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### S1. Ans. (a)

**Sol.** The sentence is describing about a shift in the technology in the telecom industry. It has also mentioned about the challenges faced by the industry few years ago. Therefore, to adhere to the context of the sentence “paranoid” should be replaced by “paradigm” while “triumph” should be replaced by “havoc”. Hence, option (a) is the most suitable answer choice.

Paranoid means unreasonably or obsessively anxious, suspicious, or mistrustful.

Triumph means a great victory or achievement.

Paradigm means a typical example or pattern of something; a pattern or model.

Havoc means widespread destruction.

### S2. Ans.(d)

**Sol.** Words “mislead” and “consensus” create a contextual error in the sentence and thus should be replaced by “misconceptions” and “compliance” respectively. Hence, option (d) is the most suitable answer choice.

Emissions means the production and discharge of something, especially gas or radiation.

Consensus means a general agreement.

Eminences means to fame or acknowledged superiority within a particular sphere.

Compliance means the action or fact of complying with a wish or command.

### S3. Ans.(d)

**Sol.** The words given in bold “hawking”, “variance” and “hosts” create either grammatical or contextual error in the sentence. To correct the sentence, replace these words by “tracking”, “vicious” and “honchos” respectively. Hence, option (d) is the most suitable answer choice.

Hawking means (of a person) hunt game with a trained hawk.

Variance means the fact or quality of being different, divergent, or inconsistent.

Vicious means deliberately cruel or violent.

Honchos means a leader or manager; the person in charge.

### S4. Ans.(c)

**Sol.** Since the sentence is describing about the developments and advancements made in the recent time, the bold words “preserving” and “raising” create grammatical as well as contextual errors in the sentence. To make the sentence correct, replace these words by “urbanization” and “rising” respectively. Therefore, option (c) becomes the most suitable answer choice.

### S5. Ans.(c)

**Sol.** The words given in bold “had” and “compete” create either grammatical or contextual error in the sentence. To correct the sentence, replace these words by “having” and “competitive” respectively. The sentence is given in the present tense [...can give paint manufacturers], it requires a gerund [Having] that works as a subject in the sentence, therefore, “had” should be replaced to frame a grammatically correct structure of the sentence. Moreover, to describe the quality of “pricing” an adjective [competitive] is required rather than a verb [compete]. Hence, option (c) is the most suitable answer choice.

### S6. Ans.(d)

**Sol.** The appropriate answer is option (d). The answer can be referred from paragraph 1 where it is mentioned that legal position of beggars in India has always been uncertain. “The Bombay Prevention of Begging Act (BPBA), 1959, which has held sway for decades, rests on the premise that poverty equals criminality. This allows the state to arrest people without a warrant on nothing more than a “suspicion,” and put them out of the public gaze.”

**S7. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** The correct choice here is option (c). We can refer to paragraph 1 where it is given that the court quashed those provisions of the BPBA that make begging a punishable offence. However, its ruling is applicable only to Delhi.

**S8. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** Option (b) is the only appropriate choice here. The answer can be derived from paragraph 2 where it is mentioned that speculation of beggars as legal outsider means inhabiting the same territorial space that is India but disenfranchised from the benefits of Indian citizenship that guarantees constitutional rights.

**S9. Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** Option (d) is the appropriate choice. Refer to paragraph 3 where it is given that in these raids, even those not begging but found in dirty clothes and wandering were arrested arbitrarily. Transgender persons, for example, are particularly vulnerable.

**S10. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** Option (b) is the appropriate choice. It is the only option which is false according to the passage. Instead correcting it, the right statement would be as follows: The criminal begging ring racketeers are hardly the ones who are arrested in the raids. Rest all of the given options are true.

**S11. Ans.(b)**

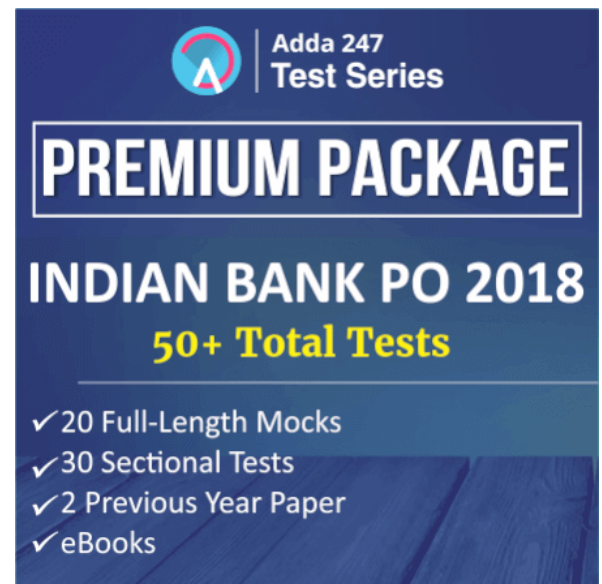
**Sol.** Only option (b) is the correct choice. The answer can be referred from paragraph 4, where it is explicitly expressed in the absence of immediate structural improvement, the least the state governments in India can do is decriminalize begging.

