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Sec. Test – 02: General English

Total Time: 35 Minute

Total Marks: 40

Instructions

Sl No.	Section Name	No. of Question	Maximum Marks	Negative Marks	Positive Marks
1	Eng	40	40	0.25	1

- 1.) A total of 35 minutes is allotted for the examination.
- 2.) The server will set your clock for you. In the top right corner of your screen, a countdown timer will display the remaining time for you to complete the exam. Once the timer reaches zero, the examination will end automatically. The paper need not be submitted when your timer reaches zero.
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Which of the following can be inferred from the fourth paragraph ?

- a. Acquisition announcement.
- b. Completion of the purchase.
- c. Revitalization of bid.
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- e. The acquisition of Twitter by Elon Musk.

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- a. Acceding
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- a. Adverse
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- a. Refusing to comply with Musk's requests for spambot account data.
- b. Purchasing a Twitter Blue subscription in order to retain their blue "verified" check mark.
- c. Revamping multiple aspects of the program by the end of the week.
- d. Altering Twitter's content policies prior to the midterms.
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- b. The executives escorted out of the company's headquarters by security.
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- b. Asserting the executives were dismissed "for cause" and that the company had been mismanaged.
- c. Opting to pledge an additional \$6.25 billion in equity financing.
- d. Stating that an external review of the platform's users was impractical.
- e. Becoming the company's largest shareholder in April with a 9.1 percent ownership stake.

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8. Directions: Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow by choosing the correct/most appropriate options: (+1, -0.25)

The acquisition of Twitter by Elon Musk began on April 14, 2022, and concluded on October 27, 2022. Business magnate Elon Musk began buying shares of American social media company Twitter, Inc. in January 2022, eventually becoming the company's largest shareholder in April with a 9.1 percent ownership stake. Twitter then invited Musk to join its board of directors, which Musk at first accepted before subsequently **declining**. On April 14, he made an unsolicited offer to purchase the company for \$43 billion, to which Twitter responded with a "poison pill" strategy to resist a **hostile** takeover. On April 25, Twitter's board of directors unanimously accepted Musk's buyout offer of \$44 billion, with the company set to be taken private. Musk stated that he planned to introduce new features to the platform, make its algorithms open-sourced, combat spambot accounts, and promote free speech.

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What is the central theme of the passage?

- a. Termination of the agreement with Twitter.
- b. Lifetime account suspensions and unban those suspended.
- c. The acquisition of Twitter by Elon Musk.
- d. Twitter staff members were directed to extend their work hours.

- e. Twitter launched its revamped verification program on iOS devices.

9. Directions: In the following passage, some words have been left out and a word has been emboldened beside each blank. Read the passage carefully and select the correct answer for the given blank out of the given alternatives. (+1, -0.25)

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Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank number A.

- a. Tranquilizing
- b. Sedative
- c. Daunting
- d. Soothing
- e. Consoling

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Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank number B.

- a. Imprecisely
- b. Virtually
- c. Essentially
- d. Freely
- e. Accurately

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Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank number C.

- a. Limitations
- b. Prerogatives
- c. Felicities
- d. Paramountcy
- e. Boons

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Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank number D.

- a. Trifling
- b. Significant
- c. Frivolous
- d. Trivial
- e. Anonymous

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Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank number E.

- a. Dodgy
- b. Mendacious
- c. Perfidious
- d. Reliable
- e. Traitorous

14. Directions: In the question, three words are given in bold and are used in the sentences given below. From the options below, choose the sentence that uses any of the words grammatically and contextually correctly. (+1, -0.25)

Farther, Less, Lend

- a. Sheela looked for donations from those wanting to help her women's shelter **farther** the cause of ending domestic violence.
- b. While I only have to run a little **farther** to finish the marathon, by now I am so tired that it feels much further than it is.
- c. At stage seven of ten, there are only a **less** obstacles left in our path.
- d. It calls for the exclusion of all commercial **lending** institutions from the college lend program.
- e. **Less** candidates had received any training in management.

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15. Directions: In the question, three words are given in bold and are used in the sentences given below. From the options below, choose the sentence that uses any of the words grammatically and contextually correctly. (+1, -0.25)

Cast, Accomplished, Peace

- a. As soon as he became rich he cast aside all his old friends who gave him some help.
- b. They considered her behaviour a shameful peace of snobbery.
- c. It is a known and accomplished fact that political parties do not pick up in the polls once an election is under way.
- d. Though she was in love with him, she never failed to give him a peace of her mind in certain situations.

e. The cast system is still strong in some eastern countries such as India.

16. In the following question, the word at the top is used in four different ways. (+1, -0.25)
Choose the option in which the usage of the word is incorrect or inappropriate.

Infringes

- a. These laws provide recourse in the event that one citizen **infringes** on the rights of another.
 - b. Clause 10 **infringes** the right to a fair trial by reversing the burden of proof.
 - c. A performer or someone acting on his or her behalf can however consent to any act that would otherwise **infringes** his or her rights.
 - d. Guerrilla war (always successful, as history shows) directly **infringes** that rule.
 - e. They claim that his use of the name **infringes** their copyright.
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Onerous

- a. His duties were thus rendered onerous exceedingly, and his labour became excessive.
- b. In 1584, however, the city had to surrender on **onerous** terms to the prince of Parma.

- c. The work of his successors was hardly less **onerous** as fresh problems constantly presented themselves throughout the war.
- d. It is very important to bear in mind that the mayors of London besides holding a very **onerous** position were mostly men of great distinction.
- e. David spies an opportunity to make the errand less **onerous** and asks his mom to give him a lift.

18. Directions: In the following question, a small paragraph is given. There are five blanks and choose the appropriate word to fill each blank. Rearrange these words to make a meaningful paragraph. (+1, -0.25)

Mental health is an/a _____ part of health; it is more than the _____ of mental health illness. It is the _____ for well-being and effective _____ of individuals. It includes mental well-being, prevention of mental disorders, treatment and _____.

- 1. Functioning
- 2. Integral
- 3. Rehabilitation.
- 4. Absence
- 5. Foundation

- a. BDEAC
- b. ACDBE
- c. ABCDE
- d. BCDEA
- e. BEDCA

19. Directions: In the following question, a small paragraph is given. There are five blanks and choose the appropriate word to fill each blank. Rearrange these words to make a meaningful paragraph. (+1, -0.25)

In recent years, India has witnessed _____ progress in the financial services sector. Technology, innovation and fintech are working in _____ and contributing to the _____ of this sector. In our journey towards higher levels of sustainable development and financial _____, these forces have _____ into force multipliers.

- 1. Inclusion
- 2. Tandem
- 3. Morphed
- 4. Rapid
- 5. Dynamism.

- a. ABCDE
- b. DBEAC
- c. DBAEC
- d. BDACE
- e. DEBAC

20. Direction: In the question below, there are two statements. Each statement consists of two blanks. You have to choose the options set or words that fit both statements appropriately and in the same order making them meaningful and grammatically correct. (+1, -0.25)

SC _____ preventive _____ based on stale material and non-application of mind.

Madras HC _____ of Tamil Nadu teacher under Goondas Act.

- a. adept, communication
- b. quashes, detention
- c. discernible, validation
- d. fatal, praise
- e. compliment, quell

21. Direction: In the question below, there are two statements. Each statement consists of two blanks. You have to choose the options set or words that fit both statements appropriately and in the same order making them meaningful and grammatically correct. (+1, -0.25)

Biden _____ Ukraine attack as Putin claims it's _____ for terrorism.

South Korea _____ North over land mine blast, threatens _____.

- a. blames, amiable
- b. condemns, retaliation
- c. disturbs, cynically
- d. pardons, reprisal
- e. reiterates, vengeance

22. Direction: In the question below, there are two statements. Each statement consists of two blanks. You have to choose the options set or words that fit both statements appropriately and in the same order making them meaningful and grammatically correct. (+1, -0.25)

Chest pain, deafness, and _____ are among the top _____ that could be of Omicron BF.7.

High fever and _____ are among the common _____ for children with Covid.

- a. shook, euphoria
- b. shivering, symptoms
- c. move, ailment
- d. manifestation, malady
- e. cue, bloom

23. Directions: Read the given paragraph and select the option which can be inferred from the given paragraph. (+1, -0.25)

The Ministry of Culture is organizing the fourth edition of e- auction of prestigious and memorable gifts presented to Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi which is scheduled from 17th September to 2nd October, 2022. Briefing the media, Union Minister of Culture, Tourism and DoNER, Shri G. Kishan Reddy said, "In 2019 these items were auctioned for people by open bidding. That time 1805 gifts were put on auction in the first round, and in second round 2772 gift items were put on auction. In 2021, also e-auction was organized in September and we had 1348 items on auction. This year approximately 1200 mementos and gift items have been put on e-auction. The display of the mementos have been done at the National Gallery of Modern Art, New Delhi. These items can also be viewed on the website".

- a. The purpose of the auction is to raise fund for a cultural event.
- b. The ministry brought under the hammer such gifts in the past also.

