

## IBPS Clerk Mains 2022 English Language 50 Imp. Questions





**Direction (1-10) :** Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow. Certain words are printed in bold to help you locate them while answering some of these.

Paragraph 1: A few years ago, a McKinsey report said just a quarter of engineers in India were actually employable. Of late, some other studies put it at less than 20%. Recently, a survey by employability assessment firm Aspiring Minds said 95% of Indian engineers can't code. Though graduates from India's premier engineering colleges such as the IITs are still in demand, it is the thousands of other engineering colleges and ITIs that churn out millions of graduates every year whose employability is questionable.

Paragraph 2: There is a glut of engineers in the country and most of them are not employable. Old problems of low-quality education and outdated curricula have become more pronounced with automation and emerging technology reshaping businesses. The problem that has been growing for the last, nearly, two decades is the over-capacity of colleges. That's why the All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) wants to close down about 800 engineering colleges across India. There are no takers for their seats, and admissions are **plunging** in these institutions every year. Nearly 150 colleges are closed down voluntarily every year due to stricter AICTE rules. According to a rule of the council, colleges that lack proper infrastructure and report less than 30% admissions for five consecutive years will have to be shut down.

Paragraph 3: In 2003, the government formed a committee to find out how technical education was doing in the country. The UR Rao Committee flagged a future glut of graduates. It found technical education was rapidly, which could expanding not be **sustained** in the long run as there wasn't as much demand for as supply of engineering graduates. Fifteen years later, the committee stands vindicated. Nearly eight lakh BE/BTech students graduated last year, but only less than half of them got jobs through campus placement, according to data from All India

Council for Technical Education (AICTE). The Rao committee had suggested a five-year moratorium on approvals for undergraduate technical institutions in states where the student intake exceeded the then national average of 150 seats per million population, according to an Indian Express report. Paragraph 4: In 2008-09, 30 per cent more students joined engineering colleges over the previous year, the highest jump since 2001, according to the AICTE data. More than over 700 new colleges were approved that year. Half of the 15.5 lakh BE/BTech seats were vacant in 3,291 engineering colleges in India in 2016-17. A glut of engineering colleges and resultant over-supply of graduates has led to quality going

Paragraph 5: Prime Minister Narendra Modi's dream project of 'Make in India' is **hobbled** by lack of employable graduates. The project aspires to increase manufacturing capacity in India and generate 100 million jobs by 2022. That's too difficult with the kind of graduates our engineering colleges churn much **touted** demographic India's dividend, which can help India compete with China in manufacturing in near future, will turn into a burden if employability of graduates does not go up. The jobs sector is already under stress. If the quality of skilled labor does not improve, latest technology that requires updated learning would cause a huge unemployment crisis.

- 1. What does the author mean by the term 'churn out' as used in Paragraph 1?
- A. Most of the Indian engineering institutions fail to impart the basic analytical skills or commendable knowledge to their students.
- B. The mushrooming of engineering colleges in India has resulted in a huge decline in the standards of education to the point that most of the engineering graduates are unemployable.
- C. The mass production of low-quality engineering graduates, who lack employability skills, by the engineering institutions of India.
- D. The ruining of the careers of engineering graduates by poor quality engineering institutions.

E. None of these





- 2. What does the phrase 'glut of engineers', as used in paragraph 2, refer to?
- A. The sparse number of employable engineering graduates
- B. The adverse effects of new technologies such as automation on engineering graduates employability C. The overproduction of engineers, as compared to
- the demand, in the market.
- D. The continuous plunging of admissions in engineering colleges across India.
- E. None of these
- 3. Which of the following statements can be inferred from paragraph 2 of the given passage?
- (i) The advancement in information and technology has further aggravated the problem of employability skills of technical graduates.
- (ii) The plunging admissions in technical institutions have initiated a downward trend in the production of engineering graduates.
- (iii) AICTE should encourage quality education and updated curricula for students instead of imposing stricter admission rules and norms.
- A. Only (i)
- B. Only (ii)
- C. Only (iii)
- D. Both (i) and (ii)
- E. Both (i) and (iii)
- 4. Which of the following is the MOST OPPOSITE in meaning to the given word? Plunging
- A. teetering
- B. dwindling
- C. crashing
- D. augmenting
- E. plummeting
- 5. Which of the these presents a contrast to the following sentence as mentioned in paragraph 3: 'The committee stands vindicated. Nearly eight lakh BE/BTech students graduated last year, but only less than half of them got jobs through campus placement, according to data from All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE)'?

