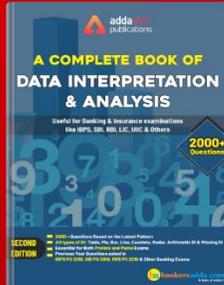
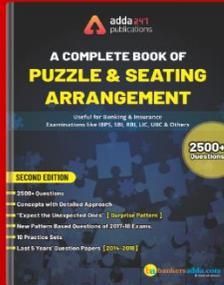
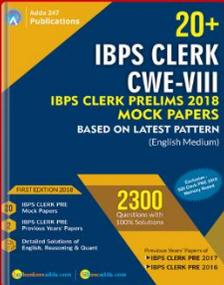
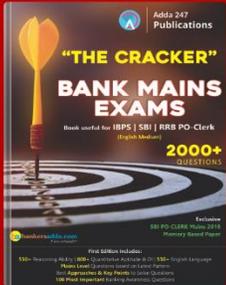
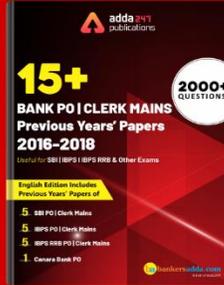
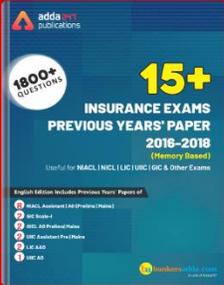
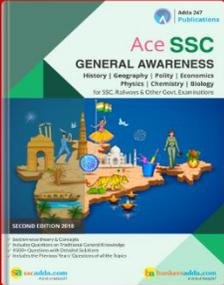
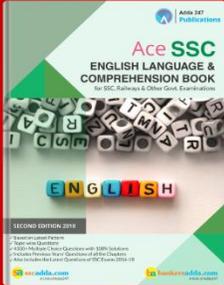
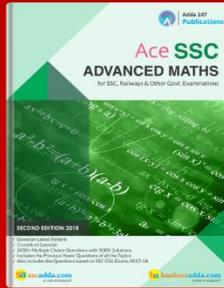
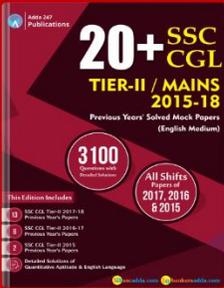
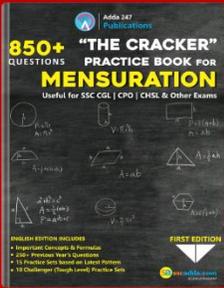
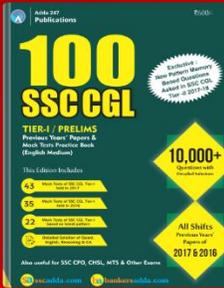
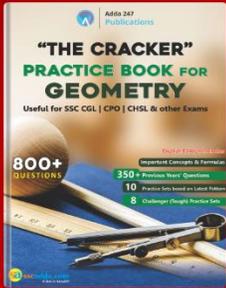




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**Directions (1-3) Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.**

To provide an assured income support to the small and marginal farmers, the Government is launching the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN). While presenting the Interim Budget 2019-20 in Parliament today the Union Minister for Finance, Corporate Affairs, Railways & Coal, Shri Piyush Goyal said, "Under this programme, vulnerable landholding farmer families, having cultivable land upto 2 hectares, will be provided direct income support at the rate of Rs. 6,000 per year. This income support will be transferred directly into the bank accounts of beneficiary farmers, in three equal instalments of Rs. 2,000 each. This programme will be funded by Government of India. Around 12 crore small and marginal farmer families are expected to benefit from this. The programme would be made effective from 1st December 2018 and the first installment for the period upto 31st March 2019 would be paid during this year itself. This programme will **entail** an annual expenditure of Rs.75,000 crore". PM-KISAN would not only provide assured supplemental income to the most vulnerable farmer families, but would also meet their emergent needs especially before the harvest season. PM-KISAN would pave the way for the farmers to earn and live a respectable living.

