



**Directions (1-10):** In the passage given below there are blanks which are numbered from 1 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.

When we were young we faced dog-days boldly like ....(1).... cubs. We had neither air-conditioners nor refrigerators. To ....(2).... the truth we did not have even a ceiling fan ....(3).... our heads. We fought summer thirst with water from ....(4).... pots. We spent our daytime playing under a pair of two huge makizham tree which stood in our ....(5).... Their thick foliage turned the hot summer sun into the springtime full moon. They not only gave us ....(6).... but also showered on our heads their tasty, orange-coloured, fragrant fruits. When it comes to shade, people talk highly about mango and neem trees. As far as I have experienced, the shade of a makizham tree is the ....(7).... and the thickest. We used to wear during summer only half-trousers, ....(8)....the upper portion of our bodies also bare. Parents of many of my playmates never allowed their male children to wear shirts during summer.

At 11 a.m. we would assemble under the makizham trees and start our games. We would play a game or two with tops and then take our ....(9).... at the crude swing suspended from the tree branch. At noon we would retreat to the pumpset near our well to bathe in the cool water to our heart's ....(10)....

- Q1.** (a) lion  
(b) cat  
(c) dog  
(d) horse  
(e) buffalo

- Q2.** (a) telling  
(b) tell  
(c) told  
(d) said  
(e) saying

- Q3.** (a) below  
(b) beyond  
(c) above  
(d) down  
(e) upon

- Q4.** (a) bigger  
(b) cut  
(c) velvet  
(d) earthen  
(e) rising



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- Q5.** (a) hands  
(b) bathroom  
(c) backyard  
(d) pool  
(e) None of the Above

- Q6.** (a) money  
(b) helping  
(c) cold  
(d) worth  
(e) shade

- Q7.** (a) coolest  
(b) hottest  
(c) fastest  
(d) rare  
(e) worst

- Q8.** (a) driving  
(b) make  
(c) keep  
(d) dried  
(e) leaving

- Q9.** (a) part  
(b) turns  
(c) wish  
(d) priority  
(e) profit

- Q10.** (a) desirous  
(b) ability  
(c) mischief  
(d) content  
(e) Both (a) and (d)



**Directions (11-15):** 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 blanks with the word that makes the sentence grammatically and contextually correct.

**Q11.** ----- solutions must be found for stubble-burning and the use of solid fuels in households, the two major sources of pollution, and State governments must be made accountable for tackling air pollution.

- (a) Temporary  
(b) Sustainable  
(c) Mundane  
(d) Tiring  
(e) Brief

**Q12. A mechanism for ----- collection of farm residues has to be instituted.**

- (a) Renewable
- (b) Slow
- (c) Tedious
- (d) Fast
- (e) Rapid

**Q13. Such measures should be ----- by strong control over urban sources of pollution.**

- (a) Support
- (b) Complemented
- (c) Integrate
- (d) Commence
- (e) Accomplish

**Q14. Fuels may be relatively cleaner today and vehicles better ----- to cut emissions, but traffic densities in cities have led to a rise in pollution.**

- (a) Angle
- (b) Operate
- (c) Engineered
- (d) Disorganized
- (e) Finagle

**Q15. ----- legislation by Parliament, the Supreme Court has asked States to implement a scheme framed by the Centre to protect witnesses in criminal trials from threat, intimidation and undue influence.**

- (a) Late
- (b) Hanging
- (c) Unlikely
- (d) Pending
- (e) Fastidious

**Directions (16-20): Rearrange the following five sentences (A), (B), (C), (D) and (E) in the proper sequence to form a meaningful paragraph and then answer the questions given below.**

**A.** However, the most effective method to deal with stress is not one of these modern methods but rather a 5,000 year-old idea: Meditation.

**B.** People have tried various methods to help cope with stress, everything from exercise and diet to alternative methods like biofeedback.

**C.** Meditation allows us to step outside the situation, seeing ourselves as the observer rather than the victim, and opens us up to other points of view.

**D.** In this modern day and age, the negative effects of stress are unavoidable.

**E.** Meditation not only helps reduce the negative effects of stress, but also leads to a better sense of well-being by uniting mind and body.

