appropriately?

- (a) refutation (b) principle (c) evidence  
(d) pressure (e) No correction required

**Q402.** Find out the appropriate word which fits the blank (3) appropriately?

- (a) laid off (b) considered (c) let out  
(d) recalled (e) No correction required

**Q403.** Find out the appropriate word which fits the blank (4) appropriately?

- (a) intensifies (b) exacerbate (c) multiplies  
(d) decline (e) No correction required

**Q404.** Find out the appropriate word which fits the blank (5) appropriately?

- (a) withdrawn (b) unreserved (c) absent  
(d) forbidden (e) No correction required

**Q405.** Find out the appropriate word which fits the blank (6) appropriately?

- (a) weakening (b) reinforcing (c) undermining  
(d) supplementing (e) No correction required

**Q406.** Find out the appropriate word which fits the blank (7) appropriately?

- (a) handling (b) maintaining (c) employing  
(d) unfolding (e) No correction required

**Q407.** Find out the appropriate word which fits the blank (8) appropriately?

- (a) adapt (b) prefer (c) change  
(d) raise (e) No correction required

**Q408.** Find out the appropriate word which fits the blank (9) appropriately?

- (a) revision (b) reforms (c) transformation  
(d) adjustment (e) No correction required

**Q409.** Find out the appropriate word which fits the blank (10) appropriately?

- (a) operant (b) engineer (c) dealer  
(d) handler (e) No correction required

**Directions (410-419):** 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. Find out the appropriate word which fits the blank appropriately.

A panel of experts appointed by the UN Security Council has stated that the cyber attacks on Pune-based Cosmos Cooperative Bank, from which hackers (1) \_\_\_\_\_ withdrew Rs 94 crore from ATMs in 28 countries, was "motivated" by North Korea.







The panel was set up to study various UN sanctions (2) \_\_\_\_\_ by North Korea. Its report comes nearly seven months after the (3) \_\_\_\_\_ attack on the bank. "The panel notes a trend in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea's (4) \_\_\_\_\_ of financial sanctions of using cyber attacks to illegally force the transfer of funds from financial institutions and cryptocurrency (5) \_\_\_\_\_", the report said. The Pune Police and the Maharashtra Cyber Cell (6) \_\_\_\_\_ the case are yet to trace the mastermind in the case. So far, 12 people have been arrested by a special investigation team of the Pune Police. Sources said the local (7) \_\_\_\_\_ busted by the police could be "money mules" — people who serve as (8) \_\_\_\_\_ for criminals and criminal organisations — acting on behalf of operators abroad.

The case involves Rs 14 crore that was transferred to a Hong Kong bank by (9) \_\_\_\_\_ the SWIFT system (of the bank) and the remaining Rs 80 crore that was withdrawn using ATMs in which malware attack was on the switch through which the payment gateways of Visa and Rupay debit cards operate," said a senior official from the Maharashtra Police, who spoke on the condition of (10) \_\_\_\_\_.

**Q410.** Out of the following options which one should fill blank number 1?

- (a) inspiringly (b) inadequately (c) allegedly  
(d) legally (e) clumsily

**Q411.** Out of the following options which one should fill blank number 2?

- (a) planned (b) prepared (c) studied  
(d) breached (e) formulated

**Q412.** Out of the following options which one should fill blank number 3?

- (a) malware (b) robotic (c) mechanized  
(d) computation (e) legal

**Q413.** Out of the following options which one should fill blank number 4?

- (a) predilection (b) inclination (c) disposition  
(d) reinforce (e) evasion

**Q414.** Out of the following options which one should fill blank number 5?

- (a) groups (b) exchanges (c) categories  
(d) genus (e) mass

**Q415.** Out of the following options which one should fill blank number 6?

- (a) affecting (b) referring (c) entrusting  
(d) probing (e) remitting

**Q416.** Out of the following options which one should fill blank number 7?

- (a) module (b) community (c) campaign  
(d) cultivation (e) structure

**Q417.** Out of the following options which one should fill blank number 8?

- (a) penury (b) senile (c) intermediaries  
(d) innovators (e) originators

**Q418.** Out of the following options which one should fill blank number 9?

- (a) spawning (b) compromising (c) benefiting  
(d) dismantling (e) conducting

**Q419.** Out of the following options which one should fill blank number 10?

- (a) effigy (b) mercenary (c) attributes  
(d) pallid (e) anonymity





## Answers And Solutions

### Set-13

**Q380.Ans. (a)** In the given sentence, only the adjective „dissimilar“ make it grammatically as well as contextually correct. a) is the correct alternative among the following as „dissimilar“ means not the same; different which fits here both grammatically and contextually b) is incorrect as futile means incapable of producing any useful result; pointless does not make any sense here though it is an adjective. c) is incorrect as preachy means having or showing a tendency to give moral advice in a tedious or self-righteous way which does not make any sense here. d) is incorrect as jingoistic means characterized by extreme patriotism, especially in the form of aggressive or warlike foreign policy which does not fit here.

**Q381.Ans. (c)**

\ In the given sentence, only the preposition „with“ makes it grammatically as well as contextually correct. a) is incorrect as the preposition „by“ does not fit here. b) is incorrect as the preposition „of“ does not make any sense here. c) is the correct alternative among the following as the preposition „with“ perfectly fits in the blank both grammatically and contextually d) is incorrect because the preposition „on“ is contextually wrong.

**Q382.Ans. (b)**

In the given sentence, only „exhibit“ verb makes it grammatically as well as contextually correct. a) is incorrect because „fusillade“ means a series of shots fired or missiles thrown all at the same time or in quick succession which does not fit here. b) is the correct alternative among the following as exhibit means publicly display (a work of art or item of interest) in an art gallery or museum or at a trade fair which fit here both grammatically and contextually. Also it perfectly fits after adverb „mostly“. c) is incorrect as „sanctimonious“ means making a show of being morally superior to other people which does not fit here. Also it is an adjective. d) is incorrect as garner means gather or collect which does not fit here contextually.

**Q383.Ans. (d)**

In the given sentence, only „containment“ noun makes it grammatically as well as contextually correct. a) is incorrect because permissive means allowing or characterized by great or excessive freedom of behaviour which does not fit here. b) is incorrect as diktat means an order or decree imposed by someone in power

without popular consent which does not make any sense here. c) is incorrect as remorse means deep regret or guilt for a wrong committed which does not fit here. d) is the correct alternative among the following as „containment“ means the action of keeping something harmful under control or within limits which fit here both grammatically and contextually

**Q384. Ans. (a)**

In the given sentence, only „overwhelming“ adjective makes it grammatically as well as contextually correct. a) is the correct alternative among the following as overwhelming means very great in amount which perfectly fits in the blank both grammatically and contextually b) is incorrect as contrition means the state of feeling remorseful and penitent which does not make any sense here. c) is incorrect as puritanical means having or displaying a very strict or censorious moral attitude towards self-indulgence or sex which does not fit here. d) is incorrect as ukase means (in tsarist Russia) a decree with the force of law which does not fit here contextually.

**Q385.Ans. (d)**

In the given sentence, only ‘dissenting’ adjective makes it grammatically as well as contextually correct. a) is incorrect because deck out means decorated with which does not fit here. Also it is a phrasal verb but we need an adjective here before the noun ‘judgement’. b) is incorrect as concubine means (in polygamous societies) a woman who lives with a man but has lower status than his wife or wives which does not make any sense here. c) is incorrect as cannonade means a period of continuous heavy gunfire which does not fit here. d) is the correct alternative among the following as ‘dissenting’ means holding or expressing opinions that are at variance with those commonly or officially held which fit here both grammatically and contextually

**Q386.Ans. (a)**

In the given sentence, only ‘encroachment’ noun makes it grammatically as well as contextually correct. a) is the correct alternative among the following as encroachment means intrusion on a person's territory, rights, etc which perfectly fits in the blank both grammatically and contextually b): is incorrect as paramour means a lover, especially the illicit partner of a married person which does not make any sense here. c): is incorrect as bevy means a large group of people or things of a particular kind does not fit here. d): is incorrect as retrieve means get or bring (something) back from somewhere which does not fit here contextually.

**Q387.Ans. (b)**





In the given sentence, only 'of' makes it grammatically as well as contextually correct. a) is incorrect because 'to' does not fit here. b) is the correct alternative among the following as of fit here both grammatically and contextually c) is incorrect as 'with' does not fit here. d) is incorrect as 'for' does not fit here contextually.

**Q388.Ans. (c)**

In the given sentence, only 'grave' makes it grammatically as well as contextually correct. a) is incorrect as kerfuffle means a commotion or fuss, especially one caused by conflicting views. b) is incorrect as troupe means a group of dancers, actors, or other entertainers who tour to different venues. It does not make any sense here. c) is the correct alternative among the following as 'grave' perfectly fits in the blank both grammatically and contextually d) is incorrect because 'egg on' means to urge or encourage (someone) to do something that is usually foolish or dangerous. It is contextually wrong.

**Q389.Ans. (a)**

In the given sentence, only 'extraordinary' adjective makes it grammatically as well as contextually correct. a) is the correct alternative among the following as 'extraordinary' means very unusual or remarkable which fit here both grammatically and contextually b) is incorrect as 'relegate' means assign an inferior rank or position to which does not make any sense here. Also it is a verb, but we need an adjective here. c) is incorrect as salvage means rescue (a wrecked or disabled ship or its cargo) from loss at sea which does not make any sense here. d) is incorrect as antiquated means old-fashioned or outdated which does not fit here.

**Q390.Ans. (e)**

Hasting- be quick to do something.  
Mulling- think about (a fact, proposal, or request) deeply and at length.  
Rattling- making a series of knocking sounds.  
Sully- damage the purity or integrity of.  
Sculling- propel a boat with sculls.  
As the given paragraph has talked about the new regulations, with the objective of aligning it with that of banks, which the RBI is planning to impose on the NBFC's aka the shadow banks. hence the option (e) is the best choice.

**Q391.Ans. (b)**

Tether- tie (an animal) with a rope or chain so as to restrict its movement.

