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Direction (1-10): In the following question, 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 sentence given to the question.

Q1.

After becoming a successful writer, Jim **turned his back on** all the people he used to know back home.

- (I) After becoming a successful writer, Jim helped all the people to get successful he used to know back home.
- (II) After becoming a successful writer, Jim invited all the people he used to know back home.
- (III) After becoming a successful writer, Jim disregarded all the people he used to know back home.

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

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Q2. He is an extremely experienced politician, who some diplomats believe may be able to **pour oil on troubled waters** in this difficult situation.

- (I) He is an extremely experienced politician, who some diplomats believe may be able to bring stability in this difficult situation.
- (II) He is an extremely experienced politician, who some diplomats believe may be able to assuage in this difficult situation.
- (III) He is an extremely experienced politician, who some diplomats believe may be able to bring everyone together in this difficult situation.

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

Q3. Everyone around here is so afraid to be honest with me because I'm the boss, but I need you to **pull no punches**.

- (I) Everyone around here is so afraid to be honest with me because I'm the boss, but I need you to act without any limitations.
- (II) Everyone around here is so afraid to be honest with me because I'm the boss, but I need you to be honest and act accordingly.

(III) Everyone around here is so afraid to be honest with me because I'm the boss, but I need you to give necessary suggestions.

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

Q4. He has dedicated all his life to mouth relishing and unique dishes and therefore when it comes to cooking, he is **inleague of his own**.

- (I) He has dedicated all his life to mouth relishing and unique dishes and therefore when it comes to cooking, he is better than anyone else at doing it.
- (II) He has dedicated all his life to mouth relishing and unique dishes and therefore when it comes to cooking, he constantly strives to improve it.
- (III) He has dedicated all his life to mouth relishing and unique dishes and therefore when it comes to cooking, he is training others to realize their dreams.

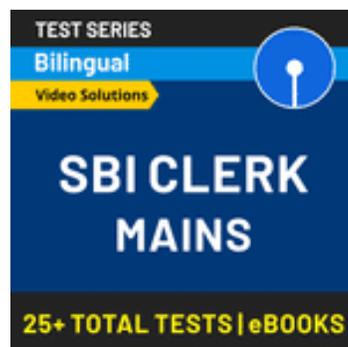
- (a) Only (I) is correct
- (b) Only (II) is correct
- (c) Both (I) and (II) are correct
- (d) Only (III) is correct.
- (e) All are correct

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Q5. It's easy to forget that, in **the dim and distant past**, these giant cities used to be nothing but fields and marshes.

- (I) It's easy to forget that while I was still living here, these giant cities used to be nothing but fields and marshes.
- (II) It's easy to forget that the roads were kind of sloppy, these giant cities used to be nothing but fields and marshes.
- (III) It's easy to forget that a long time ago in the past, these giant cities used to be nothing but fields and marshes.

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



Q6. The United States formally started its withdrawal from the WHO, **making good on** Trump's threats to deprive the UN body of its top donor over its management of the pandemic.

(I) The United States formally started its withdrawal from the WHO, and did in accordance with the Trump's threats to deprive the UN body of its top donor over its management of the pandemic.

(II) The United States formally started its withdrawal from the WHO, giving a support against Trump's threats to deprive the UN body of its top donor over its management of the pandemic.

(III) The United States formally started its withdrawal from the WHO, fulfilling commitment towards Trump's threats to deprive the UN body of its top donor over its management of the pandemic.

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

Q7. I don't mean to **blow my own horn**, but this pasta sauce I made is quite delicious.

(I) I don't mean to brag about, but this pasta sauce I made is quite delicious.

(II) I don't mean to boast about, but this pasta sauce I made is quite delicious.

(III) I don't mean to discourage myself, but this pasta sauce I made is quite delicious.

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

Q8. Unlike other museums thumped by the Coronavirus pandemic, Paris' Rodin Museum might have **an ace up its sleeve** to help see it through the crisis.

(I) Unlike other museums thumped by the Coronavirus pandemic, Paris' Rodin Museum might have an underground team for monitoring and to help see it through the crisis.

(II) Unlike other museums thumped by the Coronavirus pandemic, Paris' Rodin Museum might have a plan or information kept secret to help see it through the crisis.

(III) Unlike other museums thumped by the Coronavirus pandemic, Paris' Rodin Museum might have hired trained staff for crisis management and to help see it through the crisis.

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

(e) All are correct

Q9. My sister was a troublemaker as a teenager, yet she always **gets on her high horse** and lectures me about everything.

(I) My sister was a troublemaker as a teenager, yet she always finds ways to correct me, and lectures me about everything

(II) My sister was a troublemaker as a teenager, yet she always acts as a dominating person, and lectures me about everything

(III) My sister was a troublemaker as a teenager, yet she always adopts an attitude of moral superiority, and lectures me about everything.

(a) Only (I) is correct

(b) Only (II) is correct

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

(d) Only (III) is correct.

(e) All are correct

Q10. It must be a shock for them having to count their pennies like this—they're used to **living high on the hog**, after all.

(I) It must be a shock for them having to count their pennies like this—they're used to living luxuriously with a lot of money, after all.

(II) It must be a shock for them having to count their pennies like this—they're used to living a carefree standard life, after all.

