

Quiz Date: 28th August 2020

Directions (1-8): In the following questions few sentences are provided. Identify and mark the sentence which may fail to become the part of the paragraph coherently.

Q1.

- (a) However, New Delhi said only the full restoration of peace and tranquility on the Line of Actual Control (LAC) would enable the development of bilateral relations.
- (b) China asked India to keep in mind “the big picture”.
- (c) Despite multiple rounds of military and diplomatic talks, China is yet to disengage in Finger area, Depsang plains and Gogra.
- (d) The two separate statements underlined the difference in emphasis from both sides on the slow-moving disengagement process along the LAC.
- (e) It also said to put the border dispute in “an appropriate position”.

Q2.

- (a) Therefore, healthcare workers and vulnerable groups need to be treated as priority categories for vaccination when the COVID-19 vaccine is available.
- (b) Two COVID-19 vaccines have been accepted for Phase 3 trials after passing the Phase 1 trial for safety and the Phase 2 trial.
- (c) While everyone else can avoid exposure to COVID-19, healthcare workers have to work in high-risk environments with repeated exposure to infection.
- (d) When a vaccine candidate produces similar immune responses, the probability of it being protective against the disease is high.
- (e) Vulnerable groups such as the elderly and those with co-morbidities have five-fold to 15-fold greater mortality when they get COVID-19 than others.

Q3.

- (a) I was reminded of a case of alleged contempt which my father Brahma Nath Katju always recalled with a chuckle.
- (b) That flummoxed them but they quickly recovered and decided to personally pay the fare.
- (c) It took place in the early 1950s when he was a junior lawyer in the Allahabad High Court.
- (d) The magistrate complained to the High Court.
- (e) A villager from Uttar Pradesh had written postcards making allegations against a magistrate.

Q4.

- (a) The risk propensity should be in alignment with the individual bank’s measured risk appetite.
- (b) Once the pandemic is contained, the measures will be unwound in an orderly manner.
- (c) Das also disclosed that the central bank was not unwinding the Covid-19 steps now.
- (d) Reserve Bank of India (RBI) governor Shaktikanta Das on Thursday warned banks that being overly risk averse would be “self-defeating”.

(e) Even as he said that the new debt restructuring scheme will provide more durable relief to borrowers affected by the pandemic.

Q5.

(a) The NSE Nifty inched up 9.65 points or 0.08 per cent to close at 11559.25.

(b) Equity benchmarks Sensex and Nifty pared most of their intra-day gains to end marginally higher as monthly derivative contracts expired amid lacklustre global cues.

(c) After touching a high of 39326.98 during the session, the BSE Sensex succumbed to selling pressure in the last hour of trade.

(d) It finally finished at 39113.47, up 39.55 points or 0.10 per cent.

(e) Sustained foreign fund inflows, positive domestic equities and a weak dollar boosted the rupee, forex traders said.

Q6.

(a) Since the outbreak of the pandemic, e-commerce sites have reported a spike in customer orders.

(b) The meeting comes at a time most of the group companies are feeling the heat of the Covid-19 pandemic.

(c) Tata Sons Private Limited (Tata Sons), the principal holding company of the over \$110-billion Tata group, on Thursday held its annual general meeting.

(d) While Tata Sons officials did not comment on what transpired at the meeting, it is understood that the group's emerging digital strategy was one of the key issues that was discussed.

(e) In the meeting, where conglomerate's emerging digital strategy was one of the key themes that was discussed.

Q7.

(a) Orhan Pamuk's magnificent and deeply moving essay, "What the Great Pandemic Novels Teach Us", was published in The New York Times exactly a month after Lockdown 1.0 was imposed in India.

(b) Instead of communicating, the teacher issues communiqués and makes deposits which the students patiently receive, memorize, and repeat.

(c) He ends his analysis with these words: "For a better world to emerge after this pandemic, we must embrace and nourish the feelings of humility and solidarity engendered by the current moment."

(d) "Basic education", *nai talim* or *buniyadi siksha* — most fully articulated by Gandhi at the Wardha Education Conference of 1937 — envisioned school as a space where young people would be taught the values and virtues of cooperative work, whether through growing vegetables, spinning cotton, or other productive manual activities suited to local conditions.

(e) Such humility and solidarity lay at the heart of what both Rabindranath Tagore and Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi saw as the best way forward, especially when it came to education.

Q8.

(a) Timing is the key in politics.

(b) Seven chief ministers of states ruled by parties in the Opposition may have now met and deliberated on a number of critical issues.

(c) At the heart of these disputes lies the unprecedented strain on the federal edifice.

(d) But there is a convincing case to argue that this mobilization — an important gesture of unity among a fragmented constituency — has come quite a bit late in the day.

(e) Sadly, members of India's Opposition did not, for so long, believe in this wisdom.



Directions (9-15): In each of the following paragraph/ statement, there are two words omitted. Below each sentence(s), there are five options and four of which consists of two words which can fill the blanks respectively to make the sentence(s) grammatically and contextually correct. Find the most appropriate set of words that fit into the blanks contextually. If none of the given sets of words fill the blanks appropriately mark option (e) i.e., 'none of these' as your answer choice.

Q9. India's economy has _____; the deceleration in growth was evident even before the _____ of the pandemic.

- (a) Renounced, Active
- (b) Nosedived, Onset
- (c) Spirited, Secure
- (d) Assume, Quiet
- (e) None of these

Q10. While providing _____ that all of the 22 languages listed as official under the Constitution would be given importance by the NEP, the minister also _____ to quietly slip in a telling remark.

- (a) Perception, Definite
- (b) Discomfiting, Unsure
- (c) Discerned, Agreed
- (d) Assurance, Managed
- (e) None of these

Q11. The simmering _____ was brought out in the open when 23 senior Congress functionaries wrote a letter — it got leaked _____ — to Sonia Gandhi, seeking to redress, what these leaders believed, are festering problems.

- (a) Rancour, Mysteriously
- (b) Disturbance, Harmony
- (c) Scuffle, Peace
- (d) Perturbing, Fulfilled
- (e) None of these

Q12. The _____ delay notwithstanding, the revision is a welcome move, as it will add greatly to the representational nature of the list with the _____ of more structures of cultural, economic and historical value.

- (a) Satisfied, Brawl
- (b) Disturbance, Inventive
- (c) Inordinate, Inclusion
- (d) Voracious, Coexist
- (e) None of these

Q13. Given that places like Greenland and Iceland are relatively untouched by pollution and the _____ of human activity in comparison to the rest of the world, it is evident that the acute effects of climate change plaguing the two regions are the result of the _____ disregard for global warming of other countries.

- (a) Exasperating, Consent
- (b) Ravages, Blithe
- (c) Squabbling, Fight
- (d) Provoking, Assent
- (e) None of these

Q14. During his term in Vellore jail, the freedom fighter, C. Rajagopalachari, had written in his _____ that independence from colonial rule would only amount to freedom from subordination by outsiders, and not from _____ or abuse of power.

- (a) Diary, Corruption
- (b) Views, Harassment
- (c) Opinions, Defer
- (d) Judge, Impoverished
- (e) None of these

Q15. Mr Chouhan's declaration is likely to _____ a furious debate concerning the scope of fundamental rights enshrined in the Constitution which is supposedly the bedrock of this democracy and expressly forbids _____ in employment on the grounds of the place of birth, residence, religion, caste, among other factors.

- (a) Reinforce, Surplus
- (b) Scantiness, Inadequacy
- (c) Fortify, Occasion
- (d) Trigger, Discrimination
- (e) None of these



Solutions

S1. Ans. (c)

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