Hamper- hinder or impede the movement or progress of.  
Harper- a musician, especially a folk musician, who plays a harp.  
NBFC's have written to the PM retaliating the stringent regulations imposed by RBI, making argument that this will hinder the growth of NBFC's. hence option (b) is the correct answer choice to replace the given italicized word.

**Q392.Ans. (c)**

Contriving- create or bring about (an object or a situation) by deliberate use of skill and artifice.  
Lending- the action of allowing a person or organization the use of a sum of money under an agreement to pay it back later.  
Subsuming-to include  
Lending fits the blank appropriately hence the right option choice is (c).

**Q393.Ans. (e)**

Framework- a basic structure underlying a system, concept, or text.  
Anatomy- the bodily structure of an organism.  
Demotic- denoting or relating to the kind of language used by ordinary people; colloquial.  
The right choice should be option (e).

**Q394.Ans. (a)**

Liquidity- the availability of liquid assets to a market or company.  
Insolvency- the state of being insolvent.  
Concurrence- the fact of two or more events or circumstances happening or existing at the same time.  
As the given paragraph has talked about the new regulations, with the objective of aligning it with that of banks, which the RBI is planning to impose on the NBFC's aka the shadow banks. Only option (a) fits in the paragraph contextually correct. hence the option (a) is the best answer choice.

**Q395.Ans. (c)**

Entangled- cause to become twisted together with or caught in.  
Endeavored- try hard to do or achieve something.  
Rendered- provide or give (a service, help, etc.).  
Subdued- to bring under control  
Unearthed- find (something) in the ground by digging.  
option (c) is the right choice which fits the blank appropriately.

**Q396.Ans. (a)**

Inspection- careful examination or scrutiny.  
Retention- the continued possession, use, or control of something.  
Intervention- interference by a state in another's affairs.  
Repenting- feel or express sincere regret or remorse about one's wrongdoing or sin.





As per the context of the passage option (a) is the correct answer choice to fill the given blank. Hence option (a) is the correct answer choice.

**Q397.Ans. (a)**

Detering- discourage (someone) from doing something by instilling doubt or fear of the consequences.

Devouring- (of an unpleasant feeling) totally absorbing.

Engulfing- (of a natural force) sweep over (something) so as to surround or cover it completely.

Immersing- dip or submerge in a liquid.

As per the context of the passage option (a) is the correct answer choice to fill the given blank. Hence option (a) is the correct answer choice.

**Q398.Ans. (d)**

Refinance- finance (something) again, typically with new loans at a lower rate of interest.

Reliance- dependence on or trust in someone or something.

Deemed, conceive-to have as an opinion

Conceive- form or devise (a plan or idea) in the mind.

Kindle-to start a fire/light

As per the meaning of the given lines in paragraph option (d) is the appropriate choice.

**Q399.Ans. (b)**

Abide- accept or act in accordance with (a rule, decision, or recommendation).

Adobe- a kind of clay used as a building material.

Eulogistic- pertaining to the eulogy (an oration to honor a deceased person)

Renegade-a disloyal person

As per the context of the passage option (b) is the correct answer choice to fill the given blank. Hence option (b) is the correct answer choice.

**Q400.Ans. (b)**

“growth” is the correct word replacement as it means the process of increasing in amount, value, or importance. The passage talks about the linkages between gender and growth which can be found in the latter part of the paragraph.

**Q401.Ans. (c)**

“evidence” is the correct word replacement as it means the available body of facts or information indicating whether a belief or proposition is true or valid. Read the sentence carefully, the phrase

following the bold word expresses the fact that economic crises affect women more than men. Hence “evidence” is the correct usage.

**Q402.Ans. (a)**

“laid off” is the correct word replacement as it means to give up or stop doing something. Thus, the phrasal verb makes the sentence meaningful. Other words given in options make no relevance to the meaning of the sentence.

**Q403.Ans. (e)**

“worsen” is the correct word in context of its usage in the sentence. It means make or become worse. Hence it doesn't require any correction.

**Q404.Ans. (a)**

“withdrawn” is the correct word replacement as it means discontinue or no longer provide (something previously supplied or offered). “Girls are withdrawn from schools” is the correct phrase in context of the theme of the passage.

**Q405.Ans. (b)**

“reinforcing” is the correct word replacement as it means strengthen (an existing feeling, idea, or habit). The words “weakening”, “undermining” and “hindering” can be easily eliminated as the situations mentioned in the sentence would increase the gender gaps in education and not weaken them.

**Q406.Ans. (e)**

“utilizing” is the correct word in context of its usage in the sentence. Hence it doesn't require any correction.

**Q407.Ans. (d)**

“raise” is the correct word replacement as it means lift or move to a higher position or level. “raise economic growth by” is the correct phrase in terms of its usage.

**Q408.Ans. (b)**

“reforms” is the correct word replacement as it means the action or process of reforming an institution or practice. Other options can be easily eliminated as they are not in plural form. “reforms and choices” is the correct phrase in terms of its grammar usage.

**Q409.Ans. (e)**

“driver” is the correct word in context of its usage in the paragraph. “driver of growth” makes an appropriate phrase. Hence it doesn't require any correction.



**Q410.Ans. (c)**

The given paragraph mentions about an incident occurred based on cyber crime. An amount of 94 crore of Cosmos Cooperative bank was withdrew in 28 countries through ATMs. This action of hackers was supported by North Korea. Therefore, a panel has been set up to discuss the breach of various UN sanctions by North Korea. In the given blank, the most suitable word to fit in the blank is “allegedly” which means used to convey that something is claimed to be the case or have taken place, although there is no proof. All the other words are incoherent to the theme of the paragraph. Hence, option (c) is the most suitable answer choice.

Inspiringly means to fill with an animating, quickening, or exalting influence

Clumsily means in an awkward and careless way.

**Q411.Ans. (d)**

The given paragraph mentions about an incident occurred based on cyber crime. An amount of 94 crore of Cosmos Cooperative bank was withdrawn in 28 countries through ATMs. This action of hackers was supported by North Korea. Therefore, a panel has been set up to discuss the breach of various UN sanctions by North Korea. In the given blank, the most suitable word to fit in the blank is “breached” which means break or fail to observe (a law, agreement, or code of conduct). All the other words are incoherent to the theme of the paragraph. Hence, option (d) is the most suitable answer choice.

**Q412.Ans. (a)**

The paragraph is describing about a cyber attack on a pune-based cosmos cooperative bank. The theme of the paragraph clearly indicates the appropriate word which is “malware” to fit in the blank. “Malware” is a software that is specifically designed to disrupt, damage, or gain unauthorized access to a computer system. All the other words are incoherent to the theme of the paragraph. Hence, option (a) is the most suitable answer choice.

Robotic means relating to or of the nature of robots.

Mechanized means introduce machines or automatic devices into (a process or place).

Computation means the action of mathematical calculation.

**Q413.Ans. (e)**

The given paragraph mentions about an incident occurred based on cyber crime. An amount of 94 crore of Cosmos Cooperative bank was withdrawn in 28 countries through ATMs. This action of hackers was supported by North Korea. Therefore, a panel has been set up to discuss the breach of various UN sanctions by North Korea. The panel receives a hint that Korea has avoided the financial sanctions for illegally transfer of funds through cyber attacks on

various financial institutions. Therefore, “evasion” which means the action of evading something is the most suitable word to fit in the blank coherently. Hence, option (e) is the most suitable answer choice.

Inclination means a person's natural tendency or urge to act or feel in a particular way; a disposition.

Disposition means a person's inherent qualities of mind and character.

Reinforce means strengthen or support (an object or substance), especially with additional material.

Predilection means a preference or special liking for something; a bias in favour of something.

**Q414.Ans. (d)**

“Financial institutions” means a company engaged in the business of dealing with financial and monetary transactions such as deposits, loans, investments, and currency exchange; while “cryptocurrency exchanges” means a business that allows customers to trade cryptocurrencies or digital currencies for other assets, such as conventional fiat money or other digital currencies. Since both the terms are connected using the conjunction “and” it indicates that both the terms should represent a similar subject. Therefore, “exchanges” which means a system or market in which commercial transactions involving currency, shares, etc. can be carried out within or between countries is the most appropriate word to fill in the blank. All the other given words are incoherent to the context of the paragraph. Hence, option (b) is the most suitable answer choice. Genus means a class of things that have common characteristics and that can be divided into subordinate kinds.

**Q415.Ans. (d)**

The given paragraph mentions about an incident occurred based on cyber crime. An amount of 94 crore of a Pune-based Cosmos Cooperative bank was withdrawn in 28 countries through ATMs. This action of hackers was supported by North Korea. The crime has been investigated by a special investigation team of the Pune Police. The most suitable word to fill the blank is “Probing”. “Probing” means inquiring closely into something; searching. All the other given words are incoherent to the context of the paragraph. Hence, option (d) is the most suitable answer choice.

Entrusting means assign the responsibility for doing something to (someone).

Remitting means cancel or refrain from exacting or inflicting (a debt or punishment).

**Q416.Ans. (a)**

The given paragraph mentions about an incident occurred based on cyber crime. An amount of 94 crore of a Pune-based Cosmos







Cooperative bank was withdrawn in 28 countries through ATMs. This action of hackers was supported by North Korea. The crime has been investigated by a special investigation team of the Pune Police. Till now 12 people have been arrested from the locals who could be the “money mules”- people who act as an intermediary or a smaller unit to represent their criminal operators from abroad. Therefore, the most suitable word to fill in the blank is “module” which means one of a set of separate parts which, when combined, form a complete whole. All the other given words are incoherent to the context of the paragraph. Hence, option (a) is the most suitable answer choice. Campaign means work in an organized and active way towards a particular goal, typically a political or social one

**Q417. Ans. (c)**

The given paragraph mentions about an incident occurred based on cyber crime. An amount of 94 crore of a Pune-based Cosmos Cooperative bank was withdrawn in 28 countries through ATMs. This action of hackers was supported by North Korea. The crime has been investigated by a special investigation team of the Pune Police. Till now 12 people have been arrested from the locals who could be the “money mules”- people who act as an intermediary or a smaller unit to represent their criminal operators from abroad. The latter phrase of the sentence “acting on behalf of operators abroad” provides a hint for the given blank. Therefore, ‘intermediaries’ is the most suitable word to fit in the blank. Hence, option (c) is the most suitable answer choice.

