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Direction: (1-7) 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 these.

The growing protests against the ban on the bull-taming sport of Jallikattu in Tamil Nadu shed light on yet another case of misplaced animal rights and judicial activism. In 2014, the Supreme Court had banned Jallikattu on the ground that bulls could not be allowed as performing animals. However, Jallikattu is an age-old tradition in Tamil Nadu and continues to enjoy significant popularity. It is intrinsically linked to the rural-agrarian economy of the state where only the best bulls from indigenous species are reared for Jallikattu.

While NGOs and animal rights activists have asserted that bulls are 'tortured' in Jallikattu and have drawn comparisons with Spanish bull-fighting, this is far from reality. In fact, Jallikattu is an event where the best bulls are displayed and the ones that win are sought for breeding by farmers. Thus, there's no question of harming the bulls as they serve an important economic and cultural function. In that sense, Jallikattu plays a significant part in preserving and propagating native cattle breeds in Tamil Nadu.

The argument that engaging the bulls in sport itself is cruelty doesn't cut ice either. Agriculture in Tamil Nadu is getting mechanised and farmers cannot afford to keep bulls simply as pets. Would animal rights activists prefer that the bulls be sold and slaughtered for meat? Besides, the Jallikattu ban is hardly enforceable as benign cultural practices enjoying widespread support can't be curbed through **fiat**. In fact, the issue has seen Tamil Nadu's rival political parties – AIADMK and DMK – both oppose the ban. Chief Minister O Panneerselvam has met the Prime Minister to push for an ordinance to allow Jallikattu. However, the PM's office has merely observed that the matter is sub judice as the Supreme Court is currently seized of petitions challenging the Centre's year-old notification allowing Jallikattu.

If the ruling party wishes to make political inroads in Tamil Nadu it makes sense for the national ruling party to explore the ordinance route on Jallikattu, or alternatively to bring an amendment to the original prevention of animal cruelty legislation in the upcoming parliamentary session to allow Jallikattu. As far as the Supreme Court is concerned, it must stick to its remit of narrowly interpreting the law. Judicial activism should not morph into social engineering projects. On Jallikattu, it would suffice if the apex court regulates the sport rather than prescribe a wholesale ban.



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1. What can be definitely inferred from the passage given above?
- A. Animals can be bound by rules and reason the way human participants are.
 - B. Animals like humans are driven by instinct of self-preservation and anxiety.
 - C. Jallikattu is congenial to the cultivated lands of Tamil Nadu for many centuries.
 - D. The big question that arises that the sport involves harming of the bulls used.
 - E. In context of Jallikattu, it is impossible to hold any incident free event.

2. What is the tone of the author in the above passage?

- A. Persuasive
- B. Critical
- C. Neutral
- D. Supportive
- E. Applauding

3. Which of the following is the MOST OPPOSITE in meaning to the given word?

Fiat

- A. Decree
- B. Testament
- C. Commandment
- D. Order
- E. Injunction



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4. Who would ever guess from the _____ expression on his face that just a moment ago he had been exploding with anger?

Which word from the passage can be fit in the blank of the above sentence?

- A. benign
- B. suffice
- C. curbed
- D. taming
- E. None of the above

5. What is the author's opinion on continuance of Jallikattu?

- A. Author recommends that Jallikattu should be banned gradually.
- B. Author recommends mandatory appropriate protective gears for the participants .
- C. Author prefers that the bulls be sold and slaughtered for meat.
- D. Author appeals to the government to bring an amendment to disallow Jallikattu.
- E. Author advocates that the Supreme Court should regulate the sport rather than prescribing a wholesale ban.

6. What is/are the author's points against banning Jallikattu?

- I. Jallikattu continues to enjoy significant popularity in Tamil Nadu.
 - II. Jallikattu enjoys a significant part in preserving and propagating native cattle breeds in Tamil Nadu.
 - III. Both political rivals DMK and AIDMK is unified against the ban of Jallikattu.
- A. Only I
 - B. Only II
 - C. Both I and II
 - D. Both II and III
 - E. All of these



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7. "Judicial activism should not morph into social engineering projects".

What does the author mean by the above line?

I. The judges should be more willing to decide constitutional issues and to invalidate legislative or executive actions rather than considering the social attempt to manage social change and regulate the future development and behaviour of a society.

II. The judiciary should protect or expand individual rights through decisions that depart from established precedent or are independent of supposed constitutional or legislative intent rather than getting involved in broad range of malicious activities accomplished through human interactions.

III. A judge should issue a ruling that overlooks legal precedents or past constitutional interpretations in favour of supporting a particular political view rather than exploiting human psychology.

A. Only I

B. Only II


C. Both I and II

D. Both II and III

E. All of these

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8. The overregulation **of medical methods of abortion not prevented access to abortions** but also results in low knowledge about the pills as well as the legality of abortions among pharmacists.



