

Solutions

S1. Ans.(c)

Sol. 'responsibility' is a perfect fit in first blank as it is the responsibility of state to protect our personal data. "invoking" means cite or appeal to (someone or something) as an authority for an action or in support of an argument. Hence privacy can be ensured by invoking or citing and strengthening the powers of the state. In the last blank, 'corrective' is the correct choice as protective and corrective are both positive words and make the sentence meaningful.

S2. Ans.(d)

Sol. 'embraced' means accept (a belief, theory, or change) willingly and enthusiastically. Hence 'embraced' fits in the first blank. 'stringent' means (of regulations, requirements, or conditions) strict, precise, and exacting, hence stringent limits. Further the sentence talks about crisis which means a negative word will fit in the last blank. 'retreat' means move back or withdraw. Hence, retreated is the correct choice.

S3. Ans.(a)

Sol. 'intervention' means interference by a state in another's affairs. Hence, intervention will go in first blank. Further, 'prominent' means important; famous, which refers to the activists. The arrest has been considered extraordinary here. so, option (a) is the correct choice here.

S4. Ans.(d)

Sol. The U.S. has expressed readiness, which means a positive word will fit in the first blank. 'optimistically' means in a way that shows hope and confidence about the future, so it fits in the first blank. 'Remains' fits in the second blank making it meaningful. 'tangible', means clear and definite and thus it fits in context of achievements.

S5. Ans.(b)

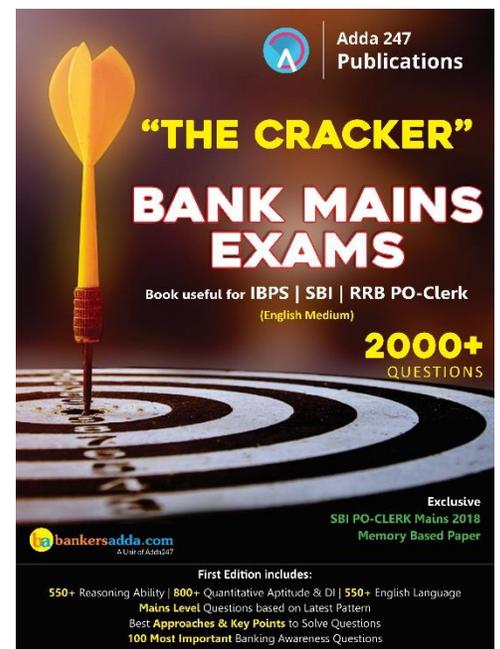
Sol. 'trailblazing' means making or pointing a new way. So, changed, trailblazing and circulation are the best fits for the respective blanks.

S6. Ans.(b)

Sol. The most appropriate set of words that fills the blanks of the paragraph is "diversity, subsumed, legitimacy". "diversity" provides the precise context as it means a range of different things. Moreover, 'subsumed' means include or absorb (something) in something else; while 'legitimacy' means conformity to the law or to rules. All the other words are incoherent and fail to make the paragraph comprehensive. Hence, option (b) is the most suitable answer choice.

Socialism means a political and economic theory of social organization which advocates that the means of production, distribution, and exchange should be owned or regulated by the community as a whole. Invigorated means give strength or energy to.

Astuteness means of keen penetration or discernment; sagacious: an astute analysis. clever; cunning; ingenious; shrewd



S7. Ans.(d)

Sol. The most appropriate set of words that fills the blanks of the paragraph is “ferrying, probe, glitch”. “Ferrying” provides the precise context as it means transport from one place to another on short or regular trips. Moreover, ‘probe’ means a thorough investigation into a crime or other matter; while ‘Glitch’ means a sudden, usually temporary malfunction or fault of equipment. All the other words are incoherent and fail to make the paragraph comprehensive. Hence, option (d) is the most suitable answer choice.

Gremlin means an imaginary mischievous sprite regarded as responsible for an unexplained mechanical or electronic problem or fault.

Barging means move forcefully or roughly.

S8. Ans.(c)

Sol. The most appropriate set of words that fills the blanks of the paragraph is “contemporary, supplanting, “disconcerting”. “Contemporary” provides the precise context as it means belonging to or occurring in the present. Moreover, ‘supplanting’ means supersede and replace; while ‘Disconcerting’ means causing one to feel unsettled. All the other words are incoherent and fail to make the paragraph comprehensive. Hence, option (c) is the most suitable answer choice.

