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Imp. English Language

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Direction: A statement with one blank is given below. Choose the set of words from the given options which can be used to fill the given blank.

1. Olivia was clad in a near-identical orange coat with a fur trim _____ the Queen wore on her visit to the site, as she walked through a sea of mourners.

- I. And a tantrum
 - II. And coordinating hat to the outfit
 - III. And a necklace similar to
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2. Because ecological disasters now happen in a cascading manner, that means _____ have now become add-on catastrophes.

- I. ecological balance
 - II. long-recognized hazards
 - III. hidden disasters
- A. Only I
 - B. Only II
 - C. Both I and II
 - D. Both II and III
 - E. All of these

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3. War has no place in today's modern world, but a nuclear arms race is still _____.

- I. taking place globally
 - II. a global issue
 - III. a looming threat at the global level
- A. Only I
 - B. Only II
 - C. Both I and II
 - D. Both II and III



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E. All I, II and III

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4. The team manager was well _____ of it, knew that **it came** to a head, but took no action.

- A. advised, must have come
- B. informed, it had been
- C. aware, it was coming
- D. prepared, must be
- E. None of these

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5. The _____ of "things" that are declared obsolete is mapped to argue that a junkyard is **not only the** repository of the redundant but also a liminal space between waste and trash.

- A. Afterlife, not a
- B. Liminality, not only a
- C. Regulatory, barely a
- D. Ephemerality, no
- E. Trajectory, not merely a

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6. _____ were frequently exchanged between treasury and opposition benches on the issue with the **later** blaming the government for not taking up the matter strongly.

- A. Barbs, latter
- B. Talks, earlier
- C. Words, group
- D. Pleasantries, members,



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E. None of these

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7. Comcast beats Rupert Murdoch's Twenty-First Century Fox (I)/ in the battle for Sky on Saturday after offering 30.6 billion pounds (\$40 billion) (II)/ in a dramatic auction to decide a fate of the pay-television group. (III)

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

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8. Nepal's new government have reversed its predecessor's (I)/ decision and has asked China's Gezhouba Group (II)/ Corporation to build the nation's biggest hydropower plant. (III)

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9. The small island country voted on Sunday in an election in which the hardline president (I)/ is expect to cement his grip on power but the elections were (II)/ criticised for a lack of transparency and suppression of dissent. (III)

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- B. Only II
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given sentence is correct as it is then, choose 'No correction required'. If the correct sequence is not given then mark 'None of these' as your answer.

10. There is no denying the strengths of this team (A)/ India largely played in its backyard and was never been tested (B)/ the stench of defeat is an unfamiliar odor (C)/ but it is a fact that since (D)/ the last tour of Australia in the 2014-15 season. (E)

- A. BCDA
- B. ADEB
- C. DBCA
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11. Qatar Development Bank, (A)/ A state-founded body which lends (B)/ To firms, will postpone receiving loan (C)/ In the wake of these events (D)/ Instalments for up to six months to facilitate industrial sector projects (E)

- A. EDCA
- B. CEAB
- C. BADE
- D. ABCE
- E. No correction required

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12. As technology stocks were (A)/ bolstered by solid earnings from U.S. tech stalwarts and on strong pre-orders (B)/ there are other minor issues (C)/ Asian shares climbed on Monday, (D)/ for Apple's iPhone X, while oil hovered around a 2-year peak on supply fears (E).

- A. ABCD
- B. DABE
- C. BDAC
- D. None of these
- E. No correction required



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A) It has been so since settlers first put the prairies and grasslands under the plough in the nineteenth century.

B) By the 1930s, more than 282 million acres of farmland were damaged by erosion.

C) In the years ahead, soil erosion and the pollution problems it causes are likely to replace petroleum scarcity as the nation's most critical natural resource problem.

D) After 40 years of conservation efforts, soil erosion has accelerated due to new demands placed on the land by heavy crop production.

