

**86** DAYS LEFT !

6PM

**Directions(1-4):** In the following sentence, four words or phrases have been printed in bold. One bold part in the sentence is not acceptable in Standard English. Pick up that part and mark its number. If there are no errors in the bold parts, mark (5) i.e. No error as the answer.

**Q1.** Despite his **inarticulate** speeches, the leader's **ulterior** motive was to **genuinely** help the poor **villagers**.

1. Eloquent

2. **Ulterior** ✘

3. Genuinely

4. Villagers

5. No error

Ulterior

Bad

Generous

**Q2.** The scientist was applauded for his **ingenious** discovery that finally resolved a decades-old puzzle in **astrophysics**, and his work is now being regarded as one of the most **ingenuous** **contributions** of this century.

1. **Ingenious**

2. **Ingenuous**

3. **Astrophysics**

4. **Contributions**

5. **No error**

→ naive

Ingenious  
Clever

Q3. Riya was praised for being discreet about her friend's secret, but she made a naive mistake by telling the gossip later.

a) **Discreet**

b) **Naive**

c) **Secret**

d) **Gossip**

e) **No error**

*secret*

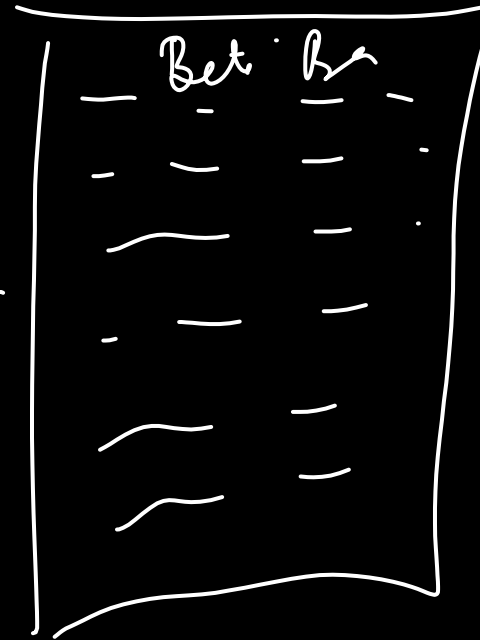
*Ingenuous, Innocent*

*grapevine*

**Q4.** The journalist wrote a **complimentary** review of the minister's new policy, but critics argued that it was merely a **complement** to the government's **propaganda** rather than an **objective** analysis.

1. Complimentary
2. Complement
3. Propaganda
4. Objective
5. No error

Barkher  
Bekha



Critics

# SINGLE FILLERS

Q5.

The sudden discovery of oil reserves proved to be an unexpected \_\_\_\_\_ for the struggling nation's economy.

A) Windfall

Sudden Gain

B) Liability

C) Recession

D) Dearth

Scarcity

E) Stagnation

Q6.

The resignation of the party's top leader turned into a political \_\_\_\_\_, leaving the organization in complete disarray.

A) Fiasco

B) Triumph ✗

C) Breakthrough ✗

D) Stability ✗

E) Reform *Changes*

↓  
*Mess*  
*Disorder*

Q7.

Winning the scholarship was a real \_\_\_\_\_ for the young student, allowing her to pursue higher studies abroad without financial worries.

- A) Boon — *blessing*
- B) Burden
- C) Setback
- D) Ordeal —
- E) Constraint

## IDIOMS & PHRASES USAGE

Vocab Vault

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**Q8.** In a moment of excitement, Ramesh accidentally **let the cat walk away** about the surprise farewell party planned for his teacher.

- A) Blow hot and cold ✓
- B) Let the cat out of the bag ✓
- C) Beat around the bush ✓
- D) Throw in the towel ✓
- E) No improvement required

Teacher.  
Ramesh

# WORD REARRANGEMENT

**Q9.** In the wake of the devastating **floods (A)** / for the affected families within the **state (B)** / the government announced a comprehensive relief package (C) / promising financial aid and rehabilitation (D).

~~A) CADB~~

~~B) ACDB~~

~~C) CABD~~

~~D) DACB~~

**E) No rearrangement required**

**Q10** Although the new policy aimed at boosting rural **employment (A)** / experts warned that it might strain fiscal **resources (B)** / the government projected significant benefits for marginalized sectors, (C) / leading to mixed reactions across different communities (D).

**A) ACBD**

**B) CABD**

**C) ABDC** ✓

**D) CDAB**

**E) No rearrangement required**

→ marginalized communities  
→ different sectors

**Q11** The committee submitted its final framework (A) / highlighting several loopholes in the regulatory report (B) / however, the ministry dismissed the recommendations (C) / calling them impractical and premature (D).

