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## Solutions

### S1. Ans.(c)

**Sol.** 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.

### S2. Ans.(b)

**Sol.** 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.

### S3. Ans.(a)

**Sol.** 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.



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**S4. Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** 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.

**S5. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** 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.

**S6. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** 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.

**S7. Ans.(e)**

**Sol.** 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.

**S8. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** 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.

**S9. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** Option (b) is the most suitable option to be filled in the blank.

Predestined and destined are the same which mean destine (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.

**S10. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** 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.

**S11. Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** Myriad: countless or extremely great in number.

**S12. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** Pathetic: miserably inadequate.

**S13. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** Futile: incapable of producing any useful result; pointless.

**S14. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** Deepen: make or become deep or deeper.

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**S15. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** Fared: happen; turn out.

**S16. Ans.(e)**

**Sol.** All the sentences given in the options (a), (b), (c) and (d) are grammatically correct. Hence, option (e) is the correct answer.

**S17. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** All the sentences given in the options (b), (c) and (d) are grammatically correct except (a). Hence, option (a) is the correct answer.  
'business cycle' being a singular should be followed by 'has' instead of 'have'.

**S18. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** All the sentences given in the options are grammatically correct except (c). Hence, option (c) is the correct answer.  
'Turning the business around' being a singular noun-equivalent. The sentence is talking about a fact and so, the sentence must be in Simple Present Tense.

**S19. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** All the sentences given in the options are grammatically correct except (c). Hence, option (c) is the correct answer.  
The relative pronoun 'that' is used instead of 'who' or 'which' after adjectives in the superlative degree.

**S20. Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** All the sentences given in the options are grammatically correct except (d). Hence, option (d) is the correct answer.  
'Though' is followed by 'yet' and not by 'but'.  
The correct framing of the sentence will be like, "Though he is a great musician, yet he has his keen interest in gastronomy."

**S21. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** Option (b) is the correct choice as there is error in only part (III) and the correct explanation of it is: "In standard English, when you use the phrase "not only" in a sentence, it should be followed by the phrase "but also." So, the correct answer is "When she went to the zoo, Lindsay got to see not only tigers, but also polar bears, iguanas, and toucans."

**S22. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** Option (c) is the correct choice. The part (III) must be replaced as such given. This is according to the explanation, "The correlative conjunctions "neither" and "nor" belong together. In "neither . . . nor" sentences, the two options ("pleased with their poor work" and "willing to accept their rowdy behavior") must be presented in a grammatically parallel way so that the words following "neither" and the words following "nor" are parallel phrases."

**S23. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** Option (b) is the most appropriate choice to be selected as the answer of the question as correction is required in part (III) of the sentence. This question requires you to correct a correlative conjunction error. Since the end of the sentence—"but not both"—indicates that Emmie will have to take one or the other, we know that the correlative conjunction "neither . . . nor" will not be used here, as it is used in situations when both options are rejected. Therefore, the correlative conjunction "either . . . or" has to be used, making the corrected sentence "When selecting her classes for the next semester, Emmie knew she would have to take either Introduction to Literary Analysis or Neuroscience, but not both."

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**Sol.** Option (a) is the correct option as (I) and (III) are the correct replacement of the parts given in the question. As the statement is talking about Emily Bronte's novel, an adverb of place 'in' will be used rather than the article 'a' given in the beginning of the sentence. Furthermore, "the heroine, Catherine, must choose between true love or social pre-eminence," contain an incorrect idiomatic expression. When we have "between," we typically need the word "and"—rather than "or"—to separate the entities that follow.

**S25. Ans.(e)**

**Sol.** Option (e) is the most apt choice. There is no correction required in the sentence given. The sentence is trying to explain that in spite of the giant squid's elusiveness, scientists are finding new ways of studying it. The sentence therefore is trying to contrast two ideas. Hence (e) is the correct answer.

**S26. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** Option (c) is the wrong answer. This word doesn't fit in terms of context here. The word that must come in place of 'pyramidal' is 'primordial' which means existing at or from the beginning of time; primeval. Rest all the words are correct as given in the sentence.

**S27. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** Option (b) is the most appropriate choice as it is the only option which is a wrong choice. Instead of the word 'quite', the word 'quiet' will be used. Rest all the options are correct.

**S28. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** Option (a) is the most suitable choice. Here the word 'choatic' is wrongly spelt. The correct spelling of the given word is 'chaotic'. Rest all the options are correct and spelt correctly and appropriate in context too.

**S29. Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** Option (d) is the most suitable choice. Here the preposition 'at' is used in a wrong way. The preposition 'across' will be used. We use across as a preposition (prep) and an adverb (adv.). Across means on the other side of something, or from one side to the other of something which has sides or limits such as a city, road or river.

