

Directions (1-5): In each of the questions given below a paragraph is given with blank spaces which are numbered. Against each numbered blank space five options are given which may or may not fill the blanks. Choose the option that can fill the blank space appropriately.

The indigenous nuclear submarine, INS Arihant, is a great achievement for India. The Indian Navy, its engineers and scientists have done us immensely proud. (1)..... : Will Arihant make us more secure, and if so, in what way? It has been universally recognised that the sole justification for having nuclear weapons is their deterrence value. If ever a nuclear bomb has to be used, (2)..... The initiation of a nuclear attack would mean utter destruction, not just for the two parties involved but also for regions far beyond. The Americans got away with their bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, however controversial it was, (3)..... Today, the situation is vastly different and far more dangerous. If nuclear weapons fail to deter the outbreak of war involving use of such weapons, they have disastrously failed in their deterrence mission. The major nuclear weapon powers, principally the U.S., have developed the myth of a nuclear triad, that consists of land-based, air-based and sea-based nuclear delivery systems. The theory is that if country A initiates a nuclear attack on country B in a first strike, country B must be in a position, even after absorbing the nuclear strike, (4)..... This is called second strike capability. In the event that country A manages to destroy the land and air-based nukes of country B, country B will still have its third leg in the shape of sea-based nuclear-tipped missiles, called SLBMs or submarine-launched ballistic missiles, for use against country A because the sea-based missiles, launched from nuclear-powered submarines, would have remained undetected and hence safe from enemy attack. (5)..... Essentially, the argument in favour of the naval leg is not that it makes the deterrent more credible, but that, as mentioned above, it will survive for retaliation.

- Q1.** (a) The question had no significance.
(b) And the Question was answered well.
(c) But fame brings a lot of responsibilities with it.
(d) But it might not be inappropriate to ask
(e) None of the Above

- Q2.** (a) it should have been capable enough.
(b) it has destroyed its raison d'être.
(c) a permission of the navy is needed.
(d) it will survive for retaliation
(e) None of the Above

- Q3.** (a) because they had a monopoly of nukes at the time
(b) does not appear to make deterrence more credible.
(c) because the enemy might attack population centres.
(d) because the target country would have ample time to disperse its land.
(e) None of the Above

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- Q4.** (a) to think upon the variants of the product.
(b) to retaliate with a massive nuclear attack on the enemy country
(c) to perform well in the next attack.
(d) to adapt well in the worst situation.
(e) None of the Above

- Q5.** (a) Any use of nuclear weapon, tactical or otherwise, will invite massive retaliation.
(b) China is far ahead of India in many respects.
(c) Thus, the rationale for the naval leg of the triad is its survivability.
(d) We have received drawings and documents related to this standard.
(e) None of the Above

Directions (6-10): Each of the following questions has a paragraph from which one sentence or part of sentence has been deleted. From the given options, choose the one that completes the paragraph in the most appropriate/coherent way. If none of the given alternatives is appropriate to fill the blank, choose option (e) i.e. “none of these” as your answer choice.

Q6. In the event that an enemy initiates a nuclear strike, it will never be able to destroy all the land and air-based nuclear weapons of the target country. Again, the enemy might attack population centres and not nuclear weapon sites; in that case, all the nukes of the target country would be available for retaliation. In either case, the deterrence capability of the target country would remain intact. If the possession of the naval leg were to deter the enemy, ab initio, from initiating a nuclear launch, it would add to the deterrence value.

- (a) Advocates of nuclear deterrence insist that we should thank it for the fact that a third world war has been avoided.
(b) Survivability by itself does not appear to make deterrence more credible.
(c) The lead time has become tight for us.
(d) Every government that now possesses nuclear weapons claims that they deter attacks by their threat of catastrophic retaliation.
(e) None of the Above

Q7. If the hostilities reach the threshold where a country may consider using nuclear weapons, it would be preceded by a period of conventional warfare. The enemy would also have to reach the conclusion that unless he uses his nuclear weapons, A conventional conflict itself will not start before several days of negotiations, including possible mediation by external powers and the UN Security Council

- (a) some supporters even maintain that deterrence
(b) those with the power to exterminate life have not done so.
(c) decades of peace have not been so rare.
(d) he would suffer a defeat that he simply cannot afford to let happen
(e) None of the Above

Q8. China is far ahead of India in many respects. It has more warheads and more nuclear-powered submarines. Both India and China have repeatedly declared adherence to the no-first-use doctrine. So where is the justification for acquiring the naval leg of the triad? We have a territorial dispute with China, but both countries have acquired enough experience to manage and contain the conflict. It is reasonably safe to say that between India and China.

- (a) the situation is giving rise to a war
- (b) there will not be an all-out war involving the use of nuclear weapons
- (c) arrangements were made for the war
- (d) ties were undergoing a hard time
- (e) None of the Above

Q9. One of the arguments in the 1960s and 1970s in favour of atom bombs was that they would be cheaper in the long run. That has not happened. The acquisition of expensive conventional platforms as well as the India has been in the forefront in campaign for nuclear disarmament.

- (a) ever expanding nuclear programme has destroyed that argument
- (b) fall in prices of the equipments has overrun the agreement
- (c) horrific prospect of nuclear conflict gave both strong incentives
- (d) could threaten any potential aggressor with the catastrophic risks
- (e) None of the Above

Q10. Discussion on primary care in India focusses only on the public sector while more than 60% of care is provided by the private sector. The private sector provides primary care in most countries though it is paid for from the budget or insurance. The private sector can provide good quality primary care if there are systems to finance care and

- (a) has been touted as profound strategic depth crumbles with surprising ease when subjected to critical scrutiny.
- (b) if the private sector is prepared to invest in developing the needed capacities.
- (c) by considering the core of deterrence theory: that it has worked.
- (d) y considering the core of deterrence theory: that it has worked.
- (e) None of the Above

Directions (11-15): In each of the questions given below an incomplete sentence is given which must be filled/completed with one of the sentences/words given below .i.e. one of the sentences/words can be fit into the given blanks. Choose the correct option and complete the given sentences. If none of the given alternatives is appropriate to fill the blank, choose option (e) i.e. "none of these" as your answer choice.

The New Year is always looked forward to with hope, (11); 2018 has been a mixed bag, both globally and domestically. Globally, the growth rate in 2018 was high, particularly in the United States. But strong signs of a trade war emerged, (12) Britain is passing through the pangs of separation from the European Union. Domestically, the first quarter growth rate was high. But (13) The rupee underwent a severe shock as crude oil prices rose and abated after a fall in oil prices. While prices fell, agrarian distress accentuated. India's growth rate in 2018-19 is forecast at 7.4% by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI). (14) More likely, it

will be slightly lower. Looking ahead, 2019 may not show any substantial rise in the growth rate. Even though the Goods and Services Tax (GST) has stabilised, much will depend on the pickup in the investment rate. The international environment is not that conducive for growth in our foreign trade; (15) Perhaps the growth rate will be between 7.2% and 7.5%. Though this may be the highest growth rate of any country, it falls short of our requirements.

Q11. (a) whatever the conditions might have been in the previous year

- (b) with all new hopes and wishes for the future
- (c) striving towards a great future with dedication
- (d) and whatever happened has been in vain
- (e) None of the Above

Q12. (a) gaining majority in the upcoming polls.

