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**Direction:** Two sentences with one blank in each, followed by five alternatives, are given. Choose that option as the answer which can fill both the blanks of both the sentences making it grammatically correct and meaningful.

1. a) Lammasch and his ministers shared their official premises peacefully with the new secretaries of state of the Austrian Republic, by sending out \_\_\_\_\_ with an appeal for peace and quiet.

b) Many of the \_\_\_\_\_ writers of the 19th Century were former students, the older generation of educated youth who had returned from the countryside.

- A. Acts
- B. Poster
- C. Novel
- D. Column
- E. Argument

**Direction:** Two sentences with one blank in each, followed by five alternatives, are given. Choose that option as the answer which can fill both the blanks of both the sentences appropriately.

2. a) The notion that money makes you happy is a \_\_\_\_\_ because happiness has nothing to do with wealth.

b) While the business plan sounds good on paper, it is built on the \_\_\_\_\_ that people will pay thirty dollars to see a movie.

- A. Blunder
- B. Fallacy
- C. Mishap
- D. Failure
- E. Debacle

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3. I. A surgeon cannot afford to have a \_\_\_\_\_ in his skills, as it could cost a patient's life.

II. Letting off the accused murderer, the citizens felt there was a huge \_\_\_\_\_ in justice.

- A. Felony
- B. Hokum

- C. Privilege
- D. Lapse
- E. Situation

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4. a) The two smugglers acted in \_\_\_\_\_ to transport the illegal goods over the border.

b) He found no evidence of \_\_\_\_\_ between record companies and retailers.

- A. Affinity
- B. Intrigue
- C. Collusion
- D. Flare
- E. Betrothal

**Direction:** Two sentences with one blank in each, followed by five alternatives, are given. Choose that option as the answer which can fill both the blanks of both the sentences.

5. I. The accountant refused to \_\_\_\_\_ the numbers even when his boss insisted that he should try and cheat the system.

II. Because she wanted to get into the club, the seventeen-year-old decided to \_\_\_\_\_ and said she was eighteen.

- A. Contrive
- B. Formulate
- C. Fudge
- D. Procure
- E. Wrangle

6. **Direction:** Pick out the incorrect sentence with regard to grammar, meaning and usage and mark it as your answer. If all the sentences are incorrect, mark "All are incorrect" as the answer.

A. In 2002, Sunil Chhetri was playing Durand Cup from Delhi and that is when guys from Mohun Bagan, the oldest existing football club in India, noticed him.

B. It was in 2002 when guys from Mohun Bagan, the oldest existing football club in India, noticed Sunil Chhetri while he was playing Durand Cup from Delhi.



C. In 2002, Sunil Chhetri from Mohun Bagan, the oldest existing football club in India, noticed while he was playing Durand Cup from Delhi.

D. In 2002, guys from Mohun Bagan, the oldest existing football club in India, noticed Sunil Chhetri while he was playing Durand Cup from Delhi.

E. All are incorrect.

7. **Direction:** Four statements are given below at A, B, C and D. There may be some errors in the given statements. Mark the incorrect statement as the answer. If all the statements are incorrect, mark E i.e. All are incorrect as the answer.

A. The current chairperson of the non-profit organization Teach for India, Anu Aga is a self-made billionaire who earned a spot in the 2007 Forbes 40 Richest Indians list.

B. The current chairperson of the non-profit organization Teach for India is a self-made billionaire who earned a spot in the 2007 Forbes 40 Richest Indians list, is Anu Aga.

C. Anu Aga, a self-made billionaire who earned a spot in the 2007 Forbes 40 Richest Indians list, is the current chairperson of the non-profit organization Teach for India.

D. Anu Aga, a self-made billionaire, is the current chairperson of the non-profit organization Teach for India who earned a spot in the 2007 Forbes 40 Richest Indians list.

E. All are incorrect.

8. **Direction:** Pick out the incorrect sentence with regard to grammar, meaning and usage and mark it as your answer. If all the sentences are incorrect, mark "All are incorrect" as the answer.

A. Hailed as India's 'Wonder Woman', Seema Rao is our country's only female commando trainer whom has trained Special Forces of India for a split of 18 years without any receiving compensation for it.

B. Hailed as India's 'Wonder Woman', Seema Rao is our country's only female commando trainer who has trained

Special Forces of India for a span of 18 years without receiving compensation for it.

C. Seema Rao, our country's only female commando trainer who has trained Special Forces of India for a span of 18 years without receiving compensation for it, is known as the 'Wonder Woman' of India.

D. Seema Rao, also known as India's 'Wonder Woman' is our country's only female commando trainer who has trained Special Forces of India for a span of 18 years without receiving compensation for it.

E. All are incorrect

9. **Direction:** Four statements are given below at A, B, C and D. There may be some errors in the given statements. Mark the incorrect statement as the answer. If all the statements are incorrect, mark E i.e. All are incorrect as the answer.

A. Except for tainted politicians, the rest of India will agree that those with criminal backgrounds cannot govern us.

B. Barring tainted politicians, the rest of India will agree that those with criminal backgrounds cannot govern us.

C. It is only tainted politicians who will not agreeable that those with criminal backgrounds cannot govern us; the rest of India will.

D. Apart from tainted politicians, the rest of India will agree that those with criminal backgrounds cannot govern us.

E. All are correct

10. **Direction:** Four statements are given below at A, B, C and D. There may be some errors in of the given statement(s). The incorrect statement is your answer. If all are correct, mark option (E) as your answer.

A. It was observed in the report that banks' credit cost rose sharply followed regulatory changes aimed at accelerating bad loan- recognition

B. According to the report, there was a sharp rise in the banks' credit cost following regulatory changes aimed at accelerating bad loan- recognition.



- C. The report further said that banks' credit cost rose sharply following regulatory changes aimed at accelerating bad loan- recognition.
- D. It was reported that there was a sharp rise in the banks' credit cost following regulatory changes aimed at accelerating bad loan- recognition.
- E. All are correct.

**Direction (11 – 15) :** In the following passage there are blanks. Choose the correct answer from the given options to fill the blanks which are numbered.

