

Memory Based Paper

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Paper-1

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Directions (1-10): Read each sentence, divided into five parts, to find out whether there is any grammatical or idiomatic error in it. The error, if any, will be in one part of the sentence. Below each sentence you are provided with five options. The first three options suggest you the possible sequences of the correct parts of the sentence. Choose the sequence which consists of correct parts of the sentence. If there is no error in the sentence, choose option (d). If none of the options gives the correct sequence and if there is indeed an error in some part of the sentence, choose (e) as your option.

Q1.

As the underdogs, the Kiwis (a)/ deserve accolades and empathy for the way they (b)/ handles the post-match situation, despite (c)/

losing the final match to England (d)/ and the unconvincing rules. (e)

- (a)acde
- (b)bcde
- (c) abde
- (d)No error
- (e) None of these

Solution1. 3

The error in the given sentence is in part (c). As per the subject verb agreement rule handles should be replaced by handle. Hence option (c) is the correct answer choice.

Q2.

Players should (a) / realise that wild (b) / gestures sometime take away (c) / the focus from the main (d)/target of winning a game (e)

- (a)bcde
- (b)acde
- (c)abde
- (d)No error
- (e) None of these

Solution2. 3

The error is in part (c) of the sentence.

Sometime means an indefinite/unstated time in future.

e.g.

I will go to goa sometime.

Sometimes means occasionally,

e.g.

Sometimes, I think of going goa.

Q3.

With the Karnataka government have (a) / decided to convene the Budget session (b)/ the coalition partners issued a (c) / whip to its

members to attend, holding (d) / out the threat of disqualification for non-compliance(e)

- (a)acde
- (b)abce
- (c) bcde
- (d)No error
- (e) None of these

Solution3. 3

The error is in part (a) of the sentence
Replace 'have' by 'having'.

Q4. A few days ago, there was drama (a) / when 16 members of the Assembly, three from (b) / the JD(S) and 13 of the Congress, mostly of (c) / them sheltered in a luxury hotel in Mumbai, announced (d) / that they had resigned from the Assembly(e)

- (a)acde
- (b)abde
- (c) abce
- (d)No error
- (e) None of these

Solution4. 2

The error is in part (c) of the sentence.
Replace 'mostly' with 'most'.

Q5. such theatrics may have (a) / tactical political purpose at (b) / times, the question to be (c) / asked is the purpose for which (d) / such political tactic is employed (e)

- (a)acde
- (b)bcde
- (c) abcd
- (d)No error
- (e) None of these

Solution5. 3

The error is in part (e) of the sentence.

Replace the phrase 'such political' by 'such a political'

Q6. Until such time as multinational (a) / companies take the lead in investing (b) / in plastic recycling systems (c) / their is every reason to believe that (d) / plastic waste will be a major threat. (e)

- (a)acde
- (b)abce
- (c) bcde
- (d)No error
- (e) None of these

Solution6. 2

The error is in part (d) of the sentence.
Replace the phrase 'their' by 'there'

Q7. Unemployment is a problem in (a) / urban and rural India regardless of (b) / gender, though education (c) / levels may be improved (d) / job opportunities are scarce (e)

- (a)abde
- (b)acde
- (c) bcde
- (d)No error
- (e) None of these

Solution7. 5

The error is in part (d) of the sentence. 'abce' is the correct sequence.
Replace the phrase 'improved' by 'improving'

Q8. The market closest to the (a) / village is a few km away in Lakadchowk (b) / where the centre of attraction (c) / on a rain-swept afternoon is a (d) / giant LED screen mounted on a truck (e)

- (a)acde
- (b)abcd

- (c) bcde
- (d) No error
- (e) None of these

Solution 8. 4

No error.

Q9. More importantly, as far as (a)/ the agriculture sector is concerned (b)/ and a major contributor (c)/ to the GDP, the fall in (d)/ farmer numbers is distressed. (e)

- (a) bcde
- (b) abce
- (c) abcd
- (d) No error
- (e) None of these

Solution 9. 3

The error is in part (e) of the sentence.

