

Directions(1 to 18): Read the passage carefully and answer the questions given below them. Certain words/phrases have been given in bold to help you locate them while answering some of the questions.

The verdict of the Supreme Court bench, upholding (confirm or support (something which has been questioned) the validity of the provision in the Income Tax Act which makes Aadhar number mandatory for securing issue of permanent account number (PAN) and filing income tax returns, is welcome. Linking of Aadhar with PAN may be necessary to prevent individuals from holding multiple PAN cards. At the same time, the court has provided relief for those experiencing difficulty in such linking through no fault of their own by allowing them to continue filing income tax returns without Aadhaar numbers. The court has also asked the government to take steps to prevent leakages of biometric data of citizens, which has become a serious concern. The government certainly has case for linking Aadhaar numbers to PAN cards. Issued was much as 250 million whereas the number of income tax returns filed was only about 36.5 million. Clearly there are a lot of income tax payers with more than one PAN card, which help them evade taxes. It is mistake on the part of the government, however, to introduce Aadhaar- whose original intention was to ensure welfare benefits go to the right people- indiscriminately across the board.

There is a plan, for example, to make Aadhaar numbers mandatory for booking air tickets, which is draconian (excessively harsh and severe). Government may want to track finances of citizens for legitimate reasons, but why does it want to track all their movements? India needs, in fact comprehensive legislation that would protect the right to privacy of every individual and ensure prompt and effective remedial measures in case of transgressions. Such legislation would also help the government to secure a positive ruling from the constitutional bench in the Aadhaar case.

1. Find the word most near to the word underlined from the passage.

(A) **Uphold** :

(a) **Support** (b) Withstand (c) stop (d) conceal

2. Most opposite to the word underlined :

Mandatory :

(a) compulsory (b) Imperative

(c) **Optional** (d) Regional

3. Which one of the following options best describes the word or phrase from the passage?

Leakages of biometric datas

(a) **lest the linking of Aadhar Number with PAN should breach the fundamental right of personal privacy**

(b) lest it should hinder the speed of otherwise good project

(c) It should cause problems to the citizens

(d) lest it should lay to much pressure on Central Government.

4. Which one of the following is true according to the passage?

(A) The Supreme Court upheld the validity of the provision in the Income Tax Act which makes Aadhar number mandatory for

securing issue of permanent account number and filing income tax returns.

(B) The court has asked the government to take steps not to prevent leakage of biometric data of citizens

(C) There is a plan, for example to make Aadhar number mandatory for booking air tickets

(a) Only C

(b) Only A

(c) only B

(d) **A and C**

(e) none of these

5. The linking of Aadhar number with Permanent Account number will result in:

(A) **Preventing individual from holding multiple P.A.N. cards.**

(B) Preventing individuals from misusing P.A.N. cards

(C) Preventing individuals from holding multiple Aadhar numbers.

6. While upholding the validity of provision in the Income Tax Act, the Supreme Court has asked the government to take steps to :

(A) **Prevent leakage of biometric data of citizens**

(B) Prevent the misuse of Permanent Account number

(C) To prevent the individuals seeking multiple Aadhar numbers.

(a) C (b) A (c) B (d) All

7. According to the passage the supreme court has provided relief to

(A) **Those who have not got Aadhar number by allowing them to file income tax returns**

(B) Those who have not got PAN cards

(C) Those who have got multiple permanent Account Numbers.

8. A great disparity between the number of P.A.N. cards issued 250 M. and the number of income tax returns filed 36.5 million clearly shows.

(A) **The evasion of income tax returns by those who have got multiple P.A.N. cards**

(B) A clerical error in printing out the data.

(C) The relevant success of linking Aadhar number with PAN cards.

(D) The atten failure of government in its responsibility.

9. Which statement (s) is/are false out of the following ones from the passage.

(A) The Supreme Court upheld the validity of the provision of income Tax Act.

(B) The people use multiple PAN cards to evade the income tax returns.

(C) There is a plan to make Aadhar number mandatory to fill income tax returns.

