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Solution

1. Ans. C.

Churn out means to produce something in a large amount without any concern about the quality. In paragraph 1, it refers to the mass-production of engineering graduates, in India, with poor skills which has rendered them unemployable in the market.

Hence, option C is the correct answer.

2. Ans. C.

Glut refers to the oversupply of something i.e. production more than the demand.

Hence, option C is the correct answer.

3. Ans. A.

Since a majority of engineering graduates in India is poorly skilled, the latest innovations in technology further deteriorate their position in the job market.

Hence, option (i) can be inferred from the given para.

The admissions have been plunging in the institutions that have not been providing quality education. Hence, we cannot generalize and say that it has initiated a downward trend in the production of engineering graduates. Hence, option (ii) is incorrect.

The given paragraph speaks about the overcapacity of engineering colleges. Encouraging quality education and updated curricula cannot end the problem of the glut of engineers and technical institutions.

Hence, we cannot infer option (iii).

4. Ans. D.

Teetering means to be close to or in danger of failure or ruin.

Dwindling means a gradual decrease in something until only little remains of it.

Crashing is an intensifier which means absolute or complete.

Plummeting means to decline suddenly and steeply.

Plunging means to fall rapidly.

On the contrary, augmenting means to make or become greater in number, amount, strength.

Hence, augmenting is the most opposite word.

5. Ans. C.

The given phrase states that the predictions of the UR Committee which have been justified by the fact that there is a glut of engineers in the market stand true even after fifteen years. The issue of glut of graduates continues in the future.

Option C states the data from the AICTE proves that the committee's predictions were baseless as a good number of candidates found jobs solely through campus placement. This is clearly negated in the lines, stated above, of the para.

Hence, option C is the most suitable response.

6. Ans. B.

Withstand means to be undamaged or unaffected by.

Buoyant means being cheering or invigorating.

Persevere means to continue in a course of action even in the face of difficulty.

Sustain means to keep alive.

In the given context, the sentence says that the technical education that was expanding rapidly could not be *maintained* in the long run. Thus, 'Persistent' is the correct answer.

7. Ans. D.

The former para i.e Paragraph 3 states recommendation of the UR Committee regarding tackling of the crisis of poor quality engineering graduates through a moratorium on the new registrations of engineering colleges in states where the student intake has exceeded the national average.

On the other hand, paragraph 4 states the increased intake of engineering students due to new approvals of colleges implying that the recommendation was not implemented.

The third paragraph talks about the Rao Committee and the recommendations made by it and the fourth paragraph talks about the condition which is opposite to the recommendations made by the committee. So, it can be safely said that the recommendations have not been taken in consideration.

Hence, option D the correct answer.

8. Ans. A.

Since the given paragraph does not touch upon the issue of the glut of engineers or low-quality technical education institutions, statements (ii) and (iii) can be easily eliminated.

The author focuses on the employability of the engineering graduates due to which India may lose its advantage of demographic dividend and further aggravate the problem of unemployment. Thus, the author's viewpoint is in sync with statement (i).

Hence, option A is the correct answer.



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9. Ans. C.

Tout means to promote or praise energetically; show off.

Flaunt means to display (possessions, oneself, etc) ostentatiously or show off.

Epistle means a letter. Here epistled is grammatically incorrect.

Hail means to acclaim or acknowledge.

Frisk means to search

On the contrary, belittle means to represent or speak of as unimportant or contemptible. Hence, belittle is the most opposite word.

10. Ans. B.

Embolden means to make bold or courageous.

Decimate means to reduce markedly in amount.

Worsen means to make or become worse.

Eclipse means to surpass or outshine.

Hobble means to hamper or restrict.

Fetter means to restrict.

Hence, fettered is the most similar word.

11. Ans. B.

In B replace 'touch' with 'touched', because the high level of exports was observed last year, thus 'touched' should be used.

12. Ans. E.

All the words in the second sentence are grammatically and contextually correct.

13. Ans. B.

In B replace 'had' with 'were', because the 'teas' plural noun should be followed with a plural verb 'were'. Whereas we use had + past participle to show that one event happened before another event in time.

