

Direction (1-15): Which of the following phrases (I), (II), or (III) given below each sentence should replace the phrase printed in bold letters to make the sentence grammatically correct? Choose the best option among the five given alternatives that reflect the correct use of phrase in the context of the grammatically correct sentence. If the sentence is correct as it is, mark (e) i.e., "No correction required" as the answer.

Q1. The opening of the first office of Indian Ports Global Limited at Iran's Chabahar and the takeover of operations of the Shahid Beheshti port **is been a milestone in India's regional connectivity** and trade game plan.

- (I) are milestones in India's regional connectivity
- (II) have been milestones in India's regional connectivity
- (III) had been milestone with India's regional connectivity
- (a) Only (I) is correct
- (b) Both (I) and (II) are correct
- (c) Both (II) and (III) are correct
- (d) All are correct
- (e) No correction required

Q2. Chabahar port **opens upon a permanent alternative route for trade** with Afghanistan and Central Asia, given the hurdles in the direct route through Pakistan.

- (I) opens an permanent alternative route for trade
- (II) opening up a permanent alternative route for trade
- (III) opens up a permanent alternative route for trade
- (a) Only (I) is correct
- (b) Both (I) and (II) are correct
- (c) Both (I) and (III) are correct
- (d) Only (III) is correct
- (e) No correction required

Q3. The decision by India, Afghanistan and Iran to hold an international event in February 2019 to promote Chabahar and **to studying ways to make the route more attractive** and decrease logistic costs is timely.

- (I) to study ways to make the route more attractive
- (II) to study ways to making the route more attractive
- (III) to study ways to makes the route more attractive
- (a) Only (I) is correct
- (b) Only (II) is correct
- (c) Only (III) is correct
- (d) Both (I) and (III) are correct
- (e) No correction required



Q4. The Chabahar port has received a waiver from the U.S. sanctions on Iran for the moment, but these concessions could be withdrawn any time, **giving the constant upheaval in the administration.**

- (I) given the constant upheaval in the administration.
 - (II) gave the constant upheaval in the administration.
 - (III) considering the constant upheaval in the administration.
- (a) Only (I) is correct
 - (b) Only (II) is correct
 - (c) Only (III) is correct
 - (d) Both (I) and (III) are correct
 - (e) No correction required

Q5. A crucial trilateral meeting of officials from India, Afghanistan and Iran on the strategically-important Chabahar port **was held on Monday during which they agreed on the routes** for trade and transit corridors between the three countries.

- (I) were held on Monday during which they agreed on the routes
 - (II) being held on Monday during which they agreed on the routes
 - (III) is held on Monday during which they agreed on the routes
- (a) Only (I) is correct
 - (b) Both (I) and (II) are correct
 - (c) Both (II) and (III) are correct
 - (d) All are correct
 - (e) No correction required

Q6. The Chabahar Port **is consider as a gateway to golden opportunities for trade by India**, Iran and Afghanistan with central Asian countries besides ramping up trade among the three countries after Pakistan denied transit access to India.

- (I) is considered a gateway to golden opportunities for trade by India
 - (II) had been consider a gateway to golden opportunities for trade by India
 - (III) is considering a gateway to golden opportunities for trade by India
- (a) Only (I) is correct
 - (b) Both (I) and (II) are correct
 - (c) Both (II) and (III) are correct
 - (d) All are correct
 - (e) No correction required

Q7. Elections in Bangladesh are famously a blood sport. During the campaigns virtually **every constituency turns into it own bull ring**, as party cadres treat rival banners like a matador's red cape.

- (I) every constituency turns into it's own bull ring
 - (II) every constituency turns into it as own bull ring
 - (III) every constituency turns into its own bull ring
- (a) Only (I) is correct
 - (b) Both (I) and (II) are correct
 - (c) Both (I) and (III) are correct
 - (d) Only (III) is correct
 - (e) No correction required

Q8. Last week, a Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) notification authorising 10 Central agencies to intercept, monitor, and decrypt online communications and data **cause a furore in both Parliament and the wider civil society.**

- (I) causing a furore in both Parliament and the wider civil society.
 - (II) caused a furore in both Parliament and the wider civil society.
 - (III) causes a furore in both Parliament and the wider civil society.
- (a) Only (I) is correct
 - (b) Only (II) is correct
 - (c) Only (III) is correct
 - (d) Both (I) and (III) are correct
 - (e) No correction required

Q9. Surveillance is essential to ensure national security and pre-empt terrorist threats, and **it is in the very nature of surveillance** that it must take place outside the public eye.

- (I) it is in the very natural of surveillance
 - (II) it is in the very natures of surveillance
 - (III) it is on the very nature of surveillance
- (a) Only (I) is correct
 - (b) Only (II) is correct
 - (c) Only (III) is correct
 - (d) Both (I) and (III) are correct
 - (e) No correction required

Q10. We remember Gandhi's concern **if the liberation of Indians from colonial rule**, as well as from the dark underside of our own personalities.

- (I) despite the liberation of Indians from colonial rule
 - (II) with the liberation of Indians from colonial rule
 - (III) about the liberation of Indians from colonial rule
- (a) Only (I) is correct
 - (b) Both (I) and (II) are correct
 - (c) Both (II) and (III) are correct
 - (d) All are correct
 - (e) No correction required

Q11. **To properly harness digitisation**, we now have the challenge of developing and prioritising institutions of governance to protect users.

- (I) To properly harnessing digitisation
 - (II) To properly harnessed digitisation
 - (III) To properly harness of digitisation
- (a) Only (I) is correct
 - (b) Both (I) and (II) are correct
 - (c) Both (II) and (III) are correct
 - (d) All are correct
 - (e) No correction required

Q12. At present, despite having the second highest number of Internet users in the world, India has little **to showing as a country in investigatory outcomes**, measured regulatory responses or parliamentary processes which safeguard users.

- (I) to show as a country in investigatory outcomes
 - (II) to shows as a country in investigatory outcomes
 - (III) to show about a country in investigatory outcomes
- (a) Only (I) is correct
 - (b) Both (I) and (II) are correct
 - (c) Both (I) and (III) are correct
 - (d) Only (III) is correct
 - (e) No correction required

Q13. Farming science should mean never going against nature, but instead observing natural processes carefully **to see how these can be harnessed to help** the cause of farmers and farming without harming other living beings and the environment.

- (I) to see how these can be harness to help
 - (II) to see how these can be harnessed to helpinhg
 - (III) to saw how these can be harnessed to help
- (a) Only (I) is correct
 - (b) Only (II) is correct
 - (c) Only (III) is correct
 - (d) Both (I) and (III) are correct
 - (e) No correction required

Q14. There is enough scope for generating a wide range of other eco-friendly jobs at the level of rural areas and para-urban areas **which can be more access to all rural families** and help to increase cash income.

- (I) which can being more accessible to all rural families
 - (II) which can be more accessible to all rural families
 - (III) which can be more available to all rural families
- (a) Only (I) is correct
 - (b) Both (II) and (III) are correct
 - (c) Only (III) is correct
 - (d) Both (I) and (III) are correct
 - (e) No correction required

Q15. The problem of rural distress is multi-dimensional and the solution also has to be multi-dimensional. We should **try to reach a broad agreement at least on some basic issues** so that some important policies and initiatives can be taken up without further delay.

- (I) trying to reach a broad agreement at least on some basic issues
 - (II) try to reached a broad agreement at least on some basic issues
 - (III) try to reaching a broad agreement at least on some basic issues
- (a) Only (I) is correct
 - (b) Both (I) and (II) are correct
 - (c) Both (II) and (III) are correct
 - (d) All are correct
 - (e) No correction required

Directions (16-23): In each of the following questions, a sentence is given with a word given in bold in each. Choose a word from the five options given below which can replace the BOLD word without changing the meaning of the sentence.

