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Direction (1-5): In each of the following questions, there are four sentences which may or may not carry an error in any of them. Choose the sentence among the four options which is grammatically incorrect or carrying a grammatical/idiomatic error in it as the answer. If there is no error in any of the sentences, choose (e), i.e. “All are correct” as the answer.

Q1.

- (a) Today he revealed the fact that he was angry on me because I had not helped him.
- (b) A similar reassessment of Tagore’s ideas seems to have taken place in Japan as well.
- (c) The Janata Dal, when it was facing a leadership crisis due to factional feuds, could count on his felicity with words. Jaipal reddy’s death is a great loss to the country.

- (d) It was almost as if he were shutting Felipa off before she could reveal something.
- (e) All are correct.

Solution1. 1

There is an error in the sentence (a). Use ‘with’ in place of ‘on’ as “**angry with somebody**” and “**angry at something**” are the correct usage.

e.g. He is angry with you.

He is angry at your behavior.

Q2.

- (a) Despite not having had his schooling in English medium, he acquired a matchless command over the language through grit and interest.
- (b) The daily needs to take the initiative to encourage the reading habit right from school and must shape its products towards meeting the goal.
- (c) The man who was blind with the right eye was a notorious criminal of this area.
- (d) Many of the pretended magnetisers were notorious libertines, who took that opportunity of gratifying their passions.
- (e) All are correct.

Solution2. 3

There is an error in the sentence (c). Replace ‘with’ by ‘in’ as “**blind in the right eye/the left eye**” is used while “**blind with both the eyes**” is the correct usage.

Q3.

- (a) Ultimately he is judged, hailed or condemned, based on the end result, ignoring all the sincere efforts and dedication invested by the doctor when handling a case.
- (b) No sooner he left the office than it started raining heavily to make him completely wet.

- (c) All private cryptocurrencies use illegal online marketplaces that deal with drugs and child pornography is well-documented.
- (d) They were nearing the portico; it was raining outside, and a cold wind blew in to meet them.
- (e) All are correct.

Solution3. 2

There is a grammatical error in the sentence (b). Use 'had' after 'No sooner' or replace 'No sooner he left' by '**No sooner did he leave**' as in all the cases **sentence beginning with 'No sooner', the helping verb it takes always comes before the 'Subject'**.

e.g. No sooner did he reach the office than his friend arrived. Or,

No sooner had he reached the office than his friend arrived.

Q4.

- (a) It is sad that technological aids were not used when it mattered most which makes it even more baffling to read that the umpire does not regret the error of judgment.
- (b) He only is responsible for the suffering caused to the whole family.
- (c) Elections will make no sense if a person who is elected on a party ticket resigns, joins another party and in the process topples the very party on whose ticket he was elected.
- (d) You can't make me responsible for the acts of a person I don't know from Adam.
- (e) All are correct.

Solution4. 2

There is a grammatical error in the sentence (b). Use 'Only' before 'he' as generally '**only**' is **used before that word which it signifies**.

e.g. **Only you** saw him.

You **only** saw him.

You saw **only him**.

In all these sentences, 'only' signifies different words.

Q5.

- (a) Our scientists at ISRO are the epitome of hard work, perseverance and team spirit and one should hope that the success stories of ISRO inspire Indian youth.
- (b) In a fit of temper he tore up a sweet letter which his wife had written to him.
- (c) Launching satellites at affordable rates in comparison to other global space agencies is another masterstroke.
- (d) The knee-jerk manner in which the Indian government reacts on being confronted with technological changes needs a rethink.
- (e) All are correct.

Solution5. 2

There is a grammatical error in the sentence (b). Use 'the' in place of 'a' as the word 'letter' is particularly specified i.e. **the sweet letter which his wife had written**.

e.g. He gave me **the book which** he had bought in Delhi. [not 'a book']

Directions (6-10): In each of the following questions a sentence is given with four highlighted words. Choose the alternative, reflecting the appropriate replacement of the words so as to form a grammatically correct and contextually meaningful sentence. If no replacement is required, mark (e) i.e. "no correction required" as your answer choice.

Q6. The state of (A) **depression** affects an individual's (B) **ability** to think rationally, feel (C) **realistically**, and work (D) **effectively**.

(a) B – D

(b) B – C

- (c) A – D and B – C
- (d) A – C
- (e) No correction required

Solution 6.5

All the highlighted words in their original positions are grammatically correct and contextually meaningful and thus successfully form a coherent sentence without interchanging any of the words from their positions. Hence, option (e) is the most viable answer choice.

Q7.

In (A) **traffic** to the routine heavy (B) **contrast** on the Delhi-Gurugram highway, (C) **plying** vehicles could be seen (D) **fewer** on the road all through the day.

