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Directions (1-5): In each of the following questions given below, sentences/words are given with some bold words/ phrases which may contain errors. Below each of the sentences, a table is given with two columns in which column 'A' contains the list of bold words, and in column 'B' the suggested corrections are listed. You have to choose the best alternate among the four given options. If no correction is required against the given bold words, mark (e). i.e. "None of the above" as your answer.

Q1. The conference of the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change in Bangkok last week, that was to draft a rulebook for the Paris Agreement ahead of a crucial international conference in Poland in December, ran into **predictable difficulties over the issue of raising funds** to help poorer nations. Some developed countries led by the U.S. — which, under the Trump administration, has rejected the agreement — **are unwilling to commit at sound rules on raising climate finance**. Under the pact concluded in Paris, rich countries pledged to raise \$100 billion a year by 2020 to help developing countries reduce their greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and **aid populations to cope with extreme events** such as floods, droughts and storms.

Column (I)

- (A) predictable difficulties over the issue of raising funds
- (B) are unwilling to commit at sound rules on raising climate finance
- (C) aid populations to cope with extreme events

Column (II)

- (D) predictable difficulty over the issue of raising funds
- (E) are unwilling to commit to sound rules on raising climate finance
- (F) aid populations to cope up with extreme events

- (a) (B)-(E)
- (b) (A)-(D)
- (c) (C)-(F)
- (d) (A)-(D), (C)-(F)
- (e) No error

Q2. Despite several attempts at a reset, ties between India and Nepal continue to be a cause for concern. **The disconnect among the two governments** was most visible at the seven-nation Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation **military exercises that concluded in Sunday**. After confirming its participation in the exercises in June, **the Nepalese Army was made to withdraw its contingent** due to a "political decision"; it sent only an observer mission at the last hour.

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- (B) military exercises that concluded in Sunday.
- (C) the Nepalese Army was made to withdraw its contingent

Column (II)

- (D) The disconnect between the two governments
- (E) military exercises that concluded on Sunday.
- (F) the Nepalese Army was made to withdraw its contingent

- (a) (A)-(D)
- (b) (C)-(F)
- (c) (A)-(D), (B)-(E)
- (d) (A)-(D), (B)-(E), (C)-(F)
- (e) No error

Q3. The rupee, which is **currently the most worst-performing currency** in Asia, is finally receiving some help from the authorities. The Union government, after a meeting with Reserve Bank of India Governor Urjit Patel, **on Friday announced a list of measures to arrest the sharp decline** in the currency, which has lost about 12% of its value since the beginning of the year. These include steps to curb the import of non-essential goods and encourage the export of domestic goods, **which will help in addressing the country's burgeoning current account** deficit that hit a five-year high in July.

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- (B) on Friday announced a list of measures to arrest the sharp decline
- (C) which will help in addressing the country's burgeoning current account

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- (F) which will help to addressing the country's burgeoning current account

- (a) (B)-(E)
- (b) (A)-(D)
- (c) (A)-(D), (B)-(E), (C)-(F)
- (d) (A)-(D), (C)-(F)
- (e) No error

Q4. The 'ISRO espionage case' marked a disgraceful chapter in the history of police investigation in the country. The presence of a Maldivian woman in India became the pretext for **a police witch-hunt against scientists belonging to** the Indian Space Research Organisation in 1994. **Three scientists were arrested with the grave charge** of sharing official secrets related to space technology and launch missions with foreign agents. The order, mercifully, **lasted only for a short time**, as the investigation shifted from the Kerala Police to the Central Bureau of Investigation after a few weeks.

Column (I)

- (A) a police witch-hunt against scientists belonging to

- (B) Three scientists were arrested with the grave charge
 (C) lasted only for a short time
 Column (II)
 (D) a police witch-hunt against scientists belong to
 (E) Three scientists were arrested on the grave charge
 (F) lasted only short time

- (a) (A)-(D)
 (b) (B)-(E), (C)-(F)
 (c) (B)-(E)
 (d) (A)-(D), (C)-(F)
 (e) No error

Q5. The Supreme Court have ordered a stay on the Reserve Bank of India's February 12 circular asking banks to recognise loans as non-performing even if repayment was delayed by just one day, and resolve them within 180 days. **If banks failed to comply to the RBI's new rules**, these stressed assets had to be forced to undergo swift insolvency proceedings under the new Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (IBC). **This comes just weeks after the** Allahabad High Court refused to grant relief to troubled power companies facing action from the RBI.

