

Direction (1-7) : Read the paragraph carefully and answer the following questions:

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Q1. Which of the following words can fit in the blank A?

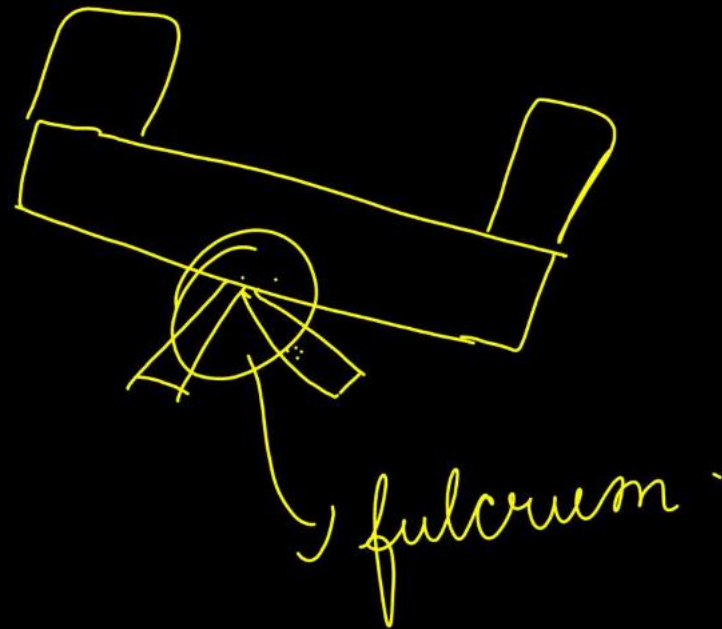
- a. acumen
- b. innovations
- c. rescind
- d. advance
- e. Both A and B

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Q2. Which of the following words can fit blank B?

- a. nadir
- b. fulcrum
- c. pinnacle ✓
- d. Both A and C
- e. None of the above

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- Q3. Which of the following words cannot fit in the blank C?
- ✓ a. instantaneous
 - ✓ b. Expeditious
 - c. momentous -ve
 - d. Both (b) and (c)
 - e. All fit

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Q4. Which of the following words can replace “exemplary” used in the sentence?

- a. deplorable
- b. commendable
- c. peccable
- d. impeachable
- e. All are correct

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Which of the highlighted words need to be interchanged to make a meaningful sentence?

- ~~a. (a) (b)~~
- ~~b. (a) (d), (c) (b)~~
- ~~c. (a) (c), (d) (b)~~
- ~~d. (c) (d)~~
- e. No interchange is required

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Q6. Which of the following conjunctions can fit in blank D?

- ~~a. whereby~~
- ~~b. thereby~~
- c. wherein ✓
- ~~d. whereas~~
- e. None of the above

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Q7. Which of the following words will fit in the blank E?

~~a. business~~

~~b. company~~

c. stints

d. notice

e. All fit

Rk → actor

stint → A.D

Bhumi → C.D

Direction (8-13) : A paragraph has been given below, with few blanks. Each blank has been numbered and few pairs of words have been suggested for each blank. Identify the most suitable pair of words to fill in the blank, where each of the words will fit in the blank separately to make the sentence correct and meaningful.

After painfully negotiating numerous hurdles during the first wave that peaked in mid-September last year, India appears to have learnt little as a more **(a)** _____ second wave is ravaging the country. Precious time was wasted before critical facilities began to be scaled up to meet the demands of the second wave that is **(b)** _____ at an unprecedented pace, leading to health-care facilities being overwhelmed; the number of deaths shows a sharp growth of 10.2%. A mad scramble for hospital beds, oxygen, medicines, vaccines and even a quick funeral are witnessed in many cities. If the mindless rush for convalescent plasma and hydroxychloroquine even in the absence of any evidence of benefit was seen last year, there is now **(c)** _____ to get remdesivir for hospitalised patients, leading to drug shortages. Though a small trial did show that the drug shortened the time to recovery, the World Health Organization's large Solidarity trial found no evidence of its benefit in reducing mortality, initiation of ventilation or **(d)** _____ reduction in the time to recovery. Being an intravenous injection, ramdesivir can be **(e)** _____ only in hospital settings, and any benefit might be seen only in moderately sick patients. Due to an acute shortage of beds, the disease in most patients is often severe at the time of admission. The Health Ministry's July 2020 COVID-19 clinical management protocol does suggest that remdesivir may be considered in patients with moderate disease. But steroids such as dexamethasone may be better at helping patients on oxygen support or on ventilator support from **(f)** _____ to respiratory failure and death.

