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Directions (1-10): In the following questions, a paragraph is given with three blanks, followed by six words. You have to choose the most suitable combination of words among the four alternative options that will fill the blank coherently, forming a grammatically correct and contextually meaningful paragraph. If none of the given combinations is appropriate to fill the blank, mark option (e) i.e. “none of these” as your answer choice.

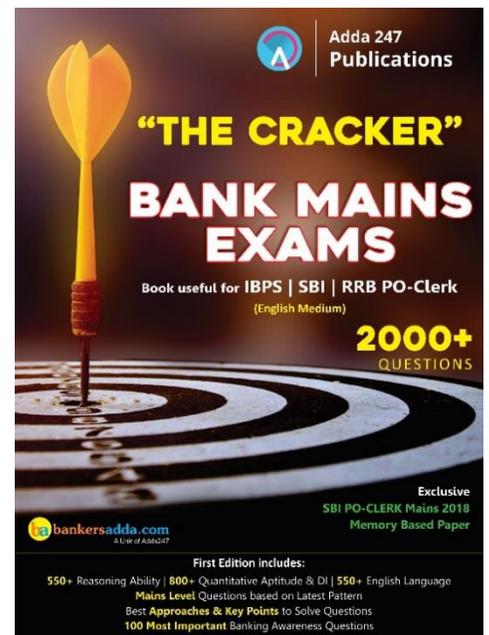
Q1. As privacy is a right, it is primarily the state’s to protect our personal data. But it can mostly do so only if the data are within its reach. There are also great dangers regarding privacy from state agencies themselves. Such privacy can only be ensured by and strengthening the protective and powers of the state, including the judiciary and new data protection-related institution(s).

- (i) ambition
- (ii) responsibility
- (iii) demanding
- (iv) invoking
- (v) disruptive
- (vi) corrective
- (a) (i), (iii), (v)
- (b) (i), (ii), (iii)
- (c) (ii), (iv), (vi)
- (d) (iii), (iv), (v)
- (e) None of these



Q2. India has not full capital account convertibility. It has kept short-term foreign borrowings within limits. India did not open up to foreign banks despite pressure from the U.S. and the international agencies. Foreign banks from overseas markets following the crisis, causing a severe credit crunch in places such as Eastern Europe. India escaped this fate.

- (i) embraced
- (ii) stringent
- (iii) retreated
- (iv) cuddled
- (v) flexibility
- (vi) entered
- (a) (i), (iii), (vi)
- (b) (iv), (v), (vi)
- (c) (i), (iv), (vi)
- (d) (i), (ii), (iii)
- (e) None of these



Q3. The Supreme Court's following the arrest of five activists by the Pune police last month has been truly and raises the bar for protection of personal liberty.

- (i) imagination
- (ii) unusual
- (iii) desirable
- (iv) intervention
- (v) prominent
- (vi) extraordinary
- (a) (iv), (v), (vi)
- (b) (i), (v), (iii)
- (c) (iii), (vi), (ii)
- (d) (iv), (iii), (i)
- (e) None of these

Q4. The U.S. has responded to the summit, expressing readiness to immediately engage North Korea in talks. But it to be seen whether the positive atmospherics at the summit will yield achievements on critical issues such as denuclearisation.

- (i) dubiously
- (ii) optimistically
- (iii) remains
- (iv) hinders
- (v) unfruitful
- (vi) tangible
- (a) (i), (iii), (v)
- (b) (ii), (iv), (vi)
- (c) (i), (iv), (v)
- (d) (ii), (iii), (vi)
- (e) None of these



Q5. The life of every Indian, from a corporate CEO to a cobbler, has like never before ever since Prime Minister Narendra Modi has announced the decision to withdraw old Rs.500 and Rs. 1,000 currency notes from

- (i) tangled
- (ii) ferocious
- (iii) changed
- (iv) dismantling
- (v) trailblazing
- (vi) circulation
- (a) (i), (iv), (v)
- (b) (iii), (v), (vi)
- (c) (ii), (v), (iv)
- (d) (iii), (ii), (v)
- (e) None of these

Q6. The term 'secularism' has meaning only if it assures the expression of any form of difference. This _____, both religious and regional, should not get _____ under the louder voice of the majority, the Commission said. At the same time, it said, discriminatory practices within a religion should not hide behind the cloak of that faith to gain _____.

- (i) Subsumed
 - (ii) Socialism
 - (iii) Invigorated
 - (iv) Diversity
 - (v) Legitimacy
 - (vi) Astuteness
- (a) ii, iii, vi
(b) iv, i, v
(c) v, i, ii
(d) ii, iv, v
(e) None of these

Q7. The Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) has made public its inquiry report into an incident involving a plane _____ Congress president Rahul Gandhi from Delhi to Karnataka in April. The _____ has revealed that there was a technical _____ in the plane, and as the response of the two pilots to the situation was delayed, the aircraft tilted sharply on one side and began to fall rapidly.