- c. The articles are created by local craftsmen.
- d. With the help of the auction the ministry wants to pay its way.
- e. The ministry organized this auction because its ministers want to retire with a golden handshake.

24. Directions: Read the given paragraph and select the option which can be inferred from the given paragraph. (+1, -0.25)

The government aims at making use of disinvestment proceeds to finance various social sector and developmental programmes and also to infuse private capital, technology and best management practices in Central Government Public Sector Enterprises. Union Minister for Finance and Corporate Affairs while presenting the Union Budget FY 2021-22 in Parliament today announced that government has approved a policy of strategic disinvestment of public sector enterprises that will provide a clear roadmap for disinvestment in all non-strategic and strategic sectors.

- a. The government is unable to manage these sectors.
- b. The government wants to focus on establishment of new projects.
- c. Many disinvestments happened in the past.
- d. The disinvestment may prevent the sector from becoming a white elephant.
- e. Non government entities are willing to invest in non-strategic and strategic sectors.

25. In the following question two sentences are given which are fragmented into seven phrases denoted by (A), (B), (C), (D), (E), (F) and (G). By using (+1, -0.25)

all the seven phrases, each only once, you have to frame two meaningful and grammatically correct sentences. The correct order of the phrases is your answer.

I) challenges of post pandemic economic recovery(A) / rising costs and the shrinking availability(B) / the world is already struggling with(C) / of fuel, of food and of fertilizers(D).

II) economies the world over are contracting and their(E) / things are big different this time(F) / economic forecasts are shrinking(G)

a. I-BCDA, II-FEG

b. I-CABD, II-FEG

c. I-CABD, II-GFE

d. I-ABDC, II-EGF

e. No rearrangement required.

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I) the 75 years is beckoned to (A) / what we have achieved in (B) / the direction in which the country is moving(C).

II) agreement between Government of India and Government of France on the purchase of (D) / shall be governed by the security agreement (E) / as per the article 10 of the intergovernmental (F) / Rafale aircraft, the protection of classified information(G)

a. II-DGEF, I-BAC

- b. II-FDEG, I-ABC
- c. II-FDGE, I-ABC
- d. II-FDGE, I-BAC
- e. No rearrangement is required.

27. Given below are 3 sentences, one or more of them is incorrect. Identify the one(s) that are incorrect and point out the incorrect section. (+1, -0.25)

I. Sanjay was very tired (a) / from having practised all day, (b) / so he got angry when (c) / he saw the kitchen in a mess. (d)

II. Parul was going to (a) / study further in the field (b) / of Biology since she is still (c) / interested in human anatomy. (d)

III. Michael is going to (a) / have a tough time living (b) / in a different country, especially (c) / since he didn't know the language. (d)

- a. I - a and II - c
- b. II - a and III - d
- c. I - c and II - d
- d. III - b and II - b
- e. All the sentence are correct

28. Given below are 3 sentences, one or more of them is incorrect. Identify the one(s) that are incorrect and point out the incorrect section. (+1, -0.25)

I. Samuel was going (a) / to meet Sara when he met (b) / with an unfortunate accident (c) / and have to be hospitalized.(d)

II. Michael know (a) / he was in big trouble (b) / with his father when (c) / he found out that he failed the math exam. (d)

III. Dean was arrested (a) / for drinking and driving, (b) he was also found to be underage (c) / and thus without a license. (d)

- a. III - b and II - d
- b. I - a and III - c
- c. II - c and I - d
- d. I - d and II - a
- e. All sentence are correct

29. Directions: Below a statement has been divided into four parts. The part in bold is fixed and contains no error. Among the other parts, find the erroneous part. If there is no error, mark Option 5 as your answer. (+1, -0.25)

"Run away a household is the most demanding task to do (A) / for one has to took care of the entire house- its members, (B) / **their likings and dislikings- everything which is not my cup of tea,**" said the actress (C) / to the interviewer when asked about that one thing she can't do in the world. (D) / No error (E)

- a. AB
- b. BD
- c. Only A
- d. Only D
- e. No error

30. Directions: Given below is a statement that has been divided into four parts. The bold part contains no error and cannot be changed. Among the other parts- (A), (B), (C), and (D), find the erroneous part(s). If the sentence has no error, choose Option 5- 'No error' as your answer. (+1, -0.25)

He would rather to finish his part of the task (A) / **and leave for a vacation in the mountains than drag** (B) / it for the entire week; that's his way of doing (C) / work which sometimes takes a toll on his career. (D) / No error (E)

- a. Both A and D
- b. Only A
- c. Both C and D
- d. Only D
- e. No error

31. Directions: Six sentences are given, in which the first sentence is fixed; also one sentence is going to be filled with the appropriate word. Arrange the sentences to form a meaningful paragraph. Read the sentences carefully and answer the questions that follow. (+1, -0.25)

A. Severe Tropical Storm Nalgae, known in the Philippines as Severe Tropical Storm Paeng, was a deadly tropical cyclone that caused widespread damage across the Philippines and later impacted Hong Kong and Macau .

B. Philippines' meteorological service PAGASA also followed JMA's lead and gave it the name Paeng.

C. The disturbance, initially designated as 93W, was eventually upgraded the following day to a tropical depression by the Joint Typhoon Warning Center (JTWC) and re-designated as 26W.

D. That same day, it was upgraded again by JMA to tropical storm status, thus gaining the name Nalgae.

E. The twenty-second named tropical storm of the 2022 Pacific typhoon season, Nalgae originated from _____.

F. The Japan Meteorological Agency (JMA) however, had already considered the disturbance as a tropical depression a day prior to JTWC's.

A blank follows sentence E. Which of the following can fit in the blank grammatically and contextually, considering the final arrangement as a whole?

- a. A severe tropical storm status on October 28.
- b. An invest located east of the Philippines on October 26.
- c. A landslide; however, no casualties were reported as the occupants evacuated before the landslide.
- d. Over the West Philippine Sea the next day, and weakened below tropical storm status.
- e. Prompting officials in Hong Kong and Macau to raise Signal No. 8 – the former for 17 hours – from November 1 to 2.

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Which of the following should be the FIFTH sentence after rearrangement?

- a. B
- b. F
- c. E
- d. D
- e. C

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A. Severe Tropical Storm Nalgae, known in the Philippines as Severe Tropical Storm Paeng, was a deadly tropical cyclone that caused

widespread damage across the Philippines and later impacted Hong Kong and Macau .

B. Philippines' meteorological service PAGASA also followed JMA's lead and gave it the name Paeng.

C. The disturbance, initially designated as 93W, was eventually upgraded the following day to a tropical depression by the Joint Typhoon Warning Center (JTWC) and re-designated as 26W.

D. That same day, it was upgraded again by JMA to tropical storm status, thus gaining the name Nalgae.

E. The twenty-second named tropical storm of the 2022 Pacific typhoon season, Nalgae originated from _____.

F. The Japan Meteorological Agency (JMA) however, had already considered the disturbance as a tropical depression a day prior to JTWC's.

Which of the following should be the THIRD sentence after rearrangement?

- a. D
- b. F
- c. B
- d. E
- e. C

34. Directions: Six sentences are given, in which the first sentence is fixed; also one sentence is going to be filled with the appropriate word. Arrange the sentences to form a meaningful paragraph. Read the sentences carefully and answer the questions that follow. (+1, -0.25)

- A. Severe Tropical Storm Nalgae, known in the Philippines as Severe Tropical Storm Paeng, was a deadly tropical cyclone that caused widespread damage across the Philippines and later impacted Hong Kong and Macau .
- B. Philippines' meteorological service PAGASA also followed JMA's lead and gave it the name Paeng.
- C. The disturbance, initially designated as 93W, was eventually upgraded the following day to a tropical depression by the Joint Typhoon Warning Center (JTWC) and re-designated as 26W.
- D. That same day, it was upgraded again by JMA to tropical storm status, thus gaining the name Nalgae.
- E. The twenty-second named tropical storm of the 2022 Pacific typhoon season, Nalgae originated from -----.
- F. The Japan Meteorological Agency (JMA) however, had already considered the disturbance as a tropical depression a day prior to JTWC's.

Which of the following should be the SECOND sentence after rearrangement?

- a. F
- b. B
- c. E
- d. C
- e. D

35. Directions: Six sentences are given, in which the first sentence is fixed; also one sentence is going to be filled with the appropriate word. Arrange the (+1, -0.25)

sentences to form a meaningful paragraph. Read the sentences carefully and answer the questions that follow.

A. Severe Tropical Storm Nalgae, known in the Philippines as Severe Tropical Storm Paeng, was a deadly tropical cyclone that caused widespread damage across the Philippines and later impacted Hong Kong and Macau .

B. Philippines' meteorological service PAGASA also followed JMA's lead and gave it the name Paeng.

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D. That same day, it was upgraded again by JMA to tropical storm status, thus gaining the name Nalgae.

E. The twenty-second named tropical storm of the 2022 Pacific typhoon season, Nalgae originated from _____.

F. The Japan Meteorological Agency (JMA) however, had already considered the disturbance as a tropical depression a day prior to JTWC's.

