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Impotent PDF of English Language



1. **Direction:** Choose the option that best captures the essence of the text.

Driving takes a big bite out of your budget and your time. Because the average household in the region travels approximately 39 miles each day, when gas is \$3.00 per gallon the average household is paying \$5.32 each day for gasoline alone. Additionally, the average commuter spends an extra 39 hours per year on the road due to gridlock. Carpooling can save you hundreds and even thousands of dollars a year as it reduces the costs involved in repetitive or long-distance driving. It reduces the stress of your commute and allows you to read, relax, or even work while commuting. Carpooling enables some families to cut back to one car or to do without a car at all.

A. Driving is an expensive matter and the price of fuels should be decreased keeping in mind the middle class section of our society.

B. Cars are a symbol of status in our society and people keep environmental protection away from their concerns.

C. Carpooling has a number of advantages and saves all the trouble engaged with driving.

D. Carpooling has been started as a business and it has emerged as a successful business.

E. Families often suffer because of carpooling as it is an intervention to privacy and security in certain cases.

2. **Direction:** Choose the option that best captures the essence of the text.

If I speak about my childhood in Monghyr, you might have a better idea about one aspect of my character. I get easily tired with the mundane life in Kolkata. The thronging crowds, the hustle and bustle of trams and buses, the obstreperousness, and the hardships of daily life—sometimes I wish I could just run away from all that. In fact, I did run away several times after I bought the car. On several occasions, during holidays, I headed to Diamond Harbour, sometimes I went to Port Canning, and once I actually took Dum Dum Road and went straight to Hasnabad. In all these trips I

had to travel alone, since I never found anybody else interested in these outings.

- A. The protagonist was different from the crowd and often spent time with himself in solitude and peace.
- B. The person was a wanderlust and travelled to various places after buying his own car.
- C. The person was an extrovert and people often found it difficult to be with him.
- D. The city life bored the protagonist and he missed his childhood days in which he found bliss.
- E. The hardships of daily life often stressed him and he sought a solution.

3. **Direction:** Choose the option that best captures the essence of the text.

I was hostile to my weird uncle who had just come back from America. He tried to force me to become a vet. I was firm and said, "I want to pursue literature." First he just gaped then turning to my mother he asked if her daughter was crazy. He mentioned that I was going to break the family tradition. For generations our family profession had been the practice of medicine. I was good at keeping quiet so did not say anything. He was an absolute wizard with my Alsatian and later on I was touched to see his love for any animal. I realized his becoming a vet was a bliss for animals and the best way to serve society.

A. The protagonist had a negative feeling for the uncle who wanted to change her profession.

B. The protagonist had a dislike for her uncle who seemed weird but later on she was moved by him.

C. Family traditions are an important part of Indian lives and violating it costs a lot.

D. The man was a new addition to the family and he caused quite some differences in the way they lived.

E. The protagonist was a keen observer and she realized the reason of his uncle pursuing the particular career.

4. **Direction:** Read the given passage carefully. Choose the most appropriate option from the given alternatives which expresses the summary of the passage.



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Plastic bags, which El-Habr says take between 500 to 1,000 years to break down, also enter the human food chain through fish and other animals. In Nairobi's slaughterhouses, some cows destined for human consumption had 20 bags removed from their stomachs. "This is something we didn't get 10 years ago but now it's almost on a daily basis," said county vet Mbuthi Kinyanjui as he watched men in bloodied white uniforms scoop sodden plastic bags from the stomachs of cow carcasses. Kenya's law allows police to go after anyone even carrying a plastic bag. But Judy Wakhungu, Kenya's environment minister, said enforcement would initially be directed at manufacturers and suppliers.

A. The quality of our lives has deteriorated and no one but we are responsible for the degradation.

B. Slaughter of cows has been a big issue and the disadvantages of consumption of it are many.

C. The law has been a debacle in the past to ban plastics in Kenya thus they are trying to implement more stringent ones this time.

D. The pernicious effects associated with plastics have compelled the government of Kenya to implement a strict ban on plastics.

E. If human beings as individuals do not understand the importance of banning plastics it would be too late to save the mankind.

5. Direction: Read the given passage carefully. Choose the most appropriate option from the given alternatives which expresses the summary of the passage. The world is changing, so is the internet, or perhaps it's the other way round. The internet continues to create new business and social opportunities that massively scale and widely interconnect. The increasing depth and volume of personal and corporate data makes it a more rewarding target for cyber crooks and state-sponsored espionage or sabotage. At the same time, greater connectivity provides more potential attack vectors. This makes industry, governments and

individuals uneasy and unsure how to prepare. Predicting the exact nature of future threats and how to combat them is difficult.

A. The negative sides of technology are always more than the positive sides.

B. Internet has become such an inevitable part of our lives that it has attracted numerous threats from cyber crooks.

C. Technology has proved to be both a boon and a bane but it's time that the bane is completely removed.

D. People should be more aware while using the Internet as the threats are increasing day by day.

E. Security of data over the Internet has always been an issue thus individual awareness is very essential for safe living.

6. Direction: In the given question, a sentence is divided into five parts out of which the last part is correct. Out of the remaining four, there are errors in three parts. Choose the part which doesn't have an error. If all the four parts are correct mark E, i.e., 'All are correct' as the answer.