(Source: PIB)

**Q1. Which of the following statements is/are true in context of the passage?**

- (a) farmer families, having cultivable land upto 2 hectares, will be provided direct income support at the rate of Rs. 6,000 per year.
- (b) This programme will entail an annual expenditure of Rs.75,000 crore
- (c) Union Minister for Finance, Corporate Affairs, Railways & Coal, Shri Piyush Goyal presented the Interim Budget 2019-20 in Parliament.
- (d) All are correct
- (e) None is correct

**Q2. Which of the following can be inferred as the aim of the scheme from the passage above?**

- (a) To introduce new farming methods in India.
- (b) To provide an assured income support to the small and marginal farmers.
- (c) To serve the poor and create better infrastructure.
- (d) To ensure sustainable development of the country.
- (e) All of the Above

**Q3. Which of the following words can replace the word given in bold in the passage without changing the meaning of the sentence?**

- (a) discourage
- (b) promote
- (c) necessitate
- (d) subsume
- (e) Both (a) and (b)

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**Directions (4-6) Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.**

The number of operational airports has crossed 100 with the commissioning of the Pakyong airport in Sikkim. Domestic passenger traffic has doubled during the last five years **(I)** number of jobs being created also. Today, India is the fastest highway developer in the world with 27 kms of highways built each day. Projects stuck for decades like the Eastern Peripheral Highway around Delhi or the Bogibeel rail-cum-road bridge in Assam and Arunachal Pradesh have been completed. The flagship programme of Sagarmala along the coastal areas of the country will develop ports for faster handling of import and export cargo. For the first time, container freight movement **(II)** inland waterways from Kolkata to Varanasi. Our Government will introduce container cargo movement to the North East as well, by improving the navigation capacity of the Brahmaputra river. The Finance Minister announced that the people of North East have received **significant** benefits of infrastructure development in this Interim Budget. Arunachal Pradesh came on the air map recently and Meghalaya, Tripura and Mizoram have come on Indi's rail map for the first time. Allocation for the North Eastern Areas **(III)** to be increased by 21% to Rs.58,166 crore in 2019-20 BE over 2018-19 BE.

(Source: PIB)

**Q4. Which of the following statements is/are true in context of the passage?**

- (a) Pakyong airport in Sikkim is the 100<sup>th</sup> airport of the country.
- (b) India is the fastest highway developer in the world with 27 kms of highways built each day.
- (c) The Bogibeel rail-cum-road bridge is in Assam and Arunachal Pradesh.
- (d) Domestic passenger traffic has doubled during the last five years.
- (e) All are correct

**Q5. In the Question below three phrases are given which must be filled in the positions given in I,II and III in the passage. From the options given below, choose the correct order of phrases that should be filled in the positions given.**

**A. is being proposed**

**B. has started on**

**C. leading to large**

- (a) ABC
- (b) CBA
- (c) BAC
- (d) CAB
- (e) BCA

**Q6. Which of the following words can replace the word given in bold in the passage without changing the meaning of the sentence?**

- (a) minor
- (b) meaningless
- (c) minimal
- (d) remarkable
- (e) Both (c) and (d)

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**Directions (7-9) Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.**

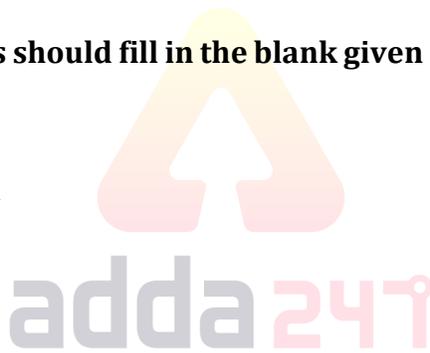
Under MUDRA Yojana, 15.56 crore loans have been disbursed amounting to Rs. 7,23,000 crore. While presenting the Interim Budget 2019-20 in Parliament today, the Union Minister for Finance, Corporate Affairs, Railways and Coal, Shri Piyush Goyal said that India is amongst the most youthful nations in the world. Through Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana, over 1 crore youth are being trained **(A)**..... Youth power has been harnessed through Self-employment Schemes including MUDRA, Start-up India and Stand-up India. With job seekers becoming job creators, India has become the world's second largest start-up hub. The Government is proud of the hard work and innovative ideas of our youth.

Shri Goyal said that in order to take the benefits of Artificial Intelligence and related technologies to the people, a National Programme on 'Artificial Intelligence' has been **envisaged** by the Government. This would be catalysed by the establishment of the National Centre on Artificial Intelligence as a hub along with Centres of Excellence. Nine priority areas have been identified. A National Artificial Intelligence portal will also be developed soon.

