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**Directions (1-8): Read the following passage and answer the following questions. Some words are highlighted to help you answer some of the questions.**

The year 2019 witnessed a series of interventions and disruptions in the farm sector. The first half of the year saw the launch of a grand farm sop in the form of the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN) with a record allocation of ₹75,000 crore to help farmers in their needs. This grant can be used to encourage climate resilient farming. The second half, however, was a disaster for the sector as many parts of the country witnessed drought and floods. The economic slowdown and the spiralling onion and vegetable prices burdened consumers, providing a short respite to only a section of farmers.

Agriculture is a crucial segment for inclusive development and provides stimulus to the economy, especially when it is not doing too well. Since the country has several targets and commitments to be achieved in the next decade, it is imperative to lay a strong foundation by launching measures that can stem falling farm growth. First, the disparity in agriculture expenditure and growth drivers, mainly the **subsidiary** sectors, must be addressed. Despite higher growth in livestock and fisheries sector, only moderate to low expenditure was recorded. Expenditure on livestock and fisheries must be increased, as they are mainly connected with resource-poor families in rural areas and also to raise the decelerating growth rate. Moreover, the expenditure on research and development in agriculture needs to be raised from nearly 0.40% of agriculture GDP to 1% as it pays huge dividends in the long run in ameliorating poverty and improving livelihoods compared to any other investment. Considering India's dependency on agriculture and recurring climate-induced disasters, it is imperative to expand the implementation of Climate Smart Villages of the Indian Council of Agricultural Research-National Innovations on Climate Resilient Agriculture (NICRA) across the nation.

The Farmer Producer Organisations, which are currently facing operational and structural issues governed by different Acts and funded by various sources, may be strengthened by bringing them under one institution, preferably an FPO Development and Regulatory Authority. A structured \_\_\_\_\_ must be given to build block chain-based e-market places connecting farmers, traders, agencies, institutions and exporters on a common platform to check price fluctuations and harness decentralisation. Further, affordable technologies must be developed and deployed particularly in rural and remote areas where digital literacy of farmers has improved considerably. Key farm institutions and organisations in the front line of farm service, dealing with perishables and low shelf life commodities, must digitalise so that they are efficiently managed.

Large-scale investment in agriculture over several years have encouraged monoculture, threatening the environment and soil health. Thus, small-scale investment measures or an incentive-based system is essential to scale up sustainable practices such as agroforestry, climate-smart agriculture, ecosystem services, conservation agriculture and others. Increasing corporate social responsibility will help to tap more private investments besides encouraging private players in potential areas where production sustainability is possible.

Q1. Which of the following statement(s) is/are about FPO based on the information given in the passage?

- (a) technological structure build on the block chain platform
- (b) an organisation dealing with development of affordable technology
- (c) necessity of farming index is the main motive behind it
- (d) multitude of organisations dealing with farming and allied activities
- (e) None of these.

Q2. Which of the following conclusion(s) can be drawn from the first paragraph of the given passage?

- (a) populist measures have low bearing on the welfare of farmers
- (b) Both (a) and (c)

- (c) economic events have varied effects on different segments of society
- (d) there is need of setting multiple institutions for effective coordination and convergence of states
- (e) None of these.

Q3. Which of the following is opposite in meaning to 'subsidiary' as used in the passage?

- (a) peripheral
- (b) tributary
- (c) appendage
- (d) subservient
- (e) None of these.

Q4. Which of the following is true with respect to increase in production of single crop in a large area?

- (a) genetic enhancement of the seeds has led to the increase in such practices
- (b) coverage of institutional mechanism for credit / insurance yet to show results at the field level
- (c) both (a) and (d)
- (d) profusion of investment in the agriculture sector have expanded its scope
- (e) None of these.

Q5. Which of the following is the most appropriate title of the given passage?

- (a) Thinking beyond farm sops
- (b) Dual nature of Agricultural practices
- (c) Farming and politics
- (d) Agricultural psephology
- (e) None of these.

Q6. Which of the following method(s) have been suggested in the given passage to tackle the issue of decelerating economic growth?

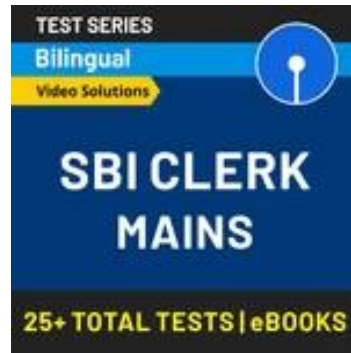
- (i) providing cooperative and competitive federalism to states
- (ii) increasing expenditure on ancillary sectors of farming
- (iii) giving more attention to research and development in agriculture
- (a) Only (i)
- (b) Only (iii)
- (c) Both (i) and (ii)
- (d) Both (ii) and (iii)
- (e) None of these.

