

Section : Verbal Usage & Reading Comprehension

Question No. : 101

Last year was supposed to bring faster economic growth and a good monsoon that would end the miseries of two back-to-back years of drought. That complacency gave way to the sober realisation that optimism doesn't wait for facts.

- A. Optimism will wait for facts is established
- B. Despite last year being successful
- C. It was believed that last year

A) Only A B) Both A & C C) Both A & B ✓D) Only C E) None

Explanation:- Only C option talks about the last year and if used would portray the same meaning as the first line of the sentence.

DIRECTIONS for the question: In the sentence provided a part of the sentence is underlined. Beneath the sentence, four/five different ways of paraphrasing the underlined part are indicated. Choose the best alternative amongst the four/five.

Question No. : 102

Over five crore citizens suffered from depression, a major contributor to global suicides which occurs mainly in low-and middle-income countries. Over three crore others suffered from anxiety disorders.

- A. Because a major contributor to global suicides occurs
- B. In addition to over five crore citizens
- C. Ever since over three crore citizens suffer

A) Only A B) Both A & C C) Both A & B D) Only B ✓E) None

Explanation:- Statement tells us that Depression is the major contributor to global suicides. None of the option states the same. Option A does not mention about depression being the major contributor

DIRECTIONS for the question: In the sentence provided a part of the sentence is underlined. Beneath the sentence, four/five different ways of paraphrasing the underlined part are indicated. Choose the best alternative amongst the four/five.

Question No. : 103

Expectation of the buyer is different in different geographies. Companies must understand the psyche of the buyer and then come up with a product based on what they need.

- A. Even if buyers understand the psyche of
 - B. While coming up with a product
 - C. When expectation of the buyer is
- ✓A) Both B and C B) Both A and C C) Both A & B D) Only B E) None

Explanation:- Option A cannot be the starter as it talks about the psyche of the buyers and the same is mentioned in the second line of the statement. Option B is correct as it talks about the product whose expectation is different in different geographies. Option C too talks about the expectation, so it can definitely be used as the first line of the statement..

DIRECTIONS for the question: In the sentence provided a part of the sentence is underlined. Beneath the sentence, four/five different ways of paraphrasing the underlined part are indicated. Choose the best alternative amongst the four/five.

Question No. : 104

Migration to urban areas is a worldwide phenomenon. Currently thirty-two percent of the population live in urban areas in another five years, it is estimated to grow to thirty-eight percent.

- A. Even though thirty-two percent of the population
 - B. When it is estimated that the population growth
 - C. Urban areas are saturated with worldwide
- A) Only A B) Both A and C C) Both A & B D) Only B ✓E) None

Explanation:- None of the options state the same meaning regarding migration being a worldwide phenomenon.

DIRECTIONS for the question: In the sentence provided a part of the sentence is underlined. Beneath the sentence, four/five different ways of paraphrasing the underlined part are indicated. Choose the best alternative amongst the four/five.

Question No. : 105

Laws to protect the privacy and financial details of people using electronic payments are on the cards. The move, aimed at preventing data theft, comes in the wake of a surge in phone banking and electronic payments.

- A. In the wake of a surge in phone banking
 - B. Preventing data theft is not a priority
 - C. In order to protect financial details
- A) Only A ✓B) Both A and C C) Both A & B D) Only B E) None

Explanation:- Statement states that laws to protect the privacy of people using e-cards are being made; Both Options A & C are good starters.

DIRECTIONS for the question: In the question below a sentence with four words printed in **bold** type is given. These are numbered as (A), (B), (C) and (D). One of these four words printed **in bold** may be either wrongly spelt or inappropriate in the correct in the context of the sentence. Find out the word, which is wrongly spelt or is inappropriate, if any. The number of that word is your answer. If all the words printed **in bold** are correctly spelt and also appropriate in the correct of the sentence, mark (E) i.e. 'All Correct' as your answer.

Question No. : 106

The first satellites launched five years ago, could send off pictures of just 3,000 square kilometres a day, but the satellites have followed a trajectory of improving more closer to that seem in cell phones and the latest satellites can be covered 2.5 million square kilometres a day.

- A. can send- advancement close- can report on
- B. could send back- improvement similar- can cover
- C. would send- improvement skin- are covering

✓A) Only (B) & (C) B) All (A), (B) & (C) C) Only (A) & (B) D) Only (C) E) No correction required

Explanation:- We are talking about 5 years ago, So option A is incorrect as it is in present tense. Option B & C both are suitable to be used in the statement.

