

Quiz Date: 11<sup>th</sup> August 2020

**Directions (1-3):** In each of the following questions, a sentence/a group of sentences is given divided into four parts and have a blank. Either one or none of the parts have an error. Choose the part which is erroneous and fill the blank with a suitable word which would make the sentence grammatically and contextually correct.

Q1. Before the evening of May 6th, and despite the miserable state (A)/ of their country's democracy on President RecepTayyipErdogan, (B)/ Turks could \_\_\_\_\_ themselves with the thought that, (C)/ on election day, they could anyway vote freely. (D)/ No error (E)

- (a) (A), enervate
- (b) (B), console
- (c) (B), vindicate
- (d) (C), engender
- (e) (E), concede

Q2. From the beginning, the case against the journalists was \_\_\_\_\_. (A)/ The pair had been working on an investigation into the killing of ten men from the Rohingya Muslim minority in Rakhine state, (B)/ where soldiers will force more than 700,000 Rohingyas (C)/ to flee to Bangladesh in 2017, murdering a further 7,000 or so. (D)/ No Error (E)

- (a) (E), innocuous
- (b) (C), parsimonious
- (c) (A), restive
- (d) (C), absurd
- (e) (B), commensurate

Q3. Perhaps the oldest management cliché is that (A)/ “people are our most important asset”. (B)/ If that were true, companies would rigorously \_\_\_\_\_ their own hiring practices, (C)/ and record, to ensure that they are indeed recruiting the better people. (D)/ No Error (E)

- (a) (A), galvanise
- (b) (A), castigate
- (c) (D), assess
- (d) (C), betray
- (e) (E), qualify

**Directions (4-8):** In the following questions, a paragraph is given with three blanks, followed by six words. You have to choose the most suitable combination of words among the alternative options, that will fill the blank coherently, forming a grammatically correct and contextually meaningful paragraph. If none of the given combination is appropriate to fill the blank, mark option (e) i.e. “none of these” as your answer choice.

Q4. The Centre has moved quickly to defuse a potentially \_\_\_\_\_ controversy over the charge of Hindi imposition. It is quite apparent that the NarendraModi government did not want the language issue to acquire \_\_\_\_\_ importance at a time when it is embarking on its second innings with a huge mandate. Further, given the impression that the ruling party does not have much of a presence in South India, barring Karnataka, it did not want to be seen as being \_\_\_\_\_ to the concerns of southern States, especially Tamil Nadu.

- (i) Figurine
- (ii) Capricious
- (iii) Censorious
- (iv) Gainsay
- (v) Disproportionate

(vi) Thick-skinned

- (a) ii, iii, vi
- (b) iv, i, v
- (c) v, i, ii
- (d) ii, v, vi
- (e) None of these.

Q5. The report from the Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) is finally out, garnering a lot of attention based on selective reading of tables and spurring partisan debates. In particular, the \_\_\_\_\_ increase in the unemployment rate, from 1.7% in 2011-12 to 5.8% in 2017-18 for rural men and from 3.0% to 7.1% for urban men, has \_\_\_\_\_ wide ranging hand-wringing. However, a more nuanced picture emerges if we are to look beyond the partisan debates to policy \_\_\_\_\_ of the data on employment and unemployment.

- (i) Jocose
- (ii) Inferences
- (iii) Lambaste
- (iv) Staggering
- (v) Epithet
- (vi) Begotten

- (a) ii, iii, vi
- (b) iv, vi, ii
- (c) v, i, ii
- (d) ii, v, vi
- (e) None of these.

Q6. After the extraordinary mandate the BJP won, two ideas have been put forth: that Indians have \_\_\_\_\_ adopted Hindutva and that they want the country "saved" by a strong leader. What nobody seems ready to \_\_\_\_\_ yet is the colossal nudge that social media and partisan mainstream television gave to creating this twin narrative in the popular \_\_\_\_\_.

