

200 Questions of English Language

Directions (1-15): In the passage given below there are blanks which are to be filled with the options given below. Find out the appropriate word in each case which can most suitably complete the sentence without altering the meaning of the statement.

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- (a) organizer
- (b) generating
- (c) producer
- (d) importer
- (e) operator

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- (a) rapidly
- (b) convertibly
- (c) nonetheless
- (d) nevertheless
- (e) arguably

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- (a) organized
- (b) call
- (c) guest
- (d) host
- (e) mean

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- (a) famous
- (b) mix
- (c) complex
- (d) full
- (e) empty



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- (a) filled
- (b) revealed
- (c) imbibed
- (d) inspired
- (e) forced

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- (a) immediately
- (b) seriously
- (c) ultimately
- (d) ignorantly
- (e) casually

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- (a) lays
- (b) stands
- (c) built
- (d) states
- (e) erects

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- (a) lie
- (b) stays
- (c) leaves
- (d) release
- (e) remain

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- (a) provide
- (b) avail
- (c) grant
- (d) given
- (e) allow

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- (a) momentum
- (b) pacing
- (c) velocity
- (d) requirement
- (e) supporting

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- (a) simultaneously
- (b) inarguably
- (c) variously
- (d) invariably
- (e) partially

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- (a) conservative
- (b) loose
- (c) liberal
- (d) stated
- (e) approximation

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- (a) fumbling
- (b) stammering
- (c) lacking
- (d) staggering
- (e) credible



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- (a) traditionally
- (b) scientifically
- (c) naturally
- (d) artificially
- (e) commonly

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- (a) alternatively
- (b) abundantly
- (c) sporadically
- (d) combining
- (e) collectively

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- (a) enormous
- (b) monolith
- (c) burden
- (d) mammoth
- (e) bug bear

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- (a) controversial
- (b) imaginary
- (c) bogus
- (d) credulous
- (e) credible

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- (a) alternate
- (b) similarity
- (c) emulated
- (d) corresponding
- (e) opposite

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- (a) contrary
- (b) counterstroke
- (c) counterpoint
- (d) conundrum
- (e) enigma

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- (a) control
- (b) attention
- (c) prevention
- (d) pressure
- (e) compulsion

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- (a) compel
- (b) refrain
- (c) leash
- (d) abstain
- (e) fasten

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- (a) visible
- (b) invisible
- (c) palpable
- (d) tangible
- (e) restricted

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- (a) annex
- (b) kept away
- (c) apart
- (d) separated
- (e) combine

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- (a) right
- (b) charge
- (c) capacity
- (d) caliber
- (e) power

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- (a) venting
- (b) flowing
- (c) seeping
- (d) penetrate
- (e) falling

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- (a) resource
- (b) source
- (c) area
- (d) section
- (e) way

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- (a) difficult
- (b) chaotic
- (c) roaring
- (d) complexity
- (e) conundrum

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- (a) Bogus
- (b) Bona fide
- (c) Truthful
- (d) Faithful
- (e) Counterfeit

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- (a) display
- (b) paint
- (c) print
- (d) encrypt
- (e) write

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- (a) quantify
- (b) amount
- (c) qualify
- (d) accumulate
- (e) collect

Directions (31-40): The paragraph consists few words in bold against each number. You must choose the option that provides the similar meaning of the bold word without altering the context of the paragraph.

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- (a) feared
- (b) appeared
- (c) changed
- (d) deferred
- (e) none of these

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- (a) skyline
- (b) aureole
- (c) ambit
- (d) reach
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- (a) considerable
- (b) feeble
- (c) vague
- (d) dominant
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- (b) callous
- (c) antagonistic
- (d) propitious
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- (a) curtailments
- (b) augmentations
- (c) gratifications
- (d) indulgences
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- (a) actualizing
- (b) effectuating
- (c) acquiring
- (d) conferring
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- (a) realizations
- (b) accomplishments
- (c) enactments
- (d) cultivations
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- (a) plunging
- (b) intensifying
- (c) subsiding
- (d) reporting
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- (a) custom
- (b) guidance
- (c) power
- (d) stratagem
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- (a) imitating
- (b) attempting
- (c) disputing
- (d) resisting
- (e) none of these

Directions (41-45): In each of the questions given below a sentence is divided into five parts. You must find the part which contains an error and then choose accordingly the sequence of correct parts (exclude the part which is grammatically and contextually incorrect). That sequence will be your answer. If there is no error in the sentence OR if all the given sequences contain the part in which there is an error then choose option (e) as your choice.

Q41. When I was a very little (A)/ child I used to sit (B)/ in my mother's lap all the time, (C)/ because I was very timid, (D)/ and does not like to be left by myself. (E)

- (a) ABCD
- (b) BCDE
- (c) ACDE
- (d) ABCE
- (e) None of these

Q42. Walking so fastly that (A)/ it created a breeze that caught (B)/ the loose hair hanging down (C)/ her back, she turned her ankle (D)/ slipping off her sandals. (E)

- (a) ABCD
- (b) BCDE
- (c) ACDE
- (d) ABCE
- (e) None of these

Q43. It is perplexing and exasperating (A)/ that just at the moment when (B)/ you need your memory (C)/ and a nicely sense of discrimination, (D)/ these faculties take to themselves wings and fly away. (E)

- (a) ABCD
- (b) BCDE
- (c) ACDE
- (d) ABCE
- (e) None of these

Q44. Could your MPs joined the protest (A)/ and submitted their resignations to the Speaker, (B)/ the Central government (C)/ would have given in to the (D)/ State's demand for SCS by now. (E)

- (a) ABCD
- (b) ACDE
- (c) ABCE
- (d) ABDE
- (e) None of these

Q45. Now he is hoping other people (A)/ will also take delight with (B)/ seeing historic photographs (C)/ of buildings which are long gone (D)/ but they have heard of or remember seeing. (E)

- (a) ABCD
- (b) ACDE
- (c) ABCE
- (d) ABDE
- (e) None of these

Directions (46-50): Given below are six sentence (A), (B), (C), (D), (E) and (F) which may not be in the logical sequence. Rearrange the sentences to form a meaningful paragraph and answer the questions that follows.

(A) "The seat-sharing arrangement with the BJP is in the final and last stage... It will be announced soon," JD(U) Rajya Sabha member R.C.P. Singh told journalists after a four-hour State executive meeting on Sunday.

(B) JD(U) sources said the BJP had assured the party of 15 of the 40 seats. The other NDA allies, Rashtriya Lok Samata Party (RLSP) and Lok Janshakti Party (LJP), have been demanding early finalization of seat-sharing.

(C) Leaders of the ruling Janata Dal (United) in Bihar said seat-sharing talks for the 2019 Lok Sabha poll with the BJP were in the last stage, and a deal would be announced soon.

(D) Mr. Singh is considered close to JD(U) president and Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar. "The JD(U) will priority to the youth in ticket distribution," he added.

(E) He said workers would be trained from the booth level.

(F) Mr. Singh said the executive discussed how to strengthen and expand the organization.

Q46. Which among the following is the FISRT sentence of the rearranged paragraph?

- (a) A
- (b) B
- (c) C
- (d) E
- (e) D

Q47. Which among the following is the SECOND sentence of the rearranged paragraph?

- (a) A
- (b) B
- (c) C
- (d) E
- (e) D

Q48. Which among the following is the FIFTH sentence of the rearranged paragraph?

- (a) A
- (b) B
- (c) C
- (d) F
- (e) D

Q49. Which among the following is the FOURTH sentence of the rearranged paragraph?

- (a) A
- (b) B
- (c) C
- (d) E
- (e) D

Q50. Which among the following is the SIXTH sentence of the rearranged paragraph?

- (a) A
- (b) B
- (c) C
- (d) E
- (e) D

Directions (51-55): Given below is a paragraph with few words being omitted against each number. Each number is given below along with five alternatives. Choose the most suitable alternative among the given five that DOES NOT fill the blank to form a grammatically correct and contextually meaningful paragraph.

Q51. The decriminalisation of homosexuality in the Navtej Johar judgment holds special relevance for transgender rights. Not only was Section 377 used (51) _____ against transgender persons, the (52) _____ battle also took a new and positive turn from 2014 after the Supreme Court recognised the right to gender identity in NALSA v. Union of India. Therefore, it is only (53) _____ that we (54) _____ some attention to the contributions of the trans community to this outcome and (55) _____ how the judgment takes transgender rights forward.

- (a) disproportionately
- (b) nearly
- (c) excessively
- (d) unduly
- (e) superfluously

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- (a) incessant
- (b) legal
- (c) juridical
- (d) lawful
- (e) constitutional

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- (a) fitting
- (b) inadequate
- (c) apt
- (d) felicitous
- (e) proper



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- (a) bestow
- (b) grant
- (c) provide
- (d) impart
- (e) flays

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- (a) inspect
- (b) study
- (c) analyze
- (d) zap
- (e) examine

Directions (56-60): In the following questions, a sentence is given with an idiom/ phrase given in bold which may or may not be correct. Choose the most suitable alternative among the four that may replace the incorrect idiom in the sentence. If the given idiom is correct, then choose option (e) i.e. "no replacement required" as your answer choice.

Q56. Chotu, an office boy, was dismissed from the employment as the senior management received complaints against him about **eating a humble pie** in the office.

- (a) biting the bullet
- (b) giving himself air
- (c) bringing to light
- (d) bone of contention
- (e) No replacement required

Q57. Though, last year **barking is worse than bite** at the National Games, Suresh continued his perspiration in the training camp for wrestling and finally made the golden knock, winning the Gold Medal at the Asian Games.

- (a) ended up in smoke
- (b) drove home
- (c) made the left-handed compliment
- (d) taken his coach to task
- (e) No replacement required

Q58. Fearing **ill at ease**, the new office boy in the company greets everyone in the morning, noon and at evening.

- (a) beating about the bush
- (b) maiden speech
- (c) cutting a sorry figure
- (d) on tenterhooks
- (e) No replacement required

Q59. Receiving the news of the death of his girlfriend on a call has made Tanmay to start **beating about the bush**.

- (a) beside the mark
- (b) face the music
- (c) call in question
- (d) throwing caution to the winds
- (e) No correction required

Q60. Kumar Vishwash appeared like **weal and woe** in Indian Politics when he contested elections against Rahul Gandhi in Amethi in 2014.

- (a) pick to pieces
- (b) a cuckoo in the nest
- (c) draw a blank
- (d) a drop in the bucket
- (e) No correction required

Directions (61-65): Rearrange the following six sentences (A), (B), (C), (D), (E) and (F) in the proper sequence to form a meaningful paragraph and then answer the questions given below.

(1) Public officials are often criticized for not being accessible to their constituents.

- A. Carl Lanford had, for many years, frequently admonished his staff to allow people to come and see him.
- B. Yet, the citizens of his community were blocked by his secretaries when they called.
- C. Finally, the mayor found a solution.
- D. He claimed he had an 'open door' policy
- E. He removed the door from his office.
- F. The fault sometimes lies in overprotective assistants who don't want to overburden their bosses with too many visitors.

(8) His aides got the message.

Q61. Which of the following will be the **SECOND** sentence after the rearrangement?