**Q16. Which of the following will be the FIFTH sentence after the rearrangement?**

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

**Q17. Which of the following will be the SECOND sentence after the rearrangement?**

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

**Q18. Which of the following will be the FIRST sentence after the rearrangement?**

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

**Q19. Which of the following will be the THIRD sentence after the rearrangement?**

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

**Q20. Which of the following will be the FOURTH sentence after the rearrangement?**

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

**Directions (21-25):** 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 wrongword and choose the appropriate option as your answer. If all the words are correctly spelt, then mark 'No error' as your answer.

**Q21.** The Indian rupee **dropped** to a new record low of 69.09 per dollar on Thursday, giving out **echees** of an earlier **vulnerable** period in 2013 when India was clubbed into a cluster called '**Fragile** Five'

- (a) Vulnerable
- (b) Dropped
- (c) Echees
- (d) Fragile
- (e) No error

**Q22.** The health, **longevity** and well-being of Indians has improved since **Independence**, and the high levels of economic **grow** over the past two-and-half-decades have made more funds **available** to spend on the social sector.

- (a) Grow
- (b) Longevity
- (c) Independence
- (d) No error
- (e) Available

**Q23.** Among the factors **affecting** the quantity and quality **off** nutrition are maternal education, age at marriage, **antenatal** care, children's diet and **household** size.

- (a) Off
- (b) Affecting
- (c) Household
- (d) Antenatal
- (e) No error

**Q24.** Bald data on Indians killed or **injured** in road accidents put out **annually** by the Centre obscure the human impact of the **carnag** on national and State highways, as well as **urban** and rural roads.

- (a) No error
- (b) Injured
- (c) Urban
- (d) Annually
- (e) Carnag

**Q25.** The present **investigative** machinery does not have the capability to determine faults, **enabling** officials responsible for bad road design and construction and lax **traffics** managers to escape **liability**.

- (a) Liability
- (b) No error
- (c) Enabling
- (d) Traffics
- (e) Investigative

**Directions (26-30):** 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.

**Q26. ABDICATE**

**(i)** The young prince became king after his older brother decided to abdicate the throne.

**(ii)** Of course, it is easier to abdicate your responsibilities than to be a good citizen.

**(iii)** Giving the dog a treat is a way to abdicate his obedience.

- (a) Only (i)
- (b) Only (iii)
- (c) Only (ii)
- (d) Both (i) and (ii)
- (e) None of these



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### Q27. ABET

(i) Many states have passed repeat offender laws to show criminals they do not abet repeated cases of the same offense.

(ii) Daniel's tendency to abet his wife left her embarrassed and thinking about divorce.

(iii) The racist political candidate supports abet of visas to citizens with Muslim backgrounds.

- (a) Only (ii)
- (b) Only (i)
- (c) Both (ii) and (iii)
- (d) All (i), (ii) and (iii)
- (e) None of the above

### Q28. UNFAVOURABLE

(i) Because we set sail in unfavorable conditions, it stormed most of our trip.

(ii) Even though the odds are unfavorable, I like to bid on the horse that rarely wins.

(iii) Unfavorable market conditions make it much harder to buy a house right now.

- (a) All (i), (ii) and (iii)
- (b) Only (iii)
- (c) Only (ii) and (iii)
- (d) Only (i) and either (ii) or (iii)
- (e) None of the above

### Q29. RUTHLESS

(i) The Goths showed themselves not absolutely ruthless conquerors.

(ii) Elise had been ruthless enough to help her.

(iii) The way they secure their positions is through the ruthless application of violence.

- (a) Only (ii)
- (b) Only (i)
- (c) Only (i) and (iii)
- (d) None of the above
- (e) Only (iii)

### Q30. INEVITABLE

(i) Since Mary never wears shoes, it was inevitable that she would get a piece of glass in her foot.

(ii) When the misbehaving twins get together, trouble is inevitable and bound to happen.

(iii) At school, it is inevitable that a healthy child will give a cold to a sick child.

- (a) Only (i) and (iii)
- (b) Only (ii) and (iii)
- (c) None of the above
- (d) All (i), (ii) and (iii)
- (e) Only (i) and (ii)



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