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9. In some countries, political legitimacy **is not based simple around formal election results, but also material resources**, power, and political alliances that emerge from such processes.

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grammatically correct sentence. If the sentence is correct as it is, mark (E) i.e., "No correction required" as the answer.

10. **Despite the complexity of the natural world**, the research approach to understanding how potentially pandemic pathogens and their animal and human hosts interact has been relatively simple.

- i. In spite the complex of the natural world
 - ii. Despite the complexion of the natural world
 - iii. In spite of the complexion of the natural world
- A. Only i
 - B. Only ii
 - C. Only iii
 - D. Both ii and iii
 - E. No correction required

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

I	II
A. The idea of oneness amongst people of all races, caste, creeds, geographies	D. beginnings of life were made from a single explosion called the "Big Bang".
B. Rejecting the difference between human, animal and plant forms, an integral framework treats	E. also directly or indirectly promoted the colonisation of Asia and Africa.
C. As history has shown, exclusionary form of nationalism not only lead to two World Wars but	F. and gender are fundamental to the interpretation of integral frameworks in the international context.

11.

- A. A-F and C-E



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- B. A-D and C-D
- C. C-D and A-F
- D. None of the above
- E. A-E, B-F, C-D

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A. Integral Internationalism is the perfect balance between the need to defend your nation	D. thaw and release greenhouse gases currently locked up in frozen soils.
B. In addition to the changes in the ocean, a warmer Arctic could disrupt ocean circulation and global weather systems, while permafrost will continue to	E. while non-indigenous species are expanding their range.
C. Less ice cover in summer means more open ocean water, which	F. against violent threats while simultaneously contributing to international security.

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



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

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14. He was offered a part-time job, (1)/ but he turned it over saying that (2)/ he would rather finish his education (3)/ and apply for a full-time job. (4)

- A. 1
- B. 2
- C. 3
- D. 4
- E. No Error



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15. Unless Ravi does not clear (1)/ all his dues we will not (2)/ be able to relieve him (3)/ from the service. (4)

- A. 1
- B. 2
- C. 3
- D. 4
- E. No Error

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16. It is nearly impossible for everyone (1)/ to improve the condition (2)/ of a system that is (3)/ so rotten into the core. (4)

- A. 1
- B. 2
- C. 3
- D. 4
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17. Please do not forget (1)/ to send me a letter (2)/ at my address once you are (3)/ well settled in your new house. (4)

- A. 1
- B. 2



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- C. 3
- D. 4
- E. No error

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18. She opposed, almost violently, Sir John's intention of going out into the drive one frostily sunny morning in _____ defiance of his physician.

- a) Gruff
- b) Curt
- c) Tactful
- d) Benign
- A. c-d
- B. a-b
- C. a-c
- D. b-d
- E. b-c

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19. Organized differently in rural areas from urban ones, that state was Janus-faced, _____.

- a) Malignant
- b) Bifurcated
- c) Forked
- d) Allied
- A. a-b
- B. b-c



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- C. c-d
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20. The world today is absorbed in the prosecution of the war, but when the battle-flags are _____ the thoughts of men will be engaged upon the best means of establishing and safeguarding a permanent and worldwide peace.

- a) Furled
 - b) Uncoiled
 - c) Bolted
 - d) Released
- A. a-c
 - B. b-d
 - C. c-d
 - D. a-d
 - E. a-b



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ANSWERS

1. Ans. C.

Refer to the following lines from the passage “..Jallikattu is an age-old tradition in Tamil Nadu and continues to enjoy significant popularity. It is intrinsically linked to the rural-agrarian economy of the state..” These lines imply that the sport is an inherent part of the Tamil culture.

2. Ans. D.

Throughout the above passage the author gave reasons why Jallikattu should continue and see no ban from the Supreme Court. He refers the sport as “benign cultural practice”. Also, in paragraph one and two the evident support of the author is seen. Thus, the tone of the author is understood to be supportive.

3. Ans. B.

“Fiat” means ‘a formal authorization or proposition; a decree’. All the given words except ‘testament’ are similar to ‘fiat’. ‘Testament’ means ‘a person's will, especially the part relating to personal property’. Thus, option B is the correct answer.

4. Ans. A.

The sentence states that he was very much angry moments ago, but it could not be told from the gentle and kind look of his face. Thus, ‘benign’, which means ‘gentle and kind’, fits in the blank to make the sentence grammatically and contextually correct. Therefore, the correct answer is option A.

5. Ans. E.

Refer to the last line of the passage “On Jallikattu, it would suffice if the apex court regulates the sport rather than prescribe a wholesale ban”. Thus, the correct answer is option E.

6. Ans. C.

Both I and II are the reasons for the author supporting the ban on the bull-taming sport. But III is not the reason. Rather, it is an effect. It is due to I and II these parties are against the ban. Thus, option C is the correct answer.

