

Quiz Date: 21<sup>st</sup> June 2020

**Directions (1-5): In the questions given below, there is a sentence in which one part is given in bold. The part given in bold may or may not be grammatically correct. Choose the best alternative among the four given which can replace the part in bold to make the sentence grammatically correct. If the part given in bold is already correct and does not require any replacement, choose option (e), i.e. "No replacement required" as your answer.**

Q1. **Supreme Court had correctly deduced whether** the spate of lynchings and emboldening of mobs is a law and order issue needing administrative redress.

- (a) Supreme Court had correctly deducing that
- (b) Supreme Court has correctly deduced whether
- (c) Supreme Court has been correctly deduced that
- (d) Supreme Court has correctly deduced that
- (e) No replacement required

Q2. Electric power is the way to go for the transport sector, **gave the need to curbing** greenhouse gas emissions and air pollution.

- (a) to give the need to curbing the
- (b) to give the need to curb
- (c) given the need to curb
- (d) gave the need to curb
- (e) No replacement required

Q3. This Independence Day, when Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced India's manned space mission by 2022, **among the surprising were** Indian Space Research Organisation (Isro) scientists.

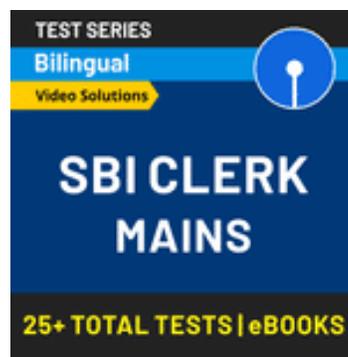
- (a) among those surprised were
- (b) between the surprised were
- (c) amongst the surprised are
- (d) with those surprising are
- (e) No replacement required

Q4. It was the curiosity **to know of the reason for** behind the fall of an apple which made Isaac Newton invent the Laws of Motion.

- (a) of knowing the reason for
- (b) of knowing the reason
- (c) to know of the reason
- (d) for knowing of the reason
- (e) No replacement required

Q5. It is not only the change but 'the rate of change' also that is increasing as **we are moving forward in** the journey of human evolution.

- (a) we have been moving forward on
- (b) we have moved forward to
- (c) we were moving forward to
- (d) we had moved forward in
- (e) No replacement required



**Directions (6-9):** In each of the following questions five options are given, of which one word is most nearly the same or opposite in meaning to the given word in the question. Find the correct option having either same or opposite meaning.

**Q6. REPERCUSSION**

- (a) Reliant
- (b) Consequence
- (c) Impertinence
- (d) Prompting
- (e) Callous

**Q7. MASQUERADE**

- (a) Contentious
- (b) Pretense
- (c) Belligerent
- (d) Arrogant
- (e) Reminiscent

**Q8. Wither**

- (a) Ingenious
- (b) Gnawed
- (c) Persistent
- (d) Thrive
- (e) Reverie

**Q9. REPROBATE**

- (a) Repudiate
- (b) Strident
- (c) Virtuous
- (d) Flagrant
- (e) Stoic

**Directions (10 – 13):** In the following questions, four words are given, choose the most suitable alternative reflecting the combination of the words which are either synonyms or antonyms of each other. If no such pair is formed, mark option (e) i.e., “none of these” as your answer choice.

**Q10.**

- (i) conclusion
- (ii) paradox
- (iii) discrepancy
- (iv) pragmatic

- (a) only (i) – (iv)
- (b) only (i) – (iii)
- (c) only (ii) – (iii)
- (d) only (i) – (ii)



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(e) none of these



Q11.

- (i) declaration
- (ii) modicum
- (iii) laxity
- (iv) surveillance

- (a) only (iii) – (iv)
- (b) only (i) – (iii)
- (c) only (ii) – (iii)
- (d) only (i) – (ii)
- (e) none of these

Q12.

- (i) historical
- (ii) tussle
- (iii) cumbrous
- (iv) combat

- (a) only (iii) – (iv)
- (b) only (i) – (iii)
- (c) only (ii) – (iv)
- (d) only (i) – (ii)
- (e) none of these

Q13.

- (i) prudent
- (ii) crucial
- (iii) fluid
- (iv) reckless

- (a) only (ii) – (iii)
- (b) only (i) – (iii)
- (c) only (ii) – (iv)
- (d) only (i) – (iv)
- (e) none of these

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Directions (14-15): In the following questions, five words are given, choose the most suitable alternative reflecting the combination of **word(s) similar** in meaning with each other.

Q14.

- (I) Guise
- (II) Staple
- (III) Wean
- (IV) Affliction
- (V) Torment

- (a) I and II
- (b) II and III
- (c) III and IV
- (d) IV and V
- (e) I, III and IV

Q15.

- (I) Abstention
- (II) Reverence
- (III) Travesty
- (IV) Veneration
- (V) homage

- (a) I and II
- (b) II and III
- (c) II, IV and V
- (d) I, II and V
- (e) I, III and IV

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### Solutions

S1. Ans. (d)

Sol. The most appropriate phrase to replace the highlighted phrase to frame a grammatically viable and contextually meaningful sentence is “**Supreme Court has correctly deduced that**”. It is to be noted that “whether” is used to express a doubt or choice between alternatives. Hence, option (d) is the most suitable answer choice.

