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Word Swap

Direction (1-5): In each of the questions given below, a sentence is given with a few words highlighted. These words may or may not be placed correctly in the sentence. Identify the words which have been placed incorrectly and need to be interchange with other highlighted words to mark.

1. The idea that the **(A) federalism** of Article 370 **(B) weakened** the Indian Union is **(C) contrary** and is **(D) erroneous** to a basic understanding of democracy and lessons learnt from the experiments of Indian **(E) presence**.

A. A-D; B-C

B. A-C; B-E

C. C-D; A-E

D. D-C; B-A

E. No interchange is required.

Answer : C

Among the given highlighted words, an interchange is required between D-C and A-E. Here, 'federalism of Article 370' sounds incorrect. Among the remaining highlighted words only 'presence' can make the phrase correct. Further, 'erroneous' followed by 'to' is grammatically incorrect. The correct phrase will be 'contrary to'. Hence, option (c) is correct.

Federalism- the federal principle or system of government.

Weakened- make or become weaker in power, resolve, or physical strength.

Contrary- opposite in nature, direction, or meaning.

Erroneous- wrong/ incorrect.

Presence- the state or fact of existing, occurring, or being present.

2) For a long time, major parties **(A) aftermath** Sri Lankan Tamils preferred to focus on political **(B) empowerment** of the Tamils instead of socio-economic **(C) development** of the two Provinces, (D) regardless of the impact of the civil war and its **(E) representing** on livelihoods.

A.A-D; B-C

B.A-C

C.A-E

D.D-C; B-A

E.No interchange is required

Answer : C

Among the given highlighted words, (A) and (E) have been incorrectly placed. The hint can be drawn from the latter part of the sentence, because prepositions are used with a noun, pronoun, or noun phrase to show direction, time, place, location, spatial relationships, or to introduce an object. Here, 'representing' is a verb and must be replaced with 'aftermath'. Hence, option (c) is correct.

Aftermath (noun) - the consequences or aftereffects of a significant unpleasant event.

Representing (verb)- be entitled or appointed to act or speak for (someone), especially in an official capacity.

3) Way back in 1897, the British **(A) empowered** the Epidemic Diseases Act which **(B) enacted** the government to **(C) prevent** any measures that would **(D) implement** the outbreak or **(E) spread** of any disease.

A.A-D; B-C

B.A-C; B-E

C.C-D; A-E

D.D-C; B-A

E. No interchange is required.

Answer : D

Among the given highlighted words, an interchange is required between D-C and B-A. Here, we can get the hint from the former part of the sentence because 'laws are enacted' and they 'empower someone'. Also, the outbreak shouldn't be implemented, instead it should be 'stopped'. Therefore, 'implement' and 'prevent' should be interchanged. Hence, option (d) is correct.

Enacted - make (a bill or other proposal) law.

Empowered- give (someone) the authority or power to do something.

Implement- put (a decision, plan, agreement, etc.) into effect.

Prevent- keep (something) from happening.

Spread - gradually reach or cause to reach a wider area or more people.

4) In the last one year, the **(A) erstwhile** of the **(B) reorganization** State was **(C) lead** on the ground that it would **(D) defended** to greater **(E) integration** of J&K with the rest of the country.

A.A-D; B-C

B.A-C; B-E

C.C-D; A-E

D.D-C; B-A

E.No interchange is required

Answer : D

Among the given highlighted words, an interchange is required between D-C and A-B. Here, 'States' must be preceded by an adjective instead of a verb. Therefore, (A)-(B) will be interchanged. Subsequently, 'was' will be followed by a past tense verb. Here, the correct replacement will be with 'defended'. Hence, option (d) is correct.

Reorganization- the action or process of changing the way in which something is organized.

Erstwhile- former.

Defended- resist an attack made on (someone or something); protect from harm or danger.

Lead- culminate or result in (a particular event or consequence).

Integration- the action or process of integrating.

5) Despite reports of **(A) rampant** drug **(B) addiction** and alcoholism among Tamil youth in the post-war years, they **(C) turned** a blind eye to the **(D) problem**.

A.A-D; B-C

B.A-C

C.A-B; C-D

D.D-C; B-A

E. No interchange is required.

Answer : E

All the given highlighted words have been correctly placed and do not require any interchange. Hence, option (e) is correct.

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