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I.1-4) The passage given below is followed by a Set of questions. Choose the most appropriate answer to each question. What is today's reader offered by the work of Kingsley Amis? This may not seem an especially pertinent question to ask of a writer who died only in 1995, but in art the recent past can sometimes appear more outmoded and inaccessible than distant history. The living writer is close to the common well of experience; once the writer has died, and can no longer articulate our contemporary world for us, he is exposed to the more brutal judgment of time. What in his work is timeless? What, if anything, makes it worth preserving?

Of course, definitive answers to these questions aren't always found: dead writers continue to go in and out of fashion, their work suddenly meaningful again in one era then failing to make sense in the next. It is often the most passionately contemporary writers — Kingsley Amis was one — whose reputation decline most steeply in their absence, for obvious reasons. Relevance becomes irrelevance; the same devotion to the here and now that brought them popularity and fame ensures their obscurity once here and now have become there and then. Yet the observation of ordinary life nearly always forms the cornerstone of great and lasting art. It is the quality of that observation that is put to the test over time, that will determine whether the work is trivial or lastingly true. Kingsley Amis made his name in the Fifties with his first novel, *Lucky Jim*; a work that seemed to define a new era not just in its portrayal of the evolving world of higher education that is its setting, but in literary values too. It advanced a more youthful and democratic conception of literary style and subject matter that reflected changing modes of social behaviour.

In *Lucky Jim*; Amis reprised the black comedy of Evelyn Waugh and reclothed it in the

provincial workaday garb of the ordinary middle classes, and if in doing so he belied something of his artistic seriousness, he was rewarded for it with instant acclaim.

1. Which of the following best describes the tone of the author?
 - a) Laudatory
 - b) Descriptive
 - c) Analytical
 - d) Inquisitive
 - e) suggestive

Ans: c

Explanation - The author examines whether Kingsley Amis's works continue to be relevant or not. To this end he discusses at length what makes a work of art 'lastingly true.' The tone is analytical as various facets of Amis's works and their reception are appraised.

2. Why does the author use the statement "what is today's reader offered by the work of Kingsley Amis?" at the start of the passage?
 - a) To highlight that though Kingsley Amis is dead his work should not be neglected.
 - b) To initiate the discussion on what the present generation of readers can gain from the works of Kingsley Amis.
 - c) To broach the issue of whether Kingsley Amis' writing is relevant today.
 - d) To make the reader understand Kingsley Amis' influence on contemporary literature.

Ans: c

Explanation - The main concern of the passage is to reflect on whether Amis's works continue to be relevant. The passage is not primarily concerned about what the present generation of readers can 'gain' from his works, but more on how relevant it is today.

3. With which of the following is the author most likely to agree with?

- a) As Amis was a contemporary writer, he would have been able to make a mark for himself in the field of literature in any other era as well.
- b) Depicting contemporary reality in one's writing can prove to be a double-edged sword for a writer.
- c) The works of art that involve observation of ordinary life have enduring appeal.
- d) Lucky Jim lacks the gravitas characteristic of Amis' artistic expression.

Ans: d

Explanation - follows directly from the last paragraph of the passage-'he belied something of his artistic seriousness.' 'belied' in this case means 'contradicted.' 'Gravitas' means 'dignity; seriousness.'

4. Which of the following can be a suitable title to the passage?
- a) Why Kingsley Amis is relevant even today?
 - b) What makes for lasting art?
 - c) Why Remember Kingsley Amis?
 - d) Is Kingsley Amis relevant today?

Ans: d

Explanation - brings out the main theme of the passage aptly as the passage is an analysis on why Kingsley Amis is not relevant today. Thus, option (d) is the right answer.

1.5-9) In the following passage, some of the words have been left out. Read the passage carefully and fill in the blanks by selecting the most appropriate alternatives. The question number from which a word is to be selected out of the four given as alternatives, is written in each blank space.

The microfinance market in India is expected to grow rapidly, supported by Government of India's ___ (5) to achieve greater financial inclusion, and growth in the country's retail sector. MFI's have a ___ (6) level reach and understanding of the ___ (7) needs of the

poor. The growing retail market in India provides opportunities for MFI's to act as ___ (8) in the retail supply chain. The banking sector will also help microfinance sector grow – banks are expected to use MFI's to meet their financial services and other ___ (9) products.

5. chose the right option:
areas

- a) initiative
- b) will
- c) enthusiasm
- d) demotivation

Ans: b

Explanation - By seeing the options only option 'b' and 'd' would fit in. enthusiasm can be negated as it does not go with the tone of the passage.