Q16. Some writers seem to **lampoon** successful people out of envy.

- (a) applaud
- (b) ridicule
- (c) approve
- (d) plead
- (e) praise

Q17. By trying to show off and asking those **glib** questions, you're just making yourself look more ignorant.

- (a) stuttering
- (b) affectionate
- (c) slick
- (d) Both (a) and (b)
- (e) inarticulate

Q18. To avoid doing his chores, Harry likes to **pretend** he didn't hear his mother ask him to sweep the floor.

- (a) truth
- (b) approve
- (c) certain
- (d) feign
- (e) Both (a) and (b)

Q19. After several new employees would arrive tardy to work due to car troubles, I realized I would never hire an applicant if they had **unreliable** transportation.

- (a) forthright
- (b) durable
- (c) Both (a) and (b)
- (d) unpredictable
- (e) miserable

Q20. Hopefully the jury's **quest** for truth will lead them to find me innocent.

- (a) retreat
- (b) indulge
- (c) influence
- (d) enquiry
- (e) Both (a) and (b)

Q21. The job of the government is to eliminate the problems which **vex** our country.

- (a) surround
- (b) distress
- (c) delight
- (d) hinder
- (e) appease

Q22. If you do not download the new version of the software, your computer will be **replete** with error messages.

- (a) loaded
- (b) respond
- (c) lack
- (d) Both (a) and (b)
- (e) search

Q23. Even though I have low grades in school right now, I do not believe my report card will **portend** my success in life.

- (a) curtail
- (b) persuade
- (c) desire
- (d) Both (a) and (b)
- (e) predict

Directions (24-30): In each of the following questions, a sentence is given with a word given in bold in each. Choose a word from the five options given below which is opposite in meaning to the word given in BOLD.

Q24. Although the police had no proof, they were quick to **surmise** Mr. Peterson had killed his wife.

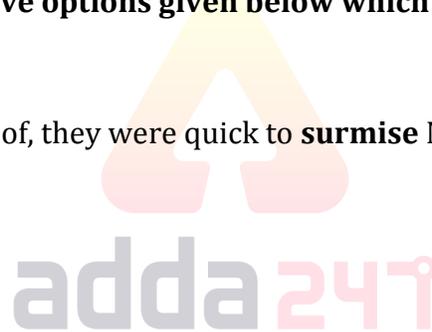
- (a) deduce
- (b) hypothesize
- (c) fancy
- (d) know
- (e) presume

Q25. The recent hurricane left visible **damage** to houses across the state.

- (a) cripple
- (b) aid
- (c) mar
- (d) impair
- (e) defile

Q26. Rather than **impute** his brother, Harry will accept blame for a crime he did not commit.

- (a) exonerate
- (b) attribute
- (c) accuse
- (d) blame
- (e) censure



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Q27. While Jenny failed to include the main points in her presentation, I still gave her extra credit for her **zeal** and passion.

- (a) devotion
- (b) ardor
- (c) diligence
- (d) inactivity
- (e) fervor

Q28. Day after day, the slaves had to **toil** in the hot fields without payment.

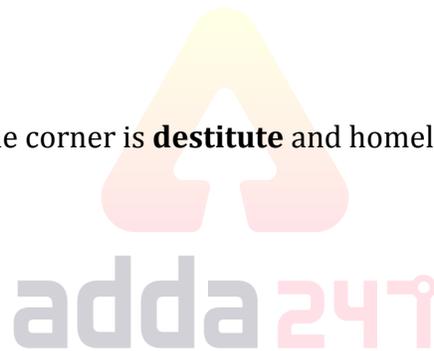
- (a) strive
- (b) laze
- (c) plug
- (d) drudge
- (e) drive

Q29. As a teacher with over thirty years of experience, Carol is definitely not a **callow** educator.

- (a) naive
- (b) crude
- (c) experienced
- (d) infant
- (e) raw

Q30. The man holding the sign on the corner is **destitute** and homeless.

- (a) wanting
- (b) exhausted
- (c) indigent
- (d) beggared
- (e) affluent



Directions (31-35): Read the following passage and answer the questions as directed.

Two years after the World Health Organization labelled air pollution a global “public health emergency”, and the House of Commons environment committee used the same phrase to describe the situation in the UK, new evidence shows that breathing unsafe air causes a loss of intelligence, particularly in the over-64s. The research, carried out in China, showed that test scores declined when people breathed toxins including nitrogen dioxide and particulate, with language ability more affected than maths. This news, though alarming, is unlikely to change anything straight away. China has been engaged in a “war against pollution” for five years, while governments and policymakers around the world already have **ample** evidence that pollution is extremely harmful. Top of the list of dangers is the way it worsens heart and lung diseases including asthma and emphysema, while one study last year suggested a link to dementia.

The problem is both global and national: urbanisation and increasing car use mean that pollution is on the rise internationally, while the UK government is under huge pressure to clean up air that has broken EU legal limits for the past eight years. Western capitals do not feature in the WHO’s lists of the planet’s most polluted cities, and levels of most pollutants in the UK have fallen (though not ammonia, a byproduct of farming). But increased scientific understanding of the damage to health caused by gases such as nitrogen oxides makes inexcusable the complacency of which we have seen so much, both under the current Conservative government and its coalition predecessor.

London mayor Sadiq Khan's "ultra low-emission zone", which comes into force next year and will charge the most polluting vehicles to enter central London, looks set to be a game-changer. Government analysis shows clean air zones to be by far the most effective measure in reducing nitrogen oxides. But critics think it is still too, while leaders of other cities are calling for government funding to implement their own clean air zones, as well as a new clean air act to provide a national framework. Campaigners struggle to understand why the public outcry is not loud or angry enough to force the government to act, when air pollution is thought to be a factor in shortening the lives of 40,000 people in the UK every year. So do all those who worry about air pollution, among them parents anxious about the impact on growing lungs. The usual answer is cars, and **the fact that even if people would like their cities to be cleaner, they don't want restrictions on their freedom to drive.**

Q31. As per the passage, which of the following is the result of breathing unsafe air?

- (a) People, particularly below 64 of years of age can lose their intelligence.
- (b) People, irrespective of age can lose their intelligence and sight.
- (c) People, particularly above 64 of years of age can lose their intelligence.
- (d) People tend to loose their power to think and speak.
- (e) None of the Above

Q32. Which of the following statements is/are true in context of the passage above?

- (I) Urbanisation and increasing car use mean that pollution is on the rise internationally.
 - (II) The research, carried out in China, showed that test scores declined when people breathed toxins including nitrogen dioxide and particulate, with language ability more affected than maths.
 - (III) Recent history shows that when well-evidenced public health measures deliver benefits in improved safety and wellbeing, people accept them with little fuss.
- (a) Only (I)
 - (b) Only (II)
 - (c) Both (I) and (II)
 - (d) Only (III)
 - (e) Both (II) and (III)

Q33. Which of the following can replace the word given in bold in the passage?

- (a) insufficient
- (b) pathetic
- (c) meagre
- (d) plentiful
- (e) cramped

Q34. In the passage above, a line is given in bold. Which of the following best describes the meaning of the line given in bold?

- (a) Even though people would like their cities to be cleaner, they also want restrictions on their freedom to drive.
- (b) People want their cities to be cleaner and so they do not want to drive cars without restrictions.
- (c) People would like their cities to be cleaner but they don't want restrictions on their freedom.
- (d) Despite the fact that people want their cities to be cleaner, they do not want to compromise on their freedom to drive.
- (e) None of the Above

Q35. Which of the following words can fill in the blank to make it meaningful?