Which of the following sentence(s) comes in between C and D after the rearrangement?

- a. Only E
- b. Only E and B
- c. Only E and F
- d. Only F and B
- e. Only B

36. Directions: Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow by choosing the correct/most appropriate options: (+1, -0.25)

When the then Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M.G. Ramachandran launched his now-famous mid-day meal scheme in 1982, it met with opposition both within his own party, the All India Anna Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (AIADMK), and the Opposition. Within the party, there were concerns that it would result in leakages and corruption. The Opposition said it was intended mostly to **bolster** his personal image among the poor. Parents saw merit in sending their children regularly to school. As a result, attendance at schools shot up. The benefits thus went beyond the immediate objective of providing adequate nutrition to children.

The success of the scheme illustrates a broader point. It is hard to capture the total welfare effects of a given scheme at the outset and, therefore, hard to evaluate the merit of a given freebie (a word used to describe subsidized consumption). Bicycles for children may look like a cheap electoral bribe. But those familiar with rural areas would know that poor transport is a serious obstacle to attending school or college. Television sets may not be about recreation, they could be vehicles for imparting useful information or they could simply bring the family together, both of which have wider benefits for society.

Economists make a distinction between 'merit' goods and 'non-merit' goods. Merit goods, such as education and health care, have positive externalities, that is, the public benefit exceeds the private benefit. Such goods are worth subsidizing. Not so 'non-merit' goods. But what is 'merit' or 'non-merit' is not always readily **discernible**. With their acute appreciation of grassroots realities, politicians often have a better understanding than economists do of the 'merit' underlying certain freebies. They have a much better grasp of what it takes to change the lives of the disadvantaged or to bring about social transformation.

Choose the antonym of the word 'Bolster'.

- a. Strengthen

- b. Reinforce
- c. Fortify
- d. Stiffen
- e. Undermine

37. Directions: Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow by choosing the correct/most appropriate options: (+1, -0.25)

When the then Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M.G. Ramachandran launched his now-famous mid-day meal scheme in 1982, it met with opposition both within his own party, the All India Anna Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (AIADMK), and the Opposition. Within the party, there were concerns that it would result in leakages and corruption. The Opposition said it was intended mostly to **bolster** his personal image among the poor. Parents saw merit in sending their children regularly to school. As a result, attendance at schools shot up. The benefits thus went beyond the immediate objective of providing adequate nutrition to children.

The success of the scheme illustrates a broader point. It is hard to capture the total welfare effects of a given scheme at the outset and, therefore, hard to evaluate the merit of a given freebie (a word used to describe subsidized consumption). Bicycles for children may look like a cheap electoral bribe. But those familiar with rural areas would know that poor transport is a serious obstacle to attending school or college. Television sets may not be about recreation, they could be vehicles for imparting useful information or they could simply bring the family together, both of which have wider benefits for society.

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of grassroots realities, politicians often have a better understanding than economists do of the 'merit' underlying certain freebies. They have a much better grasp of what it takes to change the lives of the disadvantaged or to bring about social transformation.

Choose the synonym of the word ' Discernible ' .

- a. Impalpable
- b. Imperceptible
- c. Distinguishable
- d. Insensible
- e. Undetectable

38. Directions: Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow by choosing the correct/most appropriate options: (+1, -0.25)

When the then Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M.G. Ramachandran launched his now-famous mid-day meal scheme in 1982, it met with opposition both within his own party, the All India Anna Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (AIADMK), and the Opposition. Within the party, there were concerns that it would result in leakages and corruption. The Opposition said it was intended mostly to **bolster** his personal image among the poor. Parents saw merit in sending their children regularly to school. As a result, attendance at schools shot up. The benefits thus went beyond the immediate objective of providing adequate nutrition to children.

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sets may not be about recreation, they could be vehicles for imparting useful information or they could simply bring the family together, both of which have wider benefits for society.

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What is the central theme of the passage?

- a. No easy answers to the freebies issue.
- b. The ban on freebies by the Supreme Court.
- c. A big no to freebies by Indian voters.
- d. Freebies results in leakages and corruption.
- e. Politicians against any type of freebies.

39. Directions: Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow by choosing the correct/most appropriate options: (+1, -0.25)

When the then Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M.G. Ramachandran launched his now-famous mid-day meal scheme in 1982, it met with opposition both within his own party, the All India Anna Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (AIADMK), and the Opposition. Within the party, there were concerns that it would result in leakages and corruption. The Opposition said it was intended mostly to **bolster** his personal image among the poor. Parents saw merit in sending their children regularly to school. As a result,

attendance at schools shot up. The benefits thus went beyond the immediate objective of providing adequate nutrition to children.

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According to the passage, there were concerns within M.G.R's party that the mid-day meal scheme would result in:

- a. Providing adequate nutrition to children.
- b. Leakages and corruption.
- c. Increased attendance at schools.
- d. Wider benefits for society.
- e. Imparting useful information.

40. Directions: Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow by choosing the correct/most appropriate options: (+1, -0.25)

When the then Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M.G. Ramachandran launched his now-famous mid-day meal scheme in 1982, it met with opposition both within his own party, the All India Anna Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (AIADMK), and the Opposition. Within the party, there were concerns that it would result in leakages and corruption. The Opposition said it was intended mostly to **bolster** his personal image among the poor. Parents saw merit in sending their children regularly to school. As a result, attendance at schools shot up. The benefits thus went beyond the immediate objective of providing adequate nutrition to children.

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Which of the following is/are incorrect according to the given passage?

A.M.G.R launched the mid-day meal scheme in 1982.

B. Television sets could not be vehicles for imparting useful information.

C. Poor transport is not a serious obstacle to attending school or college in rural areas.

- a. Only A
- b. Both A and B
- c. Only B
- d. Both B and C
- e. Only C

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Answers

1. Answer: c

Explanation:

The correct answer is 'Revitalization of bid.'

★ Key Points

- Let us explore the given paragraphs:
 - The first paragraph is all about the acquisition of Twitter by Elon Musk.
 - The second paragraph is all about the acquisition announcement.
 - The third paragraph is all about an attempted termination of the agreement with Twitter.
 - The fourth paragraph is all about the revival and closure of the bid.
 - The fifth paragraph is all about the completion of the purchase.
- Therefore, from the given options, the third option can be inferred from the fourth paragraph.

Hence, the only possible answer is option 3.

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2. Answer: e

Explanation:

The correct answer is 'Repudiating.'

★ Key Points

- The word 'Declining' means **politely refusing an invitation or offer**.
 - Example: *She is **declining** to participate in the soccer game.*
- Let's look at the meaning of the given options:-
 - **Acceding** - To agree to a demand, request, or treaty.

- Example: *I have no reason for **acceding** to your request for a second opinion.*
- **Countenancing**- To admit as acceptable or possible .
 - Example: *Siricius was averse to **countenancing** the influence of the monks.*
- **Consenting**- To agree to do something .
 - Example: *She paused before **consenting** to marry him.*
- **Acquiescing**- To accept something reluctantly but without protest .
 - Example: *The other ashram women followed her in **acquiescing**.*
- **Repudiating**- To refuse to accept; reject .
 - Example: *A statement was issued finally **repudiating** the Nestorian position and affirming the Orthodox position.*

Hence, the only possible answer is option 5 .

★ Additional Information

- The synonyms of the word 'Declining' are " Repudiating , Refusing, **Rejecting**" .
- The antonyms of the word 'Declining' are " Acceding ,Countenancing ,Consenting " .

3. Answer: b

Explanation:

The correct answer is '**Propitious.**'

★ Key Points

- The word ' Hostile ' means **Opposed to one's interests** .
 - Example: *The company's president vows to fight the **hostile** takeover by the giant corporation .*
- Let's look at the meaning of the given options:-
 - **A dverse**- **Preventing success or development; harmful; unfavorable** .
 - Example: *Taxes are having an **adverse** effect on production .*
 - **Propitious** - **Giving or indicating a good chance of success; favorable** .

- Example: *Circumstances could hardly have been less **propitious** for a strike.*
- **Inimical**- Unfriendly; hostile .
 - Example: *Lack of ambition is **inimical** to success.*
- **Pernicious** - Having a very harmful or evil effect on somebody or something .
 - Example: *The **pernicious** effect of this advertising on children is a problem that we ignore at our peril.*
- **Detrimental**- Tending to cause harm .
 - Example: *The measures had a **detrimental** effect.*

Hence, the only possible answer is option 2 .

★ Additional Information

- The antonyms of the word ' Hostile ' are "Propitious, **Supportive ,Favorable**".
- The synonyms of the word ' Hostile ' are "Adverse, Inimical, Pernicious".

4. **Answer: a**

Explanation:

The correct answer is 'Refusing to comply with Musk's requests for spambot account data.'

★ Key Points

- The given sentence is talking about Musk's announcement to terminate the proposed acquisition as Twitter refused to comply with Musk's requests for spambot account data .
- The use of the phrase " material breach " in the sentence indicates the use of the word ' refusing ' in the blank.
- Therefore, the most appropriate option to be filled in the blank is ' Refusing to comply with Musk's requests for spambot account data . '

Hence, the correct answer is option 1 .