~~A) ABCD~~

~~B) ACBD~~

C) BACD

D) ABDC

E) None of the above

BACD

अन्या

# PHRASE REPLACEMENT

**Q12** Sangita had always been a high achiever and was driven to done the hard work to shine in her new position.

**Phrases:**

I. to do the hard work ✓

II. to put in the hard yards ✓

III. to do the hearty work

*Sincere*

A) Only I

B) Both I and II ✓

C) Both II and III

D) Only III

E) No replacement required

Q13

The young entrepreneur believed that success was certain if one was willing to taken the right steps at the right time.

**Phrases:**

I. to take the right steps ✓

II. to adopt the right measures ✓

III. to seize the right shoes ✗

A) Only I

B) Both I and II ✓

C) Both II and III

D) Only III

E) No replacement required

# WORD USAGE

**DIRECTIONS :**

**In each of the following questions, a word is given in bold. Below it, five sentences are provided. You must identify the sentence(s) in which the given word has been used correctly in its form and meaning. The word may appear in any of its grammatical forms (V1, V2, V3, adjective, adverb, or noun). If all the sentences are correct, choose option (E) as your answer.**

Q16

**SIT**

I. Please **sit** the vase carefully on the shelf, it's very delicate. *place*

II. She **set** the documents on the table before leaving the room. *had*

III. The children were asked to **sit** quietly while the teacher explained the concept. *set* *leaving*

~~A) Only I~~

~~B) Both I and II~~

~~C) Both II and III~~

~~D) Only II~~

~~E) All I, II and III~~

Q17

**HANG**

I. The portrait was carefully **hung** on the wall by the curator.

II. The criminal was **hanged** at dawn for his heinous crimes.

III. She has **hanged** her clothes in the wardrobe neatly before leaving.

A) Only I

~~B) Both I and II~~

C) Both II and III

D) Only II

E) All I, II and III ←

# COLUMN BASED QUESTIONS

Q21

**Column 1**

A. The minister announced

B. The students are preparing

C. Heavy rainfall has caused

**A) Both A-D, B-F**

**C) Only A-F**

**E) All A-D, B-E, C-F**

**Column 2**

D. To reduce the burden on taxpayers

E. For their final examinations

F. Severe flooding in low-lying areas

**B) Both B-E, C-F**

**D) Both A-D, C-E**

Q22

## Column 1

- A. The company launched
- B. The workers are demanding
- C. The cyclone caused

**A) Both A-D, B-F**

**C) Both A-D, B-E** ✓

**E) All A-D, B-E, C-F**

## Column 2

- D. A new smartphone model last week
- E. Better wages and working conditions
- F. A rise in stock market indices

**B) Both B-E, C-F**

**D) Only C-F**

Q23

## Column 1

A. The principal addressed

B. The farmer was ploughing

C. The government imposed

A) Only A-E

C) ~~Both A-D, B-F~~E) ~~All A-D, B-E, C-F~~

## Column 2

D. The annual cultural fest  
yesterday

E. His field before sunrise

F. New restrictions to  
control pollutionB) Both B-E, C-FD) ~~Both A-D, C-E~~

**Directions(25):** In the question below, a sentence is given, divided into four parts (A), (B), (C) and (D). One of the parts may or may not have an error in it. You are required to identify the part that is grammatically incorrect and choose the option accordingly. If the sentence is error-free, select 'No error' as the answer.

Q25

Never had he thought, (A) / he would go on the trip (B) / without his father, that too (C) / on his birthday. (D)

Adv

Adv phr

A. A

B. B

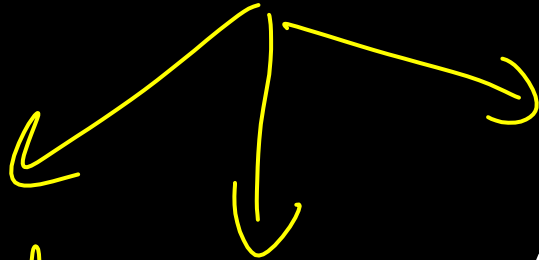
C. C

D. D

E. No error

He insulted his mother, that too in public  
 She refused the marriage proposal, that too after  
 so much effort by him

Adverbs



Verb

She runs quickly  
Ⓟ

Adj

She is very happy  
adj

Coadv

She runs very quickly  
adv → Ⓟ

"She won the prize, no less in her 1<sup>st</sup> attempt  
He refused the offer, at that a very lucrative one.