The key finding in a recent study is that even the top schools in major cities in India suffer from the (###Q1###) tendency to impart rote learning may have some shock value to those who believe that private educational institutions place greater emphasis on quality and holistic education. However, for those closely (###Q2###) the school education scenario, it is a re-affirmation of a bitter truth: schools in our country are, by and large, quite far from seeing education as a process of learning with understanding, acquiring knowledge through self-discovery and conceptualisation; rather, education remains a mere transmission of (###Q3###) in a rigid classroom atmosphere, where the (###Q4###) is on memorisation and the objective is to rush through a pre-determined syllabus and prepare children for examinations. While on the scholastic side the WIPRO-Educational Initiatives 'Quality Education Study,' which covered 89 schools, shows a fall in learning standards among students in classes 4, 6, and 8 over the last five years, it also flags a disturbing deficit of social (###Q5###) on the part of a sizable section of students.

11. Choose the correct answer from the given options to fill the blanks which are numbered.
- A. Superficial  
B. Entrenched  
C. Dislodge  
D. Capricious  
E. Irresolute

12. Choose the correct answer from the given options to fill the blanks which are numbered.
- A. Disdaining  
B. Relating  
C. Brushing  
D. Observing  
E. Spying

13. Choose the correct answer from the given options to fill the blanks which are numbered.
- A. Information  
B. Data  
C. Books  
D. Media  
E. Stationary

14. Choose the correct answer from the given options to fill the blanks which are numbered.
- A. Callowness  
B. Nescience  
C. Emphasis  
D. Obtuseness  
E. Indolence

15. Choose the correct answer from the given options to fill the blanks which are numbered.
- A. Stability  
B. Sensitivity  
C. Acceptability  
D. Presence  
E. Behaviour

**Direction:** In the given question, a part of the sentence is printed in bold. Below the sentence, alternatives to the emboldened part are given as (A), (B), (C) and (D), which may help improve the sentence. Choose the correct alternative out of the given five options. In case the given sentence is correct, your answer will be option (E), i.e., "No correction required".

16. The advantage of using a Lithium-ion battery is that it is not based on the chemical reactions which **wears down electrodes**.
- A. mark down electrodes  
B. hold down electrodes  
C. break down electrodes

- D. settles down electrodes
- E. No correction required

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17. Introduced to Disney World's Magic Kingdom park-goers in 2018, the sweet dessert **are a fan** favourite ever since.

- A. is a fan
- B. had been a fan
- C. has been a fan
- D. have been a fan
- E. No correction required

**Direction:** In the given question, a part of the sentence is printed in bold. Below the sentence, alternatives to the emboldened part are given as (A), (B), (C) and (D), which may help improve the sentence. Choose the correct alternative out of the given five options. In case the given sentence is correct, your answer will be option (E), i.e., "No correction required".

18. Mahatma Gandhi lived a life of such **absolutely austere and honesty** that anyone who watched could only learn and be inspired.

- A. absolutely austere and honest
- B. absolute austere and honest
- C. absolutely austerity and honesty
- D. absolute austerity and honesty
- E. No correction required

**Direction:** In the given question, a part of the sentence is printed in bold. Below the sentence alternatives to the emboldened part are given as (A), (B), (C) and (D) which may help improve the sentence. Choose the correct alternative out of the given five options. In case the given sentence is correct, your answer will be (E), i.e., "No correction required".

19.

Although China has recognized India's sovereignty over Sikkim and had initiated the trade at Nathu La pass, the Doklam fiasco **could mean trouble at all** ends.

- A. could mean trouble by all
- B. could mean trouble for all
- C. could meant trouble at all
- D. can mean trouble by all
- E. No correction required

**Direction:** In the given question, a part of the sentence is printed in bold. Below the sentence alternatives to the bold part are given at (A), (B), (C) and (D) which may help improve the sentence. Choose the correct alternative. In case the given sentence is correct, your answer is (E), i.e., "No correction required".

20. The infiltrators positioned themselves in key locations that gave them a strategic advantage **for the start of** the conflict.

- A. by the start of
- B. during the start of
- C. for the start off
- D. since the start of
- E. No correction required

**Direction (21 – 25) :** Read the given passage and answer the questions that follow.

Marine Le Pen accused Emmanuel Macron of being "weak" over Islamist terrorism on Monday as aides slammed him as "arrogant" for holding a glitzy party in a high-end bistro "as if he'd already won", a day after the pair reached the second round runoff on May 7. The blistering attack from the far-Right Front National candidate came hours after she won 21.4 per cent of the national vote, just behind Mr. Macron, an independent centrist, who came top on 23.9 per cent. For the first time in almost 60 years, neither the mainstream Left nor Right managed to reach the final. While polls suggest Mr. Macron will trounce Ms. Le Pen in the runoff, Sunday's first round vote split France down the middle both politically and geographically; the electoral map shows the centrist came top in the West while the FN leader triumphed in the East. She did well in rural and so-called "peri-



urban" areas, while he romped home in towns and cities with more than 15,000 people. On the campaign trail on Monday in Rouvroy, northern France, the anti-EU, anti-immigrant Ms. Le Pen said: "I'm on the ground to meet the French people to draw their attention to important subjects, including Islamist terrorism - and issue where Mr. Macron is a weakling to say the least." "Mr. Macron has no project to protect the French people in the face of Islamist dangers," she said, adding that the run-off with the ex-economy minister was a referendum on "savage globalisation". Ms. Le Pen's aides said they believed the fight against terror was one of the inexperienced Mr. Macron's weak spots. Security has come to the fore after an Islamist gunman killed a police officer on Paris' Champs Elysées last Thursday. Both candidates will attend a national tribute to the slain officer on Tuesday. Opening up another front, the Le Pen camp also criticized Mr. Macron for inviting supporters, including a string of Parisian celebrities, to a glitzy restaurant after his first round win. Florian Philippot, 35, Front National deputy leader, said: "Mr Macron went into another Parisian restaurant with his showbiz friends. (It was) sparkle and sequins." "He is a lot too confident and a lot too arrogant, as though the French people in reality don't count." The FN was not alone in criticising his perceived triumphalism that even his allies fear could turn off provincial France. Nathalie Kosciusko-Morizet, 43, a centre-right politician whose party has thrown its weight behind Mr. Macron for round two, said: "They are looking like it is a foregone conclusion, but it isn't a foregone conclusion." "LeParisien newspaper said: "The atmosphere was one of celebration, as though victory was already guaranteed. Commentators made damaging comparisons with Nicolas Sarkozy, 62, the former centre-right president, whose term of office was undermined by his "bling-bling" image. Mr. Sarkozy's time in office was blighted by his initial decision to stage a party for show business supporters and billionaire friends at Fouquet's, a restaurant on the

Champs-Élysées, on the evening of his election as head of state in 2007. Mr. Philippot said: "I saw Mr. Macron take himself for Mr. Sarkozy on the evening of his win, except that Sarkozy did it on the evening of the second round."