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B. DBAC

C. BADC

D. ACDB

E. BACD

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15. 1) In Hindu mythology, when Shiva opens his third eye, it is considered a terrible warning for the cosmos.

A) In somewhat similar fashion, in 2017, women across the world seemed to declare war — on harassment, abuse, rape, inequality and every form of injustice.

B) Anger, however, is only one facet of the fight for empowerment. Concomitantly, the year saw women stack up achievements on an unprecedented scale.

C) It means he is angry enough to incinerate anything that comes in his way.

D) Across the world, there was a furious outpouring of rage against men in power, men on the street, men at home, and in families.

A. ABCD

B. CBDA

C. DBAC

D. DACB

E. CADB

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

16. I. A sinking feeling of panic _____ over them and a temporary paralyzing fear engulfed them _____.

II. Being a cleanliness freak, she _____ the floor and went down to the market only after the house was _____ clean.

A. Crept, Spanning

B. Cleaned, Neatly

C. Revamped, Radially

D. Swept, Completely

E. Slept, Entirely

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17. I. The gusty wind _____ away the clothes hanging in the open, which gave a picturesque _____ like those of kites flying high in the sky.

II. Being the way he is, he _____ half of his income in the first week, essentially on branded clothes and on grooming his _____.

A. Spent, Character

B. Blew, Appearance

C. Led, Aura

D. Cleansed, Image



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E. Burst, Accessories

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18. i. The _____ flowing in the opposite direction to their movement made it extremely difficult for them to swim across the wide river but the _____ was achieved in a little less than fifteen minutes.

ii. Most of the competitive exams require not only a thorough grasp on English, Mathematics and _____ affairs but also good time management skills to ace the exam, an exceptional _____ for the human intellect.

A. move, record

B. current, fest

C. wave, move

D. feet, current

E. current, feat

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19. Rather than rely on **alternative** (1) generalizations and theories in the **traditional** (2) sense, the author offers an **abstract** (3) that taps the **unique** (4) nature of each human situation.

A. 2-3

B. 1-3

C. 1-4

D. 2-4

E. No correction required

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20. A 40-year-old cab driver was **past** (1) dead in his vehicle by three men in a car after the **side** (2) mirrors of the two vehicles **allegedly** (3) brushed **shot** (4) each other in south Delhi's Kotla Mubarakpur on Sunday morning.

A. 1-3

B. 1-4



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- C. 3-4
- D. 1-2
- E. No correction required

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21. People are known to **conform** (1) their behaviour and decisions to **change** (2) to others, even for **obviously** (3) incorrect **facts** (4).
- A. 1-2
 - B. 2-4
 - C. 3-2
 - D. 1-3
 - E. No correction required

Direction: Out of the statements given below, one statement may be grammatically and contextually correct. Choose the correct statement as your answer.

22. A. While learning cursive in school may seem redundant, it does account for good penmanship between those who learnt it well.
B. Envelopes embossed with wax seals enclosing within itself letters in yellow pages will never go out of style.
C. Children should be inculcate with the habit of tidying up after themselves from a very early age.
D. Astonishing results are achieved when workplaces become open but unencumbered by cubicle walls.
E. All are correct.

- 23.A. Seventeenth Century England abounded in fops and belles, but lacked in decent human beings.
B. Aristocracy comes with its own set of hypocrisy, which puts the common man's flaws to shameful.
C. The pendant glittered in the sun, attracting many a jealous eyes to it.
D. Fancy cutlery has always been attractive, but those with floral designs were all the raging in the mid-50's.
E. All are correct.

- 24.A. The bouquet was adorned with garden-fresh chrysanthemums, roses, and lilies, and embellished by a wicker basket.



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- B. The embellishments on the crown made it a heavy burden for the monarch, both literally and figurative.
- C. Eagerly awaiting the vacation, Stella was justifiably heartbroken when the flight got cancelled.
- D. The excavation unearthed the remnants by a civilisation that dated back to the eleventh century.
- E. All are correct.

