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Directions (1-8): In the following questions, a word is given in bold followed by three sentences. Choose the appropriate option mentioning the sentence(s) that uses the highlighted word in a grammatically correct and contextually meaningful manner.

Q1. CONDUCTIVE

(I) We are unnecessarily killing this industry in a manner and way that is not **conductive** for our industry.

(II) Royal Marines are required to undergo one of the longest and most physically demanding specialist infantry training **conductive** in the world.

(III) Before induction into a specific branch of the armed forces, recruits undergo at least 9 weeks of basic military **conductive**.

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

Q2. DETERRENCE

(I) I think that the kids caught in the act of vandalism or anything **deterrence** should be handcuffed and taken to the police station.

(II) The bill proposed making joyriding a **deterrence** offence and provided penalties of up to seven years in prison.

(III) There are several factors which control criminal activity and **deterrence** is only one of them.

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

Q3. CYNICISM

(I) Politicians **cynicism** popular sovereignty as a means of entrusting the issue to citizens of new territories.

(II) Citrin and other experts say **cynicism** actually seems to be a political motivator, increasing both activism and voter turnout.

(III) The **cynicism** factory shutdown would only exacerbate our unemployment problems.

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

Q4. DISSEMINATION

(I) Elsevier and Tencent are pleased to announce the signing of a strategic agreement to accelerate the **dissemination** of global health information in China.

(II) A crater was **dissemination** at the point where the meteor impacted the planet's surface.

(III) Section 4 of the Act calls for pro-active and voluntary **dissemination** of information, but only a few Central and State institutions have published relevant information.

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

Q5. REMORSE

(I) We saw more murders and kidnappings than ever before, and violent **remorse** took a quantum leap.

(II) Mrs Reilly didn't show any **remorse** for her behaviour – which placed vulnerable people at “at risk of emotional harm”.

(III) Bill Cosby says he has no **remorse** about his actions and believes his trial was a “set up” with “imposters” for jurors.

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

Q6. PERPETRATORS

(I) A Philippines lower court found the **perpetrators** of the massacre guilty of multiple counts of murder and sentenced to life without the possibility of parole.

(II) For Lanzmann, the tendency by scholars to try to understand **perpetrators** of gross human rights violations represents an obscenity.

(III) Kayla yelled in shock and **perpetrators** at the scene they were displaying to innocent bystanders.

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

Q7. RETRIBUTION

(I) The conference will give us an opportunity to exchange **retribution** with other researchers.

(II) Citizens took their own lives rather than face the shame of **retribution** after Hitler was defeated

(III) The demographic **retribution** shows that the population increased but the average income went down.

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

Q8. FOSTER

(I) The datasets are our primary source of **foster** on global climate change outside of instrumental data.

(II) Both the Soviets and the current government have promoted his wisdom in efforts to **foster** nationalism over tribalism.

(III) Positive reinforcement can strengthen your child's self-esteem and **foster** a sense of independence.

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



Directions (9-13): In the questions given below a sentence is given with two blanks in each. Corresponding to each question two columns are given with three words in each column. Which combination of words from the two columns will perfectly fit into the blanks to make the sentence contextually correct and meaningful.

Q9. China's _____ of the CPEC has been rejected by India as it passes through Pakistan Occupied Kashmir. Straws in the wind suggest that China may have realised that the CPEC was a hasty decision, without proper _____ with India.

COLUMN I

- (A) endorsement
- (B) transgression
- (C) specious

COLUMN II

- (D) succinct
- (E) consultations
- (F) insolence

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

Q10. The idea of higher fines as a/an _____ to traffic crashes is based on the assumption that a driver is careless and that the fear of a higher penalty will _____ "careful" behaviour while on the road.

COLUMN I

- (A) innate
- (B) deterrent
- (C) concord

COLUMN II

- (D) exhort
- (E) indict
- (F) castigate

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

Q11. Since the August 5 decision by the government on Article 370 and the bifurcation of Jammu and Kashmir, and Ladakh, and the strong reaction from China, these positive steps seemed to have been _____. If Beijing's decision to raise the Indian government's move at the UNSC was a clear break from the "Wuhan Spirit", its subsequent statements including at the UN General Assembly have _____ New Delhi further.

COLUMN I

- (A) mortified
- (B) stalled
- (C) hamstrung

COLUMN II

- (D) accorded

- (E) alienated
(F) estranged

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

Q12. The International Monetary Fund has some words of advice for global leaders on how to _____ the faltering global economy. On Tuesday, its new managing director Kristalina Georgieva singled out India, along with Brazil, as witnessing a “pronounced” growth slowdown as global growth experiences a “synchronised” _____.