- (a) A
- (b) F
- (c) D
- (d) C
- (e) E

Q62. Which of the following will be the **THIRD** sentence after the rearrangement?

- (a) A
- (b) C
- (c) E
- (d) B
- (e) D

Q63. Which of the following will be the **FIRST** sentence after the rearrangement?

- (a) F
- (b) A
- (c) E
- (d) B
- (e) C

Q64. Which of the following will be the **FOURTH** sentence after the rearrangement?

- (a) C
- (b) A
- (c) B
- (d) D
- (e) E

Q65. Which of the following will be the **LAST(SIXTH)** sentence after the rearrangement?

- (a) F
- (b) C
- (c) E
- (d) D
- (e) B

Directions (66-70): In each of the questions given below a sentence is given which is then divided into five parts out of which one part is incorrect. You must choose the grammatically incorrect part as your answer.

Q66. The smartphone will enable the “line sardars”(A)/ to establish contact with concern authorities to(B)/ address any emergency situation and they should also(C)/ be apprised about different welfare schemes(D)/ of the government as well(E).

- (a) A
- (b) B
- (c) C
- (d) E
- (e) No error

Q67. He also directed the department to(A)/ develop the new schools as model(B)/ institutions and engage modern construction(C)/ technology for early completion(D)/ of constructing work(E).

- (a) A
- (b) B
- (c) C
- (d) E
- (e) No error

Q68. The Chief Minister also emphasised(A)/ on generating awareness amongst(B)/ the tea garden workers(C)/ about health and(D)/ other government programmes(E).

- (a) E
- (b) A
- (c) C
- (d) B
- (e) No error

Q69. We need to sank(A)/ our differences and(B)/ come on a common(C)/ platform otherwise others(D)/ will rule over us(E).

- (a) C
- (b) A
- (c) B
- (d) D
- (e) No error

Q70. Troubled by the rising frequency of(A)/ such incendiary social media posts(B)/, the Assam police has been(C)/ experimenting with a slew(D)/ of ‘soft policing’ tactics(E).

- (a) A
- (b) B
- (c) C
- (d) D
- (e) No error

Directions (71-75): The following statements have two blanks which are to be filled with the options given below. Choose the correct combination which can most suitably complete the sentence without altering the meaning of the statement. If none of the combinations makes an impact, choose (e) i.e. “No combination fits” as your answer.

Q71. With its war smoking seemingly on the right track, India must turn its to the smokeless tobacco segment.

- (a) with, desire
- (b) against, focus
- (c) regarding, demand
- (d) at, focus
- (e) No combination fits

Q72. The Centre would like us to believe that the Smart Cities Mission will urban life in the that enter the elite club.

- (a) regulate, focus
- (b) demand, cluster
- (c) transform, agglomerations
- (d) regard, assemble
- (e) No combination fits

Q73. The to find life outside the solar system got a big boost with the discovery of seven Earth-size extra-solar planets, or exoplanets, orbiting a dwarf star 40 light years away.

- (a) challenge, since
- (b) quest, since
- (c) problem, in
- (d) quest, about
- (e) No combination fits

Q74. Lack of motivation and lack of are two of the main reasons forand of living a mediocre life.

- (a) enjoyment, success
- (b) enthusiasm, failure
- (c) freedom, surrender
- (d) enthusiasm, success
- (e) No combination fits

Q75. Thus the empire was compelled to with all these varied conditions and to them as best it might.

- (a) grapple, reconcile
- (b) enter, alienate
- (c) avoid, reconcile
- (d) struggle, serving
- (e) No combination fits

Directions (76-80): 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. Choose the option which gives the correct meaning of the phrases.

Q76. Come hell or high water

- (a) To do the best of one's capabilities
- (b) To be very expensive
- (c) To take place
- (d) Possible obstacles in your path
- (e) To overtake

Q77. To cook the books

- (a) To study day and night
- (b) To modify financial statements
- (c) To get success in life
- (d) To get extremely tired
- (e) To be defeated in a battle

Q78. Your guess is as good as mine

- (a) To have a strong competitor
- (b) To have a controversial view
- (c) To have a good plan
- (d) To have complete idea about anything
- (e) To have no idea about anything

Q79. To square the circle

- (a) To attempt something impossible
- (b) To attempt something easy
- (c) To be passionate about something
- (d) To hide a mistake
- (e) To put blame on others

Q80. To Upset the Apple Cart

- (a) To irritate somebody
- (b) To make a sudden reaction
- (c) To disturb the peace
- (d) To avoid the main topic
- (e) To go against the rules

Directions (81-75): In each of the questions given below a sentence is given which is then divided into five parts out of which one part is incorrect. You must choose the grammatically incorrect part as your answer.

Q81. Blockchains can make smart meters(A)/ more potent by providing accurate(B)/ data to the supplier without the need(C)/ for a direct link to specific users, (D)/lending more control on the end user(E).

- (a) A
- (b) D
- (c) B
- (d) E
- (e) C

Q82. In India's evolving foreign policy (A)/imagination, the pursuit of power(B)/ and influence seeming to eclipse (C)/the country's traditions of normative (D)/behaviour and principled positions(E).

- (a) A
- (b) D
- (c) B
- (d) E
- (e) C

Q83. It is in this context that Mr. Modi's (A)/'informal summit' with Russian President Vladimir Putin(B)/ in Sochi is viewed as an attempt by both(C)/ to reassuring each other that the (D)/relationship has not lost its warmth(E).

- (a) A
- (b) D
- (c) B
- (d) E
- (e) C

Q84. She has argued that although(A)/ China removes such policies when challenged (B)/at the WTO, by that time it(C)/ usually achieves whatever it wanted to(D)/ with implementing those industrial policies(E).

- (a) A
- (b) D
- (c) B
- (d) E
- (e) C

Q85. There will be lot more(A)/ flexibility to determining the demands(B)/ of national interest(C)/, for national interest is itself not(D)/ static, only the idea of it is(E) .

- (a) A
- (b) D
- (c) B
- (d) E
- (e) C

Directions (86-90): Which of the following phrases given below each sentence should replace the phrase printed in bold letters to make the sentence meaningfully correct? Choose the best option among the five given alternatives that reflect the correct use of phrase in the context of the grammatically correct sentence.

Q86. It takes time for the missile to reach its target and it is possible for a human to intervene and countermand the decision, **cause a disaster** before it happens.

- (a) suspending a target
- (b) catering the disaster
- (c) averting a disaster
- (d) accomplishing the target
- (e) No correction required

Q87. Non-alignment once used **to be a faulty part in** India's foreign policy, and even after the collapse of the Soviet Union, New Delhi continued to pay lip service to it.

- (a) to be the cornerstone of
- (b) to be an amazement of
- (c) to be an avoidable part of
- (d) to rule amongst
- (e) No correction required

Q88. **Choosing to consulted** on hard power for foreign policy outcomes sidelines our rich soft power attributes.

- (a) Liking to focus
- (b) Threatening to consult on
- (c) Choosing to exclusively focus
- (d) Creating a scenario
- (e) No correction required

Q89. The visit to the museum and the boat ride on the lake, in turn, **were possibly intended to demonstrate** the extent of China's soft power.

- (a) were planned to cater to
- (b) will be able to enhanced
- (c) were responsible for
- (d) have been the reasons for
- (e) No correction required

Q90. The President or Governor then becomes the keeper of the sum's integrity and has to see that the pattern of the sum **is honoured by the** pattern of the seats.

- (a) is being an honour of the
- (b) is to be denoted
- (c) has to be an average
- (d) has to covered the
- (e) No correction required

Directions (91-95): In the passage given below there are blanks which are to be filled with the options given below. Find out the appropriate word in each case which can most suitably complete the sentence without altering the meaning of the statement.

Q91. The "audacity of hope" for a country of a billion **(91)**..... is yet to bear result. The new wave of a technological revolution will not be from pure data or access to consumer behavior. The application of data and their **(92)**..... with solving social problems, **(93)**..... better governance and powering elected governments to serve their citizens better is ushering in a new revolution. When Artificial Intelligence is **(94)**..... with open data, a real paradigm shift begins. With choice and information-sharing now redefining consumer behavior, every company is looking to **(95)**..... or at least look like it is embracing the new paradigm of data-driven innovation.

- (a) craving
- (b) aim
- (c) apathy
- (d) aspirations
- (e) expectation

Q92. The "audacity of hope" for a country of a billion **(91)**..... is yet to bear result. The new wave of a technological revolution will not be from pure data or access to consumer behavior. The application of data and their **(92)**..... with solving social problems, **(93)**..... better governance and powering elected governments to serve their citizens better is ushering in a new revolution. When Artificial Intelligence is **(94)**..... with open data, a real paradigm shift begins. With choice and information-sharing now redefining consumer behavior, every company is looking to **(95)**..... or at least look like it is embracing the new paradigm of data-driven innovation.

- (a) steps
- (b) deviation
- (c) assimilation
- (d) indifferences
- (e) amelioration

Q93. The “audacity of hope” for a country of a billion (91)..... is yet to bear result. The new wave of a technological revolution will not be from pure data or access to consumer behavior. The application of data and their (92)..... with solving social problems, (93)..... better governance and powering elected governments to serve their citizens better is ushering in a new revolution. When Artificial Intelligence is (94)..... with open data, a real paradigm shift begins. With choice and information-sharing now redefining consumer behavior, every company is looking to (95)..... or at least look like it is embracing the new paradigm of data-driven innovation.

- (a) unabling
- (b) enabling
- (c) abling
- (d) preventing
- (e) inhibiting

Q94. The “audacity of hope” for a country of a billion (91)..... is yet to bear result. The new wave of a technological revolution will not be from pure data or access to consumer behavior. The application of data and their (92)..... with solving social problems, (93)..... better governance and powering elected governments to serve their citizens better is ushering in a new revolution. When Artificial Intelligence is (94)..... with open data, a real paradigm shift begins. With choice and information-sharing now redefining consumer behavior, every company is looking to (95)..... or at least look like it is embracing the new paradigm of data-driven innovation.

- (a) joins
- (b) coupled
- (c) pair
- (d) counts
- (e) stand

Q95. The “audacity of hope” for a country of a billion (91)..... is yet to bear result. The new wave of a technological revolution will not be from pure data or access to consumer behavior. The application of data and their (92)..... with solving social problems, (93)..... better governance and powering elected governments to serve their citizens better is ushering in a new revolution. When Artificial Intelligence is (94)..... with open data, a real paradigm shift begins. With choice

and information-sharing now redefining consumer behavior, every company is looking to (95)..... or at least look like it is embracing the new paradigm of data-driven innovation.

- (a) cuddled
- (b) coupled
- (c) hold
- (d) embarrass
- (e) embrace

Directions (96-100): Rearrange the following five sentences (A), (B), (C), (D) and (E) in the proper sequence to form a meaningful paragraph and then answer the questions given below.

- (A) Both of these narratives prominently feature themes of anxiety, depression and suicidal tendencies
- (B) They are part of a growing wave of recent films and TV shows
- (C) Because the Netflix algorithm has started to know me a little better, earlier this year I was aggressively wooed by two stories in particular
- (D) That places mental health issues front and centre
- (E) The controversial TV show 13 Reasons Why, and the much lesser-known 2011 documentary The Woodmans, about the life and works of Francesca Woodman, a photography prodigy who committed suicide at 22

Q96. Which is the **FOURTH** sentence of the sequence after the rearrangement?

