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Directions (1-10): In each of the following questions given below, a sentence is given with some bold words which may contain errors. Below each of the sentence, a table is given with two columns in which column 'A' contains the list of bold words, and in column 'B' the suggested corrections are listed. You have to choose the best alternate among the four given options. If no correction is required against the given bold words, mark (e) .i.e. "None of the above" as your answer.

Q1. As part of the Cultural Cognition Project, which **aims** to study how individuals with **preconceived** group identities **perceive** their risk in society, law professor and psychologist Dan Kahan found that people generally **engage** in "identity protective cognition".

COLUMN A	COLUMN B
1. Aims	5. Aiming
2. Preconceived	6. Convinced
3. Perceive	7. Persuade
4. Engage	8. Engaged

- (a) (4) - (8)
 (b) (2) - (6)
 (c) (1) - (5), (2) - (6) and (4) - (8)
 (d) (2)- (6) and (4) - (8)
 (e) None of the above

Q2. Given the **cloud** political judgements enjoy over scientific rationality, it **becomes** all the more important to be **cautious** and methodical in the reasoning we employ to support a **specific** political argument.

COLUMN A	COLUMN B
1. Cloud	5. Clout
2. Becomes	6. Became
3. Cautious	7. Courageous
4. Specific	8. Specially

- (a) Both (1) - (5) and (4) - (8)
 (b) (2) - (6)
 (c) (1) - (5)
 (d) (3-7)
 (e) None of the above

Q3. The **victory** was no surprise but it took a **nerve-racking** final against Bangladesh in Dubai for Rohit Sharma's men to win the Asia Cup and **attained** their pre-tournament **billing**.

COLUMN A	COLUMN B
1. victory	5. victorious
2. nerve-racking	6. nerve-resting
3. attained	7. fulfil
4. billing	8. managing

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- (a) (4) - (8)
- (b) (3) - (7)
- (c) (1) - (5), (2) - (6)
- (d) (2) - (6) and (4) - (8)
- (e) None of the above

Q4. The cricketing baby-steps first **practised** in the refugee camps near Peshawar in Pakistan were **seen** both as a **distraction** from the strife back home, and equally as a shot at **forging** a new life.

COLUMN A	COLUMN B
1. practised	5. practising
2. seen	6. seemed
3. distraction	7. distracting
4. forging	8. forged

- (a) Both (1) - (5) and (4) - (8)
- (b) (2) - (6)
- (c) (1) - (5)
- (d) (3-7)
- (e) None of the above

Q5. Emerging cricketing nations can draw **aspiration** from Afghanistan; its momentum must be **nurtured** by adequate support from powerful cricket boards. India has already **provided** a training base in Noida; others should **follow** suit.

COLUMN A	COLUMN B
1. aspiration	5. inspiration
2. nurtured	6. nature
3. provided	7. produced
4. follow	8. fellow

- (a) Both (1) - (5) and (4) - (8)
- (b) (4) - (8)
- (c) (1) - (5)
- (d) (3-7)
- (e) None of the above

Directions (6-10): In each of the following sentence, there are two blank spaces. Below in each sentence, there are five options and each option consists of two words which can be filled up in the provided blanks respectively to make the sentence grammatically and coherently correct. Find the most appropriate set of words that fit into the blanks contextually.

Q6. _____ of capitalism across the border _____ the entire economy of the once struggling country.

- (a) diffusion, changed
- (b) distribution, viewed
- (c) achievement, gained
- (d) recognition, held
- (e) accumulation, developed

Q7. She was a healthy, vigorous woman, and, by _____ of great pains, succeeded in _____ her beauty late into life.

- (a) dint, retaining
- (b) ability, transforming
- (c) ineptitude, protecting
- (d) suffer, viewing
- (e) effort, revamping

Q8. The _____ surfaced after Congress decided to explore ways to overhaul the _____ federal tax system.