- (a) a-c
- (b) a-d and b-c
- (c) a-b and c-d
- (d) a-d
- (e) No change required

Solution 7: (c)

The positions of the words “**traffic**” - “**contrast**” and “**plying**” - “**fewer**” should be interchanged. Hence swapping the words in the positions (A) – (B) and (C)– (D) will frame a grammatically correct and contextually meaningful sentence. Therefore, option (c) is the most suitable answer choice.

Q8. (A) **Lessons** from the successful (B) **containment** and (C) **prevention** strategies employed by South Korea, Taiwan, Hong Kong, Singapore and China are (D) **instructive** here

- (a) A – D
- (b) B – D
- (c) B – C

- (d) A – C
- (e) No correction required

Solution 8.3

The positions of the words “**containment**” and “**prevention**” are incorrect as the appropriate. Hence swapping the words in the positions (B) and (C) will frame a grammatically correct and contextually meaningful sentence. Therefore, option (c) is the most suitable answer choice.

Q9. The case of China may be more (A) **spread** to India given the somewhat similar capacity shortfalls, its forthwith sealing off of whole (B) **transmission** centres and, most importantly, the fact that community (C) **population** had already exploded before authorities had a firm handle on the (D) **relevant**.

- (a) A – D
- (b) B – D
- (c) B – C and A – D
- (d) A – C
- (e) No correction required

Solution 9.3

The positions of the words “**spread**” - “**relevant**” and “**transmission**” - “**population**” should be interchanged. Hence swapping the words in the positions (A) – (D) and (B)– (C) will frame a grammatically correct and contextually meaningful sentence. Therefore, option (c) is the most suitable answer choice.

Q10. (A) **Quarantine** is considered the oldest (B) **onslaughts** to reduce the (C) **rapid** spread of bacterial infections and viral (D) **mechanism**.

- (a) A – D
- (b) B – D
- (c) B – C and A – D
- (d) A – C
- (e) No correction required

Solution10. 2

The positions of the words “**onslaughts**” and “**mechanism**” are incorrect. Hence swapping the words in the positions (B) and (D) will frame a grammatically correct and contextually meaningful sentence. Therefore, option (b) is the most suitable answer choice. Onslaughts means a fierce or destructive attack.

Directions (11-15): 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.

Q11.

It may be customary / in official work on the occasion of ‘Hindi Diwas’, observed every year on September 14 (A) / of Official Language, to make a pitch for greater use of Hindi (B) / who is also in charge of the Department (C)/ for the Union Home Minister, (D)

- ACBD
- DCAB
- DCBA**
- CABD

No re-arrangement required

Solution11. 3

The _____ sentence _____ is:
 “It may be customary for the Union Home Minister, who is also in charge of the Department of Official Language, to make a pitch for greater use of Hindi in official work on the occasion of ‘Hindi Diwas’, observed every year on September 14.”

Hence, option C is the correct answer.

Q12.

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman/ but once again these have largely failed to (A)/ measures to resuscitate the struggling economy, (B)/ live up to the initial hype around them (C)/ on Saturday presented the third round of stimulus (D)

- CBAD
- DABC
- DACB
- DBAC**

No re-arrangement required

Solution12. 4

The _____ sentence _____ is:
 “Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Saturday presented the third round of stimulus measures to resuscitate the struggling economy, but once again these have largely failed to live up to the initial hype around them.” Hence, option d is the correct answer.

Q13.

Fourteen years since the implementation of the / has helped shed light on government works and administration, (A)/ a milestone in increasing transparency and accountability in governance (B) / groundbreaking Right to Information Act, which (C) / the launch of the

“Jan Sookna Portal” by the Rajasthan government on Friday marks (D)

CADB

BCAD

BADC

BDAC

No re-arrangement required

Solution13. 1

The sentence is:
“Fourteen years since the implementation of the groundbreaking Right to Information Act, which has helped shed light on government works and administration, the launch of the “Jan Sookna Portal” by the Rajasthan government on Friday marks a milestone in increasing transparency and accountability in governance.” Hence, option a is the correct answer.

Q14.

The government of / initiates steps to prevent such tragedies (A) / against all those responsible and (B) / promises deterrent action (C)/ the day announces a hefty ex-gratia, (D)

DCAB

DACB

DCBA

DBCA

No re-arrangement required

Solution14. 3

The sentence is: “The government of the day announces a hefty ex-gratia, promises deterrent action against all those responsible and initiates steps to prevent such tragedies.” Hence, option c is the correct answer.

Q15.

The steep penalties for violation/ opting to reduce the quantum of fines, or even to reject the new provisions (A) / under the Motor Vehicles Act, (B) / 2019 have produced a backlash, with several State governments (C)/ of road rules that came into force on September 1 (D)

DCAB

DACB

DCBA

DBCA

No re-arrangement required

Solution15. 4

The sentence is:
“The steep penalties for violation of road rules that came into force on September 1 under the Motor Vehicles Act, 2019 have produced a backlash, with several State governments opting to reduce the quantum of fines, or even to reject the new provisions.” Hence, option d is the correct answer.