- (i) Gall
- (ii) Avow
- (iii) Cognizance
- (iv) Gambit
- (v) Promptly
- (vi) Malodorous

- (a) ii, iii, vi
- (b) iv, i, v
- (c) v, ii, iii
- (d) ii, v, vi
- (e) None of these.

Q7. Benjamin Netanyahu, whose Likud party won 35 seats in the 120-member Parliament, was the winner in April elections. He was set to form a government with support from right-wing and \_\_\_\_\_ parties to kick off a record term as Prime Minister. But his plans \_\_\_\_\_ as the ultra-orthodox Jewish parties and right-wing \_\_\_\_\_ YisraelBeiteinu failed to come on board.

- (i) Portend
- (ii) Devout
- (iii) Pragmatic
- (iv) Receptive

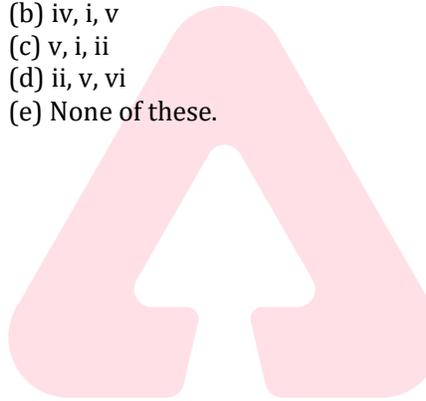
- (v) Sundered  
(vi) Nationalist

- (a) ii, iii, vi  
(b) iv, i, v  
(c) v, i, ii  
(d) ii, v, vi  
(e) None of these.

Q8. The entire political \_\_\_\_\_ has been turned into a room of mirrors where nothing is as it seems. Phoney 'government' documents regularly do the \_\_\_\_\_ with statistics about terrorism or GDP figures that are \_\_\_\_\_ different from the data even on government websites.

- (i) Recidivism  
(ii) Rounds  
(iii) Saccharine  
(iv) Substantially  
(v) Temerity  
(vi) Coliseum

- (a) vi, ii, iv  
(b) iv, i, v  
(c) v, i, ii  
(d) ii, v, vi  
(e) None of these.



**Directions (9-13):** In each of the questions given below four words are given in bold. These four words may or may not be in their correct position. The sentence is then followed by options with the correct sequence of words in order to make the sentence grammatically and contextually correct. If the sentence is correct as it then select option (e) as your choice.

Q9. According to the United Nations **active (A)** database, the **fell (B)** of Indians aged between 20 and 59 years — those one would consider to be the most **(C) population** work seekers — actually **proportion (D)** from 46.9 per cent in 1950 to 45.8 per cent in 1990.

- (a) DBCA  
(b) ADBC  
(c) BCAD

- (d) CDAB
- (e) No rearrangement required.

Q10. Jharkhand faces the same **malaise (A)** that many other small Indian cities do—a **crippling (B)** lack of **industrial(C)** activities that can **create (D)** jobs.

- (a) DBCA
- (b) ADBC
- (c) BCAD
- (d) CABD
- (e) No rearrangement required.

Q11. The **indicator (A)** of Ranchi's economy, representative of a **economic (B)** of India's up-and-coming cities, is also a good **character(C)** for why India's **slew (D)** growth is now down to less than 5%.

- (a) DBCA
- (b) BCAD
- (c) CDAB
- (d) ABDC
- (e) No rearrangement required.

Q12. In the 18th **converted(A)**, British Judge Tilman Henckell floated the Sunderbans Plan. Under this plan, known as the first land reform **initiative (B)** in the state, the vast wasteland was **century (C)** into agricultural land and the **revenue (D)** was distributed among the people.

- (a) CABD
- (b) CBAD
- (c) BCAD
- (d) ACDB
- (e) No rearrangement required.

Q13. The **warheads (A)** capability of the Avangard hypersonic missile makes it difficult to **trajectory(B)** its **predict(C)**, and gives it the ability to protect itself from air and ballistic missile defences by delivering nuclear **manoeuvring(D)** to targets

- (a) ACBD
- (b) DCBA
- (c) DACB
- (d) CABD
- (e) No rearrangement required.