Complete Sentence: *On July 8, Musk announced his intention to terminate the proposed acquisition, claiming in a regulatory filing that Twitter was in "material breach" of several parts of the agreement by **refusing to comply with Musk's requests for spambot account data** and dismissing high-ranking employees.*

5. Answer: d

Explanation:

The correct answer is 'The executives were dismissed "for cause" and that the company had been mismanaged.'

★ Key Points

- The given sentence is saying that Musk circumvented the agreement made with Agrawal, Segal, and Gadde by asserting that the executives were dismissed "for cause" and that the company had been mismanaged.
- The use of the word "circumvented" in the sentence indicates the use of the word 'mismanaged' in the blank.
- Therefore, the most appropriate option to be filled in the blank is 'The executives were dismissed "for cause" and that the company had been mismanaged.'

Hence, the correct answer is option 4.

Complete Sentence: *Agrawal, Segal, and Gadde were set to receive "golden parachute" sums of 38.7million, 25.4 million, and \$12.5 million, respectively, but Musk circumvented the agreement by asserting **the executives were dismissed "for cause" and that the company had been mismanaged.***

6. Answer: a

Explanation:

The correct answer is 'No response from either Twitter or Musk to McCormick's request.'

★ Key Points

- The last sentence of the fourth paragraph says "*Neither Twitter nor Musk responded to McCormick's request, prompting her to announce that the trial would go forward as planned.*"
- From the above sentence, we can say that No response from either Twitter or Musk to McCormick's request prompted McCormick to announce that the trial would go forward as planned.

Hence, the only possible answer is option 1.

7. Answer: c

Explanation:

The correct answer is 'Opting to pledge an additional \$6.25 billion in equity financing.'

★ Key Points

- The sixth sentence of the second paragraph says "*On May 25, Musk abandoned plans to partially fund the deal through margin loans against Tesla stock, instead opting to pledge an additional \$6.25 billion in equity financing.*"
- From the above sentence, we can say that according to the passage, Musk abandoned plans to partially fund the deal through margin loans against Tesla stock, instead opting to pledge an additional \$6.25 billion in equity financing.

Hence, the only possible answer is option 3.

8. Answer: c

Explanation:

The correct answer is 'The acquisition of Twitter by Elon Musk.'

★ Key Points

- The first sentence of the first paragraph says "*The acquisition of Twitter by Elon Musk began on April 14, 2022, and concluded on October 27, 2022*", the second sentence of the first paragraph says "*Business magnate Elon Musk began buying shares of American social media company Twitter, Inc. in January 2022, eventually becoming the company's largest shareholder in April with a 9.1 percent ownership stake*" and the third sentence of the first paragraph says "*Twitter then invited Musk to join its board of directors, which Musk at first accepted before subsequently declining.*"
- From the above sentences, we can say that the central theme of the passage is "The acquisition of Twitter by Elon Musk."

Hence, the only possible answer is option 3.

9. Answer: c

Explanation:

The correct answer is 'Daunting.'

★ Key Points

- The given sentence "*Counting the dead is a ___ (1) ___ (intimidating) task, especially in India*" is saying that counting the dead is a challenging or discouraging task in India.
- Therefore, the most appropriate word to be filled in the blank is 'Daunting'.
- Also, the use of the word "task" in the sentence indicates the use of the word 'daunting' in the blank.
- The word 'Daunting' means **Seeming difficult to deal with in prospect**.
 - Example: *They were faced with the **daunting** task of restoring the house.*

Hence, the correct answer is option 3.

Complete Sentence: *Counting the dead is a daunting task, especially in India.*

★ Additional Information

- Let us explore the other options:
 - **Tranquilizing** means **Soothing or relaxing**.
 - **Sedative** means **Tranquilizing; calming**.
 - **Soothing** means **Having a gently calming effect**.
 - **Consoling** means **Serving to comfort someone**.

10. Answer: e

Explanation:

The correct answer is 'Accurately.'

★ Key Points

- The given sentence "*The country accounts for roughly 17% of the deaths worldwide, but still doesn't have a system that can ___(2)___ count the number of deaths*" is saying that the country doesn't have a system that can **correctly or precisely count the number of deaths**.
- Therefore, the most appropriate word to be filled in the blank is 'Accurately'.
- Also, the use of the word "count" in the sentence indicates the use of the word '**accurately**' in the blank.
- The word 'Accurately' means **In a way that is correct in all details; exactly**.
 - Example: *The weather bureau has **accurately** predicted the sand storm.*

Hence, the correct answer is option 5.

Complete Sentence: *The country accounts for roughly 17% of the deaths worldwide, but still doesn't have a system that can **accurately** count the number of deaths.*

★ Additional Information

- Let us explore the other options:
 - **Imprecisely** means **In a way that is not accurate or exact**.

- **Virtually** means **Almost, or very nearly, so that any slight difference is not important.**
- **Essentially** means **When you consider the basic or most important part of something.**
- **Freely** means **In a way that is not controlled or limited.**

11. Answer: a

Explanation:

The correct answer is 'Limitations.'

★ Key Points

- The given sentence "*While the Civil Registration System (CRS) and the Sample Registration System (SRS) measure mortality, both come with their own ___ (3) ___*" is saying that the Civil Registration System (CRS) and the Sample Registration System (SRS) both come with their flaws or defects.
- Therefore, the most appropriate word to be filled in the blank is 'Limitations'.
- Also, the use of the phrase "their own" in the sentence indicates the use of the word '**limitations**' in the blank.
- The word 'Limitations' means **A condition of limited ability; a defect or failing.**
 - Example: *She knew her **limitations** better than she knew her worth.*

Hence, the correct answer is option 1.

Complete Sentence: *While the Civil Registration System (CRS) and the Sample Registration System (SRS) measure mortality, both come with their own **limitations**.*

★ Additional Information

- Let us explore the other options:
 - **Prerogatives** means **A right or privilege exclusive to a particular individual or class.**
 - **Felicities** means **A particularly effective feature of a work of literature or art.**

- **Paramountcy** means The state or fact of being of greater importance than anything else .
- **Boons** means A thing that is helpful or beneficial .

12. Answer: b

Explanation:

The correct answer is 'Significant' .

★ Key Points

- The given sentence "*But not all deaths are registered in India and a ___ (4) ___ number is recorded beyond the prescribed time limit of 21 days*" is saying that a notable number of death is recorded beyond the prescribed time limit of 21 days .
- Therefore, the most appropriate word to be filled in the blank is ' Significant ' .
- Also, the use of the word " number " in the sentence indicates the use of the word '**significant**' in the blank.
- The word ' Significant ' means **Sufficiently great or important to be worthy of attention; noteworthy** .
 - Example: A **significant** amount of power is used by the broadcast transmitter to send the sync pulse.

Hence, the correct answer is option 2 .

Complete Sentence: *But not all deaths are registered in India and a significant number is recorded beyond the prescribed time limit of 21 days* .

★ Additional Information

- Let us explore the other options:
 - **Trifling** means Unimportant or trivial .
 - **Frivolous** means Not having any serious purpose or value .
 - **Trivial** means Of little value or importance .

- **Anonymous** means Having no outstanding, individual, or unusual features; unremarkable or impersonal .

13. Answer: d

Explanation:

The correct answer is 'Reliable' .

★ Key Points

- The given sentence "*While the SRS is considered far more ___ (5) ___, reports state that in several States, the registered deaths exceed the estimates provided by the SRS*" is saying that SRS is considered far more good in quality or performance but reports state that in several States, the registered deaths exceed the estimates provided by the SRS .
- Therefore, the most appropriate word to be filled in the blank is ' Reliable ' .
- Also, the use of the word " considered " in the sentence indicates the use of the word '**reliable**' in the blank.
- The word ' Reliable ' means **Consistently good in quality or performance; able to be trusted** .
 - Example: *It has a highly **reliable** control system.*

Hence, the correct answer is option 4 .

Complete Sentence: *While the SRS is considered far more **reliable** , reports state that in several States, the registered deaths exceed the estimates provided by the SRS.*

★ Additional Information

- Let us explore the other options:
 - **Dodgy** means Dishonest or unreliable .
 - **Mendacious** means Not telling the truth; lying .
 - **Perfidious** means Deceitful and untrustworthy .
 - **Traitorous** means Relating to or characteristic of a traitor; disloyal .

14. Answer: b

Explanation:

The correct answer is 'While I only have to run a little farther to finish the marathon, by now I am so tired that it feels much further than it is.'

