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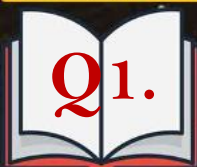
English

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BY KINJAL MA'AM

Directions(1-5): In the following sentence, some parts of the sentence have been printed in bold. One of the bold parts is incorrectly spelled. Pick up that part and mark its number. If there is no error in the bold parts, mark (5), i.e. 'No Error' as the answer.

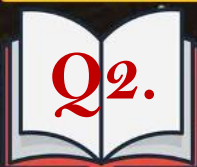




The professor admired her **dilligence** in research, appreciated her **intellect**, and encouraged her to pursue **further** studies with utmost **dedication**.

1. **Dilligence** → Diligence
2. **Intellect**
3. **Further**
4. **Dedication**
5. **No Error**



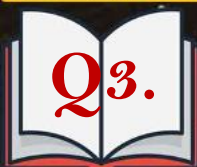


The manager praised the intern for keeping the files **immacualte**, admired her **punctuality**, and rewarded her **efforts** with a certificate of **excellence**.

1. Immacualte ✓
2. Punctuality
3. Efforts
4. Excellence
5. No Error

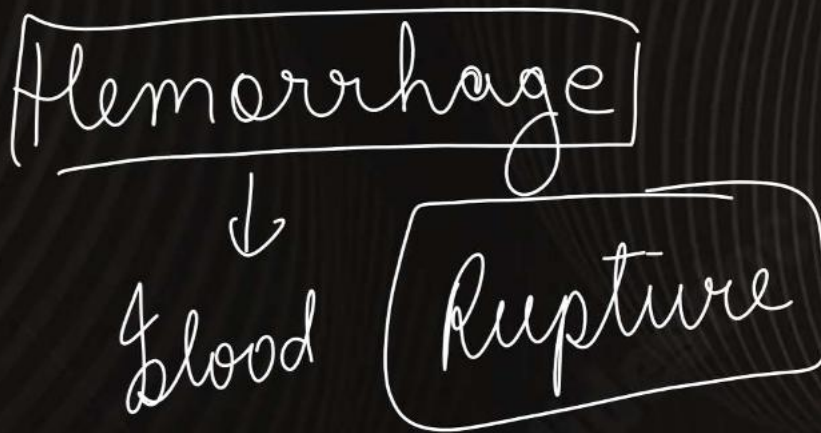
Immaculate
अदोष





Q3. During the operation, the surgeon noticed excessive **hemorrhage**, quickly tried to **stabilize** the patient, and ensured that the medical team **responded** with **complete precision**.

1. Hemorrhage
2. Stabilize
3. Responded
4. Precision
5. No Error



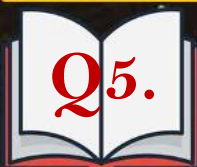
Q4.

The witness was subpoenaed to appear in court, but due to a minor inconvenience, the session was postponed until the next hearing.

1. Subpoenaed
2. Inconvenience
3. Postponed
4. Hearing
5. No Error

Inconvenience





Despite being **ecstatic** about receiving the prestigious scholarship, Maria felt anxious when the committee announced that she was in the **forfront** of candidates expected to deliver the opening speech at the annual **ceremony**, which was considered the most significant **event** of the academic year.

- 1. **Ecstatic** ←
- 3. **Ceremony** ←
- 5. **No Error**

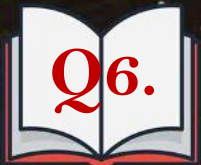
- 2. **Forfront**
- 4. **Event** ←

forefront



Directions(6-7): The question below consists of a set of labeled parts of a sentence. Out of the five options given, select the most logical order to form a coherent sentence.





Q6. Climate change is often ^{hv adv} ^Q

P: with unpredictable rainfall patterns,

Q: compared to a ticking time bomb,

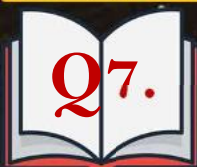
R: threatening agriculture-dependent economies,

S: that struggle to cope

- 1. ✓ QPRS
- 2. RQSP
- 3. ~~PQRS~~
- 4. ~~QSRP~~
- 5. ~~PRSQ~~

(She is often demanding respect)
a hv adv mv
Rajdeep is an aspirant he sells vegetables





In recent months, several news outlets have

P: by prioritizing sensational headlines

Q: been blamed for eroding nuance

R: across fast-moving coverage cycles

S: during competitive ratings battles

1. ~~RQSP~~

2. PQRS

3. ~~RQPS~~

4. QPSR

5. PQSR

Comp - RS
News - Intro, PQ



Directions(8-9): Read the sentence given below to find out if it contains any error. The error, if any, will be in one part of the sentence. If the sentence is error-free, select No error or option (5). Ignore punctuation errors if any.





