

Quiz Date: 10<sup>th</sup> September 2020

**Directions (1-5): In the following questions few sentences are provided. Identify and mark the sentence which may fail to become the part of the paragraph coherently. In questions where “none of these” is an option and all the sentences are meaningful and logical with the context of the paragraph mark (E) i.e., “none of these” as your answer choice.**

Q1.

- (a) Test results weren't shared with local public health centres or GPs - the people who could have worked to prevent transmission in their local communities.
- (b) After a summer of social gatherings, “eat out to help out” and urging commuters to “get back to the office”, the government appears to be losing control of the pandemic.
- (c) But although the government is right to tighten social distancing, this alone won't solve the problem of rising cases.
- (d) Almost 3,000 new cases were reported in the UK over the weekend and hundreds of pupils have gone into isolation after cases were discovered at more than 90 schools.
- (e) Gatherings of more than six people will now be banned in England from Monday in an attempt to curb this rise in case numbers.

Q2.

- (a) Then we cannot escape the conclusion that the NEP involves a paradigm shift in India's education system that is highly retrograde and deleterious.
- (b) Those who receive education and are destined for proper jobs will have a curriculum that imitates those of metropolitan universities.
- (c) The totality of speech consists of both what is said and what is not said.
- (d) That's why, for understanding the new National Education Policy we have to look both at its words and its silences.
- (e) This shift is from a conception of education as a means of 'nation-building' to one that prepares students to become mere fodder for neoliberal capitalism.

Q3.

- (a) Among states, Kerala still leads with 96.2 per cent literacy, followed by Delhi, Uttarakhand and Himachal Pradesh.
- (b) With the passing of another International Literacy Day, India needs to confront the problem of its literacy levels.
- (c) This is far from the goal of full literacy by 2030.
- (d) More, illiteracy in the 21st century is dangerous from the point of view of survival: reading is now a life-skill.
- (e) A report based on a 2017-18 survey by the National Statistical Office puts the country's overall literacy rate at 77.7 per cent.

Q4.

- (a) Narendra Modi stated in Parliament in 2015 about the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act as a monumental failure of the Congress regime.
- (b) Over-the-top technological interventions have pushed the MGNREGA towards centralization, with transparency and local accountabilities being compromised.
- (c) The measures announced by the Centre are inadequate to address the issues of food and nutrition insecurity, unemployment and livelihoods.
- (d) That program which, since its inception, has suffered from the lack of political intent, leakages and bureaucratic negligence.

(e) The statement may have been a political jibe, but it showed that the government had no intention of boosting a programme.

Q5.

(a) Surprisingly, most of these governments headed by authoritarian leaders have been democratically elected through reasonably free and fair elections.

(b) After being elected, they have in some cases postponed elections or made themselves heads of state, commander of the military, and chiefs of their political parties.

(c) Those who follow international political developments have observed that there has been an increase in the number of countries with authoritarian heads of state.

(d) Gradually, during the 1990s, more and more nations began to turn to democracy with elected representatives as a superior means of governance.

(e) However, other heads of state have been termed as authoritarian for the activities and practices they promote or promulgate within the democratic process.

**Directions (6-10): In each of the question given below, three sentences are given which are then followed by five options. Pick out the most suitable word which could fit in all the three blanks to make the statements grammatically and contextually correct.**

Q6.

(I) The Economic Advisory Council to the 15th Finance Commission has urged the commission to take a \_\_\_\_\_ approach while suggesting tax devolution to states.

(II) As millions of people work-from-home logging on to company networks, cyber attacks are increasing and getting more \_\_\_\_\_.

(III) The Health Minister has insisted the Government's coronavirus approach is \_\_\_\_\_ rather than confusing or contradictory.

(a) Imperative

(b) Nuanced

(c) Abjured

(d) Alleviated

(e) Existential

Q7.

(I) If you see a '?' mark on the digital signature in your downloaded Aadhaar file, you will have to manually \_\_\_\_\_ it for authenticity.

(II) Those amendments \_\_\_\_\_ changes in membership, either to replace or to substitute members during the course of tribunal hearings.

(III) Henry explained that consumers now need to \_\_\_\_\_ websites before inputting their personal data.

(a) Fawning

(b) Hummock

(c) Apotheosis

(d) Discretionary

(e) Validate



Q8.

(I) Meanwhile, belief in extraterrestrial intelligences continues to grow with an almost religious \_\_\_\_\_.

(II) To set against this there were many examples of patriotism and patriotic \_\_\_\_\_ in the town at this time.

(III) Half of those present discussed the imminent international confrontations with passion and \_\_\_\_\_.

- (a) Cryptic
- (b) Penchant
- (c) Fervour
- (d) Bauble
- (e) Mountebank

Q9.

