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S1. Ans.(d)

Sol. Suffice- be enough or adequate.

Serve- be enough for.

Disperse- distribute or spread over a wide area.

Dissipate- (with reference to a feeling or emotion) disappear or cause to disappear.

Squander- waste (something, especially money or time) in a reckless and foolish manner.

Among the given options, the option (d) 'serve' is the most appropriate word to fill the blank. Hence, the option (d) is the correct answer.

S2. Ans.(a)

Sol. Among the given options, only option (a) conveys the meaning that supports the given statement in the passage. Option (a) conveys that if you connect words just to create an effect, that is not poetry, it just includes the one factor which is 'intelligence' but it is devoid of the other factor which is 'skill.'

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

S3. Ans.(b)

Sol. The hint for the answer is derived from the paragraph where it is given as "considering something like IQ to be a sufficient index of human mental capacity!" An intelligence quotient (**IQ**) is a total score derived from several standardized tests designed to assess human intelligence. Option (d) is out of context hence can be omitted easily. Only option (b) has talked about the 'human intelligence.'

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

S4. Ans.(c)

Sol. The position of (2) (intelligence) and (3) (different) seems correct, but the words 'activity' and 'failures' seem to be incorrectly placed. Hence, upon interchanging 1-4, we get the sentence, grammatically and contextually correct and meaningful, respectively. The sentence thus formed will be, "One of the major failures here is that of considering intelligence to be something different from and raised above the activity of living."

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

S5. Ans.(b)

Sol. relegated- assign an inferior rank or position to

The hint for the answer can be derived from the line itself. "This leads to the misconception that intelligence can be to something else — say, a robot — without becoming something else."

It explains that there is a misconception that a robot can replace the 'intelligence' or 'intelligence' can be degraded to a lower position. Among the given options, the word 'relegated' gels well with the theme of the paragraph and makes the sentence grammatically and contextually correct and meaningful, respectively. Hence, the option (b) is the correct answer.



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S6. Ans.(b)

Sol. Virtues- behaviour showing high moral standards.

fortes- a thing at which someone excels.

Gentry- people of good social position, specifically the class of people next below the nobility in position and birth.

Rage- violent uncontrollable anger.

Among the given options, the option (b) 'fortes' is the most appropriate word to fill the blank. Hence, the option (b) is the correct answer.

S7. Ans.(c)

Sol. (I) We expect individuals to be their own leaders, to take charge of their lives, to assume responsibility for their decisions.

(II) A person who merely coordinates the actions of others or has management skills is not a leader.

(III) I suppose there is little new one can say on this matter.

BCA will be the correct sequence. Hence, the option (c) is the correct answer.

S8. Ans.(b)

Sol. Entails- involve (something) as a necessary or inevitable part or consequence.

Arouse- evoke or awaken (a feeling, emotion, or response).

Sheers- a very fine or diaphanous fabric or article.

Garners- gather or collect (something, especially information or approval)

The given line in the passage conveys that to be a good leader it is necessary to put forth the collective interest first instead of her/his own interest. Hence, the option (b) is the correct answer.

S9. Ans.(d)

Sol. Among the given options, only option (d) gels well with the preceding and the following sentences of (C). The rests seem out-of-context.

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

“Since this intellectual formulation can only be the first step, an estimate of the real quality of a decision is not known until it is implemented; Its deficiencies begin to show up only when put into practice. This requires him to keep his ear to the ground, listen patiently to criticism to judge if his policies are working.”

S10. Ans.(e)

Sol. The given sentence is grammatically correct and contextually meaningful and doesn't require any changes. Hence, the option (e) 'no error' is the correct answer.

S11. Ans.(c)

Sol. Collusion- secret or illegal cooperation or conspiracy in order to deceive others.

Commotion- a state of confused and noisy disturbance.

Concession- a thing that is granted, especially in response to demands.

Digression- a temporary departure from the main subject in speech or writing.

It is evident from the whole passage that author is talking about the idea of reconsideration of angel tax on start-ups. Only option (c) has a meaning which fits best in the given blank as per the context of the passage. Hence, the option (c) is the correct answer.

S12. Ans.(d)

Sol. Norms- something that is usual, typical, or standard.

Among the given options, the option (d) 'standards' is the most appropriate word to fill the blank. Hence, the option (d) is the correct answer.

S13. Ans.(d)

Sol. BAC will be the correct choice as it will make all the three sentences grammatically and contextually correct.