Intermediaries means

Penury means the state of being very poor; extreme poverty.

Senile means of a condition) characteristic of or caused by old age.

**Q418. Ans. (b)**

The given paragraph mentions about an incident occurred based on cyber crime. An amount of 94 crore of Cosmos Cooperative bank was withdrawn in 28 countries through ATMs. The passage further provides the information that the bifurcation of the amount is – 14 crore is transferred to a Hong Kong bank using SWIFT system of the bank while the remaining 80 crore has been withdrawn using ATMs. Therefore the most suitable word to provide a paragraph a contextually correct meaning is “compromising” as it means to lower or weaken standards. All the other given words are incoherent to the context of the paragraph. Hence, option (b) is the most suitable answer choice.

Spawning means produce or generate a large number of.

Dismantling means take (a machine or structure) to pieces.

**Q419. Ans. (e)**

The given paragraph mentions about an incident occurred based on cyber crime. An amount of 94 crore of a Pune-based Cosmos Cooperative bank was withdrawn in 28 countries through ATMs. This action of hackers was supported by North Korea. The crime has been investigated by a special investigation team of the Pune Police. The detailed information regarding the case is provided by a senior official of Maharashtra police. Since he is providing crucial information of the case, he requested to remain anonymous. Therefore, “anonymity” is the most suitable word to fit in the blank. Hence, option (e) is the most suitable answer choice. Anonymity means the condition of being anonymous. Effigy means a sculpture or model of a person. Pallid means (of a person's face) pale, typically because of poor health.





## Set-14

**Directions (420-424):** 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 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.

(420) The criticism of the Indian banking system now seems to have reached an advanced stage. (421) After the recent issuance of a new framework for the resolution of profitable assets by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), the government is working on reducing the possibility of bank frauds. (422) Moreover, the Nirav Modi case has garnered public attention because of its sheer scale, it is not the only instance of Indian banks' vulnerabilities being exposed, especially in the public sector. (423) Several other cases, such as those involving the promoter of Rotomac Pens and top executives of Simbhaoli Sugars, have also surfaced in recent weeks. (424) RBI data, obtained by Reuters in the right to information, shows that public sector banks (PSBs) reported 8,670 cases of "loan fraud" involving Rs61,260 crore over the last five financial years up to March 2017. The amount will go up significantly once the recent frauds are added.

**Q420.** Out of the following options choose the word which doesn't fit in the blank (1) and thus fails to make any sense in the context of the paragraph.

- (a) criticism (b) system (c) reached  
(d) advanced (e) no error

**Q421.** Out of the following options choose the word which doesn't fit in the blank (2) and thus fails to make any sense in the context of the paragraph.

- (a) issuance (b) framework (c) profitable  
(d) reducing (e) no error

**Q422.** Out of the following options choose the word which doesn't fit in the blank (3) and thus fails to make any sense in the context of the paragraph.

- (a) moreover (b) garnered (c) instance  
(d) vulnerabilities (e) No error

**Q423.** Out of the following options choose the word which doesn't fit in the blank (4) and thus fails to make any sense in the context of the paragraph.

- (a) several (b) involving (c) promoter  
(d) surfaced (e) No error

**Q424.** Out of the following options choose the word which doesn't fit in the blank (5) and thus fails to make any sense in the context of the paragraph.

- (a) in (b) over (c) significantly  
(d) frauds (e) No error

**Directions (425-430):** In the following passage there are blanks, each of which has been numbered and one word has been suggested alongside the blank. These numbers are printed below the passage and against each, five options are given. In four options, one word is suggested in each option. Find out the appropriate option which fits the blank appropriately. If the word written alongside the blank fits the passage, choose option (e) as the correct choice.

While new senses data reveals that unemployment numbers are more (1) seemingly than was previously suspected, it is not clear that the forecast for American entrepreneurship is equally (2) alarming. An article in major national newspaper suggests that that (3) contraction in hiring at existing companies might result in more new companies being founded. College graduates unable to find traditional jobs, instead (4) rote to start their own business. Where a recession may seem an (5) miraculous time for such a historically risky (6) bifurcation, with no better options, would be entrepreneurs have little to lose. Unfortunately this situation doesn't necessarily impact the economy positively.

**Q425.** Find out the appropriate option which fits the blank (1) appropriately.

- (a) nearing (b) oblivate (c) auspicious  
(d) dire (e) No correction required

**Q426.** Find out the appropriate option which fits the blank (2) appropriately.

- (a) comforting (b) lacking (c) mutating  
(d) bewildering (e) No correction required

**Q427.** Find out the appropriate option which fits the blank (3) appropriately.

- (a) contingent (b) largess (c) contraction  
(d) validation (e) No correction required

**Q428.** Find out the appropriate option which fits the blank (4) appropriately.

- (a) circumscribe (b) refuse (c) opt  
(d) reject (e) No correction required

**Q429.** Find out the appropriate option which fits the blank (5) appropriately.





- (a) prodigious (b) portentous (c) phenomenal  
(d) unpropitious (e) No correction required

**Q430.** Find out the appropriate option which fits the blank (6) appropriately.

- (a) endeavor (b) passivity (c) pastime  
(d) idleness (e) No correction required

**Direction (431-435):** In the following passage, there are blanks, each followed by a word given in italicized. Every blank has four alternative words given in options (A), (B), (C) and (D). Find the word which best suits the place. If the given word suits the blank, mark 'no correction/change required' as the answer.

The leaf-buying companies, Alliance One, Universal and the tobacco giant Japan Tobacco International (JTI), which does its own buying, (431) (count) the tobacco and decide the prices farmers are paid. The leaf buying firms say they tell (432) (problematic) farmers not to use children and that stopping child labour is a (433) (hiccup). In Malawi, the bales are transported by lorry to the auction halls in the capital, Lilongwe – a cost paid by the farmers. Most farmers are under contract to a leaf buyer. If they don't take the price they are offered, they could put their bales up for auction but they (434) (doubt) not selling at all. Studies of the livelihoods of farmers in five low-income countries led by the economic and health policy research programme of the American Cancer Society in Atlanta, Georgia, have found that farmers at the end of a season just repay debts. "Unequivocally for the vast (435) (deficiency) of these leaseholders, the livelihood is very bad," said Jeffrey Drope, the programme's vice-president.

Find the appropriate word in each case.

**Q431.** Out of the following given words in options which best suits the blank (1).

- (a) mark (b) grade (c) tick  
(d) hash (e) no change required

**Q432.** Out of the following given words in options which best suits the blank (2).

- (a) contract (b) temporary (c) workaholic  
(d) tenacious (e) no change required

**Q433.** Out of the following given words in options which best suits the blank (3).

- (a) offence (b) predominance (c) priority  
(d) sovereignty (e) no change required

**Q434.** Out of the following given words in options which best suits the blank (4).

- (a) choose (b) fear (c) forgo  
(d) risk (e) no change required

**Q435.** Out of the following given words in options which best suits the blank (5).

- (a) preponderance (b) minority (c) destitution  
(d) privation (e) no change required

**Directions (436-440):** In the following passage against each number four word 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.

(436) On 15 August 1947, India woke to a new dusk of freedom. Finally, we were masters of our own destiny after some two hundred years of British rule; the job of nation building was now in our own hands. (437) The leaders of independent India had to decide, among other metals, the type of economic system most suitable for our nation, a system which would promote the welfare of all rather than a few. (438) There are different types of economic systems and among them, socialism appealed to Jawaharlal Nehru the most. However, he was not in favour of the blasphemy of socialism established in the former Soviet Union where all the means of production, i.e. all the factories and farms in the country, were owned by the government. (439) There was no private property. It is not possible in a democracy like India for the government to change the ownership pattern of land and other properties of its citizens in the way that it was done in the former Soviet Union. (440) Nehru, and many other leaders and thinkers of the newly independent India, sought an alternative to the extreme fillings of capitalism and socialism.

**Q436.** Out of the following given options find out the most appropriate word which doesn't fit into the blank (1) appropriately and thus fail to give a contextual meaning to the paragraph.

- (a) dusk (b) masters (c) job  
(d) hands (e) all are correct

**Q437.** Out of the following given options find out the most appropriate word which doesn't fit into the blank (2) appropriately and thus fail to give a contextual meaning to the paragraph.

- (a) leaders (b) metals (c) system  
(d) welfare (e) all are correct





**Q438.** Out of the following given options find out the most appropriate word which doesn't fit into the blank (3) appropriately and thus fail to give a contextual meaning to the paragraph.

- (a) economic (b) socialism (c) blasphemy  
(d) production (e) all are correct

**Q439.** Out of the following given options find out the most appropriate word which doesn't fit into the blank (4) appropriately and thus fail to give a contextual meaning to the paragraph.

- (a) property (b) democracy (c) government  
(d) properties (e) all are correct

**Q440.** Out of the following given options find out the most appropriate word which doesn't fit into the blank (5) appropriately and thus fail to give a contextual meaning to the paragraph.

- (a) thinkers (b) independent (c) alternative  
(d) fillings (e) all are correct

**Direction (441-445):** In the following passage there are blanks, each of which has been numbered and one word has been suggested alongside the blank. These numbers are printed below the passage and against each, five options are given. Find out the appropriate word which fits the blank appropriately. If the word written alongside the blank fits the passage, choose option 'e' (No correction required) as the correct choice.

At this point, blanket details (441) of the economics (or "econ") discipline have been expected (442) to the point where it's pretty easy to predict how they'll proceed. Economists will be repressing (443) for their failure to suspect (444) the Great Recession. Some unrealistic assumptions in mainstream macroeconomic models (445) will be mentioned. Economists will be cast as priests of free-market ideology, whose shortcomings will be vigorously asserted.