★ Key Points

- The usage of the word 'farther' is contextually wrong in the first option and doesn't make any sense. 'Further' would have been a better word in place of 'farther' here.
 - From the above sentence, we can say that option 1 is incorrect .
- The usage of the word 'farther' in the second option is absolutely correct as the word 'farther' is used when you are talking about a physical distance.
 - From the above sentence, we can say that option 2 is correct .
- In the third option, the word 'less' has been used which makes no sense. Instead of 'less', 'few' would have been correct in this context.
 - From the above sentence, we can say that option 3 is incorrect .
- The usage of the verb 'lend' is contextually wrong in the fourth option and doesn't make any sense. The noun 'loan' would have been a better word in place of 'lend' here.
 - From the above sentence, we can say that option 4 is incorrect .
- The usage of the word 'less' is contextually wrong in the fifth option and doesn't make any sense. 'Few' would have been a better word in place of 'less' here.
 - From the above sentence, we can say that option 5 is incorrect .

Hence, the only possible answer is option 2 .

15. Answer: a

Explanation:

The correct answer is 'As soon as he became rich he cast aside all his old friends who gave him some help.'

★ Key Points

- The usage of the word 'cast' in the first option is absolutely correct as the phrase 'cast aside' means 'getting rid of something'.
 - From the above sentence, we can say that option 1 is correct.
- The usage of the word 'peace' is contextually wrong in the second option and doesn't make any sense. 'Piece' would have been a better word in place of 'peace' here.
 - From the above sentence, we can say that option 2 is incorrect.
- In the third option, the word 'accomplished' has been used which makes no sense. Instead of 'accomplished', 'established' would have been correct in this context.
 - From the above sentence, we can say that option 3 is incorrect.
- In the fourth option, the word 'peace' has been used which makes no sense. Instead of 'peace', 'piece' should have been used as the phrase "piece of mind" means expressing one's opinions strongly.
 - From the above sentence, we can say that option 4 is incorrect.
- The usage of the word 'cast' is contextually wrong in the fifth option and doesn't make any sense. 'Caste' would have been a better word in place of 'cast' here.
 - From the above sentence, we can say that option 5 is incorrect.

Hence, the only possible answer is option 1.

16. **Answer: c**

Explanation:

The correct answer is option 3 i.e. **A performer or someone acting on his or her behalf can however consent to any act that would otherwise infringes his or her rights.**

★ Key Points

- The word 'infringes' is the third person present tense form of the verb 'infringe' and has the following meanings:
 - i) actively break the terms of (a law, agreement, etc.).
 - ii) act so as to limit or undermine (something); encroach on.
- Options 1, 2, 4, and 5 are instances where the word has been used correctly.
- But, option 3 showcases a grammatical error in the tense form. It should be in the simple present tense form 'infringe' for the sentence to be correct.

17. Answer: a

Explanation:

The correct answer is option 1 i.e. **His duties were thus rendered onerous exceedingly, and his labour became excessive.**

★ Key Points

- The word 'onerous' is an adjective and has a single meaning.
 - Onerous means '(of a task or responsibility) involving a great deal of effort, trouble, or difficulty'.
- Options 2, 3, 4, and 5 are instances where the word has been used correctly.
- But, option 1 showcases an erroneous placement of the word.
- The adverb 'exceedingly' should modify the adjective 'onerous' and hence, should come before it.
 - Correct sentence would be *"His duties were thus rendered exceedingly onerous, and his labour became excessive."*
- Hence, **option 1** is correct choice.

18. Answer: a

Explanation:

The correct answer is **BDEAC**.

★ Key Points

Let's understand the words, their parts of speech, and meanings.

<i>Words</i>	<i>Parts of Speech</i>	<i>Meaning</i>
Functioning	verb	To perform
Integral	adjective	Fundamental
Rehabilitation	noun	Recovery from illness
Absence	noun	Availability
Foundation	noun	Fundamental, basics

- The first blank describes how mental health is important for a human being. Hence, **Integral** is the appropriate word for the given blank.
- The second blank indicates how mental health is more important than mental illness. Hence, **Absence** is the appropriate word for the given blank.
- The third blank indicates how mental health is fundamental for well-being. Hence, **Foundation** is the appropriate word given in the blank.
- The fourth blank shows how mental health affects human's performance. Hence, **Functioning** is the appropriate word for the given blank.
- The fifth blank describes what mental health includes. Hence, **Rehabilitation** is the appropriate word for the given blank.

Completed passage: *Mental health is an **integral** part of health; it is more than the **absence** of mental health illness. It is the **foundation** for well-being and effective*

functioning of individuals. It includes mental well-being, prevention of mental disorders, treatment and **rehabilitation**.

19. Answer: b

Explanation:

The correct answer is **DBEAC**

★ Key Points

- Let's understand the words, their parts of speech, and their meaning in a tabular format.

WORDS	PARTS OF SPEECH	MEANING
Inclusion	Noun	To add something or to involve.
In Tandem	None (Phrase)	Together.
Morphed	Adjective	Undergo a change smoothly.
Rapid	Adjective	Fast, speedy.
Dynamism	Noun	Highly active and progressive.

- The first blank talks about the pace of progress. Hence, **Rapid** is the correct fit for the sentence.
- The second blank states how the organizations are working. Also 'in tandem' is a phrase. Hence, **Tandem** is the appropriate word.

- The third blank is about the state of progress. Hence, **Dynamism** is the right option.
- The fourth blank is about the financial state. Hence, **Inclusion** is the right fit for the sentence.
- The fifth sentence is about how financial multipliers have undergone a change. Hence, **morphed** is the correct fit for the sentence.

Completed passage: *In recent years, India has witnessed **rapid** progress in the financial services sector. Technology, innovation, and fintech are working in tandem and contributing to the **dynamism** of this sector. In our journey towards higher levels of sustainable development and financial **inclusion**, these forces have **morphed** into force multipliers.*

20. Answer: b

Explanation:

The correct answer is 'quashes, detention.'

★ Key Points

- Statement 1 is talking that SC official **dismissed the decision** on the protection of hold regarding stale material and non-application of mind.
- Statement 2 is talking that Madras HC dismissed the decision of forceful stay of Tamil Nadu teachers under the Goondas Act.
- The meanings of the words given in option 2:
 - Quashes: to say that an official decision is no longer true or legal (आधिकारिक निर्णय को रद्द कर देना).
 - Example: *The political maneuvering never **quashes**.*
 - Detention: the act or condition of being officially forced to stay in a place (आधिकारिक तौर पर किसी स्थान पर रहने के लिए मजबूर होने की क्रिया या स्थिति).
 - Example: *A public outcry secured her release from **detention**.*
- From the given explanation, we can understand that option 2 is the correct answer.

Complete Sentences

SC quashes preventive detention based on stale material and non-application of mind.

Madras HC quashes detention of Tamil Nadu teacher under Goondas Act.

★ Additional Information

- Let's learn the meanings of some other words in the options:
 - **Adept** means very good or skilful at something (कुशल, अति दक्ष, निपुण).
 - **Communication** means the act of sharing or exchanging information, ideas or feelings (सूचनाओं, विचारों और भावनाओं के आदान-प्रदान की क्रिया; संपर्क, संचार).
 - **Discernible** means able to be seen, recognized, or understood (देखने, पहचानने या समझने में सक्षम, दृश्य, दृष्टिगोचर).
 - **Validation** means the action of making or declaring something legally or officially acceptable (कानूनी या आधिकारिक तौर पर स्वीकार्य कुछ बनाने या घोषित करने की क्रिया).
 - **Fatal** means causing or ending in death (घातक; जिससे अंत में मृत्यु हो जाए, जानलेवा).
 - **Praise** means to say that somebody/something is good and should be admired (व्यक्ति या वस्तु की प्रशंसा करना, उसे सराहना).
 - **Compliment** means a statement or action that shows admiration for somebody (प्रशंसा, तारीफ करना).
 - **Quell** means to end something (किसी को दबाना या कुचलना; दमन करना).

21. Answer: b

Explanation:

The correct answer is 'condemns, retaliation.'

★ Key Points

- **Statement 1** is talking about Biden **criticizing or thinking that an attack on Ukraine is wrong** in opposition to this Putin says it is **revenge against terrorism**.
- **Statement 2** is talking about South Korea **criticizing North Korea's blast of land mines as wrong** and that they will frighten North Korea **by taking revenge**.
- **The meanings of the words given in option 2:**
 - **Condemns:** to criticize something or someone strongly, usually for moral reasons; to say strongly that one thinks somebody/something is very bad or wrong (किसी की तीव्र निंदा करना, दोषी या अपराधी ठहराना; दृढ़ता से कहना कि कोई सचता है कि कोई/कुछ बहुत बुरा या गलत है).
 - **Example:** *Poor education **condemns** many young people to low-paid jobs.*
 - **Retaliation:** the action of harming someone because they have harmed someone, revenge; the act of hurting someone or doing something harmful to someone because they have done or said something harmful to someone (किसी को नुकसान पहुँचाने की क्रिया क्योंकि उन्होंने उसको नुकसान पहुँचाया है, बदला लेना, किसी को चोट पहुँचाने या किसी के लिए हानिकारक कुछ करने की क्रिया क्योंकि उन्होंने किसी के लिए हानिकारक कुछ किया या कहा है).
 - **Example:** *The bomb attack was in **retaliation** for the recent arrest of two well-known terrorists.*
- From the given explanation, we can understand that **option 2 is the correct answer**.