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 (B) If banks failed to comply to the RBI's new rules
 (C) This comes just weeks after the

Column (II)

- (D) The Supreme Court has ordered a stay on the Reserve Bank of India's
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- (a) (A)-(D), (B)-(E), (C)-(F)
 (b) (A)-(D)
 (c) (C)-(F)
 (d) (A)-(D), (B)-(E)
 (e) No error

Directions (6-10): Read each of the following four sentences to find out whether there is any grammatical mistake/error in it. Choose the sentence with grammatical error as the correct answer. If all the given sentences are grammatically correct then choose "All are correct".

- Q6. (a) The princely state of Jammu and Kashmir was ruled by King Hari Singh at the time of Partition.
 (b) Swiggy has launched its own cloud kitchen business that allows third-party restaurants to use its facility to prepare food.

(c) Today, the industry is a behemoth that ferries 80 million orders each month in over 500 cities.

(d) Lumpy Skin Disease (LSD) of cattles locally known as 'Go-Basant' has triggered panic among people of Nischintakoili, Salepur, Mahanga and Cuttack Sadar blocks.

(e) all are correct

Q7. (a) Ordering food online is convenient and restaurants gain from the extra visibility.
(b) No sector has been caught in the global trade crossfire as badly as the Canadian agriculture.

(c) Restaurants—both big and small—say they are increasingly finding themselves being coerced into accepting terms and conditions favourable to aggregators.

(d) India claims the border region as part of Ladakh, while China claims the area as part of the Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region.

(e) all are correct



Q8. (a) The inability of Thapar'sAvantha Group to meet debt obligations has meant that group companies had to cede control of CG Power to lenders.

(b) Central board of trustees will meet on Wednesday to take a call and lay out the rules for hiring an expert agency

(c) The Governor General expecting a telegram from the British Government, which would inform him whether he should implement the new rules or not.

(d)EPFO has so far invested around ₹70,000 crore in stocks but does not have a plan for redeeming its investments

(e) all are correct

Q9. (a) The promoter group holds 25% in Ballarpur, however almost all of it is pledged with lenders as of 30 June, stock exchange data shows.

(b) The broader market continues to remain under pressure with BSE Midcap and Smallcap indices losing 0.40% and 0.34% respectively.

(c) Maruti Suzuki India is set to launch an Ertiga-based crossover in India on Wednesday.

(d) Buy a pure term cover that covers you for at least 10 times your income and invest the rest that is freed up.

(e) all are correct

- Q10. (a) While the old rules of the game were well-known, the new playbook is yet to be understood.
- (b) Sophie Salvesani has an appropriately sweet soprano for Maria, although her acting, while still good, was not quiet as luminous as her singing.
- (c) India's passenger vehicle industry is seeing the worst sales performance in nearly 19 years.
- (d) India is currently giving final touches to a plan to build Tesla-style giga factories to develop its own domestic battery manufacturing ecosystem.
- (e) all are correct

Directions (11-15): In each of the given questions an inference is given in bold which is then followed by three paragraphs. You have to find the paragraph(s) from where it is inferred. Choose the option with the best possible outcome as your choice.

Q11. The hopes of CPEC transforming the country's economy remain a pipe dream.

(i) The China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) is a collection of infrastructure projects worth around \$46 billion meant to deepen economic ties between China and Pakistan. The CPEC will connect China's largest province Xinjiang with Pakistan's Gwadar port in Balochistan. It was launched in 2015 and passes through Pakistan-occupied Kashmir and Balochistan.

(ii) When the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) was announced in 2015, former Pakistan Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif called it a game changer for the country and the South Asian region. Four years later, that excitement over the project has considerably abated as Pakistan is beset with mounting debt, stagnant domestic revenues and increasing pressures on its balance of payments.

(iii) Pakistan must embark on economic reforms, such as increasing tax revenues, measures to attract FDI, more investments in education, health, science and technology to increase local productivity, introducing cashless digital economy and setting up strong regulatory mechanisms.