14. Ans. A.

'While' as a connection means at the time that something else is happening, and as there is no contrast but a similar information has been given out in both the clauses, about rising exports thus a contrasting conjunction 'although' should not be used as it means in spite of something.

15. Ans. B.

In B replace 'erupt' with 'emerge', because the sentence is mentioning about the subtle way of U.S. becoming an important market, thus, 'erupt' means to break out suddenly and dramatically and thus should not be used in this context.

16. Ans. B.

Dissuaded- discouraged

Forfended- prevented

Consolidated- combined, united

Precluded- prevented, impeded

Expostulated- disagree, argue

It has been previously been mentioned that "there was a "new symphony in play" between India and the U.S", which conveys the meaning 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.

17. 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.

18. 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 '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 means that there has been a previous mention of the term. Thus, option D is the correct answer.

19. 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.



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20. 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 "prosperity" is the best-fit word.

21. Ans. B.

The first sentence talks about how the forest is in danger as it is facing a warning or threat of deforestation. Also, the second sentence talk about Ravi having issues with his homework and recalling how his teacher had warned him the day he had not done his homework. Hence in both the sentences, the blanks should contain words that mean difficulty and warning or threat respectively. Out of the given options only option B fits correctly. Also, "Gratification" means relief and "Indignation" means anger. Hence, option B is correct.

22. Ans. A.

The first sentence talks about how the particles of solar winds consistently flow outward from the sun and some of them move towards the pole. Also, the second sentence states that the teacher taught in a school for four years and then moved to some other place. In both the sentence, the blanks should contain words that mean continuously or without taking gaps and travel or move respectively. Out of the given options, only option A seem to fit correctly. The words "Indiscriminately" means randomly and "Unintentionally" means without knowing. Hence, option A is correct.

23. Ans. C.

The first blank must be 'interdependence' as the sentence states the movement of goods across the border so 'rivalry' would be incorrect here. The second statement is related to the international laws and regulations so the word 'diminution' which means 'reduction' fits here correctly. Thus option C is the correct answer. The word 'tyranny' means 'cruel and oppressive government or rule' and makes no sense here. The word 'specious' means 'false' and is inappropriate here.

24. Ans. C.

"Metal" is a solid material which is typically hard, shiny, malleable and ductile with good electrical and thermal conductivity. Since the first sentence talks about ductility and malleability, metal should be put into the first blank.

"Mettle" is a person's ability to cope well with

difficulties, spirit and resilience. The word has been used for the Japanese troops in the second sentence.

"Medal" is a metal disc made to commemorate an event or award to someone such as soldier or an athlete. It must be put into the third sentence as it mentions a prize and a competition.

25. Ans. A.

"Accept" is used as a consent to receive or undertake something which is offered. The first sentence is about a challenge that has not been responded to yet. "Accept" fits perfectly into the sentence.

"Excerpt" is a small extract from a film, broadcast or a piece of writing or music. In the second sentence the extract that is being talked about is from a book.

"Except" is used before a statement that forms an exception to one just made. In the last sentence those exceptions are some pictures.

26. Ans. A.

The above sentence talks about the financial funding that the public schools get in order to run their management. Out of the given options, only option A speaks of the same context, if added to the blank as it states such government programs are responsible for distinguishing between financial winners and losers. Hence, option A is correct.

27. Ans. C.

The above sentence (as per the context) talks about a philosophy that makes our goals exceeding or outshining in order to achieve pure awareness of its source. i.e. the mind. Out of the given option, only option B seems to fit in the blank correctly. Hence, option B is correct.

28. Ans. B.

Though there is some fundamental difference between 'reward' and 'award' we can consider them as similar. There is no need to use both words in the given sentence unless the sentence is trying to give us a contradictory picture. The sentence is indeed trying to give us a contradictory picture, given the use of 'but'. This is given in option B. Here one word is 'rewarding' and other work is 'challenging' which are quite contradictory. So option B is correct.

29. Ans. A.

In the above sentence, two clauses are joined by "or" conjunction and in such cases, the subject will be treated as singular, hence the helping verb will also be singular, i.e. 'are' needs to be replaced with 'is'. Therefore, A is the correct option.



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30. Ans. B.