' distressed' should be replaced by ' distressing' to make the syntax correct.

Q10. The described "backward" (a)/ to define communities is yet (b)/ another colonial relic which we, (c)/ as a collective, embraces with such enthusiasm, (d)/ that we almost forget what it is supposed to mean. (e)

- (a) acde
- (b) abcd
- (c) bcde
- (d) No error
- (e) None of these

S10. Ans. (c)

Solution 90. 3

The error is in part (a) of the sentence.

'Described' should be replaced by 'description' to make the syntax correct.

Direction (11-15): In the following question, a phrase is highlighted in a sentence followed by three alternatives that may replace the highlighted phrase given in the sentence. Choose the most suitable option reflecting the INCORRECT alternative(s) that fails to replace the highlighted phrase. If none of the given alternatives are appropriate to replace then, choose option (e) i.e. "all are incorrect" as your answer choice.

Q11.

You and I am a part of a drama committee which will take part in the Annual Function.

- (I) You and I am the part
- (II) You and I was the part
- (III) You and I are the part

- (a) Only (I)
- (b) Only (II)
- (c) Both (I) and (II)
- (d) Only (III)
- (e) No replacement required

Solution 11: 4

: The highlighted phrase is erroneous. The use of the article 'a' is wrong. The correct article to be used is 'the'. Moreover, the use of the helping 'am' is incorrect because when two pronouns are joined by a conjunction 'and', the verb will be plural.

The correct phrase will be 'You and I are the part', so the alternative (III) is correct and hence, the option (d) is the correct answer.

Q12.

People have share new ways of carving stone, composing music, and even cooking food over several hundreds of years.

- (i) People have been sharing
- (ii) People have shared
- (iii) People will share

- (a) Both (ii) and (iii)
- (b) Only (iii)
- (c) Both (i) and (ii)
- (d) Only (i)
- (e) No replacement required

Solution12: 4

: There is an error in the highlighted phrase. Past-participle form of verb should be used after the auxiliary verb 'have'.

In the alternatives, the alternatives (ii) and (iii), upon replacing the highlighted phrase, will impart grammatically correct and contextually meaningful sense to the sentence.

So, Only alternative (i) is incorrect.

Hence, the option (d) is the correct answer.

Q13.

While it was difficult to cross these frontiers, those who wanted could and **does scale mountains** and cross the seas.

- (i) did scale mountains
- (ii) does scale the mountains
- (iii) did scale the mountains

- (a) Only (iii)
- (b) Both (i) and (ii)
- (c) Both (i) and (iii)
- (d) Only (i)
- (e) No replacement required

Solution13: 2

: There are two errors in the highlighted phrase:

One is the usage of 'does' is incorrect because the tense of the rest of the sentence is the Past Tense, while the usage of 'does' in the notion

connected by a conjunction 'and' imparts a Present Tense. This is erroneous.

The second error is the omission of an article 'the' prior to the plural countable noun 'mountains'.

Among the given alternatives, the alternative (ii) is incorrect because of the usage of 'does' (and the reason for which is explained above). The alternative (i) is erroneous because the omission of the article 'the' prior to the plural countable noun 'mountains'.

The alternative (iii) is the correct answer.

Hence, the option (b) is the correct answer because the alternatives (i) and (ii) are erroneous.

Q14.

Manuscripts was usually written on palm leaf, or on the specially prepared bark of a tree known as the birch, which grows in the Himalayas.

- (i) Manuscripts was usually write
- (ii) Manuscripts are usually writings
- (iii) Manuscripts were usually written

- (a) Only (i)
- (b) Only (ii)
- (c) Both (i) and (ii)
- (d) Only (iii)
- (e) No replacement required

Solution14: 1

: Manuscript [noun] means 'A book, document, or piece of music written by hand rather than typed or printed.';

There is a grammatical error in the highlighted phrase. 'Manuscripts' is a plural noun, but the verb 'was' assigned to it is singular. This is erroneous.