Complete Sentences

Biden condemns Ukraine attack as Putin claims it's retaliation for terrorism.

South Korea condemns North over land mine blast, threatens retaliation.

★ Additional Information

- **Let's learn the meanings of some other words in the options:**
 - **Blames** means to think or say that a certain person or thing is responsible for something bad that has happened (किसी व्यक्ति या वस्तु को गलती का जिम्मेदार या दोषी ठहराना).
 - **Amiable** means friendly and pleasant (मैत्रीपूर्ण और सौहार्दपूर्ण; मिलनसार).
 - **Disturbs** means to interrupt somebody while he/she is doing something or sleeping; to spoil a peaceful situation (किसी के कुछ काम करते समय उसमें

बाधा पहुँचाना अथवा नींद में व्यवधान डालना; शांति भंग करना) .

- **Cynically** means in a distrustful way that expresses a belief that people are motivated purely by self-interest (एक अविश्वसनीय तरीके से जो एक विश्वास व्यक्त करता है कि लोग विशुद्ध रूप से स्वार्थ से प्रेरित होते हैं) .
- **Pardon** means the action of forgiving or being forgiven for an error or offense (किसी को क्षमा करना) .
- **Reprisal** means punishment, especially by military force, for harm that one group of people does to another (बदले की कार्रवाई विशेषतः सेना द्वारा; प्रतिशोध) .
- **Reiterates** means to repeat an opinion, statement, etc. that has already been said to make the meaning clear or to emphasize it (पूर्वोक्त कथन, विचार आदि आशय स्पष्ट करने या बल देने के लिए दोहराना, बार बार कहना) .
- **Vengeance** means the act of punishing or harming somebody in return for something bad he/she has done to someone, his friends, or family (प्रतिशोध, बदला) .

22. Answer: b

Explanation:

The correct answer is 'shivering, symptoms.'

★ Key Points

- Statement 1 is talking about chest pain, deafness, and **shaking because of cold are among the top signs** of Omicron BF.7.
- Statement 2 is talking about high fever and **shaking are common signs** of children having Covid.
- The meanings of the words given in option 2:
 - **Shivering:** to shake slightly, especially because one is cold or frightened (ठिठुरना, काँपना विशेषतः डर या ठंड के मारे) .
 - **Example:** *They were forced to wait outside for hours, **shivering** with cold.*
 - **Symptoms:** a change in one's body that is a sign of illness (रोग का चिह्न; लक्षण) .

- **Example:** *Helen has exhibited **symptoms** of anxiety and overwhelming worry.*
- From the given explanation, we can understand that option 2 is the correct answer.

Complete Sentences

Chest pain, deafness, and shivering are among the top symptoms that could be of Omicron BF.7.

High fever and shivering are among the common symptoms for children with Covid.

★ Additional Information

- Let's learn the meanings of some other words in the options:
 - **Shook** means to move somebody/something from side to side or up and down with short, quick movements (हिलना इधर-उधर और ऊपर-नीचे जल्दी-जल्दी गति करना, करवाना).
 - **Euphoria** means an extremely strong feeling of happiness (प्रसन्नता का अतिरेक; उल्लासोन्माद).
 - **Move** means to change position or to put something in a different position (स्थान बदलना या किसी वस्तु को अन्य स्थान पर ले जाना, हिलना या हिलाना; खिसकना या खिसकाना).
 - **Ailment** means any illness that is not very serious (बीमारी जो बहुत गंभीर न हो).
 - **Manifestation** means a sign that something is happening (प्रकटीकरण; कुछ घटित होने का संकेत).
 - **Malady** means a serious problem (अप्रिय और गंभीर अवस्था).
 - **Cue** means word or movement that is the signal for somebody else to say or do something, especially in a play (विशेषतः नाटक में वह शब्द या क्रिया-व्यापार जो संकेत करता है कि क्या कहा जाए या किया जाए; संकेत, इशारा).
 - **Bloom** means used to express annoyance or for emphasis (झुंझलाहट व्यक्त करने या जोर देने के लिए उपयोग किया जाता है).

23. Answer: b

Explanation:

The correct answer is **option(2)** i.e. "The ministry brought under the hammer such gifts in the past also."

★ Key Points

- It is given that:
 - "the auction is scheduled from 17th September to 2nd October, 2022."
 - "In 2019 these items were auctioned for people by open bidding."
 - Which means it is not the first time to organize an auction.

Hence, the correct answer is "The ministry brought under the hammer such gifts in the past also."

★ Additional Information

- **Bring under the hammer:** to sell something at an auction.
 - **example:** the paintings will be brought under the hammer.

24. Answer: d

Explanation:

The correct answer is **option (4)** i.e. "The disinvestment may prevent the sector from becoming a white elephant."

★ Key Points

- It is given that "*The government aims at making use of disinvestment proceeds to finance various social sector, infuse private **capital, technology and best management practices** in Central Government Public Sector Enterprises.*"
 - Which means currently these sectors must be suffering from inadequate capital and are in need of technology and best management practices.

- If these sectors remain deprived of this requirement they will turn into non-performing assets.
- Hence, to save these sectors the government is planning to make strategic disinvestment.

Hence, the correct answer is "The disinvestment may prevent the sector from becoming a white elephant."

★ Additional Information

- **a white elephant:** something which you no longer need but is very costly to maintain.
 - **example:** She thinks the old car is a white elephant.

25. Answer: b

Explanation:

The correct answer is **option (2)** i.e. I-CABD, II-FEG

★ Key Points

Sentence - I

- I) challenges of post pandemic economic recovery(A)/ rising costs and the shrinking availability(B)/ the world is already struggling with(C)/ of fuel, of food and of fertilizers(D).
 - Phrase (B) ends with "**availability**" and phrase (D) starts with "**of food**" makes them pair. [(B)→(D)]
 - Phrase (C) ends with "**with**", hence it can be followed by either (A) or (B).
 - (C)→(B)→(D) in this arrangement **no place is available for (A)**
 - Hence, the only possible arrangement is (C) → (A) → (B) → (D)

Sentence - II

- II) economies the world over are contracting and their(E)/ things are big different this time(F)/ economic forecasts are shrinking(G)

- Phrase (E) ends with "their" (of economics) and phrase (G) starts with "economic forecasts". Hence, they form a pair [(C)→(G)]
- Hence, the final arrangement is (F) → (E) → (G)

The correct syntax is:

- I) the world is already struggling with challenges of post pandemic economic recovery, rising costs and the shrinking availability of fuel, of food and of fertilizers.
- II) things are big different this time economies the world over are contracting and their economic forecasts are shrinking.

Hence, the correct answer is **I-CABD, II-FEG**.

26. Answer: d

Explanation:

The correct answer is **option (4)** i.e II-FDGE, I-BAC

★ Key Points

Sentence - I

- I) the 75 years is beckoned to (A) / what we have achieved in (B) / the direction in which the country is moving(C).
 - Phrase (A) forms pair with both (B) and (C). [(A) ⇔ (B) or (A) →(C)]
 - Phrases (B) and (C) can't form a pair.
 - Hence, the correct arrangement of the phrases is (B) →(A) →(C)

Sentence - II

- II) agreement between Government of India and Government of France on the purchase of (D) / shall be governed by the security agreement (E) / as per the article 10 of the intergovernmental (F) / Rafale aircraft, the protection of classified information(G)

- Phrase (D) ends with "on the purchase of" which must be followed by a **noun**. Hence, phrases (D) and (G) forms a pair [(D) →(G)]
- Phrase (E) can't be the first phrase, but it can follow (G) [(D)→(G)→(E)]
- Phrase (F) ends with "intergovernmental" which is a **modifier**, hence,
 - This phrase can't be the last one, and
 - It must be followed by appreciate word (noun /verb).
- "intergovernmental" is an appropriate modifier for "agreement" (noun).
- Hence, the correct rearrangement of the phrases is **F → D→ G→ E**
- **The correct syntax is:**
 - I) What we have achieved in the 75 years is beckoned to the direction in which the country is moving.
 - II) As per the article 10 of the intergovernmental agreement between Government of India and Government of France on the purchase of Rafale aircraft, the protection of classified information shall be governed by the security agreement.

Hence, the correct answer is **II-FDGE, I-BAC**

27. Answer: b

Explanation:

The correct answer is 'II - a and III - d'

★ **Key Points**

Statement I is contextually and grammatically correct.

- **Sentence II** talks about 'Parul' wanting to study further in the field of Biology due to her interest in the field of Biology.
- The use of the **adjective 'still'** means the **interest that Parul has in Biology is ongoing** and hasn't run out.
- This means her **desire to study Biology further is in the present tense**.
- The **verbs of the sentence should represent this tense**.

Thus, the **verb in the first part of the sentence 'a' i.e. was'** needs to be replaced with its version in the present tense 'is'.

The correct sentence will be: *'Parul is going to study further in the field of Biology since she is still interested in human anatomy.'*

- **Sentence III** talks about Michael is going to have a hard time in a foreign country especially because of the fact that he can't speak the language there.
- The use of the **verb 'is' and 'have'** in the sentence are in the **present tense**, this means that the **sentence is in the present tense**.
- The **other verbs in the sentence should also follow** this pattern.