We use 'despite' when we want to convey the meaning 'even after doing this, something failed'. So we need to fill the blank with something which was the best try at making Ganga pollution free but failed. Promotions are not the best of attempts and ignorance would not make Ganga pollution free at all. Hence, the correct answer is B.

31. Ans. C.

Since part (i) states that the nation has, as a whole, been able to win many battles it supports the former part of the sentence. It also collocates well with the latter half that though there is an instance that supports that unity in diversity is true for the country, it gives the outer world a reason to stereotype people forever in terms of their differences.

Part (ii), though superficially looks as if on the same lines, it doesn't explicitly bring out the relationship between the two segments and leave the sentence open-ended, thereby creating ambiguity.

Part (iii) is a suitable fit. Oust means to drive or expel someone or something from a position. Non-natives are people from the foreign country. The segment states that the nation has had a history of winning over people from the other countries which is definitely a result of the collective action. This connects both the segments well.

Hence, i and iii are true.

32. Ans. E.

The blank is filled with the 'surprise' which is mentioned just before the blank. Naturally we don't have any prior idea so we'll get the answer by elimination. All the answers concern the lack or scarcity of real-life experience. This is a major drawback of advancement in technology & its feasibility. So all the options are correct. Hence, the correct answer is E.

33. Ans. A.

Clearly, option D is the odd one out as it mentions Calcutta, which has got to do nothing with the rest of the sentence, which talks about the partition. Part C definitely comes after E as E contains the subject (Gandhi) which has to be immediately followed by the verb (narrated) which is part C. C is followed by A because C ends 'at' which indicates a place or time which is depicted in part A. As for the first part of the sentence, with part D being the odd one out, part B is the correct choice which states that Gandhi narrated the content in an editorial. Hence, the correct answer is option A.

34. Ans. D.

Applications are 'written', 'addressed' and 'sent'. But only addressed can be used in the second blank, which requires a verb, which is synonymous with 'talking' or 'speaking'. As of the second blank, managers and officers don't answer managers. So, for the second blank, it will either be recruits or employees. Since only "addressed" and "recruits" fit appropriately the correct answer is D.

35. Ans. A.

The first blank needs a demonstrative pronoun as it is the subject of the sentence. So it will be either 'we' or 'they'. Having limited number of jobs would create problems financially. So 'struggling' is the best fit word for the third blank. Hence, the correct answer is A.

36. Ans. B.

The use of 'these measures' in statement A refers to the measures stated in 1, so it should be the first sentence in the series. B talks about the objectives of these measures and C and D sequentially elaborate on the idea. D should follow C because "This" in 6 refers to what has been stated in D. Thus, the correct sequence is ABCD and option B is the correct answer.

37. Ans. D.

'In accordance with' means according to some set of previously laid down norms or rules. Whereas 'likewise' is used for similarities between the events, people or things. 'On the contrary' is a contrast type connector. Which is generally used after a statement and not in the beginning.

In the given sentence, it has been stated that the country recently gained democracy, which becomes "newly democratic country" after the two sentences are joined:

"In accordance with section 14-A of the old Constitution, a new constitution was being made to serve the current needs of the newly democratic country."

Thus, option D is the correct answer.

38. Ans. C.

'Nonetheless' is used to express the fact that something happened "in spite of" some other event which was stopping it from happening. None of the two statements have any direct consequences which would stop the other one from occurring, hence "Nonetheless" can be eliminated.

'Correspondingly' is used to imply that an event is occurring in an analogous or equivalent manner to another event. This is not the case as no analogy has been drawn in the sentences. 'Having Allowed' indicates that after the child was allowed to take



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responsibility, the mother was overwhelmed by his sincerity. As 'i' fits grammatically and makes logical sense, therefore option C is the right answer.

New sentence :

Having allowed the child to plan the anniversary party himself and seeing him take full responsibility, the mother was overwhelmed by his sincerity.

39. Ans. B.

Prohibit means to formally forbid (something) by law, rule, or other authority.

Identify means to establish or indicate who or what (someone or something) is.

Prompt doesn't fit in grammatically, hence option D can be eliminated.

'Federal law marks race discrimination' conveys an opposite meaning to the intended meaning; hence option E can be eliminated.

Coax means to persuade which conveys a contrast to the intended meaning; hence option A can be eliminated.