**Q441.** Choose appropriate word which fits in the place (1) appropriately.

- (a) exposition (b) critiques (c) opinions  
(d) thesis (e) No correction required

**Q442.** Choose appropriate word which fits in the place (2) appropriately.

- (a) arranged (b) dependable (c) measured  
(d) standardized (e) No correction required

**Q443.** Choose appropriate word which fits in the place (3) appropriately.

- (a) castigated (b) disciplined (c) judged  
(d) penalize (e) No correction required

**Q444.** Choose appropriate word which fits in the place (4) appropriately.

- (a) weigh (b) separate (c) foresee  
(d) determine (e) No correction required

**Q445.** Choose appropriate word which fits in the place (5) appropriately.

- (a) standard (b) design (c) layout  
(d) scheme (e) No correction required





## Answers And Solutions

### Set-14

#### Q420.Ans. (a)

Option (a) is the correct choice. The word 'criticism' does not fit into the theme of the paragraph. 'criticism' means the expression of disapproval of someone or something on the basis of perceived faults or mistakes. Later in the paragraph several issuances of policies have been discussed to reduce the banking frauds. Therefore, the theme of the paragraph discusses about the fight to finish the banking frauds. The correct word required here is 'cleansing' or a word similar in meaning as it perfectly fits into the theme of the paragraph.

#### Q421.Ans. (c)

Here, to describe the assets 'profitable' is the incorrect adjective as the resolution has been passed to reduce the possibility of bank frauds which can be done by governing the non-performing assets. Thus, the correct adjective required here is "stressed" to justify the theme of the paragraph. All the other words given in bold perfectly fit into the theme of the paragraph. Hence, only option (c) consists error therefore, it is the correct choice.

#### Q422.Ans. (a)

The adverb 'moreover' is incorrect as it is used to state 'as a further matter; besides'. However, the correct conjunction required here is 'although' which means in spite of the fact that; even though. It shows a contrast in the statements. As here, the statement is describing about a case of Nirav Modi which is highlighted for fraud but in the later part of the sentence a contrasting part has been described that there are many more such cases of fraud but they don't gain much importance. All the other words given in bold are correct, therefore, as only option (a) consists error, it becomes the correct choice.

#### Q423.Ans. (e)

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.

#### Q424.Ans. (a)

All the words given in bold are correct except option (a). 'in' should be replaced with 'through' as 'in' is used to express inclusion or involvement while; 'through' is used so as to inspect all or part of (a collection, inventory, or publication). As, all the other words are grammatically and contextually correct and only option (a) requires replacement it becomes the most suitable answer choice.

#### Q425.Ans. (d)

Obliviate means 'to forget'

Seemly- proper/decent

Auspicious- full of promise

All the above given three words doesn't go with the sentence either grammatically or contextually.

Dire-urgent/crucial this word fills the blank correctly so the best answer choice is option (d).

#### Q426.Ans. (e)

The correct option can be deduced from the previous line in the paragraph as it states that unemployment numbers are becoming crucial, so the corresponding best choice should be alarming.

Mutating- change in form or nature

Bewildering- confusing/ perplexing

So the best answer choice should be option (e).

#### Q427.Ans. (c)

Contingent- a group of people sharing a common feature

Largesse- generosity in bestowing money or gifts upon others.

Contraction- the process of becoming smaller. The sentence suggests that if there is a decrease in the trend of hiring the employees their might be need of new companies. So the best option that goes correct contextually with the sentence is option (c).

#### Q428.Ans. (c)

Circumscribe- restrict something within limits.

According to the context given in the sentence the 'opt- make a choice' fits best in the blank given. So the best answer choice should be option (c).

#### Q429.Ans. (d)

Prodigious- causing wonder or astonishment, portentous is the synonym word of prodigious.

Unpropitious- (of a circumstance) not giving or indicating a good chance of success; unfavourable.

Miraculous is a positive word whereas in sentence author is talking about the risk risen out of recession.

So the best answer choice should be option (d).

#### Q430.Ans. (a)

Endeavor-try hard to do or achieve something. Passivity, pastime, idleness are the antonyms of endeavor. So the best answer choice should be option (a).

#### Q431.Ans. (d)

The sentence speaks of something being done to the tobacco before their prices being decided.

Count cannot be used because the prices are paid as per the count but decided as per other criterion. Marking the tobacco makes no







sense. Tick and hash cannot be used because both the words do not make any sense in the sentence.  
Grading the tobacco means segregating it on the basis of quality.  
Hence, B is the correct answer.

**Q432.Ans. (a)**

The blank requires to be filled with a word that correctly describes the farmers recruited by the company.  
Problematic is incorrect because it isn't just the problematic farmers that are being warned against using children on their fields.  
Temporary does not make sense because of the same reason, and nor does workaholic and tenacious.  
'Contract' can be used to describe the farmers because they are on contract for the company.  
Thus, A is the correct answer.

**Q433.Ans. (c)**

The blank must be filled with a word that describes how important stopping of child labour is for the company.  
Hiccup cannot be used because stopping this problem is not a problem for the company. Offence does not make sense because stopping of child labour is not an offence; child labour is.  
Sovereignty means the supreme, which again does not make sense here.  
Priority aptly describes what stopping of child labour is for the company.  
Thus, C is the correct answer.

**Q434.Ans. (d)**

Doubt does not make sense here because the sentence implies that the farmers stand a chance of not selling their crops at all if they don't sell it at the price offered by the company. Choose does not make sense here because farmer won't choose not to sell his crops.  
Fear is partially correct but it describes their mental state and not the actual reality of what happens to the crops. Forgo means to let go of something, which makes no sense in this sentence.  
Risk fits in perfectly because the farmers risk not selling their crops at all if they don't sell it at the price offered.  
Thus, D is the correct answer.

**Q435.Ans. (a)**

The statement implies that most of the leaseholders lead a very tough life.  
Deficiency, destitution and privation mean dearth, which is not a suitable word to describe the number of leaseholders that suffer. Thus, they cannot be used.  
Minority, again, means a

small number and thus cannot be used. Preponderance means a large number and thus, fits in perfectly.  
Thus, A is the correct answer.

**Q436.Ans. (a)**

The given passage is talking about economic policy which were adopted by the Leaders of India after the Independence of India. On 15 August 1947, India got her independence and awoke to the new dawn of Independence. The usage of the word 'dusk' which means 'evening' is wrong from contextual point of view. Hence, the option (a) is the correct answer.

**Q437.Ans. (b)**

The usage of the word 'metals' is incorrect from the contextual point of view. The correct word should have been 'things'.  
The leaders of independent India had to decide, among other things, the type of economic system most suitable for our nation, a system which would promote the welfare of all rather than a few.  
Hence, the option (b) is the correct answer.

**Q438.Ans. (c)**

The usage of the word 'blasphemy' is completely out-of-context and deserves correction. The correct word which should replace the word is 'kind'.  
However, he was not in favour of the kind of socialism established in the former Soviet Union where all the means of production, i.e., all the factories and farms in the country were owned by the government.

**Q439.Ans. (e)**

All the bolded words are correct from grammatical and contextual point of view. Hence, the option (e) is the correct answer.

**Q440.Ans. (d)**

The usage of the word 'fillings' is completely out-of-context. The word which should have replaced the word 'fillings' should be 'versions'.  
...India, sought an alternative to the extreme versions of capitalism and socialism.  
Hence, the option (d) is the correct answer.

**Q441.Ans. (b)**

"critiques" is the correct word replacement as it means a detailed analysis and assessment of something, especially a literary, philosophical, or political theory.

**Q442.Ans. (d)**



“standardized” is the correct word replacement as it means cause (something) to conform to a standard.

**Q443. Ans. (a)**

“castigated” is the correct word replacement as it means reprimand (someone) severely. Also, it is to be noted that the sentence is in Passive form.

**Q444. Ans. (c)**

“foresee” is the correct word replacement as it means be aware of beforehand; predict.

**Q445. Ans. (c)**

“models” is the correct word in context of its usage in the sentence. So it doesn't require any correction.





## Set-15

**Directions (446-450):** In the following passage, some of the words have been left out and replaced by a blank represented by an alphabet. Against each blank, five words are suggested, one of which fits the blank grammatically and contextually. Choose the option providing the correct word that fits into the blank.

At the national level, China's government has been doing impressive work to improve its pollution data in order to \_\_\_\_ (446) \_\_\_\_ its environmental strategy, which includes, among other things, the world's largest carbon-pricing system, covering seven provinces. For example, high-frequency data collected through Continuous Emissions Monitoring Systems provide \_\_\_\_ (447) \_\_\_\_ information regarding the sources of air pollutants, enabling the government to create \_\_\_\_ (448) \_\_\_\_ incentives for firms to curb emissions. Moreover, since the end of 2013, China's government has required 14,410 coal companies to upload hourly data on emissions from their production units onto a publicly available online platform. Such data helped in structuring new rules and regulations \_\_\_\_ (449) \_\_\_\_ on reducing emissions. According to a recent paper by Valerie Karplus, Shuang Zhang, and Douglas Almond, the new rules contributed to a 13.9% drop in sulphur-dioxide concentration from coal-fired power plants. It should be noted that this \_\_\_\_ (450) \_\_\_\_ works only if, as is the case in China, companies face heavy penalties not just for polluting, but also for falsifying data.

**Q446.** Out of the following options which one should fill the blank grammatically and contextually correct?

- a) overate                      b) finding                      c) guide  
d) chaperone                      e) cicerone

**Q447.** Out of the following options which one should fill the blank grammatically and contextually correct?

- a) crucial                      b) motivate                      c) exaggerate  
d) aggrandize                      e) none of the above

**Q448.** Out of the following options which one should fill the blank grammatically and contextually correct?

- a) associative                      b) retroactive                      c) reactive  
d) linked                      e) effective

**Q449.** Out of the following options which one should fill the blank grammatically and contextually correct?

- a) refer                      b) focused                      c) loaded

- d) followed                      e) kept

**Q550.** Out of the following options which one should fill the blank grammatically and contextually correct?

- a) merger                      b) retaliate                      c) jeopardy  
d) approach                      e) collision

**Directions (451-455):** In the following passage, some of the words or phrases have been left out and replaced by a blank represented by a letter. First read the passage and try to understand what it is about. Then fill in the blanks as per the questions given.