DIRECTIONS for the question: In the given paragraph, the last line has been deleted. Choose the option that logically follows the paragraph.

Question No. : 107

Italy's fragmented banking industry is consolidating. The resolution in November 2015 of four tiny banks, in which bondholders were bailed in, caused uproar. Now UBI Banca, the fifth-largest lender hopes to buy three of the four "good" residual banks for €1. (____). Another is on the horizon, of two Venetian banks. Analysts at Credit Service suggest that the government's €20 billion fund should suffice to plug any remaining capital gaps. All this is necessary-but not sufficient.

- A) Carved, a ratings agency, predict that by 2018, bad loans will always be back to their pre-crisis level-although
- ✓B) A merger finalised on January 1st created Banca BPM, now Italy's third largest bank.
- C) All this is necessary- but not sufficient- the vicious cycle will be hard to break.
- D) The finance minister says, the banking system is turning a page and he is yet to be proved right.
- E) All the given options fit.

Explanation:- The word "another" after the blank is the clue that suggests something has happened before which we can locate in option (2).

DIRECTIONS for the question: Read the passage and answer the question based on it.

Question No. : 108

The need for regulation to protect the environment gets widespread but grudging acceptance: widespread because everyone wants a liveable planet, grudging because of the lingering belief that environmental regulations erode competitiveness. The prevailing view is that there is an inherent and fixed trade-off: ecology versus the economy. On one side of the trade-off are the *social* benefits that arise from strict environmental standards. On the other are industry's *private* costs for prevention and cleanup—costs that lead to higher prices and reduced competitiveness. With the argument framed this way, progress on environmental quality has become a kind of arm-wrestling match. One side pushes for tougher standards; the other tries to roll them back. The balance of power shifts one way or the other depending on the prevailing political winds.

This static view of environmental regulation, in which everything except regulation is held constant, is incorrect. If technology, products, processes, and customer needs were all fixed, the conclusion that regulation must raise costs would be inevitable. But companies operate in the real world of dynamic competition, not in the static world of much economic theory. They are constantly finding innovative solutions to pressures of all sorts—from competitors, customers, and regulators.

Properly designed environmental standards can trigger innovations that lower the total cost of a product or improve its value. Such innovations allow companies to use a range of inputs more productively—from raw materials to energy to labor—thus offsetting the costs of improving environmental impact and ending the stalemate. Ultimately, this enhanced *resource productivity* makes companies more competitive, not less.

Consider how the Dutch flower industry has responded to its environmental problems. Intense cultivation of flowers in small areas was contaminating the soil and groundwater with pesticides, herbicides, and fertilizers. Facing increasingly strict regulation on the release of chemicals, the Dutch understood that the only effective way to address the problem would be to develop a closed-loop system. In advanced Dutch greenhouses, flowers now grow in water and rock wool, not in soil. This lowers the risk of infestation, reducing the need for fertilizers and pesticides, which are delivered in water that circulates and is reused. The tightly monitored closed-loop system also reduces variation in growing conditions, thus improving product quality. Handling costs have gone down because the flowers are cultivated on specially designed platforms. In addressing the environmental problem, then, the Dutch have innovated in ways that have raised the productivity with which they use many of the resources involved in growing flowers. The net result is not only dramatically lower environmental impact but also lower costs, better product quality, and enhanced global competitiveness.

This example illustrates why the debate about the relationship between competitiveness and the environment has been framed incorrectly. Policy makers, business leaders, and environmentalists have focused on the static cost impacts of environmental regulation and have ignored the more important offsetting productivity benefits from innovation. As a result, they have acted too often in ways that unnecessarily drive up costs and slow down progress on environmental issues. This static mind-set has thus created a self-fulfilling prophecy leading to ever more costly environmental regulation. Regulators tend to set regulations in ways that deter innovation. Companies, in turn, oppose and delay regulations instead of innovating to address them. The whole process has spawned an industry of litigators and consultants that drains resources away from real solutions.

Which of the following is/are not true in the context of the passage?

1. Following advanced technologies, successful access Europe, has helped the Dutch flower industry boom.
2. Having a static view of environmental regulation is not desirable
3. There exist disagreements among shareholders with respect to the regulation to protect the environment.

A) Only A B) Both A and C C) Only B D) Only C E) All the given options are true

Explanation:- Option C is incorrect. In the last few lines, author states that the disagreements happen but nothing is mentioned about the shareholders.

