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Directions (1-7): In the following questions, a sentence is divided into four parts consisting of a highlighted word in each part. Choose the option reflecting the word which is either misspelt or grammatically incorrect. If all the highlighted words are correct, choose option (e) i.e. "all are correct" as your answer choice.

Q1. Economic **recovery** would depend upon the **structured** of the economy and the product mix that **comprises** the gross domestic **product**.

- (a) Recovery
- (b) Structured
- (c) Comprises
- (d) Product
- (e) All are correct

Q2. **Growth** meant the **accumulation** of physical **capital** which raised the economy's **productive** capacity.

- (a) Growth
- (b) Accumulation
- (c) Capital
- (d) Productive
- (e) All are correct

Q3. For a nation that has **prided** itself on being a **beacon** of freedom and democracy for the world, the US seems **remarkably** unprepared to handle the scale of the **challenges**.

- (a) Prided
- (b) Beacon
- (c) Remarkably
- (d) Challenges
- (e) All are correct

Q4. The pandemic laid **bare** his governance **failures** just when the nation was **beginning** to look **seriously** at the next election cycle.

- (a) Bare
- (b) Failures
- (c) Beginning
- (d) Seriously
- (e) All are correct

Q5. There can be no **argument** about reducing **stress** on young minds **battling** unprecedented **interrupted** on account of the Covid-19 crisis.

- (a) Argument
- (b) Stress
- (c) Battling

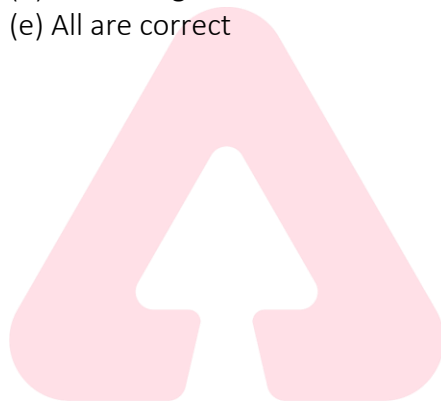
- (d) Interrupted
- (e) All are correct

Q6. There is **legitimate** concern that a government, which thrives on **obscurantism**, is taking **advantage** of a health crisis to push through **unwarrant** changes in the curriculum.

- (a) Legitimate
- (b) Obscurantism
- (c) Advantage
- (d) Unwarrant
- (e) All are correct

Q7. **Eroding** processes and institutions involved in **knowledge** production, while being **inemical** to democracy, is paramount to the **furthering** of ideological and political projects.

- (a) Eroding
- (b) Knowledge
- (c) Inemical
- (d) Furthering
- (e) All are correct



Directions (8-15): Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions given below it. Certain words have been printed in bold to help you locate them, while answering some of the questions.

In the second week of August 1998, just a few days after the incidents of bombing the US embassies in Nairobi and Dares-Salaam, a high-powered, brain-storming session was held near Washington D.C., to discuss various aspects of terrorism. The meeting was attended by ten of America's leading experts in various fields such as germ and chemical warfare, public health, disease control and also by the doctors and the law-enforcing officers. Being asked to describe the horror of possible bio-attack, one of the experts narrated the following gloomy scenario. A culprit in a crowded business centre or in a busy shopping mall of a town empties a test tube containing some fluid, which in turn creates an unseen cloud of germs of a dreaded disease like anthrax capable of inflicting a horrible death within 5 days on anyone who inhales it. At first 500 or so victims feel that they have mild influenza which may recede after a day or two. Then the

symptoms return again and their lungs start filling with fluid. They rush to local hospitals for treatment, but the panic-stricken people may find that the medicare services run quickly out of drugs due to excessive demand. But no one would be able to realise that a terrorist attack has occurred. One cannot deny the possibility that the germs involved would be of contagious variety capable of causing an epidemic. The meeting concluded that such attacks, apart from causing immediate human tragedy, would have dire long-term effects on the political and social fabric of a country by way of ending people's trust on the competence of the government.

The experts also said that the bombs used in Kenya and Tanzania were of the old-fashioned variety and involved quantities of high explosives, but new terrorism will prove to be more deadly and probably more elusive than hijacking an aeroplane or a gelignite of previous decades. According to Bruce Hoffman, an American specialist on political violence, old terrorism generally had a specific manifesto - to overthrow a colonial power or the capitalist system and so on. These terrorists were not shy about planting a bomb or hijacking an aircraft and they set some limit to their brutality. Killing so many innocent people might turn their natural supporters off. Political terrorists want a lot of people watching but not a lot of people dead. "Old terrorism **sought** to change the world while the new sort is often practised by those who believe that the world has gone beyond redemption", he added.

Hoffman says, "New terrorism has no long-term agenda but is ruthless in its short-term intentions. It is often just a cacophonous cry of protest or an outburst of religious intolerance or a protest against the West in general and the US in particular. Its **perpetrators** may be religious fanatics or diehard opponents of a government and see no reason to show restraint. They are simply intent on inflicting the maximum amount of pain on the victim."