- A. The committee failed to acknowledge the intake of fresh graduates by sources other than campus placement.
- B. The glut of engineers after many years substantiates the warning of the UR Rao committee.
- C. The data from the AICTE proves that the claims of the committee were flawed as a good number of candidates found jobs solely through campus placement.
- D. Even after the implementation of the recommendations of the UR Committee, the situation has further deteriorated.
- E. None of these
- 6. Which of the following is the MOST SIMILAR in meaning to the given word?
  Sustained
- A. withstand
- B. persistent
- C. precautioned
- D. buoyant
- E. persevered
- 7. Which of the following statements can follow paragraph 3 to form a connection with paragraph 4?
- A. The Rao committee had a lasting impact on the policy of the government.
- B. The government reluctantly implemented few recommendations of the Rao committee.
- C. Nevertheless, the government encouraged the establishment of more engineering colleges which resulted in the glut of engineers.
- D. However, Rao's suggestion was never followed.
- E. Interestingly, the implementation of Rao Committee's recommendation did not bring any serious change in the situation.
- 8. What is the author's viewpoint(s) with respect to paragraph 5?
- (i) The problem of poorly skilled engineers can create multi-dimensional problems for India thus, it requires prompt redressal.
- (ii) India should produce less engineering graduates to tackle the issue of the glut of engineers in the market.
- (iii) There is a need to put a stop on low-quality





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technical education institutions to halt the churning out of unemployable engineering graduates.

- A. Only (i)
- B. Only (ii)
- C. Only (iii)
- D. Both (i) and (ii)
- E. Both (i) and (iii)
- 9. Which of the following is the MOST OPPOSITE in meaning to the given word?
  Touted
- A. flaunted
- B. epistled
- C. belittled
- D. hailed
- E. frisk
- 10. Which of the following is the MOST SIMILAR in meaning to the given word?
  Hobbled
- A. emboldened
- B. fettered
- C. decimated
- D. worsened
- E. eclipsed
- **Direction (11-15):** Given below is a passage in which each line is numbered (1)-(5). Four words in each sentence are highlighted. Find out which word is not grammatically/contextually suitable in each of the numbered sentences.
- (1) In a bid to **sustain** the high level of exports **touch** last year, the Tea Board is **proposing** a delegation to **participate** in a food show in the U.S. (2)

Five **importing** countries, **including** two of India's rivals in the global **arena**; **helped** India reach 240.7 million export level. (3) The higher price in **several** countries, including the U.S., Indian teas **had** sold at prices **higher** than the **average** export price of \$3 per kg.

(4) **Although** last year the **biggest** contributors to India's exports were Egypt, (which increased imports by 166%), Sri Lanka (**which** increased imports by 84.8%) and China (where Indian tea

exports increased 50%), exports to the U.S. too had **risen**. (5) For India, the U.S. is **beginning** to **erupt** as an important market, **following** a Tea Board of India campaign to highlight the **beverage** as a health drink.

- 11. Which of the following words is not appropriate in Sentence 1?
- A. Sustain
- B. Touch
- C. Proposing
- D. Participate
- E. All correct
- 12. Which of the following words is not appropriate in Sentence 2?
- A. Importing
- B. Including
- C. Arena
- D. Helped
- E. All correct
- 13. Which of the following words is not appropriate in Sentence 3?
- A. Several
- B. Had
- C. Higher
- D. Average
- E. All correct
- 14. Which of the following words is not appropriate in Sentence 4?
- A. Although
- B. Biggest
- C. Where
- D. Risen
- E. All correct
- 15. Which of the following words is not appropriate in Sentence 5?
- A. Beginning
- B. Erupt
- C. Following





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D. beverage

E. All correct

**Direction (16-20):** In the following passage, there are blanks, each preceded by a word given in bold. Every blank has four alternative words given in options (A), (B), (C) and (D). Find the word which best suits the place. If the given word suits the blank, mark 'no correction/change required' as the answer.

