

Quiz Date: 17th August 2020

Directions (1-5): The following question consists of a sentence, whose certain parts are highlighted in bold. The highlighted portions are grammatically correct. Each sentence is followed by the three expressions which may or may not contain grammatical errors. Choose the most appropriate alternative among the five options which states the incorrect part(s) of the sentence. If the given sentence is grammatically correct and contextually meaningful, choose option (e) i.e., "No error" as your answer

Q1. **Be it the rural Bengal, soggy with pathos after a squall**/that ravaged in a poor priest's life or the corporate urban life, where/stepping up the social ladder means/alienation from your near /and dear ones, Ray's camera captured all that more to give/**his audience what they had not seen before on silver screen**. No error

- (a)that ravaged in a poor priest's life or the corporate urban life, where
- (b)stepping up the social ladder means
- (c)and dear ones, Ray's camera captured all that more to give
- (d) all (a), (b)&(c)
- (e)No error

Q2.**HRW is seeking evidence that the CDC guidelines**/and other efforts to modulate opioid /**prescribing result in patients being cut**/ of from vital medication, in /violation to their right /to appropriate health care. No error.

- (a)and other efforts to modulate opioid
- (b)of from vital medication, in
- (c)violation to their right
- (d)Both (b)&(c)
- (e)No error

Q3. Empowering people with all the necessary /**facts and figures concerning all aspects of**/daily life and the functioning of/ the "state apparatus"/ holds the key to a free/**fair and real democracy**.

- (a)Empowering people with all the necessary
- (b)daily life and the functioning of
- (c)Both (a)&(b)
- (d)holds the key to a free
- (e)No error

Q4. Even though the freedom of/ **expression of media flows**/ from constitutional provisions, /any additional restriction should/ flows from an enacted law and /**not through executive actions**.

- (a)flows from an enacted law
- (b)Even though the freedom of
- (c)Only (a)
- (d)Both (a)&(b)
- (e)No error

Q5. **On the Press Freedom Day**,/ it would be /appropriate for the media to resolve/ to dedicate it/**to a new TRP philosophy— the promotion of Truth**/in a Responsive and Professional manner. No Error.

- (a)it would be
- (b)in a Responsive and Professional manner

- (c)to dedicate it
- (d)Both (b)&(c)
- (e)No error

Directions (6-10): The following questions consists of a sentence, whose certain parts are highlighted in bold. The highlighted portions are grammatically correct. Each sentence is followed by the three expressions which may or may not contain grammatical errors. Choose the most appropriate alternative among the five options which states the incorrect part(s) of the sentence. If the given sentence is grammatically correct and contextually meaningful, choose option (e) i.e., "No error" as your answer.

Q6. It is hard when you work in a city far away from **family and friends**, and home excursions is always **much awaited**.

- (I)It is hard when you work
- (II)in a city far away from
- (III)and home excursions is always

- (a)Only (I)
- (b)Only (III)
- (c)Both (I) and (II)
- (d)Both (II) and (III)
- (e)No error

Q7. **The recently concluded** 'informal' summit meeting between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Chinese President Xi Jinping in Wuhan is **more about optics** than substance.

- (I) 'informal' summit meeting between
- (II) Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Chinese President Xi Jinping in Wuhan is
- (III) than substance

- (a)Only (I)
- (b)Only (II)
- (c)Both (I) and (II)
- (d)Both (II) and (III)
- (e)No error



Q8. PM Modi had urged **the people to be more conscious** about preventive health care because not only prevention was beneficial **for a person but also for his or her family and society.**

- (I) PM Modi had urged
- (II) about preventive health care
- (III) because not only prevention was beneficial
- (a) Only (III)
- (b) Only (II)
- (c) Both (I) and (II)
- (d) Both (II) and (III)
- (e) No error

Q9. **The poor state of conservation** of our monuments is that needs **a major overhaul**, and outsourcing without proper and right monitoring will not solve the problem.

- (I) of our monuments is that needs
- (II) and outsourcing without proper and right
- (III) monitoring will not solve the problem
- (a) Only (III)
- (b) Only (II)
- (c) Both (I) and (III)
- (d) Both (I) and (II)
- (e) No error

Q10. No sooner the summit **ended than significant** differences emerged on how **India and China interpret even** the understandings reached at Wuhan.

- (I) No sooner the summit
- (II) differences emerged on how
- (III) the understandings reached at Wuhan
- (a) Only (III)
- (b) Only (I)
- (c) Both (I) and (III)
- (d) Both (I) and (II)
- (e) No error

Directions (11-15): Two columns are given in each question and each column has three parts of a sentence. Choose the most suitable pair, which makes a grammatically correct and contextually coherent statement.