**Directions (14-15):** In each of the questions given below five words are given in bold. These five words may or may not be in their correct positions. The sentence is then followed by options with the correct combination of words that should be interchanged with each other in order to make the sentence grammatically and contextually correct. Find the correct combination of the words that replace each other. If the sentence is correct as it then select option (e) as your choice.

Q14. Oil extended its(A)**escalated** price(B) **surge** from Friday as the(C) **fallout** between the US and Iran (D)**dramatic** after the (E)**assassination** of one of the Islamic Republic's most powerful generals.

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

- (d) (A) - (D) and (B) and (E)  
 (e) No interchange required

Q15. Transport Secretary Grant Shapps said he(A) **franchise** to tackle the(B) **performance** system and had begun the(C) **process** to end the(D) **planned** for the rail service Northern, whose (E) **fragmented** was "completely unacceptable".

- (a) (A) - (E)  
 (b) (B) - (C)  
 (c) (A) - (D)  
 (d) (A) - (D) and (B) and (E)  
 (e) No interchange required



### Solutions

S1. Ans. (b)

Sol. There is an error in the part (B) of the sentence. The use of the preposition 'on' is incorrect. The correct preposition to be used is 'under'. The blank seems to be filled by a verb. People can console themselves with a thought. Among the given verbs, the verb 'console' provides the correct context to the blank.

Hence, option (b) is the correct answer.

Enervate [verb] means 'to sap energy from';

Vindicate [verb] means 'to clear of accusation, blame, suspicion, or doubt with supporting arguments or proofs';

Engender [verb] means 'give rise to';

Concede [verb] means 'acknowledge defeat';

'Before the evening of May 6th, and despite the miserable state of their country's democracy under President RecepTayyipErdogan, Turks could **console** themselves with the thought that, on election day, they could anyway vote freely.'

S2. Ans. (d)

Sol. There is an error in the part (C). The phrase 'to flee to Bangladesh in 2017' in part (D) suggests that the tense of the sentence should be past. The use of the phrase 'will force' is erroneous. It should be replaced with 'forced'.

Innocuous [adjective] means 'harmless and doesn't produce any ill effects';

Parsimonious [adjective] means 'extremely frugal; miserly';

Restive [adjective] means 'restless';

Commensurate [adjective] means 'to be in proportion or corresponding in degree or amount';

The blank seems to be filled by an adjective. A case against journalists can be 'absurd', 'relevant' or otherwise. Among the given options, the word 'absurd' provide the correct context to the blank. Hence, option (d) is the correct answer.

*'From the beginning, the case against the journalists was **absurd**. The pair had been working on an investigation into the killing of ten men from the Rohingya Muslim minority in Rakhine state, where soldiers forced more than 700,000 Rohingyas to flee to Bangladesh in 2017, murdering a further 7,000 or so.'*

S3. Ans. (c)

Sol. There is an error in the part (D). The comparative adjective is not preceded by 'the'. The word 'better' should be replaced with the word 'best'.

Galvanise [verb] means 'to excite or inspire (someone) to action';

Castigate [verb] means 'to reprimand harshly';

Betray [verb] means 'to reveal or make known something, usually unintentionally';

Qualify [verb] means 'to make less severe; to limit (a statement)';

The blank seems to be filled by a verb. Hiring practices are something which companies can assess.

Among the given verbs, the word 'assess' provides the correct context.

Hence, option (c) is the correct answer.

*'Perhaps the oldest management cliché is that "people are our most important asset". If that were true, companies would rigorously **assess** their own hiring practices, and record, to ensure that they are indeed recruiting the best people.'*

S4. Ans.(d)

Sol. Figurine (v) means a statuette, especially one of a human form

Capricious (adj) means given to sudden and unaccountable changes of mood or behaviour.

Censorious (adj) means severely critical of others.

Gainsay (v) means deny or contradict (a fact or statement).

Disproportionate (adj) means too large or too small in comparison with something else

Thick-skinned (adj) means showing or feeling no concern for others' feelings.