(a) C (b) A (c) A (d) A and B (e) none

10. The type of approach the author has adopted to the topic is

(a) Highly critical and progressive (b) Satirical (sarcastic, critical)

(c) Modern and logical

(d) **Creative and critical**

The killing of two Chinese nationals, abducted at gunpoint in the Balochistan capital Quetta in may, appears to have exposed fault lines between China and Pakistan, with Beijing issuing statements calling for Islamabad to do more to protect its citizens. To begin with, there have been reports of unhappiness over the \$55-billion China-Pakistan Economic Corridor-some Pakistani

economists mention the debt burden Pakistan will face, and there have been protests by Gilgit, Baloch and Sindhi activists against the environmental impact of major infrastructure projects. There are also religious issues : Pakistan accused the two Chinese nationals, who had obtained business visas to teach Mandarin and learn Urdu, of being involved in Christian “missionary work”, which is unlawful in the country.

The abduction and murder, first announced in the Islamic State site Amaq, also indicates the inroads (an instance of something being encroached on or reduced by something else)the group has made in Pakistan. The Pakistan government, which has faced criticism in the Chinese media for not doing more to save the two Chinese nationals, will clearly have to speed up its plans for a Special Security Division to protect CPEC, raising nine army battalions and hiring about 14, 000 personnel. It would, however, be a mistake to read too much into reports that the killings have caused strains between China and Pakistan, or Islamabad and Rawalpindi.

The two countries have had decades of close cooperation, led by defence co-production and nuclear technology transfers; If anything, CPEC binds them in an even closer embrace. In a recent statement, Beijing sought to dismiss reports suggesting that President XI Jinping had refused to meet Pakistan Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif at the recent Shanghai Cooperation Organisation summit in Kazakhstan because of the kidnappings. It said the two leaders had already held substantive discussions during the Belt and Road Forum in mid-May.

The killing of the Chinese nationals represents a lapse in security, but is part of what the Chinese Foreign Ministry calls the risks of “going global”, indicating that as its footprint grows in developing nations and conflict zones, its citizens will face higher risks. For both China and Pakistan, CPEC and other cooperation is not ideological but driven by mutual strategic interests. China has, for example, refused to consider India’s concerns on terror emanating from Pakistan, although groups like the Lashkar-e-Taiba have attacked Chinese citizens. Similarly, Pakistan raises concerns over the alleged treatment of Kashmiris and minorities in India, but ignores the Chinese government’s strict anti-terror laws in Xinjiang province. While it is important to observe the progress of CPEC closely, and continue to raise India’s concerns on sovereignty with China and Pakistan, it is premature to attach too much lasting significance to the kidnappings in Balochistan.

Directions (11-20) Read the comprehension carefully and answer the questions below from the passage.

11.China asked Islamabad to do more to its citizens : because:

(A)Two chinies nationals abducted at gunpoint in Balochistan were brutally killed by the terrorists sponsored by Pakistan.

(B)Pakistan did not do much to the citizens of china as it had done to others.

(C)China apprehends a threat to its citizens in Pakistan, from the terrorists

(D)Its citizens lodged a complaint related to insufficient protection in Pakistan.

12.The killing of two chinies nationals in Pakistan resulted in :

(A)The directions to Pakistan, from China is to do more to its citizens.

(B)The directions to Pakistan to a Judicial enquiry and strict punishment to the out laws :

(C)The directions to the Pakistan govt. to hand over the Out laws to China.

(D)The directions to Islamabad to hand over the outlaws.

13.Find out the True statements (s)

(A)Pakistan accused the two slain nationals of missionary work which is unlawful in the country

(B)Pakistan was asked by Chinies govt. to do more to protect its citizens.

(C)Two nationals were first abducted at gunpoint and were brutally killed.

(a) only B

(b) Only A

(c) Only C

(d) A and B

(e) All of the above

14.According to the passage, what is unlawful in the Pakistan?

(A)To involve in missionary work

(B)Not to inform the embassy of Islamabad about one’s stay

(C)To obtain a business Visa to teach mandarin and learn Urdu.

(D) All of the above

15.Find out False Statements

(A)Two countries have had records of close co-operation led by defence co-production and nuclear technology transfers.

