

Memory Based Paper

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Paper-2

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Direction (1-10): Below in each questions some sentences are given, find the sentence which is not really contributing to the main theme and the of the passage or find the odd sentence out and rearrange the remaining sentences to make a coherent paragraph. If the given sentence is correct as it is then choosing option (e). If the sequence is the one which is not given, then choose option (d) as your choice.

Q1. (A) the wanton use of plastic posed a hazard to (B) the environment and had led to livestock and fish being killed (C) asking people to shun single use plastic, (D) Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday said (E) while the prime minister will lead the nation in celebrating

- (a) CEDB
- (b) CDEB
- (c) CDAB
- (d) None of these
- (e) No correction required

S1. Ans.(c)

Sol. **CDAB** is the correct sequence.

Sentence (E) is the one which is the odd one out.

Q2. (A) Ahmedabad civic authorities to debunk the viral video stating that no idols were thrown by the people as claimed in the video (B) on the Sabarmati river front circulated on social media platforms passing (C) them as Ganesh idols thrown by people has prompted the (D) a month-old video showing thousands of idols lying (E) the figures will surely provide an impetus to sowing in the state

- (a) DECA
- (b) DEAC
- (c) ECBD
- (d) None of these
- (e) No correction required

S2. Ans.(e)

Sol. The correct sequence is **DBCA**.

Sentence E is the odd one out.

Q3. (A) people who want to pursue dancing as a career (B) the start-up ecosystem cannot progress in a disturbed business cycle (C) revival of the theatre culture in metro cities (D) mainstream in India is a promising sign for (E) and contemporary dance forms going

- (a) DAEB
- (b) BEDA

- (c) CEDA
- (d) None of these
- (e) No correction required

S3. Ans.(c)

Sol. CEDA is the correct choice.

Sentence (B) is odd one out and is not a part of this coherent paragraph.

Q4.

(A) out that waiving loans is not a lasting answer (B) the government's policy think tank, recently pointed (C) to the problem of agrarian distress as this step only helps a small number of farmers (D) in the backdrop of the ongoing debate on farm loan waivers, the NITI Ayog, (E) classes shall be conducted in our fully equipped studios

- (a) DBAC
- (b) ACBE
- (c) DCBE
- (d) None of these
- (e) No correction required

S4. Ans.(a)

Sol. DBAC is the correct choice.

Sentence E is the one which is the odd one out.

Q5.

(A) must incentivise raising of production of pulses (B) to heed the line between religious traditions and superstitious practices (C) and oilseeds, for which the country is heavily dependent on imports (D) Parliament on Friday suggested the policies (E) the Economic Survey for 2015-16, which was tabled in

- (a) EBAC
- (b) DEBA

- (c) EDAC
- (d) None of these
- (e) No correction required

S5. Ans.(c)

Sol. EDAC is the correct sequence.

Sentence B is the odd one out.

Q6.

(A) As the LTTE displaced the other Tamil militias and became dominant, (B) To its ambition of a separate state (C) The abuses perpetrated by the warring actors (D) They boldly challenged its political choices, (E) Which, they felt, subordinated the well-being of the Tamil people

- (a) CEDB
- (b) DABE
- (c) ADEB
- (d) None of these
- (e) No correction required

S6. Ans.(c)

Sol. ADEB is the correct sequence

Sentence C is the odd one out.

Q7. (A) Are expected to bring their regional expertise (B) Are in the exclusive domain of the Union government, (C) The successful outcome of a request made by the Kerala Chief Minister (D) Has been widely applauded (E) Although traditionalists may argue that foreign affairs

- (a) EBCD
- (b) CDEA
- (c) EACD
- (d) None of these
- (e) No correction required

S7. Ans.(a)

Sol. EBCD is the correct sequence.

Sentence A is the odd one out.

Q8. (A) It is this crucial human health angle (B)/ That has spawned a mushrooming body of science centred (C)/ On understanding the linkages between sleep and normal metabolic activity, (D)/ And the potentially deleterious effect of sleep deprivation (E)/ That helped complete the jigsaw puzzle

- (a) CABD
- (b) ABCE
- (c) AEBC
- (d) None of these
- (e) No correction required

S8. Ans.(e)

Sol. ABCD is the correct sequence.

Sentence E is the odd one out.