6. chose the right option:

- a) upper
- b) narrow
- c) grass – root
- d) higher
- e) moderate

Ans: c

Explanation - Through the passage the author is trying to convey that the MFI's have a wider reach that is till the bottom of the pyramid. Hence, 'c' is the right option.

7. chose the right option:

- a) political
- b) social
- c) technological
- d) economic
- e) homely

Ans: d

Explanation - The best answer would be economic needs as the other three do not relate to the agenda of financial inclusion.

Social needs are related to better education or health care facilities.

8. chose the right option:

- a) intermediaries
- b) link
- c) retailers
- d) managers
- e) dealer

Ans: a

Explanation - Intermediaries would fit in as the author is trying to say that MFI's act as a link in the retail supply chain. Hence, option 'a' is correct.

9. Chose the right option:

- a) inevitable
- b) structured
- c) accessible
- d) feckless
- e) chain

Ans: b

Explanation: Inevitable means something which is unable to be avoided and feckless refers to something which is ineffective. Hence, 'a' and 'd' won't fit in. accessible won't fit as if the products are accessible then there is no need to distribute it. Hence, 'b' is the right option.

I.10) The passage given below is followed by a set of questions. Choose the most appropriate answer to each question.

The Bt technology, therefore, has little direct role in determining crop yield, except through the plant protection route. Crop output depends on the inherent yield potential of the cotton hybrid in which this gene has been incorporated. That apart, the current cotton glut in the country, thanks to a record cotton harvest of 33.4 million bales in 2010-11, does not bear testimony to any perceptible

slowdown in output growth. But the chances of such a decline cannot be ruled out. There is a possibility that the existing Bt-cotton hybrids will run out of their useful life over a period which normally happens in the case of all hybrids and even non-genetically engineered varieties. Besides, many illegal and unapproved seeds are in circulation. Their below-par performance does sully the image of Bt technology. Moreover, once one pest is suppressed effectively, as bollworm has owing to the prevalence of Bt hybrids, others tend to turn aggressive, necessitating newer, approaches to combat them. Therefore, there is a need to regularly replace existing Bt hybrids with better ones with higher innate yield potential and a capacity to withstand emerging threats. The onus lies on private seed companies, which virtually monopolize the cotton seed business, as well as the public sector farm research network. At present, most of the 35-odd companies marketing Bt seeds have licensing arrangements with technology developers, a handful of multinationals. Unfortunately, many companies with resources and the know-how to develop new gene-altered plant types are wary of investing in this cost-intensive pursuit. This is because of the cumbersome process of getting government approval for commercialization of their technology. Moreover, the unreasonable price caps placed by state governments on seeds have become a disincentive for investors, given the large overhead cost of technology development. These issues need to be addressed to facilitate a constant flow of investment into new technology development even with new Bt and other biotech hybrids or non-hybrid varieties. This will ensure that seeds are replaced at shorter intervals. Finally, public funding of research can play a constructive role in facilitating greater

competition; ensuring that privately funded research is more forthcoming.

10. The given passage, as a part of a larger article, seeks to answer which of the following questions?

- a) Has Bt Cotton delivered on its promises?
- b) Is Bt cotton a good investment?
- c) Will Bt cotton run out of steam?
- d) Is enough being done for the development of Bt cotton?

Ans: c

Explanation: The first paragraph discusses the fact that hybrids run out of their useful life. The second paragraph is about regularly replacing Bt hybrids with better ones. The author also discusses that there are not many incentives for investors to pursue better and regular developments in Bt cotton hybrids. The author ends by discussing which issues related to lack of incentives could be pursued. It is clear option (c) is the answer.

11. Why does the author present a case for regular replacement of Bt cotton hybrids with better ones?

- a) Their functional use is exhausted over time.
- b) Newer technology brings in better hybrids.
- c) Pests become aggressive and new varieties help tackle them.
- d) The hybrids get exhausted over time.

Ans: a

Explanation: The first paragraph discusses the fact that functionality of Bt cotton hybrids will be exhausted over time. The author also states that when one pest is suppressed effectively by the hybrid, other pests become more aggressive. It is also necessary to bring out hybrids to combat these aggressive pests. However, this (option c) is a secondary as compared with option (a).

12. According to the passage, what is the main reason for the companies being wary of

investing in developing better Bt cotton hybrids?

- a) Unreasonable price caps are placed by state governments on genetically modified seeds.
- b) Obtaining government approval for commercialization is cumbersome.
- c) The existing BT hybrids need to be replaced with better ones on a regular basis.
- d) There is a lack of public funding of research.