(B)The Pakistan government which has faced criticism in the chinies media for not doing more to save two nationals will clearly have to speed up its plan for a special Security Division to protect CPEC

(C)Chinies government has stopped all type of help to Pakistan in response to the abduction and brutal killing of two nationals.

(a) Only B

(b) Only A

(c) A and B

(e) All of the above **(d) Only C**

16.The Foreign ministry looks at the abduction and brutal murder of two chinies nationals

(A)as the reaction of China over ambitious policy concerned to Ob OR or C.P.E.C.

(B)As the reaction of involvement of the two slain nationals in a missionary work

(C)As the reaction of non-payment of aid to Pakistan

(D)As the reaction of strong and atomic attack by Chinies forces on the terrorists.

17.Which one of the following options is most near to the word below.

Premature:

(a) Ripe (b) Ignoble

(c) Candid

(d) Before the time

18.Which one of the following options is most opposite to the word below.

Expose:

(a) Hide (b) Prevent (c) Summon (d) To call off

Directions:(Questions 19 to 25): In each question, a sentence is given, and a part of it is underlined. Choose the answer option that corrects any error/errors observed in the underlined fragment. Note that in questions where only a part of the sentence is underlined/in italics, the answer options correspond to changes to be made to the highlighted part. The rest of the sentence remains unchanged

19) **Though all competitive exams do not allow using a calculator, but where they are permitted, there are restrictions on the models allowed.**

A. Though all competitive exams do not allow using calculators,

- B. Not all competitive exams allow the use of a calculator,
- C. Every competitive exam does not allow using of calculators,
- D. No correction required

CORRECT ANSWER

Choice (B)

DETAILED SOLUTION

Note that there is a 'but' in the sentence immediately following the clause given. So the option that starts with "though" isn't correct.

What do competitive exams allow/not allow? In answer to this question, "the use of a calculator" is the correct wording of the response. Both "using calculators" and "using of calculators" are incorrect.

The quantifier 'every' stresses all the members of the complete group. Here, we want to say that only some (not all) exams allow the use of a calculator. So option c is also incorrect. The correct option is (b). Not all competitive exams allow the use of a calculator, but where they are permitted, there are restrictions on the models allowed.

Correct Answer: B

20) Denouncing it as anti-democratic, the Lobbying Act was slammed by critics, imposing draconian limits on the activities of trade unions.

- A. the Lobbying Act, which imposes draconian limits on the activities of trade unions, was slammed by critics.
- B. critics slammed the Lobbying Act, imposing draconian limits on the activities of trade unions.
- C. critics slammed the Lobbying Act, which imposes draconian limits on the activities of trade unions.
- D. No correction required

CORRECT ANSWER

Choice (C)

DETAILED SOLUTION

As the sentence starts off with "Denouncing it...", the clause that follows has to first refer to who denounced it- in this case, it is the critics.

Option B is not correct, as it implies critics impose draconian limits on the activities of trade unions. The pronoun "which" after the "Lobbying Act" in option C clarifies that it is the Act that limits the activities of the trade unions.

Correct Answer: C

21) While people in the Middle East have good reason to feel gravely threatened by terrorism, but elsewhere in the world, its more that people are paying greater attention to the terrorist threat then they used to.

- A. but, elsewhere in the world, it's more that people are paying greater attention to the terrorist threat then they used to.
- B. elsewhere in the world, it's more that people are paying greater attention to the terrorist threat than they used to.

C. but elsewhere in the world, it's more that people are paying greater attention to the terrorist threat than they used to

D. elsewhere in the world, its more that people are paying greater attention to the terrorist threat than they used to.

CORRECT ANSWER

Choice (B)

DETAILED SOLUTION

There are 3 errors to spot in the given sentence: Firstly, as the sentence starts with "while...", any option that follows this clause with "but" is incorrect. Secondly, "its" is a personal pronoun- not the correct word to use here. "It's" meaning "it is" is the right word to use in the given context.

Thirdly, the sentence says people are paying greater attention to the terrorist threat "then" they used to. This is incorrect. The correct word to use instead is "than". The only option that corrects these errors is B.

Correct Answer: B

22) Long-term risk is rarely taken by air-quality indices into account, they also vary from place to place.