Q9. (A) Has to give way to (B)/ Avert accidents (C)/ At the cost of maintenance and safety (D)/ The present system of running trains on a congested network (E)/ Safety consciousness in operations

- (a) DCAE
- (b) EABC
- (c) DCAB
- (d) None of these
- (e) No correction required

S9. Ans.(a)

Sol. DCAE is the correct sequence

Sentence B is the odd one out.

Q10. (A) It is increasingly manifested in their converging interests (B)/To invest in greater coordination security cooperation (C)/ to ensure Eurasian connectivity plans (D) that

are truly multilateral, (E) and also financially and environmentally sustainable.

- (a) ACDE
- (b) ADCE
- (c) BACE
- (d) None of these
- (e) No correction required

S10. Ans.(a)

Sol. ACDE is the correct sequence.

Sentence B is the odd one out.

Directions (11-15): In the questions given below five words are given in which four of them have a similar meaning and one word is the antonym for the other four words. Choose the word, opposite in meaning to the other four, as your answer.

Q11.

- (a) acrimony
- (b) rancour
- (c) resentment
- (d) rapport
- (e) antipathy

Solution 11.4

Acrimony means bitterness and ill will
Rapport means a close and harmonious relationship in which the people or groups concerned understand each other's feelings or ideas and communicate well.

All the given options are synonym of the word acrimony. Out of the given options only option (d) is opposite to the given word 'acrimony', hence option (d) is the correct answer choice.

Q.12

- (a) disinterested
- (b) unprejudiced
- (c) biased
- (d) dispassionate
- (e) impartial means relating all rivals or disputants equally.

Solution12. 3

disinterested means not influenced by considerations of personal advantage.

Impartial means relating all rivals or disputants equally. All the given options are synonym of the word disinterested. Out of the given options only option (c) is opposite to the given word 'disinterested', hence option (c) is the correct answer choice.

Q.13

- (a) extant
- (b) dead
- (c) abiding
- (d) existent
- (e) alive

Solution13. 2

extant means still in existence; surviving.

All the given options are synonym of the word extant. Out of the given options only option (b) dead is opposite to the given word 'extant', hence option (b) is the correct answer choice.

Q.14

- (a) conciseness
- (b) eloquence
- (c) rhetoric
- (d) magniloquence
- (e) blarney

Solution14. 1

Conciseness- usually implies that unnecessary details or verbiage have been eliminated from a more wordy statement and thus it might be ineffective.

Rhetoric- the art of effective or persuasive speaking or writing, especially the exploitation of figures of speech and other compositional techniques.

Out of the given options only option (a) is opposite to the given word 'rhetoric' and all other given options are synonyms to the given word. Hence option (a) is the correct answer choice.

Q.15

- (a) eradicate
- (b) exterminate
- (c) abolish
- (d) ratify
- (e) quash

Solution15. 4

Here, "ratify" implies to sign or give formal consent to (a treaty, contract, or agreement), making it officially valid. Whereas, other mentioned words, eradicate, exterminate, abolish and annihilate can be used synonymously to destroy something completely; put an end to. Hence, option (d) is the correct choice.

Directions Q (16-20): In the following passage, some of the words have been left out, each of which is indicated by a number. Find the suitable word from the options given against each number and fill up the blanks with appropriate words to make the paragraph meaningful.

To emancipate woman and make her the equal of man remains an impossibility so long as the woman is shut out from socially productive labour and restricted to private domestic labour. The emancipation of woman will only be ___16___ when she can take part in production on a large social ___17___ and domestic work no longer claims anything but an ___18___ of her time. And only now has that become possible through modern large scale ___19___ which does not merely permit the ___20___ range but positively demands.

Q16.

- (a) probable
- (b) easy
- (c) possible
- (d) tuff
- (e) credible

Solution:16. 3

Q17.

- (a) measure
- (b) scale
- (c) proportion
- (d) measurement
- (e) segment

Solution:17. 2

Q18.

- (a) important amount
- (b) insignificant amount
- (c) trivial
- (d) amount
- (e) escape

Solution:18. 2

Q19.

- (a) enterprise
- (b) trade
- (c) industry
- (d) business
- (e) production

Solution:19. 3

Q20.

- (a) use
- (b) employment
- (c) absorption
- (d) used
- (e) application

S100. Ans.(b)

Solution:20. 2

Directions (Q.21-25): In the following question a part of the sentence is highlighted which is grammatically incorrect. Choose the best option among the five given alternatives that reflect the correction in the context of the grammatically correct sentence. If the sentence is correct as it is, mark (E), i.e. "no replacement required" as the answer.