At the end of his rousing speech to the U.S. Congress, Prime Minister Narendra Modi guoted Walt Whitman to indicate that there was a "new symphony in play" between India and the U.S. The past two years bear out such lyricism in the bilateral relationship. Defence ties have been dissuaded (###Q1###) in three ways: in defence **burking** (###Q2###) procurement from the U.S. as well as co-development projects, which are worth over \$14 billion; in coordination, cooperation and sharing of information between the two defence forces; and increasingly, on the idea of working together on operations on piracy and peacekeeping. However, it is the strategic relationship, with India's positioning on nonalignment, that is the most dramatic score in the dissension (###Q3###). Although the Centre has drawn the line at an estrangement (###Q4###) and "joint patrols", it is clear from the joint vision statement signed in New Delhi last year that the Modi government intends to move closer to the U.S. on defence issues. In recognition, during Mr. Modi's visit the U.S. declared India a "major defence partner", a designation specially created to describe this new relationship and one that is just short of a military alliance. In 2005, Manmohan Singh told the U.S. Congress of how "India's growth and prosperity are in American interest", and the heavy lifting has yielded annual bilateral trade of \$107 billion now. On Wednesday, Mr. Modi took the theme forward by saying, "A stronger and bereft (###Q5###) India is in America's strategic interest."

- 16. Find the appropriate word in each case.
- A. Forfended
- B. Consolidated
- C. Precluded
- D. Expostulated

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- 17. Find the appropriate word in each case.
- A. Pretermitting
- B. Breaching
- C. Patrolling
- D. Spurning
- E. No correction required
- 18. Find the appropriate word in each case.
- A. Jangle
- B. Cacophony
- C. Discord
- D. Symphony
- E. No correction required
- 19. Find the appropriate word in each case.
- A. Insouciance
- B. Ennui
- C. Alliance
- D. Impassivity
- E. No correction required
- 20. Find the appropriate word in each case.
- A. Prosperous
- B. Magnanimous
- C. Kaput
- D. Scabrous
- E. No correction required

**Direction:** In the given question, two statements with two blanks in each are given. Choose the set of words which fits in both the sentences.

21. 1. The largest virgin forest of	the world is now
in great as it faces	of
deforestation in large scale.	
II. Ravi was having with	his homework and
he was constantly recalling the _	he
received from his teacher on Fric	lay on not
completing his homework.	







- A. Gratification, relief
- B. Trouble, threat
- C. Indignation, stress
- D. Pain, honour
- E. Delight, Reward

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22. I. The Earth's mag	netic field traps particles of
solar winds	flowing outward from the
Sun, many of which _	towards the poles.
II. Mr. Sharma taught	for four years in
the school, but after tl	hat he had to to
London.	

- A. Continuously, travel
- B. Indiscriminately, escape
- C. Randomly, switch
- D. Unintentionally, revert
- E. Occasionally, offer

**Direction:** In the given question, statements with two blanks are stated. Each blank can be filled with more than one word. Find the combination(s) which can most suitably complete the sentence without altering the meaning of the statement.

23. Economic globalization is the increasing
economic of national economies across the
world through a rapid increase in cross-
border movement of goods, services, technology,
and capital. Whereas the globalization of business is
centered around the of international
trade regulations as well astariffs, taxes, and other
impediments that suppresses global trade,
economic globalization is the process of
increasingeconomic integration between countries,
leading to the emergence of a global marketplace
or a single world market.

- I. Interdependence
- II. Rivalry
- III. Diminution
- IV. Tyranny
- V. Specious
- A. I-IV
- B. II-III

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D. III-V

E. II-IV

**Direction:** Three statements with a blank in each, followed by three words, are given below. Which of the following sequence of words given at (A), (B), (C) and (D) would most appropriately fit the blanks? If the correct sequence of words is not given in any of the alternatives, mark 'None of these' as the answer.