Prime Minister on Tuesday launched his campaign in blitzkrieg (A)/ in Karnataka, unleashing a blister attack on (B)/ his opponent and daring him "to speak in any language" for 15 (C)/ minutes about the achievements of a Siddaramaiah government (D)/ **without reading out from piece of paper.** (E)

- A. A
- B. B
- C. C
- D. D
- E. All are correct.

7. Direction: In the given question, a sentence is divided into five parts out of which the last part is correct. Out of the remaining four, there are errors in three parts. Choose the part which doesn't have an error. If all the four parts are correct mark E, i.e., 'All are correct' as the answer.

Though the current CM had won from Varuna (A)/ twice for the 2008 Assembly elections, (B) he shifted to Chamundeshwari, by making (C)/ way to



his son Yathindra to (D)/ **contest from his home constituency.**

- A. A
- B. B
- C. C
- D. D
- E. All are correct

8. **Direction:** In the given question, a sentence is divided into five parts out of which the last part is correct. Out of the remaining four, there are errors in three parts. Choose the part which doesn't have an error. If all the four parts are correct mark E, i.e., 'All are correct' as the answer.

He was at a pilgrimage (A)/ and came to a village (B)/ on sunset and begged for lodging (C)/ in the night, but (D)/ **the villagers slammed their doors.** (E)

- A. A
- B. B
- C. C
- D. D
- E. All are correct

9. **Direction:** In the given question, a sentence is divided into five parts out of which the last part is correct. Out of the remaining four, there are errors in three parts. Choose the part which doesn't have an error. If all the four parts are correct mark E, i.e., 'All are correct' as the answer.

The development comes as Trump is preparing (A)/ for a historic summit meeting with North (B)/ Korean leader Kim Jong Un, following (C)/ months of tense sabre-rattling over the North's (D)/ **nuclear and missile programs.** (E)

- A. A
- B. B
- C. C
- D. D
- E. All are correct.

10. **Direction:** In the given question, a sentence is divided into five parts out of which the last part is correct. Out of the remaining four, there are errors in three parts. Choose the part which doesn't have an error. If all the four parts are correct mark E, i.e., 'All are correct' as the answer.

He accused State's (A)/ government, which is he (B)/ claimed was steeped in corruption, (C)/ of thwarted the Centre's (D)/ **efforts for development.** (E)

- A. A
- B. B

- C. C
- D. D
- E. All are correct

11. **Direction:** In the following question, three statements have been given, and a word has been highlighted in each of them. Identify the statement(s) in which the word fits contextually to convey a logical meaning.

I. Drums and bells kept up a relentless din; the **outlandish** sound was mindful of wild animals' roars intermingled with the sound of thunder.

II. Pay television operator, Sky Network Television, has reported an **outlandish** full-year loss after slashing the value of its business but says its underlying earnings have risen as it cut costs.

III. You play as the Prince, a miniscule being who has been sent to Earth by the massive and truly **outlandish** King of the Cosmos.

- A. Both I and II
- B. Both II and III
- C. Both I and III
- D. Only II
- E. All I, II and III

12. **Direction:** In the following question, three statements have been given, and a word has been highlighted in each of them. Identify the statement(s) in which the word fits contextually to convey a logical meaning.

I. Two and one-half years after the battle, at the inquiry held in Chicago and insisted upon by Reno as a means of clearing his increasingly **besmirched** name, the major reiterated his claim of Custer's purported support.

II. In the opening years of the twentieth century, however, he saw the starry robe of liberty as **besmirched** with blood.

III. She was thinking of the delight she would witness in Gordon's eyes when he beheld the much-**besmirched** suit of this man, to whom he had taken such a dislike.

- A. Both I and II
- B. Both II and III
- C. Both I and III
- D. Only II
- E. All I, II and III

13. **Direction:** In the following question, three statements have been given, and a word has been highlighted in each of

them. Identify the statement(s) in which the word fits contextually to convey a logical meaning.

I. I've been hardened by a gruff and **cantankerous** demeanor, disgraceful manners and a voice that would frighten the most resolute maiden.

II. Buried in his lines is the recollection of his taunt against the common people's **cantankerous** memory, which he now imitates.

III. The next morning I saw the resident magistrate, who, a **cantankerous** old fossil smothered in his partially regained official self-importance, could give neither satisfactory information or explanation beyond the cut-and-dried one.

- A. Only I
- B. Only II
- C. Only III
- D. Both I and III
- E. Both II and III

14. **Direction:** In the following question, three statements have been given, and a word has been highlighted in each of them. Identify the statement(s) in which the word fits contextually to convey a logical meaning.

I. A campaign has been launched to stop drivers on England's roads from tailgating - said to be one of the biggest **predilections** for motorists.

II. Survival and patience are necessary qualities in riding through the good and the bad with **predilection**.

III. School personnel know the legal **predilections** and guidelines regarding education, special education, and administrative documents.

- A. Both I and II
- B. Both II and III
- C. Both I and III
- D. Only III
- E. None of these

15. **Direction:** In the following question, three statements have been given, and a word has been highlighted in each of them. Identify the statement(s) in which the word fits contextually to convey a logical meaning.

I. The word self-esteem has become one of the obstructive **shibboleths** of education.

II. What, in his psychological makeup, gave Ray the power to override reality, apparently without **shibboleth** or concern?

III. I was impressed with the **shibboleth** with which the Guyana Bar Association sought to defend by implication the expletive-laden rant by Berbician Attorney-at-Law Ryan Crawford when he was stopped by a policeman recently.

