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## Solutions

### S81. Ans.(d)

**Sol.** Though the economic lucrativeness of innovation is described in the whole passage through the idea of success of business but being specific the answer can be derived from the first paragraph of the passage where it is mentioned that innovation is a process of turning a creative idea into reality. Innovation drives economic growth. “. Innovation is not only important on the individual level, but can make or break a business as well.”

### S82. Ans.(e)

**Sol.** Both the options (b) and (c) are correct .Refer to paragraph 2 where it is given that if a business is not innovative, companies risk losing work to competitors. Furthermore the text is also quoted as, “*Lack of innovation also has indirect results such as losing staff and decreasing engagement.*” Thus innovation cannot be an afterthought but rather a crucial element that is included in part of your strategy. Hence option (e) is the correct choice.

### S83. Ans.(d)

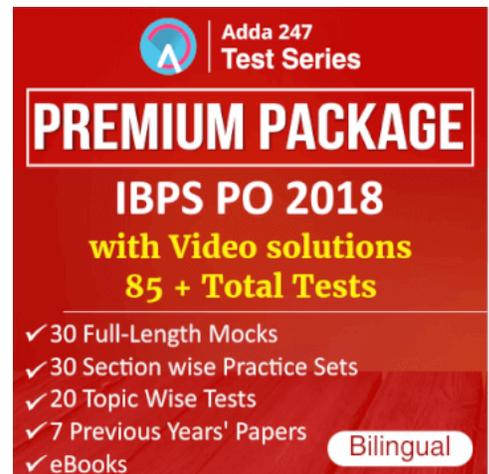
**Sol.** Options (a) and (b) are the statements which infer the meaning that has been asked in the given question. Refer to the third paragraph where the starting line of the paragraph itself is, “*The era of invention is not over, but it has definitely been pushed aside for an era of innovation.*” It is also given that *businesses have discovered that innovation seems to not only trump invention in furthering a company’s brand and profitability, but it can be far cheaper when all the framework is already completed.*

### S84. Ans.(c)

**Sol.** The most appropriate answer here is option (c) .Refer to the last paragraph of the passage where it is given Sony’s influence in the technology market is through creativity and perseverance. Furthermore in the third paragraph it is mentioned that businesses like Apple and Sony choose to innovate rather than invent. The text is quoted as, “*Sony shows corporations that for a business to thrive in today’s market, a company cannot stay stagnant with on particular item – innovations are essential. Innovation drives economic growth.*”

### S85. Ans. (a)

**Sol.** Option (a) articulates statement (a) in the most precise manner. To understand the given statement, hint from the following statement can be drawn “Innovation is not only important on the individual level, but can make or break a business as well” which explains the importance of innovations in a business. Therefore, one should be careful enough while developing a successful and worthy innovation. Thus, option (a) is the most suitable answer choice.



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**S86. Ans. (c)**

**Sol.** Option (c) can be aptly inferred from the sentence [B] as the idiom “to color outside the lines” means to think or act in a way that does not conform to set rules. Therefore, in context to the passage it can be understood that innovations play a vital role in surviving the business in the dynamic market. Therefore, the businessmen try to introduce new innovations even though it bears risks for the business. Hence, option (c) is the most suitable answer choice.

**S87. Ans. (b)**

**Sol.** Option (b) is the most appropriate sentence to replace the grammatically incorrect statement [C]. It is to be noted that determiners are words placed in front of a noun to make it clear what the noun refers to. Here, since the associated noun is singular [The era], the determiner [it] and the verb [has] should be in their singular form as well. Moreover, option (a) stands incorrect due to improper usage of the preposition “to”. Hence, option (b) becomes the most suitable answer choice.

**S88. Ans. (d)**

**Sol.** The statement clearly mentions the driving factor for innovation i.e. customer satisfaction [...**based on the needs and desires of the consumer**]. All the other options are irrelevant. Hence, option (d) is the most suitable answer choice.