S2. Ans. (c)

Sol. The most appropriate phrase to replace the highlighted phrase to frame a grammatically viable and contextually meaningful sentence is “**given the need to curb**”. Hence, option (c) is the most suitable answer choice.

S3. Ans. (a)

Sol. The most appropriate phrase to replace the highlighted phrase to frame a grammatically viable and contextually meaningful sentence is “**among those surprised were**”. Between is used when naming distinct, individual items (can be 2, 3, or more) while among is used when the items are part of a group, or are not specifically named. Hence, option (a) is the most suitable answer choice.

S4. Ans. (b)

Sol. The most appropriate phrase to replace the highlighted phrase to frame a grammatically viable and contextually meaningful sentence is “**of knowing the reason**”. Hence, option (b) is the most suitable answer choice.

S5. Ans. (e)

Sol. The given sentence along with the highlighted phrase is grammatically correct and contextually meaningful. Since it does not require any replacement, option (e) becomes the most suitable answer choice.

S6. Ans.(b)

Sol. Option (b) is the correct choice.

**Repercussion** means an unintended consequence of an event or action, especially an unwelcome one hence **consequence** is the word which is most similar in meaning to this.

**Callous** means showing or having an insensitive and cruel disregard for others.

**Prompting** means the action of saying something to persuade, encourage, or remind someone to do or say something.

**Impertinence** means lack of respect; rudeness.

S7. Ans.(b)

Sol. Masquerade means a false show or pretence. Hence masquerade and pretense are similar in meaning.

**Pretense** means an attempt to make something that is not the case appear true.

**Belligerent** means a nation or person engaged in war or conflict, as recognized by international law.

**Reminiscent** means suggesting something by resemblance.

S8. Ans.(d)

Sol. **Wither** means (to cause) to become weak and dry and decay hence **thrive** which means (of a child, animal, or plant) grow or develop well or vigorously is the word most opposite in meaning to the given word.

**Reverie** means dreamy

**Gnawed** means bite at or nibble something persistently.

**Persistent** means continuing firmly or obstinately in an opinion or course of action in spite of difficulty or opposition.

S9. Ans.(c)

Sol. Reprobate and virtuous are opposite in meaning hence option (c) is the correct choice for the given question.

**Reprobate** means an unprincipled person.

**Virtuous** means having or showing high moral standards.

**Stoic** means indifferent to pleasure or pain

**Strident** means harsh

**Repudiate** means to disown.

**Flagrant** means glaringly wrong

S10. Ans. (c)

Sol. The most suitable words that are synonym of each other are 'paradox' and 'discrepancy'. '**paradox**' means a seemingly absurd or contradictory statement or proposition which when investigated may prove to be well founded or true while '**discrepancy**' means an illogical or surprising lack of compatibility or similarity between two or more facts. All the other words are irrelevant to each other. Hence, option (c) is the most viable answer choice.

**Pragmatic** means dealing with things sensibly and realistically in a way that is based on practical rather than theoretical considerations.

S11. Ans. (a)

Sol. The most suitable words that are opposite of each other are 'surveillance' and 'laxity'. 'surveillance' means close observation, especially of a suspected spy or criminal while '**laxity**' means lack of strictness or care. All the other words are not related to each other. Hence, option (c) is the most viable answer choice.

**Declaration** means a formal or explicit statement or announcement.

**Modicum** means a small quantity of a particular thing, especially something desirable or valuable.

S12. Ans. (c)

Sol. The most suitable words that are synonym of each other are 'tussle' and 'combat'. '**tussle**' means a vigorous struggle or scuffle, typically in order to obtain or achieve something; while, '**combat**' means fighting between armed forces. Since, they both are synonyms of each other, option (c) becomes the most viable answer choice.

**Historical** means of or concerning history or past events

**Cumbrous** means slow or complicated and therefore inefficient.

S13. Ans. (d)

Sol. The most suitable words that are opposite of each other are 'prudent' and 'reckless'. '**prudent**' means acting with or showing care and thought for the future, while; '**reckless**' means heedless of danger or the consequences of one's actions; rash or impetuous. Hence, option (d) is the most viable answer choice.

**Crucial** means decisive or critical, especially in the success or failure of something.

**Fluid** means smoothly elegant or graceful.

S14. Ans. (d)

Sol. Here, Affliction and Torment are similar in meaning to each other. '**Affliction**' means the state of being in pain, which is similar in meaning to '**torment**'.

**Wean** means be strongly influenced by (something).

**Staple** means a main or important element of something.

**Guise** means an external form, appearance, or manner of presentation, typically concealing the true nature of something.

S15. Ans. (c)

Sol. Here, Reverence, Veneration and Homage are synonym to one another. '**Reverence**' means deep respect for someone or something, which is similar to veneration and exaltation.

**Abstention** means restraint in one's consumption; abstinence.

**Travesty** means a false, absurd, or distorted representation of something.

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