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Directions (1-7): Read the following passage and answer the following questions. Some words are highlighted to help students to answer some of the questions.

Christopher Marlowe is the most intellectual of the playwrights during the Elizabethan age in English Literature. The period known for unprecedented literary activity in England, finds its genius, chiefly, in drama whose most eloquent spokesman was William Shakespeare. Marlowe is, undoubtedly, the greatest of Shakespeare's predecessors in drama. To him, goes the credit of heralding the powerful English tragic drama that remains, even today, as one of the chief achievements of English literature. Marlowe died very young, before he was thirty, in suspicious circumstances but left about half a dozen tragedies all written in a period of five years—Tamburlaine (written in 1587), Doctor Faustus (written in 1586), The Jew of Malta (written in 1589), Edward II (written in 1591), and the Massacre of Paris (1592). **Endowed** with vast biblical and classical scholarship, a rebellious spirit and poetic imagination, Marlowe marks the end of an adolescent phase in English drama and begins its mature tragedy. In effecting this transition, Marlowe had to attempt to reconcile the traditions of medieval Christianity with the rise of the Reformation, on the one hand, and reconcile these two with the continental Renaissance humanism and the revival of the fascinating classical learning and literature, on the other. Additionally, there was the linguistic and lyrical upsurge of the blank verse and its liberating tone of freedom from the rigors of metrical verse. Whatever Marlowe wrote was poignant, for he could never separate his personal yearnings from his dramatic reflections. A very striking personality and a powerful dramatist, he is a significant part of a still greater tradition of the Elizabethan drama—tragedy in particular, which was taking shape in his time. Marlowe is judged with a sense of regret that he died young and that his talents left many, a masterpiece unwritten, especially in view of the fact that Shakespeare, similarly, gifted could achieve greatness with longer years of life. On Marlowe's four hundredth anniversary, Harry Levin reassessed Marlowe's importance thus:

Marlowe must abide the question of history, which Shakespeare has all but overflowed. Yes, he is for all time, we must agree with Ben Johnson. And Marlowe then, was he primarily for his age? Certainly, he caught its intensities, placed its rhythms, and dramatized its dilemmas as no Elizabethan writer had previously done, and as all would be doing thereafter to some extent...

Marlowe's output was **meteoric** in its development, and in its expression as well. In that sense, his end was not untimely, and it is futile to sentimentalize now over his fragments and unwritten master works. Shakespeare needed maturity to express ripeness, although he could never have matured without assuming first the youthful stance that Marlowe had made permanently his own. Insofar as he must seem for ever young, we are inclined to feel old as we belatedly reread him.

An understanding of this emerging tradition is necessary for clearer perspectives on Marlowe's dramatic endeavours and achievement.

Q1. Which of the following statements is/are False?

(I) Shakespeare is considered the most intellectual of the playwrights across all the ages in English Literature.

(II) Marlowe is credited with starting the tradition of writing English tragic drama.

(III) Christopher Marlowe is considered to be the greatest of Shakespeare's predecessors in drama.

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



Q2. Which of the following statements correctly portrays the ways through which Christopher Marlowe is decorated in the passage?

(I) Christopher Marlowe is the greatest antecedent to Shakespeare's in drama in English Literature.

(II) The tragic dramas written by Christopher Marlowe is considered one of the chief achievements of English Literature.

(III) Marlowe brought a sense of maturity in English drama.

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

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Q3. What Marlowe did to bring an end to an adolescent phrase in English drama?

- (I) He attempted harmonizing the traditions of medieval Christianity with the rise of Reformation.
 - (II) He made congruent medieval Christianity, Reformation with the continental Renaissance humanism and revival of the classical learning and literature.
 - (III) He separated his personal yearnings from his dramatic reflections.
- (a) Only (III)
 - (b) Both (I) and (II)
 - (c) Both (II) and (III)
 - (d) None of (I), (II) and (III)
 - (e) Each of (I), (II) and (III)

Q4. Why Marlowe is remembered and adjudicated with a sense of melancholy?

- (a) Shakespeare was a better dramatist than him.
- (b) He didn't live long enough to write masterpieces which would have enabled him to achieve greater greatness.
- (c) Shakespeare having similar talent to Marlowe achieved greatness with longer years of life.
- (d) Both (b) and (c)
- (e) None of the above

Q5. How does Harry Levin decorate Marlowe's importance?