Ans: b

Explanation: The last paragraph discusses the reasons for why companies are wary of investing in developing better Bt cotton hybrids. Option (b) has been mentioned as the main reason in the passage. Options (a) has been mentioned as an additional reason. Option (d) is a broad inference made on a solution and it cannot be inferred as a reason. Option (c) expresses the need and reason for technological improvements but fails to answer the issue at hand.

1.13) The passage given below is followed by a set of four questions, Choose the best answer to each question.

The recent 2011 Provisional Census figures for Rajasthan show an alarming drop in sex ratio in the 0-6 age group from 909 in 2001 to 883 in 2011. A decline of 26 points is indicative of a clear bias against the girl child in a cultural milieu mediated by a range of factors — a feudal history, stringent patriarchy, rigid gender norms and deep-rooted disadvantages which pervade all spheres of domestic and social life. The state has also witnessed considerable action from civil society beginning with media exposure to the more recent scaled up action against the unscrupulous ultrasound clinics. However, the insidious trend has not been reversed and unless strong action is taken, it will lead to disastrous consequences.

For the past decade several networks, coalitions and individual NGOs active in the

field have been addressing the issue of declining sex ratio and female foeticide along with ensuring that the PCPNDT Act is implemented in all its seriousness. They have focused on campaigns community-based programmers and initiatives involving religious and caste leaders. Decoy operations carried out in various districts .by NGOs have succeeded in identifying unscrupu16us'doetots. However, no action has been taken against them and district level authorities continue to shield those involved in this malpractice. Under the larger rubric of addressing issues of violence against women and girls, some groups have also tried to identify and create awareness on the various types of violence and discrimination women and girls in the state face throughout the life cycle.

Declining sex ratio is seen as a symptom of the discrimination meted out to women. Several risk factors have come to fore as a result of the campaign on the implementation of the PCP N DT Act launched in the last few years. These risk factors must be recognized and mitigated because they could compromise some of the gains of the women's rights movements. On its part the state has for long claimed promotion of women's empowerment beginning with the Women's Development Project (WDP) in 1984. However, the systematic dismantling of the WDP which had a network of change agents at the grass-roots level is indicative of the .lackadaisical approach of the state towards issues of women's equality and dignity. The sathins (grass-roots workers, . literally "companions") could have played a proactive role . in creating an environment for empowering the girl child and acted as catalysts for monitoring the implementation of. the act at the district level provided their activities had not been curtailed. Today no alternative programme which addresses

women's empowerment and issues of violence against them exists. The lack of coordination between different line departments working on women and child related issues also add to the woes. Despite the rhetoric, an obvious lack of political will to save the girl child shows that the development graph of the state is on the brink of disaster.

13. Which of the following is a factor(s) for the bias against the girl child?

- I. Feudal lords
- II. Patriarchal culture
- III. Fixed gender rules
- IV. Discordial domestic and social life

- a) I, II and III
- b) Both I and IV
- c) Both II and III
- d) Only III
- e) Only II

Ans: c

Explanation: The first paragraph lists out the factors that have contributed to the bias against the girl child. A feudal history has been mentioned as one factor — however, this cannot be taken as a synonym for option (a). The feudal lords themselves may not have contributed to the bias — the passage indicates it was the entire feudal system. Option (b) and (c) have both been mentioned. Option (d) cannot be inferred on the basis of the information in the passage. The answer is option (c).

14. Which of the following issue(s) have also got covered by the larger issue of Violence against women and girls?

- a) Declining sex ratio and female foeticide
- b) Various types of discrimination against women and girls
- c) Identification of unscrupulous doctors

- d) Women's equality and dignity
- e) women's financial condition

Ans: b

Explanation: The last lines of paragraph 2 discuss the other issues that have been addressed due to the larger issue of violence against women and girls. It is indicated that the various types of violence and discrimination that women and girls face in their life cycle are also being addressed due to this larger issue. Option (a) is an issue that is being addressed, however, it does not answer the context of the question. Option (c) has been mentioned in the paragraph as an issue on which no action has been taken. Option (d) is also mentioned as an issue on which no action is being taken by the state. The answer is option (b).