On the other hand, 'at' is used as a preposition when it is used to show an exact position or particular place. Rest all the options are correct.

**S30. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** Option (a) is the correct option as instead of the word skeptic which is the noun, an adjective 'skeptical' will be used which means not easily convinced; having doubts or reservations. Thus this word is not correct in terms of grammatical usage. Rest all the words are correct in the sentence.

Conciliatory means Intended or likely to placate or pacify.

Approach means Start to deal with (a situation or problem) in a certain way.

**S31. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** Option (b) is the most appropriate choice. Option (b) must be the concluding sentence of the paragraph. As the paragraph mentions about the hopes of lower interest rates and more liquidity on the back of easing retail inflation, thus the paragraph is stating about the share market condition of S&P BSE Sensex and NSE Nifty, so the only statement that is referring about the investors among all is option (b) that however, three days of upward movement gave investors a chance to book profits , capping the session's gains.

**S32. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** Option (c) is the most suitable choice according to the context of the paragraph. It must be the second line as the first line itself describes about how humans think that they are under the authority and it's the part of their nature and they think they are simply its creatures. Further more the application of it is direct which, is the transfer of loyalty from religion to nation and this is almost with no gaps or spaces that is seamless.

**S33. Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** Option (d) is the most suitable choice which fits as an appropriate option according to the context of the paragraph. As the next line after the blank states about the audiobook unit sale numbers stating the fact that US traditional publishers sold \$240 million in audiobooks, so the preceding line must be stating about US that the growth of audio is stronger than any other format, according to the Association of American Publishers, which tracks revenue from 1,200 book publishers.

**S34. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** Option (b) is the most suitable answer as it adjusts most appropriately according to the context of the paragraph given. The first line of the paragraph talks about the J-curve effect where it is defined that the trade balance of a country worsens following the depreciation of its currency before it improves. The second statement must be such that it too talks about depreciation in the value of currency which though improves economy's overall trade balance but this does not happen immediately due to some other frictions within the economy.

**S35. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** Option (a) is the correct choice which fills the blank most suitably. The first statement mentions about the participation of men and women in the workforce globally. Option (a) is correct as the second statement because it describes about the female workforce participation which is fell below 50% standing at 48.5 % and yet male workforce participation is up at 75%. Thus this is the correct answer.

**S36. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** "are a startling departure from India's previous stance." is contextually correct here as it maintains the continuity of the passage.

**S37. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** "because it leads South Asian electricity trade in progressive directions" is the correct choice as the passage deals with electricity trade and also describes that it will lead towards progressive directions.

**S38. Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** "it is serious about working with neighbours on the issues" is correct here as the South Asian countries are the neighbours of India.

**S39. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** "began to gain steam with substantial power trade agreements " is both grammatically and contextually correct here as it maintains the continuity of the passage.

**S40. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** "facilitate market rationality in electricity commerce." is both grammatically and contextually correct here as it maintains the continuity of the passage.

**S41. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** "to a less restrictive tone " is correct as the restoring is done after the protests and so it must have been positive.

**S42. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** "to deliver low-cost, green energy to consumers" is correct here as generators would focus on low cost and environment friendly or green energy to customers.

**S43. Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** "the race of getting glorified by awarding" is grammatically and contextually correct.

**S44. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** "will invariably be on that actor who is a public figure." is grammatically and contextually correct here.

**S45. Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** "clean the prevailing culture of political sponsorship" is grammatically and contextually correct here.

**S46. Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** The answer to the question can be traced from the last lines of very first paragraph where it is given as "As we approach the end of the second decade of this century, social media and the Internet have drifted from their promise of closing distances and exposing us to the views of those who existed beyond our personal networks." Option (b) can be easily omitted as it is the stating the effect that social media and internet have made upon the people by making them more rigid version of their former selves. Hence option (d) is the correct answer choice.

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**S47. Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** The answer to the question can be traced from the information given in the second paragraph where it is mentioned that “Asch found through a series of trials that an individual was willing to go to the extent of giving a wrong answer just to conform to the majority view. The respondents gave wrong answers either because they did not want to be ridiculed or thought of as “peculiar”, or because they believed that the group was better informed than them.”

Hence option (d) is the correct answer choice.

**S48. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** The answer to the question can be traced from the information given in the first paragraph where it is mentioned that, “We live in a world where we aren’t only consumers of information but creators as well, which gives us a misplaced sense of control. It is misplaced because we live today on social media in filter bubbles and echo chambers, and our experiences are dictated by algorithms.” As mentioned in the second paragraph, “People seek “informed” opinions through filters only from people they trust and look for news that confirms their world view”, explains why social media is more an echo chamber as the sound in it keeps fading through different path after reflection from the chamber surface. Similarly any information transmitted through social media keep losing its authenticity as it transfers from one media handle to another media handle. Hence option (a) is the correct answer choice.