(i) The tax, which was first introduced in 2012 to curb money-laundering through the **sale of shares of private unlisted**

companies at bloated prices, has caused a lot of anguish among start-up investors in the country.

(ii) For its part, the IT department fears that start-ups may be used as convenient tools to launder illegally acquired money, so a tax on investments beyond a certain threshold is **necessary to deter such shady operations.**

(iii) The broad-brush tax on all investments means an unnecessary cost is imposed **on the wider start-up** community simply because of the lack of better means at the government's disposal to tackle black money.

BAC will be the correct sequence. Hence, the option (d) is the correct answer.

S14. Ans.(e)

Sol. The positions of (2) (benefits), (4) (justifiable) and (1) (unintended) and (3) (intent) seems to be incorrectly placed. Hence, upon interchanging 2-4 and 1-3 we get the sentence which is grammatically and contextually correct and meaningful, respectively. "But while the intent of such an angel tax may be justifiable, the arbitrary nature of it means the cost of unintended consequences could be larger than the supposed benefits"

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

S15. Ans.(c)

Sol. Based on the information given in the passage, among the given options, only option (c) best describes the term 'angel investor.' The line given in the passage, "For its part, the IT department fears that start-ups may be used as convenient tools to launder illegally acquired money, so a tax on investments beyond a certain threshold is necessary to deter such shady operations" gives an idea that angel investors are those who provide capital for a business start-up.

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

S16. Ans.(c)

Sol. B-D can replace each other and form a meaningful sentence. "Abroad" and "overseas" can here be used interchangeably as they imply similar meaning and can be used at each other's place without altering the actual context of the sentence.

"Diaspora" is the spreading out of group of the people belonging to similar identity/ nation.



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S17. Ans.(b)

Sol. A-B can replace each other and form a meaningful sentence. "Police" and "Magistrates" can be exchanged as they do not alter the actual meaning of the given statement. Also, "perpetrators" which means people who carries out a harmful, illegal, or immoral act and "public" can not replace other highlighted words of the sentence.

S18. Ans.(e)

Sol. No interchange is possible. As none of the given highlighted words can substitute each other, there is no scope for using the words interchangeably without altering their meaning.

S19. Ans.(e)

Sol. No interchange is possible. As none of the given highlighted words can substitute each other, there is no scope for using the words interchangeably without altering their meaning.

S20. Ans.(d)

Sol. C-D can replace each other and form a meaningful sentence. Here, "Enforcement Directorate" and "Police" can be interchanged as the statement mentions about a whole lot of bureaucrats and police. Thus placing Enforcement Directorate and Police at each others position will imply the similar meaning. Also, "tampered" which implies interfere with (something) in order to cause damage or make unauthorized alterations and "authority" cannot replace any other highlighted words within the statement.

S21. Ans.(e)

Sol. In the given sentence, "Dispensation" implies a political, religious, or social system prevailing at a particular time which is similar to II. In statements I and III, "Dispensation" is used in context of exemption from a rule or usual requirement.

Hence, option (e) is the correct answer.

S22. Ans.(b)

Sol. In the given sentence "sordid" means something involving immoral or dishonourable actions and motives which is similar to the I and III. Whereas, in statement II, sordid implies something dirty or squalid. Hence, option (b) is the correct answer.

S23. Ans.(c)

Sol. In the given sentence promoted is used in context of supporting or actively encouraging something for its further progress which is similar to the statements given in II and III. Whereas, in statement I, promoted implies to raise (someone) to a higher position or rank.

Hence, option (c) is the correct answer.

S24. Ans.(d)

Sol. In the given statement, resistance implies the refusal to accept or comply with something which is similar to the statements I and II. Whereas, in statement III, resistance is used in context of the degree to which a substance or device opposes the passage of an electric current.

Hence, option (d) is the correct answer.

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S25. Ans.(e)

Sol. In the given statement, substantive has been having a firm basis in reality and so important, meaningful, or considerable. In Statements I, II and III, substantive imparts almost a similar meaning as given in the original sentence.

S26. Ans.(c)

Sol. B-F and A-E are the correct pair to be substituted in the blanks given within the statement. Appreciation and acknowledgement are synonymous to each other and fit the first blank perfectly. Similarly, diplomatic and strategic can be used interchangeably to define something that is related to diplomacy.

S27. Ans.(c)

Sol. A-E is the correct pair to be substituted in the blanks given within the statement. Here divulged implies make known/ revealing (private or sensitive information) and submitted is used in context of accepting to the authority.