(Source: PIB)

**Q7. Which of the following phrases should fill in the blank given in A to make it contextually correct and meaningful?**

- (a) to help them earned a livelihood
- (b) to helping them earn a livelihood
- (c) to helps them earn a livelihood
- (d) to help them earn a livelihood
- (e) to help them earns a livelihood



**Q8. Which of the following statements is/are incorrect in context of the passage?**

- (a) Under MUDRA Yojana, 15.56 crore loans have been disbursed amounting to Rs. 7,23,000 crore.
- (b) India has become the world's second largest start-up hub.
- (c) A National Programme on 'Artificial Intelligence' has been envisaged by the Government.
- (d) From being the 11th largest economy in the world in 2013-14, we are today the 6th largest in the world.
- (e) Both (c) and (d)

**Q9. Which of the following words is opposite in meaning to the word given in bold in the passage?**

- (a) confronted
- (b) considered
- (c) imagined
- (d) created
- (e) Disregarded



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**Directions (10-15): Read the following passage and attempt the questions as directed.**

In a major -----**(A)** for middle-class taxpayers, interim Finance Minister Piyush Goyal on Friday proposed that individuals earning up to Rs 5 lakh would get a full tax rebate. This will provide tax saving of up to Rs 12,500 **(B)**-----**(C)Moreover, individuals with a gross income of Rs 6.5 lakh will have been to pay no tax if they make an investment.** Besides, interest income of up to Rs 40,000 will attract no tax. However, he left its -----**(D)**----- to the next government for the full-fledged Budget after the Lok Sabha elections. Goyal also said standard deduction -----**(E)** from Rs 40,000 to Rs 50,000. Finance Minister Arun Jaitley in Budget 2018 introduced a standard deduction of Rs. 40,000 for the salaried class. This additional deduction was proposed in lieu of existing deductions of Rs 15,000 for medical reimbursement and Rs 19,200 for transport allowance. Goyal further said the tax -----**(F)**----- would be made simpler, resulting in an increase in tax collections and return filings. He said direct tax collections were up from Rs 6.38 lakh crore in 2013-14 to almost Rs 12 lakh crore. He said the tax base was also up from Rs 3.79 crore to Rs 6.85 crore.

(Source: Indian Express)

**Q10. Which of the following words given in the options should come at the place marked as (A) in the above paragraph to make it grammatically correct and meaningful. Also, the word should fill in the blanks given in the two sentences given below to make them contextually correct and meaningful.**

**(i) After the exam, I felt an incredible sense of -----.**

**(ii) Medicated anti-itch cream is the only thing that seems to give my ant bites some -----**

- (a) robust
- (b) guidance
- (c) relief
- (d) feeble
- (e) comforting

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**Q11. Which of the following phrases should fill the blank in (B) to make the sentence contextually correct and meaningful?**

- (a) for all taxpayers
- (b) for all immigration
- (c) for all nomadic
- (d) for all relief
- (e) None of the above

**Q12. In the passage given, a sentence (C) is given in BOLD. There may or may not be an error in one part of the sentence. Choose the part which has an error in it as your answer. If there is no error then choose option (E) as your answer.**

- (a) Moreover, individuals with a
- (b) gross income of Rs 6.5 lakh
- (c) will have been to pay no tax
- (d) if they make an investment
- (e) No Error

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**Q13. Which of the following words given in the options should come at the place marked as (D) in the above paragraph to make it grammatically correct and meaningful.**

- (a) accumulation
- (b) latitude
- (c) duration
- (d) implementation
- (e) during

**Q14. Which of the following phrases should fill the blank in (E) to make the sentence contextually correct and meaningful?**

- (a) would be hiking
- (b) would be raised
- (c) was be hiking
- (d) was be rising
- (e) None of the above

**Q15. Which of the following words given in the options should come at the place marked as (F) in the above paragraph to make it grammatically correct and meaningful. Also, the word should fill in the blanks given in the two sentences given below to make them contextually correct and meaningful.**

**(i) The new version of the program comes with a much better user -----.**

**(ii) We need a clearer ----- between management and the workforce.**

- (a) debate
- (b) rebate
- (c) looking
- (d) interface
- (e) connection

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**Direction (16-30): Which of the following phrases given below each sentence should replace the phrase printed in bold letters to make the sentence meaningfully correct? Choose the best option among the five given alternatives that reflect the correct use of phrase in the context of the grammatically correct sentence. If the sentence is correct as it is, mark "No Error" as your answer.**

**Q16.** The price of gold in the Indian market reached its highest-ever level, hitting the Rs. 33,800 mark in Mumbai on Tuesday in the midst of **increase demand from buyers and lagging supply** in the global market.