- A. Only I
- B. Only II
- C. Only III
- D. Both II and III
- E. Both I and III

16. **Direction:** In the following passage, there are blanks each of which has been numbered. These numbers correspond to the question numbers; against each question, five phrases have been suggested, one of which fills the blanks appropriately. Find out the appropriate phrase which will fill up the blank appropriately.

After a seven-year struggle, employees in retail establishments in Kerala have won the right to sit during working hours. **(###Q1###)** in countless retail outlets all over India, the workers of these establishments, who are predominantly female, have been expected to stand right through the nearly 12 hours of duty and **(###Q2###)** "toilet break" only twice a day. The Kerala state cabinet has approved **(###Q3###)** Kerala Shops and Commercial Establishments Act to ensure a "secure environment" for working women. The battle waged by these women highlights two significant aspects: the inhuman working conditions of retail sector employees throughout the country and the growing trend of women workers' unions in the informal sector that **(###Q4###)** political parties or even to mainstream trade unions. Given that these jobs are almost entirely in the informal sector, where social security and job security are chimeras and include a predominance of female workers, established trade unions need to rethink their strategies. They have to deal with a changing labour force as well as a government that seems blinded by its



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zeal to "reform" labour laws (###Q5###) the workers.

- Find the appropriate phrase in each case.
- A. After facing lewd remarks
 - B. Like their counterparts
 - C. After various negotiations with the obdurate employers
 - D. Contenting with poor working conditions
 - E. Unlike stringent working conditions

17. Find the appropriate phrase in each case.

- A. Excused by a
- B. A protracted tactical
- C. A disruptive
- D. Are grudgingly allowed a
- E. Precluded half an hour's

18. Find the appropriate phrase in each case.

- A. An amended bill under the
- B. A recommendation submitted by
- C. Regulated shops and outlets under
- D. The unammended law
- E. An amendment to the

19. Find the appropriate phrase in each case.

- A. Seek foxholes with
- B. Are not affiliated to
- C. Are inveigled to
- D. Plague the loosely hold retails outlets by
- E. Don't have a political framework to govern by

20. Find the appropriate phrase in each case.

- A. To the detriment of
- B. For the detriment of
- C. To the perquisite of
- D. For the perquisite of
- E. Either B or D

21. **Direction:** In this question, two columns I and II and three sentences are given, which are divided into two parts.

Column I (A, B and C) consists of the first half of each sentence and **Column II** (D, E and F) consists of the second half of each sentence. Match **column I** with **column II**, so that the sentences formed

are both meaningful and grammatically correct. Choose the option as your answer.

| I | II |
|--|--|
| A) Half of the Great Barrier Reef | D) Has been bleached to death since 2016. |
| B) Poaching has driven the northern white rhino down to just two, and the wild buffalo | E) Is working to renew, regenerate and regain what's been lost. |
| C) Green Counters 2018 is a special edition | F) Were vulnerable because they've been subjected to warming oceans that are rapidly becoming more acidic. |

- A. B-E and A-E
- B. Only A-D
- C. B-D and C-E
- D. Only A-E
- E. B-D, B-F, and A-F

22. **Direction:** In this question, two columns I and II and three sentences are given, which are divided into two parts.

Column I (A, B and C) consists of the first half of each sentence and **Column II** (D, E and F) consists of the second half of each sentence. Match **column I** with **column II**, so that the sentences formed are both meaningful and grammatically correct. Choose the option as your answer.

| I | II |
|---|--|
| A) Even when the problems plaguing the agriculture sector are long-standing and need long-term solutions, | D) it was realised that rural incomes need to be bolstered. |
| B) In a series of meetings over the top level | E) Many measures had already been taken. |
| C) Government sources are candid in admitting that | F) These measures would only be short-term as the Budget lacks additional outlays. |

- A. Only A-D
- B. A-E, A-D, A-F
- C. C-F
- D. A-F, B-E, C-D and C-E
- E. A-D, B-E and C-F

23. **Direction:** In this question, two columns I and II and three sentences are given, which are divided into two parts.

Column I (A, B and C) consists of the first half of each sentence and **Column II** (D, E and F) consists of the second half of each sentence. Match **column I** with **column II**, so that the sentences formed are both meaningful and grammatically correct. Choose the option as your answer.

| I | II |
|---|--|
| A) Since the 19th century, the exponential growth of the media | D) Has widened the distance between professional and public histories. |
| B) The disciplines of history that emerged in the 19th century | E) Has ceased to exist in the 18th century. |
| C) Since the visual archives are as old as the human narration of the past, | F) Should the historians take them seriously in the writing of integral history? |

- A. A-E and B-D
- B. A-D and B-E



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- C. B-D and C-F D. A-D and C-F
E. C-E and B-F

24. **Direction:** In this question, two columns I and II and three sentences are given, which are divided into two parts. **Column I** (A, B and C) consists of the first half of each sentence and **Column II** (D, E and F) consists of the second half of each sentence. Match **column I** with **column II**, so that the sentences formed are both meaningful and grammatically correct. Choose the option as your answer.

| I | II |
|--|--|
| A) Closet plays created a unique genre with its own attributes | D) That is larger and more mobile even than the space of the public stage. |
| B) A closet play creates an imaginary landscape | E) That are not shaped by the world of theatrical production. |
| C) Closet plays intended for reading, for private recitation | F) Suggests a kind of marginalisation, a withdrawal from the vigorous world of the public theatre. |