	_ can be beaten into a thin
sheet or can be pulled i	nto thin wires.
ii. Determined that in th	nis first battle against a
white nation they would	show their ,
the Japanese lavished b	ooth time and forethought o
the minutest preparatio	
iii. Although the	was won by him, the
runner up was more de	serving of it based on the
final performance.	
I. Metal	
II. Medal	
III. Mettle	
A. Mettle, Medal, Metal	
B. Medal, Mettle, Metal	
C. Metal, Mettle, Medal	
C. Metal, Mettle, Medal	

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25. i. The Englishmar	n nodded, but gave no	
indication whether he	intended to	this
challenge or not.		
ii. If you can't wait un	til then, visit my websit	e to
read another	_ from the book.	
iii. He had never seen	any pictures	a few
small ones in a book.		
I. Accept		
II. Except		
III. Excerpt		

A. Accept, Excerpt, Except

D. Mettle, Metal, Medal

E. None of these

B. Excerpt, Accept, Except







- C. Except, Accept, Excerpt
- D. Accept, Except, Excerpt
- E. None of these

**Direction:** Which of the phrases (A), (B), (C) and (D) given below each statement should be placed in the blank space provided so as to make a meaningful and grammatically correct sentence? If none of the sentences is appropriate, mark (E) i.e., 'None of the above' as the answer.

26. Government programs that decide which public schools get adequate resources and which do not,

A. can be responsible for financial winners and losers

- B. often forget how much it improved their lives
- C. strives to utilize suffering as an opportunity to face all difficulties that stand in the way
- D. give universal answers to universal questions,
- E. None of the above

**Direction:** Choose one of the phrases given below each statement that should be placed in the blank space provided so as to make a meaningful and grammatically correct sentence.

- 27. In Vedanta, all isolated goals, even the beautiful one you seek, are transcended in order to reach pure awareness, \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. the whole management and organisation of the farm
- B. that also becomes very powerful
- C. the source of the mind
- D. such as negative expectations of treatment or prognosis
- E. None of the above

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

28. I must tell you that teaching children can be **both rewarding and awarding work** 

- sometimes, but I love doing it.
- i. either rewarding or awarding work sometimes
- ii. both rewarding and challenging work sometimes
- iii. both rewarding or challenging work sometimes
- A. Only i
- B. Only ii
- C. Only iii
- D. Both i and ii
- 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.

- 29. Why he left the house or **where he is living now are not known** to anyone except his servant who was very faithful to him.
- i. where he is living now is not known
- ii. where he lives now are not known
- iii. where does he live now are not known
- A. Only i
- B. Only ii
- C. Only iii
- D. ii and iii
- E. No correction required

**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.

- 30. Despite \_\_\_\_\_\_, the Ganga River in India remains one of the most polluted and toxic water bodies on earth.
- i. Numerous promotions
- ii. Numerous clean-up attempts
- iii. Constant ignorance.
- A. Only i
- B. Only ii
- C. Both i and ii
- D. Both ii and iii
- E. All the above

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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.

- 31. Unity in diversity is a great slogan to shout in India, \_\_\_\_\_, but it also means that we get to stereotype people till kingdom come.
- i. Considering the battles that the nation has collectively won previously
- ii. Considering the multitude of inhabitants
- iii. Considering the historical record that the nation has had in terms of ousting the non-natives
- A. Only i
- B. Only ii
- C. Both i and iii
- D. Both ii and iii
- E. All the above

**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.

- 32. With technology and consumerism taking over everything else and devices becoming an extension of our bodies, it does not come as a surprise \_\_\_\_\_.
- i. How rare real experiences have becomeii. That real experiences are scarce these daysiii. That real experiences are non-existent these
- days
- A. Only i
- B. Only ii
- C. Both i and ii
- D. Both ii and iii
- E. All of these

**Direction:** In the given question, there are five segments, find the segment which doesn't contribute to the main theme and idea of the passage and rearrange the remaining segments to make a coherent sentence. If the given segments are correct as it is (theme and arrangement-wise), choose 'No correction required'. If the correct sequence is not given, choose 'None of these' as the answer.

33. the dawn of freedom and both communities shouted 'Jai Hind' in unison (A)/ in an editorial titled 'Miracle or Accident' on 16 August, (B)/ narrated

how Hindus were taken to masjids and Muslims to mandirs at (C)/ Calcutta had a brief relapse into violence at the end of August (D)/ the first anniversary of the Great Calcutta Killing, Gandhi (E)

- A. BECA
- B. ABDE
- C. EBCD
- D. None of these
- E. No corrections Required

**Direction:** A sentence with three blanks, followed by five options each containing two words to fill the blanks, is given. The first word must fill both the first and the second blank while second word must fill the third blank to make it a meaningful sentence. Choose the correct alternative.

