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Direction: A part of the sentence is underlined. Below it alternatives to the underlined part are given which will make the sentence grammatically meaningful and correct. Choose the correct alternative.

1. Each member nation has a delegation that serves on the North Atlantic Council, described as the principal political decision-making body at NATO, and headed by the Secretary General. The organization working structures consists of member and partner nations that form different committees.

- A. organization's working structures comprises of member and partner nations that from different
- B. organization's working structures consist of member and partner nations that forms different
- C. organization working structures consist member and partner nations that form different
- D. organization's working structures consists of member and partner nations that from different
- E. organization's working structures consist of member and partner nations that form different

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2. The summit will catalyze a subsequent series of industry forums, working groups, and other collaborations. The elite gathering will initiate a open dialogue among US and Chinese tech leaders on the major challenges ahead with the acceleration of AI adoption across various industries.

- A. will initiate an open dialogue among US and Chinese tech leaders on the major challenges ahead of the acceleration from AI adoption across
- B. will initiate an open dialogue between US and Chinese tech leaders on the major

challenges ahead by the acceleration of AI adoption through

- C. will initiate an open dialogue between US and Chinese tech leaders on the major challenges ahead with the acceleration of AI adoption across
- D. will initiate an open dialogue among US and Chinese tech leaders on the major challenges ahead with the acceleration of AI adoption across
- E. will initiate a open dialogue between US and Chinese tech leaders on the major challenges ahead with the acceleration of AI adoption across

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3. In recent years, the Philippines has alleged that China's Coast Guard has been over-zealous intercepted Philippine fishing boats and confiscated their catches near the disputed Scarborough Shoal in the South China Sea.

- A. have alleged of China's Coast Guard has over-zealously intercepted Philippine fishing boats and confiscated their catches near the disputed
- B. has alleged that China's Coast Guard has over-zealously intercepts Philippine fishing boats and confiscated their catches near the disputed
- C. has alleged that China's Coast Guard has over-zealous intercepted Philippine fishing boats and confiscating their catches near the disputed
- D. has alleged that China's Coast Guard has over-zealously intercepted Philippine fishing boats and confiscated their catches near the disputed
- E. has alleged that China's Coast Guard has over-zealously intercepted Philippine fishing boats and confiscating theirs catches near the disputed

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4. Also, known as the 'jewel in the crown of Kashmir', Dal Lake in Srinagar is now threat of pollution due to large-scale sewage disposing, growth of weeds and human encroachment.

- A. is now threat by pollution because of large-scale sewage disposal
- B. is now threatened of pollution due of large-scale sewage disposing
- C. is now under threat by pollution due to large-scale sewage disposable
- D. is now threatened by pollution because of large-scale sewage disposal
- E. is now threat of pollution due to large-scale sewage disposing

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5. When Priyanka Singha Roy was harassed by three men, the 18-year-old taekwondo expert has retaliated against her harassers in beating the live nightlight out of them.

- A. retaliates against her harassers in beating the living daylight
- B. retaliate against her harassers by beating the living nightlight
- C. retaliated against her harassers by beating the living daylight
- D. retaliating against her harassers by beating the living daylight
- E. having retaliated against her harassers in beating the live daylight

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of the sentence, mark (5), ie 'All Correct', as your answer.

6. In the 16th century, an age of great **marine** (1)/ and terrestrial **exploration**, (2)/ Ferdinand Magellan **led** (3)/ the first **expeditious** (4)/ to sail around the world./ All Correct (5)

- A. marine
- B. exploration
- C. led
- D. expeditious
- E. All correct

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7. Others had flown in **balloons** (1)/ and hang gliders, but the Wright brothers **were** (2)/ the first to build a full-size **machine** (3)/ that could fly under its own **power**. (4)/ All correct. (5)

- A. balloons
- B. were
- C. machine
- D. power
- E. All correct

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8. **Accorded** (1)/ to Greek myth, the **strife** (2)/ between the Trojans and the Greeks started at the **wedding** (3)/ of