(I) Such \_\_\_\_\_, of course, is a cardinal sin in a media world that worships the gods of celebrity and fame.

(II) When I mentioned the latest bad press, their \_\_\_\_\_ gave way to hoots of derisory laughter and genuine indignation.

(III) The \_\_\_\_\_ that he exhibits when asked the tough questions about his position don't inspire confidence in his motives and agenda.

- (a) Debacle
- (b) Sycophant
- (c) Crabbed
- (d) Reticence
- (e) Archetype

Q10.

(I) I would \_\_\_\_\_ that the original religion was animalism, leading to the worship of Nature, the Sun and the Moon.

(II) Police \_\_\_\_\_ the man was led to the area and was killed there by rivals over a business conflict or a personal vendetta.

(III) Perhaps it is the educated \_\_\_\_\_ that in large cities the rat population equals or exceeds the human.

- (a) Surmise
- (b) Trenchant
- (c) Emboss
- (d) Proletarian
- (e) Careen

**Directions (11-15):** In the following passage, certain parts of the paragraph are highlighted which suggest that the given expression may be grammatically incorrect. Choose the most appropriate expression among the four options given against each number which makes the sentence grammatically correct and contextually meaningful. If the given expression does not require any correction, choose option (e) i.e., “No correction required” as your answer.

**It is indisputable than working (11)** out in gyms and studios is a step towards a fitter self. However, the pandemic has compelled us to remain confined to our houses. Necessity is indeed the mother of invention. Working out at home has made online coaching necessary. Long gone are times when **digital learning was a luxurious (12)**. Be it academics, workshops or seminars (webinars to be accurate) for the corporate, consulting lawyers and doctors or simply exercising with the help of a coach online, **the digital world has calved (13)** a path for us. Even though the lockdown has been eased, it is the word of the wise to be better safe than sorry. Don't step out unless it's urgent. Gyms have reopened, but **its best not to get excited (14)** and resume workouts with big groups of people.

The emergence of video-conference applications such as Skype and Zoom have given people around the world tools to stay in and stay fit. It can be as simple as a yoga mat and a laptop or phone. However, it is imperative to be under the supervision of a health expert who has studied health and fitness. It is best to work with a coach who has experience in **dealing with a variant of clients (15)**.

Q11.

- (a) Its indisputable that working
- (b) It is indisputable that working
- (c) It's indisputable than working
- (d) It is indisputing that working
- (e) No correction required

Q12.

- (a) Digital learning had a luxury
- (b) Digital learning were a luxury
- (c) Digital learning were luxury
- (d) Digital learning was a luxury
- (e) No correction required

Q13.

- (a) The digital world had carved
- (b) The digital world have carved
- (c) The digital world has carved
- (d) The digital world has carve
- (e) No correction required

Q14.

- (a) It's best not to get excited
- (b) Its best not to be get excited
- (c) It's best to be not get excited
- (d) It's best not be get excited
- (e) No correction required

Q15.

- (a) Dealing with variant of client
- (b) Dealing with variety of client
- (c) Dealt with a variety of clients
- (d) Dealing with a variety of clients
- (e) No correction required



### Solutions

**S1. Ans. (a)**

**Sol.** The correct sequence is **BDEC** while **statement (a)** fails to become the part of the paragraph coherently. Hence, **option (a)** is the right answer choice.

*(b) After a summer of social gatherings, "eat out to help out" and urging commuters to "get back to the office", the government appears to be losing control of the pandemic.*

*(d) Almost 3,000 new cases were reported in the UK over the weekend and hundreds of pupils have gone into isolation after cases were discovered at more than 90 schools.*

*(e) Gatherings of more than six people will now be banned in England from Monday in an attempt to curb this rise in case numbers.*

*(c) But although the government is right to tighten social distancing, this alone won't solve the problem of rising cases.*

**S2. Ans. (b)**

**Sol.** The correct sequence is **CDAE** while **statement (b)** fails to become the part of the paragraph coherently. Hence, **option (b)** is the right answer choice.

*(c) The totality of speech consists of both what is said and what is not said.*

*(d) That's why, for understanding the new National Education Policy we have to look both at its words and its silences.*

*(a) Then we cannot escape the conclusion that the NEP involves a paradigm shift in India's education system that is highly retrograde and deleterious.*

*(e) This shift is from a conception of education as a means of 'nation-building' to one that prepares students to become mere fodder for neoliberal capitalism.*

**S3. Ans. (d)**

**Sol.** The correct sequence is **BECA** while **statement (d)** fails to become the part of the paragraph coherently. Hence, **option (d)** is the right answer choice.