Source: <https://www.telegraph.co.uk>

21. Why did Marine Le Pen accuse Emmanuel Macron of being "weak"?

- A. Because he is not upfront.
- B. Because he has bought the votes before hand in fear of failure.
- C. Because he has won only 23.9% votes.
- D. Being confident about his victory without even paying heed to the Islamic attacks.
- E. For being arrogant.

22. Which of the following options is a fact mentioned in the passage?

- A. Mr. Macron is arrogant.
- B. People are drawing similarities between Mr. Macron and Mr. Sarkozy.
- C. Ms. Le Pen is generous.
- D. Ms. Le Pen would be better Macron in the long run.
- E. The victory of Macron is certain.

23. What was the similarity between Mr. Macron and Mr. Sarkozy?

- A. They both were arrogant.
- B. Both did not care for the Islamic attacks.
- C. Both were not liked by the people.
- D. Both held grand parties on the occasion of their victory.
- E. Both promoted savage globalization.

24. Why was Macron's victory not a foregone conclusion?

- A. It required the support of the allies that brought victory to Macron which was definitely not certain.
- B. Islamic attacks would have worsened the matter.
- C. Ms Le Pen was a better leader than Macron.
- D. Mr. Macron had a "bling-bling" image.
- E. People of France had no faith in Macron.



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25. Why do you think Ms. Le Pen, according to her claims, can prove to be better than Macron?

- A. She is down to earth.
- B. She would rather start working right after her victory than celebrating it lavishly.
- C. She is not arrogant.
- D. She is against savage globalization.
- E. She would give her best in all important subjects, including Islamist terrorism and other issues in which Mr Macron has proven to be a 'weakling'.

**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).

26. When we reached the crash site, we were delighted \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. On seeing no survivor
- B. We saw everyone living
- C. To seeing no one breathing
- D. To see everyone alive
- E. None of the above

**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).

27. \_\_\_\_\_, 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

**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).

28. 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

**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).

29. He has lost most of his life's earning in the stock market but \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. He still seems to be leading his life luxuriously
- B. He could not save enough to repay his enormous debts
- C. Stock market is not a safe option to invest money unless done with caution
- D. Experts have been suggesting to avoid investments in stock market because of its unpredictable nature
- E. None of the above

**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).

30. 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

**Direction:** In the given question, a statement with a blank is given. Fill the most suitable idiom/phrase from the given options to make the statement meaningful and complete.

31. I wanted to intervene when they were yelling at each other, but that would have just \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. A breath of fresh air
- B. Another nail in one's coffin
- C. Added fuel to the fire
- D. Ahead of one's time
- E. A whole new ball game

**Direction:** In the given question, a statement with a blank is given. Fill the most suitable idiom/phrase from the given options to make the statement meaningful and complete.

32. Rebecca hated her job, but she \_\_\_\_\_ and completed her contract.

- A. Bag of bones
- B. Be dead to the world
- C. Beat the clock means
- D. Bit the bullet
- E. Bitter pill to swallow

**Direction:** In the given question, a statement with a blank is given. Fill the most suitable idiom/phrase from the given options to make the statement meaningful and complete.

33. The cop pulled me over for speeding, but it was my first time so she just gave me \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. A slap on the wrist
- B. Sail against the wind
- C. Scream bloody murder
- D. Separate the wheat from the chaff
- E. Slice of life

**Direction:** In the given question, a statement with a blank is given. Fill the most suitable idiom/phrase from the given options to make the statement meaningful and complete.

34. I kept trying to steer the conversation back to his alibi, but he wouldn't stop \_\_\_\_\_, bringing up things totally off-topic.

- A. Back on one's feet
- B. Be a chicken
- C. Behind closed doors
- D. Beyond your wildest dreams
- E. Beating around the bush

**Direction:** In the given question, a statement with a blank is given. Fill the most suitable idiom/phrase from the given options to make the statement meaningful and complete.

35. The schoolmaster often \_\_\_\_\_ with his students so that they could have an interesting discussion and look at other point of views.

- A. Did not play with a full deck
- B. Painted pictures of thousand words
- C. Threw up the sponge
- D. Told that every cloud has a silver lining
- E. Played devil's advocate

**Direction (36 – 40) :** Rearrange the following six sentences (A), (B), (C), (D), (E) and (F) in the proper sequence to form a meaningful paragraph and then answer the questions that follow.

A. A lesson for India is that micromanagement is a sure way of inhibiting the potential of higher education.

B. It stems from the belief that nothing is pre-ordained and collaboration is the path to success.

C. Openness is the one word which encapsulates the essence of Silicon Valley.

D. Building on that idea Stanford University, which is Silicon Valley's epicentre.

E. An extensive system of political and bureaucratic control kills initiative in any area.

F. Not only collaborated with industry but also gave birth to iconic technology companies.

36. Which of the following will be the **Fourth** sentence?

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

37. Which of the following will be the **First** sentence?

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

38. Which of the following will be the **Last** sentence?

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

39. Which of the following will be the **Third** sentence?

- A. A
- B. B
- C. C
- D. D
- E. E

40. Which of the following will the **Fifth** sentence?

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

**Direction (41 – 45) :** 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.

Liberalising the right to fly abroad by scrapping the five-year domestic flight operations requirement doesn't create real room for **(###Q1###)** for investors. Quick offers of international routes may not mean much for new airlines; it is not financially **(###Q2###)** to scale up to a fleet of 20 aircraft just to get the right to deploy the next one on an overseas route. Similarly, while an open sky policy with SAARC countries is positive, it has a misleading ring when applied to countries beyond a 5,000-km radius. India already

has unused flying rights to EU countries and an open-sky policy with the U.S. and the U.K. The success of the regional connectivity plan will hinge on **(###Q3###)** from States in the form of free land, lower utility rates and tax cuts on aircraft fuel. The Centre has offered to grant special economic zone status for any aeronautical manufacturing activity. But such sops are not as tempting as they used to be. While the policy promises to bring down airport user charges and make flying cheaper, future tariffs at airports will be calculated on a **(###Q4###)** till basis that allows operators to use just 30 percent of non-aeronautical revenues to subsidize costs. This would not only push up airport costs but also run counter to the single till approach followed by the independent airport economic regulator. The **(###Q5###)** of the policy seems right, but several unseen variables remain. These could well throw Indian aviation off the flight path that the government has sought to determine.