- (i) Gremlin
 - (ii) Ferrying
 - (iii) Advocacy
 - (iv) Glitch
 - (v) Barging
 - (vi) Probe
- (a) ii, iii, i
(b) iv, i, v
(c) v, i, ii
(d) ii, vi, iv
(e) None of these

Q8. The government seems to be in denial that this _____ trend of informalisation of labour in India is policy-induced. By _____ the traditionally used National Sample Survey Office's (NSSO) employment-unemployment estimates, with the Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) database of inconsistent quality, the government is trying to sweep some _____ evidences under the carpet.

- (i) Disconcerting
- (ii) Posterior
- (iii) Superseding



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- (iv) Contemporary
- (v) Bewildering
- (vi) Supplanting
- (a) ii, iii, i
- (b) iv, i, v
- (c) iv, vi, i
- (d) ii, vi, iv
- (e) None of these

Q9. While the Supreme Court has _____ the detention of the accused in jail, their house arrest is only a limited _____. The truth is that the accused will have to face a never-ending oppressive _____ process which, once initiated, consumes life and is destructive of one's pride and dignity.

- (i) disdain
- (ii) legitimate
- (iii) interdicted
- (iv) consolation
- (v) prosecutorial
- (vi) suppressed
- (a) ii, i, vi
- (b) iv, i, v
- (c) v, vi, i
- (d) iii, iv, v
- (e) None of these



Q10. Museum _____ can now admire the rare collections of jewels, antiques, fossils, and biological specimens in India's oldest and biggest museum without _____ out of their homes. Indian Museum in Kolkata, established in 1814, has made some of its prized possessions _____ online.

- (i) enthusiasts
- (ii) respiting
- (iii) stirring
- (iv) susceptible
- (v) accessible
- (vi) critics
- (a) i, iii, v
- (b) iii, v, i
- (c) ii, vi, iv
- (d) vi, ii, iii
- (e) None of these

Directions (11-15): In each of the following sentence, there are two blank spaces. Below the sentences, there are five options with a pair of words each. Fill up the sentences with the pair of words that make the sentence grammatically and contextually correct.

Q11. Technology transformed America in the form of the automobile—it connected the vast country through a network of highways and roads, gave people mobility, and created the right circumstances for an entrepreneurial population to assert its agency and independence, leading to a economy and culture.

- (a) requiring, unhealthy
- (b) achievable, fake
- (c) unprecedented, thriving
- (d) famous, dominating
- (e) desirous, declining

Q12. When looking for hotels or a homestay, the first thought that probably crosses your mind these days is, “How many does this place have?” And if you don’t post that picture of you by the pool on your mid-week getaway, complete with location tags, what’s the point of travelling?

- (a) perils, travel
- (b) happenings, staring
- (c) trees, strolling
- (d) appraisals, amusing
- (e) reviews, chilling



Q13. In Rio de Janeiro, at the 2016 Olympic games, Refettorio Gastromotiva, his first International community kitchen was launched. It aimed to social integration using surplus food and celebrity chefs to food waste and nourish the city’s poorest.

- (a) hamper, generate
- (b) promote, tackle
- (c) augment, managed
- (d) decode, use
- (e) None of the Above

Q14. It’s a summer day when I disembark at Oak Park from the Green Line train in from Chicago.

- (a) algid, moving
- (b) huge, dazzling
- (c) sultry, rumbling
- (d) chilled, disappearing
- (e) humidity, mumbling

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Q15. With social media becoming one of the first things people do while travelling, it is no surprise that wi-fi and a large social media presencein the top five requirements of Indian vacationers according to a recent survey.

- (a) rights, highlights
- (b) downloads, updates
- (c) updates, feature
- (d) interest, belittle
- (e) posting, disparage

Directions (16-20): In each of the following sentences, there are two blank spaces. Below each sentence, there are five options with a pair of words each. Fill up the blanks with the pair of words that make the sentence grammatically and contextually correct.

Q16. How does overtourism a country like India, where the travel and hospitality sector is an important of revenue?

- (a) implement, work
- (b) affect, source
- (c) impact, event
- (d) attract, desire
- (e) effect, factors

Q17. If nations do not mount a response against climate change, average global temperatures, which have already crossed 1°C, are likely to cross the 1.5°C mark 2040.

- (a) punish, around
- (b) strenuous, around
- (c) feeble, at
- (d) effortless, in
- (e) serious, among

Q18. Half a degree of warming makes a world of difference to many species chance of survival is reduced at the higher temperature.