Adv Phrases

Q26

The following year (A), / midst the pandemic (B), / the school transformed their course (C) / into a series of tests (D).

A. A

B. B

C. C

D. D

E. No error

its  
Midst  
Amidst  
(n)

Q27

Neither of the candidates (A) / were found suitable (B) / for the managerial post, (C) / despite their impressive qualifications. (D) *was*

A. A

*his/her*

B. B

C. C

D. D

E. No error

Q28

No sooner had the meeting begun (A) / when  
the members (B) / started arguing over trivial  
(C) / matters of procedure. (D)

then

A. A

B. B

C. C

D. D

E. No error

CLOZE TEST

**Directions(29-33):** In the following passage, some of the words have been left out and replaced with blanks represented by letters. Read the passage carefully and fill in the blanks with the most appropriate word from the given options.

From the earliest times, explorers have been (A) \_\_\_\_\_ by the vastness of the oceans. Ancient sailors relied on the stars for navigation, and many risked their lives to (B) \_\_\_\_\_ distant lands. The great Age of Exploration in the fifteenth century opened up a new (C) \_\_\_\_\_ of opportunities, with brave captains charting unknown waters. These journeys were often undertaken with (D) \_\_\_\_\_ courage, since the risks included storms, diseases, and hostile encounters. Yet the (E) \_\_\_\_\_ of wealth, trade, and fame drove them forward

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A.

~~A) Ignored~~

✓ B) Fascinated

~~C) Isolated~~~~D) Rejected~~~~E) Weakened~~

Q 30

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B.

A) Conquer ✓

B) Evade ✗

C) Abandon ✗

D) Inherit ✗

E) Conceal ✗

Q31

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C.

A) Segment

→ B) Realm ✓

C) Section

D) Portion

E) Corner

Q 32

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D.

~~A) Negligent~~~~B) Reckless~~

✓ C) Extraordinary

~~D) Feeble~~~~E) Cowardly~~

Q 33

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E.

~~A) Lure~~ ←~~B) Delay~~ ↗~~C) Habit~~ ↗~~D) Remorse~~ ↗

E) Risk ↗

# READING COMPREHENSION

**Directions(34-40): Reading Comprehension Passage**

34. What was officially established as the primary cause of the 26/11 attacks?

35. Which issue raised doubts about the sufficiency of India's security preparedness?

36. According to skeptics, which of the following factors intensified suspicion about a larger conspiracy?

37. Which of the following best captures the controversy described in the passage?

38. What is the central theme of the passage?

**The coordinated terror strikes in Mumbai on 26 November 2008 remain one of the darkest episodes in India's recent history. For three days, the financial capital was under siege, as armed assailants carried out brutal attacks at iconic locations such as the Taj Mahal Palace Hotel, Chhatrapati Shivaji Terminus, and Nariman House. The official investigation identified Lashkar-e-Taiba as the group behind the assault, and Ajmal Kasab, the lone captured gunman, became the face of the tragedy.**

**Yet, even as the facts of the attack were established, layers of debate and suspicion emerged. Critics questioned how ten armed men managed to infiltrate Mumbai's coastline undetected, despite intelligence warnings shared prior to the incident.**

**Some commentators alleged failures within India's security architecture, while others speculated about deeper conspiracies involving external state support. The presence of sophisticated communication tools with the attackers further fueled doubts about whether the operation was orchestrated solely by non-state actors.**

**In the aftermath, parliamentary committees, intelligence agencies, and independent journalists all produced reports. While official narratives stressed cross-border terrorism, skeptics pointed to gaps in the timeline, delayed police response, and conflicting eyewitness accounts. For many citizens, the unanswered questions became as significant as the confirmed details.**

**Over a decade later, the tragedy continues to evoke both grief and controversy. While some argue that focusing on “hidden hands” distracts from the larger fight against terrorism, others insist that probing every angle — even controversial ones — is essential to ensure accountability and prevent future lapses.**

Q34

What was officially established as the primary cause of the 26/11 attacks?

- A. Internal political conspiracies
- B. Natural security lapses at ports
- C. Cross-border terrorism by Lashkar-e-Taiba ✓
- D. Technological malfunction in communication systems
- E. Civilian negligence in Mumbai

Q 35

Which issue raised doubts about the sufficiency of India's security preparedness?

- A. The capture of Ajmal Kasab
- B. The attackers' use of boats to infiltrate Mumbai
- C. The delay in international diplomatic response
- D. The number of journalists covering the event
- E. The lack of military bases in Mumbai

Q36

According to skeptics, which of the following factors intensified suspicion about a larger conspiracy?