- A. Air-quality indices rarely take long-term risk into account;
- B. Rarely do air-quality indices take long-term risk into account,
- C. Though long-term risk is rarely taken by air-quality indices into account,
- D. No correction required

CORRECT ANSWER

Choice (A)

DETAILED SOLUTION

In the given sentence, 'they' in the second clause seems to refer to 'long-term risk', which is the subject of the first clause. So it is grammatically incorrect.

Now let us look at the answer options. Option C does not make sense. So we rule this out. Option B has two independent clauses- (1) Rarely do air-quality indices take long-term risk into account, and (2) they also vary from place to place. Each of these is a sentence in its own right. When joining two independent clauses without the use of a coordinating conjunction (and, but, or, or nor), a semicolon has to be used, not a comma. So option B is incorrect. In option A, again, there are two independent clauses - (1) Air-quality indices rarely take long-term risk into account, and (2) they also vary from place to place. The clauses are joined by a semicolon. So option A is grammatically correct.

Correct Answer: A

23) The solution that he worked out was not only correct but complicated.

- A. was not only correct but also complicated.
- B. was correct but complicated.
- C. was correct only but complicated.
- D. No correction required

CORRECT ANSWER

Choice (B)

DETAILED SOLUTION

"Correct" is a positive description of the solution, while "complicated" is not. So a parallel sentence construction (in the case, 'not only...but') is inappropriate. Option C uses 'only' inappropriately. Option B is the correct choice.

Correct Answer: B

24) As there was no place in the first compartment, he shifted to the second.

- A. As there was no room in the first compartment, he moved
- B. As there was no space in the first compartment, he shifted
- C. As there was no seat in the first compartment, he moved
- D. No correction required

CORRECT ANSWER

Choice (A)

DETAILED SOLUTION

The sentence given has two errors.

The first error is the reference to "no place". The correct word to be used in this context is "room" (as the person here looks for a space to occupy).

Place= a specific location, or a particular portion of space

Room= a portion of space, that is available to occupy or already occupied

Space= a continuous unoccupied area

Seat= place to sit

"There were no unoccupied seats" would have worked; as 'seat' is a countable noun, it is more natural to say "no seats" than "no seat". Using 'no' combined with a singular is possible, but implies that there would only be either one of that thing, or nothing.

The second error is the use of the word "shifted".

'Shift' implies a small movement or a swap; for a greater change in position, 'move' is the word to be used.

So the correct option is (a).

Correct Answer: A

25) Whoever is chosen as the new chief, it is likely to continue many of the policies that the incumbent holds dear.

- A. Whoever is chosen as the new chief, they are
- B. Whomever is chosen as the new chief, he is
- C. Whoever is chosen as the new chief is
- D. No correction required

CORRECT ANSWER

Choice (C)

DETAILED SOLUTION

In the sentence given, the clause "whoever is chosen as the new chief" is followed by "it is", which is incorrect. The person chosen as the new chief cannot be referred to as "it".

Answer option (a) is also incorrect. "Whoever" refers to one person, and that person cannot be referred to in plural subsequently, as "they".

Option (b) uses the word 'whomever' instead of 'whoever'. But the right word in this context is 'whoever'.

'Whoever' is a subject pronoun like 'he', 'she' and 'they' whereas 'whomever' is an object pronoun like 'him', 'her' and 'them'. When the whoever/whomever clause is the subject of the verb that follows the clause, the correct word to use is the one that agrees with the verb. Here, the verb is 'is likely'. 'He is likely' makes sense, while 'Him is likely' does not. So, the right word here is 'whoever', not 'whomever'.

Option (c) does not carry any errors and is the right answer choice.

Correct Answer: C

Directions(Question 26 to 35): The sentences given in each question, when properly sequenced, form a coherent paragraph. Each sentence is labelled with a letter. Choose the most logical order of sentences from among the given choices to construct a coherent paragraph.

26) **A. Good writers use more verbs.**

B. However, it is hard to write without verbs.

C. The reason is that if unnecessary words are reduced, the verb-percentage goes up as a mathematical necessity.

D. So "use verbs" is not really good advice; writers have to use verbs, and trying to add extra ones would not turn out well.