Peleus, King of Thessaly, and Thetis, a sea **nymph**. (4)/ All correct. (5)
A. accorded B. strife
C. wedding D. nymph
E. All correct

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9. The vet will give you a schedule for all the **vacacines** /(1) that your pet is **supposed** /(2) to get and under no **circumstances** /(3) should you **skip** /(4) a date.
A. A B. B
C. C D. D
E. All are correct

Direction: In the given sentence four words have been emboldened and marked as (1), (2), (3) and (4). One of the four words printed in bold may be misspelt. Find the word which is wrongly spelt. The number of that word is your answer. If all the words printed in bold are correctly spelt, mark option E, i.e., 'All are correct', as your answer.

10. A **shrinking** (1) vote share for the centrist parties and a **notable** (2) showing in Sunday's elections in Sweden echo growing anti-**imigrant** (3) mood **across** (4) Nordic nations.
A. 1 B. 2
C. 3 D. 4
E. All are correct

Direction (11 – 15) : In the following passage, there are blanks each of which has been numbered. These numbers correspond to the question numbers; against each question, five words have

been suggested, one of which fills the blanks appropriately.

It took the Delhi High Court to set right last week a largely inexplicable instance of official gender (###Q1###): it ruled that the Indian Navy must grant permanent commission to women as well, as the Army and the Air Force had to do following a 2010 order by a different bench of the same court. (###Q2###) now, women could qualify only for the Navy's Short Service Commission with tenure of up to 14 years; this made them ineligible for pension and often unable to find other work they were qualified for, virtually midway through their working lives. Following the latest ruling, women who (###Q3###) for a permanent commission will be able to work until the age of 54, as their male counterparts do. The 19 women who filed (###Q4###) before the court argued that they had received the same training as their male counterparts and worked for a comparable number of years in different departments, but could go no further for the only reason that they were women. The High Court rightly ruled that it could not support any provision that would restrain the professional (###Q5###) of women. Grant of permanent commission would allow women to rise in rank along with the men, and gain pay parity.

11. Find out the appropriate word in each case.
A. Bias B. Equality
C. Discrimination D. Rights
E. Disturbance

12. Find out the appropriate word in each case.
A. Until B. Upto
C. For D. Somehow
E. Since

13. Find out the appropriate word in each case.
A. Get B. Qualify
C. Passed D. Prepare
E. Study



14. Find out the appropriate word in each case.

- A. Case
- B. Complaint
- C. Plea
- D. Petitions
- E. Request

15. Find out the appropriate word in each case.

- A. Advancement
- B. Proceed
- C. Grow
- D. Increment
- E. Acceleration

Direction: The following question carries a sentence with an idiom/phrase marked in bold. Choose the option that best expresses the meaning of the idiom/phrase.

16. The stand-up comedy show that we watched last night had a **tongue in cheek** style of humour and not everybody could understand the references.

- A. To say something seriously
- B. To speak in an ironic or insincere way.
- C. To applaud someone
- D. Coordinated movement of tongue and cheek
- E. Moving cheek without moving the tongue

Direction: The following question carries a sentence with an idiom/phrase marked in bold. Choose the option that best expresses the meaning of the idiom/phrase.

17. Sri Lanka's ruling government was due to **get down to brass tacks** today after a discussion with the neighbouring countries on matters of regional security.

- A. Resort to brass currency
- B. Start to consider the basic facts or practical details
- C. Be audience to military parade
- D. To be present at hearing at court
- E. To face false allegations

Direction: The following question carries a sentence with an idiom/ phrase marked in bold. Choose the option that best expresses the meaning of the idiom/ phrase.

18. There were tickets available last week, but he **missed the boat** by waiting till today to try to buy some.

- A. Failed to get on the boat
- B. Missed his chance
- C. Couldn't book tickets
- D. Didn't have enough money
- E. Forgot about the tickets

Direction: The following question carries a sentence with an idiom/ phrase marked in bold. Choose the option that best expresses the meaning of the idiom/ phrase.

