

**Directions( 1 to 5):**Which of the words/phrases (A), (B), (C) given below should replace the words/phrases given in bold in the following sentences to make it meaningful and grammatically correct? If the sentence is correct as it is and 'No correction is required', mark (E) as the answer.

1)A **ruthless** sun **strikes** on the **flocked** outside the Trichy Central Prison in Tiruchirapalli, Tamil Nadu.

- A) emphatic, hearten, trickle
- B) merciless, beats down, throng
- C) humble, compresses, scantling
- D) gentle, spurs on, broadcast
- E) No Correction Required

2)Kapoor doesn't look the part of a man **known to be** the **relatives** of an international **warriors** of idol thieves.

- A) asked to be, twerp, clique
- B) told to be, shrimp, set
- C) said to be, kingpin, gang
- D) happened to be, master, delve
- E) No Correction Required

3)Kapoor **yelled** the fact that Tamil Nadu's criminal justice system would not let him get **also** an MRI done to **discover** the true extent of the cancer.

- A) bemoaned, even, detect
- B) applauded, even, discern
- C) celebrated, even, chastise
- D) gloated, even, band
- E) No Correction Required

4)In 2011, the evidence it had **harvested** led to an Interpol notice, which closed the **trap** around a **fleeting** Kapoor in Germany's Frankfurt airport.

- A) dolded, drop, persistent
- B) amassed, noose, fugitive
- C) scattered, hitch, sustained
- D) dwindled, gibbet, still
- E) No Correction Required

5)Deenadayalan's **nabbing** led to the discovery of around 250 idols **compiled** in his house in Chennai's **poor** Alwarpet area.

- A) encouraging, amassed, frugal
- B) promotion, secreted, dowdy
- C) arrest, stashed, posh
- D) halt, ensconced, needful
- E) No Correction Required

**Directions (6-10):** In each question below there are four statements. Each statement has pairs of words/phrases that are highlighted. From the highlighted word(s)/phrase(s), select the most

appropriate word(s)/phrase(s) A or B to form correct sentences. Then choose the best option.

6)I. I **will** [A]/[B] **shall** help you as far as I can.  
ii. They **ought to** [A]/[B] **would** ban smoking in public places.  
iii. I have **two** [A]/[B] **too** books I'd like to read.  
A) BAA B) AAA C) BBA D) ABA

E) None of these

7)I. I **used** [A]/[B] **went** to school in my village for five years.

ii. Please tell us **whether** [A]/[B] **weather** you would prefer steak or salmon for dinner.  
iii. He **could** [A]/[B] **can** write poems when he was ten.

A) BAB B) BBB C) BBA D) BAA

E) None of these

8)I. The magician **effected** [A]/[B] **affected** his escape with a false door

ii. Mother **may** [A]/[B] **might** be in the kitchen.  
iii. **Need** [A]/[B] **Dare** you leave the party so soon?

A) BBB B) BAB C) AAA D) ABA

E) None of these

9)I. I shall hurry. I **mustn't** [A]/[B] **needn't** be late.

ii. **Do** [A]/[B] **Does** your father go to work?  
iii. There was nobody **there** [A]/[B] **their** ?

A) BAB B) AAA C) BBB D) ABA

E) None of these

10)I. The servant left our house **at sixes and sevens** [A]/[B] **at six and seven**.

ii. As a graduation gift, I booked my nephew a modern **suite** [A]/[B] **sweet** at a beach front resort.  
iii. It is difficult for the poor to have a **square meal** [A]/[B] **a square deal**.

A) ABA B) BBB C) AAA D) BAB

E) None of these

**Directions(11 to20):** In each question a sentence is given followed by a blank. Each blank is followed by three options and you have to determine which option can be used in place of blank to make it a meaningful sentence and mark it as your answer.

11)The disappearance is bad enough but to replace it with fake news, and/or flaky analysis,\_\_\_\_.

- i. Is shameful
- ii. is deplorable
- iii. Is atrocious

A) only i

B) only ii

C) only iii

D) only iii and ii

E) All are Correct

12) An ill-informed remedy can \_\_\_ a patient's illness, not make her get well.

- i. only aggravate
- ii. merely appease
- iii. only mitigate
- A) only i
- B) only ii
- C) only iii
- D) only iii and i
- E) All are Correct

13) \_\_\_ — let alone close — examination, the IFPRI hunger index is not a hunger index at all; it is an index about child mortality, and stunting, and wasting, and undernourishment of children.