- (a) bold
- (b) timid
- (c) forthcoming
- (d) brazen
- (e) Both (b) and (d)

Directions (36-40): Read the following passage and answer the questions as directed.

There is a delightful, highly sentimental story by O. Henry about a young artist in New York in the early part of the last century. Young Johnsy and her artist companion, Sue, lived in an apartment in Greenwich Village. Winter came and Johnsy caught pneumonia and she became critically ill. The doctor told Sue to be prepared for the worst. Outside their window there was a vine with attractive foliage, but it started shedding leaves one by one as summer passed through fall into winter. Finally, only one last leaf remained. Johnsy told Sue that when that leaf fell, her life would also go. A concerned elderly artist friend of the girls, hearing this story, climbed outside the window in the bitterly cold night and painted a life-like leaf at the spot from where the last leaf had just fallen. Came dawn, when Johnsy looked out of the window from her sick bed, **(36) lo and behold**, the leaf was still there and it continued to be there on the following days. The girl regained her will to live and was fully recovered in a few days.

Far removed in time and far away from O. Henry's America, in the hot climes of Chennai, I also have my own leaf or, rather, many leaves, which I have adopted and whose growth I follow closely. Leaves are a weakness for me. Leaves in their variety of shapes and hues **(A)** In addition to being providers of shade and **(39) solace** to weary eyes, they are the primary producers of food on earth and the most important agents of carbon fixation and a shield against global warming.

Q36. In the passage above a phrase is given in bold, What does the author mean by this phrase?

- (a) It is used to present something dull and weak and not able to move properly.
- (b) It is used to present a new scene, situation, or turn of events, often with the suggestion that, though surprising, it could in fact have been predicted.
- (c) It is used to represent the will and desire of a person that can make unpredictable things real and predictable
- (d) It is used to present a calm and serene atmosphere that tends to bring positivity everywhere.
- (e) None of the Above

Q37. Which of the following statements is/are true in context of the passage above?

- (a) Johnsy's life was linked with the vine leaves and was to end with the end of the last leaf.
- (b) The fake leaf helped Johnsy to regain her will power to live and helped her recover well.
- (c) Johnsy caught Jaundice and she became critically ill.
- (d) All are Correct
- (e) None is correct

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Q38. Which of the following phrases can fit in the place of (A) given in the passage to make it contextually correct and meaningful?

- (a) are strongly salty to taste.
- (b) are things of beauty in their own right.
- (c) coloured leaf, thick, fleshy and shining.
- (d) surviving in the saline terrain.
- (e) None of the Above

Q39. Which of the following words is opposite in meaning to the word given in bold in the passage?

- (a) condolence
- (b) pity
- (c) assuage
- (d) relief
- (e) distress

Q40. As per the passage, which of the following are not the uses or positive effects of leaves?

- (a) Providers of shade and solace
- (b) Secondary Producers of food
- (c) Help in Carbon Fixation
- (d) Act as a shield against global warming
- (e) Both (a) and (b)

Directions (41-45): Read the following passage and answer the questions as directed.

Cashless society is something we keep hearing these days. The Information and Communication Technology (ICT) revolution has brought the world closer – and hence the economies. Digital payment or digital transaction is the new revolution in the making. In today's globalised and computerised context, Nepal cannot remain unaffected by the unprecedented developments that have been made in the ICT sector. We may be still a bit too far from creating a cashless society, **(A)** Digital payment is a system which effects transactions for one or multiple parties without the need for cash. Digital payments are being globally adopted now for the benefits they bring to the economies and the people. According to a World Bank report (2014), integrating digital payments into the economies of emerging and developing nations addresses **(44) crucial** issues of broad economic growth and individual financial empowerment.

The government in its fiscal budget for 2018-19 has aimed to digitise government payments and revenue collection. It also aims to open bank accounts for every Nepali citizen within a year. Though it may look overambitious, the government move is praiseworthy for its openness to **(45) embrace** new technology and innovations and integrate them into the economy. Digital payments can be greatly beneficial in this regard, as expanding digital payments can help ensure financial services to those adults who are excluded from the formal banking sector. It is, of course, the government which has to take the lead to drive the digital financial development ahead. Digital finance also ensures transparency in interactions, thereby reducing tax evasion and empowering government agencies to keep track of financial activities. It can also help reduce crimes in black markets. Digital payment services help reduce the cost of sending money both domestically and across borders and transfers are swift.

Q41. Which of the following phrases can complete the blank given in the passage above to make it contextually correct and meaningful?

- (a) but the country has made some progress and achieved the status of being a cashless society.
- (b) but the country has made some progress when it comes to digital payment services.
- (c) and we have achieved the progress in the right direction.
- (d) the government must act carefully so as not to violate privacy in the name of strong regulation.
- (e) None of these

Q42. Which of the following statements is/are incorrect as per the passage?

- (a) In today's globalised and computerised context, Nepal cannot remain unaffected by the standard developments that have been made in the ICT sector.
- (b) The government in its fiscal budget for 2018-19 has aimed to digitise government payments and revenue collection.
- (c) Expanding digital payments can help ensure financial services to those adults who are excluded from the formal banking sector.
- (d) All are correct
- (e) All are incorrect

Q43. Which of the following are the benefits of Digital Payments services as mentioned in the passage above?

- (a) Help reduce tax evasion
- (b) Reduce crimes in black markets
- (c) Reduce the cost of sending money both domestically and across borders
- (d) Digital payments can help ensure financial services to those adults who are excluded from the formal banking sector.
- (e) All of the Above

Q44. Which of the following words is opposite in meaning to the word given in bold in the passage?

- (a) central
- (b) clamorous
- (c) dire
- (d) trivial
- (e) imperative

Q45. Which of the following can replace the word given in bold in the passage?

- (a) exclude
- (b) accept
- (c) repudiate
- (d) Both (c) and (b)
- (e) None of these



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Directions (46-50): In each of the following questions, a sentence is given which may or may not have an error in it. In the options given below each question, four ways of writing the same sentence are given. You have to choose the sentence which is grammatically and contextually correct. If the sentence is correct as it is, choose option (e) as your answer.

Q46. Justice is necessary to address the wrongs and alleviate suffering but forgiveness too could play a reparative role provided it is seen as complementary to justice, not a substitute for it.

- (a) Justice is necessary to address the wrongs and alleviate suffer but forgiveness too could play a reparative role provided it is seen as complementary to justice, not a substitute for it.
- (b) Justice is necessity to address the wrongs and alleviate suffering but forgiveness too can play a reparative role provided it is seen as complementary to justice, not a substitute for it.
- (c) Justice is necessary to address the wrongs and alleviate suffering but forgiveness too can play a reparative role provided it is seen as complementary to justice, not a substitute for it.
- (d) Justice is necessary to address the wrongs and alleviate suffering but forgive too could play a reparative role provided it is seen as complementary to justice, not a substitute for it.
- (e) No error

Q47. It is only by dare to dream that human beings have achieved much more than what was thought to be naturally possible.

- (a) It is only by dare to dream that human beings have achieved much more then what was thought to be naturally possible
- (b) It is only by daring to dream that human beings have achieved much more than what was thought to be naturally possible.
- (c) It is only by daring to dream that human beings have achieved much many than what was thought to be naturally possible
- (d) It is only by dare to dream that human beings have achieved much more than what was thought too be naturally possible
- (e) No error

Q48. The human mind allows for possibilities that the human body does not permit.