19. What I'd give to be a **fly on the wall** when Davis finds out what's happened to his precious cargo.

- A. Guiltless
- B. Insignificant
- C. Fall sick
- D. Take a leave
- E. An unnoticed observer

Direction: The following question carries a sentence with an idiom/phrase marked in bold. Choose the option that best expresses the meaning of the idiom/phrase.

20. She indeed lives in a **fool's paradise** as she always dreams about making a huge fortune overnight.

- A. Very expensive area
- B. A state of being ignorant of the problems
- C. Paradise
- D. In the middle of nowhere
- E. Rundown neighbourhood.

Direction (21 – 25) : Read the given passage carefully and answer the questions that follow. Certain words are printed in bold to help you locate them while answering some of the questions.

Maglev (derived from magnetic levitation) is a system of train transportation that uses two sets of magnets, one set to repel and push the train up off the track as in levitation (hence Maglev, Magnetic-levitation), then another set to move the 'floating train' ahead at great speed taking advantage of the lack of friction. Along certain "medium range" routes (usually 200–400

miles) Maglev can compete favorably with high speed rail and airplanes.

With Maglev technology, there are no moving parts. The train travels along a guideway of magnets which control the train's stability and speed. Maglev trains are therefore quieter and smoother than conventional trains, and have the potential for much higher speeds.

Maglev vehicles have set several speed records and Maglev trains can accelerate and decelerate much faster than **conventional** trains; the only practical limitation is the safety and comfort of the passengers.

The power needed for levitation is typically not a large percentage of the overall energy consumption of a high speed maglev system. Overcoming drag, which makes all land transport more energy intensive at higher speeds, takes up the most energy. Vactrain technology has been proposed as a means to overcome this limitation.

Maglev systems have been much more expensive to construct than conventional train systems, although the simpler construction of maglev vehicles makes them cheaper to manufacture and maintain. Despite over a century of research and development, maglev transport systems are in operation in just three countries (Japan, South Korea and China). The **incremental** benefits of maglev technology have often been hard to justify against cost and risk, especially where there is an existing or proposed conventional high speed train line with spare passenger carrying capacity, as in continental Europe, the UK and Japan.

Source: <https://en.wikipedia.org>

21. Which of the following statements can be correctly inferred from the passage?

- A. Maglev trains run on tracks which are levitated from the ground.
- B. The construction of Maglev train systems has been cheaper than the conventional high speed train systems.
- C. Maglev trains have a very aerodynamic body so the electricity needed to push the train forward isn't much.

- D. Maglev trains are smoother and quieter than conventional trains as there are no moving parts in them.
- E. None of the above

22. What is the main reason for the Maglev train system not being implemented in most countries?

- A. Maglev trains increase the travel time by 30% as compared to that of conventional trains.
- B. Maglev trains are very loud which isn't suitable for urban areas.
- C. Maglev train systems are very expensive as compared to conventional train systems.
- D. Maglev is the latest technology and no country apart from Japan, China and South Korea is capable of building one.
- E. None of the above

23. Which of the following words is the MOST OPPOSITE in meaning to the given words?

- Conventional
- A. Aphrodisiac
- B. Radical
- C. Linguistic
- D. Conditional
- E. Stimulant

24. Which of the following words is the MOST SIMILAR in meaning to the given words?

- Incremental
- A. Marginal
- B. Linchpin
- C. Commiseration
- D. Aggravation
- E. Inebriate

25. Which of the following would be the most appropriate title of the passage?

- A. Maglev and its success in developing countries
- B. Slow speed is the Maglev's biggest problem
- C. Maglev: High speed trains of the future?
- D. Maglev and its rise in India
- E. Maglev: A cheaper alternative to conventional trains

Direction (26 – 30) : In the following passage, there are blanks, each preceded by a word given in bold. Every blank has four alternative words given in options



(A), (B), (C) and (D). Find the word which best suits the place. If the given word suits the blank, mark 'no correction/change required' as the answer.

