

## LOD-2

**Direction (1 to 5) :** In each of the following questions there are sentences. There is error in two parts. Mark the option which contains error parts as your answer. If no part contains error mark option E as your answer.

1. (A) Taking into account all factors, including  
(B) few that may lend respite, such as the wide-ranging cuts to the goods and services tax rate,  
(C) the RBI raised its estimate for inflation over the third and fourth  
(D) fiscal quarters by 10 basis points from its October projection.  
(a) Both (D) and (A)      (b) Both (A) and (B)  
(c) Both (B) and (C)      (d) Both (C) and (D)  
(e) No Error
  2. (A) The MPC is, however, more confident  
(B) about the prospects for growth, concerns  
(C) over higher oil prices and shortfalls in  
(D) kharif crop output and rabi season sowing notwithstanding.  
(a) Both (A) and (D)      (b) Both (B) and (C)  
(c) Both (C) and (B)      (d) Both (D) and (A)  
(e) No Error
  3. (A) Buttressing the confidence in the economy are the finding  
(B) in the RBI's survey, who posit an improvement in demand  
(C) in the services and infrastructure sectors and an uptick in the overall  
(D) business environment in the January-March quarter.  
(a) Both (D) and (B)      (b) Both (A) and (B)  
(c) Both (C) and (D)      (d) Both (C) and (A)  
(e) No Error
  4. (A) While New Delhi has made no public statement  
(B) it has reportedly made its displeasure known,  
(C) particularly on the speed and stealth  
(D) with for which the negotiations were completed.  
(a) Both (A) and (C)      (b) Both (D) and (B)  
(c) Both (C) and (A)      (d) Both (B) and (D)
  - (e) No Error
  5. (A) Even if the Americans are sincere in its support for us,  
(B) they will simply not lobby for India alone; it will be  
(C) unthinkable for them to try to get India in without  
(D) in the same time getting Japan also in.  
(a) Both (D) and (C)      (b) Both (A) and (D)  
(c) Both (B) and (A)      (d) Both (C) and (B)  
(e) No Error
- Direction (6 to 10) :** Sentence improvement.
6. There is no sign that the **vigour of the law will be diluted**, but the area of its use may be progressively curtailed over time.  
(I) vigour of the law will be diluting  
(II) vigour of the law had been diluted  
(III) vigour of the law is diluted  
(a) Only (I)      (b) Only (II)  
(c) Only (III)      (d) All of the above  
(e) No correction required
  7. Lawyers representing the couple's interests have explained that the first and main legal strategy was to ensure **her liberty from custody which was achieved**.  
(I) her liberty from custody which has been achieved.  
(II) her liberty from custody which is being achieved.  
(III) her liberty from custody which was to be achieved.  
(a) Only (I)      (b) Only (II)  
(c) Only (III)      (d) All of the above  
(e) No correction required
  8. **Whether India may have shed its traditional reticence** about a strategic partnership with the U.S., it would still not be what Japan is to the U.S., nor should it.  
(I) Despite India may have shed its traditional reticence

- (II) while India may have shed its traditional reticence  
 (III) when India may have shed its traditional reticence  
 (a) Only (I) (b) Only (II)  
 (c) Only (III) (d) Both (I) and (II)  
 (e) No correction required

9. **Everyone had admired her looks but she had** eyes only for the foreigners who lived among us and considered the rest of us unworthy of her attention.

- (I) Everyone admires her looks but she had  
 (II) Everyone was admiring her looks but she had  
 (III) Everyone admired her looks but she had  
 (a) Only (I) (b) Only (II)  
 (c) Only (III) (d) Both (I) and (II)  
 (e) No correction required

10. I had this aching pain in my legs, which reminded me that I had been standing for an hour on the platform of the railway station in my town, waiting for a train that never seemed to turn up.