Directions (16-20): In the following passage there are blanks, each of which has been numbered. These numbers are printed below the passage and against each five words are suggested, one of which fits the blank appropriately. Find out the appropriate word in each case.

The US is in the (16) of a cleanup of toxic financial waste that will cost taxpayers hundreds of billions of dollars, at the very least. The primary manufacturers of these hazardous products donated multimillion-dollar paychecks for their efforts. So why shouldn't they (17) to pay for their mop-up? This is, after all, what the US Congress (18) in 1980 for (19) of actual toxic waste. Under the

Superfund law (20) that year, polluters pay for the mess they make.

16.

- (a) range
- (b) depth
- (c) midst
- (d) essence
- (e) debate

Solution16. 4

17.

- (a) hesitate
- (b) come
- (c) defy
- (d) have
- (e) admit

Solution17. 4

18.

- (a) decreed
- (b) refrained
- (c) commented
- (d) admonished
- (e) visualized

Solution18. 1

19.

- (a) consumers
- (b) advocates
- (c) exponents
- (d) producers
- (e) users

Solution19. 4

20.

- (a) revoked
- (b) forced
- (c) squashed
- (d) abandoned

(e) enacted

Solution20. 5

Directions (21-25): In each of the question given below a/an idiom/phrase is given in bold which is then followed by five options which then try to decipher its meaning as used in the sentence. Choose the option which gives the meaning of the phrase most appropriately in context of the given sentence.

Q21. After she found out about his latest relapse with drugs, she decided it was best to leave him **for good**.

- (a) composed
- (b) forever
- (c) jubilant
- (d) demented
- (e) elated

Solution21. 2

The correct word that deciphers the meaning of the phrase “for good” is “forever” as ‘for good’ means permanently. Hence, the word ‘forever’ provides the intended meaning to the sentence without altering the context of the sentence. Hence, option (b) becomes the most suitable answer choice.

Jubilant means feeling or expressing great happiness and triumph.

Demented means behaving irrationally due to anger, distress, or excitement.

Elated means make (someone) ecstatically happy.

Q22. It's hard to tell what's **in the offing** if you don't keep track of things.

- (a) imminent
- (b) entranced

- (c) arbitrator
- (d) ferocious
- (e) untraced

Solution22. 1

The correct word that decipher the meaning of the phrase “in the offing” is “imminent” as ‘in the offing’ means likely to happen soon. Hence, the word ‘imminent’ provides the intended meaning to the sentence without altering the context of the sentence. Hence, option (a) becomes the most suitable answer choice.

Entranced means fill (someone) with wonder and delight, holding their entire attention.

Arbitrator means an independent person or body officially appointed to settle a dispute.

Ferocious means savagely fierce, cruel, or violent.

Q23. Quit being **as daft as a brush**—it's too dangerous to play on this busy street!

- (a) melancholy
- (b) responsible
- (c) authority
- (d) foolish
- (e) answerable

Solution23. 4

The correct word that decipher the meaning of the phrase “as daft as a brush” is “foolish” as ‘as daft as a brush’ means extremely silly. Hence, the word ‘foolish’ provides the intended meaning to the sentence without altering the context of the sentence. Hence, option (d) becomes the most suitable answer choice.

Q24. The protesters had formed outside the courthouse, **foaming at the mouth** as the alleged murderer made his way up the steps.

- (a) offended
- (b) indignant
- (c) spoiled
- (d) operative
- (e) hidden

Solution24. 2

The correct word that decipher the meaning of the phrase “foaming at the mouth” is “indignant” “foaming at the mouth” means angry. Hence, the word ‘indignant’ provides the intended meaning to the sentence without altering the context of the sentence. Hence, option (b) becomes the most suitable answer choice.

Offended means resentful or annoyed, typically as a result of a perceived insult.

Operative means functioning or having effect.

Indignant means feeling or showing anger or annoyance at what is perceived as unfair treatment.

Q25.

I am not done yet, I can't **call it a day** I need to work more for couple of hours.

- (a) hurried
- (b) extreme
- (c) reckless
- (d) foolish
- (e) finish

Solution25. 5

The correct word that decipher the meaning of the phrase “call it a day” is “finish” as “call it a day” means to conclude proceedings or work. Hence, the word ‘finish’ provides the intended meaning to the sentence without altering the context of the sentence. Hence, option (e) becomes the most suitable answer choice.

Reckless means without regard to the danger or the consequences of one's actions.

Directions (26-30): Below are two sentences with one blank each. Choose the correct word which would fill both blanks while keeping the sentences grammatically correct and contextually meaningful.

Q26.

I. After all that Mother Teresa accomplished during her life, she certainly deserves every _____ that was ever written praising her tireless work for God and humanity.