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Q8. Which of the following words can fill in the blank numbered (a)?

- a. farce, absurd
- b. stern, preliminary
- c. ~~ferocious~~, lethal
- d. intense, venomous
- e. none of these. (1)

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Q9. Which of the following words can fill in the blank numbered (b)?

a. hastening, dismissing

b. ~~lingering, stoking~~

c. preluding, crucifying

d. accelerating, surging

e. none of these.

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Q10. Which of the following words can fill in the blank numbered (c)?

- a. hysteria, frenzy
- b. decoy, strife
- c. chaos, inertia
- d. piety, ploy
- e. none of these

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- Q11. Which of the following words can fill in the blank numbered (d)?**
- a. unfavourable, antagonistic**
 - b. substantial, significant**
 - c. convalescent, mindless**
 - d. prudent, shrewd**
 - e. none of these.**

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- Q12. Which of the following words can fill in the blank numbered (e)?**
- a. implied, entailed**
 - b. predicated, corresponded**
 - c. incorporated, aided**
 - d. administered, dispensed**
 - e. none of these.**

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Q13. Which of the following words can fill in the blank numbered (f)?

- a. jaggging, stabbing**
- b. entrenching, lodging**
- c. progressing, advancing**
- d. probing, prodding**
- e. none of these**

Direction (14-19) : In the below question a paragraph is given with blanks. Read the paragraph carefully and answer the following questions.

The American education system is not preparing all children to thrive. Amidst a national movement to --- (A) --- systemic racism, our schools risk propagating educational inequity by design. Only the most affluent students receive the highest quality education that emphasizes student agency and engagement through collaboration and inquiry. (I) Many schools across the United States remain transformed in an outdated “horse and buggy” model of education, particularly when instructing students from underresourced communities. These schools frequently operate according to a “factory model” that emerged in the early 20th century to mold students for the industrial economy. (II) Under this system, students are considered the “products” of the system with standardized assessments serving as “quality control” measures to encourage effective instruction.

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Q14. Which of the following word can fit in the blank A?

- a. implement
- b. access
- c. approach
- d. dismantle
- e. All except d

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Q15. Which of the following word can fit in the blank B?

- a. Changing**
- b. Attempting**
- c. Efforts**
- d. Attempts**
- e. Both c and d.**

Q16. Which of the following in sentence (II) word(s) is incorrect/inappropriate?

(II) Under this system, students are **considered** the “products” of the system with **standardized** assessments **serving** as “quality control” measures to **encourage** effective instruction.

- a. considered
- b. standardized
- c. serving
- d. encourage
- e. All are correctly used

Q17. Which of the following in sentence (I) word(s) is incorrect/inappropriate?

(I) Many schools across the United States remain **transformed** in an **outdated** “horse and buggy” model of education, **particularly** when **instructing** students from under-resourced communities.

- a. transformed
- b. outdated
- c. particularly
- d. instructing
- e. All are correct.

Q18. Critically, the **framework (A)** of this **implementation (B)** must be **flexible (C)** and culturally-relevant, while maintaining core principles that **foster (D)** educational equity for all students.

- a. B-C, A-D
- b. A-C
- c. A-B
- d. C-D
- e. None fits

Q19. Which of the following part has error in it?

Over the past several decades, (A)/ we have attempted to (B)/ repair the educational “buggy” (C)/ through substantial reforms. (D)/

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

Direction (20-24) : In the following passage, some of the words have been highlighted in bold. Read the passage and try to understand what it wants to convey. Then replace the highlighted words with the correct option in order to make the sentence grammatically and contextually sound. In any case the highlighted word is given correctly, then mark 'No Improvement required' as the right answer choice.

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Q20. Which word would replace the word highlighted in (A)?

- a. Relating**
- b. Struggle**
- c. Boiserie**
- d. Congeries**
- e. None of the above**

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Q21. Which of the following words will replace the word in (B)?

- a. Appalled**
- b. Dithered**
- c. Related**
- d. Triggered**
- e. None of the above.**

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Q22. Which of the following words will replace the word in (C)?

