

# Memory Based Paper

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**Direction (1-5):** A passage is given with 5 question following it. Read the passage carefully and choose the best answer to each question out of the four alternatives.

One of the myths relevant to the contemporary human condition is that of Prometheus. It has positive and optimistic undertones. Man can better himself and aspire to higher world through his own efforts, though in the process he may suffer terrible tribulations, wars, revolutions, tortures of the body and the spirit. Time and again he would be tempted to throw in the towel, or retire into passivity and to the dream world of drugs and delusions. But he will not, if made of the stuff of Prometheus, be diverted, he will stick to his goal, as Prometheus did in stealing fire from the gods, suffering terrible retribution for his pains. It is then hardly surprising that he should have become a myth, a legend. Most social reformers from Erasmus to Marx have believed in the Prometheus man, Their motto : man can be destroyed but not defeated.

Two world wars, several revolutions, the possession of vast arsenals of nuclear weapons, the absence of any guarantee against the eventual death of the

Earth itself have shaken the belief in man's ultimate triumph in his search for fulfillment. In the West, as a result of wars and their aftermath, as a result of the evils of colonialism and social disparities, the break-up of family life and the disintegration of the community into a collection of individuals alienated from one another on the one hand, assembly line production and on the other hand, the artificiality of city life, belief in God has eroded. Organized religions are barely patronized and religious values rarely obtrude in social relations.

1. According to the Prometheus legend
  - (a) man can better himself without any suffering
  - (b) man can better himself only if he suffers great mental torture
  - (c) man can better himself at the cost of great physical and spiritual torture
  - (d) man can never better himself
2. Men of the Prometheus kind
  - (a) can neither, be destroyed nor defeated
  - (b) can be destroyed but not defeated
  - (c) can be defeated
  - (d) can be destroyed as well as defeated
3. Which of the following statements is not true ?
  - (a) The Prometheus myth is relevant to the contemporary human condition.
  - (b) The Prometheus myth has positive and optimistic undertones.
  - (c) Most social reformers have denounced the Prometheus man.
  - (d) Most social reformers have believed in the Prometheus man.
4. The phrase '**throw in the towel**' means
  - (a) give over
  - (b) give away
  - (c) give all
  - (d) give up

5. Chose the word which is most opposite in meaning to 'disparities'

- (a) incongruity (b) parity  
(c) dissimilitude (d)contrariety

1. **(c);** Refer to, "Man can better himself and aspire to higher world through his own efforts, though in the process he may suffer terrible tribulations, wars, revolutions, tortures of the body and the spirit."  
2. **(b);** Refer to, "Their motto: man can be destroyed but not defeated."  
3. **(c);** "Most social reformers have denounced the Prometheus man" is not true according to the passage.  
4. **(d);** **Throw in the towel** means to signal that one is going to quit.  
5. **(b);** 'disparities' means a great difference while 'parity' means the state or condition of being equal, especially as regards status or pay.

**Direction (6-10):** In the following question, the sentence given with blank to be filled in with an appropriate word. Select the correct alternative out of the four and indicate it by selecting the appropriate option.

6. Crestfallen by having done poorly on the CAT, Gaurav Karanwal began to question his abilities.

His self-confidence was \_\_\_\_\_.

- (a) appeased  
(b) destroyed  
(c) placated  
(d) elevated  
(e) assumed

**S6-Ans: (b)**

If somebody is crestfallen (despairing) and has begun to question herself, then his self-confidence would be destroyed.

option (b) is the answer.

7. Because of his \_\_\_\_\_, Rahul's guests felt very welcome and comfortable staying at his house for the weekend.

- (a) animosity  
(b) hospitality  
(c) determination  
(d) wittiness  
(e) severity

S7. The correct answer is: B

8. The teacher must \_\_\_\_\_ the unique style of a learner in order to \_\_\_\_\_ the desired knowledge.

- (a) advocate, direct  
(b) perpetuate, develop  
(c) appreciate, focus  
(d) absorb, maintain  
(e) discover, harness

S8. The correct answer is: C

Perpetuate means make (something) continue indefinitely.

9. Not all countries benefit \_\_\_\_\_ from liberalisation. The benefits tend to \_\_\_\_\_ first to the advantaged and to those with the right education to be able to benefit from the opportunities presented.

- (a)equally, generate  
(b)richly, downgrade  
(c)suitably, ascribe

(d) uniformly, percolate

(e) Judiciously facilitate

S9. The correct answer is: a

Percolate means filter gradually through a porous surface or substance.

10. He has \_\_\_\_\_ sense of words.

Therefore, the sentence he constructs are always \_\_\_\_\_ with rich meaning.