**S89. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** The only correct answer here is option (c) . Refer to paragraph 1 where it is mentioned that *Maharashtra’s appellate authority for advance ruling (AAAR) has held that solar power projects are liable to 18% goods and services tax (GST) and not at the lower rate of 5% as claimed by power producers.* Thus, this issue seems to be headed for a prolonged legal battle unless the government decides to step in and issue clarity on the taxability on solar power projects. This statement also makes option (a) wrong making suitability of option (c) correct.

**S90. Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** Only option (d) is the most suitable choice. Refer to paragraph 1 *where it is given that government proposal to levy safeguard duty on imported solar panels that is meant to support domestic panel manufacturers is another factor that has brought **some uncertainty** to solar power project developers.*

**S91. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** Option (c) is the correct choice here. The answer can be deduced from the paragraph 2 where the text is quoted directly as, *“The AAARs have held that setting up of solar projects are covered under the classification of works contract as they consist of supply of goods and services packaged into an immovable property.”* They held that because of this, these projects are liable to be taxed at 18% that applies to works contracts.

**S92. Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** The appropriate answer here is option (d). Refer to the third paragraph where it is given that over years, massive fluctuations have been observed in the prices and availability of coal which led to high litigation cost and increase in the power rate due to which several projects were landed in debt trap. Hence industry executives fear that the same could happen in the solar sector if there is no stability on tariff and clarity on regulations.

**S93. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** Refer to the last paragraph where it is given that the intense competition in recent years has driven down the solar power tariff as discovered in the solar project auctions. Furthermore, the text is highlighted as, "The factors that helped producers to bid projects aggressively include the lower price of imported solar panels and efficient financial structuring of projects."

**S94. Ans. (e)**

**Sol.** The given statement [A] is grammatically correct and contextually meaningful. Hence, it does not require any corrections. Therefore, option (e) is the most suitable answer choice.

**S95. Ans. (a)**

**Sol.** The given statement [B] judges the future of the solar project industry by finding its similarities with the coal power industry in the policy formulation. Since, option (a) provides information on the instability of the tariff and cost in solar industry just like coal power industry, it strengthens the given statement. All the options are irrelevant in context of statement [B]. Hence, option (a) is the most suitable answer choice.

**S96. Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** The most appropriate clause that will complete the sentence to frame it in a correct contextual and grammatical manner is "for at least three years and five years respectively, against the existing norm of one year". The sentence is describing about the Supreme Court directive to make the owners of new car and two wheeler purchase insurance covers. Since, it's a new directive, option (d) perfectly fits the blank as it describes the earlier as well as the improvised time period for which the insurance must be covered. All the other options are incoherent to the context of the sentence. Hence, option (d) is the most suitable answer choice.

**S97. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** The most appropriate clause that will complete the paragraph is "92% of the people belonging to the community are subjected to economic exclusion." The paragraph is describing about a survey conducted of the transgender community by the NHRC. Since the previous clause mentions "...found that", the latter part must express the outcome or the findings of the survey. This rationale is satisfied by only option (b). Options (a) and (c) are contextually incorrect while option (d) is grammatically incorrect. Therefore, option (b) is the most suitable answer choice.

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**S98. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** The most appropriate clause that will complete the paragraph is option (a) *“as reported by the media recently, has escalated the contention”* as the initial part of the paragraph has mentioned about the accumulated unfilled jobs in the public sector. Part (a) of the paragraph acts as a cause for the effect mentioned in option (a) . All the other options are either grammatically incorrect or contextually meaningless. Hence, option (a) is the most suitable answer choice.

**S99. Ans. (c)**

**Sol.** The most appropriate clause that fills the blank of the paragraph is option (c) *“Emerging market economies continue to be in the spotlight for the wrong reasons”* as it acts as a perfect introduction for the paragraph. The paragraph is pointing out the devaluation of the rupee against the dollar; therefore, option (c) will aptly introduce the paragraph stating the fall of emerging market economies. However, option (a) and (d) are contextually meaningless, while, option (b) is grammatically incorrect. Hence, option (c) is the most suitable answer choice.