Q11.

COLUMN I

- (A) Much water has flowed in the Ganga since then,
- (B) Bihar Deputy Chief Minister may have tried to quieten the demand
- (C) Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) leader Khursheed Alam was released

COLUMN II

- (D) Who died of lung cancer on Tuesday evening.
- (E) Participate in all the congregational prayers to be offered.
- (F) By some party colleagues for a rethink on seat distribution

- (a) A-E

- (b) B-F
- (c) All (a) (b) and (d)
- (d) C-D
- (e) None of these

Q12.

COLUMN I

- (A) Senators and Congressmen have confirmed attendance
- (B) Indian Ambassador to the U.S. Harshvardhan Shringla is flying to Houston on Wednesday
- (C) The space under the central dome of the mosque is

COLUMN II

- (D) Believed to be where Lord Ram was born.
- (E) After the permission, devotees entered the temple
- (F) Decided on the joint appearance when they met in France later in the month.

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

Q13.

COLUMN I

- (A) he ordered a major increase in sanctions on Iran
- (B) I have just instructed the Secretary of the Treasury
- (C) Campaign would be centred on the theme of national

COLUMN II

- (D) Mr. Trump gave no explanation in a brief Twitter posting announcing the order
- (E) Sanctions against Iran showed that the U.S. was aiming at civilians.
- (F) To substantially increase sanctions on the country of Iran

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

Q14.

COLUMN I

- (A) It is widely expected that Gotabaya Rajapaksa's campaign would be centred
- (B) Even as the battle within the party heats up, with its members divided over three contenders
- (C) Living costs and rising unemployment are other issues

COLUMN II

- (D) That will likely dominate poll rhetoric, observers note.
 (E) Will hold presidential elections on November 16
 (F) Their popular leader has spoken about possibly returning to power through

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

Q15.

COLUMN I

- (A) Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu failed to win a ruling majority in an election
 (B) Mr. Trump recently dispatched Mr. O'Brien to Sweden for the court hearing
 (C) Mr. Trump fired Mr. Bolton after disagreements over handling foreign

COLUMN II

- (D) Policy matters relating to North Korea, Iran, Afghanistan, Russia and Venezuela.
 (E) That produced a virtual tie between his right-wing bloc and a centre-left grouping that would be led by former military chief Benny Gantz.
 (F) Of U.S. rapper A\$AP Rocky, who was later convicted for assault.

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

**Solutions**

S1. Ans.(d)

Sol. All the expressions provided in the options possess errors. In the first expression, there is prepositional error i.e., in place of '**ravaged in**' it should be '**ravaged through**' which is used to depict the destruction as experienced by the rural Bengal and which can be depicted from the example of poor

priest's life. In case of second expression, it should be '**climb up the stair**' instead of '**step up the ladder**' which means going places or becoming famous. In case of third expression, **give** will be replaced by **gave** as the sentence is in past tense. Therefore, all the expressions contain errors.

S2. Ans.(d)

Sol. Of all the expressions provided, expressions given in option (b) and option (c) contain errors. In case of option (b) of should be replaced with off. The correct expression should be cut off which means the act of ending or stopping something. Here it is depicting that the patients are rendered isolated from the vital medications while the efforts to modulate opioid prescribing are on. In case of the expression provided in option(c), in place of '**to**' it should be '**of which is used to depict the relation or connection with something**'.

S3. Ans.(d)

Sol. Out of all the expressions, option(d) contains an error. In this expression the usage of preposition **to** is incorrect and hence it should be replaced with for. '**For**' is used to indicate the use of something whereas '**to**' is used to indicate the place, person, or thing that someone or something moves toward, or the direction of something or to depict a time interval. Hence, option (d) is the most suitable choice.

S4. Ans. (d)

Sol. Of all the options provided, options (a) & (b) has an error. In case of expression provided in option (a), '**flow**' should be replaced with verb '**flows**'. It is to be noted that the stress is laid on additional restriction in the plethora of restrictions already existing. Hence, it should take plural verb '**flow**' after it. In case of expression provided in option (b), '**Even though**' is not fitting in the context of the sentence and therefore to make the sentence meaningful and grammatical correct, it should be replaced with '**Since**' to make it contextually correct. As '**since**' shows the already existing situation. '**Even though**' means '**despite the fact**' which do not fit in the context of the sentence and hence it needs improvement.