- (a) increasing demand from buyers and lag supply
- (b) increasing demand from buyers and lagged supply
- (c) increase demand from buyers and lag supply
- (d) increasing demand from buyers and lagging supply
- (e) No Error

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**Q17.** The rupee **has depreciated significant** in value against the U.S. dollar in the last year alone.

- (a) has depreciate significantly
- (b) has depreciated significantly
- (c) have depreciated significantly
- (d) has been depreciate significantly
- (e) No Error

**Q18.** The U.S.-China trade war and the lowered rate of Chinese economic growth **have add to fears of a** global economic slowdown.

- (a) have added to fears of a
- (b) has added to fears of a
- (c) have added to fears off a
- (d) have added to fearing of a
- (e) No Error

**Q19.** Conventionally, the Budget presented in an election year is a vote on account, aimed at providing funds for the government **to functional until the formation of a new government.**

- (a) to function until the form of new government
- (b) to functioning until the formation of new government
- (c) to function until the formation of new government \$\$
- (d) too function until the formation of new government
- (e) No Error

**Q20.** While job guarantee programmes, such as the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme, lock up beneficiaries in low-productivity work, income supplements allow **them to continue to look for better** employment options.

- (a) them to continuing to look for better
- (b) them to continue to looking for better
- (c) them to continued to look for better
- (d) them to continue too look for better
- (e) No Error

**Q21.** There are expectations that **the government may increased** the basic income tax exemption limit.

- (a) the government may increase
- (b) the government may increasing
- (c) the government may have increase
- (d) the government is increase
- (e) No Error

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**Q22.** Finance Minister Arun Jaitley, in the first budget of this NDA government in 2014, **had raising the tax exemption** limit to RS. 2.5 lakh from Rs. 2 lakh.

- (a) had raised the tax exempt
- (b) had raised the taxed exemption
- (c) had raise the tax exemption
- (d) had raised the tax exemption
- (e) No Error

**Q23.** Angel investors **are helping to create employment** when big Indian companies are reluctant to invest.

- (a) are help create employment
- (b) are helping creating employment
- (c) are helping created employment
- (d) are helping created employment
- (e) No Error

**Q24.** Women play an important role in both irrigated and non-irrigated agriculture, and a larger number of women **then men are engaged in rainfed agriculture.**

- (a) than men are engage in rainfed agriculture
- (b) than men are engaged in rainfed agriculture
- (c) than men are engaged in rainfed agricultural
- (d) then men are engage in rainfed agriculture
- (e) No Error

**Q25.** World politics is undergoing a sea change. Unipolar world **is appearing to emerge as** multipolar where India, china, Brazil etc. are reshaping the world order.

- (a) is appearing to emerged as
- (b) is appearing to emerging as
- (c) is appear to emerge as
- (d) is appearing to emerge
- (e) No Error

**Q26.** India is emerging as a giant and her role in world politics is evolving and **becoming a forced to reckon with.**

- (a) becoming a force to reckon with.
- (b) becoming a forces to reckon with.
- (c) becoming a force to reckoning with.
- (d) becoming a force to reckoned with.
- (e) No Error



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**Q27.** Over the years, the MBBS course, set in tertiary care institutions which often deal with exotic and rare disorders, has not equipped students **to dealing with the health needs of local communities.**

- (a) to deals with the health needs of local communities.
- (b) for deal with the health needs of local communities.
- (c) to deal with the health needs of local communities.
- (d) to be deal with the health needs of local communities.
- (e) No Error

**Q28.** Democratic societies are the best of the available models in managing **dissent with the least harmful effect** on the dissenter.

- (a) dissented with the least harmful effect
- (b) dissent the least harmful effect
- (c) dissent with the least harmful effected
- (d) dissent with the least harm effect
- (e) No Error

**Q29.** Public-private partnership (PPP) **has become a fashionable slogan** in new development strategies, particularly over the last couple of decades.

- (a) have become a fashionable slogan
- (b) has become a fashionable slogan
- (c) has been become a fashionable slogan
- (d) had been become a fashionable slogan
- (e) No Error

**Q30.** Right from early childhood, girls are **socialised to perceiving matrimony** and motherhood as the ultimate goals of their life.