**S49. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** The answer to the question can be traced from the information given in the last lines of the second paragraph where it is mentioned that, “Twitter, for example, will routinely prompt you to follow people who hold a viewpoint that is similar to yours. Social media creates and services needs, which could be the narcissistic impulses encouraged by Instagram or the strengthening of deep-rooted biases on Twitter and Facebook.”

Hence option (b) is the correct answer choice.

**S50. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** The answer to the question can be traced from the information given in the second paragraph where it is mentioned that, “Fake news has now even slipped into traditional media outlets and is often circulated by prominent individuals. This has contributed to the echo chamber phenomenon.”

Hence option (a) is the correct answer choice.

**S51. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** The answer to the question can be traced from the information given in the last paragraph where it is mentioned that, “A study carried out by Aalto University, Finland, this year on increasing polarisation on social media found that factors like user homophily (users in a social system tend to bond more with ones who are similar to them than to ones who are dissimilar) and algorithmic filtering have created this cycle of enforcing and reinforcing belief systems and ensuring that we don’t open our minds to diverse opinions.” Hence option (c) is the correct answer choice.



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**S52. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** Seeping- (of a liquid) flow or leak slowly through porous material or small holes.

Encrypt- convert (information or data) into a code, especially to prevent unauthorized access

Postscript- an additional remark at the end of a letter, after the signature and introduced by 'PS'

Twig- a slender woody shoot growing from a branch or stem of a tree or shrub

Hence option (a) is the most suitable answer choice.

**S53. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** Option (c) is the most appropriate choice among all the given options. This can be quoted from the first line of the first paragraph itself where it is given that the word is often used pejoratively to refer to folk beliefs deemed irrational. This leads to some superstitions being called "old wives' tales".

Pejorative in general means "expressing contempt or disapproval."

**S54. Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** Option (d) is the most suitable answer as the choice of the answer. The answer can be deduced from the first paragraph of the passage where it is mentioned that "while almost any behavior can be turned into a superstitious ritual, perhaps the ones that are most likely to survive are those that happen to be effective at changing how we feel. Although there is no single definition of superstition, it generally means a belief in supernatural forces – such as fate – the desire to influence unpredictable factors and a need to resolve uncertainty."

**S55. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** Option (b) is the most apt choice to be selected as the answer of the question. Since in the question it is asked that why does the author quotes so the answer has to be in relevance of the passage only and not out of the context of the passage. Only option (b) is mentioned in the passage. Rest all other options are not mentioned in the passage. This option can be traced from the last lines of the first paragraph of the passage where it is mentioned that "In this way then, individual beliefs and experiences drive superstitions, which explains why they are generally irrational and often defy current scientific wisdom."

**S56. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** Option (c) is the most appropriate choice to be selected as the answer of the question. Compare first and last paragraphs of the passage it is clearly mentioned in the first paragraph that, individual beliefs and experiences drive superstitions, which explains why they are generally irrational and often defy current scientific wisdom while in the last paragraph it is given that science explains that superstition is the irrational way of explaining usual or unusual events, hence science does not believe in irrational way of explaining events.

**S57. Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** Option (d) is the most suitable and relevant answer among all the choices given. Refer to the third paragraph where it is given that carrying charms, wearing certain clothes, visiting places associated with good fortune, preferring specific colors and using particular numbers are all elements of superstition. And although these behaviors and actions can appear trivial, for some people, they can often affect choices made in the real world.

**S58. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** Option (c) is the correct choice. The answer can be inferred from paragraph 3, where it is mentioned that “Superstitions can also give rise to the notion that objects and places are cursed. A more traditional illustration is the Curse of the Pharaohs, which is said to be cast upon any person who disturbs the mummy of an Ancient Egyptian person – especially a pharaoh.”

**S59. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** Option (b) is the most suitable choice.

Credulous means having or showing too great a readiness to believe things.

Gullible means easily persuaded to believe something; credulous.

Suspicious means having or showing a cautious distrust of someone or something.

Skeptical means not easily convinced; having doubts or reservations.

Wary means feeling or showing caution about possible dangers or problems.

Insightful means having or showing an accurate and deep understanding; perceptive.

**S60. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** Angst means a feeling of deep anxiety or dread, typically an unfocused one about the human condition or the state of the world in general.

Serenity means the state of being calm, peaceful, and untroubled.

Apprehension means anxiety or fear that something bad or unpleasant will happen.

Trepidation means a feeling of fear or anxiety about something that may happen.

Distress means extreme anxiety, sorrow, or pain.

Perturbation means anxiety; mental uneasiness.

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