- i. on a cursory
- ii. on a hurry
- iii. on a straw
- A) only iii and i
- B) only ii and i
- C) only ii
- D) only i
- E) All are Correct

14) \_\_\_, and detailed research, has shown that too many calories — obesity — is a major problem in the US, not under-nutrition.

- i. informal induction
- ii. random experimentalism
- iii. casual empiricism
- A) only iii and ii
- B) only iii and i
- C) only ii
- D) only i
- E) All are Correct

15) The committee was formed in June — in the backdrop of \_\_\_ in some of India's storied corporate houses and firms with promoters or founders and professional managers ranged against each other in a battle for control, raising uncomfortable issues relating to transparency and accountability and the role of independent directors.

- i. public skirmishes
- ii. public encounters
- iii. public tussles
- A) only i
- B) only ii
- C) only iii
- D) only iii and ii
- E) All are Correct

16) Under Prime Minister Shinzo Abe, Japan has attempted \_\_\_ its asset managers to be more forceful and to publicly disclose the voting records for each investee company through a

Stewardship Code and Corporate Governance Code.

- i. to dissuade
- ii. to fix
- iii. to nudge
- A) only ii
- B) only iii
- C) only i
- D) only iii and ii
- E) All are Correct

17) The U.S. concluded that Iran had recovered from the Stuxnet \_\_\_ and was barely months away from producing enough highly enriched uranium to produce a nuclear device.

- i. disaster
- ii. fiasco
- iii. debacle
- A) only i
- B) only ii
- C) only iii
- D) only ii and i
- E) All are Correct

18) U.S. sanctions relief was \_\_\_ because of a multiplicity of sanctions (relating to nuclear and missile activities, human rights violations and terrorism) which also had extra-territorial application.

- i. more convoluted
- ii. more simple
- iii. more tangled
- A) Only ii
- B) Only iii
- C) Only iii and i
- D) Only ii and iii
- E) All are Correct

19) The scheme would imply \_\_\_ of the JCPOA, something that would attract a veto by both Russia and China were it to be taken up in the UNSC.

- i. an inappropriate adjustment
- ii. an implicit renegotiation
- iii. an indirect realignment
- A) Only iii
- B) Only i
- C) Only iii and i
- D) only ii and iii
- E) All are Correct

20) Relations between Mr. Trump and Senator Corker have deteriorated with Mr. Trump blaming Mr. Corker for \_\_\_ and Mr. Corker comparing the White House to an adult day care centre.

- i. the terrible allocation
- ii. the horrendous deal
- iii. the subjugation aprobatation
- A) only
- B) only

- C) only i and ii  
D) only  
E) All are Correct

**Directions for questions 21 to 25: Select the correct alternative from the given choices.**

- 21.** If statistics are anything the go by, women far out-number men on the rolls of rural BPOs. Most companies admit that women bring stability to the work environment, which, in turn, helps curb attrition. Many homemakers also form a large untapped but cost effective talent pool. By employing rural women, companies are also playing a role in empowering them. It also helps them cut cost of operations and attrition, besides curbing migration to over crowded cities. Which of the following, though true, is not a reason why BPOs, find employing women to be in their own interest?
- (a) Women score over men in terms of their open mindedness and attitude, willingness to learn.  
(b) Attrition rate among women is low at 5% as they are family oriented and tend to be with the family.  
(c) Unlike men, they do not consider the BPOs as training ground for better jobs.  
(d) Most of the rural BPOs work 9 to 5, a convenient time for women.

- 22.** A school wrote the following letter to a job applicant:  
Thank you for your application. Unfortunately, we are unable to offer you a position in our institution. As you know, funding for schools is limited, and it is not possible for us to offer jobs to all those who want them. Consequently, we are forced to reject many highly qualified applicants. Which of the following can be inferred from the letter?
- (a) The vacancies in the school were fewer than the number of applicants.  
(b) The applicant who received the letter was considered highly qualified.  
(c) The funding the school receives is inadequate to meet its needs.  
(d) The application of the person who received the letter was considered carefully before being rejected.
- 23.** In many accidents, the driver of the bus or the lorry involved deserts the vehicle and absconds. The fact that they run away clearly shows that they are guilty of having caused the accident. Which of the following weakens the above argument the most?
- (a) The fact that the vehicle is over crowded or overloaded and the driver's lateral view blocked is seldom considered.

- (b) The drivers do not have faith in the judicial principle that one is innocent until proved guilty.  
(c) The owners of such vehicles abandon erring drivers even when they have served for long.  
(d) When an accident arouses people's feelings, they vent their ire on the driver even before ascertaining the cause of the accident.