Hence, from the given options only option (d) will fit the blanks to make the passage contextually as well as grammatically correct.

S5. Ans. (b)

Sol. Jocose (adj) means given to joking

Inferences(n) a conclusion reached on the basis of evidence and reasoning

Lambaste (v) means criticize (someone or something) harshly.

Staggering (adj) means deeply shocking; astonishing

Epithet (adj) means an adjective or phrase expressing a quality or attribute regarded as characteristic of the person or thing.

Begotten (v) means cause; bring about

Hence, from the given options only option (b) will fit the blanks to make the passage contextually as well as grammatically correct.

S6. Ans. (c)

Sol. Gall (v) means irritate or vex

Avow (v) means assert or confess openly.

Cognizance (n) means knowledge or awareness

Gambit (n) means an act or remark that is calculated to gain an advantage

Promptly (adv) means with little or no delay; immediately

Malodorous (adj) means smelling very unpleasant.

Hence, from the given options only option (c) will fit the blanks to make the passage contextually as well as grammatically correct.

S7. Ans. (d)

Sol. Portend (v) means indicate by signs

Devout (adj) having or showing deep religious feeling or commitment.

Pragmatic (adj) means based on practical judgments rather than principles

Receptive (adj) means willing to consider or accept new suggestions and ideas.

Sunder (v) means to break apart.

Hence, from the given options only option (d) will fit the blanks to make the passage contextually as well as grammatically correct.

S8. Ans. (a)

Sol. Recidivism (n) means the act of continuing to commit crimes even after having been punished

Saccharine (adj) means overly sweet

Substantially (adv) means to a great or significant extent.

Temerity (n) means excessive confidence or boldness

Coliseum (n) means a large theatre, cinema, or stadium.

Hence, from the given options only option (a) will fit the blanks to make the passage contextually as well as grammatically correct.

S9. Ans. (d)

Sol. The correct sequence of the given words is CDAB.

In the given sentence the order of the words which make the most contextual and grammatical sense is option (d). Hence the answer would be (d).

**Proportion:** a part, share, or number considered in comparative relation to a whole.

S10. Ans. (e)

Sol. The correct sequence of the given words is ABCD.

In the above given sentence the words are arranged in a contextually and grammatically correct manner hence the answer would be option (e) i.e. no rearrangement required.

**Malaise:** a general feeling of discomfort, illness, or unease whose exact cause is difficult to identify.

**Crippling:** causing a person to become unable to walk or move properly.

S11. Ans. (c)

Sol. The correct sequence of the given words is CDAB.

In the given sentence the order of the words which make the most contextual and grammatical sense is option (c). Hence the answer would be (c).

**Slew:** a large number of

**indicator:** a thing that indicates the state or level of something.

**Character:** the mental and moral qualities distinctive to an individual.

S12. Ans. (b)

Sol. The correct sequence of the given words is CBAD.

In the given sentence the order of the words which make the most contextual and grammatical sense is option (b). Hence the answer would be (b).

**Converted:** having been adapted to be suitable for a new purpose.

**Initiative:** the ability to assess and initiate things independently.

**Revenue:** is the income that a business has from its normal business activities.

S13. Ans. (b)

Sol. The correct sequence of the given words is DCBA.

In the given sentence the order of the words which make the most contextual and grammatical sense is option (b). Hence the answer would be (b).

**Manoeuvring:** a movement or series of moves requiring skill and care

**Trajectory:** the path followed by a projectile flying or an object moving under the action of given forces.

**Warheads:** explosive or toxic material that is delivered by a missile, rocket, or torpedo. It is a type of bomb.

S14. Ans. (c)

Sol. The given sentence will become grammatically and contextually correct if (A) and (D) are interchanged. Therefore, option (c) is the most suitable answer choice.

S15. Ans. (d)

Sol. The given sentence will become grammatically and contextually correct if (A) and (D) and (B) and (E) are interchanged. Therefore, option (d) is the most suitable answer choice.

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