

Directions (1-5) In each of the following questions, a sentence is given with four words given in bold. The word(s) may be misspelt or grammatically or contextually incorrect. You have to choose the incorrect word as your answer. If all the words are correct, mark option (e). i.e. All Correct as your answer.

Q1. If Maharashtra often **appears** to be on the **cusp** of a political **realignment**, it is in no small part due to the **posturing** and shadow boxing of the old warhorse, Sharad Pawar of the Nationalist Congress Party.

- (a) appears
- (b) cusp
- (c) realignment
- (d) posturing
- (e) All Correct

Q2. At Agroscope, the 'Swiss centre of excellence for agricultural research', in Nyon, Switzerland, agriculture scientists **fly** a drone to **study** nitrogen level in leaves, not for a farm as a **hole**, but for each **individual** plant.

- (a) fly
- (b) study
- (c) hole
- (d) individual
- (e) All Correct

Q3. For a country with a **population** of over eight million, Switzerland has an **enormous** number of people **interested** in flying drones and **develop** drone-based applications.

- (a) population
- (b) enormous
- (c) interested
- (d) develop
- (e) All Correct

Q4. It is with such a heavy eye on the **precautions** that the regulations have been **drafted**, that flying a drone is a **task** wrapped tightly in **imense** paperwork.

- (a) precautions
- (b) drafted
- (c) task
- (d) imense
- (e) All Correct

Q5. With so many government authorities **involved** in allowing permission and **making** an eye, it is **inevitable** that operators could be **slapped** easily with real and perceived violations.

- (a) involved
- (b) making
- (c) inevitable
- (d) slapped
- (e) All Correct

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Direction (6-10): 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 of this part is your answer. If there is no error in the statement, mark option (e) as your answer.

Q6. The Reserve Bank of India's (A)/ Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) is set (B)/ to meeting for three days, October 3-5, (C)/ to decide its policy stance. (D)/ No Error (E)/

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

Q7. Food prices that, surprisingly, have remained (A)/ benign, helping slow overall CPI inflation, could also start (B)/ hardening once the impact of the higher payout on the minimum (C)/ support price for kharif crops kicks inside. (D)/ No Error (E)/

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

Q8. However, recent developments in the domestic (A)/ financial system that have trigger concerns (B)/ about the health of the credit market are likely (C)/ to roil the MPC's rate-setting calculus. (D)/ No Error (E)/

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

Q9. While the issue of candidates facing criminal charges (A)/ getting elected to Parliament and State legislative Assemblies (B)/is often raised, initiatives to minimize the problem, if not eliminated (C)/ it completely, have been rather slow. (D)/ No Error (E)/

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

Q10. Data from the Association for Democratic (A)/ Reforms (ADR) indicate that 179 out of the 543 (B)/ elected Members of Parliament in the present Lok Sabha (C)/ have some kind of criminal case pending against them. (D)/ No Error (E)/

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

Directions (11-15): In the following passage there are blanks, each of which has been numbered. These numbers are printed below the passage and against each, five words are suggested, one of which fits the blank appropriately. Find out the appropriate word in each case.

Despite this(11)..... dependence on grammar in our daily communication, a new communication medium has emerged in the last decade, which has generated(12)..... flexibility in our use of grammar, almost to the point of making communication unintelligible to non-texting audiences. Texting has definitely affected the state of grammar to a great extent. Texting has become so.....(13)..... ; almost everyone texts regularly as the main method of communication. We as humans are a product of our environment, circumstances and those we(14)..... with regularly. The ability to speak and write with proper grammar allows for clear and precise communication, but a lack of proper grammar will indicate poor comprehension, and it unfortunately(15)..... the speaker's credibility.

Q11.

- (a) recent
- (b) near
- (c) longstanding
- (d) sudden
- (e) latest

Q12.

- (a) regular
- (b) normal
- (c) replicated
- (d) mudled
- (e) unprecedented

Q13.

- (a) ubiquitous
- (b) abnormal
- (c) intermittent
- (d) unusual
- (e) seldom



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Q14.

- (a) behave
- (b) handle
- (c) interact
- (d) hang out
- (e) surrender

Q15.

- (a) enhances
- (b) diminishes
- (c) flatters
- (d) prolongs
- (e) extend

Solutions

S1. Ans.(e)

Sol. All are correct.

S2. Ans.(c)

Sol. As per the context of the sentence, 'whole' will be used here and not 'hole'. 'Whole refers to all of; entire.

S3. Ans.(d)

Sol. 'develop' is used incorrectly here. We will use 'developing' instead as flying is used in the former part of sentence and as per parallelism, developing must be used.

S4. Ans.(d)

Sol. There is a spelling error in this sentence. Correct spelling is immense.

S5. Ans.(b)

Sol. The phrase making an eye is incorrect here. Keeping an eye means to watch someone or something carefully; to be attentive to someone or something. Hence, keeping an eye will be used here.

S6. Ans.(C)

Sol. Error is in part C of the sentence. 'To' will be followed by first form of verb, hence 'to meet' will be the correct use.

S7. Ans.(d)

Sol. Error is in part D. 'Kick in' is a phrasal verb that means come into effect or operation. Hence, 'kicks in' will be used here and not "kicks inside".

S8. Ans.(b)

Sol. Error is in part B of the sentence. 'Have triggered' will be used and not 'have trigger'. We use Present perfect tense to show relation between a present and a recently concluded event and so have will take participle form of verb here.

S9. Ans.(c)

Sol. Error is in part C of the sentence. 'Eliminate' will be used instead of 'eliminated' as the sentence is in present tense.

S10. Ans.(e)

Sol. There is no error in any part of the sentence.

S11. Ans.(c)

Sol. 'Longstanding' means having existed or continued for a long time. The passage here tries to convey that despite our long time dependence on grammar, a new communication medium has emerged.

S12. Ans.(e)

Sol. 'Unprecedented' means never done or known before. Hence, it fits into the blank correctly.

S13. Ans.(a)

Sol. Ubiquitous means present, appearing, or found everywhere. The former part of sentence says that almost everyone texts regularly as a main method of communication, which means it is very common. So, ubiquitous is the correct choice here.

S14. Ans.(c)

Sol. As per the context of the passage, interact is the most appropriate choice here.

S15. Ans.(b)

Sol. As 'unfortunately' is written just before the blank, which means a negative word is required here. So, 'diminishes' is the most appropriate choice here.



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