The speech delivered by the activist (A) / was a powerful (B) / and emotional moving appeal (C) / to protect the endangered species. (D) No error (E)

A, An, The

→ noun

noun

Advs

Emotionally

adj (V → Adj)

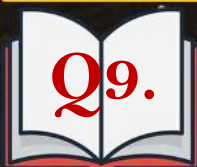
- 1. A
- 2. B
- 3. C
- 4. D
- 5. E

The growing interest in space

adj

n





The committee expressed (A) / deep appreciation to the volunteers (B) / who had worked tirelessly (C) / with little regard to their personal comfort. (D) / No error (E)

- 1. A
- 2. B
- 3. C
- 4. D
- 5. E

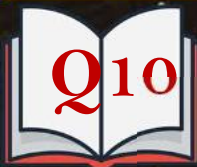
regard for - for
regard to -

Fined Prepo



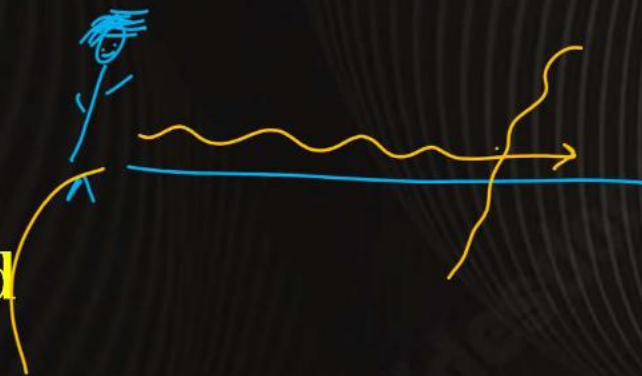
Directions(10-11): Which of the following phrases given below in the options should replace the phrase that is underlined in the sentence to make it grammatically correct? If the sentence is correct and does not require any correction mark 'No correction required' as your answer.

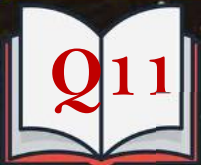




Despite being exhausted, the marathon runner smiled as he **walked into** the finish line with his teammates cheering loudly.

- a) walked onto
- b) walked in
- c) walked through
- d) walked at
- e) No correction required





The teacher advised the students to avoid quarrelling **on behalf of** trivial matters and focus instead on their assignments.

- a) in behalf of
- b) with behalf of
- c) for behalf of
- d) over trivial matters
- e) No correction required

I am inviting you to our success party on behalf of the org

I do

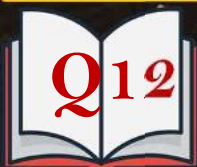
*Trivial
Negligible*

*Negligent,
careless*



Directions(12-14): Given below is a word, followed by three sentences that consist of that word. Identify the sentence(s) that best express(es) the meaning of the word. Choose option 5 'None of the above' if the word is not suitable in any of the sentences.





PRAGMATIC – Practical, Fastidious.

A. Despite the emotional appeal of the charity campaign, the director took a **pragmatic** approach by first analyzing the available budget. ✓

B. The little boy's **pragmatic** behavior during the party irritated the guests, who found his constant shouting very unpleasant. ✗

C. The novelist was praised for her **pragmatic** imagination, which allowed her to create magical lands full of dragons and fairies. ✗

- ✓ 1. Only A 2. Both A and B 3. Only B
4. Both A and C 5. None of the above



Q13

TENACIOUS

Strong, Tough, धैर्य

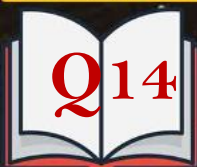
A. Despite repeated failures, the scientist remained **tenacious** in his research, refusing to give up until he discovered a breakthrough.

B. The **tenacious** paint on the old building peeled away at the slightest touch of rain.

C. His **tenacious** memory allowed him to recall even the smallest details of conversations from years ago.

1. Only A
2. Both A and C ✓
3. Only B
4. Both B and C
5. None of the above





TENACITY - Not Quit!!!

A. The young lawyer's tenacity in pursuing justice impressed the entire courtroom, as she argued **tirelessly** despite repeated objections.

B. The politician's **tenacity** of wearing **extravagant** pompous clothes at every event was widely appreciated by fashion critics.

C. The mountaineer showed great **tenacity**, refusing to abandon the climb even in the face of extreme weather and exhaustion.

1. Only A

2. Both A and B

3. Only C

4. Both A and C

5. None of the above



Directions(15-19): Cloze Passage

Education is often regarded as the backbone of a nation's progress. However, in many developing countries, the system is plagued with issues of _____ (A), leading to unequal opportunities among students. While urban schools may enjoy advanced facilities, rural areas continue to struggle with poor _____ (B). Moreover, even when schools are available, the quality of teaching may be _____ (C), resulting in students failing to acquire essential skills. Another major obstacle is the _____ (D) burden on parents, which prevents them from sending their children to school. Unless these problems are tackled with urgency, the dream of inclusive education will remain a distant _____ (E).

