

## English Test – 3&5

Read the given passage carefully and answer the following questions. Some words have been highlighted to help you locate the same while answering.

A bright light fell on the extent of the world's dependence on information technologies when on July 19, supermarkets, banks, hospitals, airports, and many other services in between suffered a simultaneous blackout after a common software solution they used glitched. Between then and the time at which the solution's developers rolled out a fix, news of the problem and the resulting downtime spread around the world through the same networks that have been erected to facilitate communications between these systems. Technological advancements are inevitable and desirable, but the concurrent responsibility to set up failsafes and emergency protocols is often less glamorous. These gaps are exacerbated in societies where the adoption of new technologies is concentrated in sectors competing in the global market and in piecemeal fashion vis-à-vis services provided in local markets. Thus, for example, the glitch may have caused an airline operator to suffer greater monetary losses but it would have been more **debilitating** for cardiac facilities at a tertiary care centre.

Such glitches are more common than people realise thanks to otherwise **trivial** process- or business-level failures. The focus must instead be on the network interconnections that allow these technologies to be useful and the implementation of life-saving redundancies. Unfortunately, unlike most other technological enterprises, information technologies are yet to develop a mature self-awareness of their pansocial character and the impetus to adjust for this rudiment lies with the state. This requires a 'Digital India' push that is cognisant of software solutions' relationship with digital privacy and data sovereignty, layered over the challenges that income inequality and political marginalisation impose on communities navigating more socially interconnected settings. For example, public distrust in electronic voting machines, stoked by an incomplete understanding of software security among the political class, the judiciary, and civil society, could have been restored with open-source software and modes of integrity testing that violate neither physical nor digital property rights. The July 19 outage offers a similar opportunity: to rejig the software that public sector institutions need to provide their essential services and to incorporate redundancies, including moving away from single-vendor policies, that preserve the links between these institutions and people engaged in informal economies in the event of a network-level outage. The state was previously duty-bound to develop democratic digital infrastructure. Now, cognisant of more powerful interlinks among social, economic, and cultural realities, it is also duty-bound to ensure that this infrastructure is shock-proof.

**Q1. What major event on July 19 highlighted the world's dependence on information technologies?**

1. A global cybersecurity conference discussing the latest threats
2. A massive blackout affecting supermarkets, banks, hospitals, and airports simultaneously
3. The release of a new technological device that failed upon launch
4. A government announcement on digital policies and data protection

5. A major natural disaster that disrupted communication networks worldwide

**2 According to the passage, why is the implementation of failsafes and emergency protocols often neglected?**

1. They are too expensive and require significant financial investment
2. They are opposed by governments due to policy restrictions
3. They are technologically infeasible given current advancements
4. They are less glamorous and do not attract as much attention or funding
5. They are not widely understood by the general public and developers

**Q2. Which of the following sectors suffered the most from the glitch on July 19, according to the passage?**

1. Airline operators due to significant monetary losses
2. Supermarkets because of the disruption in sales and customer service
3. Banks which faced a halt in financial transactions
4. Thermal power facilities during peak demand periods
5. Tertiary care centers where the glitch could be more debilitating for critical services

**Q3. What does the passage suggest as a solution to restore public trust in electronic voting machines?**

1. Using open-source software and integrity testing that respects property rights
2. Implementing stricter physical security measures at polling stations
3. Increasing the number of voting machines to reduce waiting times
4. Providing better education on software security to the general public
5. Mandating the use of paper ballots alongside electronic voting

**Q4. What does the passage indicate about the relationship between technological advancements and emergency protocols?**

1. Technological advancements eliminate the need for emergency protocols
2. Emergency protocols are often more advanced than the technologies they support
3. The development of failsafes and protocols is often overlooked despite technological advancements
4. Technological advancements inherently include robust emergency protocols
5. Emergency protocols are only necessary in underdeveloped technological sectors

**Q5. According to the passage, what is a key aspect of the 'Digital India' push?**

1. Focus solely on increasing internet access in rural areas
2. Prioritize the development of democratic digital infrastructure and ensure it is shock-proof
3. Encourage private companies to dominate the digital market
4. Reduce the cost of digital devices for all citizens
5. Implement more stringent data privacy laws without considering other factors