7. Ans. E.



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After carefully reading the above three statements we can easily understand that all are same in meaning. Thus, option E is the correct answer.

8. Ans. A.

The 'but also' after the highlighted part means it should be 'not also' after 'abortion'. Also, since the verb following 'but also' is in simple present tense (results), the verb following the 'not only' should also be in simple present tense (prevents). Hence, the correct answer is A.

9. Ans. C.

The adverb 'simply' is describing another adverb 'around'. 'Simple' is an adjective and cannot be used for the same. Here the use of the adverb 'simply' has been done to assert 'only', thereby contextually indicating that the political legitimacy in some countries is not based on formal election results only, but it also depends on material resources and power that rise from such processes.

Owing to this, option A is incorrect as it uses the adjective 'simple' instead of the adverb 'simply'. Option II is incorrect according to the structure and use of 'simply' and 'only'. Thus, only option III is correct here.

So, only option iii is correct. Hence, the answer is C.

10. Ans. E.

In statement I, "in spite" needs to be followed by 'of'. 'Complexion' is a noun which means the natural colour, texture, and appearance of a person's skin, especially of the face and hence is inappropriate in the given context. Hence, the correct answer is E.

11. Ans. A.

In segment A, a chain of concepts is given one by one, and hence after geography we can expect this chain to have more additions. F starts with "and gender" and is fit to follow the series of similar concepts given in segment A.

Segment C and E can be joined together as they complete the structure of the correlative conjunction "not only .. but also", used to present two related pieces of information. C talks about one effect of exclusionary form of nationalism i.e. two world wars and E talks about another, i.e. promotion of colonisation of Asia and Africa.

12. Ans. B.



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You defend something "against" something. In segment A, the nation will be defended against violent threats. Hence AF form a pair.

It is only ice/snow that can thaw, i.e. turn into liquid. Thus, BD will form a pair.

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14. Ans. B.

The error is in the second part of the sentence.

The phrase 'turned over' means 'To relinquish; give back'.

"turned it down" which means declining an offer or proposal.

So, the correct answer is option B.

15. Ans. A.

Unless (used to introduce the case in which a statement being made is not true or valid), which means "except if", is already a word with negative connotation. There is no need to use any additional word with negative meaning. Thus, "does not clear" should be replaced by "clears". So, the correct answer is option A.

16. Ans. D.

Replace "into" by "to". "Rotten to the core" means rotten from within. So, the correct answer is option D.

17. Ans. E.

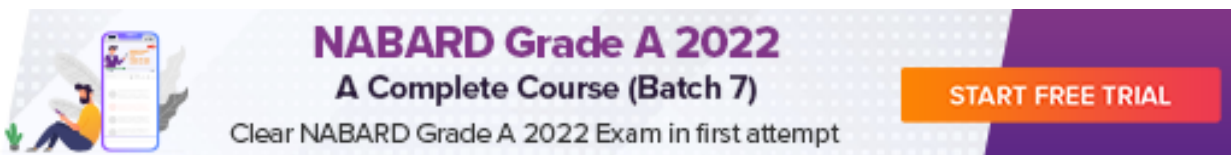
The sentence is grammatically and idiomatically correct.

18. Ans. B.

From 'almost violently' and defiance which refers to behaviour in which you refuse to obey someone or something, we can decipher that the word in the blank should mean 'harsh/rude/abrupt.'

Option a: Gruff means a voice which is rough and low in pitch. It also means abrupt or taciturn in manner.

Option b: Curt means 'rudely brief.'



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Option c: Tactful means having or showing skill and sensitivity in dealing with others or with difficult issues.

Option d: Benign means gentle and kind.

The correct combination is a-b.

Therefore, option B is the apt answer.

19. Ans. B.

Janus-faced is an adjective which means having two sharply contrasting aspects or characteristics. From the sentence, one can clearly make out that the word in the blank should mean 'divided.'

Option a: Malignant is an adjective which means something/someone evil in nature or effect.

Option b: Bifurcated is a verb which means divided into two parts or branches.

Option c: Forked is an adjective which means having a divided or pronged end or branches

Option d: Allied is an adjective which means joined by or relating to members of an alliance.

The correct combination is b-c.

Therefore, option B is the apt answer.

20. Ans. A.

If the battle flags are flying up or opened, then the thoughts of men will be engaged upon how to conquer the battle. But if it is rolled up or folded, then thoughts of men will be engaged upon the best means of establishing and safeguarding a permanent and worldwide peace. So, the word in the blank should mean 'folded/fasten/rolled up.'

Option a: Furl means to roll or fold up something neatly and securely.

Option b: Uncoil means to straighten or cause to straighten from a coiled or curled position.

Option c: Bolted means to fasten something to something else with a long pin that screws into a nut.

Option d: Released means to allow something to move, act, or flow freely.

The correct combination is a-c.

Therefore, option A is the apt answer.



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