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25. A) The MFC is used to degrade wastewater by carefully selecting cohort of bacteria which is made to act on the textile wastewater placed in the fuel cell.
- B) A startup, JSP Enviro, aims to use microbial fuel cells (MFCs) to process textile wastewater and additionally generate electricity that will render this exercise energy-efficient.
- C) These bacteria are isolated from the very wastewater they are meant to degrade.
- D) They feed on the organic material in the water and break it down under anaerobic (without oxygen) conditions, releasing electrons in the process.
- A. ABCD
 - B. DBCA
 - C. BACD
 - D. BDCA
 - E. DCBA

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26. A) In addition to that when glaciers melt they will lead to a rise in sea level, which in turn will cause flooding of the coastal areas.
- B) Glaciers in the Hindu Kush-Himalaya (HKH) region are a critical water source for some 250 million people in the mountains as well as to 1.65 billion others in the river valleys below, the report said.
- C) Two-thirds of Himalayan glaciers, the world's "Third Pole", could melt by 2100 if global emissions are not reduced, scientists warned in a major new study issued on Monday.
- D) Impacts on people from their melting will range from worsened air pollution to more extreme weather.



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- A. DCBA
- B. CDBA
- C. ABCD
- D. CBDA
- E. ABDC

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27. A) This can be achieved either through passive observation or active modulation of the breath.

B) The basic practice of Pranayama involves consciously changing the pattern of breathing.

C) The means to achieve freedom is through the practice of Yoga, especially pranayama.

D) The goal of Yoga is freedom, whether it be freedom from disease or freedom from our mental taints.

- A. ABCD
- B. DCBA
- C. DBCA
- D. BDCA
- E. ADCB



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###ANSWERS###

1. Ans. B.

The sentence is about what Olivia wore. One of the features of her dresses was the "near-identical (to that of the Queen) orange coat with a fur trim". Alternative I is incorrect as one will not wear a tantrum. Alternative III is incorrect as it will convey a grammatically incorrect sense if used. Had it been "and a necklace similar to **the one**" the queen wore, the sentence would have been correct. Alternative II best fits the blank as it conveys the sense that Olivia wore a hat, which coordinated to the one which the Queen wore. Thus, option B is the correct answer.

2. Ans. D.

The given statement talks about the effects of ecological disasters and how some phenomenon has been added on.

Option i- It refers to 'ecological balance' which can never be an effect of ecological disaster. Also, the given blank is followed by a plural verb "have" which should be preceded by a plural subject, which is not the case here.

Option ii- It refers to hazards which have always been present or predicted but with the increase in disasters have become catastrophic in nature.

Option iii- 'Hidden disasters' refer to hazards and can be used correctly in the given blank.

3. Ans. E.

The sentence is talking about the threat that the nuclear arms race poses at a global level. All the given phrases depict the same meaning.

Hence, the correct answer is **option E**.

4. Ans. C.

We will go by the method of elimination. Option A is eliminated as 'advised' is not followed by any preposition. Option B is dismissed as 'informed' is followed by preposition 'about' it. Option D is dismissed as 'prepared' is followed by preposition 'for' it. Only option that fits is C. 'Aware' is followed by preposition 'of'. Also note that, 'come to a head' is a phrase which means 'To reach a point of intensity at which action must be taken'. An example sentence: The issues that you're trying to ignore in your relationship will come to a head eventually. Hence, option C is the correct answer.

5. Ans. E.

Because of 'but also a,' the set of words, which will replace the highlighted words, should mean 'not only a.' Thereby, options A, C and D are eliminated. Liminality refers to the transitional period or phase of a rite of passage, during which the participant lacks social status or rank, remains anonymous, shows obedience and humility, and follows prescribed forms of conduct, dress, etc. A trajectory is a path of an object moving under the action of given forces, or



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the path of life that a person chooses. 'Trajectory' can be related /connected to "mapped." Thereby, "trajectory" makes sense in the context of the sentence.