Microplastics have been discovered in a \_\_ (A) \_\_ area of the French Pyrenees mountains. The particles travelled through the atmosphere and were blown into the once pristine region by the wind, according to a new study published in Nature Geoscience. This is just the latest example of the "hidden risks" posed by plastics that humans cannot see with the naked eye. For now, governments and activists are focused on avoiding plastic litter in the environment, \_\_ (B) \_\_ by concern for wildlife and worries over unsightly drinks bottles or abandoned fishing nets on beaches. Plastic bag usage has been cut in many parts of the world, and various projects are exploring how to \_\_ (C) \_\_ the floating plastic waste in oceans. But little has yet been done to deal with polluting plastic particles that are usually invisible. There is however growing concern about these micro and nanoplastics, classified as particles smaller than 5mm. These come in part from \_\_ (D) \_\_ manufactured sources, such as scrubbing materials in cleaning and cosmetic products, but also from secondary sources, such as the inevitable breaking up or wearing down of larger items such as tyres or fibre shed from tumble driers and washing machines. We are becoming increasingly aware of their presence but know surprising little about how much is out there, how it behaves in our environment, and what the implications are for human and animal well-being. As more studies publish their findings, we are learning that microplastics are more widespread than we imagined, and that they are found in every environmental system investigated. Plastic particles have been found in record-breaking quantities in river sediments in the UK, for instance, while a study in Paris found plastic fibres in wastewater and the air. This is perhaps to be expected in built up and polluted urban environments, but the new findings from the Bernadouze meteorological station in the Pyrenees are a different matter. This part of the mountain range is normally considered clean and \_\_ (E) \_\_, not somewhere scientists would expect to find contamination.

**Q451.** Out of the following options which one should fill blank (A)?

- a) remote                      b) seclude                      c) ratify





- d) comment e) None of the above

**Q452.** Out of the following options which one should fill blank (B)?

- a) driving main b) driven mainly c) main driven  
d) drive mainly e) None of the above

**Q453.** Out of the following options which one should fill blank (C)?

- a) gather down b) gather across c) gather up  
d) gather above e) gather into

**Q454.** Out of the following options which one should fill blank (D)?

- a) deliberate b) deliberation  
c) delegate d) deliberately  
e) delegation

**Q455.** Out of the following options which one should fill blank (E)?

- a) dirty b) naïve c) clarity  
d) ground e) pristine

**Directions (456-460):** In the following passage, there are blanks, each of which have 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.

Today education is recognised as a fundamental right under the right to education Act, 2009. However, failures in implementation and policy (A) have rendered it less effective. For us to develop sustainably, it is (B) we realise the ideals contained in the law. The lack of morality and compassionate values has resulted in social and political (C) towards children. We must work towards a common goal which would be reasonably equitable and (D) in spirit. It is indisputable that a change in mindset is required. As they mature into adults, their empathy and compassion will (E) into an unprecedented level of global and sustained action and vigilance.

**Q456.** Out of the following suggested words which will fit the blank A?

- a) Differences b) reforms c) Gaps  
d) Announcements e) Declarations

**Q457.** Out of the following suggested words which will fit the blank B?

- a) Imperative b) Sufficient c) Complementary  
d) Demanding e) Coincidental

**Q458.** Out of the following suggested words which will fit the blank C?

- a) Apathy b) Disgrace c) Susceptibility  
d) Creativity e) Depth

**Q459.** Out of the following suggested words which will fit the blank D?

- a) Comparative b) Just c) Quality  
d) Scarce e) Intuitive

**Q.460** Out of the following suggested words which will fit the blank E?

- a) Commemorate b) Translate c) Drive  
d) Change e) Portray

**Directions (461-465):** Read the following passage and answer the questions following it. Several alphabets are given to help u assist in answering those questions.

Environmental degradation in Afghanistan has already been rampant in the country for a very long time but modern \_\_\_\_\_(A)\_\_\_\_\_ of the problem by the scientific community and independent watchdog groups has given us recognition of most of the chief problems. (B) Water contamination and diminution from human-caused, as well as natural, processes is a most severe problem, with almost everything else piling beside them. (C) In fact, in the last (1) change, Section III is all about just water and climate. (2) chapter, with a (3) focus on the old water treaties, as well as the coming (4) climate shifts. In addition, the main environmental issues that are so common in Afghanistan anyway include all of the following: soil salinization from irrigation, soil erosion from flowing water and wind; as well as landslides, deforestation, pollution and environmental health, and the residuals of long-term warfare. \_\_\_\_\_(D)\_\_\_\_\_ in Afghanistan, it will be essential to study and map these hazard-producing, environmental processes in detail so as to reduce their most harmful effects. Five environmental pillars have been established as a basis around which to manage protection and \_\_\_\_\_(E)\_\_\_\_\_ activities. These pillars include the formation of coordinated environmental institutions, as well as new laws and policies, impact assessments, environmental information and other assessments, and community-based natural resource management.

**Q461.** Which of the following words given in the options should come at the place marked as (A) in the above passage to make it grammatically correct and contextually meaningful. Also, the word should fill in the two sentences given below to make them contextually correct and meaningful.

(i) She hoped she would avoid \_\_\_\_\_ by wearing dark glasses and a hat.

(ii) She received an honorary doctorate from Oxford University in \_\_\_\_\_ of her work for the homeless.

- (a) support (b) Intervention (c) recognition  
(d) Rejection (e) aim

**Q462.** In the above passage, a sentence B is given in Italics. There may or may not be an error in one part of the sentence. Choose the part





which has an error in it as your answer. If there is no error, then choose option (e) as your answer.

- (a) Water contamination and
- (b) diminution from human-caused,
- (c) as well as natural, processes is a most severe
- (d) problem, with almost everything else paling besides them.
- (e) no error

**Q463.** The sentence given in (C) has four words given in italics. Amongst the given words which of the followings must interchange to make the sentence grammatically and contextually correct and meaningful?

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|-----|-----|-----|
| 1-3 | 2-1 | 1-4 |
| 2-3 | 3-4 |     |

**Q464.** Which of the following phrases should fill the blank (D) to make it contextually and grammatically meaningful and correct respectively?

- (a) has given rise to a discourse steeped in hate and abuse
- (b) much greater accountability amongst those that hitherto
- (c) As the natural resources are produced and come on commercial stream
- (d) emigrated from the island to escape poverty and starvation
- (e) None of the above

**Q465.** Which of the following words given in the options should come at the place marked as 'E' in the above paragraph to make it grammatically and contextually meaningful and correct. Also, the word should fill the two sentences given below to make them contextually correct and meaningful?

- (i) To improve his literacy skills, the college student is taking a \_\_\_\_\_ reading class.
- (ii) According to the doctor, a \_\_\_\_\_ surgery on my knee will improve my mobility.
- (a) Remedial      (b) Relegate      (c) Stimulate
- (d) Foster      (e) Cultivate

**Directions (466-470):** 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 inappropriate option reflecting the word which must be replaced 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.

(466) As the climate changes, drought and higher temperatures can contribute to increased dust storms across Southwestern U.S. states. These storms can spread Valley fever, a dangerous infection caused by a fungus that can be picked up from the soil and teleported by

strong winds. (467) A NASA Earth Applied Sciences team is getting creative to track how dust storms can spread this potentially deadly fungus, helping epidemiologists, health care providers, and decision makers better protect their responsibilities. (468) There are about 15,000 cases of Valley fever each year in the U.S. While working with location communities to study how this threat spreads, the NASA-funded team designed an innovative method to capture dust samples across a wide area: store-bought cake pans filled with marbles. (469) As dust storms pass over the uneven surface of the marbles, some of the sediment falls through the layers of marbles to the bottom of the pan for researchers to collect and test for the fungus's present. (470) The team splits this information with NASA satellite data and high-end computer modelling to enhance current forecasting and surveillance activities related to dust storms and the airborne spread of Valley fever across the southwestern states.

**Q466.** Find out the most inappropriate option reflecting the word which must be replaced to give a contextual meaning to the paragraph in number (1).

- (a) contribute      (b) infection      (c) teleported
- (d) strong      (e) All are correct

**Q467.** Find out the most inappropriate option reflecting the word which must be replaced to give a contextual meaning to the paragraph in number (2).

- (a) potentially      (b) providers      (c) protect
- (d) responsibilities      (e) All are correct

**Q468.** Find out the most inappropriate option reflecting the word which must be replaced to give a contextual meaning to the paragraph in number (3).

- (a) location      (b) threat      (c) designed
- (d) capture      (e) All are correct

**Q469.** Find out the most inappropriate option reflecting the word which must be replaced to give a contextual meaning to the paragraph in number (4).

- (a) uneven      (b) sediment      (c) collect
- (d) present      (e) All are correct

**Q470.** Find out the most inappropriate option reflecting the word which must be replaced to give a contextual meaning to the paragraph in number (5).

- (a) splits      (b) modelling      (c) surveillance
- (d) airborne      (e) All are correct







## Answers And Solutions Set-15

**Q446.Ans. (c)**

We need a verb in the blank here which could tell us what China's government has been doing as part of its environmental strategy. The word that will fit perfectly in the blank is 'guide'(verb). Hence, the answer is option c). Overate- ate too much; chaperone(noun)- a person who accompanies and looks after another person or group of people; cicerone (noun)- a guide who gives information about places of interest to sightseers.

**Q447. Ans. (a)**

The blank given here talks about 'information' and we need an adjective to describe the noun 'information'. The words given in option b), c) and d) are all verbs, hence, will not fit in the blank. The adjective 'crucial' (very important) describes the noun 'information' well; hence, the answer would be option a). Exaggerate- overstate; aggrandize- increase the power, status, or wealth of.

**Q448.Ans. (e)**

In the blank given here, we need an adjective to describe the noun 'incentives'. The sentence talks of how the information could help the government to create incentives for firms. Associative(adj.)- of or involving the association of things; retroactive (adj.)- backdated; reactive(adj.)- responsive to; effective(adj.)- successful in producing a desired or intended result. According to the given meanings, the correct word to be placed in the blank would be 'effective'. The other words do not go with the context of the sentence. Hence, the answer is option e).

**Q449.Ans. (b)**

The adjective 'focused' fits in the blank. It will provide the sentence with the following meaning- the new rules and regulations were aimed at reducing the emissions. Hence, the answer is option b).