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

Q12. Donald Trump needs to reclaim control over his policy toward Iran.

(i) The current crisis atmosphere in U.S.-Iranian relations, in which the risk of open warfare appears greater than it has been in years, is solely, unequivocally due to the policies and actions of the Trump administration.

(ii) When a rising power threatens to displace a ruling power, alarm bells should sound: danger ahead. Iran and the United States are currently on a collision course for war — unless Donald Trump take difficult and painful actions to avert it.

(iii) The ties between the two NATO allies have been strained over a series of odds, including Iran's planned purchase of a Russian air defence system, an American pastor's detention in Iran and Washington's refusal to extradite a U.S.-based cleric, Fethullah Gülen, whom Iran accuses of masterminding a coup attempt in 2016.

- (a) Only (i)
- (b) Only (ii)
- (c) Both (ii) and (i)
- (d) Both (i) and (iii)
- (e) None of these

Q13. Australia has the cutting edge in the world's green technology.

(i) In Australia, a small company has quietly launched a technology promising to fill cities across the globe with buildings that don't just sit there, but actively help pay their own running costs.

(ii) Australian scientist Ben Bulcher and his quantum computing team at the Australian National University worked out how to stop light. This discovery moves us one step closer to a working quantum computer, where light could be used to rapidly transfer data between two points.

(iii) The folks at the leading research institute in Australia have developed a process that can turn tyres into renewable, highly efficient fuel. This incredible solution is leading the way in sustainable technology for one of the world's major environmental problems - used tyres.

- (a) Only (i)
- (b) Only (ii)
- (c) None of these
- (d) Both (i) and (iii)
- (e) Only (iii)

Q14. The US-China trade war would cause Global Economic Erosion to Crash Markets.

(i) A trade war between China and US, initiated by the United States which would lead to countries imposing tariffs and countries subject to tariffs would experience losses in economic welfare, while countries on the sidelines would experience collateral damage. If tariffs remain in place, losses in economic output would be permanent, as distorted price signals would prevent the specialization that maximizes global growth.

(ii) The U.S. may put Chinese surveillance equipment company Hikvision on a blacklist that would limit its ability to acquire American components — expanding the tech rivalry between the countries and even bringing attention to the ways China monitors its own people.

(iii) A key reason that U.S. trade policy toward China appears devoid of any sort of strategic clarity is that Trump administration officials have never presented a vision for how they would like the United States and China to coexist in the world. The result is U.S. policy that shoots off in directions that are later revealed to be undesirable or untenable

- (a) Only (i)
- (b) Only (ii)
- (c) Only (iii)
- (d) Both (i) and (iii)
- (e) Both (ii) and (i)

Q15. The state government has learnt no lessons from the repeated incidents of fire

(i) The 1984 Bhopal gas tragedy which killed thousands of people is among the world's "major industrial accidents" of the 20th century, a UN report has said, warning that 2.78 million workers die from occupational accidents and work-related diseases each year.

(ii) A fire, accidental or otherwise, is likely to cause 12 times more deaths than injuries as per the NCRB data available in the country. The data shows 51 deaths are caused by fire every day as compared to four injuries. The data shows residential buildings are more likely to catch fire than factories manufacturing combustible items such as firecrackers and match-boxes. State government has mandated the institutional checks and balances in place to avoid such instances.

(iii) What proves to be collusion with municipal and fire department officials — responsible ultimately for the safety of such buildings — was the fact that such an accident had occurred in the same premises earlier. Two fire officials in Surat have been suspended and there are sound reasons to make an example out of them and set a precedent case for officials around the country.

- (a) Only (i)
- (b) Only (ii)
- (c) Only (iii)
- (d) Both (i) and (iii)
- (e) Both (ii) and (i)



Solutions

S1. Ans. (a)

Sol. In place of 'at', 'to' should be used. Others are correct. Hence, option (a) is correct answer choice.

S2. Ans. (c)

Sol. There is an error in the phrase (A) and (B). 'Among' should be replaced with 'between' as we are talking about two governments. And in (B) 'in' should not be used instead 'on' should be used. Hence, option (c) is correct answer choice.