- a. Respondents**
- b. Players**
- c. Achievers**
- d. Addressers**
- e. None of the above**

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Q23. Which of the following words will replace the word in(D)?

- a. Intensify**
- b. Sleazy**
- c. Cognizant**
- d. Indignant**
- e. None of the above**

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Q24. Which of the following words will replace the word in(E)?

- a. Blown the lid off**
- b. Bone up**
- c. Jot down**
- d. Bucking up**
- e. None of the above**



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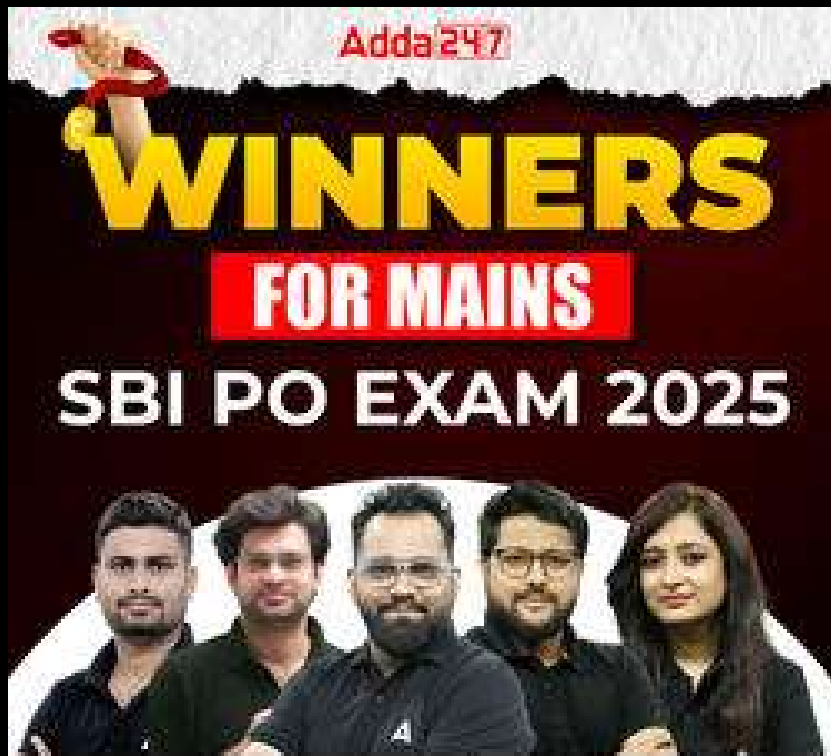
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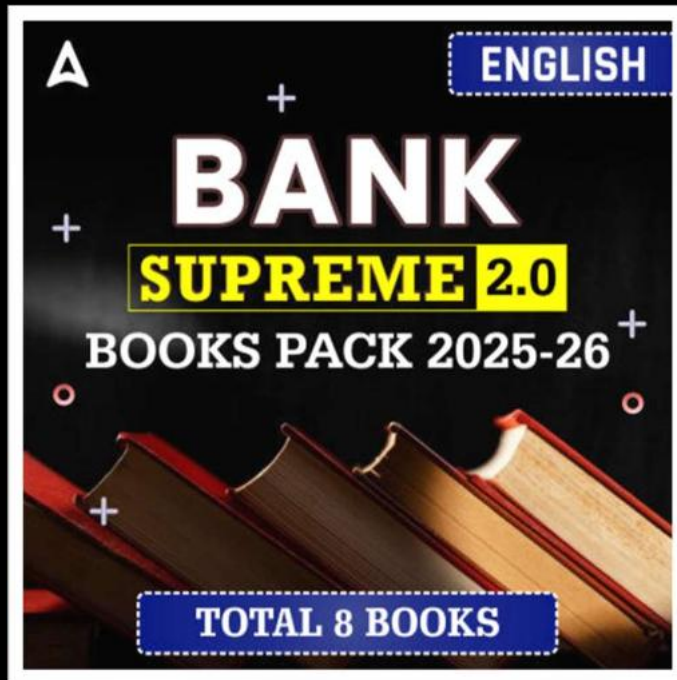
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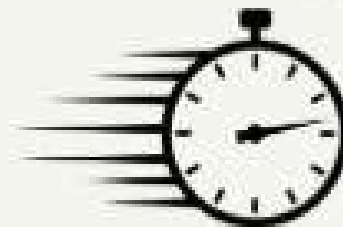
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