At the end of his rousing speech to the U.S. Congress, Prime Minister Narendra Modi quoted Walt Whitman to indicate that there was a "new symphony in play" between India and the U.S. The past two years bear out such lyricism in the bilateral relationship. Defence ties have been **dissuaded (###Q1###)** in three ways: in defence **burking (###Q2###)** procurement from the U.S. as well as co-development projects, which are worth over \$14 billion; in coordination, cooperation and sharing of information between the two defence forces; and increasingly, on the idea of working together on operations on piracy and peacekeeping. However, it is the strategic relationship, with India's positioning on non-alignment, that is the most dramatic score in the **dissension (###Q3###)**. Although the Centre has drawn the line at an **estrangement (###Q4###)** and "joint patrols", it is clear from the joint vision statement signed in New Delhi last year that the Modi government intends to move closer to the U.S. on defence issues. In recognition, during Mr. Modi's visit the U.S. declared India a "major defence partner", a designation specially created to describe this new relationship and one that is just short of a military alliance. In 2005, Manmohan Singh told the U.S.

Congress of how "India's growth and prosperity are in American interest", and the heavy lifting has yielded annual bilateral trade of \$107 billion now. On Wednesday, Mr. Modi took the theme forward by saying, "A stronger and **bereft (###Q5###)** India is in America's strategic interest."

26. Find the appropriate word in each case.

- A. Forfended
- B. Consolidated
- C. Precluded
- D. Expostulated
- E. No correction required

27. Find the appropriate word in each case.

- A. Pretermittting
- B. Breaching
- C. Patrolling
- D. Spurning
- E. No correction required

28. Find the appropriate word in each case.

- A. Jangle
- B. Cacophony
- C. Discord
- D. Symphony
- E. No correction required

29. Find the appropriate word in each case.

- A. Insouciance
- B. Ennui
- C. Alliance
- D. Impassivity
- E. No correction required

30. Find the appropriate word in each case.

- A. Prosperous
- B. Magnanimous
- C. Kaput
- D. Scabrous
- E. No correction required



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###ANSWERS###

1. Ans. E.
Organization with apostrophe i.e. "Organization's" should be used to show the working structure of what we are talking. Also, since "structures" is plural, the verb should be "consist" (plural). "Comprise of" is an incorrect term It should either be "consist of" or "comprises" which means "made up of". Hence, B and C are incorrect
"Form" --a verb means to structure something and "from" is a preposition. After a relative pronoun a verb should be used rather than a preposition. Hence D is incorrect too.
E is the most appropriate replacement.

2. Ans. C.
Since we are talking about two countries or objects thus 'between' should be used. Also, since "open" starts with a vowel, the article should be "an". The correct replacement is option C.

3. Ans. D.
There are several errors in the underlined part. The usage of "been" indicates that the sentence is in the passive voice which is not the case as then there should have been "by" before "Philippine fishing boats". Secondly, "intercepted" is a verb, so the adverb "over-zealously" should be used. Thirdly, instead of "theirs", "their" should be used as it is the object of the verb and not the subject.

4. Ans. D.
The auxiliary verb 'is' should be followed by a verb (threatened) not a noun (threat).
'By' is used to show the doer of the action (threaten), which is pollution. So, it should be 'by the pollution'.
'Large-scale' acts as an adjective which needs a noun. So, it should be *sewage disposal*.
'Because of' & 'due to' perform the same action i.e. to provide reason behind an action.
Hence, the most appropriate answer is D.

5. Ans. C.
The correct idiom is 'beating the living daylight' which is a brutal thrashing.

The statement is stating an action that took place in the past. So, simple past tense should be used.
'By' is the correct preposition to be used as the mode of performing action (beating) is being told here.
Hence, the correct answer is C.

6. Ans. D.
From the sentence it is evident that Magellan went on a journey around the world. The correct word to define it is 'expedition' which means a journey undertaken by a group of people with a particular purpose, especially that of exploration, research, or war.
'Expeditious' is an adjective which means done with speed and efficiency. Thus, option D is the correct answer.