- (a) Marlowe provided youthful stance to the English Drama which helped Shakespeare to mature and to express ripeness in his dramas.
- (b) Marlowe should be considered young for ever.
- (c) Marlowe's output was meteoric in both its development and expression.
- (d) None of (a), (b) and (c)
- (e) Each of (a), (b) and (c)

Q6. Which of the following options is an ANTONYM for the word 'meteoric'?

- (a) egregious
- (b) conspicuous
- (c) impudent
- (d) veracious
- (e) sedate

Q7. Which of the followings is a SYNONYM of 'endowed'?

- (a) mawkish
- (b) vindicate
- (c) enervate
- (d) bestow
- (e) castigate

Directions (8-10): In the following questions a part of the sentence is given in bold, it is then followed by three sentences which try to explain the meaning of the phrase given in bold. Choose the best set of alternatives from the five options given below each question which explains the meaning of the phrase correctly without altering the meaning of the given sentence.

Q8. A quick-thinking team who helped prevent an air crash are **in the running** for a top honour.

- (I) A quick-thinking team who helped prevent an air crash are in contention for a top honour.
 - (II) A quick-thinking team who helped prevent an air crash are being considered for a top honour.
 - (III) A quick-thinking team who helped prevent an air crash are prevailed for a top honour.
- (a) All of (I), (II) and (III)
 - (b) Only (I)
 - (c) Both (I) and (II)
 - (d) None of (I), (II) and (III)
 - (e) Only (II)

Q9. We are deeply upset that an unruly element **went out of their way** to cause trouble but they have been dealt with by police.

- (I) We are deeply upset that an unruly element bothered to cause trouble but they have been dealt with by police.
 - (II) We are deeply upset that an unruly element sloughed to cause trouble but they have been dealt with by police.
 - (III) We are deeply upset that an unruly element exerted oneself to cause trouble but they have been dealt with by police.
- (a) Both (I) and (III)
 - (b) All of (I), (II) and (III)
 - (c) None of (I), (II) and (III)
 - (d) Only (II)
 - (e) Both (II) and (III)

Q10. He was released on appeal after less than a year and claimed to have **mended his ways**, taking a college art course.

- (I) He was released on appeal after less than a year and claimed to have changed completely, taking a college art course.
 - (II) He was released on appeal after less than a year and claimed to have changed for the better, taking a college art course.
 - (III) He was released on appeal after less than a year and claimed to have improved himself, taking a college art course.
- (a) Both (I) and (II)
 - (b) Only (III)
 - (c) Both (II) and (III)
 - (d) All of (I), (II) and (III)
 - (e) None of (I), (II) and (III)



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Directions (11-15): Read each of the following sentences to find out if there is any grammatical error in it. The error, if any, will be in one part of the sentence. The number (A, B, C or D) of this part is your answer. If there is no error in the statement, then mark option (e) as your answer choice.

Q11. Jaish militant rams (A)/ explosives-lade vehicle (B)/ into bus that was part (C)/ of a convoy of 70 vehicles.(D)/

- (a) A
- (b) B
- (c) C
- (d) D
- (e) No Error

Q12. The cases pertained(A)/ to a sexual harassment (B)/ complaint filed by woman (C)/ Superintendent of Police. (D)/

- (a) A
- (b) B
- (c) C
- (d) D
- (e) No Error

Q13. A Supreme Court Bench of Justices A.K. Sikri and Ashok Bhushan (A)/ on Thursday gave a split opinion on whether the (B)/ Delhi government has control over the administration's services (C)/ and decide to refer the question to a larger Bench. (D)/

- (a) A
- (b) B
- (c) C
- (d) D
- (e) No Error

Q14. Nearly half of India's (A)/ waste-to-energy (WTE) plants, (B)/meant to convert (C)/ non-biodegradable waste, is defunct. (D)/

- (a) A
- (b) B
- (c) C
- (d) D
- (e) No Error

Q15. Union Home Minister Rajnath Singh, who was also (A)/ supposed to attend, had to pull in of (B)/ the programme owing to the Jaish-e-Mohammed attack (C)/ on CRPF personnel in Jammu and Kashmir on Thursday. (D)/

- (a) A
- (b) B
- (c) C
- (d) D
- (e) No Error

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

Q16. (I) Israel, though still enhancing ties with China is desirous to supply military hardware and partners India on matters of security and economic development.

