

Quiz Date: 8<sup>th</sup> September 2020

Directions (1-5): **In the sentences given below, four words have been highlighted and placed in a sentence. Identify the correct sequence of the words in the sentence. Also, one of the given words will need to be replaced. Identify the correct sequence and the correct replacement and mark that option as your answer.**

Q1. The fact of the (A) **bipartisan** is that there is a rare (B) **dangerous** consensus in the U.S. that China is becoming an increasingly (C) **developmental** challenge to American global (D) **matter**.

- (a) CADB; B- daggers
- (b) DABC; C- denomination
- (c) DABC; C- dominance
- (d) CADB; D- mattress
- (e) No interchange required

Q2. The (A) **breach** bilateral trade (B) **current** between the U.S. and China is about \$400 billion in 2018, a figure that was (C) **initiation** cited by President Trump to justify his (D) **repeatedly** of the trade war.

- (a) BDAC; C- intimation
- (b) BDAC; D- revered
- (c) BADC; A- imbalance
- (d) BADC; A- polarity
- (e) No interchange required

Q3. The trade imbalance between the U.S. and China will (A) **foreseeable**, and will continue to (B) **rivalry** the (C) **persist** between the two countries for the (D) **fuel** future.

- (a) CDBA; A- foreseen
- (b) CDBA; B- revolutionary
- (c) CDBA; all words are correct
- (d) CDBA; B- fervently
- (e) No interchange required

Q4. Over the decades, it has been (A) **premium** that global FDI investors (B) **establishing** and are even willing to pay a (C) **barrier** for policy stability and largely (D) **prioritise**-free access to local and international markets.

- (a) BDAC; B- established
- (b) DCBA; A- promotion
- (c) BACD; all words are correct.
- (d) CADB; D- priorities
- (e) No interchange required

Q5. Prime Minister Modi last week elaborately (A) **investment** India as an (B) **serve** destination that could (C) **hub** as a manufacturing (D) **pitched** at the heart of global supply chains.

- (a) CADB; A- investors

- (b) BADC; B- severed
- (c) DABC; all words are correct.
- (d) CDAB; C- hotspot
- (e) No interchange required

Directions (6-10): A word has been given in each question and has been used in the sentences given below. Identify the statements where the word has been used in a contextually and grammatically correct manner. If the word has been used incorrectly in all the statements, mark "None of these", as your answer.

#### Q6. SKEPTICAL

- (i) College officials were said to be **skeptical** about her accusations.
- (ii) Blake was **skeptical**, wondering if it were really an evil spirit.
- (iii) In her more **skeptical** moments the old lady would talk about her past.

- (a) Only (ii)
- (b) Only (i)
- (c) Both (ii) & (i)
- (d) All (i), (ii), (iii)
- (e) None of these.

#### Q7. PERVASIVE

- (i) If you are going to be out late, book a taxi from a **pervasive** firm.
- (ii) An even more **pervasive** problem is that of consistency of performance across time.
- (iii) You are well advised to buy your car through a **pervasive** dealer.

- (a) Only (ii)
- (b) Only (i)
- (c) Both (ii) & (iii)
- (d) All (i), (ii), (iii)
- (e) None of these.



**Q8. Mutilated**

- (i) The bodies were **mutilated** beyond recognition.  
(ii) The editor **mutilated** my text by removing whole paragraphs from it.  
(iii) The invaders cut off their prisoners' arms and legs and threw their **mutilated** bodies into the ditch.

- (a) Only (ii)  
(b) Only (i)  
(c) Both (ii) & (iii)  
(d) All (i), (ii), (iii)  
(e) None of these.

**Q9. Subjugate**

- (i) Their costly and futile attempt to **subjugate** the Afghans lasted just 10 years.  
(ii) The war, he said, had been launched to save the Union, not to **subjugate** the South.  
(iii) Affirmative action was meant to **subjugate** the balance for minorities.

- (a) Only (ii)  
(b) Only (i)  
(c) Both (ii) & (i)  
(d) All (i), (ii), (iii)  
(e) None of these.

**Q10. Inept**

- (i) The manner of his handling his departure from McLaren was, however, characteristically **inept**.  
(ii) He staggered through the open doorway, into the painted freezer, feeling his knees giving out with each **inept** step.  
(iii) We need to make **inept** changes to the way in which we treat our environment.

- (a) Only (ii)  
(b) Only (i)  
(c) Both (ii) & (i)  
(d) All (i), (ii), (iii)  
(e) None of these.

Directions (11-15): **In each of the statement given below, a blank has been given. Each statement is followed by a set of three words. Identify the word(s) that could fit in the given blank to make the statement grammatically correct and contextually meaningful.**

Q11. The county Department of Environmental Quality is \_\_\_\_\_ to issue an air-quality permit decision sometime this month.

- (i) Adorned  
(ii) Slated  
(iii) Scheduled

- (a) Both (i) and (ii)
- (b) Both (ii) and (iii)
- (c) Only (iii)
- (d) All are correct.
- (e) Only (i)

Q12. Since the \_\_\_\_\_ of atomic power, there have been great changes in industry.