- (b) dimming hopes of faster international trade
- (c) paving a way for future infrastructure and technical developments
- (d) the high-growth economy in the five years preceding this as earlier thought to be
- (e) None of the Above

Q13. (a) signs are good for the balance of the year

- (b) signs is not good for the balance of the year
- (c) signs are not good for the balance of the year
- (d) signs are not good of the balance in the year
- (e) None of the Above

Q14. (a) Both (b) and (c)

- (b) So the exercise remained more academic.
- (c) The inclusion of newer data sources, exclusion of outdated ones and making some subjective assumptions in the process.
- (d) But it looks to be a touch-and-go situation.
- (e) None of the Above

Q15. (a) this will have an impact on our exports and, therefore, growth.

- (b) two successive years of good rains improved farm produce.
- (c) too early to conclude.
- (d) a direct consequence of the worsening NPA crisis.
- (e) None of the Above



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Directions (16-25): In the passage given below there are blanks which are numbered from 16 to 25. They are to be filled with the options given below the passage against each of the respective numbers. Find out the appropriate word in each case which can most suitably complete the sentence without altering its meaning. If none of the words given in options fits in, mark 'None of these' as your answer choice.

Literary freedom is taken for granted in democracies, but forces that threaten or (16)..... it are always at work. Each age has to fight the battle afresh. In recent times, several attempts to get books withdrawn, (17)..... or sanitised of offending content have achieved full or partial success in India. Wendy Doniger's *The Hindus: An Alternative History* was withdrawn from circulation, and A.K. Ramanujan's essay 'Three Hundred Ramayanas' was dropped from a Delhi University syllabus. Tamil writer Perumal Murugan's *Madhorubagan (One Part Woman)* was withdrawn by the author under mob pressure but (18)..... by a Madras High Court verdict. Public order, national unity and social or religious harmony are the principles commonly (19)..... against the practice of literary freedom. Threats to free expression, especially artistic freedom, in our times mainly come from those claiming to espouse the interests of a particular religion or social group. It is in this context that Shashi Tharoor, Congress MP and writer, has introduced a private member's Bill in the Lok Sabha seeking to protect freedom of literature. Its objective — that "authors must be guaranteed the freedom to express their work without fear of (20)..... action by the State or by sections of society" — commends itself to any society that upholds liberal values. It seeks the omission of three IPC sections, including 295A, in effect a non-denominational blasphemy law, as it targets deliberate or (21)..... acts to outrage religious feelings.

Section 295A is a grossly misused section, often invoked in trivial ways to hound individuals, harass writers and (22)..... free expression. It deserves to be scrapped. Sections that relate to the sale of obscene books and uttering words that hurt religious feelings are also sought to be omitted. However, it is unclear why Section 153A, which punishes those who promote (23)..... between groups on grounds of religion, race or language, and Section 153B, which criminalises words and imputations prejudicial to national integration, do not draw Mr. Tharoor's attention. In the process of proscribing a book, he proposes a (24)..... in the form of a 15-day prohibition. Thereafter, the onus should be on the State government to approach the High Court to seek a permanent ban. It favours the scrapping of the provision in the Customs Act to ban the import of books, but makes a public order exception. Private Bills rarely become law, but they are useful in highlighting gaps in the body of law. Seen in this light, Mr. Tharoor's initiative is most welcome as a step towards removing or diluting penal provisions that (25)..... literary freedom.

- Q16.** (a) support
(b) undermine
(c) enhance
(d) frustrating
(e) Both (a) and (b)

- Q17.** (a) pulped
(b) grasped
(c) grappled
(d) Both (b) and (c)
(e) divulged

Q18. (a) disengaged
(b) secede
(c) Both (a) and (b)
(d) quailed
(e) resurrected

Q19. (a) entreat
(b) Both (a) and (c)
(c) invoked
(d) effect
(e) relied

Q20. (a) Both (b) and (e)
(b) inundate
(c) rewarding
(d) obsequious
(e) punitive

Q21. (a) assisting
(b) decent
(c) malicious
(d) blatant
(e) Both (a) and (b)

Q22. (a) enlarging
(b) curtail
(c) diminishing
(d) Both (a) and (b)
(e) addle

Q23. (a) enmity
(b) collateral
(c) Both (a) and (d)
(d) triumph
(e) deception

Q24. (a) looming
(b) Both (d) and (e)
(c) jerking
(d) tweak
(e) goad



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Q25. (a) Both (b) and (d)

- (b) catapult
- (c) awaken
- (d) inhibit
- (e) coup

Directions (26-30): In each of the questions below, there is a word given in bold which is followed by five options. In each of the options, a pair of words is given which is either the pair of synonyms or antonyms or synonym & antonym of the word given in bold. Choose that pair as your answer.

Q26. Dire

- (a) Promote: Boost
- (b) Dreadful, appalling
- (c) Fanatic: Enthusiast
- (d) Intense: Depth
- (e) Disconcert: Perturb

Q27. Elicited

- (a) Confiscation: Requisition
- (b) Extract, evoke
- (c) Acclaim: Exalt
- (d) Frugal: Parsimonious
- (e) Friendly: Comradely

Q28. Mooted

- (a) Despicable: Abhorrent
- (b) Deceitful: Disingenuous
- (c) Cognizant: apprised
- (d) Broach, mention
- (e) Critic: Writer

Q29. Espouse

- (a) Flexible: Intransigent
- (b) Shallow: Insubstantial
- (c) Adopt, reject
- (d) Authoritative: Authentic
- (e) Fatal: Lethal

Q30. Frantic

- (a) Berserk, placid
- (b) Furtive: Sly
- (c) Meddle: Interfere
- (d) Taint: Spoil
- (e) Vicinity: Proximity



Directions (31-40): In each of the following questions, a word has been used in sentences in **THREE** different ways. Choose the option corresponding to the sentence in which the usage of the word is **INCORRECT** or **INAPPROPRIATE**.

Q31. OUTRAGE

(I) Radio talk shows have been besieged with callers expressing outrage on the subject.

(II) No one has yet claimed responsibility for this latest bomb outrage.

(III) Hospital authorities admitted that a outrage mistake/error had taken place.

- (a) Only (I)
- (b) Only (II)
- (c) Only (III)
- (d) Both (I) and (II)
- (e) Both (II) and (III)

Q32. ONUS

(I) I love the job, and it's an added onus that it's so close to home.

(II) The onus is on the shopkeeper to provide goods which live up to the quality of their description.

(III) The onus, however, is on the student to obtain full benefit from the programme initiated by the ward staff.

- (a) Only (I)
- (b) Only (II)
- (c) Only (III)
- (d) Both (I) and (II)
- (e) Both (II) and (III)

Q33. DELIBERATE

(I) His actions were clearly the result of deliberate calculation.

(II) Can you pick out the three deliberate mistakes in this paragraph?

(III) He was sure that the casualness of the gesture was deliberate.

- (a) Only (I)
- (b) Only (II)
- (c) Only (III)
- (d) Both (I) and (II)
- (e) All are correct

Q34. OBSCENE

(I) The amendment prohibits obscene or indecent materials which denigrate the objects or beliefs of a particular religion.