41. Choose the correct answer from the given options to fill the blanks which are numbered.

- A. accusation
- B. manoeuvre
- C. idleness
- D. inutility
- E. inaction

42. Choose the correct answer from the given options to fill the blanks which are numbered.

- A. amiable
- B. unnamed
- C. feasible
- D. inconceivable
- E. unfeasible

43. Choose the correct answer from the given options to fill the blanks which are numbered.

- A. concessions
- B. denial
- C. difference
- D. disputation
- E. disagreement

44. Choose the correct answer from the given options to fill the blanks which are numbered.

- A. purebred
- B. pedigreed
- C. hybrid
- D. turmoil
- E. homogeneous

45. Choose the correct answer from the given options to fill the blanks which are numbered.

- A. silhouette
- B. stripe
- C. scratch
- D. trajectory
- E. grooved

**Direction:** Which of the following phrases (i), (ii), and (iii) given below each sentence should replace the phrase printed in bold letters to make the sentence grammatically correct? Choose the best option among the five given alternatives that reflect the correct use of phrase in the context of a grammatically correct sentence. If the sentence is correct as it is, mark (E) i.e., 'No correction required' as the answer.

46. The researchers speculate that **because the sweet-taste receptors do exist in the Javan primates**, these could have undergone some mutation and stopped functioning.

- i. while the sweet-taste receptors do exist in the Javan primates
  - ii. though the sweet-taste receptors do exist in the Javan primates
  - iii. however the sweet-taste receptors do exist in the Javan primates
- A. Only ii
  - B. Both i and ii
  - C. Only iii
  - D. Both ii and iii
  - E. No correction required

**Direction:** Which of the following phrases (i), (ii), and (iii) given below each sentence should replace the phrase printed in bold letters to make the sentence grammatically correct? Choose the best option among the five given alternatives that reflect the correct use of

phrase in the context of a grammatically correct sentence. If the sentence is correct as it is, mark (E) i.e., 'No correction required' as the answer.

47. Because of the influence of the real estate industry, we have a government now that constantly sides **to corporate developers and landlords rather** than with tenants.

- i. along corporate developers and landlords rather
  - ii. with corporate developers and landlords rather
  - iii. around corporate developers and landlords rather
- A. Only i
  - B. i and ii
  - C. Only ii
  - D. ii and iii
  - E. No correction required

**Direction:** In the given question, a part of the sentence is printed in bold. Below the sentence three alternatives to the bold part are given which may help improve the sentence. Choose the option that reflects the correct use of the phrase in the context of the sentence. In case the given sentence is correct, your answer is (E), i.e., 'No correction required'.

48. Delhi Metro's Magenta line **developed a technical on Tuesday morning, following which** passengers were deboarded at the station and train was sent to the depot for further investigation.

- i. developed a technological on Tuesday morning, following which
  - ii. developed a technical snag on Tuesday morning, following which
  - iii. developed a technical glitch on Tuesday morning, following which
- A. Only i
  - B. Only ii
  - C. ii and iii
  - D. i and iii
  - E. No correction required

**Direction:** Which of the following phrases (i), (ii), and (iii) given below each sentence should replace the phrase printed in bold letters to make the sentence grammatically correct? Choose



the best option among the five given alternatives that reflect the correct use of phrase in the context of a grammatically correct sentence. If the sentence is correct as it is, mark (E) i.e., 'No correction required' as the answer.

49. Having spent a week in India talking to security analysts, international relations experts and business leaders, **the opinions I heard suggest antagonism with Pakistan and strategic distrust with** China could be significant impediments to India's involvement.

- i. the opinions I heard by suggesting to antagonism along Pakistan and strategic distrust with
  - ii. the opinions I heard suggest to antagonism along Pakistan and strategic distrust with
  - iii. the opinions I heard suggest antagonistic displeasure with Pakistan and strategic distrust with
- A. Only i  
B. Only ii  
C. Only iii  
D. Both i and iii  
E. No correction required

**Direction:** Which of the following phrases (i), (ii), (iii) given below the sentence can replace the phrase printed in bold to make the sentence grammatically correct? Choose the option that reflects the correct use of phrase in the context of a grammatically correct sentence. If the sentence is correct as it is, mark (E) i.e., "No correction required" as the answer.

50. She **drives a piton in when she finds a handhold of pattern**, a small crevice of meaning, some slight imperfection in the rock face.

- i. drive a piton in when she found a handhold of pattern
  - ii. drives a piton at when she finds a handhold with pattern
  - iii. drives a piton in when she finds the handhold with patterns
- A. Only i  
B. Only ii  
C. Only iii  
D. Both ii and iii

E. No correction required

**Direction (51 – 55) :** Read the given passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

The educational reformers of the late eighteenth and nineteenth centuries dealt with two distinct aspects of children's problems. One concerned the claims of childhood as a specific and independent stage in human growth. This perennial problem arises from the efforts of adults to subject growing children to ends foreign to their own needs and to press them into moulds shaped, not by the requirements of the maturing personality, but by the external interests of the ruling order. Rousseau had protested against this when he wrote:

"Nature wants children to be children before they are men. Childhood has ways of seeing, thinking, and feeling peculiar to itself, nothing can be more foolish than to substitute our ways for them."

The other involved efforts to reshape the obsolete system of schooling to make it fit the revolutionary changes in social life. These two problems were closely connected. The play school, for example, was devised not only to care for the specific needs of very young children but also to meet new needs which had grown out of the transformations in the family affected by industrial and urban conditions; it was no longer a unit of production as in feudal and colonial times but became more and more simply a center of consumption.

Dewey's theories blended attention to the child as an individual with rights and claims of his own with a recognition of the gulf between an outdated and class-distorted educational setup inherited from the past and urgent requirements of the new era. The educational system had to be thoroughly overhauled, he said, because of the deep-going changes in American civilization. Under colonial, agrarian, small-town life, the child took part in household, community and productive activities, which spontaneously fostered capacities for self-direction, discipline, leadership and



independent judgment. Such worthwhile qualities were discouraged and stunted by the new industrialized, urbanized, atomized conditions, which had disintegrated the family and weakened the influence of religion.