- A. A-D, B-F and C-E
B. A-E and C-F C. A-E and B-D
D. A-E, B-F and C-F E. A-D and B-D

25. **Direction:** In this question, two columns I and II and three sentences are given, which are divided into two parts. **Column I** (A, B and C) consists of the first half of each sentence and **Column II** (D, E and F) consists of the second half of each sentence. Match **column I** with **column II**, so that the sentences formed are both meaningful and grammatically correct. Choose the option as your answer.

| I | II |
|--|--|
| A) Religion and its artefacts, through the mere act of making themselves accessible to | D) Have applied differently to women and men, especially in places of worship. |
| B) Across cultures and religions, protocols of faith | E) Women cannot ensure equality. |
| C) The delusion idea of imagined freedoms and equality for | F) Perpetuate the same inequalities, if not worse. |

- A. A-E and A-F
B. B-F and B-D
C. A-E, B-D and C-E
D. A-E, A-F, B-D and C-E
E. B-F, B-D, A-F, and C-E

26. **Direction:** In the following question, a sentence with a part of it missing and represented by a blank is given. Select the best out of the five answer choices given, to make the sentence complete

and coherent (coherent means logically complete and sound).

Before the age of machine industries, silk and cotton goods from _____.

- A. Bales of fine textiles were carried on camel back via the north-west frontier, through mountain passes and across deserts.
B. a vibrant sea trade operated through the main pre-colonial ports.
C. India dominated the international market in textiles.
D. India dominate the international market in textiles.
E. a vibrant sea trade operated with the main pre-colonial ports.

27. **Direction:** In the following question, a sentence is given with a part of it missing and is represented by a blank. Select the best out of the five answer choices given, to make the sentence complete and coherent (coherent means logically complete and sound).

While local trade is carried in cities, towns and _____ villages,

- A. state level trade is carried in both two or more states.
B. state level trade is carried between two or more states.
C. states and countries is referred to as trade.
D. the balance of trade of a country is the difference between its export and import.
E. None of the above

28. **Direction:** In the following question, a short passage with one of the lines in the passage missing and represented by a blank is given. Select the best out of the five answer choices, to make the passage complete and coherent (coherent means logically complete and sound).

European ideas of nationalism were nowhere replicated, _____.

- A. for people everywhere developed his own specific variety of nationalism
B. the idea that societies should be organized into nation-states came to be accepted as natural and universal
C. for people everywhere developed their own specific variety of nationalism



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D. the idea that societies shall be organized into nation-states came to be accepted as natural and universal
E. None of these

29. **Direction:** In the following question, a sentence with a part of it missing and represented by a blank is given. Select the best out of the five answer choices given, to make the sentence complete and coherent (coherent means logically complete and sound).

Owing to the scare of the highly contagious disease widespread in the town _____.

- A. many people thronged to the multiplexes and malls during the long weekend
- B. people have been advised to gather at the town square
- C. government has failed to make any arrangement for vaccination
- D. most of the people decided to stay indoors during weekend
- E. none of the above

30. **Direction:** In the following question, a sentence, with a part of it missing and represented by a blank is given. Select the best out of the five answer choices given, to make the sentence complete and coherent (coherent means logically complete and sound).

_____, but today, it was fairly interesting and riveted everyone to their seats.

- A. He is a brilliant performer
- B. He tried his best to entertain everyone
- C. His performances are generally boring
- D. Although he performed after a very long time
- E. None of the above

31. **Direction:** Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow.

That the doctrines connected with the name of Mr Darwin are altering our principles has become a sort of commonplace thing to say. And moral principles are said to share in this general transformation. Now, to pass by other subjects, I do not see why Darwinism

need change our ultimate moral ideas. It was not to modify our conception of the end, either for the community, or the individual, unless we have been holding views, which long before Darwin were out of date. As to the principles of ethics I perceive, in short, no sign of revolution. Darwinism has indeed helped many to truer conception of the end, but I cannot admit that it has either originated or modified that conception.

And yet in ethics Darwinism after all perhaps be revolutionary, it may lead not to another view about the end, but to a different way of regarding the relatively importance of the means. For in the ordinary moral creed those means seem estimated on no rational principle. Our creed appears rather to be an irrational mixture of jarring elements. We have the moral code of Christianity, accepted in part; rejected practically by all save a few fanatics. But we do not realise how in its very principle the Christian ideals is false. And when we reject this code for another and in part a sounder morality, we are in the same condition of blindness and of practical confusion. It is here that Darwinism, with all the tendencies we may group under that name, seems destined to intervene. It will make itself felt, I believe, more and more effectually. It may force on us in some points a correction of our moral views, and a return to a non-Christian and perhaps a Hellenic ideal. I propose to illustrate here these general statements by some remarks on Punishment.

Darwinism, I have said, has not even modified our ideas of the Chief Good. We may take that as — the welfare of the community realised in its members. There is, of course, a question as to meaning to be given to welfare. We may identify that with mere pleasure, or gain with mere system, or may rather view both as inseparable aspects of perfection and individuality. And the extent and nature of the community would once more be a subject for some discussion. But we are forced to enter on these controversies here. We may leave welfare undefined, and for present purpose need



not distinguish the community from the state. The welfare of this whole exists, of course, nowhere outside the individuals, and the individuals again have rights and duties only as members in the whole. This is the revived Hellenism — or we may call it in the organic view of things — urged by German Idealism early in the present century.