**S100. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** The most appropriate phrase that completes the paragraph coherently is *“is vulnerable to several natural hazards”*, as the paragraph is describing about the about the geographical characteristics of Kerala which makes it vulnerable for several natural hazards. The latter part of the paragraph already states the hazards that are prone to Kerala, therefore, the phrase *“is vulnerable to several natural hazards”* aptly fits in the blank. All the other phrases are irrelevant to the context of the sentence. Hence, option (b) is the most suitable answer choice.

**S101. Ans.(e)**

**Sol.** All the three starters can be used to frame a meaningful sentence without altering the intended meaning of the given sentences. Hence option (e) is the correct choice.

(i) Given how unmanned or remotely piloted aircraft, commonly known as drones, hold immense promise for various commercial applications, the government has done well to set up a regulatory framework for drone operations, including commercial use.

(ii) Since unmanned or remotely piloted aircraft, commonly known as drones, hold immense promise for various commercial applications, the government has done well to set up a regulatory framework for drone operations, including commercial use.

(iii) Provided that unmanned or remotely piloted aircraft, commonly known as drones, hold immense promise for various commercial applications, the government has done well to set up a regulatory framework for drone operations, including commercial use.

**S102. Ans. (a)**

**Sol.** Only starter (i) can be used to frame a meaningful sentence without altering the exact meaning of the given sentences. However, it is not possible to construct a contextual sentence using the third and second starter as they would alter the intended meaning. Hence option (a) is the correct choice.

(i) Convincing people to buy insurance for the expected life of the vehicle at the time of purchase, as in the case of road tax, interferes with the need to set premium based on data relating to safety and diligence of the driver, which would change over time.

**S103. Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** Both the starters (i) and (ii) can be used to frame a meaningful sentence without altering the exact meaning of the given sentences. However, it is not possible to construct a contextual sentence using the third starter as it would alter the intended meaning. Hence option (d) is the correct choice.

(i) Unless the country finds viable and sustainable replacements for its energy needs, international oil price movements will continue to be an important fault line in India's political economy.

(ii) Except that the country finds viable and sustainable replacements for its energy needs, international oil price movements will continue to be an important fault line in India's political economy.

**S104. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** The most appropriate set of words that fills the blanks of the paragraph is "diversity, subsumed, legitimacy". "diversity" provides the precise context as it means a range of different things. Moreover, 'subsumed' means include or absorb (something) in something else; while 'legitimacy' means conformity to the law or to rules. All the other words are incoherent and fail to make the paragraph comprehensive. Hence, option (b) is the most suitable answer choice.

Socialism means a political and economic theory of social organization which advocates that the means of production, distribution, and exchange should be owned or regulated by the community as a whole. Invigorated means give strength or energy to.

Astuteness means of keen penetration or discernment; sagacious: an astute analysis. clever; cunning; ingenious; shrewd

**S105. Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** The most appropriate set of words that fills the blanks of the paragraph is "ferrying, probe, glitch". "Ferrying" provides the precise context as it means transport from one place to another on short or regular trips. Moreover, 'probe' means a thorough investigation into a crime or other matter; while 'Glitch' means a sudden, usually temporary malfunction or fault of equipment. All the other words are incoherent and fail to make the paragraph comprehensive. Hence, option (d) is the most suitable answer choice.

Gremlin means an imaginary mischievous sprite regarded as responsible for an unexplained mechanical or electronic problem or fault.

Barging means move forcefully or roughly.

**S106. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** The most appropriate set of words that fills the blanks of the paragraph is "contemporary, supplanting, "disconcerting". "Contemporary" provides the precise context as it means belonging to or occurring in the present. Moreover, 'supplanting' means supersede and replace; while 'Disconcerting' means causing one to feel unsettled. All the other words are incoherent and fail to make the paragraph comprehensive. Hence, option (c) is the most suitable answer choice.