- (a) socialised to perceived matrimony
- (b) socialised to perceive matrimony
- (c) socialised to perceive matrimonial
- (d) socialised to be perceive matrimony
- (e) No Error

**Directions (31-38):** Read the following passage and answer the following questions given below. Some words are given in bold to help you answer some of the questions given below.

**Paragraph 1:** Thousands of schoolchildren demonstrated on the streets of Australian cities at the end of November. They were protesting against their government's lacklustre response to climate change. Their protest march coincided with the G20 summit in Argentina. The summit showed no consensus on climate change, proving the point the children in Australia had made — that political leaders are not serious about the environmental crisis. Over the recent years, Australia has experienced dire consequences of global warming. By dropping their school routine on a working day, the children were making an additional point. They were conveying the feeling that natural catastrophe would make academic attainment meaningless. Their collective anger was neither politically engineered nor **unruly**. That is why it elicited a quick, though disapproving, response from the Australian Prime Minister. On his way to the G20 summit, he said students should focus on learning and avoid activism.



**Paragraph 2:** How important such projects are to Australia's continued economic prosperity is clear from the sharp reaction that children's mass protest received from the Minister. Resources Minister Matt Canavan's response was sharper. He said students should be learning about geology and mining rather than protesting on streets. He was referring to the coal mining projects some of the children specifically mentioned. Mr. Canavan is in a vast company of popular politicians of different countries. American President Donald Trump is one of them. Leaders like him see climate change as an irritating discourse. They think it has no substance or truth. Moreover, they feel it confuses and distracts the public. These leaders believe that no goal should override high industrial and economic growth. As for the threat of climate change, these leaders deny it and blame activist scientists for creating and spreading a myth.

**Paragraph 3:** Why people think that climate change is a myth is easy to explain. A basic lesson in geography in elementary schools across the world concerns the distinction between 'climate' and 'weather'. The two concepts are typically explained as being different in terms of changeability. Weather changes from day to day and season to season, according to standard geography texts. Climate, on the other hand, refers to a permanent frame within we study change in weather conditions. So, the term 'climate' is used for classifying the world and each country in zones. These zones constitute the permanent lore of learning. In India, for example, an educated person is expected to know that there are six climate zones. Many of us recall the different colours we used to fill up the Indian map to show these zones in an exam. Concepts formed in childhood become stable frames of mind. It is intellectually challenging for many people to **reconcile** this notion of climate with the idea of climate change that the UN is using to warn people against terrible environmental disasters. Another idea that the UN is doing its best to promote is that of 'sustainable development'.

**Paragraph 4:** Interestingly, the UN's promotion of these ideas is based on a global consensus which gave birth to these concerns in the first place. I recently participated in a study mooted by UNESCO's Delhi-based Mahatma Gandhi Institute of Education for Peace and Sustainable Development. Its report, "Rethinking Schooling for the 21st Century", presents an analysis of curriculum policy documents from over 20 Asian countries. The analysis shows that the sustainable development goals promoted by UNESCO have been included in the school syllabus across Asia, but their presence is merely nominal in most countries. Policy documents include environmental concerns, but prioritize economic growth. In the context of globalisation, most countries propagate competitive nationalism. It is used as a major ground for regimentation of children's bodies and minds in order to ensure that they become proud, loyal citizens.

**Paragraph 5:** These messages are hardly unique to Asian countries. The Australian children who registered their protest on city streets receive similar lessons at school. Yet, they feel more sensitive than Australia's political leaders to the threat of climate change. The reason perhaps lies in the nexus between politics and economic interests. As Sunita Narain demonstrates in her book, Conflicts of Interest, all environmental struggles are caught in sharply divided goals of popular politics and people's right to live in a safe and sustainable environment. Those who espouse environmental causes are often seen as romantics while people who support fast economic growth based on rapid industrialisation are perceived as practical realists. Australian children have rejected this view. They have figured out that the term 'climate change' means little to their political leaders. A new UN report, released just when the G20 summit was starting, says that the window of opportunity for taking meaningful steps to avert climate change will close within a decade or so. Who can understand the implications of this better than children? They have no financial investments to be redeemed by deeper mining for coal or building taller apartment blocks.