In the city the training of children became one-sided and distorted because intellectual activities were dissociated from practical everyday occupations. Dewey wrote: 'while the child of bygone was getting an intellectual discipline whose significance he appreciated in the school, in his home life he was securing acquaintance in a direct fashion with the chief lines of social and industrial activity. Life was in the main rural. The child came into contact with the scenes of nature, and was familiarized with the care of domestic animals, the cultivation of the soil, and the raising of crops. The factory system being undeveloped, the house was the center of industry. Spinning, weaving, the making of clothes etc were all carried on there.'

**SOURCE:**[www.marxists.org/archive/novack/works/1960/x03.htm](http://www.marxists.org/archive/novack/works/1960/x03.htm)

51. What were the two problems faced by the children according to the educational reformers?

- A. The super imposing nature of the adults on the children to make them more competent and the increasing stress on learning books in the reforming education system.
- B. The changing patterns of the education which pressurized the children and the ever increasing industrialization.
- C. The continuing efforts of the adults to mould the children according to their own needs and the changes introduced in the education system to increase its efficiency.
- D. The ever increasing industrialization and its practices which had an impact on the children and the increasing agricultural activities at the same time which contradicted the teachings at school.
- E. The lack of agricultural knowledge imparted in school and the students

getting captivated, away from the touch of nature.

52. What was the impact on the children's mindset due to the adult interference?

- A. The children were shaped according to the adults' wishes which deteriorated the society.
- B. The children lacked going through the independent stage of childhood where they should use their own imaginations and creativity and learn while growing up.
- C. The children were stressed and that hampered their quality of education.
- D. The children were closer to the normal process of learning through experience though only from exposure to books.
- E. The children lacked proper education and it was unfair of the adults to interfere in the activities of the children.

53. What was the contradictory factor that affected the education of the children and supported two different ways of imparting education to them?

- A. On one hand childhood was supposed to be an independent stage of growth and the children should have been allowed to see and do things according to their own choice while on the other the society demanded more specific things while they grew, due to the revolutionary changes in the society.
- B. The adults had a big hand in molding the thoughts of the children which hampered the natural process of learning and the other factor was the growing competition in the reforming society which demanded a lot of practical knowledge.
- C. The society demanded a lot of bookish knowledge which required the children to spend a lot of time with their books that hampered their natural process of growing up whereas the other factor was the requirement of the children to involve themselves in the increasing agricultural activities.
- D. The education imparted to the children was helpful in the agricultural field which had been a practice for a long time but the society had changed and it required many reformations which would make the



children competent in the urbanized world.

E. The education system was totally reformed and the children were imparted education according to the ever increasing demand of industrialization whereas the practices at home required them to know a lot about the agricultural activities which were a part of their daily life.

54. Which of the following statements is true?

A. The playschool was a great example of success of the reformation of the education according to the societal needs which supported both the independent growing up of the children as well as the societal demands.

B. Dewey's theories blended the theories of growing urbanization and the societal demands in the children and the need for the society to remain agricultural-based.

C. The modern education system was a hindrance in the path of development of the individual by encouraging the students to leave behind the earlier practiced methods at home which enhanced their discipline, practical knowledge, encouragement etc.

D. In the city the training of children became one-sided and distorted because there was an excessive stress of making the children competent.

E. The reformed education system implanted better disciplinary methods and self-dependency in the individuals.

55. How did the children of former times get more intellectual discipline than the children of the reformed society?

A. The education system was more successful and it provided the correct teachings.

B. The family disintegration caused by urbanization in modern times was not there in former times which helped them to learn a lot of things.

C. The agricultural practices needed more practical knowledge and intellectuality in former days than in the reformed society.

D. The disciplinary activities of daily life carried out at home was appreciated in

school in the former days, whereas reformed society demanded abandoning these activities.

E. The industrialization in the former days was least which made the people work harder, making them gain intellectual discipline.

**Direction:** In each of the following questions a sentence is given with 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).

56. If Roald Dahl's children novels are the epitome of finding hope in the heart of adversity, his adult novels are a

\_\_\_\_\_.

A. reflection of the darkest corners that dying humanity could reach.

B. reflection of the darkest corners that dead humanity could reach.

C. reflection by the darkest corners that dying humanity could reach.

D. reflection of the darkest corners that dying humanity will be reach.

E. none of these

**Direction:** In each of the following questions a sentence is given with 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).

57. When Margot, a writer and married woman meets Daniel, an artist, on a plane- ride back to Toronto,

\_\_\_\_\_.

A. she opens oneself up to him and comes home to find out that he's her neighbour.

B. she opened herself up to him and came home to find out that he's her neighbour.

C. she opens herself up to him and comes home to find out that he's her neighbour.

D. she opened oneself up to him and came home to find out that he's her neighbour.

E. none of these

**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).

58. Combining the power of imagination with a twisted thought process, Roald Dahl wrote a series of adult stories that are \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. definitely not for the faint-hearted - though they are for the connoisseur of good literature.
- B. definitely for the toddlers and they are for the development of good literature.
- C. provide sufficient challenge for the grown-up population and are definitely not for the mortality of good literature.
- D. definitely not for the frail minded ones as the stories are full of what the children describe as 'sunshine and rainbows'.
- E. None of these

**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).

59. Nitika bid a heartfelt adieu to the mortal remains of her late husband and, as she stood next to the coffin, \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. she commented on how his love for nation overpowered the love he had for not her.

B. she commented on how his love for nation overpowered the love he never had for even her.

C. she commented on how his love for nation overpowered the love he had for her.

D. she never commented on how his love for nation overpowered the love he had for even her.

E. None of the above

**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).

60. According to a report by Hindustan Times, Nitu Ghosh, with his wife Titli and daughter \_\_\_\_\_.

A. were approaching to Lataguri after offering puja at a temple inside the Garumara forest in Jalpaiguri.

B. was returning to Lataguri after offering puja at a temple inside the Garumara forest in Jalpaiguri.

C. were returning to Lataguri before offering puja at a temple inside the Garumara forest in Jalpaiguri.

D. was returning to Lataguri after offering puja via a temple inside the Garumara forest in Jalpaiguri.

E. None of the above

###ANSWERS###

1. Ans. B.

In the first sentence, the word 'poster' fits as the sentence refers to distribution and appeal by the ministers which can be done easily in this form. Similarly, the word 'poster' in the second sentence also makes sense as the educated youth could have spread their ideas through posters easily.

2. Ans. B.

The sentence I implies that it is an **illusion** that having money makes a person happy because happiness is not related to wealth.

The sentence II implies that although the business plan sounds good on paper, it is built on the **misconception** that people will pay thirty dollars to see a movie.