- (a) The human mind allowing for possibilities that the human body does not permit.
- (b) The human mind allows for possibilities that the human's body does not permit.
- (c) The human mind allows for possibilities that the human body did not permit.
- (d) The human mind allowing of possibilities that the human body does not permit.
- (e) No error

Q49. To imagine is to being able to overcome the limits of any given biology and any given nature.

- (a) To imagine is to be able to overcome the limits off any given biology and any given nature.
- (b) To imagine is to being able too overcome the limits of any given biology and any given nature.
- (c) To imagine is to be able to overcome the limits of any given biology and any given nature.
- (d) To imagine is to be able to overcome the limits of any given biology in any given natural.
- (e) No error

Q50. Seventy-two years ago, colonial empires collapse, and close to 80 countries across Africa, Asia and Latin America became free nations.

- (a) Seventy-two years ago, colonial empires collapsed, and close to 80 countries across Africa, Asia and Latin America became free nations.
- (b) Seventy-two years ago, colonial empires collapsed, and close too 80 countries across Africa, Asia and Latin America became free nations.
- (c) Seventy-two years ago, colonial empires collapsed, and close to 80 countries across Africa, Asia and Latin America become free nations.
- (d) Seventy-two years ago, colonial empires collapsed, and close to 80 countries across Africa, Asia and Latin America became free nation.
- (e) No error

Direction (51-55): Read each of the following sentences to find out if there is any grammatical error in it. The error, if any, will be in one part of the sentence. The number (A, B, C or D) of this part is your answer. If there is no error in the statement, then mark option (e) as your answer choice.

Q51. Our first Prime Minister, (A) / Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru declared (B) / that the future belongs to science and those (C) / which make friends with science. (D) /

- (a) A
- (b) B
- (c) C
- (d) D
- (e) No error

Q52. Two senior sailors of the Naval Aviation Electrical (A) / branch were crushed to death then a portion of a helicopter (B) / hangar at INS Garuda, naval air station at the Southern Naval (C) / Command in Kochi, collapsed on them on Thursday morning. (D) /

- (a) A
- (b) B
- (c) C
- (d) D
- (e) No error

Q53. It is a sign of progress (A) / that Mithali Raj and Harmanpreet Kaur (B) /have the confidence to (C) /go public for their grievances. (D) /

- (a) A
- (b) B
- (c) C
- (d) D
- (e) No error

Q54. U.S. health officials have reported an (A) /outbreak of bacterial infections in people (B) /who got injections of stem cells (C) / derived from umbilical cord blood. (D) /

- (a) A
- (b) B
- (c) C
- (d) D
- (e) No error

Q55. Stem cells are very young cells than (A) / can develop into specialized cells, (B) /like blood cells, bone cells (C) / and brain cells. (D) /

- (a) A
- (b) B
- (c) C
- (d) D
- (e) No error

Directions (56-60): In each of the following questions a grammatically correct and meaningful sentence is given and four words are put in BOLD. One of these four words may be misspelt or contextually wrong. You have to identify the misspelt or contextually wrong word and choose the appropriate option as your answer. If all the words are correctly spelt, then mark 'No error' as your answer.

Q56. Stem cells can be harvested from adults, but another source is umbilical chord blood.

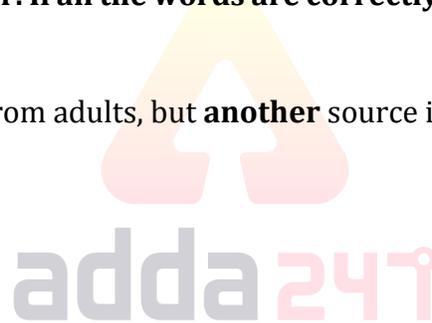
- (a) cells
- (b) harvested
- (c) another
- (d) chord
- (e) No error

Q57. Scientists in Finland have developed what they believe is the world's first vaccine to protect bees against disease, raising hopes for tackling the drastic decline in insect numbers which could cause a globalization food crisis.

- (a) developed
- (b) tackling
- (c) vaccine
- (d) globalization
- (e) No error

Q58. Bees are vital for growing the world's food as they help fertilise three out of four crops around the globe, by transferring pollen from male to female flowers

- (a) growing
- (b) fertilise
- (c) around
- (d) transferring
- (e) No error

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Q59. The vaccine, developed by **the** team at Helsinki University in Finland, works by giving bees **resistance** to fight off severe **microbial** diseases that can be fatal for **pollinator** communities.

- (a) the
- (b) resistance
- (c) microbial
- (d) pollinator
- (e) No error

Q60. It was not **until** 1959 that the Soviet Union **captured** the first images of the **heavily** cratered surface, unclocking some of the **mystry** of the moon's "dark side".

- (a) until
- (b) captured
- (c) heavily
- (d) mystry
- (e) No error

Directions (61-65): Answer the following questions after rearranging the following sentences into a coherent paragraph and identify the sentence that doesn't fit in the context of the paragraph.

(A) While there indeed are structural impediments (posed by both India and its neighbours) in fostering regional integration, the most significant handicap is New Delhi's ideational disinclination towards its neighbourhood.

(B) Unfortunately, those of us who value religious freedom have been disillusioned by multiple governments once too often.

(C) Successive regimes have considered the neighbourhood as an irritant and challenge, not an opportunity.

(D) If South Asia is one of the world's least integrated regions, India is one of the world's least regionally-integrated major powers.

(E) Today, we have become even more transactional, impatient and small-minded towards our neighbourhood which has, as a result, restricted our space for manoeuvre in the regional geopolitical scheme of things

(F) Seldom have India's policies displayed a sense of belonging to the region or a desire to work with the neighbourhood for greater integration and cooperation.

Q61. Considering the statement (D), "If South Asia is one of the world's least integrated regions, India is one of the world's least regionally-integrated major powers." as the **FIRST** statement of the paragraph after the rearrangement, which one among the following pairs is consecutively related with each other?

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

Q62. Considering the statement (D), “If South Asia is one of the world’s least integrated regions, India is one of the world’s least regionally-integrated major powers.” as the FIRST statement of the paragraph after the rearrangement, which one among the following statements does not belong to the coherent paragraph?

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

Q63. Considering the statement (D), “If South Asia is one of the world’s least integrated regions, India is one of the world’s least regionally-integrated major powers.” as the FIRST statement of the paragraph after the rearrangement, what should be the logical and meaningful sequence of the rearranged paragraph after eliminating the incoherent statement?

- (a) DAFEC
- (b) DFEAC
- (c) DACFE
- (d) DEFCA
- (e) DACFE

Q64. Considering the statement (D), “If South Asia is one of the world’s least integrated regions, India is one of the world’s least regionally-integrated major powers.” as the FIRST statement of the paragraph after the rearrangement, which of the following statement should be the LAST sentence after the rearrangement? (Excluding the incoherent sentence)

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

Q65. Considering the statement (D), “If South Asia is one of the world’s least integrated regions, India is one of the world’s least regionally-integrated major powers.” as the FIRST statement of the paragraph after the rearrangement, which of the following statement should be the FOURTH sentence after the rearrangement? (Excluding the incoherent sentence)

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

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Directions (66-70): Rearrange the following seven sentences (A), (B), (C), (D) and (E) in the proper sequence to form a meaningful paragraph and then answer the questions given below.

(A) The strategy affirms that “policymaking will have to be rooted in ground realities” rather than economic abstractions.

(B) While there are many refreshing improvements in NITI Aayog’s ‘Strategy for New India @ 75’ from the erstwhile Planning Commission’s plans, there are also concerns about some of the strategies recommended.

(C) However, what matters is the quality of consultations. It will be worthwhile for NITI Aayog to get feedback from stakeholders on whether it has improved the process of consultation substantially or not.