(II) The world is moving towards realpolitik, ignoring previous relations based on history, commonality of religion and humanitarian considerations.

(III) Across the globe, terrorism is a major threat, which India has kept under control.

(a) Only (I) is correct

(b) Only (II) is correct

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

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

(e) All are correct

Q17. (I) While the use of hard power and tough diplomatic negotiations almost invariably hog the spotlight in international relations, soft power rarely comes into play.

(II) Culture, including Buddhism and Hinduism, have become one of the three key markers in India's close engagement with South East Asia, the other two being commerce and maritime connectivity.

(III) Some experts opine that the emphasis in some versions of the Ramayana in South East Asia is more on story-telling than on evoking devotion.

(a) Only (I) is correct

(b) Only (II) is correct

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

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

(e) All are correct

Q18. (I) The RTE Act of 2009 mandated compulsory training of all teachers in a time-barred manner with a simultaneous overhaul of the teacher education curricula.

(II) While India has been one of the earliest countries to have institutionalized a teacher-education regime nationally, effectively outcomes of such training provisions have remained a matter of debate.

(III) A critical factor that dictates quality schooling is trained manpower.

(a) Only (I) is correct

(b) Only (II) is correct

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

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

(e) All are correct



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Q19. (I) Some of the scriptures and works of even non-Hindus mention the Ganga as the best of all rivers.
(II) The Ganga, regarded as the cradle of India's civilisation, has been gradually sinking and stinking.
(III) The sources of pollution are urban liquid wastes, industrial liquid wastes, large scale wallowing of cattle and dumping of the dead into the water.

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

Q20. (I) Japanese geologists estimate that a 2.3 square kilometer patch of seafloor might contain enough rare earth materials to sustain global demand for a year.

(II) The WWF predicts that we will be forced to colonize two planets within 50 years if natural resources continue to be exploited at the current rate.

(III) One of the asteroids are Eros, which is said to yield a value estimated at \$15.84 trillion, and to contain more gold than has ever been mined in the history of the earth.

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

Directions (21-25): In each question, the word at the top of the table is used in four different ways, numbered (a) to (d). Choose the option in which the usage of the word is INCORRECT or INAPPROPRIATE. If it is used correctly in every sentence choose option (e) as your choice.

Q21. APPRAISE

- (a) The President appropriately **appraised** Russell and Financial Times readers that he had already signed into law the National Peace and Reconciliation Commission Act.
- (b) In cooperation with other professionals, social workers will **appraise** the individual's needs.
- (c) He coolly **appraised** the situation, deciding which person would be most likely to succeed.
- (d) This prompted many employers to **appraise** their selection and recruitment policies
- (e) All are correct.

Q22. CREDULOUS

- (a) Because my brother is a **credulous** consumer, he is a salesperson's dream.
- (b) Even though there was very little evidence, the **credulous** jury decided the defendant was guilty.
- (c) Reference **credulous** sources to strengthen your argument.
- (d) Because the **credulous** public wanted to believe the killer was off the streets, they never questioned the arrest of an innocent man.
- (e) All are correct.

Q23. FLAUNT

- (a) While many people love to **flaunt** their possessions, I prefer people that keep a low profile.
- (b) The orchestra decided to **flaunt** convention/tradition, and wear their everyday clothes for the concert.
- (c) Donald Trump loves to **flaunt** his wealth and grandiose, whenever he has the chance.
- (d) Flavio was **flaunting** his tan in a pair of white trunks.
- (e) All are correct.

Q24. UNBEARABLE

- (a) A delegation of councillors is lobbying the Government because they say the noise is **unbearable**.
- (b) This argument is **unbearable** from an intellectual, moral and practical standpoint.
- (c) All I remember of childbirth was the **unbearable** pain and the relief when it was all over.
- (d) The grief she felt over Helen's death was almost **unbearable**.
- (e) All are correct.

Q25. LUXURIANT

- (a) We've bought a wonderfully **luxuriant** carpet for our bedroom.
- (b) In addition to its inferior size, the coyote is also shorter in the leg than the wolf, and carries a more **luxuriant** coat of hair.
- (c) This stretch of land was once covered with **luxuriant** forest, but is now bare.
- (d) He took no leading part in the war against the English, his energies being largely occupied with the satisfaction of his artistic and **luxuriant** tastes.
- (e) All are correct.