Out of the given options, '**fallacy**' which means 'a mistaken belief, especially one based on unsound arguments' is the correct fit for both blanks.

Therefore, **option B** is the correct answer.

Debacle means a sudden and ignominious failure; a fiasco.

3. Ans. D.

The sentence I implies that a surgeon cannot afford to have a **limited** skill set as it would impact patient's life.

The sentence II implies that the citizens felt a huge **failure** in justice when the accused murderer was let off.

Out of the given options, **lapse** means 'a brief or temporary failure of concentration, memory, or judgement'.

Therefore, **option D** is the correct answer.

Felony: a crime regarded in the US and many other judicial systems as more serious than a misdemeanour

Hokum: nonsense

4. Ans. C.

If people or things have an **affinity** with each other, they have a natural liking for and understanding of someone or something.

**Intrigue** is the making of secret plans to harm or deceive people.

**Collusion** is secret or illegal co-operation or conspiracy in order to deceive others.

**Flimflam** refers to foolishness.

A **betrothal** is an agreement to be married.

Since, both the relations mentioned are either in speculation or happened in secret, 'collusion' will fit both the sentences. Hence, the correct answer is C.

5. Ans. C.

The sentence I implies that the accountant refused to **manipulate** the numbers when his boss asked him to cheat the system.

The sentence II implies that the seventeen-year-old girl decided to **lie** and say that she was eighteen years old to get into the club.

Out of the given options, **fudge** means to 'present or deal with (something) in a vague or inadequate way, especially, so as to conceal the truth or mislead'. Therefore, **option C** is the correct answer.

Contrive: create or bring about (an object or a situation) by deliberate use of skill and artifice.

Wrangle: have a long, complicated dispute or argument

6. Ans. C.

It is not specified who was noticed by Mohun Bagan. Also, 'he' in "... while he was playing..." has no clear indication as to whom this pronoun refers to. Hence, the correct answer is C.

7. Ans. B.

The last phrase, '....is Anu Aga', lacks a subject. It's position in the sentence is also wrong. Anu Aga is the subject and should be before the auxiliary verb 'is'. Hence, the correct answer is B.

8. Ans. A.

'Any' is an adjective, and needs to be placed before a noun. 'Whom' is used in reference to the object. But here, it refers to the subject. 'Split' means discontinue an association or relation; go different ways. The correct word to show the complete duration of something is 'span'. Hence, the correct answer is A.

9. Ans. C.



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In option C, the adjective 'agreeable' is incorrect and needs to be replaced with the verb 'agree' to make the sentence grammatically and contextually correct. The other options carry a single statement written in different ways. It implies that all the people of India excluding tainted politicians would agree that people with criminal backgrounds cannot govern us.

10. Ans. A.

Option A is the grammatically incorrect statement and all the other statements have been correctly structured. In option A "followed" should be replaced by "following" to indicate that an event took place as a consequence of another.

11. Ans. B.

'Entrenched' is the most suitable response. It means '(of an attitude, habit, or belief) firmly established and difficult or unlikely to change; ingrained'. The passage suggests a tendency which means an inclination towards a particular characteristic or type of behaviour. Thus, the correct choice is B.

Capricious: given to sudden and unaccountable changes of mood or behaviour.

Irresolute: showing or feeling hesitancy; uncertain.

12. Ans. D.

The sentence mentions 'the school education scenario'. 'Scenario' means 'a postulated sequence or development of events' which in the given context refers to the way schools' system function. 'Observing' is the most suitable response as complimented by the adverb 'closely'. It means 'watch (someone or something) carefully and attentively'. So, the correct choice is D.

Disdaining: refuse to do (something) from feelings of pride or superiority.

13. Ans. A.

'Information' is the most suitable response. It refers to facts and is used most commonly when talking in academic context. 'Rote' implies mechanical or habitual repetition of something to be learned and in this regard, 'information' is the most appropriate choice. So, the correct choice is A.

14. Ans. C.

'Emphasis' is the most suitable response. It refers to attributing importance or value to something. So, the correct choice is C.

Callowness: Lacking adult maturity or experience.

Indolence: avoidance of activity or exertion; laziness.

Obtuseness: not quick or alert in perception, feeling, or intellect.

Nescience: lacking knowledge; ignorant.

15. Ans. B.

'Sensitivity' is the most suitable response. It refers to the personal ability to perceive, understand, and respect the feelings and viewpoints of others. 'Acceptability' could have been a possible choice but deficit in terms of social acceptability doesn't make sense. So, the correct choice is B.

16. Ans. C.

The correct phrasal verb to be used in the context of the sentence is 'break down' which means 'undergo chemical decomposition'.

So, the correct answer is option C.

17. Ans. C.

The use of 'since' in the statement indicates the requirement of the present perfect tense. We know the present perfect gives the idea of completion while the present perfect continuous suggests that something is unfinished. In the given statement the issue is still rife, so we need to use present perfect continuous tense i.e. the structure 'has been a fan'.

So, the correct answer is option C.

18. Ans. D.

The construction used in case of 'such' is 'such + noun phrase' or 'such + a/an + adjective + singular noun'. This means we require the words joined by the conjunction in noun form and the word modifying them to be an adjective. So, we need to use 'austerity' and 'honesty' which are nouns and 'absolute' which is an adjective.

So, the correct answer is option D.

19. Ans. A.

The first option "could mean trouble by all" means problems on more than one front.

The second option "could mean trouble for all" is not correct as the preposition "for" is only used to show reason or purpose which is not suitable in this case. The third option "could meant trouble at all" uses past form of the verb "mean" which is not required here since the sentence is expressing a future possibility by the use of modal "could".

The last option "can mean trouble by all" uses the present form of "can" which is incorrect here. 'Can' expresses indicative mood (used to make factual statements, ask questions, or express opinions) while subjunctive mood (describing possibilities) is expressed by 'could'.

The correct sentence is

"The Doklam fiasco not only possesses security issues but economic issues too".

Hence the correct option must be A.

20. Ans. B.

The first option "by the start of" uses the preposition "by" which is generally used for identifying the agent performing an action. Hence it is not correct to use it here.

The second option "During the start of" marks the time period between the initial stages of the conflict. It is during that period when the soldiers gained an upper hand over the opponents by positioning themselves in key locations.

The third option "for the start off" is not correct as the preposition "for" is only used to show reason or purpose which is not suitable in this case. It also uses the adverb "off" which is not correct.