Thus, the verb **'didn't'** needs to be replaced with the present tense form i.e. **'doesn't'**.

The correct sentence will be: *'Michael is going to have a tough time living in a different country, especially since he doesn't know the language.'*

28. **Answer: d**

Explanation:

The correct answer is **'I - d and II - a'**

★ Key Points

Sentence III is grammatically and contextually correct.

- **Sentence I** refers to **'Samuel'**, which implies **one person**, so the verbs have to be in the **singular format**.
- This means that all the **verbs in the sentence have to follow this format**. **'Have'** is in the **plural format** and thus has to be replaced with **'has/had'** in the **singular format**.

The correct sentence will be: *'Samuel was going to meet Sara when he met with an unfortunate accident and had to be hospitalized.'*

- Sentence II is in the **past tense** as can be seen by the use of the verb 'was', 'failed', and 'found' in the past tense .
- This means **all the verbs in the sentence will have to be in the same format.**
- Thus, 'know' (which is in the present tense) will have to be replaced with 'knew' (in the past tense).

The correct sentence will be: *'Michael knew he was in big trouble with his father when he found out that he had failed the math exam.'*

Thus, **option 4** i.e. 'I - d and II - a' is the correct answer.

29. Answer: a

Explanation:

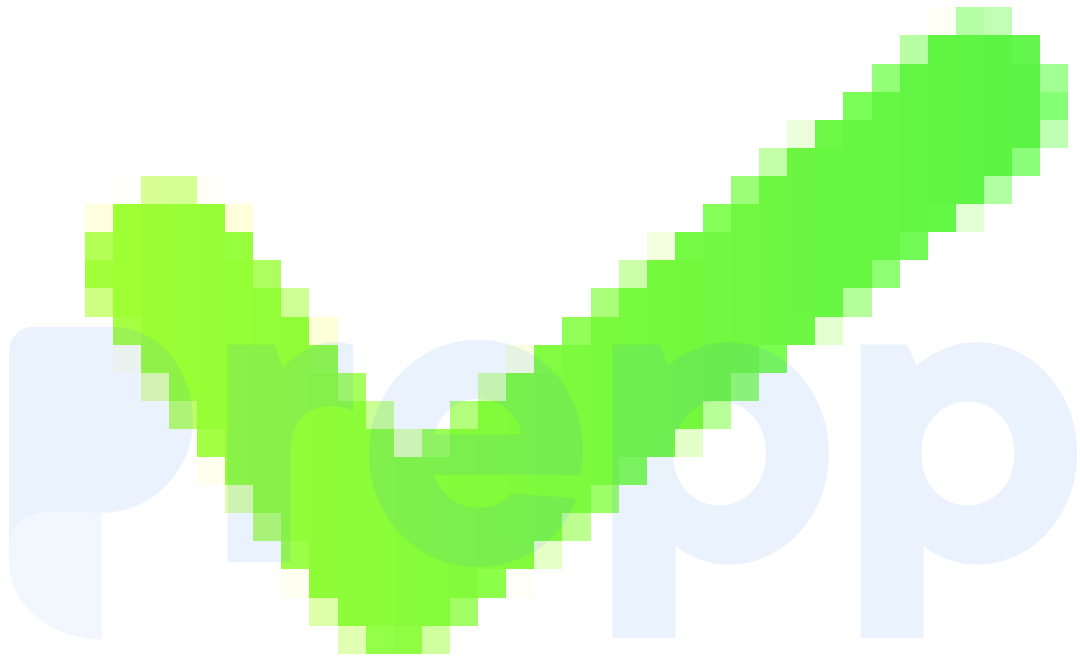
The correct answer is **Option 1** i.e. **A and B.**

★ Key Points

- The error lies in Parts A and B.
- In Part A-
 - The given sentence starts with an emphasis on the noun 'household'; hence, a **gerund** should be used instead of the phrasal verb 'run away'.
 - In the given sentence, the main verb is '**is**' .
 - It indicates that 'running' is not a verb here but a verb form changed into a gerund, and thus should be read as "Running a household is the most demanding task..."
- In Part B-
 - The **preposition 'to'** before 'took' indicates that an infinitive should be used- a base form of the verb i.e. '...for one has to take care of the entire household members...'
 - Let's see an example-
 1. He wantsto actin movies. (**Correct**)
 2. He wantsto actedin movies. (**Incorrect**)
- Hence, the erroneous parts are A and B.



So, the **correct sentence** is- "Runninga household is the most demanding task to do for one has totakecare of the entire house- its members, their likings and dislikings- everything which is not my cup of tea," said the actress to the interviewer when asked about that one thing she can't do in the world.



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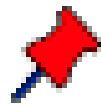
30. Answer: b

Explanation:

The correct answer is Option 2 i.e. error lies in Only A.

★ Key Points

- In Part A, the use of the preposition 'to' before the verb '*finish*' is wrong.
- According to the rule, **the infinitive is used without 'to'** after *let, bid, hear, make, dare, need, see, rather than, had better, would rather, sooner than, may, might, will, shall, can, must, would, should, could, etc.*
- Let's see an example-
 1. She **had better take** the files at home and do it in her free time. **(Correct)**
 2. She **had better to take** the files at home and do it in her free time. **(Incorrect)**
- Therefore, 'would rather finish' should be used instead of 'would rather to finish' to make the sentence correct.



So, the **correct sentence** is- "*He **would rather finish** his part of the task and leave for a vacation in the mountains than drag it for the entire week; that's his way of doing work which sometimes takes a toll on his career.*"

31. **Answer: b**

Explanation:

The correct answer is 'An invest located east of the Philippines on October 26.'

★ **Key Points**

- The sentence 'E' is talking about " The origin of the **tropical storm of the 2022 Pacific typhoon season, Nalgae** ."
- Therefore, the next sentence should be something related to the location or the date of the origin of tropical storm Nalgae .
- From the given options, option 2 is talking about the location and the date of origin i.e. from **an invest located east of the Philippines** .

Hence, the only possible answer is option 2 .

32. Answer: a

Explanation:

The correct answer is 'B'.

★ Key Points

- The correct sequence or order of the segments after rearrangement is AECFBD .
 - The sentence ' A' is the given first sentence which is independent of any other sentence as it introduces the subject "Severe Tropical Storm Nalgae" known in the Philippines as Severe Tropical Storm Paeng . Hence, ' A' is the first sentence .
 - Sentence E will come after B as it is giving information about the place and date of the origin of Severe Tropical Storm Nalgae .
 - Sentence C will come after E as it is giving information about the initially designated disturbance created by the storm i.e.93W .
 - Sentence F will come after C as it is saying that **the JMA had already considered the disturbance as a tropical depression a day prior to JTWC's** .
 - Sentence B will come after F as it is talking about the **meteorological service i.e. PAGASA that followed JMA's lead and gave it the name Paeng** .
 - The sentence ' D'is the final or sixth sentence as it is concluding by saying that the name Paeng was **upgraded again by JMA to tropical storm status, thus gaining the name Nalgae** .

Hence, the correct answer is option 1 .

Paragraph after rearranging the sentences: *Severe Tropical Storm Nalgae, known in the Philippines as Severe Tropical Storm Paeng, was a deadly tropical cyclone that caused widespread damage across the Philippines and later impacted Hong Kong and Macau. The twenty-second named tropical storm of the 2022 Pacific typhoon season, Nalgae originated from an invest located east of the Philippines on October 26. The disturbance, initially designated as 93W, was eventually upgraded the following day to a tropical depression by the Joint Typhoon Warning Center (JTWC) and re-designated as 26W. The Japan Meteorological Agency (JMA) however, had*

already considered the disturbance as a tropical depression a day prior to JTWC's. Philippines' meteorological service PAGASA also followed JMA's lead and gave it the name Paeng. That same day, it was upgraded again by JMA to tropical storm status, thus gaining the name Nalgae .

33. Answer: e

Explanation:

The correct answer is ' C . '

★ Key Points

- The correct sequence or order of the segments after rearrangement is **AECFBD**.
 - The sentence ' **A** ' is the given first sentence which is independent of any other sentence as it introduces the subject "Severe Tropical Storm Nalgae" known in the Philippines as Severe Tropical Storm Paeng . Hence, ' **A** ' is the first sentence .
 - Sentence **E** will come after **B** as it is giving information about the place and date of the origin of Severe Tropical Storm Nalgae .
 - Sentence **C** will come after **E** as it is giving information about the initially designated disturbance created by the storm i.e. 93W .
 - Sentence **F** will come after **C** as it is saying that the JMA had already considered the disturbance as a tropical depression a day prior to JTWC's .
 - Sentence **B** will come after **F** as it is talking about the meteorological service i.e. PAGASA that followed JMA's lead and gave it the name Paeng .
 - The sentence ' **D** ' is the final or sixth sentence as it is concluding by saying that the name Paeng was upgraded again by JMA to tropical storm status, thus gaining the name Nalgae .