(D) The intent to change the approach to planning from preparations of plans and budgets to the creation of a mass movement for development in which “every Indian recognises her role and experiences the tangible benefits” is laudable.

(E) It says that stakeholders have been consulted widely in preparing the strategy, which is also something that the erstwhile Planning Commission said.

Q66. Which of the following will be the **SECOND** sentence after the rearrangement?

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

Q67. Which of the following will be the **FIRST** sentence after the rearrangement?

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

Q68. Which of the following will be the **FIFTH** sentence after the rearrangement?

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

Q69. Which of the following will be the **FOURTH** sentence after the rearrangement?

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

Q70. Which of the following will be the THIRD sentence after the rearrangement?

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

Directions (71-75): Answer the following questions after rearranging the following sentences into a coherent paragraph and identify the sentence that doesn't fit in the context of the paragraph

(A) The attacks continue, and victims are silenced. This has been a source of frustration not just for Twitter users but even for the company's senior staff.

(B) Three years later, nothing much has changed. In March, Amnesty International released a report titled 'Toxic Twitter'.

(C) Officially, Twitter has strong rules against abuse and hate speech on its platform, yet nothing much seems to happen once abuse has been reported.

(D) Based on research conducted over a 16-month period, it concluded that Twitter was failing in its responsibility to protect "women of colour, women from ethnic or religious minorities and women with disabilities" from online violence and abuse.

(E) In an internal memo in 2015 that was leaked, then Twitter CEO Dick Costolo not only admitted that Twitter "sucks" at dealing with abuse and trolls but also that the platform has "sucked at it for years".

(F) If you attempt to evade a permanent suspension by creating new accounts, we will suspend your new accounts.

Q71. Considering the statement (C), "Officially, Twitter has strong rules against abuse and hate speech on its platform, yet nothing much seems to happen once abuse has been reported." as the FIRST statement of the paragraph after the rearrangement, which one among the following pairs is consecutively related with each other?

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

Q72. Considering the statement (C), "Officially, Twitter has strong rules against abuse and hate speech on its platform, yet nothing much seems to happen once abuse has been reported." as the FIRST statement of the paragraph after the rearrangement, which one among the following statements does not belong to the coherent paragraph?

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

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Q73. Considering the statement (C), “Officially, Twitter has strong rules against abuse and hate speech on its platform, yet nothing much seems to happen once abuse has been reported.” as the FIRST statement of the paragraph after the rearrangement, what should be the logical and meaningful sequence of the rearranged paragraph after eliminating the incoherent statement?

- (a) CAFDE
- (b) CAEBD
- (c) CADFE
- (d) CADBE
- (e) CBDAE

Q74. Considering the statement (C), “Officially, Twitter has strong rules against abuse and hate speech on its platform, yet nothing much seems to happen once abuse has been reported.” as the FIRST statement of the paragraph after the rearrangement, which of the following statement should be the LAST sentence after the rearrangement? (Excluding the incoherent sentence)

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

Q75. Considering the statement (C), “Officially, Twitter has strong rules against abuse and hate speech on its platform, yet nothing much seems to happen once abuse has been reported.” as the FIRST statement of the paragraph after the rearrangement, which of the following statement should be the FOURTH sentence after the rearrangement? (Excluding the incoherent sentence)

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

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Directions (76-80): In each of the questions given below a paragraph is given with blank spaces which are numbered. Against each numbered blank space five options are given which may or may not fill the blanks. Choose the option that can fill the blank space appropriately

Sometimes a handshake can mean quite a lot. Richard Nixon’s outstretched hand to Zhou Enlai in 1972 marked **(76)** _____. The decidedly bro-ey handshake between Russia’s Vladimir Putin and Saudi Arabia’s Mohammad bin Salman at the G-20 summit last week was also laden with symbolism. That handshake was, no doubt, **(76)** _____ if the U.S. gets tough in response to the assassination of the journalist Jamal Khashoggi. Yet it was also indicative of a broader trend that is reshaping global politics. Day by day, it becomes increasingly clear that a central fault line — perhaps the central fault line — **(78)** _____. And as this happens, geopolitical alignments are shifting in subtle but momentous ways. In particular, the bonds between the U.S. and many of its authoritarian allies are weakening, as those countries **(79)** _____. For decades, admittedly, the U.S. has worked closely with friendly dictators out of geopolitical necessity. During the Cold War, one could not easily contain the Soviet Union absent the cooperation of strategically placed autocrats in Turkey, Saudi Arabia, South Korea, the Philippines and many other countries. **(80)** _____ by a layer of ideological adhesive.

Q76. (a) The S-400 missile systems are expected to transform the strategic balance in the subcontinent.

(b) the end of a quarter-century of Chinese-American estrangement

(c) The deal was signed between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Russian President Vladimir Putin this afternoon

(d) Under a new law - Countering America's Adversaries through Sanctions Act or CAATSA - the US imposes sanctions on any country that has "significant transactions" with Iran, North Korea or Russia

(e) China was the first foreign buyer to seal a government-to-government deal with Russia in 2014 to procure the lethal missile system



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Q77. (a) Putin and Erdogan will also officially launch the first unit of Turkey's Akkuyu nuclear power station

(b) It said the two leaders were expected to officially launch the first unit of Turkey's Akkuyu nuclear power station

(c) a pointed reminder to Washington that the Saudis are willing to explore other geopolitical options

(d) has given crucial military and diplomatic backing to Syrian President Bashar al-Assad's government throughout the war

(e) Turkey supports rebels who want to oust Assad.

Q78. (a) These are the implementation of large-scale joint commercial projects

(b) Russia is important in the search for solutions to world crises

(c) Trump has maneuvered so skillfully that Europe cannot use the Russian factor against the U.S.

(d) in world affairs is the struggle between liberal and illiberal forms of government.

(e) many analysts agree that Poroshenko is stepping up the military operation in the east

Q79. (a) find that they have less in common ideologically with America than with its revisionist rivals.

(b) including the previous one in late September at the summit of the Commonwealth of Independent States in Dushanbe, Tajikistan.

(c) Russia's accrued investments in Uzbekistan's economy have reached \$8.7bln

(d) bilateral documents and also attend the Russian-Uzbek forum on interregional cooperation.

(e) He also arrived in the Central Asian country in September that year to pay tribute

Q80. (a) which comes as both countries celebrate the 50th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations

(b) yet the geopolitical glue in these relationships was always strengthened

(c) will also co-officiate the groundbreaking ceremony of the Russian Cultural Centre with Mr Putin

(d) a statement from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs said.

(e) attended a ground-breaking ceremony for the Russian Cultural Centre

Directions (81-85): Each of the following questions has a paragraph from which one sentence or part of sentence has been deleted. From the given options, choose the one that completes the paragraph in the most appropriate/coherent way. If none of the given alternatives is appropriate to fill the blank, choose option (e) i.e. “none of these” as your answer choice.

Q81. In addition to its orbit, the one other thing that has contributed to our salubrious climate is our atmosphere. We have just the right concentration of carbon dioxide in the air to ensure that enough radiated heat remains trapped near the surface to support life. If this balance is tampered with, the atmosphere could either bleed too much heat out to space, thereby freezing the oceans, or trap so much heat near the surface that the oceans boil over. The acceptable upper limit of carbon dioxide in the Earth’s atmosphere is 350 parts per million. Up to that level,
If the percentage of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere rises beyond those levels, the atmosphere will trap more and more heat, raising the surface temperature uncomfortably, till the polar ice caps melt and the ocean levels rise significantly.