The fourth option "since the start of" as it uses the preposition "since" which refers to the intervening period between the time mentioned and the time under consideration, typically the present. Hence, the correct answer is option B.

21. Ans. D.

The major allegation Le Pen has against Macron is that to secure his foreign allies, he remains mute to the matters related to Islamic attacks. So, he is a weakling as stated in option D. Option C cannot be the answer as his votes were yet more than Le Pen. Rest of the options are the allegations made due to this point. It can be inferred from the following lines of the

passage, 'Marine Le Pen accused Emmanuel Macron of being "weak" over Islamist terrorism on Monday as aides slammed him as "arrogant" for holding a glitzy party in a high-end bistro "as if he'd already won".

22. Ans. B.

Only option B can be verified on the basis of the passage as- Commentators made damaging comparisons with Nicolas Sarkozy, 62, the former center-right president, whose term of office was undermined by his "bling-bling" image. Mr. Sarkozy's time in office was blighted by his initial decision to stage a party for show business supporters and billionaire friends at Fouquet's, a restaurant on the Champs-Élysées, on the evening of his election as head of state in 2007. Mr Philippot said: "I saw Mr Macron take himself for Mr Sarkozy on the evening of his win, except that Sarkozy did it on the evening of the second round".

Options A and E are judgments.

Options C and D are irrelevant.

23. Ans. D.

The only similarity that can be drawn between Macron and Sarkozy on the basis of the passage is that both of them had a lavish celebration of their victory. So, option D is the answer.

Option A, B and E are allegations made against Macron alone.

Option C is only about Sarkozy.

24. Ans. A.

As stated in the passage that the victory of Macron would not have been possible if politicians like Nathalie Kosciusko-Morizet had not supported him with his party as none of the competing parties had gotten majority. It can be inferred from the following lines of the passage, 'Nathalie Kosciusko-Morizet, 43, a centre-right politician whose party has thrown its weight behind Mr Macron for round two, said: "They are looking like it is a foregone conclusion, but it isn't a foregone conclusion."

25. Ans. E.

The major allegation Le Pen has against Macron is that to secure his foreign allies he remains mute to the matters related to Islamic attacks. So, she would prove to



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be better only if she eradicates this fault. So, option E is the best suited answer. The rest of the options are nowhere stated in the passage and hence are irrelevant.

26. Ans. D.

Option D is correct. As the sentence is using the word delighted, the sentence following it will have a positive connotation. Option B makes the statement grammatically incorrect. Hence, it is Option D that gives the sentence a coherent structure.

27. 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.

28. 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.

29. Ans. A.

'But' is used to connect ideas that contrast. The sentence starts by saying that he lost most of his earnings. The only contrasting statement that can follow, given the use of 'but', is option A, which says that he was leading a luxurious life in spite of losing all his earnings. Thus, option A is the correct answer.

30. 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.

31. Ans. C.

A breath of fresh air means said about a new, fresh, and imaginative approach, a change that feels good

Another nail in one's coffin means one in a series of events which lead to downfall or inevitable failure.

Added fuel to the fire means to make a problem worse; to say or do something that makes a bad situation worse.

Ahead of one's time means in advance of concurrent commonly accepted ideas; showing characteristics of changes yet to be; present in one's work before later advances in the field.

A whole new ball game means a completely different situation.

'But' indicates that the action of invention might not be pleasant. It also didn't guarantee whether the intervention would have stopped the yelling altogether. So, option A & B are wrong. D doesn't fit the sense here. Intervention definitely doesn't lead to a completely new topic apart from yelling. So, E is also wrong.

Hence, the correct answer is C.

32. Ans. D.

Bag of bones means an extremely thin person

Be dead to the world means to be sleeping.

Beat the clock means to do something before a deadline

Bit the bullet means decide to do something difficult or unpleasant that one has been putting off or hesitating over.

Bitter pill to swallow means Said about something unpleasant that must be accepted or endured.

D refers to a noun whereas C refers to a direct action which is required in the blank. C could've fitting but there is no mention about finishing a deadline. Hence, the correct answer is D.

33. Ans. A.

Sail against the wind means to work to achieve something that is difficult because most people would oppose it.

Scream bloody murder means to protest loudly and angrily as if something very serious has happened.



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Separate the wheat from the chaff means to separate things of value from things of no value.

Slice of life refers to a realistic representation of everyday experience in art and entertainment

A slap on the wrist means a mild reprimand or punishment.

Speeding means breaking a law which leads to punishment however small it might be. Hence, the correct answer is A.

34. Ans. E.

Back on one's feet refers to recovering from an illness or from a problem.

Be a chicken means to be a coward.

Behind closed doors means in private; in one's private life.

Beyond your wildest dreams means in a way you had never imagined before.

Beating around the bush means to treat a topic, but omit its main points, often intentionally.

Bringing up off-topic means he was avoiding the topic.

Hence, the correct answer is E.

35. Ans. E.

Someone who does not play with a full deck refers to someone who lacks intelligence.

A picture paints a thousand words means a picture conveys information more effectively than words.

To throw up a sponge means to give up a contest; to acknowledge defeat.

Every cloud has a silver lining means that even difficult times will lead to better days.

To play a devil's advocate means to present a counter argument

Looking at other point of views means understanding the counterpoints to our own beliefs, thus the teacher may be said to have played devil's advocate. Thus, option E is the correct answer.

36. Ans. C.

C is the first statement as it introduces the main point of the passage, which is 'Openness as the essence to describe Silicon Valley'.

B is the next statement as it talks about the idea in a more explanatory way. Also, it begins with an identifier "It" which

works as a connector as well to connect it with sentence C.

DF is a mandatory pair as they form one single sentence and should follow B as they further establish information about Silicon Valley.

Statement A should be the next in sequence as it talks about the utility of the concept in Indian perspective and E is the final statement as it concludes the passage by giving a word of caution. Thus, the correct sequence would be CBDFAE.

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40. Ans. A.

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41. Ans. B.

manoeuvre means movement or operation in terms of activity.

The phrase 'real room for \_\_\_\_\_' validates the option.

Accusation means allegations or charge.

Idleness means laziness.

Inutility means uselessness.

Inaction means inactivity or passivity.

The structure indicates that after the blank has been filled the phrase must present a positive context.

Hence, manoeuvre is the correct answer.

42. Ans. C.

Amiable means friendly.

Unnamed means something which is not named.

