

Directions (1-5) Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

Scientists think they've figured out the falling dominoes that led to the earth's largest mass extinction and worry that human-caused climate change puts the planet on a vaguely similar path.

Some 250 million years ago, about 90% of sea life and 70% of land life went extinct, in what is now called the Great Dying. Scientists have long speculated that massive volcanic outbursts triggered the cataclysmic event, but how that worked was still a bit fuzzy. It wasn't the lava itself. A new study in the journal Science used complex computer simulations to plot out what happened after the volcanoes blew: it led to ocean temperatures rising by about 11 degrees Celsius, which then starved the seawater of oxygen. That hot oxygen-starved water caused the mass marine die-off, especially farther from the equator.

After the volcanoes blew, the level of heat-trapping carbon dioxide **soared** to a level more than 12 times what it is today, said lead author of the study Justin Penn. Water loses oxygen when it warms, much like a warm can of cola goes flat, Mr. Penn said. Scientists looked at dozens of modern species to see what happens to them in warmer, oxygen-starved water and that helped them to understand the past extinction. One of the keys in the research is that more species died away from the equator. That's because tropical species were more acclimated to low oxygen levels, Mr. Penn said.

While humans aren't warming the earth anywhere close to as much as what happened naturally 250 million years ago, "this puts our future into the category of contenders for true **catastrophe**," said study co-author Curtis Deutsch, an earth scientist at the University of Washington. The study calculates that if heat-trapping carbon dioxide emissions continue at current levels, by the year 2300, the globe will experience 35% to 50% of the extinction level seen in the Great Dying.

Q1. According to scientists what had triggered the cataclysmic event?

- (a) Rising of ocean temperatures.
- (b) Hot oxygen-starved water
- (c) Massive volcanic outbursts
- (d) All of the above
- (e) Only (a) and (b)

Q2. According to study in Journal Science what happened after the volcanoes blew out?

- (a) Ocean temperatures rising by about 11 degrees Celsius.
- (b) Starving the seawater of oxygen
- (c) Mass marine die-off, especially farther from the equator.
- (d) None of the above
- (e) All of the above

Q3. Which of the following statements is/are not true in context of the passage?

- (a) After the volcanoes blew, the level of heat-trapping carbon dioxide soared to a level more than 12 times what it is today.
- (b) Hot oxygen-starved water did not cause the mass marine die-off, especially farther from the equator.
- (c) By the year 2300, the globe will experience 25% to 60% of the extinction level seen in the Great Dying.
- (d) All are true
- (e) Only (b) and (c) are not true.

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Q4. Which of the following words, SIMILAR in meaning, should replace the word 'catastrophe' given in bold to make it contextually correct and meaningful?

- (a) Disaster
- (b) Aid
- (c) Prosperity
- (d) Blessing
- (e) Bale

Q5. Which of the following words, OPPOSITE in meaning to the word 'soared' given in bold?

- (a) Grew
- (b) Rose
- (c) Accelerated
- (d) Fall
- (e) Exceed

Directions (6-10): In each of the following Questions, a word is give in bold. Corresponding to each bold word three sentences are written using the word. The word may or may not be correctly used in the sentence. You have to choose the sentence(s) in which the usage of the word is correct.

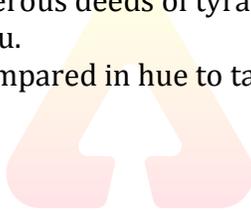
Q6. TARNISH

(i) His fame is tarnished, however, by numerous deeds of tyranny and cruelty.

(ii) The Immortals won't tarnish to hurt you.

(iii) Their reddish-brown skin has been compared in hue to tarnished copper.

- (a) Only (i)
- (b) Only (ii)
- (c) Only (iii)
- (d) Both (i) and (iii)
- (e) Both (ii) and (iii)


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Q7. GATHER

(i) I need to gather the eggs.

(ii) The Immortal nodded and trotted away to gather more.

(iii) Katie gathered her clothes into a wool satchel and slung it over her shoulder.

- (a) Only (i)
- (b) Only (ii)
- (c) Only (iii)
- (d) Both (i) and (iii)
- (e) All are correct

Q8. DEGRADE

(i) The scholar has an degrade of knowledge.

(ii) No one but ourselves can degrade us.

(iii) When materials finally degrade, resources are lost forever, so it is better to reuse them.

- (a) Both (i) and (iii)
- (b) Only (i)
- (c) Both (ii) and (iii)
- (d) Only (iii)
- (e) All are Correct

Q9. PREVENT

- (i) If you had been with them you couldn't have done anything to prevent the accident.
- (ii) Fruit and vegetables grew in prevent on the island.
- (iii) Wish you can benefit from our online sentence dictionary and make prevent day by day!
- (a) Only (i)
- (b) Only (ii)
- (c) Both (ii) and (iii)
- (d) Only (iii)
- (e) All are Correct

Q10. ABUNDANT

- (i) There is an abundant supply of cheap labour.
- (ii) We have abundant proof of his guilt.
- (iii) Birds concentrate where food is abundant.
- (a) Only (i)
- (b) Only (ii)
- (c) Both (ii) and (iii)
- (d) Only (iii)
- (e) All are correct

Directions (11-15): In each of the following questions a grammatically correct and meaningful sentence is given and four words are **BOLDENED** in it. One of these four words may be misspelt. You have to identify the misspelt word and chose the appropriate option as your answer. If all the words are correctly spelt, then mark 'All Correct' as your answer.