- A. ABCD
- B. ACBD
- C. ABDC
- D. DBCA

CORRECT ANSWER

Choice B. ACBD

DETAILED SOLUTION

Sentence C talks of how verb usage goes up when unnecessary words are reduced. This ties in with sentence A which talks of how good writers use more verbs. It is also clear C follows A.

Sentence B says it is hard to write without verbs. Sentence D adds to this saying that "use verbs" is hence not good advice. Therefore D follows B.

By looking at the sentences we see that sentence A makes a good start to the paragraph.

So the correct order is ACBD.

Correct Answer: ACBD

27) A. The French Revolution created a vision for a new moral universe: that sovereignty resides in nations; that a constitution and the rule of law govern politics; that people are equal and enjoy inalienable rights; and that church and state should be separate.

B. The French Revolution invented modern revolution—the idea that humans can transform the world according to a plan—and so has a central place in the study of the social sciences.

C. It ushered in modernity by destroying the foundations of the “Old Regime”—absolutist politics, legal inequality, a “feudal” economy (characterized by guilds, manorialism, and even serfdom), and an alliance of church and state.

D. That vision is enshrined in the Declaration of the Rights of Man and Citizen of 1789, whose proclamation of “natural, imprescriptible, and inalienable” rights served as the model for the 1948 United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

- A. ADBC
- B. BADC
- C. ACBD
- D. BCAD

CORRECT ANSWER

Choice D. BCAD

DETAILED SOLUTION

Sentences C and D start with "it" and "that" respectively and can be hence ruled out as starting sentences for the paragraph.

Sentence A talks of a vision. Sentence D starts with “That vision”. So D should follow A. Only options (a) and (d) have this arrangement.

Sentence B is a general premise that the French Revolution invented modern revolution.

Sentence C talks of how the revolution brought in modernity by destroying the foundations of the Old Regime. We can see that there is a link between sentences B and C- both talk of "modernity". C follows B.

Sentence A talks of a “new moral universe” while Sentence C talks of the old regime. So again, A follows C.

So the correct arrangement is BCAD.

Correct Answer: BCAD

28) A. During the 24-hour darkness of the austral autumn and winter, the South Pole Telescope operates nonstop under impeccable conditions for astronomy.

B. The atmosphere is thin (the pole is more than 9,300 feet above sea level, 9,000 of which are ice), stable (due to the absence of the heating and cooling effects of a rising and setting Sun) and the pole has some of the calmest winds on Earth, blowing almost always from the same direction.

C. “The South Pole has the harshest environment on Earth, but also the most benign,” says William Holzapfel, a University of California at Berkeley astrophysicist, the on-site lead researcher at the South Pole Telescope.

D. From an astronomer’s perspective, not until the Sun goes down and stays down—March through September— does the South Pole get “benign.”

- A. ABCD
- B. CDBA
- C. CDAB
- D. ACBD

CORRECT ANSWER

Choice C. CDAB

DETAILED SOLUTION

C talks of the South Pole being benign. D refers to the word benign in quotes. So, D should come after C, and quite possibly immediately after C.

The idea conveyed here is that the South Pole has the most benign weather and it is benign from March to September. So we can directly eliminate choice (d).

Sentence C makes a better choice for starting the paragraph than A.

Sentence A talks of impeccable conditions for astronomy and B explains what it is. So the correct order of sentence arrangement is CDAB

Correct Answer: CDAB

29) A. As "operating systems", Latin and French outlived the strategic pre-eminence(superiority.) of Rome and France.

B. Nor will Chinese, Russian, or Indian culture soon shoulder aside the American version-high or low- whose draw is embodied by Harvard and Hollywood.

C. Once a standard exists, it tends to perpetuate itself-just like the dollar, for all its ups and downs will not soon yield to the Euro or the Renminbi

D. By such measures, no other rival, not even China, comes close to America, whatever the country's many familiar failings and riches of the rising rest

- A. ACBD
- B. BADC
- C. CBAD
- D. CABD

CORRECT ANSWER

Choice C. CBAD

DETAILED SOLUTION

This paragraph focuses on how set standards and "operating systems" tend to perpetuate, adding to the influence of the country that sets it.