- (a) which, high
- (b) who, directly
- (c) whose, significantly
- (d) that, highly
- (e) which, sudden

Q19. The World Wide Web was originally as an open platform on which everyone could contribute content so that it could be freely by everyone else.

- (a) foresee, implemented
- (b) assumed, excess
- (c) perceive, handled
- (d) envisaged, accessed
- (e) mean, used

Q20. The primary reason we to social media platforms is not that they host our personal data for free but because they serve as a virtual meeting place where we can with all the important people in our lives.

- (a) repel, contact
- (b) attract, mingled
- (c) move, mix
- (d) drift, motivate
- (e) gravitate, interact

Directions (21-25): In the passage given below there are three blanks. Corresponding to each question six words are given. In the options, a combination of three words is given corresponding to the three words. In each find out the appropriate set of words in each case which can most suitably complete the sentence without altering the meaning of the statement.

Q21. There are many ways to 'Make in India'. What we know is that technology is going to be at the of the to create more jobs in India. But how can India benefit from the opportunities that the of new technologies provide?

- (A) forefront
- (B) rear
- (C) quest
- (D) mission
- (E) advent
- (F) helm
- (a) DEB
- (b) CDE
- (c) ACE
- (d) ADB
- (e) BDC



Q22. In its latest World Development Report, The Changing Nature of Work, the World Bank the global of the ongoing technological shift that is altering the nature of work.

- (A) resultant
- (B) dramatically
- (C) examines
- (D) verifications
- (E) implications
- (F) evidently
- (a) CEB
- (b) ADB
- (c) BDE
- (d) CDA
- (e) ADE

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Q23. New jobs will require specific skills—a combination of technological, problem solving, and critical-thinking..... , as well as soft skills such as..... , collaboration, and empathy.

- (A) impatient
- (B) knowhow
- (C) skills
- (D) knowledge
- (E) qualities
- (F) perseverance
- (a) ABC
- (b) DEF
- (c) CDA
- (d) BCF
- (e) BFA

Q24. When countries don't invest in good education and health to build human capital, it puts successive generations—especially the poorest—at a severe disadvantage, inequalities that already exist, and to create instability when rising are met with frustration instead of opportunity.

- (A) exacerbates
- (B) aggravate
- (C) forgets
- (D) threatens
- (E) desires
- (F) aspirations
- (a) CBF
- (b) ABE
- (c) CDF
- (d) ADF
- (e) EFD



Q25. The rise of digital platform market places the impact of technology to reach more people more quickly than ever before, economic opportunity to millions who do not live in industrialized countries, or in the industrial areas of the developing world.

- (A) integrates
- (B) allows
- (C) making
- (D) bringing
- (E) although
- (F) even
- (a) BEF
- (b) DEA
- (c) CBE
- (d) ABE
- (e) BDF

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Directions (26-30): In each of the questions given below, a paragraph is given which has some blanks and those blanks have to be filled with the same word out of five words given below it. You have to choose that same as your answer and fill up the blanks with that appropriate answer.

Q26. Can we make such a ____ disqualifying persons against whom charges of heinous crimes have been framed by courts of ____ or should we tell the Parliament that by not laying down such a ____, you are really giving criminals encouragement and hope?

- (a) norms
- (b) authority
- (c) law
- (d) ideas
- (e) basics

Q27. Currently, the _____ has powers to seek call data records as part of its probes, but the committee is of the view that the _____ needs more powers to assist in its _____ responsibilities.

- (a) state
- (b) ruler/rule
- (c) dictator
- (d) regulator/regulatory
- (e) party

Q28. The bilingual channel (Hindi and English) will offer scheduled programming as well as video-on-demand facility. According to the India _____ website, it will cover the “entire landscape” of _____ and technology including engineering, health and medicine, natural _____, environment and wildlife, agriculture among others. It will have documentaries, discussion, demonstrations/experiment shows and quizzes.

- (a) science
- (b) biological
- (c) physical
- (d) atmosphere
- (e) technical

Q29. Till Wednesday night, revenue authorities were expecting only a limited release of _____ through a single shutter, resulting in rise in _____ level of Periyar by around only one metre. But with all four shutters being opened, there is, as yet, no clear idea about the expected rise in _____ levels in the Periyar.

- (a) grants
- (b) funds
- (c) assistance
- (d) support
- (e) water

Q30. The main idea of a _____ is the point of the passage, minus all the details. It is the main point or concept that the author wants to communicate to the readers about the topic. Hence, in a _____, when the main idea is stated directly, it is expressed in what is called the topic sentence. It gives the overarching idea of what the paragraph is about and is supported by the details in the _____.

- (a) comprehensive
- (b) paragraph
- (c) story
- (d) event
- (e) scenario