15. According to the passage, which of the following governance-related problems can be viewed as the "last straw" that could compromise the gains in the women's rights movements?
- a) Lack of political will to save the girl child.
 - b) Lack of coordination between different line departments.
 - c) No alternative programmed to address women's empowerment.
 - d) The systematic dismantling of the WDP.
 - e) the innovative ideas

Ans: a

Explanation: In the last paragraph, the author mentions the various governance-related failures/problems that could compromise some of the gains of the women's right movement. The last line of this paragraph states that the lack of political will to save the girl child shows that the development graph of the state is on the brink of disaster. Option (a) is the answer. Option (b), (c) and (d) have

been mentioned as risk factors but they cannot be taken in the sense of the "last straw" as option (a).

16. It can be inferred that would have continued the passage with the following:
- a) Discussion on how the PCPNDT Act, 1994 can be made more effective.
 - b) Discussion on another institutional mechanism that is currently defunct.
 - c) Discussion on strategies the state can use to address the issue mentioned in the passage.
 - d) Discussion on strategies to ensure that the girl child is protected.

Ans: c

Explanation: The passage starts by discussing the reducing sex -ratio in Rajasthan mentions addressing the larger issue of violence against women and girls and then ends by discussing the risk factors that could compromise some of the gains of the women's rights movements. It ends by stating that the "development graph of the state is on the brink of disaster. Once the author has made this point, option (b) will be a redundancy. Option (a) is incorrect, as it cannot be inferred that the author is concerned with improving the implementation of the PCPNDT Act, 1994. Option (d) is too narrow. Option (c) is the best answer.

I.17) Rearrange the following six sentences (A), (B), (C), (D), (E) and (F) in proper sequences and form a meaningful paragraph; then answer the questions given below:

- A. It was further revived by a Boston publishing firm, and from that time Mother Goose continued and grew in fame and interest till date.

- B. The first collection of verses under her name was published in London in book form by John Newbery.
- C. These were known long before they were designated as Mother Goose rhymes.
- D. Some rhymes can be traced to popular ballads, folk songs, and games, political satire, ancient proverbs, cries of street vendors, real or legendary events.
- E. About 25 years later, the book was reprinted in the United States in Worcester, Massachusetts.
- F. In fact, until the eighteenth-century Mother Goose did not have a name in print in English Literature.

17. What is the correct sequence of the paragraph?

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

Ans: a

Explanation: The correct sequence to make a meaningful paragraph is: D C F B E A

D. Some rhymes can be traced to popular ballads, folk songs, and games, political satire, ancient proverbs, cries of street vendors, real or legendary events.

C. These were known long before they were designated as Mother Goose rhymes.

F. In fact, until the eighteenth-century Mother Goose did not have a name in print in English Literature.

B. The first collection of verses under her name was published in London in book form by John Newbery.

E. About 25 years later, the book was reprinted in the United States in Worcester, Massachusetts.

A. It was further revived by a Boston publishing firm, and from that time Mother Goose continued and grew in fame and interest till date.

1.18) The question has a sentence/ sentences with two blanks. Given below the questions are four pairs of words. Choose the pair that best completes the sentence/sentences.

18. On examining the _____ of pottery gathered from the site of the _____, the archaeologist announced that they belonged to the 10th century.
- a) shards, excavation
 - b) fragments, tomb
 - c) variety, experiment
 - d) smithereens, landscape
 - e) none of these

Ans: a

Explanation: The word excavation (carefully remove mud to find buried remains) is closely associated with archaeology. Shards means sharp pieces of broken ceramic, metal, glass etc. hence, option 'a' is the right answer.

19. Four sentences are given with a blank in each. Five words are also given to fill the blanks. Identify the number of sentences each word can go into, and mark as your answer the maximum number of sentences any word can go into.

- 1) Unable to _____ the grief of his beloved's death, he ended his life.
- 2) _____ is an animal, which lives on fruits and roots.
- 3) Please _____ with us for the delay.
- 4) _____ is an intoxicating drink.

- a) Beer
- b) Withstand
- c) Bear
- d) Overcome
- e) endure

Ans: c

Explanation: 'beer' fits into only 4. 'withstand' fit into only 1. 'bear' fits into 1, 2 and 3. 'Overcome' fits into 1 alone. 'Endure' means

to bear and it fits only 1. 'bear' fits into a maximum number of 3 statements.
Hence, 'c' is our answer.

20. Four sentences are given with a blank in each. Five words are also given to fill the blanks. Identify the number of sentences each word can go into, and mark as your answer the maximum number of sentences any word can go into.

- 1) "Those who _____ will teach those who can't", said George Bernard Shaw.
- 2) The white-water issue proved to be a _____ of worms to the Clintons.
- 3) "_____ you wait for a few minutes?" the secretary asked politely.
- 4) He had no _____ of his own; he would listen to anyone.