*(b) With the passing of another International Literacy Day, India needs to confront the problem of its literacy levels.*

*(e) A report based on a 2017-18 survey by the National Statistical Office puts the country's overall literacy rate at 77.7 per cent.*

*(c) This is far from the goal of full literacy by 2030.*

*(a) Among states, Kerala still leads with 96.2 per cent literacy, followed by Delhi, Uttarakhand and Himachal Pradesh.*

**S4. Ans. (c)**

**Sol.** The correct sequence is **AEDB** while **statement (c)** fails to become the part of the paragraph coherently. Hence, **option (c)** is the right answer choice.

*(a) Narendra Modi stated in Parliament in 2015 about the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act as a monumental failure of the Congress regime.*

*(e) The statement may have been a political jibe, but it showed that the government had no intention of boosting a programme.*

*(d) That program which, since its inception, has suffered from the lack of political intent, leakages and bureaucratic negligence.*

*(b) Over-the-top technological interventions have pushed the MGNREGA towards centralization, with transparency and local accountabilities being compromised.*

**S5. Ans. (d)**

**Sol.** The correct sequence is **CABE** while **statement (d)** fails to become the part of the paragraph coherently. Hence, **option (d)** is the right answer choice.

*(c) Those who follow international political developments have observed that there has been an increase in the number of countries with authoritarian heads of state.*

*(a) Surprisingly, most of these governments headed by authoritarian leaders have been democratically elected through reasonably free and fair elections.*

*(b) After being elected, they have in some cases postponed elections or made themselves heads of state, commander of the military, and chiefs of their political parties.*

*(e) However, other heads of state have been termed as authoritarian for the activities and practices they promote or promulgate within the democratic process.*

**S6. Ans. (b)**

**Sol.** Nuanced: Characterized by subtle shades of meaning or expression.

A subtle distinction or variation.

Nicety.

Made or done with extreme care & accuracy

Hence, **option (b)** is the right answer choice.

Imperative: Of vital importance; crucial.

Vital, Crucial, Peremptory, Commanding, Imperious

Abjure: Solemnly renounce (a belief, cause, or claim).

Renounce, Relinquish, Reject, Forgo

Alleviate: Make (suffering, deficiency, or a problem) less severe.

Reduce, Ease, Relieve

Existential: Relating to existence.

Empirical, Experiential, Experimental, Objective

**S7. Ans. (e)**

**Sol.** Validate: Check or prove the validity or accuracy of.

Ratify, Endorse, Confirm

Hence, **option (e)** is the right answer choice.

Fawning: attempting to win favor by flattery

Hummock: a small natural hill

Apotheosis: model of excellence or perfection of a kind

Discretionary: not earmarked; available for use as needed

**S8. Ans. (c)**

**Sol.** Fervour: Intense and passionate feeling.

Passion, Ardour, Intensity, Zeal

Hence, **option (c)** is the right answer choice.

Cryptic: of an obscure nature

Penchant: a strong liking

Bauble: cheap showy jewelry or ornament

Mountebank: a flamboyant deceiver

**S9. Ans. (d)**

**Sol.** Reticence: The quality of being reticent; reserve.

Introversion, Inhibition, Diffidence, Shyness, Reluctance

Hence, **option (d)** is the right answer choice.

Debacle: a sound defeat

Sycophant: a person who tries to please someone to gain an advantage

Crabbed: annoyed and irritable

Archetype: something that serves as a model

**S10. Ans. (a)**

**Sol.** Surmise: Suppose that something is true without having evidence to confirm it.

Guess, Conjecture, Suspect, Deduce, Infer

Hence, **option (a)** is the right answer choice.

Trenchant: having keenness and forcefulness and penetration in thought

Emboss: raise in a relief

Proletarian: a member of the working class

Careen: pitching dangerously to one side

**S11. Ans. (b)**

**Sol.** Replace “**It is indisputable than working**” with “**It is indisputable that working**” to make the sentence grammatically correct and contextually meaningful. Hence, **option (b)** is the right answer choice.

**S12. Ans. (d)**

**Sol.** Replace “**digital learning was a luxurious**” with “**Digital learning was a luxury**” to make the sentence grammatically correct and contextually meaningful. Hence, **option (d)** is the right answer choice.

**S13. Ans. (c)**

**Sol.** Replace “**the digital world has calved**” with “**The digital world has carved**” to make the sentence grammatically correct and contextually meaningful. Hence, **option (c)** is the right answer choice.

**S14. Ans. (a)**

**Sol.** Replace “**its best not to get excited**” with “**It’s best not to get excited**” to make the sentence grammatically correct and contextually meaningful. Hence, **option (a)** is the right answer choice.

**S15. Ans. (d)**

**Sol.** Replace “**Dealing with a variant of client**” with “**Dealing with a variety of clients**” to make the sentence grammatically correct and contextually meaningful. Hence, **option (d)** is the right answer choice.

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