7. Ans. E.
None of the highlighted words have been incorrectly spelled or out of context, making option E the correct answer.

8. Ans. A.
'Accorded' is the past perfect tense while the sentence is in past continuous form. So the correct word to be used in place of 1 should be 'according'. Hence, option A is the correct answer.

9. Ans. A.
The word 'vacacines' is misspelt here. The correct spelling is "vaccines", which means an antigenic substance prepared from the causative agent of a disease or a synthetic substitute, used to provide immunity against one or several diseases. Hence, the correct answer is option A.

10. Ans. C.
The error is in part C of the sentence, which means the word "imigrant" has been used wrongly here. The correct spelling is 'immigrant', which means a person who comes to live/settle permanently in a foreign country.

11. Ans. C.
Bias means inclination or prejudice for or against one person or group, especially in a way considered to be unfair.
Discrimination means the unjust or prejudicial treatment of different

categories of people, especially on the grounds of race, age, or sex.

While both these words seem accurate in the context of the passage, it is important to note that 'discrimination' is better suited in the blank as the context is of unjust treatment to the females and this word gives better effect.

12. Ans. A.

Here the context is to show that the women were not allowed to take certain job roles till now, thus 'until' is the most suitable filler for the blank.

'Upto' is used to point to a certain level or degree of something.

'For' is generally used to show the associativity.

'Somehow' means in some way; by some means.

'Since' is generally used to show the beginning timeline of something.

13. Ans. B.

The context is to show that the women who have been successfully been able to get past the qualification standards are now to be inducted into those roles. Option C could have been an answer but is not suitable because of the past participle form while the statement needs a verb in the first form.

This leaves 'qualify' as the only suitable option to satisfy the meaning of the passage.

The correct option is B.

14. Ans. D.

'Plea' means a request made in an urgent and emotional manner.

'Petition' means a formal written request, typically one signed by many people, appealing to authority in respect of a particular cause.

Here the context is of the written case being filed by the women who were trying to win the equal chance of careers in the defence services, so 'petitions' is the most suitable response.

The correct option is D.

15. Ans. A.

'Advancement' means development or improvement.

'Proceed' means to move forward and is incorrect because of the incorrect form;

'proceeding' could have been a valid option.

'Grow' is incorrect because here we need a noun i.e. 'growth'.

'Increment' means an increase or addition, especially one of a series on a fixed scale.

'Acceleration' means an increase in speed or rate.

Thus, out of given the options, option A is the correct answer.

16. Ans. B.

The idiom "tongue in cheek" means to speak or write in an ironic or insincere way.

For example: The tongue-in-cheek remark was not meant to be taken seriously, but Sarah was easily offended. Thus, option B is the correct answer.

17. Ans. B.

When we 'get down to brass tacks', we begin to discuss the essential and the most important aspects of a situation.

For example, Let's get down to brass tacks. Who's paying for all this?

Hence, the correct answer is B.

18. Ans. B.

The idiom 'to miss the boat' means to be too slow to take advantage of an opportunity. "Opportunity" and "chance" are synonymous.

Hence, the correct answer is B.

19. Ans. E.

The idiom 'to be a fly on the wall' means to be an unnoticed observer of a particular situation.

Hence, the correct answer is E.

20. Ans. B.

The idiom 'fool's paradise' refers to a state of happiness based on a person's not knowing about or denying the existence of potential trouble.

Hence, the correct answer is B.

21. Ans. D.

In the second paragraph it is clearly stated that Maglev trains are much smoother and quieter when compared to the conventional trains because there are no moving parts. Thus, the correct answer is option D.

22. Ans. C.

Although the Maglev systems is easier to maintain and construct, the technology

and components required to make the lines and the whole system is way costlier than the conventional lines. The initial investment is too much for a small country to handle. This is the main reason why most developing and under developed countries avoid Maglev systems. Hence, the correct answer is option C.