What is most probably the author's opinion of the existing moral principles of the people?

- A. He thinks they have to be revamped in the light of Darwinism.
- B. He thinks that they are okay as they are and do not need any major change.
- C. He thinks that it may be a good idea to have a modicum of the immortal Darwinism in us.
- D. He thinks they have to be impoverished in the light of Darwinism.
- E. Cannot be determined from the passage.

32. According to the author, the doctrines of Mr Darwin _____.

- A. a Hellenic ideal is not a proper substitute of the Christian ideal.
- B. what mankind needs is a Hellenic ideal rather than a Christian one.
- C. Darwinism is more Christian than Hellenic.
- D. fanatics do not understand what Darwinism really is.
- E. activists do not try to comprehend the meaning of Darwinism.

35. According to the author, the moral code of Christianity _____.

- A. is not followed by most people.
- B. is in danger due to opposition of Darwinism.
- C. is followed by a vast majority of people.
- D. is totally ignored by all true Christians.
- E. is followed wholeheartedly by most of the people.

36. **Direction:** In the given question, a sentence is divided into five parts out of which the last part is correct. Out of the remaining four, there are errors in three parts. Choose the part which doesn't have

- A. have changed our physical and moral principles.
- B. have to be re-evaluated to correct the faults endemic in them.
- C. do not have to change our moral ideas.
- D. are actually new versions of old moral rules.
- E. None of these

33. What, according to the passage, is the Chief Good?

- A. Being good and kind to all fellow human beings.
- B. The greatest good of the greatest number.
- C. The welfare of the community realised in its members.
- D. The fulfilment of self-interest vested in an individual.
- E. Cannot be determined from the passage.

34. It is implied in the passage that _____.

an error. If all the four parts are correct, mark E, i.e., 'All are correct' as the answer.

Smartphones _____ have _____ disrupting transportation, (A)/ payments and communicating, (B)/ but the underlied technology has (C)/ tangentially changed a completely (D)/ **different sector: satellites.**

- A. A
- B. B
- C. C
- D. D
- E. All are correct

37. **Direction:** In the given question, a sentence is divided into five parts out of which the last part is correct. Out of the remaining four, there are errors in three parts. Choose the part which doesn't have an error. If all the four parts are correct, mark E, i.e., 'All are correct' as the answer.

A person familiar from the conversation (A)/ said along Thursday that Schumer told Trump (B)/ in a phone call that lasts less than (C)/ five minutes on Tuesday that the move (D)/ **would help unify the country.**



- A. A
- B. B
- C. C
- D. D
- E. All are correct

38. **Direction:** In the given question, a sentence is divided into five parts out of which the last part is correct. Out of the remaining four, there are errors in three parts. Choose the part which doesn't have an error. If all the four parts are correct, mark E, i.e., 'All are correct' as the answer.

The interconnectedness between humans on the planet (A)/ is sometimes also referred to the 'global village' (B)/ where the barriers of national and international (C)/ boundaries become low relevant (D)/ **and the world, figuratively, a smaller place.**

- A. A
- B. B
- C. C
- D. D
- E. All are correct

39. **Direction:** In the given question, a sentence is divided into five parts out of

which the last part is correct. Out of the remaining four, there are errors in three parts. Choose the part which doesn't have an error. If all the four parts are correct, mark E, i.e., 'All are correct' as the answer.

Before you apply to admit bankrupt, (A)/ try to make sure you have enough cash (B)/ for day by day expenses because once (C)/ a bankruptcy order is made you're (D)/ **accounts will be frozen.**

- A. A
- B. B
- C. C
- D. D
- E. All are correct

40. In the following question, out of the five alternatives, select the word similar in meaning to the given word.

Enforcement

- A. Disregard
- B. Overture
- C. License
- D. Renunciation
- E. Execution

###ANSWERS###

1. Ans. C.

The passage states the problems or the drawbacks of driving individual cars to workplaces. It mentions the advantages of carpooling and how it can help create a better society. It has not been talked about from the perspective of any business. Thus option C is the correct answer.

2. Ans. A.

The passage states some characteristics which made the protagonist different from the crowd. He disliked the hustle and bustle of the city life and sought places which were calm and peaceful. He often traveled to such places to be with himself.

Only option A catches the essence of the passage.

3. Ans. B.

The passage states how the protagonist hated her uncle who seemed weird and dominating. Later on she was moved by his love towards animals and realized that becoming a vet was a noble profession. Thus option B is the correct answer.

4. Ans. D.

The passage states the harm that plastics poses to our lives and in Kenya this has become a major issue. The Government has been strict and has enforced strict laws to ban plastics. Thus option D catches the essence of the passage. The rest of the options are too generalized or not related to this context.

5. Ans. B.

The passage clearly states that cyber threats are increasing with time as the data accumulated over the net is huge and anyone's personal and professional information can be gathered from there by hackers. Thus option B is the correct answer. Option A or C are not portrayed in the passage. Options D and E are incorrect as they give suggestions, while the passage states about the increasing threats. It does not give any suggestions as such.

6. Ans. C.

Part A of the sentence is wrong because, 'blitzkrieg' is a noun which means 'an

intense military campaign intended to bring about a swift victory.' Here 'campaign blitzkrieg' has been used as one single noun, to mean a campaign that will bring victory. So the use of 'in' is unnecessary. Prepositions usually precede, a noun or pronoun and express a relation to another word or element in the clause.