- (I) which reminds me that I had been standing for an hour  
 (II) which reminded me that I had stood for an hour  
 (III) which reminded me that I have been standing for an hour  
 (a) Only (I) (b) Only (II)  
 (c) Only (III) (d) All of the above  
 (e) No correction required

**Directions (11 and 12):** Connectors In the following questions a pair of sentences is given followed by three ways in which the two sentences could be combined Select which of the given choices is/are correct

11. I. By the 1900s, only between 100 and 200 rhinos survived in the wild  
 II. From there to its current population of approximately 3,500 the world over is a remarkable turnaround  
 (A) From the 1900s, when only .....  
 (B) It was a remarkable turnaround when .....  
 (C) Although in the 1900 s, when only .....  
 (a) Only A (b) Only B  
 (c) Only C (d) Only A and B  
 (e) All the three
12. I. For amputees, high tech prosthetic devices that restore a person's basic skills and independence are available.  
 II. Unfortunately, many amputees lack the financial resources to obtain adequate prosthetic care

- (A) Although high tech .....  
 (B) While high tech .....  
 (C) Despite high tech .....  
 (a) Only A (b) Only B  
 (c) Only A and B (d) Only B and C  
 (e) All the three

**Direction (13 to 16) :** In each of the questions given below, a sentence is given with three words in bold Three answer choices are given giving replacements to the words in bold Select the option that gives the correct combination of the answer choices in case, the sentence is correct as it is. select No improvement

13. Accenture's results and outlook for the coming year **submits** that little has changed for Indian IT companies, and to add to their **moans**, some of them are the midst of leadership **progrsss**. which just add to the pressure when it comes to retaining market share  
 1. Implies, sufferings, changeovers  
 2. Suggests, woes, transitions  
 3. Indicates, troubles, metamorphosis  
 (a) Both 3 and 2 (b) Both 1 and 3  
 (c) Both 2 and 1 (d) All. 2 and 3  
 (e) No improvement required
14. The police presence, sirens **echoing** has become a government requirement for Mander's stops-**every** one with the family of a victim killed in violence **piqued** by caste or religious difference  
 1. blazing, each, motivated  
 2. fiery, all. brought  
 3. afire, particular, prompt  
 (a) Only 2 (b) Only 3  
 (c) Only 1 (d) All. 2 and 3  
 (e) No improvement required
15. Face book has **conceded** that technology companies could do more to counter online extremism after Theresa May and Emmanuel Macron **proposed** fining firms that move too slowly to remove extremist content being **shared** by terrorist groups  
 1. Capitulated, expected, distributed  
 2. Relinquished, suggested, divided  
 3. Acknowledged, planned, participated  
 (a) Only 2 (b) Only 3  
 (c) Both 1 and 2 (d) Both 1 and 3  
 (e) No improvement required
16. More than 1.1 million people who **hunted** asylum in Europe during the continent's biggest refugee **pressure** since the second world war were still waiting



23. A. The general approach is to postulate an outcome for the behaviour of stock prices under market efficiency and then demonstrate that prices do not actually behave that way.  
 B. A body of evidence challenging the supremacy of the efficient markets hypothesis has emerged.  
 C. Many well-known names are associated with this paradigm.  
 D. Foremost among them is Lawrence Summers, former US treasury secretary.  
 E. The literature is now collectively called 'behavioural finance' and is gaining ground because it is able to explain price movements much more effectively than approaches based on efficient markets.
- (a) ABCDE                      (b) BEADC  
 (c) AEBCD                      (d) BACDE  
 (e) BEACD
24. A. Medical representatives having certain qualities have an accelerated career growth and just a decade ago, almost all marketing chiefs did rise from the cadre of MRs.  
 B. But, a drastic change has come in the attitude of the management as well as the MRs in the last 15 years.  
 C. Somehow, the pressure of achieving mere sales targets has overwhelmed the entire hierarchy of sales management during the last 15 years and they spend considerable time in creating 'mere salesmen' and not medical representatives.  
 D. It is time this prevailing situation is corrected and excitement is created amongst our field staff to perform their duties competently.  
 E. Such is the potential for MRs!
- (a) AEBCD                      (b) AECBD  
 (c) ABCDE                      (d) ACDEB  
 (e) AEDCB
25. A. The sum of all tangible and intangible traits — beliefs, values, prejudices, interests, features and ancestry — make a unique personality.  
 B. People's personalities are determined largely through values and beliefs they have, and the personality characteristics they develop.  
 C. A brand personality visually and collectively represents all internal and external characteristics of the product.  
 D. The world's most powerful brands are invested with a distinct personality because people make judgements about products and companies in personality terms.