Sentence B starts with a "nor", so we should ideally have an example preceding this. It is clear that only sentence C which talks of the dollar not being easily replaceable by other currencies fits the bill.

So we have the order CB_

Of the given answer options, only 1 and 3 have this pattern.

We can see D completes the paragraph.

Should the paragraph start with sentence A or C?

Sentence A is an example of how standards perpetuate. Sentence C starts off stating the premise of the paragraph, and continues the thought with an example. Hence C is a better sentence to start the paragraph than A.

So the correct order is (3) CBAD

Correct Answer: CBAD

30) A. The oldest fossil grasses are just 70 million years old, although grass may have evolved a bit earlier than that.

B. There have been land plants for 465 million years, yet there were no flowers for over two-thirds of that time.

C. The equally-familiar grasses appeared even more recently.

D. Flowering plants only appeared in the middle of the dinosaur era.

- A. DCBA
- B. BCAD
- C. CADB
- D. BDCA

CORRECT ANSWER

Choice D. BDCA

DETAILED SOLUTION

Sentences B and D talk of flowers and flowering plants. Sentence B talks of how land plants existed without flowers for several millions of years. Sentence D talks of when flowering plants appeared. It is clear D follows B.

Sentence C speaks of "equally familiar grasses". So obviously, some other example- in this case, flowering plants- precedes this.

Sentences A and C talk of the evolution of grasses. A follows C.

So we have the correct order of arrangement as 4) BDCA

Correct Answer: BDCA

31) A. Nevertheless, the focus of otherwise very different movements - from cultural feminism to environmentalism to radical jihadism - is fundamentally the same: moral regulation.

B. Identity politics constantly demands the creation of new identities and lifestyle groups, often hostile to one another.

C. The main beneficiary of this shift from explicit political clashes to new forms of culture war has been identity politics.

D. Many of the political battles of the past two decades have actually been battles over cultural values, be it marriage, family, sexuality, abortion, immigration, multiculturalism, Islam or the EU.

- A. BACD
- B. DACB
- C. DCBA
- D. BADC

• **CORRECT ANSWER**

Choice C. DCBA

DETAILED SOLUTION

We see straight away that there is a link between sentences C and B, both talking of "identity politics". It is also clear that C comes before B.

Let's consider Sentence D. It talks of how battles over cultural values dominate politics. Sentence C talks of the main beneficiary of the "shift from explicit political clashes" to "culture war". So it is clear that C follows D.

Sentence A concludes the paragraph with "moral regulation" being the common goal of these otherwise different movements.

So the correct sentence order is DCBA

Correct Answer: DCBA

32) **A. Patrilineal ownership of lands and the culture of dowry attached to it have turned daughters into bad debts.**

B. The control of such castes on local politics aggravates masculine hubris(excessive pride or self-confidence).

C. The bigotry of our village culture and polity is intrinsically linked to a control of land and agriculture.

D. Land makes certain castes 'kingly' in rural communities.

- A. DBCA
- B. DABC
- C. CDBA
- D. ADBC

• **CORRECT ANSWER**

Choice C. CDBA

DETAILED SOLUTION

Sentence C talks of the intolerance that marks the village culture and polity. We see that this is the main idea of the paragraph.

Sentence D talks of some castes being considered "kingly" in rural communities. Sentence C talks of the control of "these castes" on local politics and how it aggravates masculine pride. So C comes after D. Both of these sentences substantiate the idea of bigotry that is made by sentence C.

Sentence A talks of the patrilineal system of passing ownership of lands and system of linking dowry to land ownership turning daughters to be regarded as "bad debts". This sentence substantiates the point made by sentence C.

So we see the sentences make sense when placed in the order CDBA.

Correct Answer: CDBA

33) **A. The Cold War was underpinned by an understanding which allowed the US to maintain hegemony over the capitalist world and which gave the Soviet Union a regional sphere of influence in Eastern Europe.**

B. The bloody upheavals and wars occurred not in Europe, America or Russia, but in Asia, Africa and the Middle East, and were either directly or indirectly a response to the experience of Western colonialism.