23. Ans. B.

'Conventional' means something which is based on or in accordance with what is generally done or believed.

'Radical' is characterized by departure from traditional way. This is the most opposite in meaning to 'Conventional'. Hence the correct answer is option B.

'Aphrodisiac' means a food, drink, or other thing that stimulates sexual desire.

'Linguistic' means relating to language

'Stimulant' means a substance that raises levels of physiological or nervous activity in the body.

Hence, option B is the correct response.

24. Ans. A.

'Incremental' is something relating to or denoting an increase or addition, especially one of a series on a fixed scale.

'Marginal' is a series of successive changes which makes it the most similar in meaning to incremental. Here the passage describes that small benefits of Maglev trains are difficult to justify. The correct answer is option A.

'Linchpin' is a person or thing vital to an enterprise or organization.

'Commiseration' is sympathy and sorrow for the misfortunes of others; compassion.

'Aggravation' is the state of becoming worse or more serious; exacerbation.

'Inebriate' is to make (someone) drunk; intoxicate.

Hence option A is the correct response.

25. Ans. C.

Maglev hasn't been a success in most developing countries as its being used in just 3 countries hence option A can be eliminated. Maglev trains are faster than conventional trains hence option B can be eliminated as well. India hasn't adopted Maglev technology for trains hence option D should be eliminated as well. Maglev

trains aren't cheaper than conventional trains by any means, hence option E must be eliminated. Only option C looks appropriate as it asks a question, whether Maglev is an appropriate option for the trains in the future. The author has explained the benefits of the train but has also showed us that the cost and risk associated with it makes it less viable. Hence, the correct answer is option C.

26. Ans. B.

Dissuaded- discouraged

Forfended- prevented

Consolidated- combined, united

Precluded- prevented, impeded

Expostulated- disagreed, argued

It has been previously been mentioned that "there was a "new symphony in play" between India and the U.S", which conveys that the ties between the two countries have become strong. Additionally, with respect to defence, the passage mentions words like 'co-development' 'in coordination', 'cooperation', 'sharing of information' and 'the idea of working together'. All these indicate that the defence ties have been strengthened rather than being discouraged. So, **consolidated** is the best-fit word for the blank deriving positive connotation.

27. Ans. C.

Burking- the crime of murdering a person
Pretermittting- omit to do or mention, abandon

Breaching- make a gap in and break through

Patrolling- keep watch over (an area) by regularly walking or travelling around it

Spurning- refusing

With reference to the context of defence, "patrolling" is the best fit word for the blank. Thus, option C is the correct answer.

28. Ans. D.

Dissension- disagreement

Jangle- jingle

Cacophony- noise

Discord- conflict

Symphony- an elaborate musical composition for full orchestra, typically in four movements, at least one of which is traditionally in sonata form



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'Symphony' is the most suitable response. It can be inferred from the following statements mentioned in the passage (before the specific blank), 'At the end of his rousing speech to the U.S. Congress, Prime Minister Narendra Modi quoted Walt Whitman to indicate that there was a "new symphony in play" between India and the U.S.' The mention of the definite article 'the' before the blank indicates that there has been a previous mention of the term. Also, the context has a positive connotation which is talking about the agreement between the two countries rather than disagreement between them. Thus, option D is the correct answer.

29. Ans. C.

Estrangement- alienation

Insouciance- indifference

Ennui- boredom

Alliance- association

Impassivity- emotionlessness

Multiple words seem to fit in. However, according to the position of the blank and the words 'joint patrols' mentioned after the blank, indicate that 'alliance' is the most suitable response. Thus, option C is the correct answer.

30. Ans. A.

Bereft- deprived of or lacking

Prosperous- bringing wealth and success

Magnanimous- charitable

Kaput- broken and useless

Scabrous- unpleasant; unattractive

According to the context of the given sentence, Mr. Modi took the theme of what Manmohan Singh had stated in 2005, so "prosperous" is the best-fit word.

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