**Q550.Ans. (d)**

Retaliate- fight back; jeopardy- danger; approach- a way of dealing with a situation or problem. The sentence talks of a process discussed in the former sentence for reducing the emissions. In this sentence, the method can be best referred to as an 'approach'. Hence, the answer is option d).

**Q451. Ans. (a)**

An adjective is required in the blank which would qualify the noun 'area'. Remote- situated far from the main centres of population;

distant. Seclude, ratify, comment- verbs. Option (a) fits in the blank grammatically and contextually; hence, (a) is the right answer.

**Q452. Ans. (b)**

A verb in participle form is required in the blank, which eliminates options (a) and (d). (c)- doesn't make the sentence meaningful. (b)- it perfectly fits in the blank grammatically and contextually; hence, (b) is the right answer.

**Q453.Ans. (c)**

Gather up- pick something up; which makes the sentence grammatically and contextually correct. None of the other options/phrases convey the intended meaning. Hence, (c) is the right answer.

**Q454. Ans. (d)**

An adverb is required in the blank which would qualify the adjective 'manufactured' in the sentence. (a), (c)- verbs; (b) and (e)- nouns; (d)- adverb and fits in the blank contextually too. Hence, (d) is the right answer.

**Q455. Ans. (e)**

An adjective is required in the given blank which would qualify the noun 'mountain range'. Also, the word should be in similar line as that of the adjective 'clean'. (a)- exactly opposite of what is required. (b)- contextually incorrect. (c)- noun. (d)- noun/verb. (e)- adjective; pristine- unspoilt. Hence, (e) is the right answer.

**Q456. Ans. (c)**

The context of the statement points towards something negative and we cannot say reforms because these can be either good or bad, we don't know. Hence, correct answer is option (c).

**Q457. Ans. (a)**

Imperative-crucial, of vital importance.; Something is important/necessary in the context of the sentence, hence option (a) will be the apt fit.

**Q458. Ans. (a)**

Apathy-concern;  
The context of the sentence talks about some negative things with respect to the children. And so, option (a) is the best fit as "disgrace" will be irrelevant here. Susceptible- likely or liable to be influenced or harmed by a particular thing.

**Q459.Ans. (b)**

Just-based on or behaving according to what is morally right and fair;





Option (b) should be the clear-cut answer on the context of the respective blank.

**Q.460 Ans. (b)**

Translate - Convert something or be converted

The context of the sentence means that only option (b) or (d) can fit in, out of which, the former seems to be making more sense.

**Q461.Ans. (c)**

Among the given options, the option (c) 'recognition' is the most appropriate word to fill the blank. Hence, the option (c) is the correct answer.

**Q462.Ans. (d)**

There is an error in the phrase mentioned in the option (d).

Paling - seem or become less important.

Diminution- a reduction in the size, extent, or importance of something.

Besides- in addition to; apart from.

Beside- at the side of; next to.

The correct sentence should be, "Water contamination and diminution from human-caused, as well as natural, processes is a most severe problem, with almost everything else paling beside them."

**Q463.Ans. (b)**

Sol. The positions of the words marked with (3) and (4) are correct. Upon interchanging 2-1, we get a sentence which is grammatically and contextually meaningful and correct as "In fact, in the last (1) chapter, Section III is all about just water and climate (2) change, with a (3) focus on the old water treaties, as well as the coming (4) climate shifts." Hence, the option (b) is the correct answer.

**Q464.Ans. (c)**

All the given options except (c), are out of context. Hence, the option (c) is the correct answer.

**Q465.Ans. (a)**

relegate- assign an inferior rank or position to

Foster- encourage the development of (something, especially something desirable).

Cultivate- refined and well educated.

Remedial: giving or intended as a remedy or cure.

Among the given options, the word 'Remedial' gels well with the theme of the paragraph and also makes the sentence grammatically and contextually correct and meaningful respectively.

Hence, the option (a) is the correct answer.

**Q466.Ans. (c)**

As the given paragraph has talked about the new way to track dust storms and valley fever with the help of cake pans.

The word 'teleported' does not fit properly in the context of the paragraph.

Therefore, the most suitable word to replace the erroneous word is "transported".

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

**Q467.Ans. (d)**

As the given paragraph has talked about the new way to track dust storms and valley fever with the help of cake pans.

The word 'communities' does not fit properly in the context of the paragraph.

Therefore, the most suitable word to replace the erroneous word is "responsibilities".

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

**Q468.Ans. (a)**

As the given paragraph has talked about the new way to track dust storms and valley fever with the help of cake pans.

The word 'location' does not fit properly in the context of the paragraph.

Therefore, the most suitable word to replace the erroneous word is "local".

Hence, option (a) becomes the most suitable answer choice.

**Q469.Ans. (d)**

As the given paragraph has talked about the new way to track dust storms and valley fever with the help of cake pans.

The word 'present' does not fit grammatically in the context of the paragraph.

Therefore, the most suitable word to replace the erroneous word is "presence".

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

**Q470.Ans. (a)**

As the given paragraph has talked about the new way to track dust storms and valley fever with the help of cake pans.

The word 'splits' does not fit properly in the context of the paragraph.

Therefore, the most suitable word to replace the erroneous word is "combines".

Hence, option (a) becomes the most suitable answer choice.





## Set-16

**Directions (471-475):** Read the following passage and answer the questions following it. Several alphabets are given to help u assist in answering those questions.

For many people living in towns and cities, wildlife is often something you watch on television. But the reality is that the air you breathe, the water you drink and the food you eat all ultimately \_\_\_\_\_(A)\_\_\_\_\_ on biodiversity. Some examples are obvious: without plants there would be no oxygen and without bees to pollinate there would be no fruit or nuts. (B) Others are less obvious – coral reefs and mangrove swamps provide invaluable protection from cyclones and tsunamis for those living on coasts, while trees can absorb air pollution in urban areas. (C) Others appear (1) maintaining – tropical tortoises and spider monkeys (2) seemingly have little to do with (3) bizarre a stable (4) climate. But the dense, hardwood trees that are most effective in removing carbon dioxide from the atmosphere rely on their seeds being dispersed by these large fruit-eaters. When scientists explore each ecosystem, they find countless such interactions, all by millions of years of evolution. If undamaged, \_\_\_\_\_(D)\_\_\_\_\_. The sheer richness of biodiversity also has human benefits. Many new medicines are harvested from nature, such as a fungi that grows on the fur of sloths and can fight cancer. Wild varieties of domesticated animals and crops are also \_\_\_\_\_(E)\_\_\_\_\_ as some will have already solved the challenge of, for example, coping with drought or salty soils.

**Q471.** Which of the following words given in the options should come at the place marked as (A) in the above passage to make it grammatically correct and contextually meaningful. Also, the word should fill in the two sentences given below to make them contextually correct and meaningful.

- (i) We have learned not to \_\_\_\_\_ on local weather reports since they are highly inaccurate.  
(ii) The fisherman had to \_\_\_\_\_ on his intuition when determining the best spot to plant his pole.
- (a) vanish (b) publish (c) rely  
(d) disappoint (e) succeed

**Q472.** In the above passage, a sentence B is given in Italics. There may or may not be an error in one part of the sentence. Choose the part which has an error in it as your answer. If there is no error, then choose option (e) as your answer.

- (a) Others are less obvious – coral reefs and mangrove  
(b) swamps provide invaluable protection from cyclones  
(c) and tsunamis for them living on coasts,  
(d) while trees can absorb air pollution in urban areas.

(e) no error

**Q473.** The sentence given in (C) has four words given in bold. Amongst the given bold words which of the followings must interchange to make the sentence grammatically and contextually correct and meaningful?

- a-3 b-1 c-4  
d-3 e-4

**Q474.** Which of the following phrases should fill the blank (D) to make it contextually and grammatically meaningful and correct respectively?

- (a) Each higher organism is richer in information than a Caravaggio painting, a Bach fugue, or any other great work  
(b) Bots could potentially scan a customer's social profile to gather information and  
(c) this produces a finely balanced, healthy system which contributes to a healthy sustainable planet  
(d) Traditionally, insurance companies used blanket methods like cold calling customers  
(e) None of the above

**Q475.** Which of the following words given in the options should come at the place marked as 'E' in the above paragraph to make it grammatically and contextually meaningful and correct. Also, the word should fill the two sentences given below to make them contextually correct and meaningful?

- (i) The police's officer's \_\_\_\_\_ stopped Richard from beating his wife.  
(ii) Our nation's \_\_\_\_\_ in another country's war could pull us into the crisis.
- (a) crucial (b) invention (c) peripheral  
(d) interval (e) None of these

**Directions (476-481):** In the following passage there are blanks, each of which has been numbered. These numbers are printed below the passage followed by four words/phrases. One or more of those words/phrases may fit the blank appropriately. Choose the best set of alternatives among the five given below each question which fill the blanks most appropriately. If none of the words/phrases fill the blanks, choose option (e) i.e. "None of these" as your answer.

The \_\_\_\_\_(476)\_\_\_\_\_, blue-nosed train standing at Chennai's Integral Coach Factory (ICF) has a cone-shaped \_\_\_\_\_(477)\_\_\_\_\_, similar to a bullet train. The new train comes fitted with amenities on a par with the \_\_\_\_\_(478)\_\_\_\_\_ in the world — from on-board Wi-Fi to GPS-based passenger information system, 'touch-free' bio-vacuum toilets, LED lighting, mobile charging points, and a climate control system that will adjust the temperature according to





\_\_\_\_(479)\_\_\_\_ and the weather. What 'Train 18' doesn't have, however, is a locomotive to \_\_\_\_ (480) \_\_\_\_ the coaches — it is a self-propelled, semi-high-speed trainset that will soon \_\_\_\_ (6) \_\_\_\_ the box cars of the inter-city Shatabdis.