Q7. Which of the following statement(s) is/are True in context of the given passage?

- (a) Sectors having great potential to grow have been neglected by the policy makers
- (b) The farm data agencies can also facilitate beneficiaries identification
- (c) Government is too busy in pleasing people rather encouraging sustainable practices
- (d) Both (a) and (c)
- (e) None of these.

Q8. Select appropriate filler for the blank given in the passage.

- (a) warping
- (b) impetus
- (c) aseptic
- (d) dross
- (e) None of these.



**Directions (9-11):** Given below the sentences each of which has been divided into four parts Each of the questions is then followed by the five options which give the sequence of the rearranged parts. You must choose the option which gives the correct sequence of the parts. If the sentence is already arranged in the correct sequence or the correct sequence doesn't match with any of the given sequence, mark option (e).i.e. "No arrangement required" as your answer.

Q9. the Nagaraja, dated 6th to 8th century, (A)/ are said to be from the 15th century, (B)/ is from Rajasthan or Madhya Pradesh(C)/ While the Dwarapalas from Tamil Nadu(D).

- (a)DCBA
- (b)DABC
- (c)DBAC
- (d)BACD
- (e)No arrangement required

Q10. Export and Transport of Ownership of Cultural Property (A)/ Prohibiting and Preventing the Illicit Import,(B) / to the UNESCO 1970 Convention on the Means of (C)/Both India and Australia are party (D).

- (a)DCBA
- (b)DABC
- (c)DBAC
- (d)BACD
- (e)No arrangement required

Q11. his son Raninder Singh and (A)/ Besides Capt. Amarinder, (B)/ son-in-law Raminder Singh were (C)/also accused in the case(D).

- (a)DCBA
- (b)DABC
- (c)DBAC
- (d)BACD
- (e)No arrangement required

**Directions (12-15):** In the following questions a sentence is given which is divided into four parts. Some of these parts are not at their correct position. Given below are the options suggesting the appropriate interchange. Choose the option that will make the given sentence contextually meaningful. If the sentence is correct as it is, then choose option (e) as your answer.

Q12. The Delhi High Court sought response of the Centre and the UGC (A)/ who are unable to attend classes due to pregnancy, (B)/ on a petition seeking to frame guidelines for women (C)/ child birth and post-natal care situations (D)

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

Q13. Highlighting the effect that the outbreak of COVID-19 (A)/ seeking the government's intervention (B)/ the Confederation of All India Traders wrote to Union Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal (C)/ in China is having on trade and industry in India (D)

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

Q14. Only through the village cooperative societies (A)/ the Rajasthan government has decided to (B)/ distribute seeds with subsidy to the farmers (C)/ in a major step to prevent black marketing of certified seeds (D)

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

Q15. Taking a serious note of the misuse of social media, (A)/ social media users, who defied the government (B)/ the Cyber Police Station has registered an FIR against various (C)/ orders and misused the social media platforms (D)

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



## Solutions

S1. Ans. (d)

Sol. Evidence in support of the given argument can be found from the starting lines of third paragraph in which it is stated '*The Farmer Producer Organisations, which are currently facing operational and structural issues governed by different Acts and funded by various sources, may be strengthened by bringing them under one institution, preferably an FPO Development and Regulatory Authority.*' From the given statement option (d) can be inferred clearly.

S2. Ans. (b)

Sol. Sop means a thing of no great value given or done as a concession to appease someone whose main concerns or demands are not being met.

On the basis of this option (a) can be inferred. And, for option (c) refer last line of the first paragraph in which it is mentioned 'The economic slowdown and the spiralling onion and vegetable prices burdened consumers, providing a short respite to only a section of farmers.' From the given statement, option (c) can be inferred. Hence, the correct answer choice is option (b)

S3. Ans. (e)

Sol. Subsidiary means a company controlled by a holding company.

Peripheral means relating to or situated on the edge or periphery of something.

Tributary means a river or stream flowing into a larger river or lake.

Appendage means a thing that is added or attached to something larger or more important.

Subservient means prepared to obey others unquestioningly.