S5. Ans.(d)

Sol. Of all the expressions provided in the options, (b) and (c) have errors in it. In case of option (b) it should be responsible in place of responsive. Responsible means dutiful or abiding whereas responsive means sensitive to a stimulus, In the expression provided in option (c), '**dedicate**' will take reflexive pronoun after it due to lack of subject therefore it should be '**dedicate itself**'. Hence, option (c) is the most viable choice.

S6. Ans. (b)

Sol. There is a grammatical error in the third part of the sentence; there is an issue of subject-verb agreement. The verb "**is**" should be replaced by its plural "**are**" to make the sentence grammatically correct as the subject of the verb is plural [**home excursions**]. The other two parts are grammatically feasible. Hence option (b) is the correct choice.

S7. Ans. (b)

Sol. There is a grammatical error in the second part of the sentence. It is to be noted that the verb [**concluded**] in the highlighted part of the sentence indicates that the event [**'informal' summit meeting**] held in the past thus, the sentence should be in the past tense. Therefore, the helping verb in the second part of the sentence "**is**" should be replaced by "**was**" to make the sentence in accord with the appropriate grammatical syntax of the sentence. Hence, option (b) becomes the most suitable answer choice.

S8. Ans. (a)

Sol. Expression (I) and (II) are correct and do not require any correction. While expression (III) comprises, a grammatical error making the sentence incorrect. It is to be noted that "**not only...but also**" is a correlative conjunction which is used to connect two clauses. Moreover, while using not only . . . but

also in a sentence, parallelism should be the goal. *It means that the words following both parts of this correlative conjunction (i.e., not only and but also) should belong to the same parts of speech.* Moreover, contextually the noun '**prevention**' should have been used for both the clauses of "not only...but also". Therefore, the correct phrase should have been [...because prevention was not only beneficial **for a person but also for his or her family and society**]. Hence, **option (a)** is the correct choice.

S9. Ans. (d)

Sol. Expression (I) and (II) do not comply with the grammatical syntax of the syntax. To make **expression (I)** correct replace the determiner "that" with the relative pronoun "what" as '*that*' is used to refer a specific thing previously mentioned, known, or understood while; '*what*' is used for the thing or things that are used in specifying something. Moreover, **expression (II)** contains a contextual error as the use of the adjectives "**proper**" and "**right**" together is redundant. Therefore, omitting 'right' from the sentence makes it coherent and grammatically viable. Hence, **option (d)** becomes the most feasible answer choice.

S10. Ans. (b)

Sol. The error lies in the first part of the sentence. To make the sentence in accord with the grammatical syntax of the sentence '**had**' should be added after '**no sooner**'. *It is to be noted that in all the cases where the sentence begins with 'no sooner', helping verb takes place before the subject of the sentence; Ex. No sooner had he reached the office than his friend arrived.* Thus, the correct phrase of the sentence should be "**No sooner had the summit**". Hence, **option (b)** becomes the most suitable answer choice.

S11. Ans. (b)

Sol. Only B-F can make a contextually correct and grammatically meaningful sentence.

Sentence thus formed is :

B-F: Bihar Deputy Chief Minister may have tried to quieten the demand by some party colleagues for a rethink on seat distribution.

S12. Ans. (d)

Sol. Only C-D can make a contextually correct and grammatically meaningful sentence.

Sentence thus formed is :

C-D: The space under the central dome of the mosque is believed to be where Lord Ram was born.

S13. Ans. (b)

Sol. Only B-F can make a contextually correct and grammatically meaningful sentence.

Sentence thus formed is:

B-F: I have just instructed the Secretary of the Treasury to substantially increase sanctions on the country of Iran.

S14. Ans. (d)

Sol. only C-D can make a contextually correct and grammatically meaningful sentence.

Sentence thus formed is

C-D: Living costs and rising unemployment are other issues that will likely dominate poll rhetoric, observers note.

S15. Ans. (c)

Sol. All A-E , B-F and C-D can make a contextually correct and grammatically meaningful sentences.

Sentences thus formed are :

B-F: Mr. Trump recently dispatched Mr. O'Brien to Sweden for the court hearing of U.S. rapper A\$AP Rocky, who was later convicted for assault.

A-E: Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu failed to win a ruling majority in an election that produced a virtual tie between his right-wing bloc and a centre-left grouping that would be led by former military chief Benny Gantz.

C-D: Mr. Trump fired Mr. Bolton after disagreements over handling foreign policy matters relating to North Korea, Iran, Afghanistan, Russia and Venezuela.

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