Posterior means coming after in time or order; later

Superseding means take the place of (a person or thing previously in authority or use); supplant.

Bewildering means confusing or perplexing.



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**S107. Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** The most appropriate set of words that fills the blanks of the paragraph is “interdicted, consolation, prosecutorial”. “interdicted” provides the precise context as it means prohibit or forbid (something). Moreover, ‘consolation’ means the comfort received by a person after a loss or disappointment; while ‘prosecutorial’ means relating to the institution and conducting of legal proceedings against someone in respect of a criminal charge. All the other words are incoherent and fail to make the paragraph comprehensive. Hence, option (d) is the most suitable answer choice.

Disdain means the feeling that someone or something is unworthy of one's consideration or respect.

Legitimate means conforming to the law or to rules.

Suppressed means forcibly put an end to.

**S108. Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** Drawing a hint from the fourth sentence of the rearranged paragraph, it can be understood that it is describing about a study which reveals the data reflecting the increased pollution in the rivers in the entire nation. It further mentions about the problems associated in controlling pollution.

It should be noted that statement (b) appropriately introduces the paragraph by providing the data about the increase in the segments of river pollution. Statement (d) follows statement (b) as it mentions about the data mentioned in the previous statement indicating that the laws have not been implemented properly. Sentence (F) begins with the phrase “The study also...” which indicates that in the previous sentence the study has been mentioned. Hence it should follow sentence (d). Sentence (a) is the fourth sentence of the rearranged paragraph. Next is sentence (E) as it logically connects with sentence (a) . Sentence (c) stands as the concluding part of the rearranged paragraph. The phrase in the statement (c) “It is notable that these results...” provides a clue for the conclusion of the paragraph. Hence, the logical sequence thus formed is, BDFaec. Since, statement (d) is the second sentence in the rearranged paragraph, option (d) becomes the most suitable answer choice.

**S109. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** Drawing a hint from the fourth sentence of the rearranged paragraph, it can be understood that it is describing about a study which reveals the data reflecting the increased pollution in the rivers in the entire nation. It further mentions about the problems associated in controlling pollution.

It should be noted that statement (b) appropriately introduces the paragraph by providing the data about the increase in the segments of river pollution. Statement (d) follows statement (b) as it mentions about the data mentioned in the previous statement indicating that the laws have not been implemented properly. Sentence (F) begins with the phrase “The study also...” which indicates that in the previous sentence the study has been mentioned. Hence it should follow sentence (d). Sentence (a) is the fourth sentence of the rearranged paragraph. Next is sentence (E) as it logically connects with sentence (a) . Sentence (c) stands as the concluding part of the rearranged paragraph. The phrase in the statement (c) “It is notable that these results...” provides a clue for the conclusion of the paragraph. Hence, the logical sequence thus formed is, BDFaec. Since, statement (c) is the last sentence in the rearranged paragraph, option (b) becomes the most suitable answer choice.

**S110. Ans. (e)**

**Sol.** Drawing a hint from the fourth sentence of the rearranged paragraph, it can be understood that it is describing about a study which reveals the data reflecting the increased pollution in the rivers in the entire nation. It further mentions about the problems associated in controlling pollution. It should be noted that statement (b) appropriately introduces the paragraph by providing the data about the increase in the segments of river pollution. Statement (d) follows statement (b) as it mentions about the data mentioned in the previous statement indicating that the laws have not been implemented properly. Since, statements (b) and (d) forms a perfect pair, option (e) becomes the most suitable answer choice.



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**S111. Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** Salubrious means (of a place) pleasant; not run-down while Salutary means (especially with reference to something unwelcome or unpleasant) producing good effects; beneficial. Since they both are synonyms of each other, option (d) becomes the most suitable answer choice.