- a) Ideas
- b) Can
- c) Will
- d) Would
- e) could

Ans: b

Explanation: 'Ideas' fits into 4. 'can' fits into 1, 2 and 3. 'will' fits into 4. 'would' and 'could' fit into 3.

Thus, 'can' fits into 3 statements. 'b' is the answer.

I.21) In the given questions, one word in every sentence has been underlined. Pick the option that best describes the meaning of the underlined word in the give context.

21. As they stood atop the hill, a beautiful panorama of city lights unfolded beneath their eyes.

- a) Incoherent
- b) Curt
- c) Succinct
- d) Vista
- e) captured

Ans: d

Explanation: Option 'd' is correct. A panorama is a vista perception of a region.

Option 'a': To be incoherent is to be unable to express your thoughts logically.

Option 'b': To be curt is to be brief and to that point to the extent of being rude.

Option 'c': To be succinct is to briefly give the gist of something.

I.22) In the given questions, one word in every sentence has been underlined. Pick the option that best describes the meaning of the underlined word in the give context.

22. Mason arose resolutely from the realm of suffering and embarked boldly on a course of arduous study.

- a) Upright
- b) Conscientious
- c) Exhilarating
- d) Grueling
- e) comfortable

Ans: d

Explanation: Arduous means 'involving or requiring difficult and tiring efforts.'

Grueling means the same.

I.23) Rearrange the following seven sentences (1), (2), (3), (4), (5), (6) and (7) in the proper sequences to form a meaningful paragraph and then answer the questions given below:

- 1) Whenever he felt hungry, he killed one of his subjects and ate it.
- 2) His attitude changed, and he stopped taking interest in the matters of his subjects.
- 3) All the animals were sad, but nobody had the courage to speak about it to king lion.
- 4) Once upon a time there was a lion who loved his subjects and whenever there was any problem, he applied his wit and brought an amicable settlement to their problems.
- 5) He became cruel.

- 6) Every animal appreciated him.
7) But after some time, he became over-confident and arrogant in his behavior.

23. What is the correct rearrangement of the sentences?

- a) 2 6 5 7 3 4 1
b) 4 6 7 2 5 1 3
c) 2 4 3 5 1 6 7
d) 1 2 3 4 5 6 7
e) 3 4 5 6 2 7 1

Ans: b

Explanation: The correct sequence is 4 6 7 2 5 1 3

I.24) Choose the word which is MOST SIMILAR in meaning to the word printed in bold as used in the passage.

24. **EXPLOITED**

- a) satisfied
b) suppressed
c) abused
d) hindered
e) tortured

Ans: c

I.25) Choose the word which is MOST OPPOSITE in meaning of the word printed in bold as used in the passage.

25. **ASTRONOMICAL**

- a) humongous
b) colossal
c) insignificant
d) whopping
e) sizeable

Ans: c

I.26) Each question has a pair of capitalized words followed by four pairs of words. Choose the pair of words that best expresses a relationship similar to that expressed by the capitalized pair.

26. **ZENITH: NADIR**

- a) religion: faith
b) pinnacle: peak
c) summit: foothill
d) base: vertex
e) brim: flow

Ans: c

Explanation: Zenith is the highest point, nadir is the lowest point. Similarly, summit is the highest point and foothill is low hill lying at the base of mountain. Pinnacle and peak are synonyms. Base means low in value, vertex means highest point. In the question pair, highest point is given first, so, this cannot be the answer.

Hence, 'c' is the correct option.

I.27) Each question has a pair of capitalized words followed by four pairs of words. Choose the pair of words that best expresses a relationship similar to that expressed by the capitalized pair.

27. **SIGNATORY: DOCUMENT**

- a) dignitary: country
b) dormitory: hostel
c) planetary: stars
d) notary: affidavit
e) demarche: document

Ans: d

Explanation: Signatory is a person or country that signs an official document. Notary is a person, who certifies deeds, affidavits. Dignitary is a person of high rank. Dormitory is a sleeping room with several beds. Planetary is relating to planets. Demarche is an official document of protest. Hence, option d is the correct answer.

28. Each question given below has five sentences. Each sentence has a pair of words that are written in bold. From these words, select the most appropriate words (A or B) to form correct sentences. The sentences are followed

by options that indicate the words, which may be selected to correctly complete the set of sentences. From the options given, choose the most appropriate one.