Q15

Education is often regarded as the backbone of a nation's progress. However, in many developing countries, the system is plagued with issues of _____ (A), leading to unequal opportunities among students. While urban schools may enjoy advanced facilities, rural areas continue to struggle with poor _____ (B).

A.

- a) negligence – Careless
- b) disparity [unequal]
- c) curiosity –
- d) exposure –
- e) enlightenment –

Sagacious
Erudite
Prudent

Knowledge



Q16

Education is often regarded as the backbone of a nation's progress. However, in many developing countries, the system is plagued with issues of _____ (A), leading to unequal opportunities among students. While urban schools may enjoy advanced facilities, rural areas continue to struggle with poor _____ (B).

(adj) (noun)

B.

- a) infrastructure ✓
- ~~b) heritage~~
- ~~c) occupation~~
- ~~d) legislation~~
- ~~e) elevation~~

elevation
↓
elevate
*alleviate ↓



Q17

Moreover, even when schools are available, the quality of teaching may be -ve (C), resulting in students failing to acquire essential skills. Another major obstacle is the (D) burden on parents, which prevents them from sending their children to school. Unless these problems are tackled with urgency, the dream of inclusive education will remain a distant (E).

C.

- a) extraordinary +ve
- b) mediocre ✓
- c) competent +ve
- d) affluent +ve
- e) astute

↓
very clever
Adept
shrewd
Cunning



Q18

Moreover, even when schools are available, the quality of teaching may be _____ (C), resulting in students failing to acquire essential skills. Another major obstacle is the _____ (D) burden on parents, which prevents them from sending their children to school. Unless these problems are tackled with urgency, the dream of inclusive education will remain a distant _____ (E).

D.

- a) financial ✓
- b) ~~political~~
- c) ~~cultural~~
- d) ~~geographical~~
- e) ~~ethical~~



Q19

Moreover, even when schools are available, the quality of teaching may be _____ (C), resulting in students failing to acquire essential skills. Another major obstacle is the _____ (D) burden on parents, which prevents them from sending their children to school. Unless these problems are tackled with urgency, the dream of (inclusive education) will remain a distant _____ (E).

E.

- a) ~~reality~~ ←
- b) ~~journey~~
- c) ~~dream~~
- d) ambition
- e) ~~vision~~

Inclusive
Exclusive

Evasive



Directions(20-27):

- 20.** Choose the antonym of the word “**Creditable**” as used in the passage.
- 21.** Choose the synonym of the word “**Tenacity**” as used in the passage.
- 22.** Which idiom/phrase from the passage conveys the idea of “**a series of consecutive achievements**”?
- 23.** Which of the following statements is **NOT supported** by the passage?



24. Fill in the blank with the most appropriate preposition:

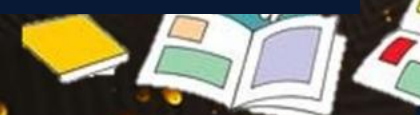
“Praggnanandhaa’s triumph _____ Carlsen, though insufficient to clinch the championship, was still deemed highly creditable.”

25. Select the one-word substitute from the passage for:

“A compact body of troops or a group united for a common purpose.”

26. What is the closest meaning of the phrase “no longer aspirational but increasingly inevitable” as used in the passage?

27. Choose the synonym of the word “Formidable” as used in the passage.



In the span of just a few years, India's young chess prodigies have transformed the country from a solitary presence on the world stage into a collective force. R. Praggnanandhaa's triumph **over** Magnus Carlsen, though insufficient to clinch the championship, was still deemed highly **creditable** given the gulf in ratings. Simultaneously, D. Gukesh startled commentators by securing a string of victories **on the trot**, while Arjun Erigaisi's measured consistency in classical formats has drawn comparisons with Europe's most seasoned masters.

What distinguishes this new cohort is not merely talent, but **tenacity**—a refusal to capitulate in adverse positions.

Nihal Sarin's resourcefulness in blitz, and Raunak Sadhwani's surge at Abu Dhabi, underscore the breadth of this phenomenon. Collectively, these players represent not fleeting sparks but a **formidable phalanx** of contenders challenging the monopoly of traditional chess bastions.

Underlying this surge is the legacy of Viswanathan Anand. Once the lone Indian grandmaster at the summit, Anand now mentors the very teenagers poised to surpass his own records. The infrastructure has also evolved: the proliferation of digital platforms, access to grandmaster-level coaching, and a culture of parental investment have together created an ecosystem in which excellence is no longer aspirational but increasingly **inevitable**.

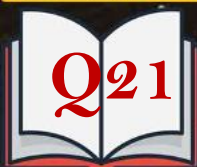
Q20

Choose the antonym of the word
“**Creditable**” as used in the passage.