- (a) A
- (b) B
- (c) C
- (d) D
- (e) E

Q97. Which is the **SECOND** sentence of the sequence after the rearrangement?

- (a) A
- (b) B
- (c) C
- (d) D
- (e) E



Q98. Which is the **FIRST** sentence of the sequence after the rearrangement?
(a) A
(b) B
(c) C
(d) D
(e) E

Q99. Which is the **THIRD** sentence of the sequence after the rearrangement?
(a) A
(b) B
(c) C
(d) D
(e) E

Q100. Which is the **FIFTH** sentence of the sequence after the rearrangement?
(a) A
(b) B
(c) C
(d) D
(e) E

Directions (101-105): In each of the questions given below a sentence is given which is divided into 5 parts. It is then followed by 5 options which gives the sequence of the correct parts. Choose the option which gives the correct sequence of the grammatically correct parts. If there sentence is grammatically correct, then choose (e) i.e. "No error" as your answer.

Q101. Sheff pointed out that the(A)/ depiction was drawn(B)/ accurately from the writer's(C)/ own suicide attempt — and(D)/ similar experiences that he knew off(E).
(a) ABCD
(b) BCDE
(c) ACDE
(d) ABCE
(e) No error

Q102. The premises of the asylum were(A)/ very important because the malefactor(B)/, the unspeakable mental illness(C)/ itself, must contained(D)/ effectively(E).
(a) ACDE
(b) ABCD
(c) ABCE
(d) BCDE
(e) No error

Q103. It is her business, after all, to be discrete(A)/, hidden away. But her other life(B)/, that of a superhero, forces her(C)/ to take on viable threats(D)/ in an 'open and notorious' manner(E).
(a) ABCE
(b) ABCD
(c) BCDE
(d) ACDE
(e) No error

Q104. It is only but natural that a writer(A)/, deeply interested in Carnatic music(B)/, would wanting to be the first in the(C)/ queue to interview the ebullient(D)/ maestro on this important milestone(E).
(a) ACDE
(b) ABDE
(c) ABCD
(d) BCDE
(e) No error

Q105. Going to just the(A)/ available information(B)/, yes, changes(C)/ have happened(D)/. Some radical, some cosmetic(E).
(a) ABCD
(b) ACDE
(c) ABCE
(d) BCDE
(e) No error

Directions (106-110): In each of the questions given below a sentence is given which is divided into 5 parts. It is then followed by 5 options which give the sequence of the correct parts. Choose the option which gives the correct sequence of the grammatically correct parts. If all the parts are grammatically correct, choose option (e) i.e. 'No error' as the correct choice.

Q106. He mentioned the contributions of the(A)/ Indian National Congress, Bal Gangadhar Tilak and Mahatma Gandhi to the(B)/ concept of the modern(C)/ Indian state and(D)/ quote Jawaharlal Nehru(E).
(a) ABCE
(b) BCDE
(c) ACDE
(d) ABCD
(e) No error

Q107. Every day, we see increased violence around us(A)/. At the heart of this violence is darkness(B)/, fear, and mistrust. We must free our(C)/ public discourse to all forms of(D)/ violence, physical as well as verbal(E).
(a) BCDE
(b) ABCE
(c) ACDE
(d) ABCD
(e) No error

Q108. Only a non-violent society can ensure participation(A)/ of all sections of people in(B)/ the democratic process(C)/, especially the marginalized(D)/ and the dispossessed(E).

- (a) ABCD
- (b) BCDE
- (c) ACDE
- (d) ABCE
- (e) No error

Q109. The problem, which Facebook said(A)/ it had fixed, is(B)/ the latest privacy scandal(C)/ for the world's(D)/ largest social media company(E).

- (a) BCDE
- (b) ABCD
- (c) ACDE
- (d) ABCE
- (e) No error

Q110. People can still manually changed(A)/ the privacy level of the posts anywhere(B)/ from "public" to "only me" and(C)/ this was the case while(D)/ the bug was active as well(E).

- (a) BCDE
- (b) ACDE
- (c) ABCD
- (d) ABCE
- (e) No error

Directions (111-115): In each of the following sentence, there are two blank spaces. Below the sentences, there are five options and the blanks are to be filled with the pair of words given below to make the sentences correct. Fill up the sentences with the correct word.

Q111. The accused asked Girvesh Kumar to ₹10 lakh in their bank accounts in order to get materials for medicines at cheap rates.

- (a) grievously; transform
- (b) accusingly; transmit
- (c) allegedly; transfer
- (d) offensively; pay
- (e) seriously; withdraw

Q112. Mr. Tom's decision comes amid a recent of pardons issued by the President, who has seemed drawn to causes advocated by conservatives, celebrities or those who once on his former reality show, "The Apprentice."

- (a) flow; present
- (b) abundant; seen
- (c) flood; saw
- (d) flurry; appeared
- (e) fury; summoned

Q113. While this Administration will always be very on crime, it believes that those who have paid their debt to society and worked hard to better themselves while in prison a second chance.

- (a) cruel; provide
- (b) harsh; required
- (c) benevolent; got
- (d) weird; need
- (e) tough; deserve

Q114. Assistant Superintendent of Police Shyam Kumar said the victim the money through mobile banking but the accused did not any items and kept making excuses.

- (a) transferred; provide
- (b) shared; gave
- (c) transmitted; required
- (d) send; reveal
- (e) withdrew; acquire

Q115. When the idea to an iftar party was presented before the locality, I was to see people from other communities came forward to help with the arrangements.

- (a) host; beguiled
- (b) organize; amazed
- (c) celebrate; baffled
- (d) directed; shocked
- (e) do; disappointed

Directions (116-120): In each of the questions given below an incomplete sentence which must be filled/completed with one of the sentences given below .i.e. one of the sentences can be fit into the given blanks. Choose the correct option and complete the given sentences.

Q116. Our message is clear. We want peace and harmony in the area. I against any community. The trust will also organize Ganesh Chaturthi, Navaratri and various festivals celebrated by other communities as well.

- (a) have been always
- (b) had no idea
- (c) have no love
- (d) hold no grudge
- (e) had no love lost

Q117. Under the policy, infrastructure such as roads, schools, hospitals, community centers and stadia on pooled land and return a portion of the plot to farmers, who can execute housing projects with the help of private builders.

- (a) agencies will form
- (b) parties will renovate
- (c) agencies will organize
- (d) parties will create
- (e) agencies will develop

Q118. Singapore is a city that takes great pride in its food, so it's not surprising that enterprising restaurateurs are using next week's historic summit between U.S. President Donald Trump and North Korean leader Kim Jong Un

- (a) to organize a food fest
- (b) to give cooking classes
- (c) to showcase some culinary creativity
- (d) to entertain them with the tasty food
- (e) to show how they become a great chef

Q119. A problem in signaling on Thursday night disrupted services on the Harbor Line for around 20 minutes. The incident occurred after Wadala station, where a Vashi-bound train after seeing a green signal turn red.

- (a) abruptly halted
- (b) completely distracted
- (c) however barred
- (d) drastically distracted
- (e) immediately terminated

Q120. The idea of banning chemical fertilizers at this stage is ridiculous. It will not only lead to a decrease in farm production but also

- (a) shoot up the demand of produces
- (b) increase the prices of produces
- (c) effect the farmers
- (d) disappoint the farmers
- (e) decrease the supply of material

Directions (121-125): In each of the following sentences there are two blank spaces. Below each sentence there are five pairs of words denoted by the options (A), (B), (C), (D) and (e). Find out which pair of words can be filled up in the blanks in the sentence in the same sequence to make it meaningfully complete.

Q121. Although cynics may like to see the government's policy for women, it will nevertheless be _____ to deny that it represents a pioneering effort aimed at _____ sweeping social reforms.

- (a) rustic, brought out
- (b) stingy, bringing in
- (c) miserly, bringing up
- (d) grudging, brought about
- (e) churlish, bringing about

Q122. From very ancient times, the Indian society _____ elitist and power, wealth and education were mostly _____ to the upper castes of the society.

- (a) had been, jailed
- (b) has always been, confined
- (c) had always, stopped
- (d) have had always, restricted
- (e) have always been, constricted

Q123. A leading Indian industrialist, in a recent article on ways to strengthen India's economy, _____ attention to the problems of inflation and industrial sickness _____.

- (a) has drew, amongst other things
- (b) have drawn, among things
- (c) has drawn, amongst other things
- (d) have had drawn, among most things
- (e) have drawn, among nothing

Q124. While the traditional structure of education as a three-layer hierarchy from the primary stage to the university _____ the core, we should not _____ the periphery which is equally important.

- (a) represents, overlook
- (b) imagine, look
- (c) prosecute, gloss
- (d) portrays, admit
- (e) related, overshadow

Q125. While they have not yet been able to change the genetic order of the gene in germs, they are optimistic and are _____ that in the near future they _____ be successful in achieving this feat.

- (a) to hold out, may
- (b) holding to, should
- (c) holding out, involved
- (d) to held out, would
- (e) holding out, might

Directions (126-130): Read each sentence 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. The number of that part is the answer. If there is no error, the answer is (e), i.e. No error. (Ignore errors of punctuation, if any.)

Q126. Insiders say Adityanath government (A) / is exercising unusual caution before (B) / ordering action (C) / on the inquiry report. (D) / No error (E)

- (a) A
- (b) B
- (c) C
- (d) D
- (e) E

Q127. Bihar government has approached the center (A) / to repatriate officers at a time (B) / the civil servants are reportedly (C) / not enthusiasm about a Bihar posting (D) / No error (E)

- (a) A
- (b) B
- (c) C
- (d) D
- (e) E

Q128. The notice asked officers to clarify (A) / if they had taken permission from their (B) / respective divisional commissioners to participate (C) / in the demonstration. (D) / No error (E)

- (a) A
- (b) B
- (c) C
- (d) D
- (e) E

Q129. Recently, the streaming giant indicated how big (A) / India was in their plans when it got Brad Pitt (B) / down to promote his latest film, War Machine, (C) / produced and available only on Netflix. (D) / No error (E)

- (a) A
- (b) B
- (c) C
- (d) D
- (e) E

Q130. Former defense minister had reportedly (A) / assured the unions he will not (B) / corporatize or privatize (C) / the ordnance factories. (D) / No error (E)

- (a) A
- (b) B
- (c) C
- (d) D
- (e) E

Directions (131-135): 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.

Q131. A soul (131) life in the human body for a certain period of time. When the soul (132) the body, it is still one with God. The soul, however, is overpowered by powerful forces, such as the mind, the body and the outer world, which (133) it, over time, to forget itself. The soul slowly (134) to identify itself with the body, mind and the world outside. It is (135) to only one channel – to channel of the world.

- (a) soaks
- (b) flushes
- (c) vaporizes
- (d) sets
- (e) infuses

Q132. A soul (131) life in the human body for a certain period of time. When the soul (132) the body, it is still one with God. The soul, however, is overpowered by powerful forces, such as the mind, the body and the outer world, which (133) it, over time, to forget itself. The soul slowly (134) to identify itself with the body, mind and the world outside. It is (135) to only one channel – to channel of the world.