- 1) The continual (A) / continuous (B) metro departures were a great convenience to the people coming from distant areas of the city.
- 2) The tourist liked strolling through the pier (A) / pyre (B) in the pleasant evening.
- 3) Will somebody mete (A) / meet (B) out justice to those responsible for the despicable condition of such impoverished children?
- 4) The elicit (A) / illicit (B) act of the delinquent ruined his entire childhood.
- 5) The liable (A) / libel (B) published in the today's newspaper was followed by the legal action taken by the chairman of the organization against the newspaper.

- a) BAABA
- b) AABAA
- c) BABBB
- d) AAABB
- e) ABABA

Ans: d

Explanation: 'Continual' means 'frequently repeated'; going on with occasional interruption. 'continuous' means 'unceasing; going on without interruption.

'Pier' means a structure built on posts extending from land out over water, used as a landing place for ships, an entertainment area and 'pyre' refers to a heap of wood or other combustible material.

'mete' means to distribute by or as if by measure, 'meet' means to come upon by chance or Arrangement.

The verb 'elicit' means to call forth or bring out and the adjective 'illicit' means unlawful or not permitted.

The adjective 'liable' means subject to obligated to, or responsible for something.

The noun or verb 'libel' refers to a false

publication that damages a person's reputation.

29. Each question given below has five sentences. Each sentence has a pair of words that are written in bold. From these words, select the most appropriate words (A or B) to form correct sentences. The sentences are followed by options that indicate the words, which may be selected to correctly complete the set of sentences. From the options given, choose the most appropriate one.

- 1) Lady Arabella stood a little on one side, and the African, accepting the movement as an invitation, entered in an obsequious (A) / obsequies (B) way.
- 2) His immoral (A) / amoral (B), iniquitous and unscrupulous activities increased with his age and ultimately led him to terrible predicaments.
- 3) The entire nation exulted (A) / exalted (B) in one spirit at the team's glorious and historic win.
- 4) The king adjured (A) / abjured (B) the worldly pleasures and became a recluse in the search of God and the purpose of his existence.
- 5) He started griping (A) / gripping (B) about the prices they were charging.

- a) BBBAB
- b) BBBBB
- c) BABAA
- d) AAABA
- e) ABABA

Ans: d

Explanation: Obsequious means characterized by deference. Obsequies refers to a funeral rite or ceremony.

Immoral means violating traditionally held moral principles. Amoral refers to act without regard for any particular code of morality.

Exult means to feel a lively joy exalt means to raise in power, rank, honor, quality etc.

Adjure means to charge, bind or command earnestly. Abjure means to renounce. Gripping means to complain constantly. Gripping means holding the attention intensely.

I.30) For the word given on the top of the table. Match the dictionary definitions given in the left-hand column (A, B, C, D) with their corresponding usage given in the right-hand column (E, F, G and H). Out of the four numbered choices given in the boxes below the table, identify the one that has all the definitions and usages correctly matched and mark its number as your answer.

30. FRET

	Meaning		Usage
A	To feel or express or discontent	E	The sari border was a lovely fretted design.
B	To cause corrosion	F	The acid fretted through the wood, leaving a gaping hole.
C	To move in agitation commotion	G	The waterfall- with the water leaping in a seething, fretting mass over the edge of the precipice- was an awe-inspiring sight.
D	Interlaced angular design	H	Stop fretting – we will reach our destination soon.

- a) A-H, B-G, C-F, D-E
- b) A-H, B-F, C-G, D-E
- c) A-F, B-E, C-H, D-G
- d) A-F, B-H, C-E, D-G
- e) A-G, B-H, C-F, D-E

Ans: b

Explanation: Option 'b' is correct as it matches all the definitions to the usage correctly.

I.31) For the word given on the top of the table. Match the dictionary definitions given in the left-hand column (A, B, C, D) with their corresponding usage given in the right-hand column (E, F, G and H). Out of the four numbered choices given in the boxes below the table, identify the one that has all the definitions and usages correctly matched and mark its number as your answer.

31. BLUFF

	Meaning		usage
A	Good-naturedly blunt, outspoken	E	He is such a glib talker, he can bluff his way out of anything.
B	Steep cliff	F	When we called his bluff, he just panicked and ran.
C	To mislead by display of false strength or confidence	G	Being situated on the edge of a sheer bluff, the house had a splendid view of the countryside.
D	An act or instance of misleading	H	I like uncle Sunil -he is nice, though a little bluff.

- a) A-E, B-G, C-F, D-H
- b) A-H, B-G, C-E, D-F
- c) A-F, B-H, C-E, D-G
- d) A-G, B-F, C-H, D-E
- e) A-G, B-E, C-F, D-H

Ans: b

Explanation: Option 'b' is correct as it matches all the definitions to the usage correctly.