(a) profound, pregnant

(b) distinguished, loaded

(c) terrific, tempted

(d) meaningful, full

(e) outstanding, consistent

S10. The correct answer is: a

**Directions (11-15): For each question is given a sentence or a group of sentences with four highlighted words and a blank. Among the four highlighted words, two words needs to be interchanged to make the sentence grammatically and contextually correct. Choose the option which mentions the correct interchange along with the correct word which could fill the blank.**

Q11. No other **profession(a)** has such a **multiple(b)** range of knowledge and skills to make **broad(c)** contributions to **society(d)**.

(a)a-b

(b) b-c

(c) a-b, b-c

(d) b-d

(e) No change required

S11. Ans.(b)

Q12. The movie has a **thought(a)** and **complex(b)**-provoking portrayal of **women(c)**, struggling with their inner **selves(d)**.

(a)a-b

(b)b-c

(c)a-b, b-c

(d)b-d

(e) No change required

S12. Ans.(a)

Q13. Her passion for **observing(a)** was so immense that she would **spend(b)** long hours standing outside the dance school, **dance(c)** the dancers through the **broken(d)** window.

(a)a-d

(b)b-c

(c)a-d, a-c

(d)a-c

(e) No change required

S13. Ans.(d)

Q14. Together they **performed(a)** from venue to **venue(b)**- when the mother **travelled(c)**, the child slept **backstage(d)**.

(a)a-d

(b)b-c

(c)a-c

(d)a-b

(e) No change required

S14. Ans.(c)

Q15. She strongly **played(a)** it was not possible for a man to decode the **gravity(b)** mindscape of a woman, and that the male artists **believed(c)** women characters without understanding the true **complex(d)** of their feelings.

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

S15. Ans.(A)

**Directions:** Read each sentence any to find out whether there is any grammatical error or idiomatic error in it. The error, if any, will be in one part of the sentence. If there is no error, the answer is No error. (Ignore errors of punctuation, if any)

Q16. The judge asked the man (a)/if the bag he had lost (b)/contain five thousand rupees. (c)/The man replied that it did. (d)/No error (e).

Ans16: (c) contain should be replaced with replaced The Past Perfect refers to a time earlier than before now. It is used to make it clear that one event happened before another in the Past. Event one is written in Simple Past and the event two in Past Perfect.

Q17. I trust that you will (a)/show forbearance to me (b)/a few minutes more (c)/so that I can finish this work. (d)/ No error (e).

Ans17: (b) In place of forbearance to, we should use forbearance towards. forbearance (Noun): patient self-control; tolerance show forbearance towards somebody: exercise forbearance in dealing with people.

Q18. The ground outside the village, (a)/abounding with frogs and snakes, (b)/the enemies of mankind, (c)/is soft and marshy. (d)/No error (e).

Ans18: (b) In place of abounding with we should use abounded with. abound with/ abound in : contained, full of.

Q19. We are all short-sighted (a)/and very often see but one side of the matter. (b)/Our views are not extended (c)/ to all that has a connection with it. (d)/No error (e).

Ans19: (e) No error.

Q20. Just laws are no restraint with (a)/the freedom of the good, (b)/for the good man desires nothing (c)/ which a just law interfere with. (d)/No error (e).

Ans20: (d) just law is in Third Person, Singular Number. So, interfere → interferes. The sentence is in Simple Present Tense. Therefore, which a just law interferes with is the right usage.

**Directions:** In the following questions two columns are given containing three Sentences/phrases each. In first column, sentences/phrases are A, B and C and in the second column the sentences/phrases are D, E and F. A sentence/phrase from the first column may or may not connect with another sentence/phrase from the second column to make a grammatically and contextually correct sentence. Each question has five options, four of which display the sequence(s) in which the sentences/phrases can be joined to form a grammatically and contextually correct sentence. If none the options given forms a correct sentence after combination, mark option (E), i.e. "None of these" your answer.

Q21.  
Column (1)

A- The best critics admitted that his diction was too monotonous,

B- He found the medical profession of his time split

C- She wasn't able to muster any courage,

Column (2)

D- not with the heaviness of the air around her.

E- too obviously artificial, and now and then turgid even to absurdity.

F- the social status and moral integrity of physicians degraded.

A. A-E, C-D

B. A-E, B-D

C. A-E, C-F

D. C-F

E. None of the above

Ans1: A

Q22.

Column (1)

(A) Demonetisation terror attack that devastated the Indian economy, taking many lives

(B) Students should work hard to scale greater heights,

(C) India should now go forward for a more expansionary approach

Column (2)

(D) perhaps the biggest mistake of this scenario.

(E) with the proper infrastructure and training.

(F) by improving the competitiveness of local industries and the agriculture sector.

A. A-E

B. A-E, B-D

C. C-F

D. A-E, B-D and C-F

E. None of the above

Ans2: C

Q23.