- (a) moves
- (b) inhabits
- (c) settles
- (d) locates
- (e) migrates

Q133. A soul (131) life in the human body for a certain period of time. When the soul (132) the body, it is still one with God. The soul, however, is overpowered by powerful forces, such as the mind, the body and the outer world, which (133) it, over time, to forget itself. The soul slowly (134) to identify itself with the body, mind and the world outside. It is (135) to only one channel – to channel of the world.

- (a) cause
- (b) account
- (c) matter
- (d) results
- (e) issues

Q134. A soul (131) life in the human body for a certain period of time. When the soul (132) the body, it is still one with God. The soul, however, is overpowered by powerful forces, such as the mind, the body and the outer world, which (133) it, over time, to forget itself. The soul slowly (134) to identify itself with the body, mind and the world outside. It is (135) to only one channel – to channel of the world.

- (a) impels
- (b) mounts
- (c) finishes
- (d) begins
- (e) prepares

Q135. A soul (131) life in the human body for a certain period of time. When the soul (132) the body, it is still one with God. The soul, however, is overpowered by powerful forces, such as the mind, the body and the outer world, which (133) it, over time, to forget itself. The soul slowly (134) to identify itself with the body, mind and the world outside. It is (135) to only one channel – to channel of the world.

- (a) adjusted
- (b) regulated
- (c) attuned
- (d) tailored
- (e) conformed

Directions (136-140): In the passage given below there are blanks which are to be filled with the options given below. Find out the appropriate pair of words in each case which can most suitably complete the sentence without altering the meaning of the statement

Q136. The Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) is China's (136) project for increasing connectivity and economic cooperation within Eurasia. Since its announcement in 2013, the BRI has been positively (137) by many countries covered within its (138). However, notwithstanding the recent meeting between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Chinese President Xi Jinping in Wuhan, China, one issue (139) with the BRI will likely be considered an (135) for China: India's position on the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC).

- (a) despicable
- (b) facile
- (c) ambitious
- (d) unimportant
- (e) meagre

Q137. The Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) is China's (136) project for increasing connectivity and economic cooperation within Eurasia. Since its announcement in 2013, the BRI has been positively (137) by many countries covered within its (138). However, notwithstanding the recent meeting between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Chinese President Xi Jinping in Wuhan, China, one issue (139) with the BRI will likely be considered an (135) for China: India's position on the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC).

- (a) rejected
- (b) opposed
- (c) survived
- (d) received
- (e) tackled

Q138. The Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) is China's (136) project for increasing connectivity and economic cooperation within Eurasia. Since its announcement in 2013, the BRI has been positively (137) by many countries covered within its (138). However, notwithstanding the recent meeting between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Chinese President Xi Jinping in Wuhan, China, one issue (139) with the BRI will likely be considered an (135) for China: India's position on the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC).

- (a) activity
- (b) serendipity
- (c) collegium
- (d) desire
- (e) ambit

Q139. The Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) is China's (136) project for increasing connectivity and economic cooperation within Eurasia. Since its announcement in 2013, the BRI has been positively (137) by many countries covered within its (138). However, notwithstanding the recent meeting between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Chinese President Xi Jinping in Wuhan, China, one issue (139) with the BRI will likely be considered an (135) for China: India's position on the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC).

- (a) associated
- (b) link
- (c) emphasized
- (d) cater
- (e) introduced

Q140. The Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) is China's (136) project for increasing connectivity and economic cooperation within Eurasia. Since its announcement in 2013, the BRI has been positively (137) by many countries covered within its (138). However, notwithstanding the recent meeting between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Chinese President Xi Jinping in Wuhan, China, one issue (139) with the BRI will likely be considered an (135) for China: India's position on the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC).

- (a) happiness
- (b) irritant
- (c) bother
- (d) help
- (e) intrigue

Directions (141-146): In each of the questions given below a sentence is given which is then divided into five parts out of which last part is given bold and correct. There is no error in three out of four remaining parts and therefore only one of the parts is incorrect. You must choose the grammatically incorrect part as your answer. If no part is incorrect, choose option (e) as your answer .i.e. "No error".

Q141. Since Independence, the challenges(A)/ of building a mass higher education(B)/ system with inadequate government(C)/ funding has been meaning poor quality, (D)/**increasing privatization and politicization.(E)**

- (a) A
- (b) B
- (c) C
- (d) D
- (e) No Error

Q142. The National Institutional Ranking(A)/ Framework (NIRF), implementing in(B)/ 2016, is India's first (C)/government-supported ranking(D)/ **of colleges and universities.(E)**

- (a) A
- (b) B
- (c) C
- (d) D
- (e) No Error

Q143. The inability in recent years to(A)/ pass legislation relating to foreign branch(B)/ campuses and other relationships(C) with overseas universities is an(D)/ **indication of the problem.(E)**

- (a) A
- (b) B
- (c) C
- (d) D
- (e) No Error

Q144. Scholars who have studied the(A)/ Chinese success have no doubt that(B)/ rapid economic growth have been(C)/ the main reason why extreme(D)/ **poverty could be rolled back.(E)**

- (a) A
- (b) B
- (c) C
- (d) D
- (e) No Error

Q145. Even as the common man grappling(A)/ with skyrocketing fuel prices, the Ministry(B)/ of Petroleum and Natural Gas continues to(C)/ chase its ambitious targets based on ambiguous(D)/ **plans and questionable technologies.(E)**

- (a) A
- (b) B
- (c) C
- (d) D
- (e) No Error

Directions (146-150): In each of the following sentence, there are two blank spaces. Below the sentences, there are five options and the blanks are to be filled with the pair of words given below to make the sentences correct. Fill up the sentences with the correct word.

Q146. The RBI, which interest rates for the first time in more than four years last month, is likely to the supply of money.

- (a) raised, tighten
- (b) higher, simplify
- (c) amplifies, nullify
- (d) decreased, surrender
- (e) None of the Above



Q147. With the U.S. into its own cocoon, globalization on the world stage was well by China in 2017.

- (a) receding, captured
- (b) dignifying, handled
- (c) behaving, made
- (d) handling, behaved
- (e) None of the Above

Q148. From wheels to smart phones, technology has transformed lives. It is time modern technologies became inclusive and stop turning a blind eye to elderly users.

- (a) been, near
- (b) obstructing, valuable
- (c) seamlessly, high
- (d) since, nearby
- (e) None of the Above

Q149. From engineering textbooks, spiritual booklets and novels to regional, lifestyle magazines and gadget reviews, everything becomes her reading

- (a) dailies, material
- (b) questions, habit
- (c) printouts, amenities
- (d) quarrels, problems
- (e) None of the Above

Q150. Technology is fair and equal opportunities for and small groups to save the world, or perhaps kill it.

- (a) developing, everyone
- (b) giving, organizers
- (c) managing, entrepreneurs
- (d) creating, individuals
- (e) None of the Above

Directions (151-155): In each of the questions given below a sentence is given which is then divided into four out of which one part is incorrect. You must choose the grammatically incorrect part as your answer. If all the parts are grammatically correct then choose (e) .i.e. "No error" as your answer.

Q151. The more the spectrum(1)/ your service provider can acquire(2)/ and put to use, little(3)/ will be the congestion on existing networks.(4)/ No error(5)

- (a) 1
- (b) 2
- (c) 3
- (d) 4
- (e) 5

Q152. Centre is moving forward with(1)/ its plan to create a bank of surplus land(2)/ available with public sector units(3)/ which can be auctioned.(4)/ No error(5)

- (a) 1
- (b) 2
- (c) 3
- (d) 4
- (e) 5

Q153. Great Britain departure may not be(1)/ as devastating as it is generally construed,(2)/ because it never was(3)/ fully committed to the union.(4)/ No error(5)

- (a) 1
- (b) 2
- (c) 3
- (d) 4
- (e) 5

Q154. There is no deny(1)/ that more working women means(2)/ a better standard of living(3)/ for families(4)/. No error(5)

- (a) 1
- (b) 2
- (c) 3
- (d) 4
- (e) 5

Q155. ISRO's success is due(1)/ in large measures for(2)/ its being practically free(3)/ from a meddling bureaucracy.(4)/ No error(5)

- (a) 1
- (b) 2
- (c) 3
- (d) 4
- (e) 5

Directions (156-160): In the passage given below there are blanks which are to be filled with the options given below. Find out the appropriate word in each case which can most suitably complete the sentence without altering the meaning of the statement.

Q156. About 250 years ago, German philosopher Immanuel Kant **(156)**..... a fine **(157)**..... of objective component of ultimate reality in nature in **(158)**..... of its space time structure and in society in terms of **(159)**.....values. Such **(160)**..... did begin with Descartes and Galileo but Kant was the first one to become conscious of these things.

- (a) attacked
- (b) urged
- (c) blessed
- (d) hindered
- (e) advocated

Q157. About 250 years ago, German philosopher Immanuel Kant (156)..... a fine (157)..... of objective component of ultimate reality in nature in (158)..... of its space time structure and in society in terms of (159).....values. Such (160)..... did begin with Descartes and Galileo but Kant was the first one to become conscious of these things.

- (a) purpose
- (b) picture
- (c) description
- (d) rehearsal
- (e) specification

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- (a) form
- (b) terms
- (c) provisions
- (d) condition
- (e) premises

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- (a) moral
- (b) honest
- (c) proper
- (d) evil
- (e) worthy

Q160. About 250 years ago, German philosopher Immanuel Kant (156)..... a fine (157)..... of objective component of ultimate reality in nature in (158)..... of its space time structure and in society in terms of (159).....values. Such (160)..... did begin with Descartes and Galileo but Kant was the first one to become conscious of these things.

- (a) meditation
- (b) reason
- (c) thinking
- (d) rule
- (e) concentration

Directions (161-165): Rearrange the following six sentences (A), (B), (C), (D), (E) and (F) in the proper sequence to form a meaningful paragraph and then answer the questions given below.

- (A) Hence, they should always attract each other.
- (B) The electrical charges residing in the sodium and chlorine ions are opposite in nature.
- (C) The stability of a relationship,, likewise, depends on a judicious balance between attraction and repulsion.
- (D) Consider common salt, or sodium chloride.
- (E) The stability of material bodies depends on both attraction and repulsion.
- (F) But when these come closer because of attraction, collision and instability are prevented due to repulsion, which sets in at close distance.

Q161. Which of the following would be the **FIRST** sentence after rearrangement?

- (a) A
- (b) E
- (c) D
- (d) F
- (e) C

Q162. Which of the following would be the **SECOND** sentence after rearrangement?

- (a) F
- (b) C
- (c) A
- (d) D
- (e) B

Q163. Which of the following would be the **THIRD** sentence after rearrangement?

- (a) D
- (b) A
- (c) B
- (d) C
- (e) F

Q164. Which of the following would be the **FOURTH** sentence after rearrangement?

- (a) F
- (b) B
- (c) C
- (d) E
- (e) A

Q165. Which of the following would be the **LAST (SIXTH)** sentence after rearrangement?

- (a) C
- (b) D
- (c) E
- (d) B
- (e) F

Directions (166-170): Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions given below them. Certain words/phrases have been printed in bold to help you locate them while answering some of the questions.