32. Select the alternative from among the choices that best expresses the idea:
- The panel narrowed the field of applicants to the three whom it thought were best qualified for the position.
 - The panel narrowed the field of applicants of the three whom it thought were best qualified for the position.
 - The panel narrowed the field of applicants to the three who it thought were best qualified for the position.
 - The panel narrowed the field of applicants to the three who it thought was best qualified for the position.
 - none of these

Ans: c

Explanation: 'narrowed.....of the three' in 'b' is incorrect. Three is plural, so 'was best' in 'd' is also wrong. The pronoun 'whom' is used wrongly in 'a' and 'b'. statement 'c' is correct. The panel thought that 'they' were best qualified. 'They' is in the subjective case. Hence, 'who' is correct.

33. Select the alternative from among the choices that best expresses the idea:
- The leader had always loyal supporters and they loved him.
 - The leader always has loyal supporters who loved him.
 - The leader always has loyal supporters and they are loving him.
 - The leader always had loyal supporters who loved him.
 - none of these

Ans: d

Explanation: Statement 'b' and 'c' are grammatically incorrect; has -loved (the verbs are in different tenses); has-are loving (love is not written in continuous tense). The phrases

'had always' in statement 'a' should read 'always had'. Statement d is correct.

34. Select the alternative from among the choices that best expresses the idea:
- A memo was issued by the director of the agency that had an insulting tone, according to the staff members.
 - The director of the agency, who issued a memo that had an insulting tone, according to the staff members.
 - The issuance of a memo by the director of the agency had an insulting tone, according to the staff members.
 - The director of the agency issued a memo that had an insulting tone, according to the staff members.
 - None of these

Ans: d

Explanation: In all the given statements, the clause 'that had an insulting tone' is describing different nouns. We should find out the noun that has an insulting tone to answer this. Agency, issuance in statements 'a' and 'c' do not have an insulting tone, as they are starting nothing. Statement 'b' is incomplete. Statement 'd' is correct, as the memo is in an insulting tone.

I.35) In each of the following questions, a sentence has been given with some of its parts in bold. To make the sentence grammatically and idiomatically correct, you have to replace the bold part with the correct alternative given below. If the sentence is correct as it is, give 'e' as your answer.

35. Most folks who tuned into Budget 2019 may have come away with the impression that it was just a random bag of good for Indian voters from a government heading into general elections.
- goodness from Indian voters from
 - goodies to Indian voters to
 - goodies for Indian voters from

- d) goodies for Indian voters by
e) no improvement

Ans: c

36. In each question, there are five sentences. Each sentence has pairs of underlined words. From these words, select the most appropriate word and then from the options given, choose the best one.

- 1) A bill to replace the ordinance (A)/ ordnance (B) issued by the president, is likely to be discussed during the current session of the House.
- 2) The police asked the arrested man who confessed to his involvement to the crimes to reenact the scene of the crime in stimulated (A) / simulated (B) conditions.
- 3) I saw a lot of customers scuttling (A)/ shuttling (B) to and from the bank during the business hours.
- 4) Though it has been several years since the family lost all its wealth and reputation, a certain mystic (A)/ mystique (B) still surrounds it.
- 5) What shocked the people was not only the heinous nature of the crime but also the impenitent (A) / impetuous (B), stance of the convict.

- a) ABBBB
- b) BBABA
- c) ABABA
- d) BABAB
- e) none of these

Ans: c

Explanation:

- 1) 'ordinance' is an official order, whereas 'ordnance' means military weapons. Hence, 'ordinance' (A) is appropriate here.
- 2) 'simulated conditions' means artificially created conditions, whereas 'stimulated' means 'encouraged to develop further'. Hence, the context takes 'simulated' (B) here.

- 3) 'shuttling' means moving to and fro over short distances. 'Scuttling' means hurrying especially used with reference to mice. Hence, the context takes 'shuttling' (A) here.
- 4) A 'mystic' is a person who practices or believes in religious mysticism whereas, if there is a 'mystique' about someone or something, they are thought to be special and people don't know much about them. Hence, 'mystique' (B) is the appropriate word in the context.
- 5) 'impenitent' means 'not repentant' or 'penitent' whereas, 'impetuous' means 'acting or done rashly or with sudden energy.' Hence, 'impenitent' (A) is the appropriate word. Hence, the sequence of correct answer is ABABA.

37. In each question, there are five sentences. Each sentence has pairs of underlined words. From these words, select the most appropriate word and then from the options given, choose the best one.