34. "Any application should be	to the
Personnel Manager", the supervisor	$_{}$ the
new	

- A. Posted, Recruits
- B. Said, Managers
- C. Written, Officers
- D. Addressed, Recruits
- E. Sent, Employees

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35. So while we	re trying to adhere to the
idea of equal distribution	of of
opportunities,	were also competing for a
limited number of jobs,	to put food on
the table.	

- A. they, struggling
- B. we, easing
- C. us, fighting
- D. them, forcing
- E. our, forcing

**Direction:** The given sentences, when properly sequenced, form a coherent paragraph. Each sentence is labelled with a letter. Choose the most logical order of the sentences from among the five given choices to construct a coherent paragraph

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keeping 1 and 6 as the first and the last line respectively.

- 36. 1) The New Economic Policy comprises the various policy measures and changes introduced since July 1991.
- A) There is a common thread running through all these measures.
- B) The objective is simple to improve the efficiency of the system.
- C) The regulator mechanism involving multitude of controls has fragmented the capacity and reduced competition even in the private sector.
- D) The thrust of the new policy is towards creating a more competitive environment as a means to improving the productivity and efficiency of the economy.
- 6) This is to be achieved by removing the banners and restrictions on the entry and growth of firms.
- A. DCAB
- B. ABCD
- C. BDAC
- D. CDBA
- E. DABC

**Direction:** Select the phrase/connector from the given options which can be used to form a single sentence from the two sentences given below, implying the same meaning as expressed in the statement sentences. Pick out the option which when used to start a sentence combines both the above sentences in one.

- 37. The country recently gained democracy. Following section 14-A of the old constitution, a new constitution was being made to serve the current needs of the country.
- a) On the contrary
- b) Likewise
- c) In accordance with
- A. Only a and c
- B. Only b and c
- C. Only b
- D. Only c
- E. None of these

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statement sentences. Pick out the option which when used to start a sentence combines both the above sentences in one.

- 38. The working mother was overwhelmed seeing her child sincerely busy. The child planned the anniversary party all by himself taking full responsibility.
- a) Having allowed
- b) Correspondingly
- c) Nonetheless
- A. Only b
- B. Only c
- C. Only a
- D. Only b and c
- E. None of these

**Direction:** In the given question, a sentence with two blanks, each blank indicating that something has been omitted, is given. Choose the words that best fit the meaning of the sentence as a whole.

- 39. Federal law \_\_\_\_\_ race discrimination in the workplace because incidents of race discrimination can take many forms, however, in the workplace particularly they can be hard to \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. coax, decide
- B. prohibits, identify
- C. exhort, deem
- D. prompt, conjecture
- E. marks, deem

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40. Global warming is a term used to describe a	
increase in the average temperature of the	
Earth's atmosphere and its oceans, a change that is	s
believed to be changing the Earth's climate.	

- A. unanticipated, interim
- B. chaotic, momentary
- C. arbitrary, transitory
- D. gradual, permanently
- E. messy, alternatively





**Direction:** In the given question, two statements with one blank in each, followed by five alternatives, are given. Choose the alternative that fits into both the statements.

- 41. (A) Hiking fuel prices at petrol pumps is such a politically \_\_\_\_\_ exercise that there is even a hesitation to decrease prices so as to safeguard against a possible spike in global petroleum rates in the future.
- (B) Political capital should be reserved for reforming admissions policies to address the \_\_\_\_\_\_ issue that allows the most affluent families to dominate the best state schools.
- A. din
- B. artisan
- C. fraught
- D. medley
- E. hortatory

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- 42. (A) The state government was trying to downplay the \_\_\_\_\_ of the outbreak of dengue in the district.
- (B) In recent times, especially over the last two decades or so, the court's ability to remain special, to retain its allure, has somewhat been thwarted by the \_\_\_\_\_ of its burden.
- A. immensity
- B. ruthlessness
- C. bigness
- D. enormity
- E. seriousness

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- 43. (A) The BJP government wanted to \_\_\_\_\_ the land acquisitions in the state.
- (B) The State government of Bengal wanted to \_\_\_\_\_the loss incurred by the farmers.
- A. counterfoil
- B. confute