Paragraph 1: Given the uncertain times we live in, nothing can be taken for granted. Much of the world seems to be in a state of bewildering confusion. Across the spectrum, people appear euphoric, angry, fearful or confused. Many do not even want to think of what lies ahead. Therein, perhaps, lurks the biggest danger. Not wanting to understand what is taking place has its own perils. Disruption is the dominant sentiment today. It is leading to major political upheavals. It has resulted in escalating levels of violence. Technology is the biggest disruptor of all. Many large firms are being challenged by start-ups. Artificial Intelligence is threatening everything that we are aware of. This breeds uncertainty, apart from confusion.

Paragraph 2: How else can anyone explain the extraordinary spectacle of a U.S. President effecting a meeting with a North Korean leader. Till very recently, North Korea was seen by the U.S., and much of the West, as the principal part of the "axis of evil". Not only has this been exploded with the leaders of the U.S. and North Korea meeting in Singapore in June, but the U.S. has announced that North Korea no longer poses a nuclear threat, nor is it the "biggest and the most dangerous problem" for the U.S. No diplomatic rigmarole, no joint communiqué on the details and guarantees, just a simple endorsement that North Korea would **eschew** the use of nuclear weapons and **dismantle** its nuclear arsenal is considered enough.

Paragraph 3: The rest of the world, meantime, is in various stages of disarray. Russia's Vladimir Putin is pitted against almost the entire Western world, and is being blamed for an array of human rights violations. Several regions of Asia are akin to powder kegs waiting to blow up. Afghanistan is rocked almost daily by terror attacks by the Taliban, the Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan, or the Islamic State. West Asia is embroiled in several wars. Syria is the worst-affected and has almost ceased to be a state. Tensions between Iran and Saudi Arabia have intensified. Tensions between Israel and the Muslim world have peaked. The war launched by the Saudi Arabia-led alliance of Arab States against Yemen is turning into a war without end. In South Asia, even tiny countries like the Maldives are challenging bigger neighbours like India.

Paragraph 4: Europe may not be convulsed with the same degree of violence, but political uncertainty is the prevailing order. Germany, which appeared the most stable of European countries till recently, is in deep crisis

politically and Chancellor Angela Merkel's government hangs by the proverbial thread. In France, despite President Emmanuel Macron's reassuring presence, strong undercurrents of political disruption are evident. A fluid political situation prevails across much of southern Europe.

Q166. "Given the uncertain times we live in, nothing can be taken for granted". As per the passage, which of the following are the factors that propagate this uncertainty?

- (a) Evolution of start ups in the advancing world can bother various large organizations.
- (b) Political disorders and growing violence as a product of disruption.
- (c) Artificial Intelligence has its value because of its ability to make predictions.
- (d) Both (a) and (b)
- (e) Both (b) and (c)

Q167. "North Korea was seen by the U.S., and much of the West, as the principal part of the "axis of evil". In context to the passage, what does "axis of evil" mean here?

- (a) Countries that were involved with terrorism and weapons of mass destruction.
- (b) Countries that were well-developed and provide good job opportunities.
- (c) Countries that have no democracy and are still under monarchy.
- (d) Countries becoming a victim of terrorist activities and mass destruction.
- (e) None of the Above

Q168. Which of the following statements is/are incorrect in context with the passage?

- (I) North Korea considered a lengthy and complicated procedure and agreed to abstain from using nuclear weapons.
- (II) Official announcement was made to media on the details regarding North Korea's approval to stop using nuclear weapons.
- (III) Afghanistan is prone to terror attacks by the Taliban and other Islamic State.
- (a) Only (I)
- (b) Only (II)
- (c) Both (I) and (II)
- (d) Both (II) and (III)
- (e) All of the Above

Q169. Which of the following word/pair of words have similar meaning to the word given in bold in the passage?

ESCHEW

- (I) Disavow
- (II) Embrace
- (III) Abjure
- (IV) Fondle
- (a) Only (I)
- (b) Only (IV)
- (c) Both (III) and (IV)
- (d) Both (I) and (III)
- (e) Both (I) and (IV)

Q170. Which of the following word/pair of words is/are opposite in meaning to the word given in bold in the passage?

DISMANTLE

- (I) Assemble
- (II) Disarticulate
- (III) Dissever
- (IV) Demolish
- (a) Only (I)
- (b) Only (IV)
- (c) Both (III) and (IV)
- (d) Both (I) and (III)
- (e) Both (I) and (IV)

Directions (171-175): Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions given below them. Certain words/phrases have been printed in bold to help you locate them while answering some of the questions.

Paragraph 1: For consumer inflation, yesterday's tailwinds have become today's headwinds. If imported inflation helped lower the consumer price index (CPI)-based inflation to an average 3.6% last fiscal from 9.9% in 2013—of course helped also by a prudent government stance on minimum support prices (MSPs) and the Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) inflation-targeting framework—it is stoking it now. CPI inflation flared up to 4.9% in May, fuelled by rising prices of imported crude. In this context, segregating inflation components into pro-cyclical and acyclical parts, and analysing their movement, is revelatory indeed. Pro-cyclical components are those that typically move with economic cycles. For instance, when growth picks up, incomes rise and drive up consumer demand. As that happens, sectors with relatively high income elasticity see greater demand. As supply takes time to catch up, prices rise. Acyclicals are mostly exogenous and do not move with the economic cycle, such as prices of food, fuel and healthcare. However, if inflationary pressures from acyclicals become persistent in an environment of strong demand, they can become generalized over time.

Paragraph 2: Last fiscal, acyclical inflation stood at 2.9%, diving from 4.6% in fiscal 2016. Pro-cyclical inflation, in contrast, was relatively stubborn and fell from 5.3% to 4.6%. What restricted the fall was upward revisions in the house rent allowance (HRA) of government employees, which kept housing inflation elevated. This fiscal, we expect acyclical factors—in particular, food and fuel—to drive up inflation, while pro-cyclicals could continue to remain stubborn if growth momentum is strong. Among acyclicals, risk from higher crude prices is currently playing out, while that from higher food prices is lurking and can materialize should the government raise MSPs and guarantee them to farmers. In recent years, while pro-cyclical inflation has softened, it has been fairly rigid. That was in sync with India's gross domestic product (GDP) growth, which fell from 7.1% to 6.7%. The pricing power of manufacturers weakened as domestic demand conditions stayed subdued and swathes of capacities went unutilized. The inflation rates of all pro-cyclical components, except housing, saw a fall. The impact of the revision in HRA, which had pushed up inflation last fiscal, is expected to taper off gradually, but other components could swing north. Consequently, the gradual pick-up in demand and utilization would not be enough to sate these capacities. Pricing power, therefore, could stay restrained.

Q171. Which of the following statements can be inferred from the passage above?

- (a) Core inflation, which strips out the relatively volatile food and fuel prices, has also trended lower and eased below 4% for the first time in at least five years.
- (b) Higher cost of borrowing will dampen investment, which can decelerate economic recovery in an election year.
- (c) The voices exhorting the central bank to reduce interest rates are only going to grow ahead of its next bimonthly policy review at the beginning of August.
- (d) Pro-cyclical inflation was obdurate and hence fell from 5.3% to 4.6%.
- (e) None of the Above

Q172. As per the passage, rise in growth is followed by rise in income which is followed by increase in demand. What is the effect on prices?

- (a) Supply is accelerated and as a result prices decrease.
- (b) Supply takes time and as a result prices decrease.
- (c) Supply is accelerated and as a result prices rise.
- (d) Supply takes time and as a result prices rise.
- (e) Both (a) and (d)

Q173. Which of the following is the most appropriate title for the passage above?

- (a) Inflation conundrum: on the record low retail inflation
- (b) The Real Inflation Problem We Face Today
- (c) The Acyclical Inflation Threat in India
- (d) Stemming the Inflation
- (e) None of the Above

Q174. Choose the word which best expresses the meaning of the following word given in bold in the passage

PRUDENT

- (a) Indiscreet
- (b) Unwise
- (c) Discreet
- (d) Reckless
- (e) Prolific

Q175. Choose the word which is most opposite to the following word given in bold in the passage

LURKING

- (a) Sneaking
- (b) Appearing
- (c) Endanger
- (d) Skulk
- (e) Loiter

Directions (176-180): 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/phrases are suggested one of which fits the blank appropriately. Find out the appropriate word/phrase in each case:

Q176. A176..... of ugly rumours that spread rapidly leading to the brutal killing of over 20 human beings in various parts of India has turned the lens squarely on WhatsApp, the messaging platform used quite wilfully and177..... for the purpose. The Indian government did what governments across the world have done in such situations—blame the medium while ignoring the message. It promptly asked the company to take steps to stop the spread of such videos. New media platforms that have become a vehicle for some to disrupt society are increasingly under pressure to reform or be shut down. For WhatsApp though, the178..... it is facing in India is quite unusual. A country known for its missed-call culture,179..... the messaging

platform for its free and180..... communication service. With little or no effort, it has scaled to nearly 200 million users, a significant part of its 1.5 billion user base globally.

- (a) Spate
- (b) Collaboration
- (c) Menace
- (d) Delegation
- (e) Ample

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- (a) humbly
- (b) amicably
- (c) cynically
- (d) hurriedly
- (e) sincerely



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- (a) purpose
- (b) seriousness
- (c) culture
- (d) diversity
- (e) scrutiny

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- (a) embarrassed
- (b) catapulted
- (c) emerged
- (d) embraced
- (e) dislocated

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- (a) seamless
- (b) hindered
- (c) thwarted
- (d) baffled
- (e) delayed

Directions (181-195): In the passage given below there are blanks which are to be filled with the options given below. Find out the appropriate word in each case which can most suitably complete the sentence without altering the meaning of the statement.

Q181. Amid a (181)..... of lynching purportedly (182)..... by messages on its (183)....., WhatsApp on Wednesday said it is “horrified” by the “(184).....acts of violence”, and (185)..... steps being taken by the company to (186)..... abuse of the messaging platform. The government had, on Tuesday, issued a (187)..... warning to the social media platform asking it to take (188)..... measures to prevent the spread of “irresponsible and (189)..... messages.” It has categorically told the popular messaging platform that it cannot (190)..... its accountability on the issue. In its response to the IT Ministry’s missive, WhatsApp has said false news, (191)..... and spread of (192)..... are issues that need to be dealt with collectively, by government, civil society and technology companies working together. The company also said it follows a two

(193)..... approach that includes giving people (194)..... and information they need to stay safe, and working (195)..... to prevent misuse on WhatsApp.