**Q31. How the children in Australia realized about the fact that political leaders are not serious about the environmental crisis?**

- (a) They found their government's lacklustre response to climate change.
- (b) The G20 summit coinciding with their protest march showed no consensus among nations on climate change.
- (c) The scheme that the officials had launched for the 'sustainable development' last year was not carried out as decided
- (d) Both (a) and (c)
- (e) None of these

**Q32. What did the children in Australia want to convey through their protest march?**

- (a) They wanted to promote the other ruling party so as to made them win in elections
- (b) They wanted the world to know that unsustainable development would not affect climate.
- (c) They wanted to convey the feeling that natural catastrophe would make academic attainment meaningless.
- (d) Both (a) and (b)
- (e) None of these

**Q33. Which of the numbered paragraphs conveys that the children carrying out the protest march have figured out that the term 'climate change' means little to their political leaders.**

- (a) Paragraph 1
- (b) Paragraph 2
- (c) Paragraph 3
- (d) Both Paragraphs 1 and 2
- (e) Paragraph 5

**Q34. What is the point of view of popular politicians like Mr. Canavan and Donald Trump regarding the climate change?**

- (a) Leaders like him see climate change as an irritating discourse.
- (b) They think that the climate change has no substance or truth
- (c) They feel the climate change confuses and distracts the public
- (d) Such leaders believe that the goals for climate change would override high industrial and economic growth.
- (e) All of these

**Q35. Why is it intellectually challenging for many of the people to harmonize the notion of climate with the idea of climate change?**

- (a) People think that climate change is a myth because climate is a permanent term unlike weather which keeps on changing, but not the climate
- (b) People are stubborn about their attitude they don't want to accept the climate change as the existing term
- (c) People in their childhood read climate as permanent frame within which we study change in weather conditions, totally different from climate change
- (d) Both (a) and (c)
- (e) None of these

**Q36. What can be inferred from the line “Policy documents include environmental concerns, but prioritise economic growth” as mentioned in the 4th paragraph?**

- (a) The sustainable development goals promoted by UNESCO have been included in the school syllabus across Asia, but their presence is merely nominal in most countries
- (b) The policies made by the officials definitely talk about environmental concerns but their deeds are much inclined towards the economic growth
- (c) The concerns of the government about economic growth override the environmental concerns.
- (d) Both (b) and (c)
- (e) None of these

**Q37. Choose the word which is most OPPOSITE in meaning with the highlighted word UNRULY as given in the passage?**

- (a) Disorderly
- (b) Unmanageable
- (c) Wild
- (d) Rowdy
- (e) Disciplined

**Q38. Choose the word which is most SIMILAR in meaning with the highlighted word RECONCILE as given in the passage?**

- (a) Estrange
- (b) Alienate
- (c) Harmonize
- (d) Caucus
- (e) Cabal

**Directions (39-45): Read the following passage and answer the following questions given below. Some words are given in bold to help you answer some of the questions given below.**

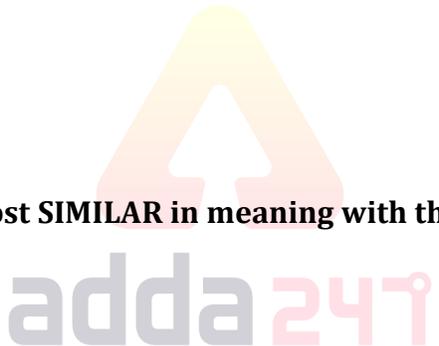
Much of today’s software product and hardware infrastructure is delivered through “as-a-service” model. “As-a-service” just means the ability to rent and pay for software and hardware as and when it is used, rather than buying an expensive licence or powerful computers. Software **(A)** such as Oracle and SAP have been pivoting to this model, as have cloud computing infrastructure platforms such as Amazon Web Services (AWS) and Microsoft’s Azure.

The rent-versus-own decision **ebbs and flows** over time. Not so long ago, before India’s mobile phone revolution, the country was dotted with ISD/STD call booths in a classic example of “as-a-service” delivery. You didn’t need to own a landline phone when you could simply walk up to a booth and, for a fee, use someone else’s phone for a short while. Once it became cheap enough to acquire and use a mobile phone to make calls on one’s own, **(C)**.....

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Classical economic thinking would predict that this sort of “rental” model will not work for cutting-edge software application development, which fundamentally **(B)alters** the workings of a firm. Firms in the quest for digital disruption will be looking to keep their competition out, and so would prefer to have their own in-house development rather than renting it. This is especially true of startup firms in the technology space.