Q11. Marriage, and after that **childcare**, **according** to a survey by National Sample Survey of India for 2011-2012, is one of the most **comoon** reasons for women to drop out of jobs in India.

- (a) Marriage
- (b) childcare
- (c) according
- (d) comoon
- (e) All Correct

Q12. India, which has moved up in **income** and several development **indicators**, has made very little **progress** in the decade between 2006 and 2016 in one key **aspect**: the height of children.

- (a) income
- (b) indicators
- (c) progress
- (d) aspect
- (e) All Correct

Q13. Indian children and adults, **especialy** female and from **marginalized** groups, are among the shortest in the world, data from the **International** Demographic and Health **Surveys** (DHS) system shows.

- (a) especialy
- (b) marginalized
- (c) International
- (d) Surveys
- (e) All Correct

Q14. **Unsurprisingly**, India **accoounts** for nearly a third of the world's **stunted** children, and this **proportion** has not changed much since 2005-06.

- (a) Unsurprisingly
- (b) accoounts
- (c) stunted
- (d) proportion
- (e) All Correct

Q15. Child height is a **particularly** important **indicator** because a baby's height has much to do with the nutrition and **opportunities** she has access to in early life, and is strongly predictive of cognitive development, and hence, lifelong outcomes including **employment** and income.

- (a) particularly
- (b) indicator
- (c) opportunities
- (d) employment
- (e) All Correct


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Directions (16-18): Choose the word which is most **SIMILAR** in meaning to the word printed in **bold** below.

Q16. ONUS

- (a) benefit
- (b) blessing
- (c) Both (a) and (b)
- (d) burden
- (e) blank

Q17. STRONG

- (a) Slow
- (b) Lethargic
- (c) Powerful
- (d) Both (a) and (b)
- (e) Ineffective

Q18. CAPTURE

- (a) Abduction
- (b) Redundant
- (c) Reduce
- (d) pressure
- (e) None of the Above

Directions (19-20): Choose the word which is most **OPPOSITE** in meaning to the word printed in **bold** below.

Q19. CONVERGE

- (a) Reverse
- (b) Submerge
- (c) Germinate
- (d) Scatter
- (e) Upsurge

Q20. GATHER

- (a) Disperse
- (b) Disappear
- (c) Scatter
- (d) Both (a) and (c)
- (e) Misunderstand

Directions (21-25): 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, mark option (e) as your answer choice.

Q21. The inflation outlook and conditions in the (A) / financial markets has changed significantly (B) / since the last meeting of the monetary policy (C) / committee (MPC) of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI).(D) /

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

Q22. We take hundreds of decisions every day,(A) / from morning till evening, some (B) / them conscious and deliberate, some out (C) / of necessity and based on external compulsions.(D) /

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



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Q23. The pace at which we are progressing (A) / to make our lives simpler by making (B) / useful machines has, (C) / ironically, put us in a frustrate mess. (D) /

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

Q24. Greenhouse gas emissions, of (A) / which carbon dioxide is the biggest (B) / component, makes the earth warmer (C) / and lead to more heatwaves. (D) /

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

Q25. Years ago we took up for rent a (A) / portion of an old house. The house-owner,(B) / an ex-policeman, occupied half the building (C) / and let out the other half to us.(D) /

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

Directions (26-30): In the passage given below there are blanks which are numbered from 6 to 10. They are to be filled with the options given below the passage against each of the respective numbers. Find out the appropriate word in each case which can most suitably complete the sentence without altering its meaning. If none of the words given in options fits in, mark 'None of these' as your answer choice.

December 10 was World Human Rights Day, which is a -----26----- also that we can only beat TB using an approach anchored in human rights. Such an -----27----- focusses on creating health systems that foster trust, partnership and dignity. This approach regards people with TB not as subjects to be controlled but as people to be -----28-----with. It assumes that people with TB have dignity, intelligence and empathy that motivate them to act in the best interests of themselves and their communities when -----29----- to do so. We cannot beat TB through a response rooted in control and -----30----- . Therefore, we suggest three interventions to which the funding for surveillance technology should be redirected.

Q26. (a) Foresight

- (b) Indicating
- (c) Reminder
- (d) Precaution
- (e) Saying

Q27. (a) Approach

- (b) Foretelling
- (c) Decision
- (d) Motive
- (e) Invitation

Q28. (a) Link

- (b) Participate
- (c) Rejected
- (d) Partnered
- (e) Hindered

Q29. (a) Power

- (b) Discouraged
- (c) Encourage
- (d) Motivate
- (e) Empowered

Q30. (a) Expert

- (b) Coercion
- (c) Sympathy
- (d) Empathize
- (e) Deliberate



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