C. Despite the aggressive rhetoric of this era, the Cold War was a period of relative peace between hostile geopolitical blocs.

D. In retrospect, what was remarkable about the Cold War was the ability of most of the major players to manage their conflict.

- A. ADCB
- B. DBCA
- C. CBDA
- D. BADC

CORRECT ANSWER

Choice A. ADCB

DETAILED SOLUTION

We can directly rule out option D as sentence B does not provide a good start to the paragraph. It starts with "the bloody upheavals and wars", suggesting that a reference to wars or conflict has been made earlier in the paragraph.

Also note that sentence C mentions "this era", so it is unlikely to be the starting sentence of the paragraph, so we can rule out option 3.

Sentence D talks about how the extraordinary management of conflicts makes the cold war remarkable. Sentence C continues the same thought, that despite the rhetoric of this era, it was marked by "relative peace". So C follows D.

It is clear that sentence B substantiates the point regarding peace, by talking of how the bloody conflicts at the time of the Cold War were in other parts of the world, and due to Western colonialism rather than the cold war. So B follows C.

Sentence A talks of "an understanding" that underpinned the Cold War allowing America and Russia to maintain their influence over their respective worlds. Clearly, it is this premise of the Cold war which gave the players the ability to manage

conflict. Sentence A leads to D.

So the correct order of arrangement is ADCB

Correct Answer: ADCB

34) **A. The Mandate of Heaven indicated divine approval of a king's right to rule.**

B. In other words, the Mandate of Heaven gave divine ruling authority to kings that lived a moral life, administered justice, and protected the welfare of his people.

C. Whereas Medieval Europeans legitimized their ruling authority by the divine right of kings, Confucian societies used a similar concept called the Mandate of Heaven.

D. However, it differed from the divine right of kings in that Heaven's endorsement depends upon the virtuous conduct of the ruler.

- A. ABCD
- B. ABDC
- C. CDAB
- D. CADB

CORRECT ANSWER

Choice D. CADB

DETAILED SOLUTION

We have two possible starting sentences for the paragraph- A and C.

However, we see that C introduces the phrase "Mandate of Heaven", whereas A tells us what it is about. So A follows C and possibly comes immediately after C.

Sentence B starts with "in other words". So which sentence is it paraphrasing? Not A, this sentence only declares that the Mandate of Heaven indicated divine approval of a king's right to rule. Sentence B paraphrases sentence D, which talks of the right to rule depending on the virtuous conduct of the ruler. So B follows D.

The correct sentence order is hence CADB.

Correct Answer: CADB

35) **A. General Yi knew that the Ming dynasty was more powerful than Mongols were and judged that if he attacked, the Ming would likely invade Korea.**

B. Upon his arrival in Kaesŏng, General Yi toppled the government through a military coup and in 1392 CE, he placed himself on the throne —ushering in the Chosŏn Kingdom.

C. Due to his prominence in 1388 CE, the anti-Ming (pro-Mongol) faction sent General Yi to expel a contingent of Ming troops stationed on the northern part of the Korean

Peninsula.

D. Seeing the campaign as a potential disaster, General Yi turned his troops south towards the Koryŏ capital, Kaesŏng.

- A. ACDB
- B. CADB
- C. ADCB
- D. CBDA

CORRECT ANSWER

Choice B. CADB

DETAILED SOLUTION

Sentence A talks of General Yi judging that the Ming dynasty was more powerful than the Mongols. The other sentence that refers to the Mings and Mongols is sentence C. We see that sentence C provides an introduction to General Yi ("due to his prominence in 1388 CE...") and also clarifies that the anti-Ming faction was pro-Mongol. It is hence clear C comes before A in the paragraph. So we rule out answer choices a and c.

We also see that sentence C talks of General Yi being sent on a campaign. Sentence D tells us that General Yi saw that the campaign was a disaster. Sentence A tells us why so. So the sentence arrangement CAD makes sense.

Sentence B talks of the General's arrival in Kaesŏng. Sentence D introduces Kaesŏng as the Koryŏ capital. Hence D comes before B. The only answer choice with this arrangement is b. CADB, which is the correct answer.

Correct Answer: CADB