Question No. : 109

The author in the given passage _____

- A) is Dutch B) encourage policymakers and stakeholders to innovate
C) is pessimistic about the outlook people have towards environment protection
D) encourages forest to adopt the closed-loop system for all crops
E) is contented with the present governments for playing their role efficiently

Explanation:- The passage has motivational connotation so option (b) is appropriate.

Question No. : 110

Which of the following correctly explains the meaning of the phrase 'ending the stalemate' as used in terms of innovation in the passage?

- A) dependent on technological advancements ✓B) resolves a deadlock C) depletes resources
D) adversely affects the environment E) curbs innovation

Explanation:- Stalemate means a draw kind of situation; So option B is correct as it says resolving a deadlock which means the same as its meaning.

Question No. : 111

Which of the following is most nearly the opposite in meaning as the word **TRIGGER** as used in the passage?

- A) support B) Affect ✓C) Prevent D) Switch E) Illicit

Explanation:- Refer para 3, line 1 where trigger means to start and opposite is prevent.

Question No. : 112

Which of the following is most nearly the same in meaning as the word **SPAWNED** as used in the passage?

- ✓A) Created B) Mounted C) Issued D) Spared E) Destroyed

Explanation:- Refer last line in last para and contextual meaning of spawned is to create.

Question No. : 113

As mentioned in the passage, the need for regulation to protect the environment _____.

- A. exists in different intensities among the stakeholders.
B. is affected by political pressures.
C. always forms out to be an expensive affair.

- A) Only A B) Both A and C C) Both A and B ✓D) Only C E) Both B and C

Explanation:- Refer 4th and 5th line of para 1.

Question No. : 114

Which of the following is a suitable title for the passage?

- A) Stringent Environmental Regulations- A Must For Supporting the Economy
✓B) Green and Competitive- Accommodating Two Sweets at One Sheath C) Innovation in Agriculture Across the World
D) Environmental Policies- Effective Only on Paper E) All those given as options

Explanation:- Option B is most appropriate. As it talks about the environment and the related competition together in one passage

Question No. : 115

As mentioned in the passage, companies can gain a competitive edge if _____.

- A. there exists a team of experts responsible for implementing practices having a history of success.
B. the environment is devoid of competition.
C. there is thoughtful utilisation of resources.

- A) Only A B) Both A and C C) Only B ✓D) Only C E) None

Explanation:- Refer 3rd para last line.

DIRECTIONS for the question: In the given paragraph, the last line has been deleted. Choose the option that logically follows the paragraph.

Question No. : 116

Work smarter, not harder: It is one of the more irritating things a book can tell you. But at the macroeconomic level, it is important Growth can come from having more labour (recruiting more workers, or making existing employees work for longer hours), more capital, or from using that labour and capital more effectively- something known as total factor productivity (TFP). This can come from the kind of brilliant innovations devised by Thomas Edison. (____)

- A) This shows that at the global level, total factor productivity fell last year, was flat the two years before, and has barely budged since 2007.
- B) It could also come from the less-heralded but equally important improvements such as the adoption of the moving conveyor belt to speed up assembly work.
- ✓C) Whatever the reason, economic growth did not rebound until productivity perked up,
- D) A recovery has been underway for a while.
- E) Others might counter that the full benefits of new technology are not reflected in the data

Explanation:- Option C is most appropriate as it mentions increase in productivity with increase in growth.

DIRECTIONS for the question: In the given paragraph, the last line has been deleted. Choose the option that logically follows the paragraph.

Question No. : 117

(____). Rising prosperity in the region means the cost of manual work, outsourced to the region is rising. Labour shortages loom. Certain jobs require craft skills which are becoming rarer. From the first sketch of a completely new pair of trainers to making and testing prototypes, ordering materials, sending samples back and forth, rebooting a factory, working up production and eventually shipping the finished goods to the shops can take the industry as long as 18 months.

- A) Currently, trainers (shoes) are made mostly by hand in giant factories, often in Asian countries, with people assembling components or shaping, bonding and sewing materials.
- ✓B) In Asia wealth is rising.
- C) Many people now have the wherewithal to avoid tasks that are thought of as manual and monstrous.
- D) The company will use robots and novel production techniques such as 3D printing to reinvent its manufacturing process.
- E) All the given options fit.

Explanation:- Rising prosperity is complementary to option B i.e. "in Asia wealth is rising"

DIRECTIONS for the question: In the given paragraph, the last line has been deleted. Choose the option that logically follows the paragraph.