Feasible means something achievable or workable.

Inconceivable means unbelievable.

Unfeasible means inconvenient.

The given segment 'it is not financially \_\_\_\_\_ to scale up' indicates that scaling up is, in the context, not possible. The concerned sentence states that "quick offers of international routes may not mean much for new airlines". This and the next sentence, carry a negative tone and hence, it can be concluded that scaling up to a fleet of 20 aircraft wouldn't be financially possible. Thus unfeasible can be eliminated. The other options do not fit in the context. Hence, feasible is the correct answer.

43. Ans. A.

Hinge, in the context, means to depend.

The answer can be judged by the segment following the blank, 'will hinge on \_\_\_\_\_ from States in the form of free...'

It means that the subject will depend on what is received from States in the form of benefits or deductions as is clear by the examples quoted.

Options B, C, D and E, hence, don't fit in contextually.

Hence, concessions which means preferential allowances or adjustments, deductions is the correct answer.

44. Ans. C.

This is a purely contextual question and can be answered only if the entire context (especially the following lines) is read beforehand and understood well.

The advantages of the approach mentioned in the given segment are stated in the next statement and the comparison has been drawn with a single till approach. This needs to be paid careful attention to as the answer will be contrary to this approach.



The only word that can serve as a comparison to single is hybrid which refers to a combination.

The other words can be eliminated.

Hence, hybrid is the correct answer.

45. Ans. D.

'The \_\_\_\_\_' refers to the context of the two preceding statements. They talk about the effect of the change in approach in terms of scaling up and bringing down things and the *intended pathway*.

Silhouette means the outline of something, say a shape.

Trajectory means a course or a route, which can be the best filler for indicating the pathway.

Option E doesn't fit in grammatically.

Hence, trajectory is the correct answer.

46. Ans. B.

The usage of "could have" in the second part of the sentence shows possibility. Thus, the usage of 'because' in the highlighted part is incorrect as the here, the second part of the sentence does not state a reason. On, the other hand it shows that even if the sweet-taste receptors do exist in the Javan primates, there is a possibility that due to mutation, they stopped working. Thus, the conjunctions "while" and "though" can be used to convey the apt meaning.

47. Ans. C.

To 'side with' someone means to support one person or group in an argument. Since the correct phrasal verb is only mentioned in option (ii), option B is the correct answer.

48. Ans. C.

"Technical" is an adjective and requires a noun to modify. Thus, the highlighted part of the sentence is incorrect. Alternative (i) can be rejected on the same grounds.

A 'snag' means a difficulty or a glitch refers to a sudden malfunction. Both these nouns can be aptly modified by the adjective "technical". Thus, option C is the correct answer.

49. Ans. E.

The sentence is grammatically correct and no correction is required.

50. Ans. E.

The sentence is grammatically correct.

A piton is an equipment used while climbing and is driven into cracks or seams.

Option i - Drive and found make the sentence incorrect.

Option ii - The piton is driven into or in and not at.

Option iii - 'handholds with pattern' is incorrect.

Hence, E is correct.

51. Ans. C.

It is mentioned in the passage that the children were facing two problems in the mentioned phase, which were closely related. The first problem was the imposing nature of the adults to mould the children to meet their own needs and desires, whereas the second problem was the professionalism introduced in the schools and their lack of concern for the students.

52. Ans. B.

It is mentioned in the passage that "One concerned the claims of childhood as a specific and independent stage in human growth". Thus we choose the option that best states this fact and supports it that childhood is an independent stage of growing up which should not be hampered or interfered with, which is option B.

It is also supported by the following sentence from the passage, " Under colonial, agrarian, small-town life, the child took part in household, community and productive activities, which spontaneously fostered capacities for self-direction, discipline, leadership and independent judgment. Such worthwhile qualities were discouraged and stunted by the new industrialized, urbanized, atomized conditions."

53. Ans. A.

From the passage we can understand that it was an understood fact that children should be enjoying a bit of leisure and no interference from their parents in seeing and judging things as it enhances the process of growing up independently whereas the society had become urbanized so it demanded a number of changes in the education system. This

difference between the ideal requirement and the practical requirement was the contradictory factor.

So, the correct answer is option A.

54. Ans. C.

It is mentioned in the passage that "Under colonial, agrarian, small-town life, the child took part in the household, community and productive activities, which spontaneously fostered capacities for self-direction, discipline, leadership and independent judgment. Such worthwhile qualities were discouraged and stunted by the new industrialized, urbanized, atomized conditions..". This is well supported by option C, whereas the rest of the options are all incorrect and mention facts opposite to those stated in the passage.

55. Ans. D.

The passage clearly supports the lifestyle of the children of the former times which included activities that required a lot of for self-direction, discipline, leadership and independent judgment whereas in the developed society such activities were abandoned. The education system too supported it earlier, but with growing urbanization it just declined. Thus option D is the correct answer.

56. Ans. A.

'Be' is always followed by either the present or past participle form of verb. And, the given context is about novels which are said to be a reflection of the darkest corners. Also, 'humanity' is a noun, so an adjective will go before it rather than a noun. Thus, the adjective form of the noun 'dead' is 'dying'. Hence, the correct answer is A.

57. Ans. C.

The tense of the verb (meets) in the given sentence is simple present, thus, the

other verbs must follow it. Hence, it should be 'opens' & 'comes'. Therefore, the correct reflexive pronoun for her is 'herself'. And, the correct answer is C.

58. Ans. A.

It is specifically mentioned that the books are focused on adults and not for toddlers (a young child who is just beginning to walk). Literature does not have mortality. Thus, option C is eliminated. 'Sunshine and rainbows' is a phrase used to tell that everything is perfect. If the adult stories are not for the frail minded, then there is a good chance that the stories have gory parts, which means that everything is not sunshine and rainbows. Hence, the correct answer is option A.

59. Ans. C.

For his love of nation overpowered his love for his wife is what the given context wants to convey. Thus, while bidding adieu, Nitika commented this fact. Since the given sentence is in past tense, the correct answer is C.

60. Ans. B.

'Approaching' already provides a direction of movement, so, there is no need to add 'to' before the destination. 'Return' tells us that they have already visited the temple and then coming back to Lataguri. 'Via' is used to mention the locations that we pass through while moving towards our destination. Puja is offered at the temple, not through it. The subject here is singular, and hence, the subject verb agreement needs to be in sync. We are talking about **Nitu Ghosh**. Hence, the correct answer is B.

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