**S12. Ans. (d)**

**Sol.** The grammatically correct sentence is sentence (d). There are grammatical errors in sentence (A) and options (a), (b) and (c). In sentence (A), with the plural subject "provisions", the determiner associated to it should be plural as well. Similarly, in option (a), along with the plural determiner [those] the subject should also be in its plural form [provision]. Moreover, in sentence (b) the subject provision is singular, therefore to comply with the rule of subject-verb agreement, the verb associated to it must be singular too [makes]. Likewise, in option (c), with the plural subject [provisions], the verb must be plural to adhere to the correct grammatical syntax [make]. Since option (d) is grammatically viable, it becomes the most feasible answer choice.

**S13. Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** The paragraph is describing about declaration made PM regarding the sanitation needs of young female. Therefore, the most appropriate phrase that will fill the blank of the paragraph, adhering to the absolute context of the paragraph is "to ensure toilets are separately built for girls in government schools". The hint for the same can be drawn from the phrase [...that when sanitation needs of young female students are met...]. Moreover, option (b) is incorrect as the latter part of the paragraph suggests the need for sanitation of young women, which should have some relevance with the previous part of the paragraph; option (b) fails to provide any such information and thus cannot be used to complete the paragraph. Hence, option (d) is the most suitable answer choice.



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**S14. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** The paragraph is describing about the influences of paid news during the election. It has also provided evidence for the same stating 42 cases of paid news in the election of BJP's Narottam Mishra from Datia, MP. The latter part of the paragraph mentions about the norms under which the legitimized action is effectuated. Thus, the most appropriate sentence that should complete the paragraph is "In 2017, the ECI ordered Mishra's disqualification and barred him from contesting elections for three years", as it connects the previous and the later part of the paragraph. All the other sentences fail to provide coherence to the paragraph; hence, option (b) is the most suitable answer choice.

**S15. Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** Option (d) is the correct choice for the given question.

CAB is the correct sequence of the given sentence.

**C** is the first sentence as it provides the basis of the argument which is the asymmetry in federalism.

**A** gives additional information about this asymmetry which was talked about in sentence **C**. **B** is the third sentence as it is talking about its (article 370) original form and the reason for the debate which was mentioned in **C**.

**S16. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** The most suitable word that will fit in all the three blanks of the paragraph is "currency". All the words are however seems similar but have little difference and thus does not fit contextually in the sentence. Hence, option (b) is the most suitable answer choice.

Money means a current medium of exchange in the form of coins and banknotes; coins and banknotes collectively.

Currency means a system of money in general use in a particular country.

Worth means equivalent in value to the sum or item specified.

Value means the regard that something is held to deserve; the importance, worth, or usefulness of something.

Rupees means the basic monetary unit of India

**S17. Ans.(e)**

**Sol.** The most appropriate word that should fill all the three blanks of the paragraph is "medical". Since, the alternatives provide different streams of education; the most suitable one to adhere to the context of the paragraph is "medical". This is indicated from the phrase of the first sentence "...big issue in health care". Hence, option (e) is the most viable answer choice.

**S18. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** The most appropriate word that should fill all the blanks of the sentence is "rural". All the other words are either grammatically incorrect or contextually. Hence, option (b) is the most suitable answer choice.

Advanced means far on or ahead in development or progress.

Insolvent means unable to pay debts owed.

**S19. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** The most appropriate word that should fill all the blanks of the sentence is “policy”. All the other words are either grammatically incorrect or contextually. Hence, option (a) is the most suitable answer choice.

Policy means a course or principle of action adopted or proposed by an organization or individual.

Procedure means an established or official way of doing something.

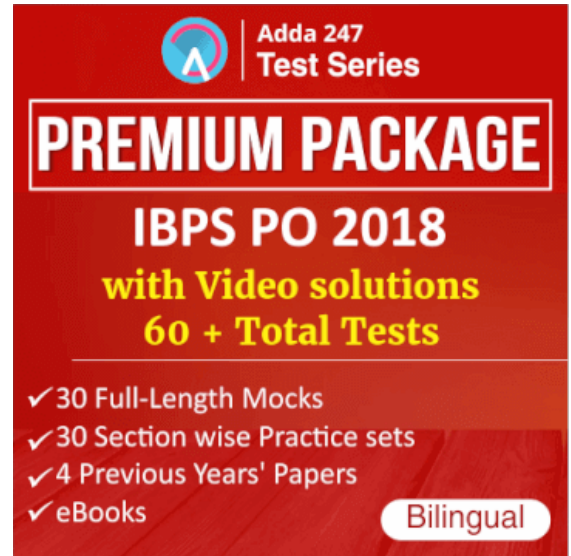
Practice means the actual application or use of an idea, belief, or method, as opposed to theories relating to it.

**S20. Ans.(e)**

**Sol.** The most appropriate word that should fill all the blanks of the sentence is “story”. All the other words are either grammatically incorrect or contextually. Hence, option (e) is the most suitable answer choice.

Autobiography means an account of a person's life written by that person.

Fiction means literature in the form of prose, especially novels, that describes imaginary events and people.



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