**.Note: questions 24 and 25 are based on the following information.**

The earth's resources are being depleted at an alarming rate. If all the people in the world followed the lifestyle and consumption pattern of the people in the US, we would need 7 earths to meet their resource requirement.

- 24.** The argument above assumes that:
- (a) New resource deposits are constantly being discovered.  
(b) The per capita resource consumption by the United States is the highest in the world.  
(c) The United States consumes one third of all resources used in the world.  
(d) The United States uses resources wastefully.
- 25.** It can be inferred from the above that:
- (a) Curbing US resource consumption will significantly retard world resource depletion.  
(b) All the people in the world will not follow the US consumption pattern.  
(c) The US uses more resources than any other country.  
(d) Per capita resource consumption in the US is at an all time high.

Choice (a)

**Direction (26-30) In below questions Five statements are given, labelled a, b, c, d and e. Among these, four statements are in logical order and form a coherent paragraph. From the given options, choose the option that does not fit into the theme of the paragraph.**

- 26). A. At a time when there was compelling need for a bold and path-breaking budget to bring relief to tens of millions of people adversely affected by demonetization,  
B. Yet another area where it was relatively easy to provide relief was in increasing the allocation for providing pensions to elderly people from weaker sections, including widows and disabled people.  
C. The NDA government has come up with an ordinary, business-as-usual budget which fails to meet expectations of people and the needs of the

economy in very critical times

D. Even after the presentation of the budget this light is not visible.

E. The people have been repeatedly assured of light at the end of the tunnel but they have failed to see it after the much-publicised 50 days.

**A. A B. B C. C D. D E. E**

27. A. The reference in the Union Budget to new elimination targets for some major communicable diseases barely hints at the enormous burden carried by millions in India with tuberculosis, kala-azar, filariasis, leprosy and measles.

B. It would appear incongruous that an emerging economy with no timetable for universal health coverage and a lack of political will to loosen its purse strings for higher government expenditure has set ambitious deadlines to rid itself of deadly scourges.

C. The promise of a well-funded five-year scheme to meet the TB challenge beginning in 2017 is welcome, although steady progress towards the new elimination deadline of 2025 will also depend on improved capabilities in the health system to meet the daily drugs requirement and a feeling of ownership at the State level.

D. If good medical protocol is pursued, pockets of filariasis in many States can be removed.

E. Having set concrete goals, the Centre must now demonstrate its seriousness by moving away from the flawed policies of the past.

**A. A B. B C. C D. D E. E**

28). A. For me there are two Kolkatas.

B. Thirty years I walked its winding streets, drank its sweet milky tea and breathed its acetic air, happily and with gusto.

C. The Kolkata I lived in thirty years ago and the Kolkata I now visit. In fact, the Kolkata I grew up in had a different name, Calcutta.

D. I lived in succession in Mechua Bazar, College Street, Ballygunj and Alipore – the first two in modest areas, and the last two, especially the last, in elite environs.

E. A breathtaking variety of cuisine, Indian and Indianized western food, offers the gourmand a tantalizing temptation.

**A. A B. B C. C D. D E. E**

29). A. This would have signalled the death of the federal structure of governance which, ironically, has been advocated as part of their agenda for a long time.

B. In the wake of demonetisation, a suggestion was

floated by several state governments on the formation of a national government at the Centre.

C. It is also necessary to examine the issues which unexpectedly arise in the process of governing Union-State relations as would be apparent if one traces the recent history of the country

D. One may not find fault with such shenanigans if one grasps the political compulsions of the parties ruling these states.

E. Their brand of federalism has been advocated on numerous occasions. Most of the measures, adopted by the Union Government, are invariably regarded as anti-federal by their ministers.

**A. A B. B C. C D. D E. E**

30). A. The killing of seven policemen in a landmine blast has tragically buttressed their resolve to boycott the local elections in the absence of development and grinding poverty in a predominantly rural state.

B. Juggling with alphabets such as GDP means little or nothing in rural Odisha in terms of opening of bank branches, the “un-banked” gram panchayats, or even improvement in the quality of life of the Scheduled Castes and Tribes.

C. A fortnight before the panchayat elections in Odisha, the Maoists are engaged in mortal muscle-flexing if last Wednesday’s outrage on the state’s border with Andhra Pradesh is an index to go by.

D. A cruel irony when one reflects that Odisha has fared commendably in terms of industrial investment.

E. This is the crux of the issue; it is public policy and development, and not ideology, that predominates over the current philosophy of the Left radicals as well as the reluctant revolutionaries of the Communist Party of India.

A. A

B. B

C. C

D. D

E. E