(II) A city magistrate ruled that the novel was obscene and copies should be destroyed.

(III) For the lucky few, there's the chance of being plucked from obscene and thrown into the glamorous world of modelling.

- (a) Only (I)
- (b) Only (II)
- (c) Only (III)
- (d) Both (I) and (II)
- (e) Both (II) and (III)

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Q35. EMBLEMATIC

(I) A sword is emblematic of power gained by violence.

(II) The evaluation of changes in disease specific mortality rates over time is emblematic because of changes in classification procedures and death certification practices.

(III) When politics invades religion, legality becomes merely emblematic.

- (a) Only (I)
- (b) Only (II)
- (c) Only (III)
- (d) Both (I) and (II)
- (e) Both (II) and (III)

Q36. TWEAK

(I) Tweak men wait for opportunity, but the strong men make it.

(II) Maybe you should tweak a few sentences before you send in the report.

(III) Babies are tweak and vulnerable in the presence of huge shapes that they can only dimly perceive.

- (a) Only (I)
- (b) Only (II)
- (c) Only (III)
- (d) Both (I) and (II)
- (e) Both (I) and (III)

Q37. TEDIOUS

(I) The job is tedious, but the pay is good.

(II) Such lists are long and tedious to read.

(III) We had to sit through several tedious speeches.

- (a) Only (I)
- (b) Only (II)
- (c) All are correct
- (d) Both (I) and (II)
- (e) Both (II) and (III)

Q38. BOLSTER

(I) The high interest rates helped to bolster up the economy.

(II) In an effort to bolster support Lini demanded a pledge of loyalty from each of his ministers.

(III) There was a bolster of fans around him, asking for autographs.

- (a) Only (I)
- (b) Only (II)
- (c) Only (III)
- (d) Both (I) and (II)
- (e) Both (II) and (III)

Q39. LAMPOON

(I) His cartoons mercilessly lampoon the leading politician of the day.

(II) The lampoon of the shutter awoke me.

(III) He uses doggerel and lampoon as weapons against his captors.

- (a) Only (I)
- (b) Only (II)
- (c) Only (III)
- (d) Both (I) and (II)
- (e) Both (II) and (III)

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Q40. QUEST

(I) Nothing will stop them in their quest for truth.

(II) He travelled across continents in his quest for adventure.

(III) You should not be afraid to aim high in the quest for an improvement in your income.

- (a) Only (I)
- (b) Only (II)
- (c) Only (III)
- (d) Both (I) and (II)
- (e) All are correct

Directions (41-45): In the following questions two columns are given containing three sentences/phrases each. In first column, sentences/phrases are A, B and C and in the second column the sentences/phrases are D, E and F. A sentence/phrase from the first column may or may not connect with another sentence/phrase from the second column to make a grammatically and contextually correct sentence. Each question has five options, four of which display the sequence(s) in which the sentences/phrases can be joined to form a grammatically and contextually correct sentence. If none of the options given forms a correct sentence after combination, mark (e), i.e. "None of these" as your answer.

Q41.

COLUMN I	COLUMN II
(A) It is difficult to imagine that Murshidabad, now a small,	(D) of Murshid Quli Khan, the founder of the Nasiri dynasty.
(B) One such fallen emperor was Sarfaraz Khan, the maternal grandson	(E) with the title of Alauddin Haider Jung.
(C) Sarfaraz could only ascend the throne in 1739	(F) sleepy town in West Bengal, was among the richest courts of the 18th and 19th century.

- (a) A-F, C-E and B-D
- (b) A-E
- (c) A-E and B-F
- (d) C-D and A-E
- (e) None of these

Q42.

COLUMN I	COLUMN II
(A) I have highlighted how the language of literature goes beyond the expectation of 'communication' (B) Babies are weak and vulnerable in the presence of huge shapes (C) These problems can vary in intensity from parents concerned about how to wean,	(D) to parents' neglected and underfeeding their children. (E) in other language usages, such as medical literature or business writing. (F) that they can only dimly perceive.

- (a) A-F and B-D
- (b) A-E
- (c) A-E and B-F
- (d) C-D
- (e) None of these

Q43.

COLUMN I	COLUMN II
(A) Cigarette filters are designed to trap some of the tar and nicotine enabling smokers (B) Fritz snatched the cigarette from his mouth and stepped away from the fire, (C) I've been going out with the same people to the same clubs	(D) for years and I've just grown weary of it. (E) glancing around nervously into the darkness. (F) to weaning themselves off cigarettes gradually.

- (a) A-F and B-D
- (b) A-E
- (c) A-E and B-F
- (d) C-D and B-E
- (e) None of these

Q44.

COLUMN I	COLUMN II
(A) Silicone lubricant enhances recovery of nucleic acids after phenol-chloroform extraction (B) Because the new semifluid open gear lubricants generally don't include a solvent (C) The edges of mirrors can be smoothed with a carborundum stone but by	(D) using water rather than oil as the lubricant. (E) the lubricant won't thicken like the old solvent cutback type products. (F) Phenol-chloroform extraction is a major step in the purification of nucleic acids.

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

Q45.

COLUMN I	COLUMN II
(A) A bank's local market share tends to be divided equally	(D) walking distance of the town centre.
(B) Your accommodation is conveniently located with	(E) into the local branch and branches located elsewhere.
(C) This technique was then adopted for refining in mills	(F) the more sophisticated cultures of the ancient world.

- (a) A-F and B-D
(b) A-E
(c) A-E and B-F
(d) C-D and B-E
(e) None of these

Directions (46-50): In the following questions few sentences are provided. Identify and mark the sentence which may fail to become the part of the paragraph coherently. In questions where “none of these” is an option and all the sentences are meaningful and logical with the context of the paragraph, mark (e) i.e., “none of these” as your answer choice.

- Q46.** (a) In the latest stranding, up to 90 pilot whales beached themselves late Thursday at Hanson Bay on the remote Chatham Islands, said the Department of Conservation.
(b) Their bodies resemble the streamlined form of a fish, while the forelimbs or flippers are paddle-shaped.
(c) When staff arrived at first light, they said they found up to 40 of the whales had refloated themselves but another 50 had died on the beach.
(d) The department said one beached whale remained alive, which staff decided to euthanize due to its poor condition.
(e) None of these

- Q47.** (a) The two countries will try to find an amicable solution to the various problems plaguing bilateral trade relations, such as disputes over intellectual property rights and Chinese state support for domestic industries, through talks over the next three months
(b) Meanwhile, the U.S. will refrain from raising the tariff on Chinese goods worth \$200 billion from the current rate of 10% to 25% on January 1, 2019, as planned.
(c) Chinese telecom equipment giant Huawei's Chief Financial Officer Sabrina Meng Wanzhou has been detained by Canadian authorities at the request of the US government, a move that sparked a protest from the Chinese government.
(d) In return, according to the White House, China will purchase agricultural and other goods from the U.S. in order to reduce the trade imbalance between the two countries.
(e) None of these

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Q48. (a) From a public health perspective, the report sounds a warning that rising temperatures will enable the dengue virus and malaria to spread farther and faster.

(b) The staggering loss of an estimated 153 billion hours of labour during 2017 due to rising temperatures around the globe is a reminder to governments that they are not doing enough to dramatically curb greenhouse gas emissions.