In the alternatives, the alternatives (ii) and (iii) are correct.

The difference between the alternative (ii) and (iii) is the structure of the sentence—one is in passive form while the other uses linking verb ‘are’, but both are grammatically correct and contextually meaningful.

The alternative (i) is erroneous because the simple past form of verb can never follow the auxiliary verb ‘was’.

Hence, the correct answer is the option (a).

Q15.

Every Open House we held since 2013 reaffirmed our belief that there is a need for human intervention **to retain its trust and credibility over the age of** anonymous communication.

(i)to retain trust and credibility in this age of

(ii)to retaining trust and credibility ageing

(iii)for retention of trust and credible age of

(a)Only (i) is correct

(b)Only (iii) is correct

(c)Both (i) and (ii) are correct

(d)Both (ii) and (iii) are correct

(e)No correction required

Solution15: 1

“to retain trust and credibility in this age of” is the correct phrase to make the sentence grammatically correct. If we go by the options considering their grammar syntax, only option (i) fits into the sentence perfectly adding the required meaning to the sentence. Moreover, “in this age of anonymous communication” is the correct phrase usage which means “in this distinct period of anonymous communication”. Hence (a) is the correct option.

Directions (16-20): Given below are the sentences each of which has been divided into five parts. The first part is fixed and the remaining four parts are jumbled. Each of the questions is then followed by the options which give the sequence of the rearranged parts. You must choose the option which gives the correct sequence of the parts to form a logical and meaningful sentence. If the sentence is already arranged, select (E) .i.e. "No re-arrangement required" as your answer.

Q16.

It is alleged that / whose names several shell companies were being run (A) / destroyed mobile phones of employees, on (B) / at the instance of Nirav Modi, Nehal had (C)/ after the scam was unearthed, (D)

ACBD

DCAB

DCBA

CABD

No re-arrangement required

Solution16. 3

The correct sequence is:

“It is alleged that after the scam was unearthed, at the instance of Nirav Modi, Nehal had destroyed mobile phones of employees, on whose names several shell companies were being run.”

Hence, option c is the correct answer.

Q17.

While most gifts that will be auctioned / Indians, ranging from political leaders to religious (A)/ of objects gifted by countries in the neighbourhood, an NGMA official said (B)/ groups to industry, there are a handful (C)/ have been given to the Prime Minister by (D)

CBAD

DABC
DACB
DBAC
No re-arrangement required

Solution 17.4

The correct sequence is:

“While most gifts that will be auctioned have been given to the Prime Minister by Indians, ranging from political leaders to religious groups to industry, there are a handful of objects gifted by countries in the neighbourhood, an NGMA official said.”
Hence, option d is the correct answer.

Q18.

India’s decision to shut down / imposed by the United States is also (A) / said Iranian Ambassador to India Ali Chegeni (B) / oil imports from Iran due to sanctions (C) / hurting India-Iran bilateral trade and India’s future in Chabahar port, (D)

CADB
BCAD
BADC
BDAC
No re-arrangement required

Solution 18.1

The correct sequence is:
“India’s decision to shut down oil imports from Iran due to sanctions imposed by the United States is also hurting India-Iran bilateral trade and India’s future in Chabahar port, said Iranian Ambassador to India Ali Chegeni.” Hence, option a is the correct answer.

Q19. **Of greater possible concern for New Delhi** / routes to Afghanistan and Central Asia, circumventing Pakistan (A) / since 2016 is a

key component of its trade and connectivity (B) / where India’s construction of the Shahid Beheshti terminal (C) / was the Iranian Ambassador’s outlook for the Chabahar port, (D)

DCAB
DACB
DCBA
DBCA
No re-arrangement required

Solution 19.3

The correct sequence is:

“Of greater possible concern for New Delhi was the Iranian Ambassador’s outlook for the Chabahar port, where India’s construction of the Shahid Beheshti terminal since 2016 is a key component of its trade and connectivity routes to Afghanistan and Central Asia, circumventing Pakistan.”