Q8. In the context of the passage, the culprit's act of emptying a test tube containing some fluid can be classified as

- (a) a terrorist attack
- (b) an epidemic of a dreaded disease
- (c) a natural calamity
- (d) panic created by an imaginary event
- (e) None of these

Q9. In what way would the new terrorism be different from that of the earlier years ?

- A. More dangerous and less baffling
- B. More hazardous for victims
- C. Less complicated for terrorists
- (a) A and C only
- (b) B and C only
- (c) A and B only
- (d) All the three
- (e) None of these

Q10. What was the immediate provocation for the meeting held in August 1998 ?

- (a) the insistence of America's leading
- (b) the horrors of possible bio-attacks
- (c) a culprit's heinous act of spreading germs
- (d) people's lack of trust in the government
- (e) None of these

Q11. What could be the probable consequences of bio-attacks, as mentioned in the passage ?

- A. several deaths
- B. political turmoil
- C. social unrest
- (a) A only
- (b) B only
- (c) C only
- (d) A and B only
- (e) All the three

Q12. The author's purpose of writing the above passage seems to explain

- (a) the methods of containing terrorism
- (b) the socio-political turmoil in African countries
- (c) the deadly strategies adopted by modern terrorists
- (d) reasons for killing innocent people
- (e) the salient features of terrorism of yester years

Q13. According to the author of the passage, the root cause of terrorism is

- A. religious fanaticism
- B. socio-political changes in countries
- C. the enormous population growth
- (a) A only
- (b) B only
- (c) C only
- (d) A and B only
- (e) All the three

Directions (14): Choose the word/group of words which is MOST OPPOSITE in meaning to the word/group of words printed in bold as used in passage.

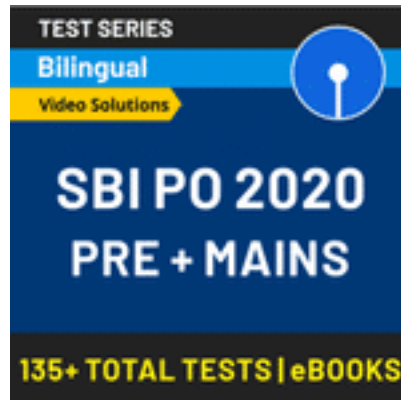
Q14. **SOUGHT**

- (a) Endeavour
- (b) Aspire
- (c) Feckless
- (d) Strive
- (e) Aim

Directions (15): Choose the word/group of words which is MOST SIMILAR in meaning to the word/group of words printed in bold as used in passage.

Q15. PERPETRATORS

- (a) Obedient
- (b) Amenable
- (c) Devout
- (d) Felon
- (e) Docile



Solutions

S1. Ans. (b)

Sol. **“structure”** will be used instead of **“structured”**. Hence, **option (b)** is the right answer choice.

S2. Ans. (d)

Sol. **“Productive”** will be used instead of **“Preductive”**. Hence, **option (d)** is the right answer choice.

S3. Ans. (c)

Sol. **“Remarkably”** will be used instead of **“remarkably”**. Hence, **option (c)** is the right answer choice.

S4. Ans. (e)

Sol. All the highlighted words are correct. Hence, **option (e)** is the right answer choice.

S5. Ans. (d)

Sol. **“Interruptions”** will be used instead of **“Interrupted”**. Hence, **option (d)** is the right answer choice.

S6. Ans. (d)

Sol. **“Unwarranted”** will be used instead of **“Unwarrant”**. Hence, **option (d)** is the right answer choice.

S7. Ans. (c)

Sol. "Inimical" will be used instead of "Inemical". Hence, option (c) is the right answer choice.

S8. Ans.(a)

Sol. Ascertain the hidden meaning of the sentence. "but no one would be able to realise that a terrorist attack has occurred ". So, undoubtedly the culprit's act can be classified as a terrorist attack.

S9. Ans.(b)

Sol. "New terrorism has no long-term agenda but its ruthless in its short-term intentions". This statement from the passage supports (B). While in the light of passage, (C) also seems suitable.

S10. Ans.(e)

Sol. The immediate provocation for the meeting held in August 1998 has not been given among the options. It was the incidents of bombing the U.S. embassies in Nairobi and Dar-es-Salaam.

S11. Ans.(e)

Sol. Bio-attack will result in several deaths which will lead to political turmoil creating social unrest.

S12. Ans.(c)

Sol. Option (c) is the correct choice as the Author has explained various deadly strategies adopted by terrorists.

S13. Ans.(a)

Sol. 'Religious intolerance', as cited in the last paragraph stands behind terrorism.

S14. Ans.(c)

Sol. **Sought** is past and past participle of seek while **Feckless** means lacking initiative or strength of character; irresponsible hence they both are opposite in meaning and therefore option (c) is the correct choice for the given question.

S15. Ans.(d)

Sol. Perpetrator means a person who carries out a harmful, illegal, or immoral act hence **felon** which means a person who has committed a felony (crime) is similar in meaning to it.

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