Question No. : 118

(____). By 2022 more than 4.5 million are expected every year- about the same as the country's resident population. Tourism has overtaken dairy produce as the biggest export, helped by a large In the number of visitors from China. They are seen to experience the natural beauty promised by the country's "100% pure New Zealand" advertising campaign and shown off in the film adaptations of "The Lord of the Rings" and "The Hobbit", which were shot in New Zealand's breathtaking wilderness.

- ✓A) In 2016 New Zealand hosted 3.5 million tourists from overseas.
- B) Tourists already contribute around NZ \$1.1 billion through the country's 15 percent sales tax.
- C) It would be difficult to prevent tourists from sneaking around the toll booths.
- D) Many New Zealanders foresee a huge influx of foreigners who have been seeking to four national parks.
- E) All the given options fit.

Explanation:- Some comparison about the time period is made so option A is appropriate.

DIRECTIONS for the question: Which of the phrases (A), (B), (C) and (D) given below should replace the phrase given in bold the following sentence to make the sentence grammatically meaningful and correct?

Question No. : 119

Which of these sentences is/are correct?

- A. The spokesperson announced that a female police officer would be the next Commissioner of the police force.
- B. Wounds made by words are hard to hear.
- C. The film depicts an inspirational story of a young tribal girl who dreams of climbing Mount Everest.
- D. The captives used this woollen sticks to write on the internal side of envelopes.

A) Only B B) Only B, C and D C) Only A and D ✓D) Only A and C E) All are correct

Explanation:- Option A & C are correct. Option B will have 'heal' instead of 'hear'. Option D will have 'these' instead of 'this'

DIRECTIONS for the question: Which of the phrases (A), (B), (C) and (D) given below should replace the phrase given in bold the following sentence to make the sentence grammatically meaningful and correct?

Question No. : 120

Which of these sentences is/are incorrect?

- A. What is bred in the bone will not wear out of the flesh.
- B. He was so annoyed on been contradicted.
- C. It is not for such as they, to dictate us.
- D. There never had arise a great man who has not been misunderstood.

A) Only C B) Only B, C and D ✓C) Only B and C D) Only A and D E) Only D

Explanation:- In option A it should be 'will come out' instead of 'will not wear out'. In option D it should be 'has arisen' instead of 'had arise'

DIRECTIONS for the question: Which of the phrases (A), (B), (C) and (D) given below should replace the phrase given in bold the following sentence to make the sentence grammatically meaningful and correct?

Question No. : 121

Which of these sentences is/are correct?

- A. The army had to suffer terrible privations due to the war.
- B. He was as tired as he could scarcely stand.
- C. The most exquisitely work of literary art exhibits a certain crudeness and coarseness.
- D. Education and poverty are the most pressing issues for our country.

A) Only B and C B) Only A, C and D ✓C) Only A and D D) Only A and B E) Only D

Explanation:- Grammatically sentence A and D are correct. Option B will be 'so tired' instead of 'as tired as'. Option C use 'exquisite' instead of 'exquisitely'.

DIRECTIONS for the question: Which of the phrases (A), (B), (C) and (D) given below should replace the phrase given in bold the following sentence to make the sentence grammatically meaningful and correct?

Question No. : 122

Which of these sentences is/are correct?

- A. Do not be idle, lest you come to ruins.
- B. As he had not paid his bid, following his electricity was cut off.
- C. Giving on wrong pleasure is not self-sacrifice, though self-culture.
- D. There were doors all around the hall, but they were all locked.

A) Only D B) Only A, B and C C) Only A and D D) Only C and D E) All are correct

Explanation:- Grammatically only sentence C and D are correct. Option A will be 'else you'll come' instead of 'lest'. Option B will have 'bill' instead of 'bid'.

DIRECTIONS for the question: In the question below a sentence with four words printed in **bold** type is given. These are numbered as (A), (B), (C) and (D). One of these four words printed **in bold** may be either wrongly spelt or inappropriate in the correct in the context of the sentence. Find out the word, which is wrongly spelt or is inappropriate, if any. The number of that word is your answer. If all the words printed **in bold** are correctly spelt and also appropriate in the correct of the sentence, mark (E) i.e. 'All Correct' as your answer.

Question No. : 123

As less of 5 percent of the total fleet of cars in Norway are electric at present, the country's transport minister calls it 'realistic' **expectation** an end to sales of new cars **power** fossil fuels by 2025.

