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Directions (1-7): 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.

Regardless of whether the global novel coronavirus (Covid-19) pandemic is an **(A)** _____of existing global trends or a historical turning point, the pandemic and its consequences have constituted a major stress test for international institutions, including the U.S.-ROK alliance. **(B)** In addition to **fanned (1)** with longstanding external **alliance (2)** such as North Korean aggression, the **challenges (3)** now faces accelerated Sino-U.S. rivalry, **grappling (4)** nationalism, and exacerbated economic tensions over cost-sharing in a transformed budget environment. The possibility that the alliance might fail its stress test will stimulate South Korean debates over its strategic options in the event the alliance crumbles from within.

(C)*The biggest issue that has drawn South Korean public concern is the growing political animosity and competition between the United States and China that threaten to hobble the World Health Organization at its moment of greatest need.* Pandemic-era Sino-U.S. rivalry has accelerated economic decoupling trends by raising costs of U.S. investment in China, sensitized the American public to dependency on a China-based supply chain for provision of pharmaceuticals and medical supplies, and _____**(D)** a global vaccine development race. But the nascent U.S. proposal to form an Economic Prosperity Network among like-minded countries with possible interest in diversifying global supply chains away from China has drawn particular attention because it links economic and security issues, directly challenging South Korea's choice **(E)** _____strategy between the United States and China.

The internal wedge issues dividing the United States and South Korea are even more **(F)**_____. The rise of "America first" right-wing nationalism in the United States is particularly worrisome to the extent that it signals the possibility of alliance fatigue and U.S. retrenchment from international leadership. **(G)** In combination with the potential **corrosive (1)** of a "Korea first" left-wing nationalism that would seek greater independence and aim to **decouple (2)** inter-Korean economic cooperation from shared U.S.-ROK **denuclearization (3)** objectives, nationalist-driven frictions would constitute the most **emergence (4)** solvent to the U.S.-ROK alliance.

Q1. Which of the following word 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) The program trains the four-legged friends to help investigators pinpoint the location of _____ residue, such as gasoline, kerosene and lighter fluid.
(II) What we can't eat, the hens eat, and recycle into nice fertiliser which acts as an _____ for the compost heap where all the garden waste goes.

(a) Retaliatory

(b)Treacherous
(c) Accelerant
(d) Revulsion
(e)None of these

Q2. 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) Both 2-1 and 3-4
(b) Both 1-4 and 2-3
(c) Both 2-4 and 1-3
(d) 1-3
(e) 2-4

Q3. In the above passage, sentence (C) is italicized. There may or may not be error in one part of the sentence, select the part having error it in.
(a) *The biggest issue that has drawn South Korean public*
(b) *concern is the growing political animosity and competition*
(c) *between the United States and China that threaten to hobble*
(d) *the World Health Organization at its moment of greatest need*
(e)Both (a) and (c)

Q4. Which of the following should fill the blank given in (D) to make it contextually correct and meaningful?
(a) Impassively
(b)Catalyzed
(c) Disruptive
(d) Verdant
(e)None of the above

Q5. Which of the following word given in the options should come at the place marked as (E) in the given 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) The other recurring problem is the _____ of military service by privileged youth during peacetime and combat duty during wars.
(II) No tax was withheld, and according to Webb he believed this to be a legitimate tax _____ scheme.

(a) Gamut
(b) Communiqué
(c) Annexation
(d) Intrusion
(e) Avoidance

Q6. Which of the following phrases should fill the blank (F) to make it contextually and grammatically meaningful and correct respectively?
(a) likely to induce a generous South Korean response
(b) at the risk of victimization resulting from politics
(c) poisonous to the future of the alliance
(d) survive possible alliance failure
(e) necessary to enhance South Korean national security

Q7. The sentence given in (G) 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) 1-3
(b) 1-4
(c) 2-3
(d) 2-4
(e) 3-4

Directions (8 – 10): **In each of the following questions given below there are three blanks, each blank indicates that something has been omitted. Choose the set of words for each blank which best fits to the meaning of the sentence as a whole.**

Q8. Although Alibaba's latest _____ came in ahead of_____, analysts say that its growth is showing signs of _____amid stepped-up competition.
(a) Pays, Prospects, Managing
(b) Paychecks, Hopes, Emotional
(c) Rates, Potentials, Demonstrating
(d) Earnings, Expectations, Plateauing
(e) Remunerations, Opportunities, Withdrawing

Q9. Many are _____more credit card debt, which is _____ because credit card interest rates _____are higher than the rates charged for bank loans.