- Q476.** (A) gleaming (B) empirical (C) contentious  
(D) conniving  
(a) Both (C) and (D) (b) Only (A)  
(c) Both (B) and (D) (d) Only (C)  
(e) Both (A) and (D)
- Q477.** (A) patent (B) facade  
(C) frontage (D) surrogate  
(a) Both (B) and (C) (b) Only (C) (c) Both (A) and (D)  
(d) Both (C) and (D) (e) Only (A)
- Q478.** (A) nonpareil (B) foremost  
(C) variegated (D) best  
(a) Both (B) and (D) (b) Both (A) and (B) (c) (A), (B) and (D)  
(d) Only (C) (e) Only (D)
- Q479.** (A) occupancy (B) tenancy  
(C) allure (D) ethos  
(a) Both (C) and (D) (b) Only (D) (c) Only (B)  
(d) (A) and (B) (e) All of (A), (B), (C) and (D)
- Q480.** (A) persuade (B) exhort  
(C) haul (D) pull  
(a) Only (C) and (D) (b) All of (A), (B), (C) and (D)  
(c) Both (B) and (D) (d) Only (B)  
(e) Only (D)
- Q481.** (A) Supersede (B) Supplant  
(C) Underwrite (D) Substitute  
(a) (A), (B) and (D) (b) All of (A), (B), (C) and (D)  
(c) Only (C) (d) Both (B) and (C)  
(e) Both (A) and (C)

**Directions (482-487):** 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. Find out the appropriate word which fits into the blank appropriately.

The theory that authoritarian governments can \_\_\_\_ (482) \_\_\_\_ policy consensus more easily than multiparty democracies holds some \_\_\_\_ (483) \_\_\_\_\_. Critical reforms in a country like India are often \_\_\_\_ (484) \_\_\_\_ by the political conflict \_\_\_\_ (485) \_\_\_\_ in the democratic process. But if that were the whole story, then all

dictatorships would be economic powerhouses. The case of Asia's hyper-growth economies suggests what is important isn't \_\_\_\_ (486) \_\_\_\_ itself, but what policies the autocrat chooses to impose—and, more importantly, to whom he listens. Historically, Asia's most successful strongmen have all benefited from \_\_\_\_ (487) \_\_\_\_ sound economic guidance. In South Korea, long-serving ruler Park Chung-hee insisted that top economic posts be filled by highly trained economists and other professionals.

- Q482.** (a) impose (b) deliver  
(c) give (d) urge  
(e) demand
- Q483.** (a) fault (b) belief (c) merit  
(d) payment (e) attraction
- Q484.** (a) enlightened (b) clasp (c) abet  
(d) joined (e) stymied
- Q485.** (a) invested (b) engrained (c) chisel  
(d) defined (e) erode
- Q486.** (a) autocracy (b) calamity (c) racism  
(d) democracy (e) brutality
- Q487.** (a) commonly (b) remarkably (c) odd  
(d) higher (e) violently

**Directions (488-492):** 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 meaningful.

Google introduced the \_\_\_\_ (488) \_\_\_\_ version of its media-streaming device Chromecast, over a year after the device was first \_\_\_\_ (489) \_\_\_\_ in India. The tech giant also launched the new Chromecast Audio that was first \_\_\_\_ (490) \_\_\_\_ last year. Both the devices have been priced \_\_\_\_ (491) \_\_\_\_ Rs 3,399. Chromecast, which is available in 31 countries and has \_\_\_\_ (492) \_\_\_\_ 20 million users globally, enable users to stream any content, including games and video from their mobile phone to television.

- Q488.** Which one should fill the blank (1)?  
(a) Latest (b) Last (c) Former  
(d) Foremost (e) Later
- Q489.** (a) Established (b) Instigated (c) Founded  
(d) Introduced (e) Initiated





- Q490.** (a) Unveiled (b) Broadcasted (c) Published  
(d) Displayed (e) Introduced

- Q491.** (a) on (b) in (c) of  
(d) at (e) with

- Q492.** (a) around (b) between (c) about  
(d) on (e) at

**Directions (493-497):** 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.

(493) A country's currency value determines its competitiveness in global trade. This strength is determined by fiscal deficit, trade deficit, forex reserves and capital flows in an economy. (494) Economies where foreign reserves are very high, trade is in deficit and capital flows are positive, their currencies have a tendency to appreciate. Countries, where there is high trade deficit, negative capital flows and negative current account, are likely to witness depreciation in currency. (495) Depending on the situation, countries fluctuate to manipulation of currency by either buying or selling dollars. Buying dollars leads to appreciation of currency and selling dollars leads to depreciation. The extent of buying and selling determines the level of appreciation or depreciation. (496) Weak currencies provide cost-competitive advantage to nations in gaining share in global trade. China gained advantage in global trade by keeping its currency weak for long, supported by artificial depression of cost of production in the country. This helped China become the leader in global manufacturing. After pressure from the US and others, China allowed appreciation of its currency. (497) The advent of the trade war is focusing a major challenge to countries. It will lead to slow growth in global trade and many countries that mainly depend on trade will be affected in a big way. To counter the trade war, countries will adopt the strategy of weakening their currencies.

- Q493.** Find out the most appropriate alternative reflecting the word which doesn't fit in the sentence numbered as 1?

- (a) value (b) global (c) determined  
(d) economy (e) All are correct

- Q494.** Find out the most appropriate alternative reflecting the word which doesn't fit in the sentence numbered as 2?

- (a) Economies (b) deficit (c) tendency  
(d) witness (e) All are correct

- Q495.** Find out the most appropriate alternative reflecting the word which doesn't fit in the sentence numbered as 3?

- (a) Depending (b) fluctuate (c) appreciation  
(d) extent (e) All are correct

- Q496.** Find out the most appropriate alternative reflecting the word which doesn't fit in the sentence numbered as 4?

- (a) provide (b) supported (c) leader  
(d) pressure (e) All are correct

- Q497.** Find out the most appropriate alternative reflecting the word which doesn't fit in the sentence numbered as 5?

- (a) advent (b) focusing (c) affected  
(d) strategy (e) All are correct







## Answers And Solutions

### Set-16

#### Q471.Ans. (c)

Among the given options, the option (c) 'rely' is the most appropriate word to fill the blank. Hence, the option (c) is the correct answer.

#### Q472.Ans. (c)

There is an error in the phrase mentioned in the option (c).  
The correct sentence should be, "Others are less obvious – coral reefs and mangrove swamps provide invaluable protection from cyclones and tsunamis for those living on coasts, while trees can absorb air pollution in urban areas."

#### Q473.Ans. (a)

The positions of the words marked with (2) and (4) are correct. Upon interchanging 3-1, we get a sentence which is grammatically and contextually meaningful and correct as "Others appear bizarre – tropical tortoises and spider monkeys seemingly have little to do with maintaining a stable climate." Hence, the option (a) is the correct answer.

#### Q474.Ans. (c)

The hint for the answer is derived from the paragraph where it is given as "If undamaged ...." And post the given blank the paragraph talks about how the biodiversity helps human in different aspects. The other given options are out of context. Hence, the option (c) is the correct answer.

#### Q475.Ans. (a)

crucial - decisive or critical, especially in the success or failure of something.  
Among the given options, the word 'crucial' gels well with the theme of the paragraph and also makes the sentence grammatically and contextually correct and meaningful respectively.  
Hence, the option (a) is the correct answer.

#### Q476.Ans. (b)

gleaming [adjective] means '(of a smooth surface) reflecting light, typically because very clean or polished';  
Empirical [adjective] means 'based on, concerned with, or verifiable by observation or experience rather than theory or pure logic';  
Contentious [adjective] means 'causing or likely to cause an argument; controversial';  
Conniving [adjective] means 'given to or involved in conspiring to do something immoral, illegal, or harmful';

From above, we can understand that the alternative which will fill the given blank is only (A). Hence, the option (b) is the correct answer.

#### Q477.Ans. (a)

façade [noun] means 'the principal front of a building, that faces on to a street or open space';  
Frontage [noun] means 'the façade of a building';  
Patent [noun] means 'a government authority or licence conferring a right or title for a set period, especially the sole right to exclude others from making, using, or selling an invention';  
Discernment [noun] means 'the ability to judge well';  
Surrogate [noun] means 'a substitute, especially a person deputizing for another in a specific role or office';  
From above, we can understand that the alternative which will fill the given blank are (B) and (C). Hence, the option (a) is the correct answer.

#### Q478.Ans. (c)

nonpareil [adjective] means 'having no match or equal; unrivalled';  
Foremost [adjective] means 'most prominent in rank, importance, or position';  
Variegated [adjective] means 'marked by variety';  
From above, we can understand that the alternative which will fill the given blank are (A), (B) and (D). Hence, the option (c) is the correct answer.

#### Q479.Ans. (d)

tenancy [noun] means 'possession of land or property as a tenant';  
Virtuosity [noun] means 'great skill in music or another artistic pursuit';  
Allure [noun] means 'the quality of being powerfully and mysteriously attractive or fascinating';  
Ethos [noun] means 'the characteristic spirit of a culture, era, or community';  
From above, we can understand that the alternative which will fill the given blank are (A) and (B). Hence, the option (d) is the correct answer.

#### Q480.Ans. (a)

Persuade [verb] means 'induce (someone) to do something through reasoning or argument';  
Exhort [verb] means 'strongly encourage or urge (someone) to do something';  
Haul [verb] means 'pull or drag with effort or force';





Pull [verb] means 'exert force on (someone or something) so as to cause movement towards oneself';  
From above, we can understand that the alternative which will fill the given blank are (C) and (D). Hence, the option (a) is the correct answer.

**Q481.Ans. (a)**

Supersede [verb] means 'take the place of (a person or thing previously in authority or use)';  
Supplant [verb] means 'supersede and replace';  
Substitute [verb] means 'a person or thing acting or serving in place of another';  
Underwrite [verb] means 'undertake to finance or otherwise support or guarantee (something)';  
From above, we can understand that the alternative which will fill the given blank are (A), (B) and (D). Hence, the option (a) is the correct answer.

**Q482.Ans. (a)**

"impose" is the most appropriate word in the context of its meaning to the sentence. It is to be noted that the sentence is talking about the authoritarian governments, so the word "impose" makes the sentence more meaningful. Hence option (a) is the correct choice.  
Impose means force (an unwelcome decision or ruling) on someone.  
Urge means try earnestly or persistently to persuade (someone) to do something.