Exorbitant means (of a price or amount charged) unreasonably high.

Quandary means a state of perplexity or uncertainty over what to do in a difficult situation.

Enigma means a person or thing that is mysterious or difficult to understand.

**S112. Ans.(e)**

**Sol.** CAMOUFLAGE means hide or disguise the presence of (a person, animal, or object) by means of camouflage while CANDID means truthful and straightforward; frank. Since, they both are antonyms of each other; option (e) is the most suitable answer choice.

Debunk means expose the falseness or hollowness of (an idea or belief).

Indignant means feeling or showing anger or annoyance at what is perceived as unfair treatment.

Vapid means offering nothing that is stimulating or challenging; bland.

**S113. Ans. (d)**

**Sol.** Statements (a), (b) and (c) imply the following:

(i) Two months are left for the State Assembly elections;

(ii) Extensive inconsistencies or widespread discrepancies have been detected in the electoral rolls of Rajasthan.

(iii) There are doubts that the names of *many* legitimate voters have been struck off the lists.

But first of all, there is a grammatical error in the statement (d) which is the following:

The subject of the sentence of the statement (d) is 'removal of names of a few legitimate voters from the voter lists' which is *Singular*. The subject, having **singular noun**, of the sentence is *followed* by the **auxiliary verb 'have'**, which is used for a subject having **plural noun**.

Also, there are following contextual errors in the statement (d) :

- (i) Removal of the names of a few legitimate voters;
- (ii) widespread **consistencies** in the electoral rolls of Rajasthan.
- (iii) No mention of the phrase 'two months ahead of the State Assembly elections' or an equivalent to convey when would the Assembly elections would be held in Rajasthan.

Hence, option (d) is the correct answer because it is the only **incorrect** sentence.

#### S114. Ans.(b)

**Sol.** The two events happening are:

- (i) The Shiromani Akali Dal-BJP combine has decided to meet the Governor over the 'deteriorating law and order' situation in the state of Punjab.
- (ii) Punjab Chief Minister Amarinder Singh emphasized on Monday that nobody involved in sacrilege cases would be spared.

The statements (a), (c) and (d) starts with a conjunction or conjunction-phrase which are synonyms i.e., While, 'At the time as' and 'During the time that' are synonyms. They convey the same meaning that two events are occurring simultaneously.

But, the usage of the conjunction 'because' in the statement (b) implies that one event is causing another event to occur.

So, while the statements (a), (c) and (d) suggest that the events (i) and (ii) are occurring simultaneously and a sort of independently, the statement (b) suggests that the event (ii) has caused the event (i) to occur. So, contextually, statement (b) conveys a different meaning as compared to that conveyed by the statements (a), (c) and (d).

Hence, option (b) is the correct answer.

#### S115. Ans.(a)

**Sol.** The sentences (b), (c) and (d) are conveying the following:

- (i) The AAP has reached out to ex-Punjab convener Sucha Singh Chhotepur.
- (ii) The AAP wishes to make peace with "rebels" and "former leaders".
- (iii) Mr. Sucha Singh Chhotepur was being approached by AAP two years after he was sacked on charges of taking bribe for allotting party tickets.

The above sentences (sentences (b), (c) and (d) ) are suggesting that meeting with Sucha Singh Chhotepur was a part of an effort to make peace with "rebels" and "former leaders", but the sentence (a) suggests that AAP has already made (and completed) efforts to make peace with "rebels" and "former leaders", or the AAP has reached out to ex-Punjab convener Sucha Singh Chhotepur after making (all) the efforts to make peace with "rebels" and "former leaders".

The meaning conveyed by the statement (a) is different from that conveyed by the statements (b), (c) and (d).

Moreover, the sentence (a) has a grammatical error. The subject of the sentence is a singular noun 'The AAP' which is followed by an auxiliary verb 'have' which is used for plural noun.

Hence, the correct answer is the option (a).

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