(III) It must be a shock for them having to count their pennies like this—they're used to spend limitlessly, after all.

(a) Only (I) is correct

(b) Only (II) is correct

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

(d) Only (III) is correct.

(e) All are correct



Direction (11-15): Which of the following phrases (I), (II), and (III) given below each sentence should replace the phrase printed in bold letters to make the sentence grammatically 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. If the sentence is correct as it is, mark (e) i.e., "No correction required" as the answer.

Q11. The Supreme Court will be hearing a petition **seeking a stay in the DassaultRafale fighter jet deal** between India with France claiming there were discrepancies in the deal.

- (I) to seek a stay in the DassaultRafale fighter jet deal
- (II) seeking a stay on the DassaultRafale fighter jet deal
- (III) seek to stay DassaultRafale fighter jet deal

- (a) Only I is correct
- (b) Only II is correct
- (c) Only III is correct
- (d) Both I and III are correct
- (e) No correction required

Q12. PiyushGoyal will be reportedly **handlingthe Finance portfolio until Jaitley recover.**

- (I) handling the Finance portfolio until Jaitley recovers
- (II) handled the Finance portfolio until Jaitley recovers
- (III) handling the Finance portfolio till the recovery of Jaitley

- (a) Only I is correct
- (b) Both II and III are correct
- (c) Both I and III are correct
- (d) Only III is correct
- (e) No correction required

Q13. **Totally impressing for the chemistry** between Aishwarya and Rajkummar in those few seconds, netizens demanded a separate film starring both.

- (I) Totally impressive by the chemistry
- (II) Totally impressed for the chemistry
- (III) Totally impressed by the chemistry

- (a) Only III is correct
- (b) Only I is correct
- (c) Both II and III are correct
- (d) Only II is correct
- (e) No correction required

Q14. Kashmir has been a bone of contention between India and Pakistan **to our independence on 15 August 1947.**

- (I) since our independence on 15 August 1947
- (II) across our independence on 15 August 1947
- (III) for our independence on 15 August 1947

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

(e) No correction required

Q15. What do you see? Isn't the photo just a **beautiful moment between a mother and her daughter**?

(I) the beautiful moment between a mother and a daughter

(II) the beautiful moment between a mother or a daughter

(III) a beautiful moment between a mother or a daughter

(a) Only I is correct

(b) Only II is correct

(c) Only III is correct

(d) Both I and III are correct

(e) No correction required



Solutions

S1. Ans. (d)

Sol. **Turn one's back on something or someone:**

To ignore, disregard, or exclude someone or something; to abandon, give up on, or forsake someone or something. Hence, **option (d)** is the right answer choice.

S2. Ans. (c)

Sol. **Pour oil on troubled waters:** To calm or settle a tense situation. Hence, **option (c)** is the right answer choice.

S3. Ans. (a)

Sol. **Pull no punches:**

To act without restraint or limitations; to not soften one's words or actions. Hence, **option (a)** is the right answer choice.

S4. Ans. (a)

Sol. **In one's own league:** Better than anyone else at doing something. Hence, **option (a)** is the right answer choice.

S5. Ans. (d)

Sol. **The dim and distant past:** A long time ago in the past. Hence, **option (d)** is the right answer choice.

S6. Ans. (c)

Sol. **Making good on something:** "do what you say, keep a promise, fulfill an obligation/commitment". To fulfill an obligation, such as keeping a promise or paying a debt. Hence, **option (c)** is the right answer choice.

S7. Ans. (c)

Sol. **Blow one's own horn:**

To boast or brag about one's own abilities, skills, success, achievements, etc. Hence, **option (c)** is the right answer choice.

S8. Ans. (b)

Sol. **An ace up one's sleeves:** a plan or piece of information kept secret until it becomes necessary to use it. Hence, **option (b)** is the right answer choice.

S9. Ans. (d)

Sol. **Get on one's high horse:** to adopt an attitude of moral superiority. Hence, **option (d)** is the right answer choice.

S10. Ans. (a)

Sol. **To live high on the hog:** to live luxuriously with a lot of money. Hence, **option (a)** is the right answer choice.

S11. Ans. (b)

Sol. The use of the preposition 'in' is incorrect to the context of the sentence. The correct preposition to be used is 'on'. Hence, the correct answer is the phrase (II) or option (b).

S12. Ans. (c)

Sol. 'Jaitley' is a singular noun and would be followed by a verb of the same number (i.e., singular). The verb 'recover' would take a plural nominative. The correct verb could have been 'recovers'. So, (I) is correct. Phrase (III) is also correct.

Hence, option (c) is the correct answer.

S13. Ans. (a)

Sol. The phrase 'impressing for' is erroneous. Parts (I) and (II) are incorrect.

Only phrase (III) is grammatically correct.

Hence, the correct answer is option (a).

S14. Ans. (d)

Sol. The highlighted phrase is erroneous. The usage of the preposition 'to' is incorrect to the context of the sentence. The correct preposition to be used is 'since'.

Among the options, only phrase I is correct.

Hence, the correct answer is option (d).

S15. Ans. (e)

Sol. The highlighted part is grammatically correct and there is no requirement to replace it.

Hence, option (e) is the correct phrase.

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