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English Question for SBI PO Prelims

Directions (1-10): In the following passage, some of the words have been left out, each of which is indicated by a number. Find the suitable word from the options given against each number and fill up the blanks with appropriate words to make the paragraph meaningfully complete.

Every now and then, we confront unpleasant events and outcomes. It could be a dental implant gone awry, a relationship turning sour, friends letting you down, workplace stress or losing a loved one, for **(1)** How should we respond? Any **(2)** in our lives has contributory factors that are either within our control or not. We can do precious little about those over which we have no control. But there are outcomes that are **(3)**, even if partially, by our actions or inaction. These can be avoided or at least **(4)**

So, let's ask ourselves: was there anything I did, which I shouldn't have, that brought about the negative event? Was there anything I could have done, but did not, that might have prevented the **(5)**? If the answer is negative, we are then in a better position to take the misfortune in our stride and accept the situation, perhaps even detach ourselves from it. If the answer is yes, then we have learnt a precious lesson for the **(6)** As the Dhammapada puts it, "Not the unworthy **(7)** of others, nor their sinful deeds of commission or omission, / But one's own deeds of commission and omission should one regard."

Another equally important point to remember is that today's hopelessness could **(8)** into tomorrow's achievement and well-being in ways that we can never quite **(9)** No one could have predicted that J K Rowling would one day become a best selling, living, multi-billionaire author after going through a low period of divorce, single parenthood, depression, unemployment and **(10)**

- Q1.** (a) reference
(b) revelation
(c) realization
(d) example
(e) reification

- Q2.** (a) warfare
(b) event
(c) matter
(d) stipulation
(e) concern

- Q3.** (a) commenced
(b) inferred
(c) inspired
(d) established
(e) caused



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Q4. (a) quenched
(b) mitigated
(c) promoted
(d) sustained
(e) hinder

Q5. (a) failure
(b) occasion
(c) crisis
(d) dispute
(e) misdeeds

Q6. (a) future
(b) consequence
(c) certainty
(d) coincidence
(e) adventure

Q7. (a) achievements
(b) presence
(c) acquirements
(d) actions
(e) appearance

Q8. (a) fluke
(b) exchange
(c) turn
(d) expedite
(e) adjust

Q9. (a) preference
(b) acknowledged
(c) portent
(d) vehemence
(e) anticipate

Q10. (a) ratification
(b) revolt
(c) rejection
(d) impediment
(e) prohibition



Directions (11-13): In each of the question given below a/an idiom/phrase is given in bold which is then followed by five options which then try to decipher its meaning. Choose the option which gives the correct meaning of the phrases.

Q11. Zip your lip

- (a) To make a loud noise
- (b) To put make up on lips
- (c) To stop talking
- (d) To hide a secret
- (e) None of the Above

Q12. Miss the boat

- (a) Miss the first spot in a queue
- (b) Miss a beautiful memory of the past
- (c) Miss the chance
- (d) Miss a boat ride
- (e) None of the Above

Q13. Fine-tooth comb

- (a) To perform an assigned task responsibly
- (b) Examining something carefully to not miss out any details.
- (c) Clever enough to hide something easily
- (d) To comb one's hair properly.
- (e) None of the Above

Directions (14-15): 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 blanks with the word that makes the sentence grammatically and contextually correct.

Q14. After causing a lot of chaos outside of the meeting, the committee's president decided to the businessmen from attending the meeting.

- (a) admitting
- (b) debar
- (c) suspect
- (d) offers
- (e) assistance

Q15. Although the hurricane was rapidly coming their way, the townspeople were and did not leave their homes.

- (a) exonerate
- (b) submit
- (c) cooperate
- (d) harshly
- (e) obdurate

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Directions (16-20): There are four sentences given in each question. Find the sentence(s) which is/are grammatically correct and mark your answer choosing the best possible option among the five options given below each question. If all sentences are correct, choose (e) as your answer.

Q16. (I) With a little industry and perseverance wonders might be done in this country.

(II) Almost any job can be shaken off in time and with perseverance.

(III) Can we rely on the constancy and perseverance of the people?

(IV) A little did I know that he would create such a ruckus.

(a) Only (I) is correct

(b) Only (IV) is correct

(c) Both (I) and (II) are correct

(d) Only (I), (II) and (III) are correct

(e) All are correct

Q17. (I) The people who come from here will be something to deal with.