- C. clemency
- D. countervail
- E. idealize
- 44. **Direction:** Five statements are given below, labelled A, B, C, D and E. Among these, four statements are in logical order and form a coherent paragraph/passage. From the given options, choose the option that does not fit into the theme of the passage.
- A. Punctuation is really an elementary and intuitive idea
- B. A recent book by Stephen Spector of Stony Brook University, The Quotable Guide to Punctuation, is entirely devoted to the deployment of punctuation marks.
- C. Punctuation does not have a direct or simple relation to phonological, grammatical, or semantic structure.
- D. Punctuation marks are inserted in the sequence to signal certain aspects of the structure of their covert grammatical structure.
- E. Sentences are written down as a linear sequence of characters that (mostly) represent speech sounds.
- 45. **Direction**: Five statements are given below, labelled A, B, C, D and E. Among these, four statements are in logical order and form a coherent paragraph/passage. From the given options, choose the option that does not fit into the theme of the passage.
- A. The human mind has long been capable of dreaming up new and terrible ways to punish alleged transgressors, villains, witches, and anyone else who was unlucky enough to be in the wrong place at the wrong time.
- B. The upright jerker was a modified hanging system that used heavy weights and pulleys to quickly jerk the condemned into the air.
- C. Ling-chi, also known as "slow slicing" or "death by a thousand cuts" was a method of torturous execution practiced in China.
- D. Keelhauling was a type of punishment specifically for sailors, where offenders were tied with rope and dragged underwater from one end of the ship to the other.
- E. Rat torture apparently lives on in the minds of creative types, where a hungry and/or diseased rat

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is placed in a bucket on the victim's bare stomach or chest.

**Direction:** Four words, out of which two are most nearly the same or opposite in meaning, are given. Find the pair and indicate the answer by marking the option that represents the correct combination.

46.

- A. Plunder
- B. Endowment
- C. Interim
- D. Discursion
- A. A-B
- B. A-C
- C. B-C
- D. C-D
- E. A-D

**Direction:** In the given question, four words are given of which two are most nearly the same or opposite in meaning. Find the two words and indicate your answer by marking the option which represents the correct combination.

47.

- A. Interpolation
- B. Commencement
- C. Verity
- D. Backlash
- A. B-C
- B. A-C
- C. B-D
- D. C-D
- E. A-B

**Direction:** The given sentences, when properly sequenced, form a coherent paragraph. Each sentence is labelled with a letter. Choose the most logical order of the sentences from among the five given choices to construct a coherent paragraph keeping 1 as the first statement.

48.

1) In 1981 President Ronald Reagan issued an executive order that required federal agencies to weigh the costs and benefits of proposed major new regulations, and in most cases to adopt them

only if the benefits to society outweighed the costs.

- A) Reagan's order was intended to promote environmental improvements without overburdening economic growth.
- B) Fortunately, putting a price on non-market environmental outcomes, such as safer drinking water and fewer deaths from exposure to dirty air, has proved to be possible, and highly valuable.
- C) However, it requires measuring benefits that are not "priced" in typical markets.
- D) Cost-benefit analysis has been so successful as a tool for policy analysis that every administration since Reagan has endorsed using it.
- A. DABC
- B. ABDC
- C. ADCB
- D. DACB
- E. BACD

**Direction**: In the given questions, one statement with a blank is given along with four words. Two of the given words can fit into the given blank. Five options with various combinations of these words are given. Pick up the combination of the words that fits into the blank.

- 49. Each section of park features its own collection of \_\_\_\_\_ from around the world, meant to highlight the international background of neighborhood.
- a) Cacophony
- b) Paraphernalia
- c) Apparatus
- d) accentuate
- A. a-b
- B. b-c
- C. b-d
- D. c-d
- E. a-d

**Direction**: In the given questions, one statement with a blank is given along with four words. Two of the given words can fit into the given blank. Five options with various combinations of these words are given. Pick up the combination of the words that fits into the blank.







50. After Chinese immigrants began arriving in \_\_\_\_\_ to work on the Central Pacific Railroad during the California Gold Rush, racial tensions between white laborers and Chinese newcomers began to emerge.

- C. b-d D. c-a
- E. a-d

- a) Waves
- b) Perverse
- c) Swarms
- d) Diverge
- A. a-b
- B. b-c