Column (1)

(A) The exact plan of the whole is obscure, but the apartments evidently varied in size from

(B) A day later the forecast had turned ominous

(C) In the last months of his life, under the influence of a great national disaster, the conscientious,

Column (2)

(D) The economy is getting globalised faster than we care to admit.

(E) heavy rains didn't touch the roof but splattered against windows.

(F) mere closets to extensive courts.

A-F, B-E

B. A-E, B-D

C. A-E, C-F

D. C-D

E. None of the above

Ans: D

Q24.

Column (1)

A- According to Bacon he was a recluse who devoted himself to the study of nature, was able to work metals,

B- This area of rugged mountains, pristine forest and white water rivers is less crowded

C- Better that we have some contact and

Column (2)

D- invented armour and assisted St Louis in one of his expeditions more than his whole army.

E- The benefits that accrue from the practice of rotation is apparent.

F- than the Mount Washington section of the park.

- A. A-E, B-F
- B. B-D
- C. A-D, B-F
- D. B-F, A-F, C-D
- E. None of these

Ans: C

Q25.

Column (1)

A- Whatever national unity the Hindu peoples possessed came from the persistent and

B- But I could no longer sit and look into the fire,

C- It is remarkable that all the insectivorous plants agree in inhabiting damp heaths, bogs,

Column (2)

D- penetrating influence of the Brahman caste.

E- but where they are not brought into contact with the plenteous supply

F- and the pertinent words of a poet recurred to me with new force.

- A. C-D, A-E
- B. A-F, B-D
- C. A-D, B-F
- D. C-D
- E. None of these

Ans: C

**Direction (26-30):** Below in each question some phrases are given, find the phrase which is not really contributing to the main theme and the of the passage or find the odd phrase out and rearrange the remaining phrases to make a coherent sentence. If the given phrases are correct in order as it is then choose option (e). If the sequence is the one which is not given then choose option (d) as your choice.

Q26. the stimuli to create outside (A)/ we are not ready to accept impermanence as a reality (B)/ the witness and the ego is (C)/ because we have still not become (D)/ still running the show. (E)

- (a) BDCE
- (b) EDAC
- (c) CEDB
- (d) None of these
- (e) No correction required

S26. Ans. (a)

Sol. The correct order of the phrases is BDCE making the sentence meaningful. Phrase (A) does not provide any meaning with respect to the other phrases and hence is irrelevant here. Phrases (B) and (D) can easily be identified as interlinked as 'to+ accept' will act like verb which must be followed by a noun or pronoun (impermanence). Hence option (a) is the correct choice to be made.

Q27. consciousness that we experienced before deity was only an excuse. (A)/ the change that occurred in our (B)/consciousness or the altered state of (C)/ we have to acknowledge that (D)/ the ego loses its limitations. (E)

- (a) DBCA
- (b) DEBA
- (c) BDEC
- (d) None of these
- (e) No correction required

S27. Ans. (a)

Sol. Phrases DBCA form a coherent sentence making the sentence meaningful. Phrase (D) will form the first part of the sentence as started with pronoun (we). Moreover, the word 'ego' finds no relevance in the sentence. Hence phrase (E) will not be a part of the sentence formed. Therefore option (a) is the correct choice here.

Q28. that which is tangible and which is bound to perish. (A)/ we tread a fine line (B)/ and devotion, never fixating on (C)/ the seeker of truth (D)/ treads on the path of love(E)

- (a) EDCA
- (b) AEBC
- (c) DECA
- (d) None of these
- (e) No correction required

S28. Ans. (c)

Sol. The sequence of the phrases after rearrangement is DECA. We can easily point out that clauses (E) and (C) are interlinked with each other as 'love' and 'devotion' is contributing the similar sense. Clause (B) fails to get linked with the other clauses of the sentence. Hence option (c) is the correct and appropriate choice.

Q29. Albert Einstein said that the (A)/movements inside an atom (B)/ were totally different (C)/ when he was watching them (D)/ from when he was not. (E)

- (a) DECB
- (b) AECB
- (c) BDAE
- (d) None of these
- (e) No correction required

S29. Ans. (e)

Sol. The given sentence is making complete sense and doesn't require any further changes or restructuring. All clauses are contributing an error free sentence.

Hence, option (e) is the appropriate choice.

Q30. with suffering that is so pervasive (A)/ and across species (B)/ higher platform of understanding (C)/ that it engulfs the entire planet (D)/ all life is imbued (E)

- (a) BDCA
- (b) CDAB
- (c) EADB
- (d) None of these
- (e) No correction required

S30. Ans. (c)

Sol. The correct sequence after the rearrangement of the phrases is EADB.

Clause (E) will serve as the first clause as 'All life' will be the subject of the sentence as 'noun'. Moreover, part (C) of the sentence does not find any connection with the other parts of the sentence and therefore option (c) is the correct choice.



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