- (i) Anticipation
- (ii) Acquaintance
- (iii) Advent

- (a) Both (i) and (ii)
- (b) Only (ii)
- (c) All are correct.
- (d) Both (ii) and (iii)
- (e) Only (iii)

Q13. She has \_\_\_\_\_ house arrest and continual harassment by the police.

- (i) Exaggerated
- (ii) Endured
- (iii) Sustained

- (a) Both (i) and (ii)
- (b) Both (ii) and (iii)
- (c) Only (iii)
- (d) All are correct.
- (e) Only (i)

Q14. The red giants also may be useful in \_\_\_\_\_ cosmic distances and estimating the age of the universe.

- (i) Gauging
- (ii) Calibrating
- (iii) Assessing

- (a) Both (i) and (ii)
- (b) Only (ii)
- (c) All are correct.
- (d) Both (ii) and (iii)
- (e) Only (iii)

Q15. Even though John's project was awful, I did not want to \_\_\_\_\_ his efforts so I went out of my way to pay him a compliment on his work.

- (i) Demur
- (ii) Ferry

(iii) Belittle

- (a) Both (i) and (ii)
- (b) Only (ii)
- (c) All are correct.
- (d) Both (i) and (iii)
- (e) Only (iii)



### SOLUTIONS

S1. Ans. (c)

Sol. Among the given words, the most suitable rearrangement of the highlighted words will be **DABC**. Also, 'developmental' will need to be replaced with 'dominance' to make the statement grammatically correct and contextually meaningful. Hence, option (c) is the most suitable answer choice.

S2. Ans. (c)

Sol. Among the given words, the most suitable rearrangement of the highlighted words will be **BADC**. Also, 'breach' will need to be replaced with 'imbalance' to make the statement grammatically correct and contextually meaningful. Hence, option (c) is the most suitable answer choice.

S3. Ans. (c)

Sol. Among the given words, the most suitable rearrangement of the highlighted words will be **CDBA**. Also, all the given words make the statement grammatically correct and contextually meaningful. Hence, option (c) is the most suitable answer choice.

S4. Ans. (a)

Sol. The correct rearrangement of the highlighted words will be **BDAC**. Also, 'establishing' must be replaced with 'established'. Hence, option (a) is the most suitable answer choice.

S5. Ans. (c)

Sol. The correct rearrangement of the highlighted words will be **DABC**. Also, all the given words are correct in context of the given statement. Hence, option (c) is the most suitable answer choice.

S6. Ans. (c)

Sol. The word has been used incorrectly in (iii) where it must be replaced with 'lucid'.  
Lucid (adj.): very clear and easy to understand.

Skeptical (adj.): not easily convinced/ having doubts or reservations.

S7. Ans. (a)

Sol. The word has been used correctly only in statement (ii). In other two statements, 'pervasive' will be replaced by 'reputable'. Hence, option (a) is the most suitable answer choice.

Pervasive- spreading widely throughout an area or a group of people.

Reputable- having a good reputation.

S8. Ans. (d)

Sol. The word has been used correctly in all the statements. Hence, option (d) is the most suitable answer choice.

Mutilated- to damage something severely, especially by violently removing a part.

S9. Ans. (c)

Sol. The word has been used incorrectly in (iii) where it must be replaced with 'Redress'.

Subjugate- to defeat people or a country and rule them in a way that allows them no freedom.

Redress- to put right a wrong or give payment for a wrong that has been done.

S10. Ans. (c)

Sol. The word has been used incorrectly in (iii) where it must be replaced with 'Fundamental'.

Inept- having or showing no skill/ clumsy.

Fundamental- forming a necessary base or core/ of central importance.

S11. Ans. (b)

Sol. Among the given words, 'slated' and 'scheduled' can fit in the given blank to make the statement grammatically correct and contextually meaningful. Hence, option (b) is the most suitable answer choice.

Slated- schedule; plan.

Adorned- make more beautiful or attractive.

S12. Ans. (e)

Sol. Among the given words, only 'advent' can fit in the blank to make the statement grammatically correct and contextually meaningful. Hence, option (e) is the most suitable answer choice.

Advent- the arrival of a notable person or thing.

Anticipation- the action of anticipating something; expectation or prediction.

Acquaintance- knowledge or experience of something.

S13. Ans. (b)

Sol. Among the given set of words, only 'endured' and 'sustained' could fit in the given blanks. Hence, option (b) is the most suitable answer choice.

Endured: remain in existence; last.

Sustained: undergo or suffer (something unpleasant, especially an injury).

Exaggerated: regarded or represented as larger, better, or worse than in reality.

S14. Ans. (c)

Sol. Among the given words, all of them can fit in the given blank. Hence, option (c) is the most suitable answer choice.

Gauging: estimate or determine the amount, level, or volume of.

Calibrating: carefully assess, set, or adjust (something abstract).

Assessing: evaluate or estimate the nature, ability, or quality of.

S15. Ans. (d)

Sol. Among the given words 'demur' and 'belittle' could fit in the given blank. Hence, option (d) is the most suitable answer choice.

Demur [verb]: raise objections or show reluctance

Ferrying [verb]: convey in a ferry or other ship or boat, especially across a short stretch of water

Belittling [verb]: dismiss (someone or something) as unimportant

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