Hence, option c is the correct answer.

Q20.

While those rescued / city for post-mortem, said Mr. Pithode (A) / the bodies of the deceased (B) / were taken to the Hamidia Hospital in the (C) / were in a stable condition, (D)

1. DCAB
2. DACB
3. DCBA
4. DBCA
5. No re-arrangement required

Solution 20.4

The correct sequence is:

“While those rescued were in a stable condition, the bodies of the deceased were taken to the Hamidia Hospital in the city for post-mortem, said Mr. Pithode.” Hence, option d is the correct answer.

Q.21 In the following passage there are blanks, each of which has been numbered. These numbers are printed below the passage and against each, five options are given. Four of the five words fit into the blank coherently. Find out the word which does not fit into the blank appropriately.

Tyre-maker CEAT has introduced a ‘work from remote location’ policy, one that (21)_____ its employees to work from anywhere—cafes, home, mall, or whatever they (22)_____ fit as a place they can work from. The company, three months ago, (23) _____ mandatory attendance recording, allowing its employees to operate on a (24) _____ timetable. The management at RPG Enterprises, which owns CEAT, believes this motivates employees enough and drives up productivity. CEAT/RPG are not the only ones that are (25) _____ their workplace policies, including on attendance, to give employees more freedom. Mahindra, Cipla, Godrej and ICICI Bank are doing this, too.

1. enables
2. complies
3. lets
4. allows
5. permits

Answer21: B

Solution: The paragraph is describing about a policy introduced by CEAT in its working culture of permitting its employees to work from remote areas. The most suitable word that will coherently fit in the given blank is “permits” or a word similar in meaning. However, “complies” means act in accordance with a wish or command. Therefore, it fails to

fit coherently in the given paragraph. Hence, option (b) is the most suitable answer choice.

Q.22 In the following passage there are blanks, each of which has been numbered. These numbers are printed below the passage and against each, five options are given. Four of the five words fit into the blank coherently. Find out the word which does not fit into the blank appropriately.

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1. scrutinize
2. deem
3. consider
4. presume
5. believe

Answer22: A

Solution: Since the paragraph is describing about a policy introduced by CEAT in its working culture of permitting its employees to work from remote areas, the most suitable word for the given blank becomes “deem” or a word with similar meaning. However,

scrutinize which means examine or inspect closely and thoroughly fail to provide coherence to the given paragraph. Hence, option (a) becomes the most suitable answer choice.

Deem means regard or consider in a specified way.

Presume means suppose that something is the case on the basis of probability.

Q.23.

In the following passage there are blanks, each of which has been numbered. These numbers are printed below the passage and against each, five options are given. Four of the five words fit into the blank coherently. Find out the word which does not fit into the blank appropriately.

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1. dismissed
2. eliminated
3. discarded
4. hoarded
5. scrapped

Answer23: D

Solution: The sentence is describing the policy of abolishing the policy of mandatory attendance recording. The most suitable word to comply with the theme of the paragraph is “scrapped” or a word similar in the meaning. However, “hoarded” which means accumulate (money or valued objects) and hide or store away. Therefore, it does not comply with the theme of the paragraph. Hence, option (d) is the most suitable answer choice.

Dismissed means deliberately cease to think about.

Eliminated means completely remove or get rid of (something).

Scrapped means abolish or cancel.

Q.24

In the following passage there are blanks, each of which has been numbered. These numbers are printed below the passage and against each, five options are given. Four of the five words fit into the blank coherently. Find out the word which does not fit into the blank appropriately.

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policies, including on attendance, to give employees more freedom. Mahindra, Cipla, Godrej and ICICI Bank are doing this, too.