Directions (26-30): In the following passage there are blanks, each of which has been numbered. These numbers are printed below the passage and against each, five words/phrases are suggested, one of which fits the blank appropriately. Find out the appropriate word/phrase in each case.

Scientists said on Wednesday they had (26) down the oldest known lizard, a tiny creature that lived about 240 million years ago when Earth had a single continent and dinosaurs were brand new. Scans of the fossilized skeleton of *Megachirella* (27) the chameleon-sized reptile was an ancestor of today's lizards and snakes, which belong to a group called squamates, an international team (28) in the science journal Nature. This finding (29) the group back in time by 75 million years, and means that "lizards (30) the planet since at least 240 million years ago," study co-author Tiago Simoes of the University of Alberta in Canada said. That, in turn, suggested that squamates had already split from other ancient reptiles before the Permian/Triassic mass extinction some 252 million years ago, and survived it. Up to 95% of marine- and 75% of terrestrial life on earth was lost.

Q26.

- (a) founded
- (b) tracked
- (c) footprinted
- (d) overlooked
- (e) passed



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Q27.

- (a) closed
- (b) leaked
- (c) revealed
- (d) confronted
- (e) concealed

Q28.

- (a) autographed
- (b) replied
- (c) wrote
- (d) associated
- (e) determined

Q29.

- (a) yawned
- (b) cornered
- (c) continued
- (d) stopped
- (e) dragged

Q30.

- (a) inhabited
- (b) presented
- (c) followed
- (d) escaped
- (e) settled



Direction (31-35): 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.

Q31. (1) More and more countries are pledging to combat global warming and protecting the environment.
(2) The United States has not only pulled out of the 2015 Paris Agreement but has also taken climate change out of its National Security Strategy.

- (I) With more and more countries...
 - (II) Despite pulling out of the 2015...
 - (III) While more and more countries...
- (a) Only (I) is correct
 - (b) Only (II) is correct
 - (c) Both (I) and (III) are correct
 - (d) Both (II) and (III) are correct
 - (e) All are correct

- Q32.** (1) There are many dimensions and measurements of economic development.
(2) We tend to rely largely on a single measurement called Gross Domestic Product (GDP).
(I) While there are many dimensions...
(II) Although there are many dimensions...
(III) Despite the fact that there are many...
(a) Only (I) is correct
(b) Both (I) and (II) are correct
(c) Both (II) and (III) are correct
(d) Both (I) and (III) are correct
(e) All are correct

Q33. (1) There has been a rapid increase in Chinese investments and greater involvement of Chinese companies in construction and other businesses in Nepal.

(2) Chinese economic diplomacy too has become intense.

- (I) With a rapid increase in...
(II) Since Chinese diplomacy too...
(III) Notwithstanding Chinese economic...
(a) Only (I) is correct
(b) Only (II) is correct
(c) Only (III) is correct
(d) Both (I) and (III) are correct
(e) All are correct



Q34. (1) There is generally decrepit state of public health, most particularly in rural India.

(2) It would be utterly disingenuous to tinker with so critical an aspect of public policy.

- (I) Given the generally decrepit state...
(II) Considering the generally decrepit...
(III) In the light of the generally decrepit...
(a) Only (I) is correct
(b) Only (II) is correct
(c) Only (III) is correct
(d) Both (I) and (III) are correct
(e) All are correct

Q35. (1) Pluralism in many other spheres of national life is to be welcomed.

(2) There is little or no scope for medical pluralism.

- (I) While pluralism in many other...
(II) Although pluralism in many other...
(III) For medical pluralism, many spheres of...

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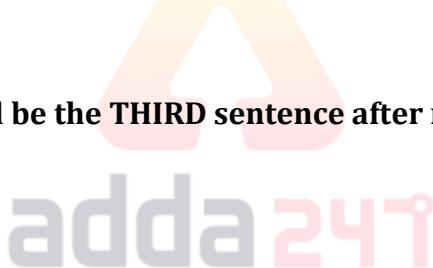
- (a) Only (I) is correct
- (b) Only (III) is correct
- (c) Both (I) and (II) are correct
- (d) Both (II) and (III) are correct
- (e) All are correct

Directions (36-40): Rearrange the following six sentences (A), (B), (C), (D), (E) and (F) in the proper sequence to form a meaningful paragraph and then answer the questions given below.