Q21. Will an individual's attempts to be gentle, disciplined, and altruist even matter **on long run?**

- (I) in long run
- (II) for long run
- (III) in the long run

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

Solution21: 3

: The usage of the preposition 'on' is incorrect as per the context of the question. Moreover, an article is missing before the noun-phrase 'long run'.

Among the given options, only alternative (III) is the correct phrase to replace the highlighted part.

Hence, option (c) is the correct answer.

Q22. **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

Solution22: 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.

Q23. **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

Solution23: 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.

Q24. 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

Solution24: 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.

Q25. 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) All are incorrect

Solution25: 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).

Directions (26-30): In each of the questions given below, a sentence is given with one blank. Below each sentence, FOUR words are given out of which two can fit into the sentence. Five options are provided with various combinations of these words. You have to choose the combination with the correct set of words which can coherently fit into the given sentence.

Q26. Hence all attempts to fix accurately the level of perpetual snow in the Alps are _____, and can at the best approach only to local accuracy for a particular district.

- (I) Virtuous
- (II) Scrupulous
- (III) Flawed
- (IV) Fallacious

- (a) (I) – (II)
- (b) (I) – (IV)
- (c) (II) – (III)
- (d) (III) - (IV)
- (e) All of these

Solution26. 4

The most appropriate combination of words is “Flawed and Fallacious”. All the other words

are irrelevant in context of the sentence. Hence, option (d) is the most suitable answer choice.

Virtuous means having or showing high moral standards.

Scrupulous means (of a person or process) careful, thorough, and extremely attentive to details.

Flawed means having or characterized by a fundamental weakness or imperfection.

Fallacious means based on a mistaken belief.

Q27. At least the coniferous forests which make up nine-tenths of California's woodland _____ all others known in number of species and in the size and beauty of the trees.

- (I) Surpass
- (II) Authorize
- (III) exceed
- (IV) Sanction

- (a) (I) – (II)
- (b) (I) – (IV)
- (c) (I) – (III)
- (d) (III) - (IV)
- (e) None of these

Solution27. 3

The most appropriate combination of words is “surpass and exceed”. All the other words are irrelevant in context of the sentence. Hence, option (c) is the most suitable answer choice.

Surpass means exceed; be greater than.

Sanction means give official permission or approval for (an action).

Q28. Because these black jewels are becoming more popular, different treatments have been

developed to meet the _____ demand.

- (I) Drizzling
- (II) Surging
- (III) Withered
- (IV) Gratifying

- (a) (I) – (IV)
- (b) Only (II)
- (c) (I) – (II)
- (d) (III) - (IV)
- (e) None of these

Solution28. 2

The most appropriate word is “surging” that provides the absolute context to the sentence. All the other words fail to provide precise meaning to the sentence. Hence, option (b) is the most suitable answer choice.

Drizzling means rain lightly.

Surging means (of a crowd or a natural force) move suddenly and powerfully forward or upward.

Gratifying means give (someone) pleasure or satisfaction.

Q29. Kerala has the _____ task of rebuilding social infrastructure and getting people back on their feet.

- (I) Onerous
- (II) Arduous
- (III) Mischievous
- (IV) Disastrous

- (a) (I) – (IV)
- (b) (II) – (III)
- (c) (I) – (II)
- (d) (III) - (IV)
- (e) None of these

Solution29. 3

As the sentence is providing information on rebuilding the infrastructure, the most suitable combination of words that fill the blank is “onerous and arduous”. All the other words fail to provide precise meaning to the sentence. Hence, option (c) is the most suitable answer choice.

Onerous means (of a task or responsibility) involving a great deal of effort, trouble, or difficulty.

Arduous means involving or requiring strenuous effort; difficult and tiring.

Mischievous means causing or showing a fondness for causing trouble in a playful way.

Q30. If her powers grow enough, she'll not only prevent us from stitching up the tear between _____, but she'll open the doorway between the two worlds.

- (I) Vicinity
- (II) Realms
- (III) Observations
- (IV) Province

- (a) (II) – (IV)
- (b) (I) – (III)
- (c) (I) – (II)
- (d) (III) - (IV)
- (e) None of these

Solution30. 1

The most appropriate combination of words is “realms and province”. All the other words fail to provide precise meaning to the sentence. Hence, option (s) is the most suitable answer choice.

Realms means a field or domain of activity or interest.

Province means an area of special knowledge, interest, or responsibility.

Vicinity means the area near or surrounding a particular place.



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