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- a) Laudable ←
- b) Deplorable ✓
- c) Noteworthy ←
- d) Admirable ←
- e) Commendable ←

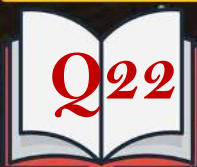




Choose the synonym of the word “**Tenacity**” as used in the passage.

- a) Fragility ←
- b) Resilience ✓
- c) Diffidence ←
- d) Vacillation ←
- e) Frailty ←





Q22 Which idiom/phrase from the passage conveys the idea of “a series of consecutive achievements”?

- a) On the trot ✓
- b) At the helm
- c) In a bind
- d) In the red
- e) By and large



Q23

Which of the following statements is **NOT** supported by the passage?

- a) Anand now serves as a mentor to younger players.
- b) Indian players are compared to occasional sparks who rise and fade quickly.] ✓
- c) Pragnanandhaa's victory over Carlsen was insufficient to win him the overall title.
- d) Infrastructure improvements and coaching have strengthened India's chess ecosystem.
- e) None of these



Q24

Fill in the blank with the most appropriate preposition:

“Pragnanandhaa’s triumph _____ Carlsen, though insufficient to clinch the championship, was still deemed highly creditable.”

- a) with
- b) across
- c) over ✓
- d) against
- e) upon

RC CT
RC PJ

15

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Q25

Select the one-word substitute from the passage for:

“A compact body of troops or a group united for a common purpose.”

- a) Monopoly
- b) Phalanx
- c) Consortium
- d) Regiment
- e) Cohort

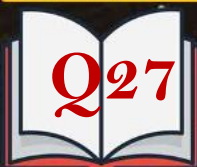


Q26

What is the closest meaning of the phrase “**no longer aspirational but increasingly inevitable**” as used in the passage?

- a) Success is becoming less of a dream and more of a certainty.
- b) Achievements are declining despite lofty ambitions.
- c) India's chess has remained stagnant over the years.
- d) Indian players aspire for success but fail to achieve it.
- e) Dreams of success are always beyond reach.





Choose the synonym of the word
“**Formidable**” as used in the passage.

- a) Intimidating ✓
- b) Weak
- c) Insubstantial
- d) Harmless
- e) Ordinary



Q27

'99'

★// Elusive



KINJAL'S SHORTCUT

Read the following sentence and determine whether there is any error in it. The error, if any, will be in one part of the sentence.

If the sentence is error-free, select 'No error' as your answer.

More employees (A)/ than one was (B)/ found violating (C)/ the company's strict code of ethics. (D)/ No error (E)/

- A. A
- B. B 
- C. C
- D. D
- E. No error

were

→ More than one employees was

More employees than one were



- 1. ^{H.N | S} One of the boys is absent
- 2. ^{N | S} More than one boys is absent ✓
- 3. More boys than one is absent
_{H.N} are

Each one of us is going
No one was





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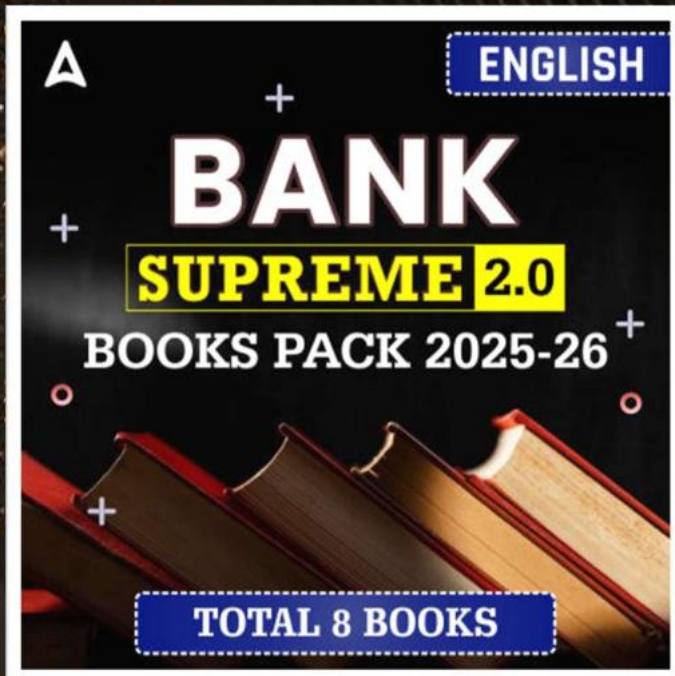
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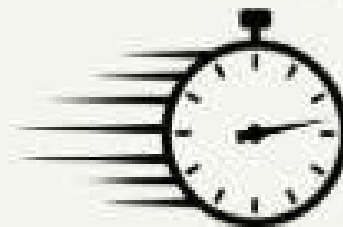
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