- A. Though less than-to expect-powered by
- B. Since approximately- an expectation- controlling
- C. All though not even- to envisage- fuelled by

A) Only(A) &(C) B) All (A), (B) & (C) C) Only (A) & (B) D) Only (A) E) No correction required

Explanation:- Option B is incorrect, as the word power cannot be replaced by controlling. Option A & C can be the replacements in the given statement.

DIRECTIONS for the question: In the question below a sentence with four words printed in **bold** type is given. These are numbered as (A), (B), (C) and (D). One of these four words printed **in bold** may be either wrongly spelt or inappropriate in the correct in the context of the sentence. Find out the word, which is wrongly spelt or is inappropriate, if any. The number of that word is your answer. If all the words printed **in bold** are correctly spelt and also appropriate in the correct of the sentence, mark (E) i.e. 'All Correct' as your answer.

Question No. : 124

To some audiences, orchestral conductors **seemingly to** dramatically wave their arms with no discernible effect on the music,, whereas really, conductors undergo rigorous conservatory training, followed by further feedback on the job **when their climb** the career ladder.

- A. merely- in reality- In their climb up
- B. seem to- in fact- as they climb up
- C. will- actually- while their climb

A) Only(C) B) All (A), (B) & (C) C) Only(A) & (B) D) Only (A) E) No correction required

Explanation:- All options can fit well in the statement

DIRECTIONS for the question: In the question below a sentence with four words printed in **bold** type is given. These are numbered as (A), (B), (C) and (D). One of these four words printed **in bold** may be either wrongly spelt or inappropriate in the correct in the context of the sentence. Find out the word, which is wrongly spelt or is inappropriate, if any. The number of that word is your answer. If all the words printed **in bold** are correctly spelt and also appropriate in the correct of the sentence, mark (E) i.e. 'All Correct' as your answer.

Question No. : 125

Like roads, which have well-established rules, lane markings and traffic signals to guide autonomous vehicle being use, the pavements running alongside those roads are what roboticists **known to** "unstructured environments".

- A. While -in use of- called
- B. Unlike- using those- refer to
- C. Although- being in use- speak of
- ✓A) Only(B) B) All (A), (B) & (C) C) Only(A) & (B) D) Only (C) E) No correction required

Explanation:- First line states the contrast between roads and lane markings; For contrast 'unlike' is appropriate. So only option B is correct. While & Although cannot be used.

DIRECTIONS for the question: In the given paragraph, the last line has been deleted. Choose the option that logically follows the paragraph.

Question No. : 126

In this question, a paragraph with a blank space indicated by (____) is given. The blank space stands for a sentence which fits contextually but presently hidden. From the given alternatives, find the sentence which is/are the perfect fit in terms of grammar as well as context in the blank space of the paragraph. Infrastructure is a tricky business. When it comes to public infrastructure projects, the benefits are long term but the costs are short term. (____). So an elected leader gets all the fink from those who oppose this while elephant/blot on the landscape but none of the praise for the reduced traffic jams or cheaper power that ensue.

- A) Private investors are happy to own infrastructure projects once they are up and running and delivering reliable yields, they are less keen on financing Greenfield projects with all the risks that go with them.
- ✓B) The politician that authorises the project is rarely the same one that opens it.
- C) Infrastructure can have positive externalities that are not captured by investors but will benefit society (the building of the internet or America's interstate highway system, for example).
- D) Far too many projects get build and the overall returns are disappointing. E) All the given options fit.

Explanation:- The next line talks about the leader, so the sentence preceding it should mention something about the same. Only option B talks about the politician who leads the project. Hence option B is correct.

DIRECTIONS for the question: Read the passage and answer the question based on it.