- (a) dribble
- (b) drip
- (c) spate
- (d) trickle
- (e) fragment

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- (a) halted
- (b) stopped
- (c) deterred
- (d) triggered
- (e) pacing up

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- (a) space
- (b) platform
- (c) portal
- (d) panel
- (e) stage

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- (a) ultimate
- (b) unbelievable
- (c) incredible
- (d) credulous
- (e) terrible

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- (a) underlined
- (b) outlined
- (c) created
- (d) signified
- (e) enlightened

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- (a) press
- (b) downed
- (c) curb
- (d) reflect
- (e) release

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- (a) lenient
- (b) static
- (c) meek
- (d) stern
- (e) docile

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- (a) uncertain
- (b) immediate
- (c) reflective
- (d) certain
- (e) particular

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- (a) implosive
- (b) ruthless
- (c) explosive
- (d) rude
- (e) imploring

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- (a) evade
- (b) eluding
- (c) avoided
- (d) dodged
- (e) fencing

Q191. Amid a (181)..... of lynching purportedly (182)..... by messages on its (183)....., WhatsApp on Wednesday said it is "horrified" by the "(184).....acts of violence", and (185)..... steps being taken by the company to (186)..... abuse of the messaging platform. The government had, on Tuesday, issued a (187)..... warning to the social media platform asking it to take (188)..... measures to prevent the spread of "irresponsible and (189)..... messages." It has categorically told the popular messaging platform that it cannot (190)..... its accountability on the issue. In its response to the IT Ministry's missive, WhatsApp has said false news, (191)..... and spread of (192)..... are issues that need to be dealt with collectively, by government, civil society and technology companies working together. The company also said it follows a two (193)..... approach that includes giving people (194)..... and information they need to stay safe, and working (195)..... to prevent misuse on WhatsApp.

- (a) faking
- (b) deceiving
- (c) trick
- (d) stratagem
- (e) misinformation

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- (a) rumors
- (b) confusions
- (c) coaxes
- (d) hoaxes
- (e) awareness

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- (a) prolonged
- (b) pronged
- (c) bifurcated
- (d) bilingual
- (e) multi-tasking

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- (a) handling
- (b) regulating
- (c) in charge
- (d) stops
- (e) controls

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- (a) proactively
- (b) cautioned
- (c) heedless
- (d) incautious
- (e) careless

Directions (196-200): Rearrange the following five sentences (A), (B), (C), (D), (E), (F) and (G) in the proper sequence to form a meaningful paragraph and then answer the questions given below.

- (A) "Have you been in pain and anguish the greater part of your life?" he enquired
- (B) "Now because of one night headache that you have, you tie the bandage of complaint!"
- (C) Once a saint saw a man with a bandage tied round his head.
- (D) "No," the man answered.
- (E) "Why have you tied the bandage?" he asked. Because my head aches," the man replied.
- (F) "For thirty years you have enjoyed good health," he remarked, "and you never tied the bandage of thankfulness.
- (G) "How old are you?" he demanded. "Thirty," he replied.

Q196. Which of the following is the **FIRST** sentence in the above rearrangement?
 (a) B
 (b) D
 (c) E
 (d) C
 (e) A

Q197. Which of the following is the **SECOND** sentence in the above rearrangement?
 (a) B
 (b) D
 (c) E
 (d) C
 (e) A

Q198. Which of the following is the **THIRD** sentence in the above rearrangement?
 (a) B
 (b) G
 (c) E
 (d) F
 (e) A

Q199. Which of the following is the **FOURTH** sentence in the above rearrangement?
 (a) B
 (b) D
 (c) E
 (d) C
 (e) A

Q200. Which of the following is the **LAST(SEVENTH)** sentence in the above rearrangement?
 (a) B
 (b) D
 (c) E
 (d) C
 (e) A

Solutions

- S1. Ans.(c)**
Sol. Producer- the one who produces
- S2. Ans.(e)**
Sol. Arguably- in the manner of arguing; debatably; defensibly
- S3. Ans.(d)**
Sol. Host- one that provides a facility for an event
- S4. Ans.(e)**
Sol. Empty- containing nothing or nobody ('An empty slogan' is an idiom)

- S5. Ans.(d)**
Sol. Inspired- having excellence through inspiration
- S6. Ans.(b)**
Sol. Seriously
- S7. Ans.(c)**
Sol. Built
- S8. Ans.(e)**
Sol. Remain

S9. Ans.(d)**Sol. Given****S10. Ans.(a)****Sol. Momentum-** the impetus**S11. Ans.(d)****Sol. Invariably-** without change**S12. Ans.(c)****Sol. Liberal-** free; unrestrained**S13. Ans.(d)****Sol. Staggering-** incredible; overwhelming; amazing**S14. Ans.(b)****Sol. Scientifically-** in a scientific manner**S15. Ans.(e)****Sol. Collectively-** in a collective manner**S16. Ans.(b)****Sol. monolith-** anything massive, uniform and unmovable**S17. Ans.(e)****Sol. credible-** believable**S18. Ans.(d)****Sol. corresponding-** that have a similar relationship**S19. Ans.(c)****Sol. counterpoint-** an opposite point**S20. Ans.(a)****Sol. control-** to exercise influence over**S21. Ans.(c)****Sol. leash-** to curb or restrain**S22. Ans.(b)****Sol. invisible-** that which can't be seen**S23. Ans.(d)****Sol. separated-** estranged**S24. Ans.(e)****Sol. power-** ability to coerce, influence or control**S25. Ans.(c)****Sol. seeping-** leaking**S26. Ans.(b)****Sol. source-** the person, place or thing from which something comes or is acquired**S27. Ans.(a)****Sol. difficult-** hard; not easy**S28. Ans.(d)****Sol. Faithful-** having faith**S29. Ans.(e)****Sol. write-** to form letters, words or symbols on a surface in order to communicate**S30. Ans.(b)****Sol. amount-** the quantity or volume**S31. Ans.(b)****Sol. Option (b)** is the correct choice. 'loomed' means appear as a vague form, especially one that is large or threatening which is similar in meaning with appeared. Hence, they can be used interchangeably as usage of either of the word won't alter the meaning of the paragraph.

Deferred means put off (an action or event) to a later time; postpone.

S32. Ans.(c)**Sol. Option (c)** is the correct choice. 'Horizon' is a noun which means the limit of a person's knowledge, experience, or interest which is similar in meaning with ambit. Hence, they can be used interchangeably as usage of either of the word won't alter the meaning of the paragraph.

Skyline means an outline of land and buildings defined against the sky.

Aureole means a circle of light or brightness surrounding something, especially as depicted in art around the head or body of a person represented as holy.

Ambit means the scope, extent, or bounds of something.

S33. Ans.(a)

Sol. Option (a) is the correct choice. 'Substantial' is an adjective which means of considerable importance, size, or worth. Thus, it is a synonym of 'considerable'. Hence, they can be used interchangeably as usage of either of the word won't alter the meaning of the paragraph.

Feeble means lacking physical strength, especially as a result of age or illness.

Vague means of uncertain, indefinite, or unclear character or meaning.

Dominant means having power and influence over others.

S34. Ans.(d)

Sol. Option (d) is the correct choice. 'conducive' is an adjective which means making a certain situation or outcome likely or possible. Thus, it is a synonym of 'propitious'. Hence, they can be used interchangeably as usage of either of the word won't alter the meaning of the paragraph.

Factional means relating or inclined to dissension.

callous means showing or having an insensitive and cruel disregard for others.

Antagonistic means showing or feeling active opposition or hostility towards someone or something.

S35. Ans.(a)

Sol. Option (a) is the correct choice. 'Restrains' is a noun which means a measure or condition that keeps someone or something under control. Thus, it is a synonym of 'curtailments'. Hence, they can be used interchangeably as usage of either of the word won't alter the meaning of the paragraph.

Augmentations means the action or process of making or becoming greater in size or amount.

Gratifications means pleasure, especially when gained from the satisfaction of a desire.

Indulgences means the action or fact of indulging.

S36. Ans.(d)

Sol. Option (d) is the correct choice. 'Negotiating' means try to reach an agreement or compromise by discussion. Thus, it is a synonym of 'conferring'. Hence, they can be used interchangeably as usage of either of the word won't alter the meaning of the paragraph.

Actualizing means make a reality of.

Effectuating means put into force or operation.

Acquiring means buy or obtain (an asset or object) for oneself.

S37. Ans.(e)

Sol. Option (e) is the correct choice. 'Interventions' is a noun which means the action or process of intervening. Therefore, none of the given words provide an appropriate synonym for the given word.

Realizations means the achievement of something desired or anticipated.

Accomplishments means something that has been achieved successfully.

Enactments means the process of passing legislation.

Cultivations means the action of cultivating land, or the state of being cultivated.

S38. Ans.(b)

Sol. Option (b) is the correct choice. 'Mounting' means grow larger or more numerous. Thus, it is a synonym of 'intensifying'. Hence, they can be used interchangeably as usage of either of the word won't alter the meaning of the paragraph.

Plunging means falling steeply.

Subsiding means become less intense, violent, or severe.

S39. Ans.(d)

Sol. Option (d) is the correct choice. 'Policy' means a course or principle of action adopted or proposed by an organization or individual. Thus, it is a synonym of 'stratagem'. Hence, they can be used interchangeably as usage of either of the word won't alter the meaning of the paragraph.

S40. Ans.(a)

Sol. Option (a) is the correct choice. 'Emulating' is a verb which means match or surpass (a person or achievement), typically by imitation. Thus, it is a synonym of 'imitating'. Hence, they can be used interchangeably as usage of either of the word won't alter the meaning of the paragraph.

Disputing means argue about (something).

Resisting means withstand the action or effect of.

S41. Ans.(a)

Sol. The error lies in part (E) of the sentence. To make the sentence grammatically correct, replace "does" with "did" in the erroneous part. It is to be noted that "used to" in part (B) is used to indicate a past activity of a person. Therefore, to maintain the sequence of tense in the sentence, "does" should be replaced with "did" which is the past form of 'does'. Since all the other parts are correct, option (a) becomes the most suitable answer choice.

S42. Ans.(b)

Sol. The error lies in part (A) of the sentence. There is no need for "fastly" because "fast" is both an adjective and an adverb. The existence of "fast" as an adverb does not preclude the future development of a word "fastly", but it does hinder it. Therefore, to make the sentence grammatically correct replace "fastly" with "fast". Hence, option (b) is the most suitable answer choice.

S43. Ans.(d)

Sol. The error lies in part (D) of the sentence. To make the sentence grammatically correct replace "nice" with "nicely". Since the word required here is an adjective to describe the quality of "sense of discrimination", therefore option (d) becomes the most suitable answer choice.

S44. Ans.(e)

Sol. The error lies in part (A) of the sentence. To make the sentence grammatically correct replace "could" with "had" as the correct grammatical syntax of the conditional clause "had...would" is "had + subject + V3" while in main clause it is "Subject + would + have +V3". Since, all the other parts are grammatically correct, option (e) becomes the most suitable answer choice.

S45. Ans.(b)

Sol. The error lies in part (B) of the sentence. To make the sentence grammatically correct replace, "with" by "in" as the phrase "takes delight" always take the preposition "in" to form a meaningful sentence. Since, all the other parts of the sentence is grammatically correct, option (b) becomes the most suitable answer choice.

S46. Ans.(c)

Sol. The final sequence is CADBFE.
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(A) introduces a JD (U) leader Mr. R.C.P. Singh which the statements (D), (E) and (F), which mention or refer to Mr. Singh, don't. So, (A) must precede the statements (D), (E) and (F).
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Hence, we get the sub-sequence CAD.

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Now, thinks, what would be the need to re-introduce Mr. Singh when he is already introduced and appears till the statement D?

Such need would only arise only when a sentence introduces something completely different aspect to the paragraph without mentioning and/or referring to Mr. Singh. That sentence is (B).

So, (B) should be the Fourth sentence. After the appearance of (B) as the fourth sentence, there would be a need to re-introduce Mr. Singh to convey the additional information conveyed by Mr. Singh.