Part B is wrong because, attack is a noun. So we can't use 'blister' which is also a noun. We must use its adjective form. It is 'blistering' meaning 'very critical remarks expressing anger and disapproval.'

Part D is wrong because, Siddaramaiah is one person and happens to be Chief Minister. So we shouldn't use article 'a.' We should use 'the' which is a definite article and it shows that there is only one Siddaramaiah and we are talking about him.

So, the correct answer is option C.

7. Ans. A.

Part B is wrong because, we should write 'since' in order to mention a point of time like '2008.' No doubt we can write 'won from Varuna for 3 consecutive years.' But we must write "since" in this case.

Part C is wrong because, the use of 'by' here is implying that 'he could shift to Chamundeshwari only because he made way for his son', which contextually is incorrect. Instead 'he shifted to Chamundeshwari in order to make way for his son'. 'Making way' for the son was the reason, not the cause. So, the correct expression is "he shifted to Chamundeshwari, making.. way".

We can "give way 'to' someone" and "make way 'for' someone". In this sentence too, the current CM made way for his son. So, part D is wrong.

So, the correct answer is option A.

8. Ans. B.

The error in part A in the use of "at" which should be replaced with "on" because "at" is used to indicate a place, while a pilgrimage is a journey of a pilgrim. The preposition 'on' is used to describe an activity or a state.



The error in part C is the use of "on" which should be replaced with "at" because "on" is used to specify dates and days, while "at" is used to point out a specific time.

The error in part D is the use of "for" in place of "in" because "in" indicates the time of the day, while "for" indicates the duration for which the person needs the shelter.

So, the correct answer is option B.

9. Ans. E.

Every part of the sentence is correct. Hence option E is the correct response.

10. Ans. C.

Part A. The article "the" before "State Congress government" is missing. The definite article is used when we assume there is just one of something in that place, even if it has not been mentioned before. In this case, there will be only one government of the state, so we need to use the definite article.

Part B. The entire sentence is in past tense. So there is no reason to use 'is' here. We shouldn't use any verb in this position anyway. The verb 'was' has already been used in the next part.

Part D. 'Of' and 'thwarted' together make the structure incorrect. "Thwarted" should be replaced by "thwarting". Prepositions are usually followed by noun. So, gerund form of the verb 'thwart' which will act as a noun, needs to be used.

So, the correct answer is option C.

11. Ans. C.

The word 'outlandish' is an adjective which means:

1. Sounding or looking bizarre or unfamiliar

2. Foreign or alien

I: 'Relentless din' means harsh or extremely unpleasant sound or noise. So, the meaning 1 fits perfectly in the context of this sentence.

II: Both the meanings of the word does not go well with "full-year loss." So, the most appropriate word will be 'hefty.'

III: Miniscule means extremely small; tiny. Clearly, the meaning 2 fits perfectly in the context of this sentence.

Therefore, option C is the apt answer.

12. Ans. E.

The word 'besmirched' is a verb which means:

1. Damage someone's reputation

2. Make something dirty

3. Make something discolored

I: Clearly, the meaning 1 fits perfectly in the context of the sentence.

II: The meaning 3 fits perfectly in the context of the sentence.

III: Both I and II meanings of the word fit in the context of the sentence.

Therefore, option E is the apt answer.

13. Ans. D.

The word 'cantankerous' is an adjective which means bad-tempered, argumentative, and uncooperative.

I: Demeanor refers to outward behavior. Gruff means rough, brusque, or stern in manner. 'Cantankerous' fits perfectly in the context of the sentence.

II: Memory can't be bad-tempered, argumentative, and uncooperative. Thus, instead of 'cantankerous,' it should be 'fickle.'

III: Fossil, here, refers to a person or thing that is outdated or resistant to change. So, 'cantankerous' can be used in the context of the sentence.

Therefore, option D is the apt answer.

14. Ans. E.

The word 'predilection' is a noun which refers to a preference or special liking to something; a bias in favour of something.

I: Tailgating is when a driver drives behind another vehicle while not leaving sufficient distance to stop without causing a collision if the vehicle in front stops suddenly. This campaign is launched to stop tailgating. Because tailgating causes obsessive fear, anxiety, or irritation to motorists. So, the most appropriate word is 'bugbears,' not 'predilection.'

II: 'Predilection' makes no sense in this sentence. The most appropriate word is 'equanimity,' not 'predilection.'

III: The people employed in school should know legal consequences, not legal preferences. So, this sentence is ambiguous. To correct it, 'predilections' should be replaced by 'ramification.'

Therefore, option E is the apt answer.

15. Ans. A.



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The word 'shibboleth' is a noun which refers to a custom, principle, or belief distinguishing a particular class or group of people, especially a long-standing one regarded as outmoded or no longer important.

I: The word fits perfectly in the context of the sentence.

II: The word makes no sense. The most appropriate word is 'compunction,' not 'shibboleths.'

III: How can one be impressed with a custom, principle, or belief which is outmoded or no longer important. So, the most appropriate word is 'alacrity,' not 'shibboleths.'

Therefore, option A is the apt answer.

16. Ans. B.

Option A: 'After facing lewd remarks in countless retail outlets all over India' makes less sense in the context of the passage.