(a) Pleasing, Tough, Commonly
(b) Incurring, Troublesome, Generally
(c) Satisfying, Frustrating, Mostly
(d) Anguish, Upsetting, Largely
(e) Earning, Inconvenient, Usually

Q10. With many businesses _____to be closed because they are "non-essential" and others _____but at a fraction of capacity, the financial impact is_____.
(a) Instructed, Effective, Prevalent
(b) Directed, Functional, Common
(c) Mandated, Operating, Widespread
(d) Authorized, Going, General
(e) Delegated, Operational, Pervasive

Directions (11-15): Rearrange the following four sentences (A), (B), (C), and (D) in the proper sequence to form a meaningful paragraph; then answer the questions given below them.

(A) holes in every slice align to let (1)/other than when, at some point, the (2)/ a hazard pass through and cause an accident (3)/ normally, weaknesses get nullified, (4)

(B) having some shortcomings (1)/of multiple domains (2)/or layers, each (3)/ A system consists (4)

(C) is associated with (1)/accident investigation in (2)/an organization or a system (3)/ the Swiss cheese model (4)

(D) of Swiss cheese, with the holes in (1)/them being the imperfections (2)/ these layers are visualized (3)/ in the model as slices (4)

Q11. Which of the following is the correct sequence of the rearrangement of the sentence (A)?
(a) 1432
(b) 4213
(c) 4231
(d) 3412
(e) None of these.

Q12. Which of the following is the correct sequence of the rearrangement of the sentence (B)?
(a) 1432
(b) 4123
(c) 4231
(d) 3412
(e) None of these

Q13. Which of the following is the correct sequence of the rearrangement of the sentence (D)?

(a) 1432
(b) 4123
(c) 4231
(d) 3412
(e) None of these.

Q14. Which of the following is the correct sequence of the rearrangement of the sentence (C)?
(a) 1432
(b) 4123
(c) 4231
(d) 3412
(e) None of these.

Q15. Rearrange the given four sentences in the proper sequence to form a meaningful paragraph.
(a) DBAC
(b) DCAB
(c) CBDA
(d) ACDB
(e) None of these.

Solutions:

S1. Ans. (c)
Sol. “Accelerant” can come at the place marked as (A) in the above passage to make it grammatically correct and meaningful. Also, the word can fill in the two sentences given below to make them contextually correct and meaningful.
Hence, option (c) is the right answer choice.
Accelerant- a substance used to aid the spread of fire.
OR accelerating or causing acceleration.
Retaliatory- Characterized by a desire for revenge.
Avenge, Redress, Requite, Venge
Treacherous- Guilty of or involving betrayal or deception.
Traitorous, Disloyal, Perfidious, Faithless,

Revulsion- A sense of disgust and loathing.
Disgust, Repulsion, Abhorrence, Repugnance

S2. Ans. (b)
Sol. 1-4 and 2-3 must replace each other to make the sentence contextually correct and meaningful. The sentence after replacement is,
In addition to grappling (1) with longstanding external challenges (2) such as North Korean aggression, the alliance (3) now faces accelerated Sino-U.S. rivalry, fanned (4) nationalism, and exacerbated economic tensions over cost-sharing in a transformed budget environment.
Hence, option (b) is the right answer choice.

S3. Ans. (c)
Sol. Here, error lies in option (c). "Threaten" will be replaced by "Threatens". Hence, option (c) is the right answer choice.