(II) A good deal of pens is not working.

(III) They have managed to seal a good deal.

(IV) It would cost a deal of hard labor, and Captain Fishley would be the only gainer.

(a) Only (I) is correct

(b) Only (II), (III) and (IV) are correct

(c) Only (I), (III) and (IV) are correct

(d) Both (II) and (III) are correct

(e) All are correct

Q18. (I) The Secretary and Treasurer were not present at today's meeting.

(II) She beckoned to him, but he took no notice, not desiring to be disturbed at present.

(III) Ramu closely resembles to his father not only in physical features but also in habits.

(IV) Emotion passed over their features like ripples over a stream.

(a) Only (II) is correct

(b) Both (I) and (II) are correct

(c) Both (II) and (IV) are correct

(d) Both (I) and (III) are correct

(e) All are correct

Q19. (I) Being occupied with important matters, he had no leisure to see us.

(II) If it were possible to get near when one of the volcanic eruptions take place we should see a grand sight.

(III) I am better acquainted with the country than you.

(IV) One must use his best efforts if one wishes to succeed.

(a) Only (I) is correct

(b) Only (III) is correct

(c) Both (I) and (IV) are correct

(d) Only (I), (II) and (III) are correct

(e) All are correct

- Q20. (I)** As a liberal, he had been interested in contemporary politics.
(II) Ample opportunity was given for explanation and apology for the insult.
(III) Though the body is bulky, it is yet light and easily sustained by the wings.
(IV) It is suggested that a ring road should be built to relieve the congestion.
- (a) Only (II) is correct
(b) Both (I) and (II) are correct
(c) Both (II) and (IV) are correct
(d) Both (III) and (IV) are correct
(e) All are correct

Directions (21-25): In each of the question given below a phrase/idiom is given in bold which is then followed by five options which try to decipher its meaning as used in the sentence. Choose the option which gives the meaning of the phrase/idiom most appropriately in the context of the given sentence.

- Q21.** To be competitive, they paid low wages and **cut corners** on health and safety.
- (a) insistent
(b) skimp
(c) obdurate
(d) rigid
(e) lenient

- Q22.** They stopped inviting him to the gatherings, and he really **got bent out of shape** about it.
- (a) plumpness
(b) pile
(c) nefarious
(d) subjugate
(e) livid

- Q23.** The Cambridge Analytica scandal, which merges Facebook's privacy problem with its politics problem, is in some ways a **perfect storm**.
- (a) disastrous situation
(b) powerful thunder
(c) contagious
(d) embracing event
(e) retribution

- Q24.** Assessing the problems of the neighborhood grocery by examining a giant supermarket is **comparing apples and oranges**.
- (a) resplendent
(b) exquisite
(c) surpassed
(d) unparalleled
(e) renowned

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Q25. I got to the airport a few minutes late and missed the plane **by the skin of my teeth**.

- (a) scantily
- (b) gradually
- (c) narrowly
- (d) recently
- (e) deliberately

Direction (26-30): Rearrange the following sentences (A), (B), (C), (D), (E), (F) in the proper sequence to form a meaningful paragraph; then answer the questions given below them.

(A) The yield on German government bonds reached their highest level in 18 months, while that on the 10-year U.S. Treasury bonds reached its highest level in eight weeks.

(B) Notably, the minutes of the European Central Bank's June meeting indicated that the bank might walk back on its commitment to expand its €60 billion bond purchase programme.

(C) The Bank of England and the Bank of Canada have shown signs of hawkishness.

(D) Bond markets around the globe showed signs of weakness last week, with major central banks hinting at a possible end to years of ultra-loose monetary policy.

(E) The U.S. Federal Reserve has already hiked rates this year, and warned of the risks posed by low rates.

(F) Results of the auction of 30-year French government bonds were the immediate trigger behind the rout as it pointed to a drop in excess demand; the bid-to-cover ratio dropped to 1.5 from 1.93 in January.

Q26. Which of the following should be the **FIFTH** sentence after rearrangement?

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

Q27. Which of the following should be the **THIRD** sentence after rearrangement?

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

Q28. Which of the following should be the **FIRST** sentence after rearrangement?

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

Q29. Which of the following should be the **SECOND** sentence after rearrangement?

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

Q30. Which of the following should be the **LAST** sentence after rearrangement?

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

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