Therefore, option E is the apt answer.

6. Ans. A.

Since the overall tone of the sentence is that of hostility (because of the usage of the word 'blaming'), 'pleasantries' is inapt. This eliminates option D. "Exchanging talks" is an inapt term. Moreover, "earlier" would be incorrect as to refer to the treasury (the first entity mentioned), the word "former" should be used. Thus, option B is incorrect. Option C can be eliminated as "groups", which has not been referred to in the sentence, will make it ambiguous.

A 'barb' is an unkind remark meant as a criticism. The highlighted part should be replaced by 'latter' which denotes the second mentioned of two people or things, here 'opposition benches'.

7. Ans. E.

In third part, "a fate" should be replaced with "the fate" since the subject is specified. Hence, the correct answer is option E.

8. Ans. A.

Since the government is a single entity there must be 'has' instead of 'have' in part I. Thus, the correct answer is option A.

9. Ans. B.

Replace "expect" with "expected". Since the given sentence is in passive form, the helping verb will be followed by the third form of the main verb as per the rule. Hence, option B is the correct response.

10. Ans. B.

Part A is the first statement of the sentence because it is a clause used before "but", that comes before the subject of the statement. Therefore, D is the next part followed by E which gives the period during which the event happened (because last statement ended with "since"). Then, comes the subject. Statement C is not in sync with the sentence. Hence, option B is correct.

11. Ans. D.

The correct sequence is ABCE. Hence option D is correct.

12. Ans. B.

The part that doesn't make sense is C. The correct sequence is DABE. The major context is of shares and stocks with respect to their growth and stats, hence option C which brings in the context of a problem is a misfit.

13. Ans. A.

The introductory sentence talks about how soil erosion is a problem in America. Sentence A which states the time when this problem began should come in next. Sentence B which talks about the condition of this issue in 1930s should be in the second spot. Sentence D which talks about the current



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condition of the problem should come in the third spot followed by sentence C. Thus, the correct order is ABDC making option A the correct answer.

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15. Ans. E.

The correct sequence is CADB.

The paragraph starts with example of Lord Shiva in Hindu mythology. This can only be followed by statement C) as 'it' here is referring to Lord Shiva opening his third eye, as mentioned in the previous sentence. Statement c) is followed by statement A) as it moves the paragraph ahead by linking it to the main topic of the paragraph. Statement A) is followed by statement D) which further explains what has been said in statement A). Statement D) is followed by statement B) as it talks about 'empowerment' which is further elaborated in in the same statement.

16. Ans. D.

'Sweep' is to clean (an area) by brushing away dirt or litter. It fits the first blank of the second sentence, as the subject is cleaning the floor. Further, 'sweep over' means to overcome or overwhelm, thus fits in the first blank of the first sentence. The second blank of both the sentences can be filled by "completely", thus conveying an appropriate sense. Thus, option D is the correct answer.

17. Ans. B.

'Blow', when used in reference to wind, is used to refer to the scenario of air moving and creating a current, while, when used in reference to a person's budget, refers to spending money recklessly. The first sentence is, hence, filled by the word 'blew'. The second blank of the first sentence would be filled by something which describes the scenario, while that of the second would be filled by something related to the man. 'Appearance' fits the context in both the cases, as it is used to refer to the way something or someone looks. Therefore, option B is the required answer.

18. Ans. E.

The first blank is filled by 'current'. Current affairs are events of political or social interest and importance happening in the world at the present time. It is 'current affairs' that are asked in most exams. Further, 'current' is also used for a body of water or air moving in a definite direction, which is contextually apt for the first sentence. The second blank is evidently filled by a word which



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describes 'achievement', as both the sentences talk about achieving something. 'Feat' is an achievement that requires great courage, skill, or strength. Hence, it fits the blank perfectly. Therefore, option E is the required answer.