S4. Ans. (b)
Sol. "Catalyzed" should fill the blank given in (D) to make it contextually correct and meaningful.
Hence, option (b) is the right answer choice.
Catalyzed- cause or accelerate (a reaction) by acting as a catalyst OR cause (an action or process) to begin.
Impassively- In a way that expresses no emotion or reaction.
Affectless, Apathetic, Cold-bloodied, Emotionless, Impassible
Disruptive- Causing or tending to cause disruption.
Troublesome, Unruly, Rowdy
Verdant- Countryside green with grass or other rich vegetation.

S5. Ans. (e)
Sol. "Avoidance" can come at the place marked as (E) in the given passage to make it grammatically correct and meaningful. Also, the word an fill in the two sentences given below to make them contextually correct and meaningful.
Hence, option (e) is the right answer choice.
Avoidance- the action of keeping away from or not doing something OR the action of repudiating, nullifying, or rendering void a decree or contract.
Intrusion- The action of intruding.
Annexation- The action of annexing something, especially territory.
Seizure, Occupation
Gamut- The complete range or scope of something.
Range, Spectrum
Communiqué- An official announcement or statement, especially one made to the media.
Press release

S6. Ans. (c)

Sol. “poisonous to the future of the alliance” phrase should fill in the blank (F) to make it contextually and grammatically meaningful and correct respectively. Hence, option (c) is the right answer choice.

S7. Ans. (b)
Sol. 1-4 must replace each other to make the sentence contextually correct and meaningful. The sentence after rearrangement is,
In combination with the potential emergence (1) of a “Korea first” left-wing nationalism that would seek greater independence and aim to decouple (2) inter-Korean economic cooperation from shared U.S.-ROK denuclearization (3) objectives, nationalist-driven frictions would constitute the most corrosive (4) solvent to the U.S.-ROK alliance.
Hence, option (b) is the right answer choice.

S8. Ans. (d)
Sol. “Earnings, Expectations, Plateauing” is the set of words for each blank which best fits to the meaning of the sentence as a whole. Hence, option (d) is the right answer choice.
Plateauing- reach a state of little or no change after a period of activity or progress.

S9. Ans. (b)
Sol. “Incurring, Troublesome, Generally” is the set of words for each blank which best fits to the meaning of the sentence as a whole. Hence, option (b) is the right answer choice.
Incurring- becoming subject to (something unwelcome or unpleasant) as a result of one's own behaviour or actions.

S10. Ans. (c)
Sol. “Mandated, Operating, Widespread” is the set of words for each blank which best fits to the meaning of the sentence as a whole. Hence, option (c) is the right answer choice.

S11. Ans. (b)
Sol. The correct sequence of the rearrangement of the sentence (A) is 4213. The sentence after rearrangement is,
Normally, weaknesses get nullified, other than when, at some point, the holes in every slice align to let a hazard pass through and cause an accident.
Hence, option (b) is the right answer choice.

S12. Ans. (c)
Sol. The correct sequence of the rearrangement of the sentence (B) is 4231. The sentence after rearrangement is,
A system consists of multiple domains or layers, each having some shortcomings.
Hence, option (c) is the right answer choice.

S13. Ans. (d)

Sol. The correct sequence of the rearrangement of the sentence (D) is 3412. The sentence after rearrangement is,
These layers are visualized in the model as slices of Swiss cheese, with the holes in them being the imperfections.
Hence, option (d) is the right answer choice.

S14. Ans. (b)
Sol. The correct sequence of the rearrangement of the sentence (C) is 4123. The sentence after rearrangement is,
The Swiss cheese model is associated with accident investigation in an organization or a system.
Hence, option (b) is the right answer choice.

S15. Ans. (c)
Sol. The correct sequence is CBDA. The sentences after rearrangement are,
(C) The Swiss cheese model is associated with accident investigation in an organization or a system.

(B) A system consists of multiple domains or layers, each having some shortcomings.

(D) These layers are visualized in the model as slices of Swiss cheese, with the holes in them being the imperfections.

(A) Normally, weaknesses get nullified, other than when, at some point, the holes in every slice align to let a hazard pass through and cause an accident.

Hence, option (c) is the right answer choice.

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