- A. Immediate international condemnation
- B. Sophisticated communication devices with attackers
- C. Lack of coverage in foreign media
- D. Citizens' unwillingness to cooperate with police
- E. Poor infrastructure of hotels under attack

Q 37

Which of the following best captures the controversy described in the passage?

- A. Whether the attackers were trained mercenaries or common criminals
- B. Whether to accept the official narrative alone or investigate possible deeper conspiracies
- C. Whether citizens should blame the government or themselves
- D. Whether Ajmal Kasab acted independently or with minor assistance
- E. Whether the attacks were financially motivated or ideologically driven

Q38

What is the central theme of the passage?

- A. A complete rejection of official findings about 26/11
- B. The importance of focusing only on international diplomacy
- C. The ongoing tension between official reports and public suspicions regarding the attacks
- D. The economic losses suffered by Mumbai during the attacks
- E. The role of eyewitnesses in shaping public memory



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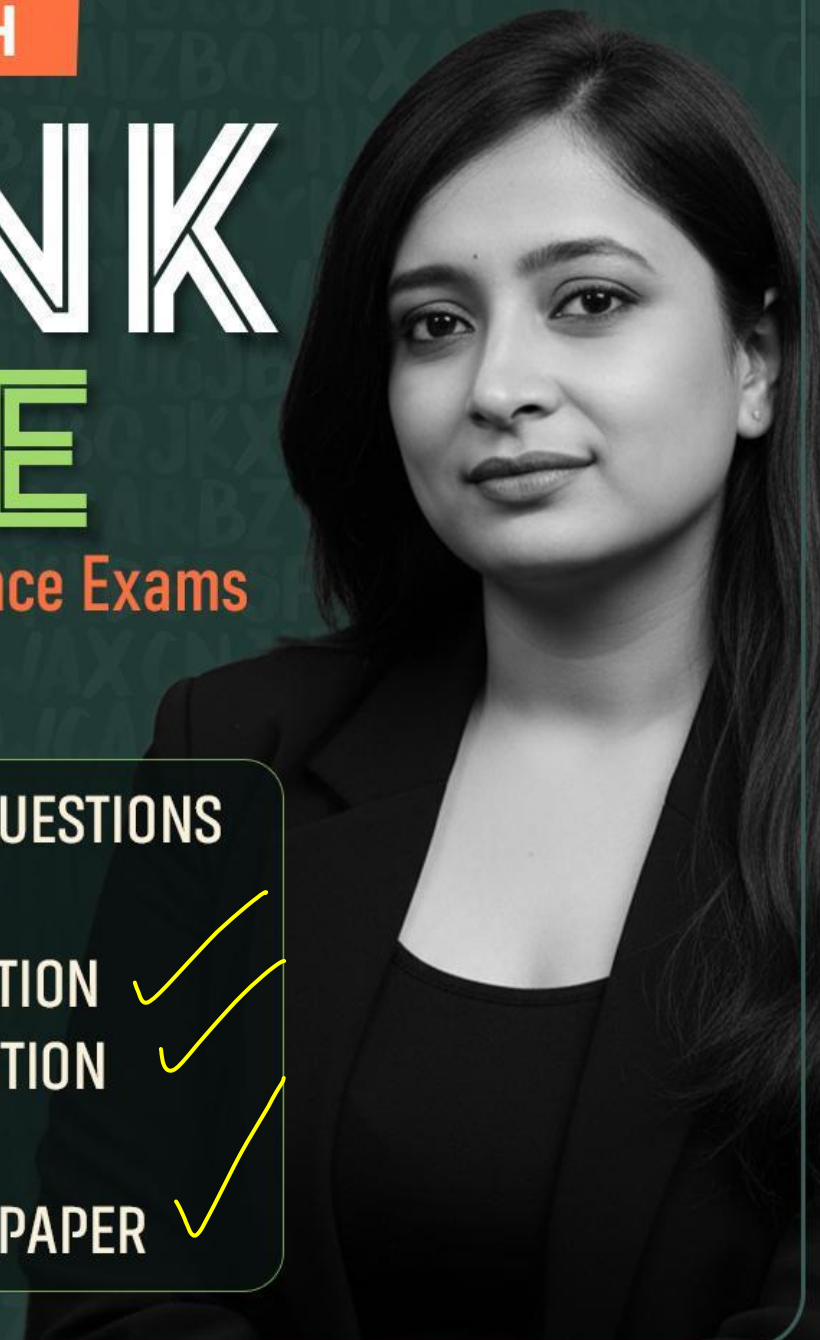
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