II. Since the lone fireman rescued twenty children from a burning bus, he will more than likely receive an _____ from the president.

- (1) Accolades
- (2) Chasm
- (3) Encomiums
- (4) Eulogies

- (a) (3) and (4)
- (b) Only (2)
- (c) (1), (3) and (4)
- (d) (1) and (2)
- (e) None of (1), (2), (3) and (4)

Solution 26. 3

Chasm [noun] means a deep fissure in the earth's surface or a profound difference between people, viewpoints, feelings etc.

Accolades, Encomiums and Eulogies are plural nouns and synonyms which mean a speech or a piece of writing that **praises** someone or something highly.

The word which satisfy the contextual requirement, of the above given sentences, is **praises**.

So, (1), (3) and (4) are the correct answer and (c) is the correct answer.

Q27.

I. We waited until after our parents went to sleep to have our _____ meeting about their surprise party.

II. After hitting the lottery, the private family hoped to keep their _____ winnings to themselves.

- (1) Secret
 - (2) Clandestine
 - (3) Furtive
 - (4) Surreptitious
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- (a) Only (1)
 - (b) Both (1) and (2)
 - (c) Both (1) and (3)
 - (d) All of (1), (2), (3) and (4)
 - (e) None of (1), (2), (3) and (4)

Solution 27. 4

Clandestine, Furtive, Surreptitious are synonyms of the word 'secret' which mean 'keeping something secret; kept secret or done secretly, especially because illicit.

So, all of the given alternatives (1), (2), (3) and (4) could fill the blank of above given sentences.

Hence, option (d) is the correct answer.

Q28.

I. His _____ of heaven and hell became an excellent essay on the contrast between paradise and eternal suffering

II. When Rajat visited U.S. he recognized a huge _____ between the western culture and his own way of life.

- (1) Dichotomy
- (2) Paeon

(3) Testimonial

(4) Chasm

(a) Both (1) and (3)

(b) Both (1) and (4)

(c) Only (2)

(d) All of (1), (2), (3) and (4)

(e) None of (1), (2), (3) and (4)

Solution28. 2

Dichotomy [noun] and chasm [noun] are synonyms which mean 'a division or contrast between two things that are or are represented as being opposed or entirely different'.

Paeon [noun] and Testimonial [noun] are synonyms which mean 'a song of praise or triumph' or 'a creative work expressing enthusiastic praise'.

Among the alternatives, (1) and (4) have a meaning closer to the meaning of '**difference**' and appropriately fit the blanks.

Hence, option (b) is the **correct** answer.

Q29.

I. The children began to _____ over a toy, and the preschool teacher had to step in to break up the fight.

II. There ensued one of those friendly _____, not quite fights, that kids find such fun.

(1) Panegyric

(2) Gulf

(3) Split

(4) Tussle

(a) Only (4)

(b) Both (2) and (3)

(c) Only (1)

(d) All of (1), (2), (3) and (4)

(e) None of (1), (2), (3) and (4)

Solution29. 1

Panegyric [noun] means 'a public speech or published text in praise of someone or something'.

Gulf [noun] and Split [noun] are synonyms which mean 'a profound difference between people, viewpoints, feelings, etc.'.

Tussle [noun] means a vigorous struggle or scuffle, typically to obtain or achieve something.

The likely word to fill the blank of the statement I is '**struggle**'.

The presence of the phrase 'not quite fights,' after the blank provides a hint for the word which would fill the blank. The word should have a meaning **closer to 'fight'** but not exactly **fight**.

Among the options, the word '**tussle**' has a meaning which satisfy the above-mentioned requirement of the word which would fill the blank of the statement II.

Also, the meaning of the word '**tussle**' is also closer to the meaning of the word '**struggle**'.

So, the alternative (4) is the correct alternative which would fill the blank, and option (a) is the correct answer.

Q30.

I. I _____ a lift back to the station in Roger's car, which was kind of him.

II. This is a preamble to confessing that, like Jackie, I _____ a few puffs of a fat Cuban on Christmas Day.

(1) Spawned

(2) Flayed

(3) Berated

(4) Belaboured

- (a) Only (1)
- (b) Only (4)
- (c) Both (2) and (3)
- (d) All of (1), (2), (3) and (4)
- (e) None of (1), (2), (3) and (4)

Solution 30.5

Spawn [verb] means (of a fish, frog, mollusk, crustacean, etc.) release or deposit eggs;

Flayed (flay), berated (berate), belabored (belabor) are synonyms which mean to criticize severely and brutally;

None of the given alternatives fit the context of the sentences I and II.

Hence, option (e) is the correct answer.

The word which could have satisfied the context of the sentences I and II are 'requested', 'begged', 'cadged' (means to ask for or obtain (something to which one is not strictly entitled);



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