- (a) programs, efficient
- (b) plans, livid
- (c) propositions, simplified
- (d) proposals, cumbersome
- (e) applications, convenient

Q9. Despite a huge _____ of Jews from Russia, the congestion within the pale is the cause of terrible _____ and misery.

- (a) exile, affluence
- (b) emigration, destitution
- (c) movement, luxuriance
- (d) settlement, poverty
- (e) occupancy, execution

Q10. The head of the country _____ parliament so he could establish a/ an _____ and rule without restriction.

- (a) destroyed, competition
- (b) transferred, tyranny
- (c) developed, dictatorship
- (d) studied, democracy
- (e) abolished, autocracy

Directions (11-15): 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.

Q11. (A) role or industry they're in. A 2016 survey of 200,000 professionals employed across 30 Indian
(B) Stress is a challenge faced by many professionals, no matter what age,
(C) and workload and have to make time for meaningful personal and professional relationships.
(D) firms by Optum, a healthcare firm, found that 46% reported suffering extreme stress as a consequence of their
(E) work. We live in a very competitive world, where professionals face a lot of pressure in the form of deadlines, targets,

- (a) ABCDE
- (b) BADEC
- (c) CDBAE
- (d) EBDCA
- (e) BACDE



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Q12. (A) noticed an anomaly in the bar area. It was nothing jarring; but something Indians notice
(B) in a fraction of a second when their eyes sweep across a room.
(C) It was too abstract, and also improper,
(D) One evening in a new club in Gurugram, as members began to trickle in, some of them
(E) for the members to discuss with their friends.

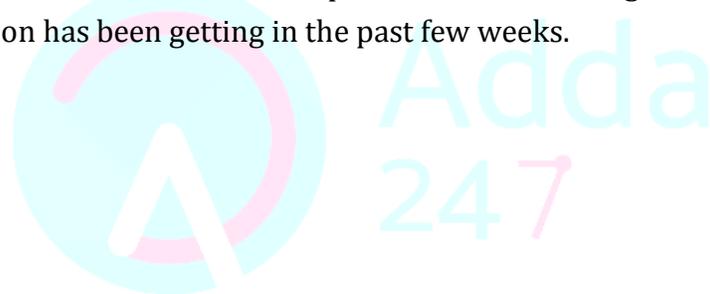
- (a) DAEBBC
- (b) DACBE
- (c) ABDCE
- (d) ECBDA
- (e) DABCE

Q13. (A) with Google searches reportedly at an all-time high. The Croatian Tourism Board also announced a 250% increase in
(B) visits to its websites from across the world. A shorter version of its promotional video from last year, titled Croatia — Full of Life,
(C) was unveiled prior to the FIFA finals to capitalise on the attention this small
(D) Croatia may not have taken the FIFA World Cup home, but has managed to draw plenty of attention,
(E) eastern-European nation has been getting in the past few weeks.

- (a) DAECB
- (b) DABCE
- (c) BDACE
- (d) DBCAE
- (e) ECDBA

Q14. (A) When looking for hotels or a homestay, the first thought that probably crosses your mind these days is,
(B) one of the first things people do while travelling, it is no surprise that wi-fi and a large social media presence feature in
(C) complete with location tags, what's the point of travelling? With social media updates becoming
(D) "How many reviews does this place have?" And if you don't post that picture of you chilling by the pool on your mid-week getaway,
(E) the top five requirements of Indian vacationers according to a recent survey.

- (a) BDCAE
- (b) DCBAE
- (c) ADCBE
- (d) CDBAE
- (e) ADBCE



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- Q15. (A)** Anne-style home, writer Ernest Hemingway was born.
(B) rumbling in from Chicago. The main street is lined with posters of a familiar
(C) face tacked on lampposts — a black-and-white portrait of a young,
(D) handsome man with piercing eyes. In this leafy suburb, in an elegant Queen
(E) It's a sultry summer day when I disembark at Oak Park from the Green Line train
(a) EBACD
(b) DCABE
(c) ECBDA
(d) EBCDA
(e) DABCE

Solutions

S1. Ans.(e)

Sol. All the highlighted words of the given sentence are grammatically correct and contextually meaningful. Thus, they do not require any replacements or corrections. Hence, option (e) is the most viable answer choice.