S28. Ans.(d)

Sol. C-D is the correct pair to be substituted in the blanks given within the statement. Here accorded means give or grant someone (power, status, or recognition) and encroaches means intrude on/ trespass. "Estranged" means no longer close or affectionate to someone which is also similar to "Alienated". "Repelled" here implies drive or force (an attack or attacker) back or away. "Admonish" means warn or reprimand someone firmly.

S29. Ans.(e)

Sol. B-D and B-F are the correct pair to be substituted in the blanks given within the statement. Here, "Summons" implies orders to appear before a judge or magistrate, or the writ containing such an order. Also, as the police commissioner had observed and directed the execution of investigation, both, "Supervised" and "Administered" can be used to fill in the second blank.

S30. Ans.(d)

Sol. B-E is the correct pair to be substituted in the blanks given within the statement. "Executed" here implies put (a plan, order, or course of action) into effect and "adversely" implies in a way that prevents success or development; harmfully or unfavorably. Therefore Executed and Adversely perfectly fit in the blanks given in the statement.

Also, here "fickle" implies changing frequently, especially as regards one's loyalties or affections and "sabotage" means deliberately destroy, damage, or obstruct (something), especially for political or military advantage.

S31. Ans.(b)

Sol. Option (b) is the correct choice as the given sequence is grammatically and contextually correct. Institutions, as the embodiment of formal and informal rules, assure citizens that the government exercises power according to some norms that enable as well as regulate state capacity.

S32. Ans.(d)

Sol. Option (d) is the correct choice as the given sequence gives us a grammatically and contextually correct.

In the aftermath of Partition, seen as the outcome of the community-based template of political competition introduced under British rule, secularism was an article of faith across the ideological spectrum, though only in a limited definition as a seamless sense of national identity.

S33. Ans.(c)

Sol. Option (c) is the correct choice as the given sequence gives us a grammatically and contextually correct.

The Nair Service Society, represented by veteran lawyer K. Parasaran, sought a review of the verdict on the ground that the exclusion was not based on gender or sex, but on religious faith in and character of the deity.

S34. Ans.(b)

Sol. Option (b) is the correct choice as the given sequence **BDCAE** gives us a grammatically and contextually correct.

While Mr. Venugopal said he did not want the court to impose any punishment on Mr. Bhushan, the government, represented by Solicitor General Tushar Mehta, was of the opposite opinion.

S35. Ans.(e)

Sol. Option (e) is the correct choice as the given sequence **BADCE** gives us a grammatically and contextually correct.

The principle is that the Bill would ban unregulated deposit-taking activities altogether, by making them an offence ex-ante rather than the existing legislative-cum-regulatory framework that only comes into effect ex-post with considerable time lags.

S36. Ans.(d)

Sol. Incommensurate- out of keeping or proportion with.

Inordinate- unusually or disproportionately large; excessive.

Proportionate- corresponding in size or amount to something else.

Lopsided- with one side lower or smaller than the other.

Out of the given options only option (d) is opposite to the given word 'incommensurate', hence option (d) is the correct answer choice.

S37. Ans.(e)

Sol. Squander means waste (something, especially money or time) in a reckless and foolish manner.

Dissipate me**Ans.**(with reference to a feeling or emotion) disappear or cause to disappear.

Lavish means spent or given in profusion.

Retrieve means get or bring (something) back from somewhere.

Splurge means spend (money) freely or extravagantly.

S38. Ans.(b)

Sol. Fractious- irritable and quarrelsome.

Affable- friendly, good-natured, or easy to talk to.

Grouchy- irritable and bad-tempered; grumpy; complaining.

shrewish- bad-tempered or aggressively assertive.

Out of the given options only option (b) is opposite to the given word 'fractious', hence option (b) is the correct answer choice.

S39. Ans.(a)

Sol. Conciseness- usually implies that unnecessary details or verbiage have been eliminated from a more wordy statement and thus it might be ineffective.

Rhetoric- the art of effective or persuasive speaking or writing, especially the exploitation of figures of speech and other compositional techniques.

Out of the given options only option (a) is opposite to the given word 'rhetoric' and all other given options are synonyms to the given word. Hence option (a) is the correct answer choice.

S40. Ans.(d)

Sol. Here, "ratify" implies to sign or give formal consent to (a treaty, contract, or agreement), making it officially valid. Whereas, other mentioned words, eradicate, exterminate, abolish and annihilate can be used synonymously to destroy something completely; put an end to. Hence, option (d) is the correct choice.



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