Now, among (F) and (E), we have already decided why (F) should be the FIFTH sentence (because, it re-introduces Mr. Singh).

Now, (E) must be the LAST sentence.

Hence, the final sequence is CADBFE. Therefore, option (c) is the most suitable answer choice.

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S48. Ans.(d)

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Now, (E) must be the LAST sentence.

Hence, the final sequence is CADBFE. Therefore, option (d) is the most suitable answer choice.

S49. Ans.(b)

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Now, (E) must be the LAST sentence.

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S50. Ans.(d)

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Now, among (F) and (E), we have already decided why (F) should be the FIFTH sentence (because, it re-introduces Mr. Singh).

Now, (E) must be the LAST sentence.

Hence, the final sequence is CADBFE. Therefore, option (d) is the most suitable answer choice.

S51. Ans.(b)

Sol. The context of the sentence suggests that the provisions of Section 377 were used **unnecessarily** against transgender person.

Disproportionate [adjective] means 'too large or too small in comparison to something else, or not deserving its importance or influence'; excessive; unduly;

Superfluously [adverb] means 'unnecessarily';

So, options (a), (c), (d) and (e) are synonyms.

So, the options (a), (c), (d) and (e) fulfill the contextual and grammatical requirement imposed on the blank.

The correct part would be 'Section 377 used **disproportionately** against transgender persons.'

But the option (b) is completely irrelevant to the context of the sentence.

Hence, option (b) is the correct answer.

S52. Ans.(a)

Sol. The blank would be filled by an adjective which would qualify the noun 'battle'. The context of the passage suggests that the **rights** which they are talking about are the *legal, constitutional* rights of the transgender community.

Options (b), (c), (d) and (e) are sort of synonyms and all satisfy the contextual and grammatical requirements imposed on the blank.

Incessant [adjective] means '(of something regarded as unpleasant) continuing without pause or interruption';

The correct part would be 'the **legal** battle also took a new'.

But the option (a) is completely different and irrelevant.

Hence, the correct answer is option (a).

S53. Ans.(b)

Sol. 'Fitting' [adjective] means 'suitable or right for a particular situation or occasion';

The context of the sentence suggests that the word which would fill the blank would be 'suitable or apt' etc.

Options (a), (c), (d) and (e) are synonyms and all could fill up the blank, satisfying the contextual and grammatical requirement of the blank.

The correct phrase would be 'it is only **fitting**'.

But, only, the option (b) is completely irrelevant to the context of the requirements imposed on the blank.

Hence, the correct answer is option (b).

S54. Ans.(e)

Sol. The tone of the sentence suggests that the word which should fill the blank is 'provide'- 'we **provide** some attention to the contributions...'

Bestow [verb] means 'to give something as an honour or present';

Grant [verb] means 'an amount of money given especially by the government to a person or organization for a special purpose';

Flays [verb] means 'strip the skin off (a corpse or carcass)';

Options (a), (b), (c) and (d) are synonyms, and also satisfy the grammatical and contextual requirement of the sentence.

But only option (e) is completely irrelevant to the context of the sentence and is the correct answer.

The correct phrase would be 'that we **bestow** some attention'.

S55. Ans.(d)

Sol. The tone of the sentence suggests that the word which would fill the blank is 'study or examine or etc.' Zap [verb] means 'go quickly'; Options (a), (b), (c) and (e) satisfy the contextual and grammatical requirement of the blank. Also, they, upon filling the blank, make meaningful sentence. The correct phrase would be '**examine** how the judgment takes transgender rights forward.' Among the options, only option (d) is completely irrelevant to the context of the blank and is the correct answer. Hence, option (d) is the correct answer.

S56. Ans.(b)

Sol. The highlighted phrase and the options (a), (b), (c) and (d) are idioms. 'Eating a humble pie' means '*to yield under humiliating circumstances*'; 'Biting the bullet' means '*to get something over with because it is inevitable*'; 'Giving himself air' means '*behaving arrogantly*'; 'Bringing to light' means '*revealing something*'; 'Bone of contention' means '*a cause for quarrel*'; Among the above idioms, only the option (b) is the idiom which is relevant and contextually meaningful as the context of the given sentence. Hence, option (b) is the correct answer.

S57. Ans.(a)

Sol. The highlighted phrase and the options (a), (b), (c) and (d) are idioms. 'Barking is worse than bite' means '*threat is worse than the action taken*'; 'Ended up in smoke' means '*to fail*'; 'Drove home' means '*to emphasize*'; 'left-handed compliment' means '*an ambiguous compliment*'; 'To take someone to task' means '*to reprimand someone*'; Among the given idioms, only the idiom present in the option (a) is contextually meaningful and relevant to the given sentence and hence, is the correct answer.

S58. Ans.(c)

Sol. The highlighted phrase and the options (a), (b), (c) and (d) are idioms. 'Ill at ease' means '*uneasy*'; 'Beating about the bush' means '*to talk about irrelevant things*'; 'Maiden speech' means '*first speech*'; 'Cut a sorry figure' means '*made a poor impression*'; 'On tenterhooks' means '*in suspense and anxiety*'; Among the idioms mentioned above, idiom presented in the option (c) correctly satisfy the contextual requirement of the given sentence. Hence, option (c) is the correct answer.

S59. Ans.(d)

Sol. The highlighted phrase and the options (a), (b), (c) and (d) are idioms. 'to beat about the bush' means '*to talk about irrelevant things*'; 'beside the mark' means '*not to the point*'; 'face the music' means '*accept unpleasant consequences of your actions*'; 'call in question' means '*to challenge*'; 'throwing caution to the winds' means '*behaving recklessly*'; Among the above idioms, only option (d) satisfy the requirement of context and relevance of the given sentence. Hence, option (d) is the correct answer.

S60. Ans.(b)

Sol. The highlighted phrase and the options (a), (b), (c) and (d) are idioms. 'weal and woe' means '*good times and bad times*'; 'pick to pieces' means '*analyse critically*'; 'a cuckoo in the nest' means '*an unwelcome intruder*'; 'draw a blank' means '*find no favour*'; 'a drop in the bucket' means '*a very insignificant amount*'; Among the above idioms, only option (b) is the correct answer.

S61. Ans.(a)

Sol. FADBCE; A

S62. Ans.(e)

Sol. D

S63. Ans.(a)

Sol. F

S64. Ans.(c)

Sol. B



S65. Ans.(c)**Sol. E****S66. Ans.(b)****Sol.** Replace 'concern' with 'concerned' as 'concerned' is used as an adjective here which shouldn't be misunderstood as a verb.**S67. Ans.(d)****Sol.** Replace 'constructing' with 'construction' as the given context of the sentence will take noun in it.**S68. Ans.(e)****Sol.** No error**S69. Ans.(b)****Sol.** Replace 'sank' with 'sink' as 'to' will always be followed by the first form of the verb.**S70. Ans.(c)****Sol.** Replace 'has' with 'have' as 'police' is a collective noun so it will take plural verb.**S71. Ans.(b)****Sol.** 'against' and 'focus' are making the sentence meaningful.**S72. Ans.(c)****Sol. Transform:** make a marked change in the form, nature, or appearance of.**Agglomerations:** a mass or collection of things; an assemblage**S73. Ans.(d)****Sol. Quest:** search for something.**S74. Ans.(b)****Sol. Enthusiasm:** intense and eager enjoyment, interest, or approval.**S75. Ans.(a)****Sol. Grapple:** engage in a close fight or struggle without weapons; wrestle.**Reconcile:** restore friendly relations between**S76. Ans.(d)****Sol.** Come hell or high water: Possible obstacles in your path**S77. Ans.(b)****Sol.** To cook the books: To modify financial statements**S78. Ans.(e)****Sol.** Your guess is as good as mine: To have no idea about anything**S79. Ans.(a)****Sol.** To square the circle: To attempt something impossible**S80. Ans.(c)****Sol.** To Upset the Apple Cart: To disturb the peace**S81. Ans.(d)****Sol.** Part E has error in it. Use 'to' in place of 'on'.**S82. Ans.(e)****Sol.** Part C has error in it. Use 'seems' in place of 'seeming'.**S83. Ans.(b)****Sol.** Part D has an error in it. Use 'to reassure' in place of 'to reassuring'.**S84. Ans.(d)****Sol.** Part E has an error in it. Use 'from' in place of 'with'.**S85. Ans.(c)****Sol.** Part B has an error in it. Use 'to determine' in place of 'to determining'.**S86. Ans.(c)****Sol.** The most suitable phrase is 'averting a disaster'. The last part of the sentence says before it happens, so averting or turning away the disaster is most suitable here.**S87. Ans.(a)****Sol.** The suitable phrase is 'to be the cornerstone of' which means to be a vital element of something and it goes in context with the sentence.**S88. Ans.(c)****Sol.** The phrase "Choosing to exclusively focus" makes the sentence grammatically correct.**S89. Ans.(e)****Sol.** No correction is required as the statement is grammatically correct.**S90. Ans.(e)****Sol.** No correction required as the statement is grammatically correct.**S91. Ans.(d)****Sol. Aspirations-** desires**S92. Ans.(c)****Sol. Assimilation-** act of imbibing

S93. Ans.(b)**Sol. Enabling-** allowing**S94. Ans.(b)****Sol. Coupled-** paired**S95. Ans.(e)****Sol. Embrace-** to accept**S96. Ans.(b)**

Sol. (Because the Netflix algorithm has started to know me a little better, earlier this year I was aggressively wooed by two stories in particular: the controversial TV show 13 Reasons Why, and the much lesser-known 2011 documentary The Woodmans, about the life and works of Francesca Woodman, a photography prodigy who committed suicide at 22. Both of these narratives prominently feature themes of anxiety, depression and suicidal tendencies. They are part of a growing wave of recent films and TV shows that places mental health issues front and centre)

The correct sequence is **CEABD; B**

S97. Ans.(e)**Sol. E****S98. Ans.(c)****Sol. C****S99. Ans.(a)****Sol. A****S100. Ans.(d)****Sol. D****S101. Ans.(a)****Sol.** Replace '**knew off**' with '**knew of**'**S102. Ans.(c)**

Sol. '**must**' should be followed by '**be**' as it is modal and can't be followed by the third form of the verb

S103. Ans.(e)**Sol. No error****S104. Ans.(b)**

Sol. Replace '**wanting**' with '**want**' as modal should be followed by the first form of the verb only

S105. Ans.(d)**Sol.** Change '**Going to**' into '**Going by**'**S106. Ans.(d)****Sol.** Replace '**quote**' with '**quoted**'**S107. Ans.(b)****Sol.** Replace '**to**' with '**from**'**S108. Ans.(e)****Sol. No error****S109. Ans.(c)****Sol.** Replace '**had**' with '**has**'**S110. Ans.(a)**

Sol. Replace '**changed**' with '**change**' as the sentence is in present form of tense

S111. Ans.(c)

Sol. Allegedly- according to someone's allegation; supposedly

Transfer- to move or pass from one place, person or thing to another

S112. Ans.(d)

Sol. Flurry- any sudden activity

Appeared- to come or be in sight; to be in view

S113. Ans.(e)