COLUMN I

- (A) resuscitate
(B) ennoble
(C) reinvigorate

COLUMN II

- (D) downswing
(E) gloomy
(F) distraught

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

Q13. What the IMF chief did not get into during her speech, was the failure of even the _____ period of extremely loose monetary policy to sustain global growth. The global economy has been helped by a whole decade of historically low interest rates, yet the recovery that _____ after the global financial crisis was the slowest in history and seems to be in trouble already.

COLUMN I

- (A) germane
(B) protracted
(C) prolonged

COLUMN II

- (D) ensued
(E) detained
(F) salvaged

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

Directions (14-15): In each of the following questions a sentence is given with a word given in **BOLD**. Corresponding to each question three sentences are given with the use of the same word. From the options choose the sentences which give a **DIFFERENT MEANING** for the word used in the sentence above. The meaning used in the sentence(s) should be different from the one used in the main sentence.

Q14. Hurricane Dorian put on a **damper** on last week's schedule, forcing a few cancellations and postponements, including Atlantic's game against Clearwater Academy.

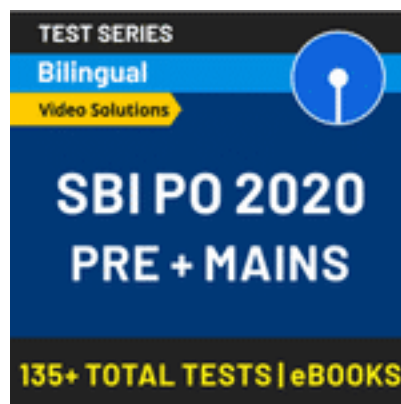
- (A) Changes in the level of subsidies and feed-in tariffs can put a **damper** on activity.
(B) The rain here in Tampa, though not yet at tropical-storm levels, has put a **damper** on the now delayed convention.
(C) After a very dry end to the summer, autumn has been **damper** than we are accustomed to in the East.

- (a) Both B & C
(b) Both A & B
(c) Only C
(d) Only A
(e) None of these

Q15. The chairman **conceded** that shareholders had been "impacted by the decline in market prices".

- (A) Hysen handled the ball and **conceded** the penalty that gave Manchester United the lead.
(B) After citing multiple studies, the inquiry **conceded** that a clear, causal link was yet to be established between loot boxes and problem gambling.
(C) A strike by some ten thousand bank employees has ended after the government **conceded** some of their demands.

- (a) Both B & C
(b) Both A & B
(c) Only B
(d) Only A
(e) None of these



Solutions

S1. Ans. (a)

Sol. **Conducive** means 'Making a certain situation or outcome likely or possible';

Good for, Helpful to. Statement (I) uses **conducive** in a grammatically correct and contextually meaningful manner. Hence, **option (a)** is the right answer choice.

S2. Ans. (c)

Sol. **Deterrence** means **The action of discouraging an action or event through instilling doubt or fear of the consequences; Prevention, Obstruction.**

Statement (III) uses **deterrence** in a grammatically correct and contextually meaningful manner. Hence, **option (c)** is the right answer choice.

S3. Ans. (b)

Sol. **cynicism** means **An inclination to believe that people are motivated purely by self-interest; Scepticism, Doubt.**

Statement (II) uses **cynicism** in a grammatically correct and contextually meaningful manner. Hence, **option (b)** is the right answer choice.

S4. Ans. (e)

Sol. **Dissemination** means **The action or fact of spreading something, especially information, widely; Spreading, Circulation.**

Both Statement (I) and (III) use **dissemination** in a grammatically correct and contextually meaningful manner. Hence, **option (e)** is the right answer choice.

S5. Ans. (d)

Sol. **Remorse** means **Deep regret or guilt for a wrong committed; Contrition, Deep regret.**

Both Statement (II) and (III) use **Remorse** in a grammatically correct and contextually meaningful manner. Hence, **option (d)** is the right answer choice.

S6. Ans. (b)

Sol. **Perpetrators** means **A person who carries out a harmful, illegal, or immoral act; Assassin, Criminal.**

Both Statement (I) and (II) use **perpetrators** in a grammatically correct and contextually meaningful manner. Hence, **option (b)** is the right answer choice.