- 1) The queen's imperious (A)/ impervious (B) behavior has not endeared her to many.
- 2) The minister dismissed the protest against him as the handiwork of a small click (A) / clique (B) of disgruntled elements in his own party.
- 3) My friend was loath (A)/ loathe (B) to investing in shares of new companies.
- 4) The manufactured items are required to conform (A) / confirm (B) to certain standards set forth by the government.
- 5) The leaders of the party are trying to coble (A)/ cobble (B) together a coalition of like-minded parties.

- a) ABAAB
- b) AABBB
- c) BABAB
- d) BBAAB
- e) none of these

Ans: a

Explanation:

- 1) 'imperious' means 'overbearing' or 'domineering' whereas, 'impervious' means 'not responsive to an argument, outside influence etc. hence, 'imperious' (A) is the correct option here.
- 2) 'click' means 'as slight sharp sound' and 'clique' means 'a small exclusive group of people'. Hence, 'clique' (B) is suitable in the context.
- 3) 'Loath' means disinclined, or reluctant and it is often followed by 'to' whereas, 'loathe' means 'to detest' or 'to abominate'. Hence, 'loath' is the right word in the context.
- 4) while 'conform' means to comply with rules, 'confirm' means to provide support for the truth or correctness of something". Hence, conform (A) is the right word here.
- 5) while 'coble' is a flat – bottomed fishing boat, 'cobble' means to join or assemble together. It is often followed by together. Hence, (B) The sequence of right options is ABAAB.

38. In the following questions, statements 1 and 6 are respectively the first and the last sentences of a paragraph. Statements A, B, C and D come in between them. Rearrange A, B, C and D in such a manner that they make a coherent paragraph together with the statements 1 to 6. Select the correct order from the given choices and mark its number as your answer.

- 1) the institution of the moral sentiment is an insight of the perfection of the laws of the soul.
- A. Thus, in the soul of man there is a justice whose retributions are instant and entire.
- B. He who does a mean deed is by the action itself contracted.
- C. They are out of time, out of space, and not subject to circumstances.
- D. These laws execute by themselves.
- 6) He who does a good deed is instantly ennobled.

- a) CDAB
- b) ADCB
- c) DCAB
- d) DCBA
- e) CBAD

Ans: c

Explanation: One method of arranging the sentences is by finding the link between any two given statements, and then look for this order in the choices. B is connected to 6. Hence, B must precede 6. So, choice 4 and 5 are eliminated. 'Laws' in 1 connects it to 'these laws' in D and 'they' in C refers to 'laws' in D. so, the correct order is DCAB.

39. In the following questions, statements 1 and 6 are respectively the first and the last sentences of a paragraph. Statements A, B, C and D come in between them. Rearrange A, B, C and D in such a manner that they make a coherent paragraph together with the statements 1 to 6. Select the correct order from the given choices and mark its number as your answer.

- 1) It is easier to be courageous when you do not have to function in a democracy.
- A. It is particularly so in a democracy, where there is never a dull electoral moment.
- B. There is always some election round the corner where the large picture is going to be clouded over by the lurid stains of propaganda.
- C. Seem soft on Punjab and the opposition will pummel you in the assembly elections.
- D. So, restrain your hand and postpone a decision.
- 6) wait for another "opportune moment", which of course never really comes.

- a) ABCD
- b) BDCA
- c) ACBD
- d) DCBA
- e) ADBC

Ans: a

Explanation: The word 'easier to the courageous' and 'particularly so' connect 1 and A. Both sentences refer to the situation in a democracy. So, b and d can be eliminated. 'Never a dull electoral' in A is clearly linked to 'some election round the corner' in B. C following B is clear because the words 'propaganda' in B and 'pummel' in C convey the idea of parties exploiting controversial issues during campaigning. The words 'postpone' in D and 'opportune moment' in 6 serve as key words. Hence, the correct order is ABCD.

40. In the questions below, four different ways of writing a sentence are indicated. Choose the best way of writing the sentence.

- a) Today majority of communication in the business world are accomplished over e-mails.
- b) A majority of communication in the business world today, is accomplished over e-mails.
- c) A majority of communication in the business world today are accomplished over e-mails.
- d) A majority of communications today in the business world are accomplished over e-mails.

Ans: b

Explanation: Stylistically an event comes first and time frame later, hence 'a' is incorrect. 'majority of communication' takes the verb 'is' since it is an uncountable noun. Hence, 'are' is incorrect in 'c' and 'd'.

Further 'communications' in 'd' is not correct. In this way 'b' has no error.



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