Option B: 'Counterpart' refers to a person or a thing that corresponds to or has the same function as another person or thing in a different place or situation. So, it says that the workers of countless retail outlets all over India are expected to stand right through the nearly 12 hours of duty.

Option C: 'Obdurate' means stubbornly refusing to change one's opinion or course of action. It makes no sense in the context of the passage.

Option D: 'Content' means satisfied. It makes no sense in the context of the passage.

Option E: 'Stringent' is generally used for regulations, requirements, or conditions which are strict, precise, and exacting. So, this option also makes no sense.

Therefore, option B is the apt answer.

17. Ans. D.

Option A: It is incorrect because of the preposition 'by.' It should be 'for.'

Option B: 'Protracted' means lasting for a long time or longer than expected or usual. Tactical is relating to or constituting actions carefully planned to gain a specific military end. So, this makes no sense in the context of the passage.

Option C: 'Disruptive' refers to causing trouble and therefore stopping something from continuing as usual. So, 'a disruptive toilet break only twice a day' is less appropriate.

Option D: A grudging action or feeling is one that you do or have unwillingly. So, it says that unwillingly allowing toilet break only twice a day.

Option E: 'Precluded' means to prevent the presence, existence, or occurrence of a situation or condition. So, 'preventing half an hour's toilet break only twice a day' makes no sense.

Therefore, option D is the apt answer.

18. Ans. E.

Kerala Shops and Commercial Establishments Act is an act to consolidate and amend the law relating to the regulation of conditions of work and employment in the shops and commercial establishments in the State of Kerala. So, any minor change or addition designed to improve a text, a piece of legislation, etc. is known as an amendment. Options B, C and D make no sense in the context of the passage. Option A is incorrect because there is no need to approve an amended bill.

Therefore, option E is the apt answer.

19. Ans. B.

Because of 'or even to' after the blank, we can eliminate options A, D and E. 'Inveigled' means to persuade someone to do something by means of deception or flattery. 'Affiliated' refers to a subsidiary group or a person who is officially attached or connected to an organization. So, 'women workers' unions are persuaded to political parties or even to mainstream trade unions' is grammatically incorrect as well as makes no sense. Therefore, option B is the apt answer.

20. Ans. A.

'To the detriment of' means 'in a way that is harmful to someone or something.'

'Perquisite' means 'a benefit which one enjoys or is entitled to on an account of one's job or position.' It does not fit in the context of the passage.

Therefore, option A is the apt answer.

21. Ans. B.



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The Great Barrier Reef is a natural physical feature and cannot work to renew, regenerate and regain anything. Thus, A and E cannot form a logical pair. Similarly, since an animal cannot work to renew something, thus, B and E cannot form a pair. The Barrier Reef can definitely bleach or lose its colour. Thus, A and D can form a logical pair. None of the other combinations make a correct sense. Thus, option B is the correct answer.

22. Ans. C.

Contextually, the possible connections can be made between

i) A-D

Even when the problems plaguing the agriculture sector are long-standing and need long-term solutions, it was realized that rural incomes need to be bolstered. But the sentence has a grammatical error. 'Even when' is used to emphasize on the fact that a result is unexpected. So, the second clause should mention the unexpected event. Here, the first clause states the problems of the agriculture sector are long-standing and need long-term solutions. The second clause mentions 'it was realized' which implies the second clause happened as a result of the first one. We need to use, 'there is a realization' in place of 'it was realized'.

ii) B-D

In a series of meetings over the top level, it was realized that rural incomes need to be bolstered.

But the sentence has a grammatical error. We need to replace 'over' with 'at' to imply where the meetings happened.

iii) C-E

Government sources are candid in admitting that many measures had already been taken.

But the sentence has a grammatical error. The tense used in the sentence should be in past. So, we need to replace 'are' with 'were'.

The only contextually and grammatically correct sentence is C-F.

"Government sources are candid in admitting that these measures would only be short term as the Budget lacks additional outlays."

So, the correct answer is option C.

23. Ans. D.

"Ceased to exist" means "to come to an end" or "no longer exist." "Has ceased to exist in the 18th century" means something that was in existence earlier, came to an end in the 18th century. This means that part E can't be used with part A or/ and part B. Also, C and E would make a grammatically incorrect sentence.

Note that B-D will make a grammatically incorrect sentence. "Disciplines of history" is a plural subject and needs a plural verb. Instead of "has," "have" should be used. Part A can be connected to part D. Also, part C can only be connected to part F. The usage of "them" in part F refers to "the visual archives". Therefore, option D is the correct answer.

24. Ans. C.

Part B can't be connected to part E because "landscape" is a plural subject and requires a singular verb. But since "are" is plural, the two parts cannot be combined. Part F can't be connected to any part of column II. To connect with part A and part C, either it should be 'that suggest' or 'suggesting.' To connect with part B, it requires conjunction before "suggests" or "suggests" should be replaced by "suggesting." This means part B can only be connected to part D.

Part A can't be connected to part D because "attributes" is plural and "that is" is singular. It can be connected to part E. Contextually, part D and part E both don't connect with part C. Thereby, B-D and A-E can make grammatically and contextually correct sentences.

Therefore, option C is the apt answer.

25. Ans. B.

"Delusive" means giving a false or misleading impression. Part C makes no sense with part E. "Cannot ensure equality" seems redundant. And clearly, we don't need a verb after the preposition "for." Thereby, part C can't be connected to any part of column II.