- E. The closer the brand personality is to the consumer personality, the greater will be the willingness to buy the brand and deeper the brand loyalty.

- (a) DBACE                      (b) BADCE  
 (c) CDEAB                      (d) AEBCD  
 (e) DBECA

Directions : Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow

**Paragraph 1:** Farmers, from Punjab in the north to Tamil Nadu in the south, have started agitations demanding farm loans be waived. The Uttar Pradesh and Maharashtra governments have already considered it politically expedient to write them off. Some other states may follow the suit. However, such decisions are as misguided as they are misleading. Nonetheless, it will be a mistake to treat the agitations as a domino effect of the UP government's decision to waive loans worth 36,359 crore. It is a manifestation of an agrarian crisis that has been in the offing for several years now.

**Paragraph 2:** After two years of drought-like conditions in Maharashtra and several other parts of the country, the monsoon last year was normal. Farmers responded to the rain and official announcements by increasing the sowing of lentils, oilseeds and coarse cereal, which traditionally used to be in short supply. However, the governments did not keep their end of the bargain. Neither procurement facilities nor remunerative prices were provided as promised. On top of that, due to the cyclical nature of global food prices, imports have become cheap. Consequently, the wholesale prices of lentils have declined drastically. For example, price of tur has declined from 110 per kg in 2015 to less than 40 per kg in 2016. Mandi prices of fruits and vegetables crashed in the aftermath of demonetisation. Farmers could not sell tomatoes even at 1 a kg.

**Paragraph 3:** More recently, the bountiful production of onions and potatoes has sent their prices spiralling through the floor. All this has had some dampening effect on the consumer price index (CPI), even though gains to the consumer have been modest due to large number of intermediaries and wastage. In contrast, the prices of farm inputs have increased sharply. The official estimates reported in this paper suggest that for several widely cultivated crops farmers are suffering substantial losses. In Madhya Pradesh, wheat has fetched a meagre profit of just 2% while paddy inflicted a loss of 15%. These numbers are not surprising. During the last

three years, the minimum support prices (MSP) for most crops have been raised negligibly, especially when compared to the previous three years.

**Paragraph 4:** The combination of high costs and low MSP have eroded the viability of agriculture. An ongoing study shows that in Haryana, the average rent (price demanded on leased out land) has decreased from about 37,000 per acre per year in 2014 to 24,000 this year. The vagaries of weather and volatility in paddy prices have made the situation worse. Many panchayats failed to rent out the land, even after several attempts. The crisis in agriculture has caused distress to the entire rural economy. However, the waiving of farm loans is not only bad for the economy but is also detrimental to the long-term interests of the farmer.

**Paragraph 5:** It incentivises even debtors capable of repaying loans to default. Unsurprisingly, the recent waiver announced by the Maharashtra government is expected to cost 30,500 crore, almost four times the loans waived in the 2008-09 scheme of the UPA government. Waiving farm loans was a bad decision then. It is a bad idea even now. Just like the 2008-09 scheme, the latest round cannot improve conditions of farmers. However, it will eat into investments in infrastructure and public goods.