(c) The Lancet countdown on health and climate has reported that India was particularly affected by the rising frequency of heatwave events and lost about 75 billion hours of work, a significant part of it in the agricultural sector.

(d) This has worrying implications for rural employment and the well-being of a large section of the population that depends on farming.

(e) None of these

Q49. (a) The problem is aggravated by the burning of urban waste, diesel soot, vehicular exhaust, road and construction dust, and power generation.

(b) Tens of millions live with ambient air quality that is well short of even the relaxed parameters the country has set for fine particulates, compared with those of the World Health Organisation.

(c) This year's 'severe' air quality rating for Delhi and poor conditions prevailing in other cities in the Indo-Gangetic Plain should compel a decisive shift in policy

(d) They must address the burning of carbon, which is a direct source, and emissions with oxides of nitrogen and sulphur from vehicles that turn into fine particulates through atmospheric reactions.

(e) None of these

Q50. (a) There are three issues on which the Centre seems to have irked the RBI.

(b) It has refused to accept Governor Urjit Patel's point that the RBI is hobbled by lack of adequate powers in regulating public sector banks.

(c) The second is the tussle over the RBI's burgeoning reserves, a piece of which the Centre is eyeing to bridge its fiscal gap.

(d) Even as the inflation forecasts were lowered, the RBI underscored that the output gap has virtually closed.

(e) None of these

Directions (51-55): In each of the following questions, a sentence is given which may or may not have an error in it. In the options given below each question, four ways of writing the same sentence are given. You have to choose the sentence which is grammatically and contextually correct. If the sentence is correct as it is, choose option (e) as your answer.

Q51. Gandhi himself spent a good part of his busy life experimenting with the symbols — particularly styles of dresses — that would enhance his message.

(a) Gandhi himself spent a good part of his busy life experiment with the symbols — particularly styles of dresses — that would enhance his message.

(b) Gandhi himself spent a good part of his busy life experimented with the symbols — particularly styles of dresses — that would enhance his message.

(c) Gandhi himself spent a good part of his busy life experimenting with the symbols — particularly styles of dresses — that would enhancing his message.

(d) Gandhi himself spent a good part of his busy life experimenting with the symbols — particularly styles of dresses — that would enhances his message.

(e) No Error

Q52. While nuclear costs have been rise, other low-carbon sources of electricity, especially solar energy, have become cheaper.

- (a) While nuclear costs have been rising, other low-carbon sources of electricity, especially solar energy, have become cheaper.
- (b) While nuclear costs have been risen, other low-carbon sources of electricity, especially solar energy, have become cheaper.
- (c) While nuclear costs having rising, other low-carbon sources of electricity, especially solar energy, have become cheaper.
- (d) While nuclear costs have been rising, other low-carbon sources of electricity, especially solar energy, have became cheaper.
- (e) No Error

Q53. The dialogue sounded stilted and unnaturally, perhaps because of the translation from the original Russian.

- (a) The dialogue sounding stilted and unnatural, perhaps because of the translation from the original Russian.
- (b) The dialogue has been sounded stilted and unnatural, perhaps because of the translation from the original Russian.
- (c) The dialogue sounded stilted and unnatural, perhaps because of the translation from the original Russian.
- (d) The dialogue sounded stilt and unnatural, perhaps because of the translation from the original Russian.
- (e) No Error

Q54. Since its maiden Test at Lord's in 1932, India gain strength as a powerhouse at home but remained diffident overseas.

- (a) Since its maiden Test at Lord's in 1932, India gained strength as a powerhouse at home but remain diffident overseas.
- (b) Since its maiden Test at Lord's in 1932, India gained strength as a powerhouse at home but remained diffident overseas.
- (c) Since its maiden Test at Lord's in 1932, India has gained strength as a powerhouse at home but remained diffident overseas.
- (d) Since its maiden Test at Lord's in 1932, India have gained strength as a powerhouse at home but remained diffident overseas.
- (e) No Error

Q55. Literary freedom is take for granted in democracies, but forces that threaten or undermine it are always at work.

- (a) Literary freedom is taking for granted in democracies, but forces that threaten or undermine it are always at work.
- (b) Literary freedom is taken of granted in democracies, but forces that threaten or undermine it are always at work.
- (c) Literary freedom is taken for granted in democracies, but forcing that threaten or undermine it are always at work.
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Directions (56-60): Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow the passage.

Rise in salinity in the water system that makes the Indian Sunderbans has resulted in a decrease in population of the Ganges River Dolphins in the region.

A recent study 100 km of rivers and channels around the Sunderbans has **revealed** that the national aquatic animal is no longer sighted in the central and eastern parts of the archipelago. Only in the western part of Sunderbans, where the salinity is lower, could researchers find some evidence of the species.

The details of the study have been published in Journal of Threatened Taxa, in an article titled Possible Range Decline of Ganges River Dolphin Platanista Gangetica in Indian Sundarban. The paper, authored by Sangita Mitra and Mahua Roy Chowdhury, states that "sighting records in the present study reveal that distribution of GRD (Ganges River Dolphin) is influenced by the salinity level of the waterways".

Q56. Which of the following reflects the result of the study mentioned in the paragraph?

- (a) None of the below
- (b) The water system around the Sunderbans has a length of 100 km.
- (c) Indian Sunderbans is an archipelago.
- (d) Salinity level in the water system that makes the Indian Sunderbans has risen.
- (e) Distribution of GRD (Ganges River Dolphin) is influenced by the salinity level of the waterways.

Q57. Which of the followings could be inferred from the noun-phrase 'National Aquatic Animal'? Answer the question based on the information available in the whole passage.

- (a) Turtle is not the national aquatic animal of India.
- (b) If an animal is a nation animal, then it means that the population of that animal is large in number in that nation.
- (c) National aquatic animal is same as national animal.
- (d) Both Options (a) and (c)
- (e) None of the above

Q58. In which of the following areas could researchers find GRD (Ganges River Dolphin)?

- (a) Water system that makes the Indian Sunderbans
- (b) Central parts of the Indian Sunderbans
- (c) Western Parts of the Indian Sunderbans
- (d) Eastern Parts of the Indian Sunderbans
- (e) None of the above

Q59. Which of the following word is the SYNONYM of the word 'reveal'?

- (a) entitle
- (b) mention
- (c) wield
- (d) divulge
- (e) operate

Q60. Which of the following word can fill in the blank given in the passage above?

- (a) surround
- (b) covering
- (c) imaging
- (d) sounding
- (e) Both (a) and (b)

Directions (61-65): Answer the following questions after rearranging the following sentences into a coherent paragraph and identify the sentence that doesn't fit in the context of the paragraph.

(A) Interestingly, the CSO's growth estimate for 2018-19 appears conservative and is lower than the estimates made by institutions such as the Reserve Bank of India and the World Bank.

(B) The GDP growth rate for the full year is projected to be at 7.2%, which is significantly higher than the growth rate of 6.7% achieved last year.

(C) Sectors such as manufacturing and construction, for instance, are projected to grow at a healthy pace of 8.3% and 8.9%, respectively, both of which are higher than the growth rate of below 6% that each sector witnessed last year.

(D) The first advance estimate of gross domestic product (GDP) growth for 2018-19 released by the Central Statistics Office on Monday paints a mixed picture of the economy.