S7. Ans. (b)

Sol. **Retribution** means **Punishment inflicted on someone as vengeance for a wrong or criminal act; Punishment, Penalty.**

Statement (II) uses **retribution** in a grammatically correct and contextually meaningful manner. Hence, **option (b)** is the right answer choice

S8. Ans. (d)

Sol. **Foster** means **Encourage the development of something, especially something desirable; Promote, Further.**

Both Statement (II) and (III) use **foster** in a grammatically correct and contextually meaningful manner. Hence, **option (d)** is the right answer choice

S9. Ans. (c)

Sol. Among the given options, both 'endorsement' and 'transgression' can fit in the first blank. 'Specious' will make the statement contextually incorrect and therefore options (a) and (d) will be eliminated. Going further, considering the second blank, only 'consultations' can fit in. Therefore, option (b) will also be eliminated. The correct combination will be 'A-E'. Hence, option (c) is the most suitable answer choice.

Endorsement: the action of endorsing someone or something.

Consultations: the action or process of formally consulting or discussing.

Transgress: an act that goes against a law, rule, or code of conduct; an offence.

Specious: superficially plausible, but actually wrong.

Succinct: (especially of something written or spoken) briefly and clearly expressed.

Insolence: rude and disrespectful behaviour.

S10. Ans. (b)

Sol. Among the given options, only 'deterrent' can fit in the first blank to make the statement grammatically and contextually correct. So we will now have to choose between options (b) and (c). Going further, we can infer that higher penalties would help drivers to avoid careless behavior on roads. Therefore, to make the statement contextually and grammatically correct, we will fill the second blank with exhort. Hence, option (b) will be the most suitable answer choice.

Deterrent: a thing that discourages or is intended to discourage someone from doing something.

Innate: inborn; natural.

Concord: agreement or harmony between people or groups.

Exhort: strongly encourage or urge (someone) to do something.

Indict: formally accuse of or charge with a crime.

Castigate: reprimand (someone) severely.

S11. Ans. (d)

Sol. The above paragraph mentions the steps that have been taken by China which have halted the positive stance it was taking regarding India and how its further actions in UNSC have left India isolated. Stalled: stop or cause to stop making progress. For the first blank, both 'stalled' and 'hamstrung' are the suitable to make the statement grammatically and contextually correct. Also, for the second blank, both 'alienated' and 'estranged' can fit in the blank. Therefore, the most suitable answer choice will be option (d).

Hamstrung: severely restrict the efficiency or effectiveness of.

Alienated: make (someone) feel isolated or estranged.

Estranged: cause (someone) to be no longer on friendly terms with someone.

Mortified: cause (someone) to feel very embarrassed or ashamed.

Accorded: give or grant someone (power, status, or recognition).

S12. Ans. (e)

Sol. among the given words, both 'reinvigorate' and 'resuscitate' can fit in contextually and grammatically in the first blank. But, only 'downswing' can fit in the second blank to make the statement correct. Hence, option (e) is the most suitable answer choice.

Resuscitate: make (something) active or vigorous again.

Reinvigorate: give new energy or strength to.

Downswing: a decline in economic, business, or other activity.

Ennoble: give (someone) a noble rank or title.

Gloomy: dark or poorly lit, especially so as to appear depressing or frightening.

Distraught: very worried and upset.

S13. Ans. (a)

Sol. Among the given words, both 'protracted' and 'prolonged' can fit in the first blank which indicated something that has continued for a long time. So the given statement mentions the failure of continued

loose monetary policy to maintain global growth. Further, it mentions the steps that were taken to boost global economy and mentions the recovery that followed the global financial crisis was also slow. So for the second blank, only 'ensued' can be filled in. Therefore, option (a) will be the most suitable answer choice.

Protracted: lasting for a long time or longer than expected or usual.

Prolonged: continuing for a long time or longer than usual; lengthy.

Ensued: happen or occur afterwards or as a result.

Germane: relevant to a subject under consideration.

Salvaged: retrieve or preserve (something) from potential loss or adverse circumstances.

Detained: keep (someone) from proceeding by holding them back or making claims on their attention.

S14. Ans. (c)

Sol. Among the given statements, only the statement (C) has the usage of damper in different context where, it has been used in context of 'slightly wet'. The meanings of damper that can be inferred from the statements given above are:

(i) a person or thing that has a subduing or inhibiting effect.

(ii) slightly wet.

Hence, option (c) is the most suitable answer choice.

S15. Ans. (d)

Sol. In the statements given above, conceded has been used to infer two different meanings:

(i) to admit that you have lost in a competition

(ii) admit or agree that something is true after first denying or resisting it.

Except the statement (A), all other statements have been based on the second meaning of the word 'conceded', as given above. Hence, option (d) is the most suitable answer choice.

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