- (a) species are getting extinct 10 times faster than scientists consider acceptable.
- (b) the Earth’s atmosphere will ensure that the temperature at the surface of the Earth is able to support life as we know it.
- (c) whose actions have changed the course of its destiny.
- (d) missions before the next round of talks in 2020.
- (e) None of these

Q82. If we want to ensure that we don’t squander the remaining 38,000 years of planetary serendipity we’ve been given, we’d do well to take steps to lift the planet out of the Anthropocene and back into the Holocene. It would take extraordinary international commitment in favour of sustainable development to achieve this. Nations around the world need to

- (a) driven the concentration of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere to over 400 parts per million.
- (b) understand climate change and the last generation to be able to do something about it.
- (c) put the many life-giving systems on Earth under immense stress.
- (d) aggressively reduce carbon emissions and quickly commit to using alternative energy sources.
- (e) None of these

Q83. Thanks to unabated industrialisation and the rampant use of fossil fuels, humanity has driven the concentration of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere to over 400 parts per million. In addition, our use of synthetic fertilizers has artificially This coupled with deforestation has had such a serious impact that the natural biodiversity of the planet has shrunk and species are getting extinct 10 times faster than scientists consider acceptable.

- (a) tabulate their year-long data and sit down to prepare reports.
- (b) result in an additional 10cm of global sea level rise, affecting an additional 10 million people in 2100.
- (c) doubled the volumes of nitrogen and phosphorus in the soil at the surface of the Earth, resulting in toxic run-offs.
- (d) leading to unprecedented flooding, as we have seen this year in Kerala and Meghalaya.
- (e) None of these

Q84. Personal freedom is very often associated with secularism, which, as received from the Western canon, is the separation of church from state. Sometimes secularism is also seen as a negation of religion completely. Indeed, many religious leaders taught that secular people do not believe in gods. But in my view, even if you are a temple-going Hindu or a devout Muslim, you can still be secular.

- (a) What can we do to change this? We need not look to foreign shores or to long-forgotten pasts.
- (b) One particular freedom that has come under fire is the freedom of practising one's own religion.
- (c) Unfortunately, those of us who value religious freedom have been disillusioned by multiple governments once too often.
- (d) In contrast, an exhibition of true "secularism" would be open-ended, either agnostic or, at the other extreme, in a country like India where faith is so central, multi-religious.
- (e) None of these

Q85. Events over the past few years have prompted many to revisit the idea of individual freedom. Indeed, not just in India, but elsewhere too, the idea of individual freedom is under intense scrutiny. By corollary, are fascist policies and rhetoric on the rise? Persons with a liberal bent of mind, who prize individual freedoms like free speech, gender and racial equality, are especially troubled, for our country appears to be at a juncture where fundamental notions of modern India are under existential threat.

- (a) In 21 Lessons for the 21st Century, Yuval Noah Harari captures the essence of these values beautifully.
- (b) Professor Stanley has the U.S. in mind, but surely there is some resonance closer home.
- (c) Are governments across the world increasingly posing a threat to liberty?
- (d) Sloganeering and flag raising have become tests for nationalism.
- (e) None of these

Directions (86-90): In each of the questions given below an incomplete sentence is given which must be filled/completed with one of the sentences/words given below. i.e. one of the sentences/words can be fit into the given blanks. Choose the correct option and complete the given sentences. If none of the given alternatives is appropriate to fill the blank, choose option (e) i.e. "none of these" as your answer choice.

Q86. Demands by the Opposition in Bangladesh for the resignation of the Chief Election Commissioner just four days ahead of the December 30 parliamentary election reflect the bitter divisions

- (a) that have undermined the credibility of government agencies.
- (b) that activists have been arrested since the election schedule was announced.
- (c) government postponed the election, which was finally held in December 2008.
- (d) it faces criticism for its authoritarian turn.
- (e) None of these

Q87. The Bangladesh Nationalist Party, the main constituent of the Opposition Jatiya Oikya Front, claims that 9,200 of its activists

- (a) has been arrested since the election schedule was announced.
- (b) have been arrested since the election schedule was announced.
- (c) having been arrested since the election schedule was announced.
- (d) have arrested since the election schedule was announced.
- (e) None of these

Q88. On October 29 that year, the Election Commission of India (ECI) said that if a situation arose where the number of NOTA votes exceeded the number of votes polled by any of the candidates, the candidate with the highest number of votes

- (a) would have be declared winner
- (b) will be declare winner
- (c) would be declared winner
- (d) to be declared winner
- (e) None of these

Q89. The BJP's poor performance in the recent Assembly elections underscores the extent of India's agrarian distress and

- (a) the political cost of failing to address it.
- (b) the political cost of fail to address it
- (c) the political cost of failing to addressing it
- (d) the political cost of failing to addressed it
- (e) None of these

Q90. Earlier this year, a sobering NITI Aayog report laid bare the seriousness of India's water crisis: 600 million people face acute water shortage and 200,000 die each year

- (a) because they have access to clean water and sanitation.
- (b) because they have no access to clean water.
- (c) because they prefer to remain within the state.
- (d) as a result of high inflation.
- (e) None of these

Directions (91-95): Each question below has two blanks. There are five pairs of words below the sentence. Each pair is lettered. Choose the pair of words which can be filled up in the blanks in the sentence in the same order so as to complete the sentences meaningfully.

Q91. To get close to the senator, the assassin _____ his intentions, _____ many people that he was a reporter for a well-known newspaper.

- (a) Harmonized, predictability
- (b) Peace, commotion
- (c) Deceived, convincing
- (d) Undermined, restive
- (e) laconic, extant

Q92. During the executive meeting, the marketing director continued to make _____ comments about the CEO's gambling _____.

- (a) infelicitous, habit
- (b) oblivate, rote
- (c) submissive, Depose
- (d) concise, succinct
- (e) commotion, caulking



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Q93. The professor had trouble concentrating on her new theorem, because her _____ secretary would _____ in frequently.

- (a) endowed, dwindled
- (b) gouge, stigmatised
- (c) tarnish, stipulated
- (d) damp, dross
- (e) officious, barge

Q94. He never _____ revealed anything negative about Tom's past, but at times he would _____ suggest that Tom was not as innocent as he seemed.

- (a) signify, brim
- (b) contrive, shrimp
- (c) conceive, phalanx
- (d) explicitly, obliquely
- (e) collude, fragment

Q95. The first decade after WWI was a _____ period in America with new-found wealth and rapidly _____ technology.

- (a) constituent, intrepid
- (b) halcyon, improving
- (c) accolade, insolent
- (d) reprobate, intrepid
- (e) variance, thrifty

Directions (96-105): In each of the following sentences, there is a blank space. Below each such sentence, there are five options with one word each. Fill up the blank with the word that makes the sentence grammatically and contextually correct.

Q96. When Margaret was trying to sell her home, she hired an interior decorator to the spacious design of the property.

- (a) Both (b) and (d)
- (b) accentuate
- (c) tumble
- (d) tremor
- (e) cleave

Q97. After receiving the permission slip for the field trip, the students were advised to present their to the teacher with ten dollars attached to it.

- (a) renascent
- (b) effectual
- (c) submittal
- (d) spur
- (e) Both (b) and (d)

Q98. Alexander made the decision to during training so he would be invited to join the elite unit of soldiers.

- (a) render
- (b) travail
- (c) squall
- (d) ensnare
- (e) Both (b) and (d)

Q99. The brain has the amazing ability to cells, restoring them as they are lost.

- (a) recite
- (b) reliant
- (c) rationale
- (d) regenerate
- (e) Both (b) and (d)

Q100. No one wanted to the honor of a war hero in his 90s, so the scandal was swept under the rug.