(E) The Composition Scheme currently allows companies with an annual turnover of up to ₹1 crore to opt for it, and file returns on a quarterly basis at a nominal rate of 1%.

(F) Many sectors of the economy are projected to do better than they did last year in the aftermath of the twin shocks of demonetisation and the rollout of the Goods and Services Tax.

(G) A worrying trend in the economic data is the recent sequential deceleration in growth over consecutive quarters. According to the CSO, growth is likely to slow down considerably from the average of 7.6% recorded during the first half of the current fiscal year to around 6.8% in the second half.

Q61. Considering the statement (D), "The first advance estimate of gross domestic product (GDP) growth for 2018-19 released by the Central Statistics Office on Monday paints a mixed picture of the economy." as the FIRST statement of the paragraph after the rearrangement, which one among the following pairs is consecutively related with each other?

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

Q62. Considering the statement (D), "The first advance estimate of gross domestic product (GDP) growth for 2018-19 released by the Central Statistics Office on Monday paints a mixed picture of the economy." as the FIRST statement of the paragraph after the rearrangement, which one among the following statements does not belong to the coherent paragraph?

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

Q63. Considering the statement (D), “The first advance estimate of gross domestic product (GDP) growth for 2018-19 released by the Central Statistics Office on Monday paints a mixed picture of the economy.” as the FIRST statement of the paragraph after the rearrangement, what should be the logical and meaningful sequence of the rearranged paragraph after eliminating the incoherent statement?

- (a) DFGCAB
- (b) DBFCAG
- (c) DBAGEF
- (d) DBAFCE
- (e) DGBFAC

Q64. Considering the statement (D), “The first advance estimate of gross domestic product (GDP) growth for 2018-19 released by the Central Statistics Office on Monday paints a mixed picture of the economy.” as the FIRST statement of the paragraph after the rearrangement, which of the following statement should be the LAST sentence after the rearrangement? (Excluding the incoherent sentence)

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

Q65. Considering the statement (D), “The first advance estimate of gross domestic product (GDP) growth for 2018-19 released by the Central Statistics Office on Monday paints a mixed picture of the economy.” as the FIRST statement of the paragraph after the rearrangement, which of the following statement should be the FOURTH sentence after the rearrangement? (Excluding the incoherent sentence)

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

Directions (66-71): Rearrange the following seven sentences (A), (B), (C), (D) and (E) in the proper sequence to form a meaningful paragraph and then answer the questions given below.

(A) In the face of this apparent inequality, is it even possible for an outcome that favours the outnumbered minority?

(B) On the one side are some 8,000 Dongria Kondh and other tribals, sometimes referred to as “primitive” tribes.

(C) For in those thickly forested hills, where under the rich and diverse plant and animal life above the soil lie valuable deposits of bauxite underneath, an environmental battle of an epic scale is being fought.

(D) On the other is the State of Odisha and one of the most powerful multi-national companies in the world, Vedanta.

(E) I have never been to Niyamgiri in Odisha. But what is playing out there since July 18 is a drama that has people like me mesmerised even at this distance.

Q66. Which of the following will be the SECOND sentence after the rearrangement?

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

Q67. Which of the following will be the FIRST sentence after the rearrangement?

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

Q68. Which of the following will be the FIFTH sentence after the rearrangement?

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

Q69. Which of the following will be the FOURTH sentence after the rearrangement?

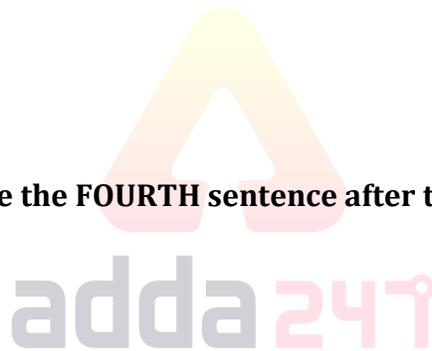
- (a) A
- (b) B
- (c) C
- (d) D
- (e) E

Q70. Which of the following will be the THIRD sentence after the rearrangement?

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

Q71. What is the sequence of rearrangement of the sentences?

- (a) ADCBE
- (b) ABCDE
- (c) EBDCA
- (d) ECBDA
- (e) None of the Above



Directions (72-75): Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow the passage. Some words may be highlighted to help you some of the questions.

The Union Cabinet on Friday, 28 December 2018 approved the ambitious Gaganyaan programme, which will send three Indian astronauts to space for up to seven days by 2022 at a cost of ₹10,000 crore.

The project was first announced by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in his Independence Day speech this year. As part of the programme, two unmanned flights and one manned flight will be undertaken.

The first human space flight demonstration is targeted to be completed within 40 months of the sanction date. Prior to this, two unmanned flights in full **complement** will be carried out to gain confidence, the government said.

The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) has developed the launch vehicle GSLV MK-III, which has the necessary payload capability to launch a three-member crew module in low earth orbit.

Q72. Which of the following purposes will be served by the two unmanned flights prior to the flight carrying humans?

- (a) It is the will of the Prime Minister Narendra Modi.
- (b) To show off to the world that the ISRO can launch three space flights.
- (c) To be confident prior to sending humans into space.
- (d) Options (a) and (b)
- (e) None of the above

Q73. How many human space flight demonstrations will have been conducted by the ISRO prior to the Gaganyaan programme?

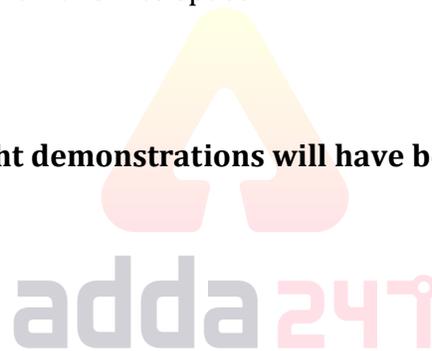
- (a) 1
- (b) 2
- (c) 3
- (d) 4
- (e) None of the above

Q74. How many days will Indian astronauts are expected to spend in space?

- (a) Seven days
- (b) Maximum three days
- (c) Minimum four days
- (d) Maximum seven days
- (e) None of the above

Q75. Which of the following words is the SYNONYM of 'complement'?

- (a) accompaniment
- (b) association
- (c) relative
- (d) ivory
- (e) pointer



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Direction (76-85): 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.

Q76. The system that was put in place during the early years of the Republic deserves serious re-evaluation in an era when technology has paved **the way for deploy a better equipped arsenal**.

- (a) the way for deploying a better equipped arsenal.
- (b) the way for deployed a better equipped arsenal.
- (c) the way for the deploying a better equipped arsenal.
- (d) the way for deploying a better equipping arsenal.
- (e) No change required

Q77. Given the deep inequalities **prevalent in excess to education and jobs** based on caste and socio-economic status, affirmative action (or positive discrimination) makes a lot of sense.

- (a) prevalent in accessing to education and jobs
- (b) prevalent in access to education and jobs
- (c) prevalent in excess of education and jobs
- (d) prevalent in accessing for education and jobs
- (e) No change required

Q78. The Bill promises 10% reservation to individuals classified as economically backward. However, while a number of criteria were discussed in the parliamentary debate, **despite the Bill is quite silent on this**.