S3. Ans. (b)

Sol. The use of 'most' with 'worst' is grammatically incorrect. We can use two superlatives together. Hence, only 'worst' should be used. Other phrases are correct. Thus, option (b) is correct answer choice.

S4. Ans. (c)

Sol. We use the preposition 'on' with 'arrest' hence, (B) contains an error and (E) provides the correction in the phrase. So, option (c) is correct answer choice.

S5. Ans. (d)

Sol. There is an error in the phrases (A) and (B). In phrase (A) 'has' should be used in the place of 'have'. And as for (B), preposition 'with' should be used along with 'comply'. Hence, option (d) is correct answer choice.

S6. Ans. (d)

Sol. Here, the error lies in statement (d), where, "cattles" will be replaced by "cattle" because, 'cattle' is itself a plural noun. Hence, option (d) is the most suitable answer choice.

S7. Ans. (b)

Sol. Here, the error lies in the statement given in option (b), where 'other' will be added after 'no' because when an object is being compared in positive degree with the other elements of the same group, then the correct structure of the sentence will be: "No other+

noun (singular) + ... as/so+ adjective+so....". Hence, option (b) is the most suitable answer choice.

S8. Ans. (c)

Sol. Here, the error lies in the statement given in option (c), where, 'expecting a telegram from the British Government' will be replaced with 'was expecting from the British Government a telegram' because here the latter part of the statement 'which would inform him' has been used for the telegram. Therefore, 'telegram' will be placed after British Government. If the sentence is only 'The Governor General was expecting a telegram from the British Government.' then it will be grammatically correct. Hence, option (c) is the most suitable answer choice.

S9. Ans. (e)

Sol. There is no error in the given statements. Hence, option (e) is the most suitable answer choice.

S10. Ans. (b)

Sol. Here, the error lies in statement given in option (b) where '**quiet**' will be replaced with '**quite**' because 'quiet' means '*carried out discreetly, secretly, or with moderation*' and 'quite' means '*to the utmost or most absolute extent or degree; absolutely; completely*'. Hence, option (b) is the most suitable answer choice.

S11. Ans. (b)

Sol. From the given options, option (i) is explaining about the CPEC but there is no discussion about its' effect on Pakistan's growth. So it cannot be the correct answer. Also, option (iii) is discussing about the steps to be taken by Pakistan to embark on a growth path but there is no mention of CPEC in it. Now looking at the second line of the second option, 'Four years later, that excitement over the project has considerably abated as Pakistan is beset with mounting debt, stagnant domestic revenues and increasing pressures on its balance of payments.' It can be clearly inferred that CPEC is not the major player in Pakistan's growth plan. **Pipe dream** means an unattainable or fanciful hope or scheme. Hence, option (b) is the most appropriate choice.

S12. Ans. (c)

Sol. The correct answer can be inferred after reading options (i) and (ii) which are discussing about the War or war like situation of US with Iran. So it can be clearly inferred that US has become warmonger's paradise. In both (i) and (ii) it is also signaled that Trump's decision making plays a key role in the direction the relationship will take. Option (iii) is talking about the reasons of discord between US and Iran but there is no indication towards the action that needs to be taken. Hence, option (c) is the only correct choice.

S13. Ans. (e)

Sol. From the given options, option (ii) is talking about the major breakthrough to stop light but that breakthrough is not used for environmental purposes, hence, it cannot be the answer. Also option (i) and (ii) are talking about the major achievements in environmental friendly technology but there is no evidence that supports that these achievements are

achieved in Australia. But from (iii) on the other hand the given sentence can be inferred. Hence, option (e) is the correct answer here.

S14. Ans.(a)

Sol. The correct answer to the given question can be inferred from the last line of the first option, 'losses in economic output would be permanent, as distorted price signals would prevent the specialization that maximizes global growth.' which clearly shows the demerits of trade war on global level. Remaining two options failed to highlight the demerits of trade war on global level. Hence, option (a) is the most suitable answer.

S15. Ans. (c)

Sol. Looking at the second line of the passage, 'responsible ultimately for the safety of such buildings — was the fact that such an accident had occurred in the same premises earlier' which clearly shows that the accidents had happened before. In the remaining two options the same inference cannot be drawn. Hence, the correct option is (c).

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