- (a) foresight
- (b) testify
- (c) Both (b) and (d)
- (d) imbrue
- (e) indulge

Q101. Our experiment was ruined when the matter started to instead of remaining in liquid form.

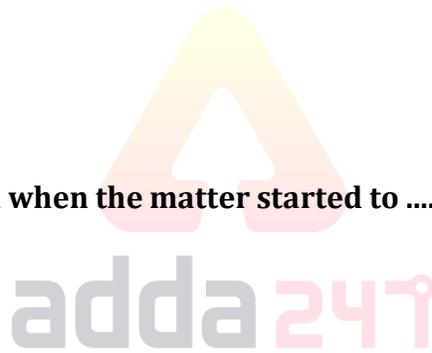
- (a) foreshadow
- (b) congeal
- (c) deplete
- (d) beget
- (e) Both (b) and (d)

Q102. When they learned of her disappearance, the detectives were eager to into locating her.

- (a) Both (b) and (d)
- (b) stammer
- (c) circulate
- (d) induce
- (e) delve

Q103. On the reality show, twelve celebrities to become the season's dance champion.

- (a) applaud
- (b) winnow
- (c) vie
- (d) spoor
- (e) Both (a) and (d)



Q104. During the of the village, the villagers were forced to give up their property.

- (a) predation
- (b) siege
- (c) Both (a) and (d)
- (d) sedate
- (e) assay

Q105. Although the criminal was being chased by a police officer, he chose to down the street as if he did not have a care in the world.

- (a) dowse
- (b) yawp
- (c) saunter
- (d) raid
- (e) Both (a) and (d)

Directions (106-120): In the following questions two columns are given containing three sentences/phrases each. In first column, sentences/phrases are A, B and C and in the second column the sentences/phrases are D, E and F. A sentence/phrase from the first column may or may not connect with another sentence/phrase from the second column to make a grammatically and contextually correct sentence. Each question has five options, four of which display the sequence(s) in which the sentences/phrases can be joined to form a grammatically and contextually correct sentence. If none of the options given forms a correct sentence after combination, mark (e), i.e. "None of these" as your answer.

Q106.

Column (1)		Column (2)	
(A)	Captain Ahab was an intrepid captain whose	(D)	which meant he would never be allowed to fly to abroad.
(B)	Shankar says the most inept things such as	(E)	reckless and fearless style ultimately lead to his downfall.
(C)	The man's driver's license was nullified after his tenth car accident	(F)	told a girl he liked that she was much prettier when she wore makeup.

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

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Q107.

Column (1)		Column (2)	
(A)	Many golf courses are designed with great care	(D)	happy with her performance and plan.
(B)	The servile waiter did not give the couple a moment's peace all through the meal	(E)	every year, he set a new all-time record.
(C)	The mayor's constituents are no longer	(F)	so the chief of police did everything he could to repudiate the rumors.

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

Q108.

Column (1)		Column (2)	
(A)	Before the concert began, security personnel admonished	(D)	not only is driving cars our job but we're required to go to high-performance
(B)	The professor could speak objectively about the other composers	(E)	the crowd not to come up on stage during the performance
(C)	Ever since the car accident, Frank has been unable to walk without a cane	(F)	unable to offer a single criticism of his compositions

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

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Q109.

Column (1)		Column (2)	
(A)	Since NBFCs were taking on risks that banks did not	(D)	immediately raised on the impact of IL&FS default on banks, and also on funds
(B)	Since banks were the major providers of funding for NBFCs	(E)	there was also a concern that any risks that NBFCs take, will ultimately impinge on the banking system.
(C)	NBFCs grew very rapidly when bank lending was the slowest	(F)	the funding link between them was a mechanism of transmitting these risks

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

Q110.

Column (1)		Column (2)	
(A)	This makes an inverted yield curve the most reliable indicator for predicting a recession	(D)	is a senior fellow at the Niskanen Center and founder of the blog Modeled Behavior
(B)	The interest rate on two-year Treasury bonds is just above 2.8 percent while 10-year Treasury bonds are just below 3 percent	(E)	and such inversions are associated with restrictions.
(C)	The Fed is widely expected to raise its target interest rate again	(F)	this is the closest they have been since the Great Recession ended

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

Q111.

Column (1)		Column (2)	
(A)	Just a month ago, the farmers' march in Delhi highlighted the reality	(D)	is only the latest round of loan waivers.
(B)	A farm loan waiver was among the first steps taken by the three new governments in Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh,	(E)	debt burden that is pushing farmers to despair and suicides.
(C)	The political system is essentially responding to a cry of distress	(F)	of their deprivation, anger and resolve.

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

Q112.

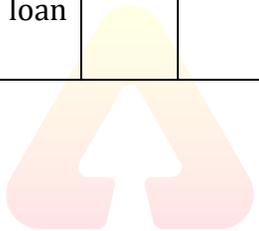
Column (1)		Column (2)	
(A)	A study by Rythu Swarajya Vedika in June 2018 showed	(D)	by a long-term systemic solution to indebtedness.
(B)	Immediate relief should be accompanied	(E)	but they have remained on paper.
(C)	It establishes farmers' distress and disaster relief commissions at the national and State levels,	(F)	that 75% of farmer suicides in Telangana are by tenant farmers.

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

Q113.

Column (1)		Column (2)	
(A)	Indebtedness has become the elephant in the room	(D)	with rates as high as 89-92% in some States.
(B)	The NSSO Situation Assessment Survey of Agricultural Households (2013) shows that 52% of farming households are indebted,	(E)	account to all cultivators, and protection from debt trap in bad years.
(C)	The unique aspect of the ongoing farmers' movement is that their demand goes beyond a one-time loan waiver	(F)	that cannot be ignored.

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


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Q114.

Column (1)		Column (2)	
(A)	The principle is that farmers who suffer losses due to circumstances	(D)	the commission can recommend declaration of certain areas or crops as distress-affected in any particular year.
(B)	Based on incidences of natural disasters, extensive pest attack and such calamities,	(E)	non-institutional loans of distress-affected farmers.
(C)	The State-level commission is also empowered to pass orders regarding	(F)	entirely out of their control deserve to be protected.

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

Q115.

Column (1)		Column (2)	
(A)	The challenge before political parties and governments is	(D)	than allowing debt, distress and suicides to accumulate until an election year.
(B)	The farming community is not likely to relent if governments adopt	(E)	but distress relief would include any payout from crop insurance.
(C)	In addition to reforming the credit system,	(F)	the concepts of limited liability and bankruptcy protection need to be adapted to the farming sector.

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

Q116.

Column (1)		Column (2)	
(A)	India has expressed interest to host the 2032 Summer Olympic Games,	(D)	on host cities, with long-term benefits.
(B)	Till now, Olympic bids were made keeping in mind	(E)	a single city as the venue for the Games.
(C)	The Olympic Games have been designed to leave an indelible mark	(F)	multi-city bids are now welcomed.

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

Q117.

Column (1)		Column (2)	
(A)	India must leave a mark at the 2020 Olympic Games	(D)	on cementing its prowess to pull off the mighty event.
(B)	India has hosted only a handful of multisport events,	(E)	to convinced the world that it takes sports seriously.
(C)	Hosting multisport events in the coming years may prove to be key	(F)	of none really matching up to the grandeur and scale of the Olympic Games.

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

Q118.

Column (1)		Column (2)	
(A)	Designing a long-term investment plan will ensure high participation from the private sector,	(D)	cementing its prowess to pull off the mighty event.
(B)	The government should make the most of this opportunity to tackle issues of the environment,	(E)	facilities for the Olympic athletes.
(C)	Any government would like the prestige of having hosted an Olympic Games	(F)	issues if it wishes to host the Games.