26. What is/are the idea (s) that the passage wants to convey
- Waning off the farmer loans is not the long-term solution to the agrarian crisis
  - Records show that once farmer loans are waned off, it will be demanded for again and again
  - The government is not well positioned to meet the humongous demands of the farmers
- (a) Both II & III      (b) Only II  
(c) Both I & II      (d) Only I  
(e) All of the above
27. What is the tone of the author in paragraph 3?
- (a) Righteous      (b) Sarcastic  
(c) Annoyed      (d) Cautious  
(e) Flippant
28. Which of the following can logically and contextually follow paragraph 4 to link it with paragraph 5, so as to form a bridge between the two paragraphs?
- (a) Agricultural credit accounts for as much as 14% of gross non-food bank credit outstanding, and rural banking branches account for about 40% of Indian bank branches, data compiled by RBI shows
- (b) Debt waivers for stressed farmers are often-used political tool that the central bank has warned hurts credit discipline and lowers the incentive for future borrowers to make repayments
- (c) Fear of credit culture issues may prompt banks to tighten their norms in terms of further incremental credit to the rural areas to conserve capital, a move that could slow down the loan growth further.
- (d) About three-fourth of the loans to Indian farmers are in places where such waiver programs have been announced or where public pressure increases the odds of one being announced
- (e) None of the above
29. According to the passage, what could be the solution of the problem portrayed in the line 'it incentivises even debtors capable of repaying loans to default'
- (a) Ensuring with the help of a digital platform that only needy farmers benefit from its loan waiver scheme
- (b) Protecting consumers' interests while making farming remunerative and augmenting storage facilities to reduce wastage of fruits and vegetables
- (c) Using a digital platform to eliminate duplication of bank accounts
- (d) 'Some' political parties tried to spread violence from behind the scene when the farmers stir was on.
- (e) Investing more money in the agricultural sector
30. According to the passage, which of the following can be the probable reasons why waiving off farmer loans is not such a good idea?
- it negatively affects the long-term interests of the farmers
  - Debtors who are capable of paying off their dues will also be spared
  - It slows down the economy
- (a) Only III      (b) Both II & III  
(c) Both I & II      (d) Only I  
(e) All of the above

## DETAILED EXPLANATION

1. (c)  
(b) Use 'a few or some' in place of 'few'  
(c) Use 'its' in place of 'it' because here possessive case will be used.
2. (e)
3. (b)  
(a) Use 'findings' in place of 'finding'  
(b) Use 'which' in place of 'who'.  
( 'who' is used for person, and which is used for non living things )
4. (d)  
(b) Use 'known' in place of 'knew'  
(d) remove 'for'. 'stealth with' is correct expression
5. (b)  
(a) Use 'Their' in place of 'its' because possessive case of Americans will be 'their';  
(d) Use 'at the same time' in place of 'in the same time'
6. (e) No correction required as the sentence is in future tense.
7. (a) "..... her liberty from custody which has been achieved." Has been is used with present perfect tense.
8. (b) "while India may have shed its traditional reticence....". While + clause relates an activity that occurs at the same-time as (simultaneously with) the activity in the main clause.
9. (c) "Everyone admired her looks but she had....." will be the correct phrase as the sentence is in simple past form.
10. (e) No correction required. The sentence is in correct form. 'had been standing' is the past perfect continuous form and we use the Past Perfect Continuous to show that something started in the past and continued up until another time in the past.
11. A is possible, as the combined sentence would be From the 1900s. when only between 100 and 200 rhinos survived in the wild, to its current population of approximately 3.500 the world over, is a remarkable turnaround  
B is possible It was a remarkable turnaround when from the 1900s. when only between 100 and 200 rhinos survived in the wild, the current population rose to approximately 3.500 the world over  
C is also possible Although in the 1900 s. when only 100-200 rhinos survived in the wild, there has been a remarkable turnaround to its current population of 3500 the world over
12. A is possible, as the combined sentence would be Although high tech prosthetic devices that restore a person s basic skills and independence are available, unfortunately, many amputees lack the financial resources to obtain adequate prosthetic care  
B is possible While high tech prosthetic devices that restore a person s basic skills and independence are available, unfortunately, many amputees lack the financial resources to obtain adequate prosthetic care  
C is possible Despite high tech prosthetic devices that restore a persons basic skills and independence being available, unfortunately, many amputees lack the financial resources to obtain adequate prosthetic care.
13. The highlighted words submits. moans and progress do not make the sentence logically correct, since they are contextually inappropriate The respective words in (1) and (2) can replace them and make the sentence meaningful, but the word metamorphosis, which means The process of transformation from an immature form to an adult form is unsuitable in the context of the sentence
14. The given sentence is incorrect because piqued, which is related to arousal of interest or curiosity also does not convey sense to the sentence as it talks about violence The words that can correctly fit the context and grammar are found in (1) None of the words in (2) or (3) can replace the words in bold.
15. All the words in bold fit the original sentence correctly Hence (e) is the answer Among the words given in options, only distributed from (1). suggested from (2) and acknowledged from (3) can replace the highlighted words from the original sentence Capitulate - yield Relinquish - give up
16. The words in bold hunted pressure and obliged do not make contextual meaning in the sentence They need to be replaced by the respective words of either (1) or (3) to make the sentence correct indulged in (2) cannot replace obliged to make the sentence correct hence (2) is incorrect Hunt - wildly search for something Impasse - a situation in which no progress is possible, especially because of disagreement, a deadlock.