19. Ans. B.

The mention of "Rather than" in the beginning of the sentence indicates that an old thing has been discarded and a new approach is being followed. Thus, it is more likely that the "author" would offer an "alternative" rather than an abstract. "Abstract", on the other hand, is an apt adjective for "generalizations". Thus, (1) and (3) should be exchanged to let the sentence convey an appropriate sense.

20. Ans. B.

Allegedly- reportedly

"Side mirrors" is a correct term and an event can reportedly take place. Thus (2) and (3) are correct words. The word "past" does not make any sense at (1). One is not "past dead". Similarly, "shot" is incorrect at (4). You "brush past" each other. Hence the (1) and (4) must be interchanged and option B is the correct answer.

21. Ans. A.

"Conform" means adhere to or comply with rules, standards, or laws. The word always takes the preposition "to" after it, hence its placement in the sentence is incorrect. One can, on the other hand, change their behaviour, thus, the positions of "change" and "conform" must be interchanged.

22. Ans. B.

Statement A: The error lies in the use of the preposition 'between' instead of the more appropriate 'amongst' to denote a quality attained by many. The preposition 'between' is used to indicate that something exists between two people, while 'among' is used to indicate that it exists among more than two.
Statement C: The error lies in the use of the wrong form of the verb 'inculcate' which needs to be in its past participle form 'inculcated', to better complement the modal 'should be'.

Statement D: The error lies in the use of the contradictory conjunction 'but' to join complementary phrases 'open' and 'unencumbered by cubicle walls'. In the sentence, 'but' needs to be replaced by 'and' to be contextually correct. Thus, option B is the correct answer.

23. Ans. A.

Statement B: The error lies in the use of the adjective 'shameful' instead of the noun 'shame', making its use contextually incorrect.

Statement C: When using the phrase 'many a', it is customary to use a singular noun, in this case 'eye', to complement it.



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Statement D: The error lies in the use of the verb 'raging' instead of the noun 'rage' to form the adjective phrase 'all the rage' meaning something that is trending at the moment.

Thus, option A is the correct answer.

24. Ans. A.

Statement B: The error lies in the use of the adjective 'figurative' instead of the adverb 'figuratively', making the sentence grammatically incorrect.

Statement C: The error lies in the use of the adjective 'justifiable' instead of the adverb 'justifiably' to better qualify the following adjective 'heartbroken'.

Statement D: The error lies in the use of the preposition 'by' meaning 'through the action or presence of' instead of the preposition 'of', meaning (something) indicating an ancestral source or origin of descent.

Thus, option C is the correct answer.

25. Ans. C.

The introductory statement should be the one that introduces the theme of the passage. Out of all the statements, statement 'B' introduces the theme i.e. 'microbial fuel cells'.

Statement 'A' should follow statement 'B' as it tells how the MFCs are used to degrade the wastewater which is mentioned in the statement 'B'. The statement 'A' discusses the selection of bacteria which is further elaborated in the statement 'C'.

Finally, statement 'D' logically concludes the passage.

Therefore, the re-arranged order is BACD.

26. Ans. D.

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The statement 'C' mentions 'glaciers', information on which is further discussed in the statement 'B'. Therefore, 'B' must follow 'C'.

The statement 'D' provides information on the impact of melting of glaciers on people. The use of connector 'In addition to' makes the statement 'A' a logical successor of statement 'D'.

Hence, the re-arranged order is CBDA.

27. Ans. B.

The introductory statement should be the one that introduces the theme of the passage. Out of all the statements, statement 'D' introduces the theme i.e. 'goal of Yoga'.

The goal of Yoga is freedom and how is this achieved i.e. through pranayama is mentioned in the statement 'C'. Hence, statement 'C' should follow statement 'D'.



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Statement 'B' discusses what pranayama involves i.e. 'consciously changing the pattern of breathing' and statement 'A' discusses how the pattern of breath can be changed, thereby, making 'BA' an essential pair.

Hence, the re-arranged order is DCBA.



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