Posterior means coming after in time or order; later

Superseding means take the place of (a person or thing previously in authority or use); supplant.

Bewildering means confusing or perplexing.

S9. Ans.(d)

Sol. The most appropriate set of words that fills the blanks of the paragraph is “interdicted, consolation, prosecutorial”. “interdicted” provides the precise context as it means prohibit or forbid (something). Moreover, ‘consolation’ means the comfort received by a person after a loss or disappointment; while ‘prosecutorial’ means relating to the institution and conducting of legal proceedings against someone in respect of a criminal charge. All the other words are incoherent and fail to make the paragraph comprehensive. Hence, option (d) is the most suitable answer choice.

Disdain means the feeling that someone or something is unworthy of one's consideration or respect.

Legitimate means conforming to the law or to rules.

Suppressed means forcibly put an end to.

S10. Ans.(a)

Sol. The most appropriate set of words that will fill the blanks of the paragraph is “enthusiasts, stirring, accessible”. “Enthusiasts” provides the precise context as it means a person who is very interested in a particular activity or subject. Moreover, ‘stirring’ means move or cause to move slightly while ‘accessible’ means (of a place) able to be reached or entered. All the other words are incoherent and fail to make the paragraph comprehensive. Hence, the option (a) is the most suitable answer choice.

Respite means a short period of rest or relief from something difficult or unpleasant.

Susceptible means likely or liable to be influenced or harmed by a particular thing.

S11. Ans.(c)

Sol. Unprecedented means never done or known before. The sentence talks about new advancements due to technology, hence unprecedented fits into the context correctly. Thriving means prosperous and growing; flourishing, this is grammatically and contextually correct here.

S12. Ans.(e)

Sol. 'reviews' and 'chilling' makes the sentence contextually and grammatically.

S13. Ans.(b)

Sol. Aimed to in the first blank requires a positive word, so promote fits in here correctly. Tackle means make determined efforts to deal with (a problem or difficult task). Hence, tackle food waste is correct here.

S14. Ans.(c)

Sol. Sultry means hot and humid and rumbling means making a continuous deep, resonant sound. Hence, option c is the correct choice here.

S15. Ans.(c)

Sol. 'Updates' and 'Feature' are the appropriate choices here.

S16. Ans.(b)

Sol. 'affect a country' is contextually correct and meaningful here. Also, in second blank, hospitality sector is referred to as a 'source' of revenue.

S17. Ans.(b)

Sol. 'Strenuous' means requiring or using great effort or exertion. Hence, this adjective correctly qualifies the noun 'response'. For second blank, 'around' correctly represents an approximate year 2040.

S18. Ans.(c)

Sol. 'whose' and 'significantly' make the sentence contextually and grammatically correct.

S19. Ans.(d)

Sol. Envisage means contemplate or conceive of as a possibility or a desirable future event. Access means the right or opportunity to use or benefit from something. Hence, option d is the correct choice.

S20. Ans.(e)

Sol. 'Gravitate' means move towards or be attracted to a person or thing. 'Interact' means act in such a way as to have an effect on each other. Hence, option e is the correct choice here.

S21. Ans.(c)

Sol. Forefront means the leading or most important position or place. Quest means search for something. Advent means the arrival of a notable person or thing. Hence all three are perfect for the blanks.



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S22. Ans.(a)

Sol. CEB, i.e., examines, implications and dramatically makes the sentence contextually correct and meaningful.

S23. Ans.(d)

Sol. BCF, Knowhow means practical knowledge or skill; expertise and perseverance means persistence in doing something despite difficulty or delay in achieving success.

S24. Ans.(d)

Sol. ADF, Exacerbate means make (a problem, bad situation, or negative feeling) worse.

S25. Ans.(e)

Sol. BDF is the appropriate combination for the blanks above.

S26. Ans.(c)

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

S27. Ans.(d)

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

S28. Ans.(a)

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

S29. Ans.(e)

Sol. Till Wednesday night, revenue authorities were expecting only a limited release of water through a single shutter, resulting in rise in water 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 water levels in the Periyar.

S30. Ans.(b)

Sol. The main idea of a paragraph 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 paragraph, 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 paragraph.