Question No. : 127

The death of Harambe— the Western lowland gorilla shot dead at the Cincinnati Zoo after a three-year-old boy fell into his enclosure— ignited a fierce debate. Some critics seized the tragedy as an opportunity to advance an uncompromising anti-captivity narrative in which all zoos and aquariums are inherently unethical and cruel. To be sure, there are bad actors. The spawning of so-called "roadside zoos"—an exploitative enterprise known for its systematic negligence and abuse of animals—are some of the most egregious cases-in-point. But responsible zoos and aquariums exist to facilitate and promote the conservation of animals. And the need for intensive conservation campaigns is now more urgent than ever before: Our world is currently in the midst of the "Sixth Extinction," a term coined by Elizabeth Kolbert in her Pulitzer Prize-winning book of the same name. Unlike the five preceding die-offs, which were precipitated by natural events—such as those that killed off the dinosaurs, exterminating three-quarters of all species on the planet—the current mass extinction is a result of human activities encroaching on wild spaces. Today's zoos and aquariums are uniquely positioned to combat those evolving threats. Using robust and sophisticated breeding programs, these institutions fund and facilitate countless initiatives to propagate species and preserve genetic biodiversity, and then reintroduce critically endangered or extinct species into the wild. Consider the Arabian Oryx, a striking breed of antelope from the Arabian Peninsula. The species was hunted to extinction in the wild nearly four decades ago. The Phoenix Zoo helped lead the ensuing breeding and reintroduction programs, which ultimately birthed more than 200 calves from just nine individuals. Now between Oman and Jordan, there are about 1,000 Arabian Oryx living in the wild. The Arabian Oryx—which has since been removed from the endangered species list—isn't alone. Breeding programs at zoos and aquariums have since saved numerous other species from extinction, including the European bison, the red wolf, and the Oregon spotted frog.

Even when animals are never introduced into the wild, placing them under human care can still improve the lives of their wild counterparts. Modern zoos and aquariums serve as bases for observation and research, which then helps protect wild animals. One compelling example is the study of animal infection and disease, currently the subject of numerous ongoing research projects at zoos worldwide. The Zoological Society of London, for instance, is developing innovative methods to assess the risks of animals contracting disease when they're reintroduced into the wild. Smithsonian's National Zoo in Washington is leading global research efforts on the detection and treatment of the sometimes-fatal elephant herpes virus, with the ultimate goal of developing an effective vaccine to be administered to the species in both zoo and wild populations. Of course, the positive contributions of zoos and aquariums in conserving wild animals cannot—and should not—outweigh the health and well-being of the animals living under the care of these institutions. The American Humane Association is thus launching a global initiative to elevate the welfare standards of zoos and aquariums worldwide. The Humane Conservation program will be the first third-party certification devoted solely to verifying that animals living in these institutions are healthy, positively social, active, safe, and living with proper light, sound, air, and heat levels. These standards will be set not by zoos but instead an independent collection of world-renowned experts in the fields of animal science, behaviour, and ethics—a sharp departure from most existing accreditation programs, which are vulnerable to accusations of conflicts of interest and leniency. To some detractors, the humane certification of zoos and aquariums is an oxymoron. But vast empirical and academic research discredits this black-and-white view. Animals in zoos and aquariums today can live longer, healthier, and richer lives than their forbearers ever did in the wild. Go see for yourself.

Why has the author cited the example of the Arabian Oryx?

- A. To show that reviving species which are extinct is dangerous.
 - B. To draw attention to the fact that conservation efforts of zoos are effective.
 - C. To demonstrate that at times it is possible to reverse the effects of human activities.
- A) Only (C) ✓B) Only (B) & (C) C) Only (B) D) All (A), (B) & (C) E) Only (A) & (B)

Explanation:- Refer line 18-19 of passage.

Question No. : 128

Which of the following is/are the theme(s) discussed in the passage?

- A. Evolution of science and animal wellbeing.
 - B. Outrage surrounding zoos.
 - C. Destructive footprint of human activities.
- A) Only(A)&(C) B) Only (B) C) Only (A) & (B) D) Only (B) & (C) E) All (A), (B) & (C)

Explanation:- *The passage is about zoo.*

Question No. : 129

Which of the following is/are objective(s) Of the Humane Conservation Programme?

- A. To focus solely on the conservation of endangered species.
 - B. To entrust the regulation of zoos and ethical treatment of animals to independent experts.
 - C. To advocate the abolition of keeping animals in captivity.
- A) Only (A) B) Only (B) C) Only(A)&(B) D) All (A), (B) & (C) E) Only (A) & (C)

Explanation:- *Refer 11th line of second para*

Question No. : 130

Which of the following words as used in the passage are synonyms?

- A. fierce
 - B. egregious
 - C. cruel
 - D. wild
- A) Only (A) & (C) B) Only (B) & (C) C) Only (A) & (C) D) None of (A), (B), (C) and (D) are synonyms
E) All (A), (B), (C) and (D) are synonyms

Explanation:- *Refer initial lines of the para. Fierce and Cruel are synonyms.*

Question No. : 131

Why does the author cite the phrase given in bold and in Italics in the passage?