17. All three idioms are synonymous and mean to be in good health D is the right answer, as all three can be used interchangeably in the context.
18. 'Throughout' means in every part of a place or object. which fits into the context here 'We use across to signify in every part of a particular place or country' Therefore, all A, B and C are correct with respect to grammar and context, option (e) is the correct choice
19. Enclosed means to surround while under means directly below something enclosed under the famous giant crystals does not make any logical sense in the given context i.e. when we say that scientists have extracted these long dormant microbes Both A and B provide coherent sense to the statement, hence, option (a) is the correct choice
20. Thrown into means to put someone or something suddenly or forcefully into some condition or activity, plunged into also has the same meaning, both can be used here Commotion is a state of confusion or chaos Elation means a feeling of excitement or happiness, which does not fit into the context here Hence both B and C are correct, option (b) is the correct choice
21. C asks a rhetorical question, E makes a statement and B is in continuation of E. D follows A as D carries on with the point made in A.
22. A is an introductory statement, E explains it and C further clarifies it. B corresponds to the statement made in D
24. B is the opening statement since it mentions a hypothesis. E states what that hypothesis is and A explains it further  
A makes a statement, E qualifies it further and B provides the continuity. Statement C explains the change mentioned in B.
25. The paragraph is about brand personality, and how it is related to people's personalities. Since brand is the main topic, D should appear first
26. The last sentence of the 4th para talks about I and the 5th para contains the incident of II. which shows that it has been done before and as a result it's happening again and hence not a good idea No talk regarding the position of government is mentioned in the passage Hence, option (c) is the correct choice
27. In the paragraph, the author is trying to give the account of things that could go wrong with the loan waiver move and is basing his judgment as per these Hence, we can say that the author is being cautious Annoyed- irritated. Righteous\* morally right and flippant: superficial.
28. Options (a) & (c) talk from the perspective of banks while the passage concerns the issues of farmers and why loan waiving is not a good move but neither of the two establish any relationship with the context There is no talk regarding the probability of such moves in the future and hence, even option (d) won't fit Option (b) establishes a direct link between the two paragraphs and hence, is the answer
29. The sentence says that the loan waiver might help even those who are capable of paying the loans and as such its solution should portray somewhat a sense like, 'something to be employed which could help in distinguishing the capable farmers from the lot so that they do not escape the payment' Only option (a) portrays the same context.
30. All the three statements are contained in the last two paras and hence, the correct choice\* is option (e)