1. flexible
2. workable
3. fluid
4. variable
5. brittle

Answer24: E

Solution: The paragraph is describing about a policy introduced by CEAT in its working culture of permitting its employees to work from remote areas. The most suitable word that will coherently fit in the given blank is “flexible” or a word similar in meaning. However, “brittle” means hard but liable to break easily. Therefore, it fails to fit coherently in the given paragraph. Hence, option (e) is the most suitable answer choice. Fluid means not settled or stable; likely or able to change.

Q.25 In the following passage there are blanks, each of which has been numbered. These numbers are printed below the passage and against each, five options are given. Four of the five words fit into the blank coherently. Find out the word which does not fit into the blank appropriately.

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owns CEAT, believes this motivates employees enough and drives up productivity. CEAT/RPG are not the only ones that are (25) _____ their workplace policies, including on attendance, to give employees more freedom. Mahindra, Cipla, Godrej and ICICI Bank are doing this, too.

1. tweaking
2. modifying
3. resizing
4. changing
5. altering

Answer25: C

Solution: The theme of the paragraph is describing about a policy introduced by CEAT in its working culture of permitting its employees to work from remote areas. The most suitable word that will coherently fit in the given blank is “tweaking” or a word similar in meaning. However, “resizing” means alter the size of (something, especially a computer window or image). Therefore, it fails to fit coherently in the given paragraph. Hence, option (c) is the most suitable answer choice.

Tweaking means improve (a mechanism or system) by making fine adjustments to it. Altering means change in character or composition, typically in a comparatively small but significant way.

Directions (26-30): Each question below has two blanks. There are five pairs of words below the sentence. Each pair is lettered. Choose the pair of words which can be filled up in the blanks in the sentence in the same order so as to complete the sentences meaningfully.

Q26. _____ in yourself! Have faith in your abilities! Without a humble but reasonable _____ in your own powers you cannot be successful or happy.

- (a) encourage, enforced
- (b) inculcate, ordered
- (c) cooperate, stipulated
- (d) Believe, confidence
- (e) declared, pressurized

Solution26. 4

Stipulated means demand or specify (a requirement), typically as part of an agreement.

Persisted means continue in an opinion or course of action in spite of difficulty or opposition.

Inculcate means instil (an idea, attitude, or habit) by persistent instruction.

Q27. The budget for the National Rural Drinking Water Mission, a key _____ of Jal Jeevan Mission, has been doubled from last year's revised _____ to more than ₹10,000 crore.

- (a) realization, damage
- (b) appreciation, percolate
- (c) component, estimates
- (d) achievement, crumble
- (e) destination, magnify

Solution27. 3

Outweigh means be heavier, greater, or more significant than.

Percolate means (of a liquid or gas) filter gradually through a porous surface or substance.

Q28. The _____ asteroid impact off Mexico's coast that doomed the dinosaurs 66 million years ago was not the only time an _____ event shaped the history of life on Earth.

- (a) planning, devising
- (b) leadership, attributing
- (c) abilities, contributing
- (d) cataclysmic, astronomical
- (e) skills, obtaining

Solution28. 4

Portraying means depict (someone or something) in a work of art or literature.

Q29. In the aftermath of the First World War, sociologist Max Weber told his students that not everyone realises the _____ nature of producing good journalism and that a journalist's actual _____ is far greater than that of a scholar's.

- (a) collection, duty
- (b) association, function
- (c) demanding, responsibility
- (d) combination, undertaking
- (e) group, act

Solution29. 3

'integration, exercise' is the correct use.

Integration- the action or process of integration or combination.

Q30. The industrial, agricultural, commercial and public services _____ a significant proportion of electricity for _____ their demand for final energy.

- (a) exhaust, accomplishing
- (b) consume, meeting
- (c) utilise, conforming

- (d) expend, completing
- (e) absorb, meeting

Solution 30.2

'consume, meeting' is the correct use.

Consume- a person who uses goods or services.



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