- A. It is his firm belief that zoos are detrimental to animal welfare.
 - B. To point out that accreditation agencies are corrupt.
 - C. To advocate that zoos should be allowed autonomy to govern themselves.
- A) Only(C) B) Only (B) C) None of (A), (B) & (C) D) Only (B) & (C) E) Only (A) & (B)

Explanation:- *Oxymoron is a figure of speech in which apparently contradictory terms appear in conjunction; No Option gives us a correct answer.*

Question No. : 132

Which of the following can be said in the context of the passage?

- A. Zoos are investing in bettering the health of animals in the wild.
 - B. It is possible to reintroduce extinct animal species.
 - C. The existence of zoos is a complex issue.
- A) Only (A) B) Only(B) C) Only (A)&(B) D) All (A), (B) & (C) E) Only (A) (C)

Explanation:- *Both A and B find mention in the first para.*

Question No. : 133

Which of the following is true about roadside zoos?

- A) These are lucrative and allow even the hunting of animals. B) These play a vital role in extinction of endangered species.
C) These are unscrupulous and distinct ✓D) These are a threat to ethics pertaining to animal safety.
E) None of the given options is true.

Explanation:- Refer 3rd and 4th line of the passage.

DIRECTIONS for the question: In this question, there are five sentences (A), (B), (C), (D) & (E). Four of these sentences contribute to one main idea when these sentences are formed into a paragraph. One sentence does not contribute to that main idea. That sentence is your answer. In case, all the given sentences contribute to the main idea, mark 'All contribute to the main idea' as the answer.

Question No. : 134

Which of the following sentences does not contribute to the main idea of the paragraph?

- A. Industry automation has started causing disruption in the labour market.
B. Textile and footwear industry that were considered non-susceptible to computerisation are being taken under control by the computers.
C. Given the current trends there will be an immediate slump in enrolment in courses as Nano-technology, robotics, biotechnology etc. observed among college students.
D. Computers have already replaced jobs which are easy to automate.
E. It is predicted that harder domains will also be captured during the next wave of computerisation.
- A) A ✓B) C C) E D) D E) All contribute to the main idea

Explanation:- Line C is not contributing to main idea. The passage is about jobs in different industry whereas in line 3 courses in technology are mentioned.

DIRECTIONS for the question: In this question, there are five sentences (A), (B), (C), (D) & (E). Four of these sentences contribute to one main idea when these sentences are formed into a paragraph. One sentence does not contribute to that main idea. That sentence is your answer. In case, all the given sentences contribute to the main idea, mark 'All contribute to the main idea' as the answer.

Question No. : 135

Which of the following sentences does not contribute to the main idea of the paragraph?

- A. Animals to protect themselves from predators resort to blending in with certain aspects of environment.
B. Mimicry of their surroundings among animals is common to maintain the continuity of their species.
C. Adaptation provides animals with better chance of survival.
D. Camouflage is used some animals as a tool for hunting.
E. Adaptive tools are maintained and evolved by means of natural selection.
- ✓A) E B) D C) A D) C E) All contribute to the main idea

Explanation:- We are not sure whether line E is related to the topic or it is rather a generalized statement.

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Question No. : 136

Which of the following sentences does not contribute to the main idea of the paragraph?

- A. Voting is not only a right but also the responsibility of each and every citizen.
- B. The person elected will help decide policies on a plethora of issues such as health condition, corruption etc.
- C. Awareness among citizens about their responsibilities as a voter should be cultivated.
- D. By casting their vote citizens elect the person who would assure the power of governance and help transform their condition of living.
- E. Seats are won or lost by a single vote thereby making the person casting his vote more responsible.

A) C B) D ✓C) B D) E E) All contribute to the main idea

Explanation:- Passage is about importance of voting and line B is talking about the person having being elected.

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Question No. : 137

Which of the following sentences does not contribute to the main idea of the paragraph?

- A. Sports instil or infuse a sporting spirit to take up the heavy burden of life in a lighter vein.
- B. The necessity of sports is felt to be so great in life that there is ample justification in its favour.
- C. Sports and games are the right avenues to channelize the energy and vitality of students.
- D. Government has taken a decision to ensure 50 percent reservation in colleges and hospitals in the state.
- E. The greatest educational value of the sports and games is to provide stimulation to study.

A) C ✓B) D C) B D) A E) All contribute to the main idea

Explanation:- Passage is about importance of sports whereas line D is away from main topic.