Classical thinking has its limitations, however. Silicon Valley and cutting edge technology are strange beasts, and the extraordinary push into the digital space has meant that top-notch software engineers are in short supply. This has pushed up the average wage of “Google-quality engineers” to the point where their average wage tops \$350,000 per year—at least so say Jonathan Siddharth and Vijay Krishnan, the founders of Turing (turing.com). Turing is itself a startup that is trying to fix this demand-supply mismatch using a “rental” or “pay as you go” model.

While talent is global, opportunity is not. Hiring top engineers locally in Silicon Valley is costly, and not scalable. In addition, says Siddharth, employee retention data paints a bleak picture. The average Silicon Valley engineer retains for 13 months. When time to hire, on-board, and handoff are accounted for, employers only get about nine months of productive work from each engineer. According to the duo, this is a contributing factor to one in every 10 startups failing within the first 12 months.

**Q39. Which of the following explains the "as-a-service" model explained in the passage above?**

- (a) It means the ability to purchase and pay for software and hardware.
- (b) It means the ability to rent and pay for software and hardware as and when it is used, rather than buying an expensive licence or powerful computers.
- (c) It means to buy expensive licence or powerful computers for the expansion of a business.
- (d) Both (b) and (c)
- (e) All of the Above

**Q40. Which of the following words should fill in the blank in (A) to make a contextually correct and meaningful sentence?**

- (a) calamity
- (b) behemoths
- (c) abdicate
- (d) paradigms
- (e) Both (a) and (b)

**Q41. A phrase is given in BOLD in the passage "ebbs and flows". What is the meaning of this phrase?**

- (a) a phase where one is caught in a dilemma.
- (b) depreciation of a machine or computer over long time use.
- (c) a profit and a loss together.
- (d) a recurrent pattern of coming and going or decline and regrowth.
- (e) None of the Above

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**Q42. According to the passage, which is the most contributing factor to one in every 10 startups failing within the first 12 months?**

- (a) Demand-supply mismatch using a “rental” or “pay as you go” model.
- (b) When time to hire, on-board, and handoff are accounted for, employers only get about nine months of productive work from each engineer.
- (c) Quality of programmers is not good and training is costly.
- (d) Top-notch software engineers are in short supply.
- (e) Both (a) and (b)

**Q43. Which of the following phrases can fill in the blank given in C in the passage above?**

- (a) these booths disappeared
- (b) these booths disappear
- (c) these booths disappearing
- (d) these booths are disappeared
- (e) these booths is disappeared

**Q44. Which of the following words can replace the word given in bold in (B) without changing the meaning of the sentence?**

- (a) remains
- (b) stagnates
- (c) continues
- (d) amends
- (e) ruins

**Q45. Which of the following statement(s) is /are true in context to the passage above?**

- (a) ISD/STD call booths in a classic example of “as-a-service” delivery
- (b) Hiring top engineers locally in Silicon Valley is costly, and not scalable.
- (c) Firms in the quest for digital disruption will be looking to keep their competition in, and so would prefer renting than purchasing.
- (d) Both (a) and (b)
- (e) All (a), (b) and (c)

**Directions (46-50): 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 blank with the word that makes the sentence grammatically and contextually correct.**

**Q46. Since I bare no ..... towards you, I do not understand why we cannot be friends.**

- (a) malice
- (b) foster
- (c) pivotal
- (d) hostage
- (e) ammunition



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**Q47. What was supposed to be a civil debate turned into a debate reaching ..... levels, ending with both participants screaming obscenities.**

- (a) pleasant
- (b) vitriolic
- (c) sharply
- (d) harshly
- (e) Both (a) and (b)

**Q48. The deceitful cult leader talked about the need for an ..... of wealth while stealing money from his followers.**

- (a) amuse
- (b) ratify
- (c) abhorrence
- (d) rectify
- (e) None of the Above

**Q49. A ..... crossed the basketball player's face when he missed the crucial shot.**

- (a) pouting
- (b) winced
- (c) sneered
- (d) grimace
- (e) Both (c) and (d)

**Q50. Upset and scowling, the angry woman never smiles but walks around with a .....frown on her face.**

- (a) cheerful
- (b) social
- (c) Both (a) and (b)
- (d) harmonious
- (e) sullen





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