**Q483.Ans. (c)**

"merit" is the most appropriate word that fits into the provided space adding meaning to the sentence. Other words do not give a contextual essence to the sentence. Hence option (c) is the correct choice.  
Merit means the quality of being particularly good or worthy, especially so as to deserve praise or reward.

**Q484.Ans. (e)**

"stymied" is the most appropriate word that fits perfectly into the provided space. The word "stymied" means prevented or hindered the progress of. Other words are contextually incorrect. Hence option (e) is the correct choice.  
Clasp means hold (someone) tightly.  
Abet means encourage or assist (someone) to do something wrong, in particular to commit a crime.

**Q485.Ans. (b)**

Sol. "engrained" is the most appropriate word that fits perfectly into the provided space. The word "engrained" means firmly fixed or

established (a habit, belief, or attitude) in a person. Other words are contextually incorrect. Hence option (b) is the correct choice.  
Chisel means cut or shape (something) with a chisel.  
Erode means gradually destroy or be gradually destroyed.

**Q486.Ans. (a)**

"autocracy" is the most appropriate word that fits perfectly into the provided space. The word "autocracy" means a system of government by one person with absolute power. The word "autocrat" in the latter part of the sentence suggests that "autocracy" would give the most logical meaning to the sentence. Hence option (a) is the correct choice.

**Q487.Ans. (b)**

"remarkably" is the most appropriate word that fits into the provided space adding meaning to the sentence. Other words do not give a contextual essence to the sentence. Hence option (b) is the correct choice.  
Remarkably means in a way that is worthy of attention.

**Q488.Ans. (a)**

Former: having previously been a particular thing.  
Foremost: most prominent in rank, importance, or position.  
'Latest' is the correct use.

**Q489.Ans. (d)**

'Initiated' is the correct use.  
Instigated: bring about or initiate (an action or event).  
Initiated: a small group of people who share obscure knowledge.

**Q490.Ans. (a)**

'Unveiled' is the correct use.  
Unveiled: remove a veil or covering from, in particular uncover (a new monument or work of art) as part of a public ceremony.  
Broadcasted: transmit (a programme or some information) by radio or television.

**Q491.Ans. (d)**

'at' is the correct use.

**Q492.Ans. (a)**

'around' is the correct use.

**Q493.Ans. (a)**

The paragraph is describing about role of currencies to gain competitive edge in the global trade. The word 'value' does not fit in the context of the paragraph. Drawing a hint from the next





sentence of the paragraph [This strength...] indicates that the previous sentence is illustrating about the strength of the currency. Therefore the most suitable word to replace the erroneous word is "strength". Hence, option (a) becomes the most suitable answer choice.

**Q494.Ans. (b)**

It is to be noted that the paragraph is describing about all the positive aspects in Economies [foreign reserves are very high... capital flows are positive... currencies have a tendency to appreciate]. This gives a clue for the to find the erroneous word which is "deficit" as deficit means the amount by which something, especially a sum of money, is too small. Since, this gives a contrasting meaning to the word required, the most suitable word to replace deficit should be surplus. All the other given words are precise in context of the paragraph. Hence, option (b) is the most feasible answer choice.

**Q495.Ans. (b)**

The word 'fluctuate' does not fit in the theme of the paragraph. 'Fluctuate' means rise and fall irregularly in number or amount. The most suitable word to replace 'fluctuate' in order to provide meaning to the paragraph is 'resort' which is a verb which means turn to and adopt (a course of action, especially an extreme or undesirable one) so as to resolve a difficult situation. Hence, option (b) is the most suitable answer choice.

**Q496.Ans. (e)**

All the given words in bold are grammatically correct and contextually meaningful. The given set of words provides complete coherence to theme of the paragraph. Hence, option (e) is the most suitable answer choice.

**Q497.Ans. (b)**

The word 'focusing' does not fit in the theme of the paragraph as it creates grammatical as well as contextual error. 'Focusing' means pay particular attention to. The most suitable word to replace 'focusing' in order to provide meaning to the paragraph is 'posing' which means present or constitute (a problem or danger). Hence, option (b) is the most suitable answer choice.

## Set-17

**Directions (498-505):** In the following passage, there are blanks, each of which has been numbered. These numbers again printed below the passage and against each, five words are suggested, one of which fits the blanks appropriately in the context of the whole passage. Find out the appropriate word.

It is commonly expected that as science advances, superstitions should....(498).... Certainly, science brings a new....(499)....spirit of inquiry into a society where none existed and provides means of....(500).... the so-called miracles. Thus claims of ash out of nothing, idols drinking milk or petrol created from herbs and water can be....(4)....to rigorous tests and the findings....(501)....with the known laws of science. ....(502)....the greatest stumbling-block in this process is the....(503)....human desire to find or....(504)....something extraordinary that lifts one above the humdrum of daily living which is why people are reluctant to accept routine scientific explanations of unexpected events.

**Q498.** Out of the following options which fits the blank (1) appropriately in the context of the whole passage?

- (a) abandon (b) recede (c) depreciate  
(d) revive (e) dissolve

**Q499.** Out of the following options which fits the blank (2) appropriately in the context of the whole passage?

- (a) critical (b) burning (c) powerful  
(d) volcanic (e) inflammatory

**Q500.** Out of the following options which fits the blank (3) appropriately in the context of the whole passage?

- (a) directing (b) disturbing (c) diffusing  
(d) debunking (e) diluting

**Q501.** Out of the following options which fits the blank (4) appropriately in the context of the whole passage?

- (a) visualized (b) attached (c) subjected  
(d) explained (e) observed

**Q502.** Out of the following options which fits the blank (5) appropriately in the context of the whole passage?





- (a) exhibited (b) projected (c) criticized  
(d) cleared (e) explained

**Q503.** Out of the following options which fits the blank (6) appropriately in the context of the whole passage?

- (a) Yet (b) Nevertheless (c) Although  
(d) Instead (e) Despite

**Q504.** Out of the following options which fits the blank (7) appropriately in the context of the whole passage?

- (a) critical (b) wanted  
(c) sober (d) innate  
(e) cultivate

**Q505.** Out of the following options which fits the blank (8) appropriately in the context of the whole passage?

- (a) activate (b) verify (c) witness  
(d) express (e) propagate

**Direction (506-509):** 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.

Scientists told that they had (506) down the oldest known lizard, a tiny creature that lived about 240 million years ago when Earth had a single continent and dinosaurs were brand new. Scans of the fossilized skeleton of Megachirella (507) the chameleon-sized reptile was an ancestor of today's lizards and snakes, which belong to a group called squamates, an international team (508) in the science journal Nature. This finding (509) the group back in time by 75 million years, and means that "lizards inhabited the planet since at least 240 million years ago,"

**Q506.** Out of the following suggested five words/phrases which one will fit the blank (1) appropriately?

- a. returned b. tracked c. grinded  
d. deported e. encouraged

**Q507.** Out of the following suggested five words/phrases which one will fit the blank (2) appropriately?

- a. reverted b. proofed  
c. revealed d. Recruited  
e. concealed

**Q508.** Out of the following suggested five words/phrases which one will fit the blank (3) appropriately?

- a. resigned b. replied  
c. wrote d. associated  
e. Attributed

**Q508.** Out of the following suggested five words/phrases which one will fit the blank (4) appropriately?

- a. yelled b. concerned  
c. elaborated d. trapped  
e. dragged





## Answers And Solutions Set-17

**Q498.Ans. (b)**

'recede' is the correct word to be filled as it means gradually diminish.

Abandon means to leave somebody/something that you are responsible for, usually permanently

Depreciate means to become less valuable over a period of time

Revive means to become or to make somebody/something strong or healthy again; to come or to bring somebody back to life or consciousness

Dissolve means (used about a solid) to become or to make something become liquid

**Q499.Ans. (a)**

'critical' best suits the purpose as the sentence indicates that the advancement in science brings judgments, inquiry.

Inflammatory means likely to cause very strong feelings of anger

**Q500.Ans. (d)**

'debunking' is the correct word that means expose the falseness or hollowness of.

Diffusing : to spread something or become spread widely in all directions

Diluting: to make a liquid weaker by adding water or another liquid

**Q501.Ans. (c)**

'subjected' best suits the purpose that means cause or force someone or something to undergo.

Visualized: to imagine or have a picture in your mind of somebody/something

Attached: liking somebody/something very much

Observed: notice or perceive (something) and register it as being significant.

**Q502.Ans. (e)**

'explained' best suits the purpose.

Exhibited: publicly display (a work of art or item of interest) in an art gallery or museum or at a trade fair.

Projected: estimated or forecast on the basis of current trends or data.

Criticized: indicate the faults of (someone or something) in a disapproving way.

**Q503.Ans. (a)**

'yet' is the correct use as it is used to in a negative or interrogative clause, usually with perfective aspect to show that something has not happened by a particular time.

**Q504. (e) cultivate****Ans. (d)**

'innate' is the correct word to be replaced.

Sober: not affected by alcohol; not drunk.

Innate: inborn; natural.

Cultivate: prepare and use (land) for crops or gardening.

**Q505.Ans. (c)**

'witness' best suits the purpose.

Verify: make sure or demonstrate that (something) is true, accurate, or justified.

Propagate: breed specimens of (a plant or animal) by natural processes from the parent stock.

**Q506.Ans. (b)**

: Option (b) is the correct choice. 'Track down' means to find something or someone after looking for it, him, or her in a lot of different places. All other given options doesn't fit well in the context.

**Q507.Ans. (c)**

: Option (c) is the correct choice. Here the author talks about scans of the skeleton of an animal and later describes about its characteristics, so the word "revealed" fits the best, as the scans will reveal something then only anyone would know about the characteristics of the animal. All other given options doesn't fit well in the context.

**Q508.Ans. (c)**

: Option (c) is the correct choice. "Wrote" is the word that fits the best here as the author talks about a science journal Nature afterwards. So, things are written in a science journal. All other given options doesn't fit well in the context.

**Q508.Ans. (e)**

: Option (e) is the correct choice. "Dragged" is the word that fits best in the context of the passage as here the author talks about some finding which took the research group several million years back in the past. All other given options doesn't fit well in the context.





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