- (a) rather the Bill is quite silent on this.
- (b) moreover the Bill is quite silent on this.
- (c) the Bill is quite silent on this.
- (d) hence the Bill is quite silent on this.
- (e) No change required

Q79. One of the first decisions of the newly elected Ashok Gehlot government in Rajasthan has been **to scrapping the minimum educational qualification criteria for** candidates contesting local body elections.

- (a) to scrapped the minimum educational qualification criteria for
- (b) to scrapper the minimum educational qualification criteria for
- (c) to scrap of the minimum educational qualification criteria for
- (d) to scrap the minimum educational qualification criteria for
- (e) No change required

Q80. Denying the right to contest effectively restricts the right of a citizen to vote for a candidate of her choice **since more than half the population is restrict from contesting**.

- (a) since more than half the population is restricted from contesting.
- (b) since more than half the population is restricting from contesting.
- (c) since more than half the population is restricted from contest.
- (d) although more than half the population is restricted from contesting.
- (e) No change required

Q81. In a country like India with unequal access to education, **it is cruel to blame citizens for the failure** of the state to fulfil its constitutional obligations.

- (a) it is cruel to blame citizens for the failure
- (b) it is cruel to blaming citizens for the failure
- (c) it is cruel to blame citizens off the failure
- (d) it is cruel to blame citizens for the fail
- (e) No change required

Q82. There are several reasons why China's achievement in landing a spacecraft on the far side of the moon **could have triggered a rivalry with the U.S. in outer space.**

- (a) could trigger a rivalry off the U.S. in outer space.
- (b) could trigger a rivalry with the U.S. in outer space.
- (c) could triggered a rivalry with the U.S. in outer space.
- (d) could triggering a rivalry with the U.S. in outer space.
- (e) No change required

Q83. China's Chang'e-4 lunar rover scripted history on January 3 when it made the first-ever soft landing on the far side of the moon and sent back close-up images of the previously unexplored region, a giant leap for cosmic exploration and a major boost **to the Communist nations quest to become a space superpower.**

- (a) to the Communist nations quest for become a space superpower.
- (b) to the Communist nation's quest to becoming a space superpower.
- (c) to the Communist nation's quest to become a space superpower.
- (d) to the Communist nations questing to become a space superpower.
- (e) No change required

Q84. China has named the lunar rover, successfully deployed on Thursday to carry out a string of experiments **on the far side of the moon, as 'Yutu-2'.**

- (a) on the far side of the moon, describing 'Yutu-2'.
- (b) on the far side of the moon, like 'Yutu-2'.
- (c) on the far side of the moon, for 'Yutu-2'.
- (d) on the far side of the moon, specific 'Yutu-2'.
- (e) No change required

Q85. On October 26, 2018, a three-judge Bench of the Supreme Court, headed by the Chief Justice of India, was confronted with a straightforward legal question: whether the decision taken by the Central Vigilance Commission (CVC) and the Central government **to divested Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) Director Alok Verma of his powers and functions was legally valid.**

- (a) to divesting Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) Director Alok Verma of his powers and functions was legally valid.
- (b) to divest Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) Director Alok Verma of his powers and functions was legally validate.
- (c) to divest Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) Director Alok Verma of his powers and functions was legal valid.
- (d) to divest Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) Director Alok Verma of his powers and functions was legally valid.
- (e) No change required

Directions (86-90): In each of the questions below, there is a word given in bold which is followed by five options. In each of the options, a pair of words is given which is either the pair of synonyms or antonyms or synonym & antonym of the word given in bold. Choose that pair as your answer.

Q86. FORMIDABLE

- (a) Smashing: Shivering
- (b) Brooding: Dreadful
- (c) Vague: Precise
- (d) Ambiguous: Equivocal
- (e) Superficial: Bewildered

Q87. BUCOLIC

- (a) Flimsy: Insignificant
- (b) Fickle: Wavering
- (c) Pastoral: Rural
- (d) Mediate: Intermediate
- (e) Encountered: Anticipated

Q88. PARSIMONIOUS

- (a) Opulent: Extensive
- (b) Invigorated: Exorbitant
- (c) Gloomy: Bright
- (d) Extravagant: Frugal
- (e) Sonorous: Melodious

Q89. ESCHEW

- (a) Confront: Intervene
- (b) Visualize: Surplus
- (c) Involvement: Insufficiency
- (d) Noisy: Lavish
- (e) Solitude: Sullen

Q90. RUMINATE

- (a) Contempt: Denigration
- (b) Evade: Dodge
- (c) Abscond: Escape
- (d) Contemplate: Ponder
- (e) Uninspiring: Demotivating

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Directions (91-95): 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.

Q91. Virgo is one of the most signs in the zodiac and has the ability to figure out what is wrong at a moment's notice.

- (a) miserably
- (b) empathetic
- (c) impolitely
- (d) luminous
- (e) Both (a) and (b)

Q92. As an atheist, Mark wanted proof of a god, but Sarah was a because she believed in god but not his powers.

- (a) exalt
- (b) Both (a) and (d)
- (c) heretic
- (d) exult
- (e) pauper

Q93. In this thesis we on the related virtual memory image map structure in windows operation system, process and thread synchronization and communication technologies, windows socket library.

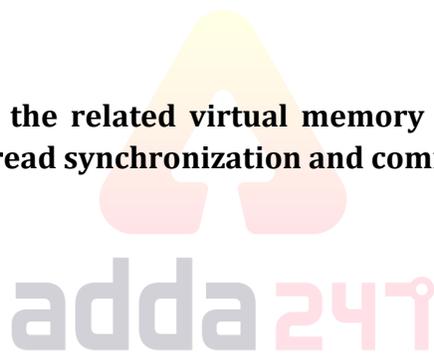
- (a) demure
- (b) modest
- (c) Both (a) and (d)
- (d) expatiate
- (e) depart

Q94. With everyone's help, we were able to pick up all the trash and make the park

- (a) Both (c) and (d)
- (b) scuttle
- (c) tarnish
- (d) labyrinth
- (e) immaculate

Q95. The priest spent his Saturday afternoon telling people how they could be forgiven for their sins.

- (a) meticulous
- (b) venial
- (c) addled
- (d) Both (a) and (b)
- (e) ineffable



Directions (96-100): Each question below has two blanks. There are five pairs of words below the sentence. Choose the pair of words which can be filled up in the blanks in the sentence in the same order so as to complete the sentences meaningfully.

Q96. For the first time, a quota in jobs and educational institutions on the basis of economic in lieu of socio-cultural-educational deprivation has been legislated. The Lok Sabha has passed the 124th Constitutional amendment bill of the Modi Government bringing in 10 per cent quota for the deprived non reserved category citizens of India.

- (a) legitimate, highest
- (b) deprivation, economically
- (c) backward, regionally
- (d) testimony, weaker
- (e) Both (a) and (c)

Q97. Reservation without creation of jobs is like a desert. Whatever share you get, there is still no water to crops.

- (a) bargaining, grow
- (b) watering, protected
- (c) divide, embrace
- (d) dividing, grow
- (e) Both (a) and (d)

Q98. A man with severe burn injuries is said to have been dumped into a garbage used for hospital waste. If a human being can be equated with such waste, there is life yet in the debate on the quality of life as the nation in its quest for the elusive acche din.