S2. Ans.(c)

Sol. (1)-(5) is the correct choice here. Clout means influence or power, especially in politics or business. Hence, Clout political judgements makes the sentence contextually correct and meaningful. All other options are correct and require no replacement.

S3. Ans.(b)

Sol. (3)-(7) 'fulfil' will replace 'attained' in this statement as the sentence is in present tense. Also, fulfil makes the sentence makes the sentence contextually correct.

S4. Ans.(e)

Sol. All the highlighted words of the given sentence are grammatically correct and contextually meaningful. Thus, they do not require any replacements or corrections. Hence, option (e) is the most viable answer choice.

S5. Ans.(c)

Sol. (1)-(5) aspiration should be replaced by inspiration. Inspiration means the process of being mentally stimulated to do or feel something, especially to do something creative. Hence, we draw inspiration or get inspired by something.

S6. Ans. (a)

Sol. The most appropriate set of words that perfectly fits in the blanks of the sentence is 'diffusion, changed'. 'Diffusion' is a noun which means the spreading of something more widely, while; 'changed' means make or become different. As, only these two words provide absolute meaning to the given sentence, option (a) becomes the most suitable answer choice.

Recognition means the action or process of recognizing or being recognized, in particular.

Accumulation means the acquisition or gradual gathering of something.

S7. Ans. (a)

Sol. The most appropriate set of words that perfectly fits in the context of the sentence is 'dint, retaining'. 'Dint' is a noun which means 'force of attack; impact'. 'Retaining' is a verb which means to continue to have (something); keep possession of. As, only these two words provide absolute meaning to the given sentence, option (a) becomes the most suitable answer choice.

Ineptitude means lack of skill or ability.

Revamping means to give new and improved form, structure, or appearance to.

S8. Ans. (d)

Sol. The most appropriate set of words that perfectly fits in the context of the sentence is 'proposals, cumbersome'. 'Proposals' is a noun which means 'a plan or suggestion, especially a formal or written one, put forward for consideration by others'. 'Cumbersome' is an adjective which means 'slow or complicated and therefore inefficient'. As, only these two words provide absolute meaning to the given sentence, option (d) becomes the most suitable answer choice.

S9. Ans. (b)

Sol. The most appropriate set of words that perfectly fits in the context of the sentence is 'emigration, destitution'. 'Emigration' is a noun which means the act of leaving one's own country to settle permanently in another; moving abroad. 'destitution' is a noun which means poverty so extreme that one lacks the means to provide for oneself. As, only these two words provide absolute meaning to the given sentence, option (b) becomes the most suitable answer choice.

Exile means the state of being barred from one's native country, typically for political or punitive reasons.

Affluence means the state of having a great deal of money; wealth.

Execution means the carrying out of a plan, order, or course of action.

S10. Ans. (e)

Sol. The most appropriate set of words that perfectly fits in the context of the sentence is 'abolished, autocracy'. 'Abolished' is a verb which means formally put an end to (a system, practice, or institution). 'autocracy' is a noun which means a system of government by one person with absolute power. As, only these two words provide absolute meaning to the given sentence, option (e) becomes the most suitable answer choice.

Tyranny means cruel and oppressive government or rule.

Dictatorship means a country governed by a dictator.

S11. Ans.(b)

Sol. The correct sequence is BADEC

S12. Ans.(e)

Sol. The correct sequence is DABCE

S13. Ans.(b)

Sol. The correct sequence is DABCE

S14. Ans.(c)

Sol. The correct sequence is ADCBE

S15. Ans.(d)

Sol. The correct sequence is EBCDA

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