- (A) The Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) had warned global banks a day before Cosmos Bank was breached that a major hacking operation, targeting ATM machines, might be in the offing.
- (B) Cybersecurity experts have been drawing attention to the fact that Indian banks are still ill-equipped even after repeated assaults.
- (C) The security systems in banks need to be constantly upgraded to meet the challenges posed by hackers.
- (D) In the wake of the WannaCry virus attack in 2017, the Reserve Bank of India had categorically asked banks to take precautionary measures to protect ATMs. Many of these machines run on outdated operating systems.
- (E) That's easier said than done because cyber criminals always seem to be a step ahead.
- (F) This means that their core banking systems are vulnerable. In the latest case, they even failed to act on available intelligence.

Q36. Which of the following would be the THIRD sentence after rearrangement?

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



Q37. Which of the following would be the FIRST sentence after rearrangement?

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

Q38. Which of the following would be the FIFTH sentence after rearrangement?

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

Q39. Which of the following would be the SIXTH sentence after rearrangement?

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

Q40. Which of the following would be the FOURTH sentence after rearrangement?

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

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 1	Column 2
(A) What drove me towards taking up farming	(D) Was a really big deal for me, to be acknowledged by expert agronomists
(B) My reason of not being there	(E) Was my love for plants, inculcated in me by my mother
(C) I faced a lot of problems	(F) I was told to produce the organic fertilizer using vegetable waste

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

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Q42.

Column 1	Column 2
(A) Both the NNS and the NNM have recognised (B) Mandatory fortification with micro-nutrients (C) To simplify a complex issue,	(D) The criticality of working collaboratively across Ministries. (E) The constructive role that the private sector must play in realizing the ambitious goals. (F) In the absence of coordination with industry

(a) C-E and B-F

(b) A-F

(c) A-D and A-E

(d) A-E

(e) None of these

Q43.

Column 1	Column 2
(A) Production estimates were lower in the beginning of the season (B) The tissue-cultured seedlings of two dwarf hybrid varieties of areca nut developed by CPCRI (C) 600 seedlings of tall varieties can be planted on an acre	(D) Better adapted to climate challenges (E) Given the acute shortage of skilled labourers for harvesting (F) Are likely to be commercially available to farmers from January next.

(a) C-E and B-F

(b) A-F

(c) B-F

(d) A-D

(e) None of these

**Q44.**

Column 1	Column 2
(A) On the sectorial front, metal and PSU bank under-performed while (B) Healthcare, IT, tech and auto indices closed in the positive terrain (C) The NSE Nifty traded in the red for the major part of the session	(D) Others have underperformed. (E) In sectoral terms, the BSE metal index emerged as the worst performer, diving 2.18% (F) IT and pharma gained owing to depreciation in INR.

(a) C-D and B-F

(b) A-F

(c) B-E

(d) A-D

(e) None of these

Q45.

Column 1	Column 2
(A) Walmart also raised its annual earnings outlook and said	(D) Results of tax cuts and an improving job market
(B) Adjusted earnings came to \$1.29 per commerce share in the second quarter ended	(E) It is on track to increase U.S. e- sales by 40 per cent for the full year.
(C) The growth was led by strong performance in grocery, apparel and seasonal merchandise	(F) The company's stock has fallen around 9 per cent since the start of the year.

(a) C-E and B-F

(b) A-E

(c) B-E

(d) A-D

(e) None of these

Directions (46-48): Choose the word which is most SIMILAR in meaning to the word printed in bold below.

Q46. PARAMOUNT

(a) Inferior

(b) Superior

(c) Trivial

(d) Both (B) and (C)

(e) Secondary



Q47. COMMENDABLE

(a) Blameworthy

(b) Unworthy

(c) Both (B) and (A)

(d) Laudable

(e) Reprehensible

Q48. HUMONGOUS

(a) Dwindle

(b) Contraction

(c) Slump

(d) Tiny

(e) Immense

Directions (49-50): Choose the word which is most OPPOSITE in meaning to the word printed in bold below.

Q49. VIOLATE

- (a) Breach
- (b) Contravene
- (c) Oppose
- (d) Comply
- (e) Infringe

Q50. SPECULATE

- (a) Contemplate
- (b) Disregard
- (c) Ruminant
- (d) Surmise
- (e) Cogitate

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