Sol. Tough- very hard

Deserve- to be entitled to, as a result of past actions; to be worthy to have

S114. Ans.(a)

Sol. Transferred- moved or passed from one place, person or thing to another

Provide- to give what is needed or desired

S115. Ans.(b)

Sol. Organize- to arrange in working order

Amazed- astonished; surprised

S116. Ans.(d)

Sol. 'hold no grudge' as peace and harmony has been talked about in the sentence, so it is obvious that they will hold no grudge

S117. Ans.(e)

Sol. 'agencies will develop' as the agencies will develop the infrastructure. Infrastructure can always be developed

S118. Ans.(c)

Sol. 'to showcase some culinary creativity' as the restaurant owners have the opportunity to showcase their talent of culinary creativity

S119. Ans.(a)

Sol. 'abruptly halted' as this is the only alternative that best fits and completes the sentence

S120. Ans.(b)**Sol.** 'increase the prices of produces' as the use of chemical fertilizers is most needed and the banning of that will lead to increase the prices of produces**S121. Ans.(e)****Sol. Churlish-** rude**Bringing about-** causing to take place**S122. Ans.(b)****Sol. Has always been; Confined-** not free to move**S123. Ans.(c)****Sol. Has drawn; amongst other things****S124. Ans.(a)****Sol. Represents; overlook-** ignore**S125. Ans.(e)****Sol. Holding out-** extending forward ; **might****S126. Ans.(a)****Sol.** Add 'the' before 'Adityanath'**S127. Ans.(d)****Sol.** Replace 'enthusiasm' with 'enthused'**S128. Ans.(e)****Sol. No error****S129. Ans.(d)****Sol.** Add 'by' after 'produced'**S130. Ans.(b)****Sol.** Replace 'will' with 'would'**S131. Ans.(e)****Sol. Infuses-** to inspirit or animate**S132. Ans.(b)****Sol. Inhabits-** lives or resides in**S133. Ans.(a)****Sol. Cause****S134. Ans.(d)****Sol. Begins****S135. Ans.(c)****Sol. Attuned-** harmonized**S136. Ans.(c)****Sol. Ambitious:** (of a plan or piece of work) intended to satisfy high aspirations and therefore difficult to achieve.**S137. Ans.(d)****Sol. Received:** greet or welcome (a visitor) formally.**S138. Ans.(e)****Sol. Ambit:** the scope, extent, or bounds of something.**S139. Ans.(a)****Sol. Associated:** (of a person or thing) connected with something else.**S140. Ans.(b)****Sol. Irritant:** a thing that is continually annoying or distracting**S141. Ans.(d)****Sol.** Replace "has been meaning" by "has meant" as the sentence is in past tense.**S142. Ans.(b)****Sol.** Replace "implementing" with "implemented" as it has already been implemented in the past.**S143. Ans.(e)****Sol.** No error. The sentence is grammatically correct.**S144. Ans.(c)****Sol.** Replace "have been" with "has been" as economic growth is being talked about here so we will use singular form "has".**S145. Ans.(a)****Sol.** Replace "grappling" with "grapples". Here, when we talk about something is a general way that exists, we will use the verb form "grapples".**S146. Ans.(a)****Sol.** "Raised" will fit contextually with interest rates and "tighten" goes correctly with the supply of money.**S147. Ans.(a)****Sol. Receding:** go or move back or further away from a previous position**Captured:** take into one's possession or control by force.**S148. Ans.(c)****Sol. Seamlessly:** smoothly and continuously, with no apparent gaps or spaces between one part and the next.**S149. Ans.(a)****Sol.** "Dailies" contextually goes with regional in this sentence. As different types of reading materials are being talked about here so "material" makes the sentence meaningful.

S150. Ans.(d)**Sol.** The words "creating" and "individuals" correctly fit in the blanks and make the sentence meaningful.**S151. Ans.(c)****Sol.** 3; Replace 'little' with 'the less'**S152. Ans.(a)****Sol.** 1; Insert 'The' before 'Centre'**S153. Ans.(e)****Sol.** 5; No error**S154. Ans.(a)****Sol.** 1; Replace 'deny' with 'denying'**S155. Ans.(b)****Sol.** 2; Replace 'for' with 'to'**S156. Ans.(e)****Sol.** Advocated**S157. Ans.(c)****Sol.** Description**S158. Ans.(b)****Sol.** Terms**S159. Ans.(a)****Sol.** Moral**S160. Ans.(c)****Sol.** Thinking**S161. Ans.(b)****Sol.** (The stability of material bodies depends on both attraction and repulsion. Consider common salt, or sodium chloride. The electrical charges residing in the sodium and chlorine ions are opposite in nature. Hence, they should always attract each other.

But when these come closer because of attraction, collision and instability are prevented due to repulsion, which sets in at close distance. The stability of a relationship,, likewise, depends on a judicious balance between attraction and repulsion.)

The correct sequence is **EDBAFC; E**

S162. Ans.(d)**Sol.** D**S163. Ans.(c)****Sol.** B**S164. Ans.(e)****Sol.** A**S165. Ans.(a)****Sol.** C**S166. Ans.(d)****Sol.** Both statements (a) and (b) are correct. As we can see in paragraph 1, "Disruption is the dominant sentiment today. It is leading to major political upheavals. It has resulted in escalating levels of violence. Technology is the biggest disruptor of all. Many large firms are being challenged by start-ups. Artificial Intelligence is threatening everything that we are aware of. This breeds uncertainty, apart from confusion." From these lines, it can be inferred that evolution of start-ups will pose a challenge to large firms. Disruption here has been considered as the major reason behind political disorders and violence.**S167. Ans.(a)****Sol.** Here, "axis of evil" means Countries that were involved with terrorism and weapons of mass destruction. In paragraph 2, "Till very recently, North Korea was seen by the U.S., and much of the West, as the principal part of the "axis of evil". Not only has this been exploded with the leaders of the U.S. and North Korea meeting in Singapore in June, but the U.S. has announced that North Korea no longer poses a nuclear threat, nor is it the "biggest and the most dangerous problem" for the U.S." these lines clearly state that North Korea no longer pose a nuclear threat, that means it was involved with weapons of mass destruction.**S168. Ans.(c)****Sol.** Both statements (I) and (II) are incorrect. Refer the following line in paragraph 2 "No diplomatic rigmarole, no joint communiqué on the details and guarantees, just a simple endorsement that North Korea would eschew the use of nuclear weapons and dismantle its nuclear arsenal is considered enough.". hence, it can be inferred that no legal procedure or official announcement was made regarding North Korea's approval to stop using nuclear weapons**S169. Ans.(d)****Sol. Eschew:** deliberately avoid using; abstain from.**Disavow:** deny any responsibility or support for.**Abjure:** solemnly renounce (a belief, cause, or claim).**Embrace:** accept (a belief, theory, or change) willingly and enthusiastically.**Fondle:** stroke or caress lovingly or erotically.**S170. Ans.(a)****Sol. Dismantle:** take (a machine or structure) to pieces.**Disarticulate:** separate (bones) at the joints.**Dissever:** divide or sever (something).**Demount:** pull or knock down (a building).

S171. Ans.(d)**Sol.** Refer 2nd para 1st two lines.**S172. Ans.(d)****Sol.** Refer the following lines "For instance, when growth picks up, incomes rise and drive up consumer demand. As that happens, sectors with relatively high income elasticity see greater demand. As supply takes time to catch up, prices rise."**S173. Ans.(c)****Sol.** The most appropriate title for the passage above is "The Acyclical Inflation Threat in India"**S174. Ans.(c)****Sol. Prudent:** wise, sensible in action and thought**Indiscreet:** having, showing, or proceeding from too great a readiness to reveal things that should remain private or secret.**Unwise:** (of a person or action) not wise or sensible; foolish.**Discreet:** careful and prudent in one's speech or actions, especially in order to keep something confidential or to avoid embarrassment.**Reckless:** heedless of danger or the consequences of one's actions; rash or impetuous.**Prolific:** present in large numbers or quantities; plentiful.**S175. Ans.(b)****Sol. Lurking:** be or remain hidden so as to wait in ambush for someone or something.**Sneaking:** (of a feeling) persistent in one's mind but reluctantly held or not fully recognized.**Endanger:** put (someone or something) at risk or in danger.**Skulk:** keep out of sight, typically with a sinister or cowardly motive.**Loiter:** stand or wait around without apparent purpose.**S176. Ans.(a)****Sol. Spate:** a large number of similar things coming in quick succession.**Collaboration:** the action of working with someone to produce something.**Menace:** a person or thing that is likely to cause harm; a threat or danger.**Delegation:** a body of delegates or representatives; a deputation.**S177. Ans.(c)****Sol. Cynically:** in a distrustful way that expresses a belief that people are motivated purely by self-interest.**Amicably:** in a friendly and peaceable manner.**S178. Ans.(e)****Sol. Scrutiny:** critical observation or examination.**S179. Ans.(d)****Sol. Embraced:** accept (a belief, theory, or change) willingly and enthusiastically.**Embarrassed:** cause (someone) to feel awkward, self-conscious, or ashamed.**S180. Ans.(a)****Sol. Seamless:** smooth and continuous, with no apparent gaps or spaces between one part and the next.**Thwarted:** prevent (someone) from accomplishing something.**Baffled:** totally bewilder or perplex.**S181. Ans.(c)****Sol. Spate-** a sudden rush or increase**S182. Ans.(d)****Sol. Triggered-** caused by particular action, process, or situation**S183. Ans.(b)****Sol. Platform-** a place or an opportunity to express one's opinion**S184. Ans.(e)****Sol. Terrible-** dreadful; causing harm and fear**S185. Ans.(b)****Sol. Outlined-** a statement summarizing the important points of a text**S186. Ans.(c)****Sol. Curb-** a restraint**S187. Ans.(d)****Sol. Stern-** having a hardness and severity of nature or manner**S188. Ans.(b)****Sol. Immediate-** happening right away, instantly, with no delay**S189. Ans.(c)****Sol. Explosive-** easily driven to anger**S190. Ans.(a)****Sol. Evade-** to escape by trick**S191. Ans.(e)****Sol. Misinformation-** wrong information

S192. Ans.(d)**Sol. Hoaxes-**anything deliberately intended to deceive or trick**S193. Ans.(b)****Sol. Pronged-** pierced or stabbed with a fork**S194. Ans.(e)****Sol. Controls-** regulates**S195. Ans.(a)****Sol. Proactively-** acting in advance to deal with an expected change or difficulty**S196. Ans.(d)****Sol.** The sequence is **CEGADFB**

Once a saint saw a man with a bandage tied round his head. "Why have you tied the bandage?" he asked. "Because my head aches," the man replied. "How old are you?" he demanded. "Thirty," he replied. "Have you been in pain and anguish the greater part of your life?" he enquired. "No," the man answered. "For thirty years you have enjoyed good health," he remarked, "and you never tied the bandage of thankfulness. "Now because of one night headache that you have, you tie the bandage of complaint!"

S197. Ans.(c)**Sol.** The sequence is **CEGADFB****S198. Ans.(b)****Sol.** The sequence is **CEGADFB****S199. Ans.(e)****Sol.** The sequence is **CEGADFB****S200. Ans.(a)****Sol.** The sequence is **CEGADFB**