- (a) bin, embed
- (b) vat, stumbles
- (c) vat, shear
- (d) bin, fervor
- (e) Both (a) and (b)

Q99. The women in this country have many barriers to cross—securing a ticket on a manned space flight is a very small but important one. In a country struggling tothe meaning of “Beti bachao, beti padhao”, an Indian woman in the country’s own space flight might just be the story those small village girls, currently burdened with the of domestic chores, need to read or be told about.

- (a) enroll, relaxation
- (b) ignite, toiled
- (c) highlight, turpitude
- (d) embrace, drudgery
- (e) Both (c) and (d)

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Q100. The international system recognizes and divides nation states in terms of their respective “powers”. Some are called great powers; some are identified as middle powers; some as emerging powers; and others, rising powers. Each of these has a specific meaning attached with them because different kinds of powers have different, roles and functions in international relations.

- (a) terminology, strategic
- (b) terminologies, attributes
- (c) iteration, constitution
- (d) iterating, projects
- (e) Both (a) and (b)

Directions (101-105): Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow the passage. Some words may be highlighted to help you some of the questions.

A U.K. tourist calling up the British High Commission in New Delhi to buy vegetarian sausages is among one of the more quirky requests made by Britons travelling abroad in 2018, authorities here said on Sunday.

The unnamed man’s vegetarian sausage hunt in India is on a list of top 10 requests, which the U.K. Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO) highlighted it could not help with, while stressing on the crucial consular and medical support it can offer its nationals abroad.

The man in New Delhi asking what time the British High Commission opened, as he had heard it sold vegetarian sausages and wanted to buy some, was ranked seventh on the list, which was topped by a caller from the U.S. asking which celebrity contestant had won the popular BBC show ‘Strictly Come Dancing’. Other unusual requests included a man enquiring if there were vampires in Poland because a woman he met online asked what blood type he was before they met for their first date, and a caller in the Canary Islands wanted his hotel to be persuaded to give him a different room as a stray cat had “broken into” his existing one and urinated on his bed.

Q101. Which of the followings clearly describe the objective of the passage?

(I) To inform about the unconventional requests received by the U.K. Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

(II) To stress on the crucial consular and medical support FCO can offer its nationals abroad.

(III) To inform about the plight of the consular staffs of the U.K. Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

- (a) Only (III)
- (b) Both (II) & (III)
- (c) Only (I)
- (d) All of (I), (II) and (III)
- (e) None of (I), (II) and (III)

Q102. What was the rank of the request to buy vegetarian sausages in the list of quirky requests received by the FCO?

- (a) First
- (b) Seventh
- (c) Third
- (d) Ninth
- (e) Fifth

Q103. To which nation the person belonged who made the request which topped the list of quirky requests received by the British High Commission in New Delhi?

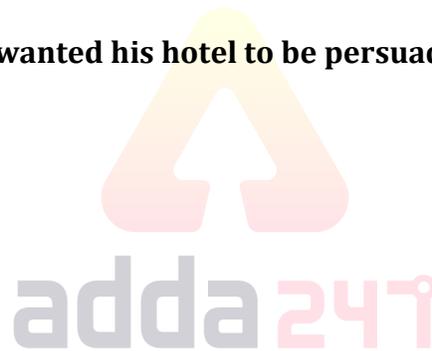
- (a) Canary Islands
- (b) India
- (c) The U.K.
- (d) Poland
- (e) The U.S.

Q104. With what notion in mind did the man, wanted to buy vegetarian sausages, call the British High Commission?

- (a) The British High Commission sells vegetarian sausages.
- (b) The British High Commission helps its citizen abroad in persuading a hotel to change their room.
- (c) The British High Commission provides crucial consular and medical support to her citizens abroad.
- (d) The British High Commission has answers to every query of their citizens visiting abroad.
- (e) None of the above

Q105. Where was the caller, who wanted his hotel to be persuaded to give him a different room, at the time he/she made the call?

- (a) The U.K
- (b) The U.S.
- (c) India
- (d) Canary Islands
- (e) Poland



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Directions (106-112): Read the following passage and answer the following questions accordingly. Some of the words are given in bold to answer the questions given below in the passage.

Paragraph 1: Japan has announced that for the first time since World War II it is seeking aircraft carriers as part of a massive 5-year \$242-billion military overhaul, primarily to counter what it perceives as a growing China threat, which is about \$17.8 billion more than in an earlier defense budget. Japan is now ahead of the UK as the biggest non-US buyer of the stealth fighter F-35 jets produced by Lockheed Martin. Defense officials unveiled plans to refit its Izumo-class warships to carry US-designed F-35B fighter jets, an advanced stealth fighter it hopes to purchase over forty of within the next decade, which have short takeoff and vertical landing capabilities. The stealth fighters will be deployable aboard two of Japan's largest ships, the JS Izumo and JS Kaga, which as flat-top ships more than 800 feet long and displacing 27,000 tons, can accommodate multiple fixed-wing aircraft and helicopters. The ambitious defense overhaul, called the National Defense Program Guideline, was approved by Japan's parliament on Tuesday and cited the "severity and uncertainty" of challenges with regional great power China, which are "increasing with extremely high speed."

Paragraph 2: The approved defense guideline further emphasized close US-Japanese strategic relations, which it described as “more important than ever for our national security,” and authorized Japan to actively support American military operations in the region. Japanese law was recently updated to allow its military to give logistical aid to US forces and is now expanded to protecting US vessels and aircraft.

Readiness against the advancing technical capabilities of China were also noted in the defense guideline, which cited “Rapid expansion of new areas, such as space, cyber and electromagnetic waves, is fundamentally changing the ideal state of national security, which had placed importance on dealing with physical areas such as land, sea and air.”

Paragraph 3: In media statements, Chief Cabinet Secretary Yoshihide Suga cited regional threats outlining the plan: “Under the drastically changing security environment around Japan, the government will take all possible measures to protect the lives and assets of Japanese people.” Defense officials also noted frequent foreign military activity in the East China Sea and western Pacific Ocean. And just this week Russia announced that it is continuing build-up on a series of islands claimed by Japan, which Moscow calls the Kuril Islands. Currently there are only two Japanese airbases which can be used by conventional fighter jets: Naha Air Base and the Maritime Self-Defense Force base on Iwo Jima. This has left Japanese military planners feeling unprepared as waters in the region grow hotter, especially in light of increased US-China confrontations and the potential for a wider confrontation.

Paragraph 4: Ships and fighter jets are set to “increase operational flexibility” for the military in terms of protecting remote Japanese islands, specifically in the southern waters. “We have a very, very small [military] footprint” in the area between Okinawa and Taiwan, the official said. Japan has denied that it's seeking “full-fledged aircraft carriers,” noting instead, “We are not creating carrier air wings or carrier air squadrons” like the US Navy, but that its future F-35B squadron would be primarily stationed on land. Meanwhile, Prime Minister Shinzo Abe has lately signaled Japan's readiness to abandon its 20th pacifism which was part of the terms of its defeat after WWII, citing emerging “threats” from China and North Korea. This new orientation has been manifest in the controversial procurement and testing of Tomahawk cruise missiles purchased from the US, which has angered nearby powers Russia and China.

