

Quiz Date: 25th July 2020

Directions (1-5): 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) Other resources are also heavily over-exploited in many of these regions. Depletion is causing economic and social distress in rural areas, though the manifestation is different in different settings.

(B) The government finance for well digging and pump installation with capital subsidies, massive rural electrification and pervasive energy subsidies all have enabled this process to aggravate.

(C) Groundwater is the backbone of rural economy in both semi-arid and arid regions of India.

(D) In the alluvial areas of Punjab, Rajasthan and Gujarat, water tables keep falling, increasing the cost of pumping.

(E) The past four decades have witnessed an explosion in well numbers in these regions for irrigated farming.

(F) Moreover, in the hard rock areas of AP, Telangana, Karnataka and Maharashtra, there are rampant well failures and seasonal depletion.

Q1. Which among the following becomes the FIRST statement of the paragraph after rearrangement?

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

Q2. Which among the following becomes the FOURTH statement of the paragraph after rearrangement?

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

Q3. Which among the following becomes the LAST statement of the paragraph after rearrangement?

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

Q4. Which among the following becomes the SECOND statement of the paragraph after rearrangement?

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

Q5. Which among the following becomes the THIRD statement of the paragraph after rearrangement?

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

Directions (6-10): Given below are six sentence (A), (B), (C), (D), (E) and (F) which may not be in the logical sequence. Rearrange the sentences to form a meaningful paragraph and answer the questions that follows.

(A) "The seat-sharing arrangement with the BJP is in the final and last stage... It will be announced soon," JD(U) Rajya Sabha member R.C.P. Singh told journalists after a four-hour State executive meeting on Sunday.

(B) Additionally, JD(U) sources said the BJP had assured the party of 15 of the 40 seats. The other NDA allies, Rashtriya Lok Samata Party (RLSP) and Lok Janshakti Party (LJP), have been demanding early finalization of seat-sharing.

(C) Leaders of the ruling Janata Dal (United) in Bihar said seat-sharing talks for the 2019 Lok Sabha poll with the BJP were in the last stage, and a deal would be announced soon.

(D) Mr. Singh is considered close to JD(U) president and Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar. "The JD(U) will give priority to the youth in ticket distribution," he added.

(E) In the end, he said workers would be trained from the booth level.

(F) Mr. Singh said the executive discussed how to strengthen and expand the organization.

Q6. Which among the following is the FIRST sentence of the rearranged paragraph?

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

Q7. Which among the following is the SECOND sentence of the rearranged paragraph?

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



Q8. Which among the following is the FIFTH sentence of the rearranged paragraph?

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

Q9. Which among the following is the FOURTH sentence of the rearranged paragraph?

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

Q10. Which among the following is the SIXTH sentence of the rearranged paragraph?

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

Directions (11-15): Each question below has two blanks, each blank indicating that something has been omitted. Choose the set of words for each blank that best fits the meaning of the sentence as a whole.

Q11. Because when any government in the world _____ a programme, it is generally _____ with scepticism.

- (a) declares, merged
- (b) announces, met
- (c) declared, came
- (d) promulgated, flooded
- (e) publishes, welcome

Q12. The State shall _____ to organise agriculture and animal husbandry on modern and scientific lines and shall, in particular, take steps for _____ and improving the breeds.

- (a) exploit, keeping
- (b) strive, guiding
- (c) endeavour, preserving
- (d) attempt, annihilating
- (e) undertake, securing

Q13. It is clear that the _____ of Chinese consumer expenditure is happening now and, bar a major crisis, it will continue to increase, even if China's economy _____ to slow.

- (a) growth, continues
- (b) increment, ceases
- (c) decay, lasts
- (d) rise, abandons
- (e) expansion, abolishes

Q14. By treating reservation as a _____ programme and covering up social divisions with the language of backwardness, we have _____ ourselves so thoroughly that we are no longer capable of naming things for what they are.

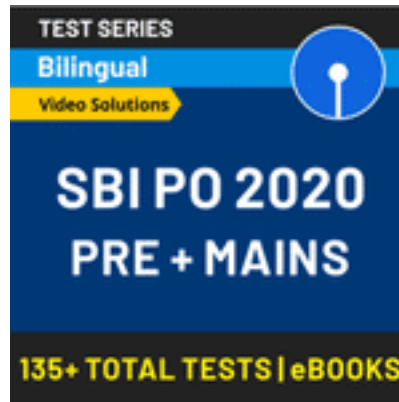
- (a) healthy, advised
- (b) favourable, guided
- (c) welfare, deceived
- (d) good, duped
- (e) benefit, guided

Q15. While the Chinese consumer story has the potential to richly _____ international businesses, they will have to contend with significant _____ which can lead to rapid changes of fortunes.

- (a) award, fickleness
- (b) pay, poise
- (c) penalize, levity
- (d) reward, volatility
- (e) recompense, assurance

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Solutions

S1. Ans. (e)

Sol. The correct sequence of sentences after the rearrangement is CEBADF. Hence, option (e) becomes the most suitable answer choice.

S2. Ans. (a)

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S3. Ans. (d)

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S4. Ans. (c)

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S5. Ans. (b)

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S6. Ans. (c)

Sol. The final sequence is CADBFE.

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Now, think, what would be the need to re-introduce Mr. Singh when he is already introduced and appears till the statement D?

Such need would only arise only when a sentence introduces something completely different aspect to the paragraph without mentioning and/or referring to Mr. Singh. That sentence is (B).

So, (B) should be the Fourth sentence. After the appearance of (B) as the fourth sentence, there would be a need to re-introduce Mr. Singh to convey the additional information conveyed by Mr. Singh.

Now, among (F) and (E), we have already decided why (F) should be the FIFTH sentence (because, it re-introduces Mr. Singh).

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Hence, the final sequence is CADBFE. Therefore, option (c) is the most suitable answer choice.

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S11. Ans.(b)

Sol. 'announces, met', fits the two blanks most appropriately. The meaning of some other words is:

Promulgate means promote or make widely known (an idea or cause).

Merged means combine or cause to combine to form a single entity.

S12. Ans.(c)

Sol. 'endeavour, preserving', fits the two blanks most appropriately.

Endeavour means to try hard to do or achieve something.

Preserving means to maintain (something) in its original or existing state.

S13. Ans. (a)

Sol. 'growth, continues' fits the two blanks most appropriately.

Increment means an increase or addition, especially one of a series on a fixed scale.

Abolishes mean to formally put an end to (a system, practice, or institution).

S14. Ans. (c)

Sol. 'welfare, deceived' fits the two blanks most appropriately.

Deceive means to deliberately cause (someone) to believe something that is not true, especially for personal gain.

S15. Ans.(d)

Sol. 'reward, volatility' fits the two blanks most appropriately.

Volatility means liability to change rapidly and unpredictably, especially for the worse.

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