Similarly, part A can't be connected to any part of column II because the sentences would then be grammatically incorrect. We don't need a verb after the



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preposition "to." This eliminates part D. "Religion and its artefacts if not worse" is not a complete sentence and makes no sense. This eliminates part F. "Religion and its artefacts" will be left dangling if part A and part E join. We need a comma after "women" to create a parallel structure. This eliminates part E.

Part B only makes no sense with part E, but it can be joined with part D and part F to form grammatically and contextually correct sentences.

Therefore, option B is the apt answer.

26. Ans. C.

Solution: Since the statement talks of the machine industries it indicates that the following part should be such that it can either relate to the machine industries or oppose. Transportation of yarn and trade through sea do not seem to be related with machine industry as much as the context of option C with the statement.

Hence C is correct.

27. Ans. B.

The sentence talks about the local trade. Option B talks about state level trade which completes the sentence. The complete statement becomes more of a comparative sentence between local trade and state trade. Option C & D are irrelevant to the sentence. Option A is grammatically wrong. Hence, option B is correct.

28. Ans. C.

Option A is grammatically incorrect. The noun is 'people', while the pronoun indicating to it is 'his', which is incorrect. Option B seems correct grammatically but can't be taken because of not being exactly in the line of the idea being discussed in the prior part of the statement. Thus, this is contextually incorrect.

Option D talks about the same idea as B with some grammatical changes, and can't be picked because of the same reason as stated in option B.

Option C continues with the tone and the idea of the statement and is also grammatically correct, so it is the correct response. Hence, option C is the correct response.

29. Ans. D.

As per the general instructions whenever there is a situation of panic in an area we prefer to stay indoors to avoid any kind of infection. Hence option D is the most apt filler to the blank.

30. Ans. C.

The given sentence explains certain situation in the present which is in opposite to some action that has already been initiated in the past and is still continuing. Since, the given statement mentions that today the performance was fairly interesting and riveted everyone to their seats, this implies, earlier the performance (s) were of opposite nature. Option C mentions an opposite nature with 'generally boring' and thus is the correct option.

31. Ans. B.

He perceives no sign of a revolution in ethical matters. It can be inferred from the following statement in the first paragraph of the passage, 'As to the principles of ethics I perceive, in short, no sign of revolution.'

32. Ans. C.

The author finds no reason why the doctrines of Darwin should change our moral ideas. It can be inferred from the first few lines of the passage.

The lines to refer is, 'Now, to pass by other subjects, I do not see why Darwinism need change our ultimate moral ideas. It was not to modify our conception of the end, either for the community, or the individual, unless we have been holding views, which long before Darwin were out of date.'

33. Ans. C.

It is stated in the following statement of the passage, 'Darwinism, I have said, has not even modified our ideas of the Chief Good. We may take that as — the welfare of the community realised in its members.'

34. Ans. B.

It can be inferred from the following statement of the passage, 'It may force on us in some points a correction of our moral views, and a return to a non-Christian and perhaps a Hellenic ideal.'

35. Ans. A.



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It can be inferred from the following statement of the passage, 'We have the moral code of Christianity, accepted in part; rejected practically by all save a few fanatics.'

36. Ans. D.

Only option D is correct. The errors in the other parts are as follows:

A- "have" indicates that the third form of the verb should be used to form the present perfect tense. Hence, "disrupted" should be used.

B- With the noun payments, the noun "communications" should be used.

C- "Underlied" does not mean anything. The adjective "underlying" should be used.

37. Ans. D.

Only option D is correct. The errors in the other parts are as follows:

In part A- Here the preposition "from" is incorrect, "with" should be used instead. You may get confused between "familiar to" and "familiar with", so remember the following rule:

Familiar with => well informed about or knowing thoroughly.

For example:

I'm familiar with his artwork.

Are you familiar with the problems that usually arise in this shop?

Familiar to => recognizable.

For example:

Your friend doesn't look familiar to me.

His artwork is familiar to millions of people.

In part B- "Thursday" is a particular day, hence "on" should be used and not "along".

In part C- Since the event took place in the past, "lasted" should be used instead of "lasts".

38. Ans. C.

In the first segment of the sentence, 'Between' is used when there are two people involved. "Amongst" is used for a larger number of people

In the second segment, add **as** after **to** because it can be a completed phrase only when used with **as**. It (refer to as) means 'to call'.

In the fourth segment, it should be less relevant as 'less' is used as a determiner here.

Hence, only segment C is correct and requires no correction.

39. Ans. B.

Only option B is correct. The errors in the other parts are as follows:

A- You can admit bankruptcy (noun), not admit bankrupt (adjective). Here "go bankrupt" will be correct.

C- Day to day is the correct phrase to indicate the daily expenses.

D- Here the possessive pronoun is required, hence "your" should be used. "You're" is a contraction of "you are", which is not appropriate here.

40. Ans. E.

Enforcement (n.): the act of compelling observance of or compliance with a law, rule, or obligation.

Disregard (n.): the action or state of paying no attention to something.

Overture (n.): an approach or proposal made to someone with the aim of opening negotiations or establishing a relationship.

License (n.): freedom to behave as one wishes, especially in a way which results in excessive or unacceptable behaviour.

Renunciation (n.): the formal rejection of something, typically a belief, claim, or course of action.

Execution (n.): the carrying out of a plan, order, or course of action.

So, the correct answer is option E.

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