DIRECTIONS for the question: In this question, there are five sentences (A), (B), (C), (D) & (E). Four of these sentences contribute to one main idea when these sentences are formed into a paragraph. One sentence does not contribute to that main idea. That sentence is your answer. In case, all the given sentences contribute to the main idea, mark 'All contribute to the main idea' as the answer.

Question No. : 138

Which of the following sentences does not contribute to the main idea of the paragraph?

- A. Free market boosts effectiveness and efficiency in the production of goods and services.
- B. Consumers are provided with various options of goods and services in a free market economy.
- C. Free market makes consumers apparently believe that they influence the production in an economy.
- D. Better awareness among consumers regarding options results in stable demand and supply.
- E. Wastage in production of goods and services does not occur due to the stability of supply.

A) C ✓B) E C) D D) B E) All contribute to the main idea

Explanation:- Passage is about free market economy and line E is about wastage in supply of goods.

DIRECTIONS for the question: In this question, a sentence is given with three words/group of words in bold type. One or more of them may have a certain error. Below the sentence is given three combinations of words/ group of words i.e. (A), (B) & (C). You have to find out the correct word/group of words from among (A), (B) & (C) given below each sentence to replace the Incorrect words/ group of words and make the sentence grammatically correct and meaningful. One, two, all three or none of them may be correct. Decide upon which is/are correct, if any, and mark the option which denotes your answer. If the sentence is correct as it is, mark 'No correction required' as your answer.

Question No. : 139

Having seen Greece consistently fail to meet previous bail-out targets, the IMF thinks the European Commission's forecasts are too rosy, and that, without relief, Greece's debt will balloon after 2030.

- A. consistency In failing- most rosy- no relief
B. consistent failure- overly optimistic- unless relief
C. consistently falling- very rosy- being relieved
A) Only (A) B) All (A), (B) & (C) C) Only(A)&(B) D) Only(C) E) No correction required

Explanation:- No correction is required.

DIRECTIONS for the question: In each question below, a word is printed in **bold CAPITALS** followed by five options. Find out, if any, that is either **most nearly same** in meaning **OR** Opposite of the word printed in **bold**.

Question No. : 140

EMANCIPATE

- A. enslave B. loiter C. conjecture D. assumption
A) Only B B) Only B, C and D C) Only C and D D) Only A and C E) Only A

Explanation:- Enslave is opposite.

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Question No. : 141

DRUDGE

- A. foreboding B. toiler C. prod D. menial
A) Only B B) Only B and D C) Only A, C and D D) Only A and B E) Only C

Explanation:- Drudge is a person made to do hard menial or dull work. Both B and D are synonyms of drudge.

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Question No. : 142

LUDICROUS

A. absurd B. lavishness C. farcical D. laughable

A) Only B ✓B) Only A, C and D C) Only B and C D) Only D E) Only A and D

Explanation:- Ludicrous means so foolish, unreasonable, or out of place as to be amusing. So A, C and D are synonyms of ludicrous.

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Every year over a lakh of our students seek admissions abroad, spending about \$4 billion (Rs. 16,400 crore) annually. The () **demand in** seats in metres is maddening. Even third-rate institutes are (/) **crowded** students. There is an (/) **urgent need** in our country to expand capacity of higher education. To (/) **linked** this huge supply-demand gap, one of the recommendations of the Knowledge Commission is to allow foreign universities in the country.

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✓A) rush for B) craze of C) processes on D) rat race E) The given word(s) is/are correct

Explanation:- Option A is appropriate. There is a rush for seats.

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- A) fulfilled with B) overwhelmed with ✓C) completely packed D) lack E) The given word(s) is/are correct

Explanation:- Option C is appropriate. Crowded would mean completely packed.

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- A) desperation B) Immediate desires C) imperative D) important step ✓E) The given word(s) is/are correct

Explanation:- No change is required.

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- A) be connected B) fixing C) allow D) bridge E) The given word(s) is/are correct

Explanation:- We bridge the gap.

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- A) dogmatic steps B) realistically change C) critical measure D) pragmatic move E) The given word(s) is/are correct

Explanation:- This can be considered as practical move or pragmatic move.

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- A) carefully ✓B) judicious in C) selective D) discriminate E) The given word(s) is/are correct

Explanation:- We are choosing judicious as it means being sensible or having insight.

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- ✓A) robust B) vigor C) potency D) fragile E) The given word(s) is/are correct

Explanation:- We are choosing robust as it means having solid foundation.

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A) implausible B) strange C) remote D) never E) The given word(s) is/are correct

Explanation:- No change is required.