Going through the meaning of the given options, it can be clearly seen that none of the given options is opposite in meaning to the given word. Hence, the correct answer choice would be option (e)

S4. Ans. (d)

Sol. Evidence in support of the given argument can be found from the first line of the fourth paragraph in which it is stated '*Large-scale investment in agriculture over several years have encouraged monoculture, threatening the environment and soil health.*' From the given statement, option (d) can be inferred clearly and hence, the correct answer choice.

S5. Ans. (a)

Sol. Given passage started with the information regarding the financial assistance provided by the government to the farmers and later moved towards the challenges faced by the farmers. Also, 'sop' means a thing of no great value given or done as a concession to appease someone whose main concerns or demands are not being met. So, based on this information it can be clearly seen that the appropriate title for the given passage would be 'Thinking beyond farm sops'. Hence, the correct answer choice is option (a)

S6. Ans. (d)

Sol. Evidence in support of the given answer can be found in the second paragraph of the given passage in which it is stated that '*Expenditure on livestock and fisheries must be increased, as they are mainly connected with.....in the long run in ameliorating poverty and improving livelihoods compared to any other investment.*' From the given statement both (ii) and (iii) statement can be inferred clearly. Hence, the correct answer choice would be option (d).

S7. Ans. (a)

Sol. Evidence in support of the given argument can be found in the following statement '*Despite higher growth in livestock and fisheries sector, only moderate to low expenditure was recorded.*' From the given statement it can be clearly seen that the despite low expenditure by government in the given sector, it has shown great potential. Hence, the correct answer choice is option (a)

S8. Ans. (b)

Sol. Warping means make or become bent or twisted out of shape, typically as a result of the effects of heat or damp.

Impetus means something that makes a process or activity happen or happen more quickly.

Aseptic means free from contamination caused by harmful bacteria,

Dross means something regarded as worthless; rubbish.

Going through the meaning of the given options and taking hint from the sentence which is talking about the structural boost for block chain-based e-market, it can be clearly seen that the appropriate filler for the given blank would be 'impetus'. Hence, the correct answer choice is option (b).

S9. Ans. (c)

Sol. (B) and (C) cannot start the sentence as they begin with a verb. And if we go by options the only starter is (D). (D) then will be followed by (B) because subject is followed by a verb and the appropriate verb would be "are". (B) then would be followed by another clause hence, subject of that clause which is in (A). (A) then, is followed by (C). The correct arrangement would be DBAC

Hence, answer would be option (c).

The sentence thus formed is:

While the Dwarapalas from Tamil Nadu are said to be from the 15th century, the Nagaraja, dated 6th to 8th century, is from Rajasthan or Madhya Pradesh.

S10. Ans. (a)

Sol. (D) would start the sentence as it has subject and verb of the sentence. Last word of (D) is party which mandates it would be followed by (C) which further will be followed by (B). In the last would come (A)

The correct arrangement would be DCBA

Hence, answer would be option (a).

The sentence thus formed is:

Both India and Australia are party to the UNESCO 1970 Convention on the Means of Prohibiting and Preventing the Illicit Import, Export and Transport of Ownership of Cultural Property.

S11. Ans. (d)

Sol. It is clear that (B) would start the sentence. And if we go through options, we option (a), (b) and (c) get eliminated.

The correct arrangement would be BACD

Hence, answer would be option (d).

The sentence thus formed is:

Besides Capt. Amarinder, his son Raninder Singh and son-in-law Raminder Singh were also accused in the case.

S12. Ans. (b)

Sol. Given sentence is talking about the petition seeking to frame guidelines for pregnant studying women. On the basis of this information it can be clearly seen that (B) and (C) are incorrect at their respective position. So the correct interchange would be the one as mentioned in option (b).

S13. Ans. (d)

Sol. In the given sentence, effect of COVID-19 on trade and industry in India is discussed. So, on the basis of this information it can be clearly seen that (B) and (D) are incorrect at their respective position. So, the correct replacement would be same as mentioned in option (d).

S14. Ans. (a)

Sol. Given sentence is talking about decision of Rajasthan government to prevent black marketing of certified is discussed. On the basis of this information, it can be clearly seen that (A) and (D) at their current position are not providing any valid meaning to the sentence. So, the correct replacement would be option (a).

S15. Ans. (b)

Sol. In the given sentence, action taken by cyber police station against social media users who misused social media platform is discussed. On the basis of this information it can be clearly seen that (B) and (C) at their respective position fails to impart a reasonable meaning to the sentence. Hence, the correct answer choice would be option (b).

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