Exhort means to encourage which distorts the meaning of the sentence; hence option C can be eliminated.

Hence, 'prohibits, identify' is the correct answer.

40. Ans. D.

Gradual refers to taking place or progressing slowly or by degrees.

Permanently means in a way that lasts or remains unchanged indefinitely; for all time.

Options A and C can't be used because 'a' is used before the blank; hence they can be eliminated.

The increase in temperature can't be described by the words 'chaotic' and 'messy'; hence options B and E can be eliminated.

Hence, 'gradual, permanently' is the correct answer.

41. Ans. C.

Fraught means causing or affected by anxiety or stress.

In sentence A, the rise in fuel price is bound to create unrest and hence, is a politically stressful or fraught exercise.

In sentence B, the political capital should be saved to target distressed or fraught issues.

Din = a loud, unpleasant, and prolonged noise.

Artisan = a worker in a skilled trade, especially one that involves making things by hand.

Medley = a varied mixture of people or things.

Hortatory = tending or aiming to exhort.

Hence, fraught is the correct answer.

42. Ans. D.

Seriousness and ruthlessness are clear misfits. Enormity, immensity and bigness are synonyms but in the second sentence, immensity and bigness do not make sense whereas enormity collocates well with burden.

Enormity makes sense in the first sentence as well and highlights the gravity of the issue.

Hence, enormity is the correct answer.

43. Ans. D.

Countervail means to offset the effect of (something) by countering it with something of equal force

Counterfoil means the part of a cheque, receipt, ticket, or any other document that is torn off and kept as a record by the person issuing it.

Confute means to prove to be wrong

Clemency means mercy

Idealize means to consider or render as ideal

The only word that fits in the context of the given statements is countervail.

Hence, countervail is the correct answer.

44. Ans. B.

The theme of the passage is punctuation.

There's a relation between options D and E. Option D will make no sense if option E is not stated.

Together, they represent a function/role of punctuation. Only option B does not represent any function or characteristic of punctuation.

Hence, option B does not fit into the theme of the passage.

45. Ans. A.

The statements in options B, C, D, and E talk about different types of tortures.

Only option A is an introductory statement or a general statement about the torture.

Hence, option A does not fit into the theme of the passage.

46. Ans. A.

Plunder = (noun) something stolen

Endowment = large gift, donation

Interim = interval, duration

Discursion = a confidential statement

I and II are antonyms; hence option A is the correct answer.

47. Ans. E.

Interpolation = introduction

Commencement = beginning/ introduction

Verity = truth/ principle

Backlash = adverse reaction

A and B are synonyms; hence option E is the correct answer.



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48. Ans. C.

At the beginning comes A as it talks about the intention behind Reagan's order which is mentioned in the first statement. Naturally, D should follow A. 'Only if the benefits to society outweighed the costs' and 'without overburdening economic growth' shows that his order was driven by the cost-benefit analysis. The 'it' in C is 'cost-benefit analysis' as the analysis requires measuring benefits. Hence, C follows. 'Not "priced" in typical markets' and 'a price on non-market environmental outcomes' are the same thing. So, in the end, B comes. Therefore, option C is the apt answer.

49. Ans. B.

'Cacophony' means a harsh discordant mixture of sounds, 'Paraphernalia' means miscellaneous articles, especially the equipment needed for a particular activity, 'Apparatus' means the technical equipment or machinery needed for a particular activity or purpose, 'Accentuate' means make more

noticeable or prominent. Since the sentence is talking about the collection of something in park that is highlighting the background. So, 'Apparatus' and 'Paraphernalia' suits the blank. Other options don't fit contextually. Hence, option B is the correct answer.

50. Ans. D.

'Waves' means a sudden occurrence of or increase in a phenomenon, feeling, or emotion, 'Perverse' means showing a deliberate and obstinate desire to behave in a way that is unreasonable or unacceptable, 'Swarms' means move somewhere in large numbers. 'Diverge' means (of a road, route, or line) separate from another route and go in a different direction. As the sentence is talking about Chinese immigrants i.e. a person who comes to live permanently in a foreign country, so they will be occurring in large numbers. So, 'Waves' and 'Swarms' fit contextually. Other options don't fit logically. Hence, option D is the correct answer.



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