Q106. “The world's major powers are developing more advanced combat jets as they seek to keep or gain an edge in the skies over potential adversaries.” Which is the US based fighter jet mentioned in the passage?

- (a) Eurofighter Typhoon
- (b) Dassault Rafale
- (c) Sukhoi T-50
- (d) Lockheed Martin F-35
- (e) Lockheed Martin F-22

Q107. What forte of a specific US designed fighter jet is mentioned in the passage? Answer only in reference to the passage.

- (a) Wide range of smart and discrete sensors.
- (b) Mission ready with low operating costs.
- (c) Short take-off and vertical landing capabilities.
- (d) Omni role by design.
- (e) A fully optimized airframe.

Q108. What is the threat posed on Japan with its ambitious defense overhaul?

- (a) Risks from US on the Japanese waters.
- (b) The proliferation of email-based cyber-attacks targeting specific businesses and organizations in Japan has made the threat of data leaks greater than ever.
- (c) Severity and Apprehensions of China Threat in Seeking Aircraft Carriers.
- (d) Japan's affluence and increased interest in leisure have put a different type of strain on the natural environment.
- (e) All of these.

Q109. According to NDCG, why is it necessary for Japan to deal with its national security?

- (a) As Japan's defense policies and weapons are weak in comparison to other countries.
- (b) As China is expanding in terms of areas such as space, cyber and electromagnetic waves.
- (c) Underscoring the sensitivity of the issue that South Korea is trying to attack the Japanese waters.
- (d) Because of the increasing rapid pace at which cross domain strategy is implemented.
- (e) None of these.

Q110. What is some of the examples of the changing security environment observed in relevance to Japan lately?

- (a) Russia's announcement of its building up on a series of islands claimed by Japan.
- (b) Frequent foreign military activity in the East China Sea and western Pacific Ocean.
- (c) Increased US-China confrontations.
- (d) Both (b) and (c)
- (e) All (a),(b) and (c)

Q111. Choose the word which is most nearly the SAME in meaning as the word printed in bold as used in the passage.

Overhaul

- (a) Rupture
- (b) Splintering
- (c) Crumble
- (d) Revamp
- (e) Disintegration

Q112. Choose the word which is most nearly the OPPOSITE in meaning as the word printed in bold as used in the passage.

Manifest

- (a) Apparent
- (b) Obscure
- (c) Evident
- (d) Conspicuous
- (e) Overt

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BILINGUAL

Directions (113-115): Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow the passage. Some words may be highlighted to help you some of the questions.

Over 56,000 kilometres of ecologically sensitive areas (ESA) in the Western Ghats could not be earmarked as 'no-go' zones due to State governments' 'insensitivity', a parliamentary committee has said. The panel has urged the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change to constitute a committee to address the issues and grievances of local people.

The recent monsoon floods in Kerala and parts of Karnataka should serve as alarm bells for the administrations in the States of Goa, Gujarat, Maharashtra, Kerala, Tamil Nadu and Karnataka, which have failed to mark ESA in the Western Ghats, the Committee on Government Assurances in the Rajya Sabha has said.

The panel, which keeps track of assurances given by ministers on the floor of the Upper House, presented its latest report on Monday. The panel had examined issues regarding the categorisation of the Western Ghats as ESA as per the recommendations of two committees led by Madhav Gadgil and K. Kasturirangan

Q113. What is the imperative which is being talked about in the passage?

- (a) Administration in the states of Goa, Gujarat, Maharashtra, Kerala, Tamil Nadu and Karnataka learn from the recent monsoon floods in Kerala and parts of Karnataka and take appropriate steps to protect the Western Ghats.
- (b) Constituting a committee to address the issues and grievances of local people living in the Western Ghats.
- (c) Earmarking ecologically sensitive areas in the Western Ghats as 'no-go' zones.
- (d) Options (b) and (c)
- (e) Options (a) and (c)

Q114. Which of the following states has its area being a part of the Western Ghats?

- (I) Goa
- (II) Odisha
- (III) Maharashtra
- (IV) Kerala
- (V) Chennai
- (a) (I), (III) and (IV)
- (b) (I), (III), (IV) and (V)
- (c) (I), (II), (III), (IV) and (V)
- (d) (II), (IV) and (V)
- (e) (I), (III) and (V)

Q115. Which of the following words has a meaning which is an ANTONYM of the given word 'grievances'?

- (a) Aberrations
- (b) Venality
- (c) Grumbles
- (d) Amusement
- (e) Predilection

Directions (116-120): Select the phrase/connector (STARTERS) from the given three options which can be used to form a single sentence from the two sentences given below, implying the same meaning as expressed in the statement sentences.

Q116. (I) The SEBI Chief pointed out that trust was the backbone of finance.

(II) The SEBI chief said that public trust in functioning of financial markets had of late declined due to some financial reporting scandals.

- (i) The SEBI Chief said pointing that trust was the backbone.....
 - (ii) Pointing out that trust was the backbone of finance.....
 - (iii) The SEBI Chief pointed that public trust in functioning of financial markets.....
- (a) Only (i)
 - (b) Both (ii) and (iii)
 - (c) Only (ii)
 - (d) Only (iii)
 - (e) None of the above

Q117. (I) There are a combination of factors, including unnecessary imports, market restrictions and oversupply in some commodities.

(II) Agricultural prices are also declining as a result of severe demand deflation in the economy, particularly the rural economy.

- (i) Summing up a combination of factors, including unnecessary imports.....
 - (ii) In accordance with confirms a combination of factors, including unnecessary imports.....
 - (iii) While there are a combination of factors, including unnecessary imports ,..
- (a) Only (iii)
 - (b) Both (ii) and (iii)
 - (c) Both (i) and (iii)
 - (d) Both (i) and (ii)
 - (e) None of the above

Q118. (I) Some of the deals date back as far as 2010.

(II) The deals remained active as late as 2017 and some were still in effect this year.

- (i) While some of the deals date back.....
 - (ii) Whereas some of the deals date back as far as.....
 - (iii) Though the deals remained active as late as 2017.....
- (a) Only (ii)
 - (b) Both (i) and (iii)
 - (c) Both (ii) and (iii)
 - (d) Both (i) and (ii)
 - (e) None of the above

Q119. (I) All banks issue debit cards.

(II) The rate of issuance for some banks is higher vis-à-vis their own ATM network and its expansion.

- (i) The rate of issuing debit cards for some banks.....
 - (ii) Though all banks issue debit cards.....
 - (iii) Despite the fact of issuance for some banks being higher
- (a) Only (iii)
 - (b) Both (i) and (iii)
 - (c) Both (ii) and (iii)
 - (d) Only (ii)
 - (e) None of the above



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Q120. (I) Digitization and Internet connectivity are the driving force of the Fourth Industrial Revolution.

(II) The initiative aims to create shared, safe global digital networks that encourage organizations to take action to create stable economies and societies.

- (i) Accordingly the initiative aims to create shared, safe global digital networks.....
 - (ii) Specifically digitization and Internet connectivity are the driving force.....
 - (iii) Because digitization and Internet connectivity are the driving force.....
- (a) Both (i) and (ii)
 - (b) Only (iii)
 - (c) Both (ii) and (iii)
 - (d) Only (ii)
 - (e) None of the above