Hence, the correct answer is option 5 .

Paragraph after rearranging the sentences: *Severe Tropical Storm Nalgae, known in the Philippines as Severe Tropical Storm Paeng, was a deadly tropical cyclone that caused widespread damage across the Philippines and later impacted Hong Kong*

and Macau. The twenty-second named tropical storm of the 2022 Pacific typhoon season, Nalgae originated from an invest located east of the Philippines on October 26. The disturbance, initially designated as 93W, was eventually upgraded the following day to a tropical depression by the Joint Typhoon Warning Center (JTWC) and re-designated as 26W. The Japan Meteorological Agency (JMA) however, had already considered the disturbance as a tropical depression a day prior to JTWC's. Philippines' meteorological service PAGASA also followed JMA's lead and gave it the name Paeng. That same day, it was upgraded again by JMA to tropical storm status, thus gaining the name Nalgae .

34. Answer: c

Explanation:

The correct answer is ' E . '

★ Key Points

- The correct sequence or order of the segments after rearrangement is **AECFBD**.
 - The sentence ' A ' is the given first sentence which is independent of any other sentence as it introduces the subject "Severe Tropical Storm Nalgae" known in the Philippines as Severe Tropical Storm Paeng . Hence, ' A ' is the first sentence .
 - Sentence E will come after B as it is giving information about the place and date of the origin of Severe Tropical Storm Nalgae .
 - Sentence C will come after E as it is giving information about the initially designated disturbance created by the storm i.e. 93W .
 - Sentence F will come after C as it is saying that the JMA had already considered the disturbance as a tropical depression a day prior to JTWC's .
 - Sentence B will come after F as it is talking about the meteorological service i.e. PAGASA that followed JMA's lead and gave it the name Paeng .
 - The sentence ' D ' is the final or sixth sentence as it is concluding by saying that the name Paeng was upgraded again by JMA to tropical storm status, thus gaining the name Nalgae .

Hence, the correct answer is option 3 .

Paragraph after rearranging the sentences: *Severe Tropical Storm Nalgae, known in the Philippines as Severe Tropical Storm Paeng, was a deadly tropical cyclone that caused widespread damage across the Philippines and later impacted Hong Kong and Macau. The twenty-second named tropical storm of the 2022 Pacific typhoon season, Nalgae originated from an invest located east of the Philippines on October 26. The disturbance, initially designated as 93W, was eventually upgraded the following day to a tropical depression by the Joint Typhoon Warning Center (JTWC) and re-designated as 26W. The Japan Meteorological Agency (JMA) however, had already considered the disturbance as a tropical depression a day prior to JTWC's. Philippines' meteorological service PAGASA also followed JMA's lead and gave it the name Paeng. That same day, it was upgraded again by JMA to tropical storm status, thus gaining the name Nalgae .*

35. Answer: d

Explanation:

The correct answer is 'Only F and B.'

★ Key Points

- The correct sequence or order of the segments after rearrangement is AECFBD .
 - The sentence ' A ' is the given first sentence which is independent of any other sentence as it introduces the subject "Severe Tropical Storm Nalgae" known in the Philippines as Severe Tropical Storm Paeng . Hence, ' A ' is the first sentence .
 - Sentence E will come after B as it is giving information about the place and date of the origin of Severe Tropical Storm Nalgae .
 - Sentence C will come after E as it is giving information about the initially designated disturbance created by the storm i.e. 93W .
 - Sentence F will come after C as it is saying that the JMA had already considered the disturbance as a tropical depression a day prior to JTWC's .

- Sentence **B** will come after **F** as it is talking about the meteorological service i.e. PAGASA that followed JMA's lead and gave it the name Paeng .
- The sentence '**D**' is the final or sixth sentence as it is concluding by saying that the name Paeng was upgraded again by JMA to tropical storm status, thus gaining the name Nalgae .

Hence, the correct answer is option 4 .

Paragraph after rearranging the sentences: *Severe Tropical Storm Nalgae, known in the Philippines as Severe Tropical Storm Paeng, was a deadly tropical cyclone that caused widespread damage across the Philippines and later impacted Hong Kong and Macau. The twenty-second named tropical storm of the 2022 Pacific typhoon season, Nalgae originated from an invest located east of the Philippines on October 26. The disturbance, initially designated as 93W, was eventually upgraded the following day to a tropical depression by the Joint Typhoon Warning Center (JTWC) and re-designated as 26W. The Japan Meteorological Agency (JMA) however, had already considered the disturbance as a tropical depression a day prior to JTWC's. Philippines' meteorological service PAGASA also followed JMA's lead and gave it the name Paeng. That same day, it was upgraded again by JMA to tropical storm status, thus gaining the name Nalgae .*

36. Answer: e

Explanation:

The correct answer is 'Undermine .'

★ Key Points

- The word '**Bolster**' means To support or strengthen .
 - Example: *He tried to bolster their morale.*
- Let's look at the meaning of the given options:-
 - Strengthen – To make or become stronger .
 - Example: *The new evidence will strengthen their case.*
 - Reinforce – To strengthen or support .
 - Example: *We must reinforce the troops at the front.*

- Fortify – To strengthen someone or something .
 - Example:*We need to fortify the resources of the International Monetary Fund.*
- Stiffen – To support or strengthen .
 - Example:*He tried to stiffen his wavering soldiers.*
- Undermine – To make something weaker .
 - Example:*He constantly tried to undermine her self-confidence.*

Hence, the only possible answer is option 5 .

★ Additional Information

- The antonyms of the word 'Bolster ' are " Undermine, Weaken, Diminish " .
- The synonyms of the word 'Bolster ' are " Strengthen, Reinforce, Fortify " .

37. Answer: c

Explanation:

The correct answer is ' Distinguishable . '

★ Key Points

- The word ' Discernible ' means Able to be perceived by a sense or by the mind .
 - Example:*The difference between the two is readily discernible.*
- Let's look at the meaning of the given options:-
 - Impalpable – Not easily grasped by the mind; difficult to understand .
 - Example:*Impalpable ideas floating through his mind.*
 - Imperceptible – So slight, gradual, or subtle as not to be perceived .
 - Example:*The slight change in the taste was imperceptible to most people.*
 - Distinguishable – Clear enough to be recognized or identified as different; discernible .
 - Example:*The fake was barely distinguishable from the original painting.*
 - Insensible – Too small or gradual to be perceived; inappreciable .

- Example: *She remained insensible of the dangers that lay ahead.*
- Undetectable – Not able to be detected.
 - Example: *There is an undetectable problem in loading the specified device driver.*

Hence, the only possible answer is option 3.

★ Additional Information

- The synonyms of the word 'Discernible' are "Distinguishable, Appreciable, Apprehensible".
- The antonyms of the word 'Discernible' are "Impalpable, Imperceptible, Insensible".

38. Answer: a

Explanation:

The correct answer is 'No easy answers to the freebies issue.'

★ Key Points

- The second sentence of the second paragraph says "*It is hard to capture the total welfare effects of a given scheme at the outset and, therefore, hard to evaluate the merit of a given freebie (a word used to describe subsidised consumption)*", the second-last sentence of the third paragraph says "*With their acute appreciation of grassroots realities, politicians often have a better understanding than economists do of the 'merit' underlying certain freebies*" and the last sentence of the third paragraph concludes "*They have a much better grasp of what it takes to change the lives of the disadvantaged or to bring about social transformation*".
- From the above sentences, we can say that the central theme of the passage is "No easy answers to the freebies issue."

Hence, the only possible answer is option 1.

39. Answer: b

Explanation:

The correct answer is 'Leakages and corruption.'

★ Key Points

- The given passage is all about the freebies issue .
- The second sentence of the first paragraph says "*Within the party, there were concerns that it(the mid-day meal scheme) would result in leakages and corruption.*"
- From the above sentence, we can say that according to the passage, there were concerns within M.G.R's party that the mid-day meal scheme would result in leakages and corruption .

Hence, the only possible answer is option 2 .

★ Important Points

- Given below are the points, we should keep in mind while solving questions of reading comprehension-
 - Identify the purpose of reading . Try to go through the question first and then the passage so that you can just focus on the things you need to look at in the passage .
 - Anticipate what may lie ahead. Look out for specific information in the passage.

40. Answer: d

Explanation:

The correct answer is ' Both B and C .'

★ Key Points

- The first sentence of the first paragraph says "*When the then Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M.G. Ramachandran launched his now-famous mid-day meal scheme in 1982, it met with opposition both within his own party, the All India Anna Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (AIADMK), and the Opposition*".
 - From the above sentence, we can say that statement A is correct according to the given passage.
- The last sentence of the second paragraph says "*Television sets may not be about recreation, they could be vehicles for imparting useful information or they could simply bring the family together, both of which have wider benefits for society*" and the fourth sentence of the second paragraph says "*But those familiar with rural areas would know that poor transport is a serious obstacle to attending school or college*".
 - From the above sentences, we can say that statements B and C are incorrect according to the given passage.

Hence, the only possible answer is option 4 .

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