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

Q119.

Column (1)		Column (2)	
(A)	Identifying locations for hosting the games early on will help create facilities	(D)	be made a sustainable proposition.
(B)	It is only when we view the Games as a long-term development enabler	(E)	that have a longer life span and would also help reduce costs.
(C)	Creating an Olympic bid with an outlook of primarily channelising development efforts	(F)	for the country will prove to be a win-win situation.

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

Q120.

Column (1)		Column (2)	
(A)	Eight months into the financial year, the Centre's fiscal deficit has already overshoot	(D)	anything more than the smallest of shortfalls in tax receipts.
(B)	The seven public sector enterprises that have been cleared	(E)	the full year's budget estimate by as much as Rs.92,349 crore.
(C)	As the Reserve Bank never tires of cautioning, the onus is on the government	(F)	on the back of a 16.6% jump in net tax revenue.

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

Directions (121-130): In each of the questions given below an incomplete sentence is given which must be filled/completed with one of the sentences/words given below i.e. one of the sentences/words can be fit into the given blanks. Choose the correct option and complete the given sentences.

Q121. A regulatory filing to the stock exchanges by Punjab National Bank ----- Rs. 11,500-crore fraud.

- (a) has blown the lid off a
- (b) had blowing off the lid
- (c) had blowing off the lid of
- (d) had been blowing off a lid made in
- (e) had blown the lid of a

Q122. It is a great misfortune that an internal rift ----- towards a full-blown crisis.

- (a) has moved obdurate
- (b) has moved relentless
- (c) has moved inexorably
- (d) has moved mercifully
- (e) has moved vague



Q123. The press conference held by four senior judges of the Supreme Court ----- dissension in the top echelons of the judiciary.

- (a) has revealed an unwilling way tired of
- (b) has exposed an unprecedented level of
- (c) has mended his way of
- (d) has dismissed the army of soldiers
- (e) has revealed an unapologetic rule of

Q124. By upholding the approach of the Cauvery Water Dispute Tribunal and slightly modifying its award, the Supreme Court has boosted the prospects of a viable water-sharing -----.

- (a) arranging the States
- (b) arrangement among the riparian States.
- (c) arrangement between the grow States.
- (d) arrangement among the coastal State
- (e) Both (b) and (d)



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Q125. Resolving an inter-State water dispute ----- genuine demands and interests of each State and coming up with a pragmatic sharing arrangement.

- (a) were mainly for balance the compete
- (b) is mainly about guiding the competing
- (c) was mainly about balance the competing
- (d) is mainly about balancing the competing
- (e) None of the above

Q126. A Chinese space probe ----- to land on the dark side of the moon for the first time.

- (a) is moving into position
- (b) is landing in place of
- (c) is spacing itself to space
- (d) is guiding into position
- (e) is moving into air

Q127. The moon is tidally locked to Earth, ----- that it orbits our planet, so the far side is never visible from Earth.

- (a) revolve at the same rate
- (b) rotate at the same rate
- (c) moving at the different rate
- (d) rotating at different rates
- (e) rotating at the same rate

Q128. Rare cell populations such as circulating tumour cells ----- process of cancer metastasis.

- (a) will shed intensive rays on
- (b) could shed light about
- (c) could shed rays on
- (d) can shed light on
- (e) is going to send some light to

Q129. Much like finding a needle in a haystack, identifying rare cells from a dataset comprising millions of cells -----.

- (a) can be hugely daunting
- (b) can be very tired
- (c) will be tired
- (d) can be exhausted
- (e) can be hugely irritated

Q130. Most farmers do not wear any protective gear -----, which often leads to pesticide exposure and toxicity.

- (a) while paying for chemicals in fields
- (b) while looking back
- (c) while selling for chemicals in fields
- (d) while singing in fields
- (e) while spraying chemical in fields

Directions (131-135): Each of the following questions has a paragraph from which one sentence or part of sentence has been deleted. From the given options, choose the one that completes the paragraph in the most appropriate/coherent way. If none of the given alternatives is appropriate to fill the blank, choose option (e) i.e. “none of these” as your answer choice.

Q131. Many doctors flatly refused to believe Joseph when he announced that he had found a preventive against smallpox. They declared vaccination to be a dangerous practice. -----
----- . The Latin word for cow is ‘vacca’ and it is the root from which the word vaccination was formed. Some of the ‘vacca’ used by Joseph were not pure and some harms were done but when supplies of pure vaccine were available, the practice of vaccinating spread all over England and from England to other countries. We hardly hear of outbreaks of smallpox now.

- (a) But the dread of the disease was so much that vaccination was not so good
- (b) But the horror of smallpox was instilled in everyone’s heart and they ate cow.
- (c) But the dread of smallpox was in everybody’s heart and people flocked to Joseph to be vaccinated.
- (d) But Joseph was not wealthy and a trustworthy person and was also associated in various unorthodox practices.
- (e) None of these

Q132. Young seekers after peace know that only equal trust shown to all the people of the earth and not just to a few of them, can lead to the healing of the wounds that tear them apart and so it is essential never to humiliate the members of a nation whose leaders have committed inhuman acts. Essential also is boundless concern for so many men and women who today, as exiles or immigrants, live on foreign soil. -----

- (a) It is good to be patriotic, but not good to demean someone else’s patriotism.
- (b) If we live to make foreigners happy, we will be happy on our soil.
- (c) The world will be a better place.
- (d) If every home was open to somebody of foreign origin, the racial problem would be partially solved.
- (e) None of these

Q133. The world is very full of people-appallingly-full, it has never been so full before, and they are all tumbling over each other. ----- . Well, what is one to do? There are two solutions. One of them is the Nazi solution. If you don’t like people, kill them, banish them, and segregate them. The other way is much less thrilling, but it is on the whole the way of the democracies, and I prefer it. If you don’t like people, put up with them as well as you can. Don’t try to love them; you can’t, you’ll only strain yourself. But try to tolerate them.

- (a) Most of these people one doesn’t know and some of them one doesn’t like.
- (b) Most of them one doesn’t like to celebrate festivals and the rest one doesn’t like to click pictures with.
- (c) Most of them one doesn’t like to hang out with.
- (d) Most of them one doesn’t like to know and the rest of them one doesn’t like to have lunch with.
- (e) None of these

Q134. As civilization proceeds in the direction of technology, it passes the points of supplying all the basic essentials of life, food, shelter, cloth, and warmth. Then we are faced with a choice between using technology to provide and fulfil needs which have been regarded as unnecessary or, on the other hand, using technology to reduce the number of hours of work which a man must do in order to earn a given standard of living. In other words, -----.

- (a) we either raise our standard of living above that necessary for discord and disregard or we leave it at this level and work shorter hours.
- (b) we either raise our standard of living above that necessary for comfort and happiness or we leave it at this level and trouble others.
- (c) we either raise our standard of living above that necessary for comfort and happiness or we leave it at this level and work shorter hours.
- (d) we either raise our standard of living above that necessary for comfort and happiness or we quit our jobs.
- (e) None of these

Q135. Now-a-days we are amused by professionals. Why listen to your friends singing when you can hear the great singers of the world on the gramophone or the radio? Why read even a detective story if you can see one at the cinema, and why play football with players who are not very good when you can go, by train or car, to see some of the best players in your country playing an important match or if you have a television set, -----.

- (a) just sit comfortably at home and watch the same without the trouble of going outside.
- (b) just study at home and don't go for regular tuition classes.
- (c) just eat popcorn and relax.
- (d) just sit comfortably at home and meditate in peace.
- (e) None of these

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