**Q6. Choose the word that is most similar in meaning to 'DEBILITATING':**

1. Strengthening
2. Weakening
3. Ignoring
4. Enhancing
5. Revitalizing

**Q7. Choose the word that is most opposite in meaning to 'TRIVIAL':**

1. Insignificant
2. Negligible
3. Unimportant
4. Minor
5. Important

**In the following questions, a sentence is given with three blanks in it. It is then followed by three columns with three words in each. You are required**

to choose the correct combination of words which fits in the given sentence so as to make it grammatically and contextually correct.

**Q8.** The scientist's groundbreaking research was not only \_\_\_\_\_ in the scientific community but also \_\_\_\_\_ by the media, which led to a \_\_\_\_\_ in public interest in the field.

COLUMN 1	COLUMN 2	COLUMN 3
A. lauded	D. promulgated	G. resurgence
B. eschewed	E. obfuscated	H. mitigated
C. extolled	F. derided	I. surge

1.A-D-I 2.B-F-G 3.C-E-H 4.A-D-H 5.B-D-I

**Q9.** Despite the company's \_\_\_\_\_ efforts to innovate, it faced \_\_\_\_\_ challenges due to the \_\_\_\_\_ nature of the industry.

COLUMN 1	COLUMN 2	COLUMN 3
A. tepid	D. dynamic	G. mutable
B. lackadaisical	E. insurmountable	H. volatile
C. fervent	F. trivial	I. stagnant

1.B-F-G 2.A-D-H 3.C-E-H 4.A-D-I 5.B-D-I

**Q10.** The artist's work was characterized by a \_\_\_\_\_ attention to detail, a \_\_\_\_\_ use of color, and an \_\_\_\_\_ ability to evoke emotion.

COLUMN 1	COLUMN 2	COLUMN 3
A. meticulous	D. vibrant	G. adept
B. perfunctory	E. monochromatic	H. uncanny
C. indifferent	F. negligent	I. ordinary

1.A-D-I 2.B-F-G 3.C-E-H 4.A-D-H 5.B-D-I

**Q11.** The CEO's \_\_\_\_\_ leadership style led to a \_\_\_\_\_ workplace culture, which in turn fostered \_\_\_\_\_ among employees.

COLUMN 1	COLUMN 2	COLUMN 3
A. authoritarian	D. supportive	G. dissension
B. benevolent	E. restrictive	H. collaborative
C. democratic	F. oppressive	I. camaraderie

1.A-D-I 2.B-F-G 3.C-E-H 4.A-D-H 5.B-D-I

In the following questions, a sentence is given with a blank in it. It is followed by four alternatives among which one may fit in the given blank to make the sentence grammatically and contextually meaningful. Choose the most appropriate alternative to fill in the blank. If none of the alternatives is correct, choose option E as your answer.

**Q12.** The CEO's decision to overhaul the company's marketing strategy led to a significant \_\_\_\_\_ in brand visibility and consumer engagement.

- 1.reduction in advertising costs and streamlined processes
- 2.surge in public spending and increased government control
- 3.boost in brand recognition and improved market share
- 4.decline in employee morale and operational efficiency
- 5.None of these

**Q13.** The newly enacted environmental regulations aim to \_\_\_\_\_ by enforcing stricter pollution controls and encouraging sustainable practices.

- 1.increase corporate profits and reduce operational costs
- 2.enhance public safety and decrease crime rates
- 3.accelerate economic growth and attract foreign investment
- 4.improve air quality and promote ecological balance
- 5.None of these

**Q14.** The recent reforms in the education system are expected to \_\_\_\_\_ by introducing more inclusive curriculums and increasing funding for underprivileged schools.

- 1.exacerbate educational inequality and widen the achievement gap
- 2.elevate student performance and provide equal learning opportunities
- 3.reduce teacher workloads and streamline administrative tasks
- 4.heighten government scrutiny and limit educational freedom
- 5.None of these

**Q15.** The author's latest novel is notable for its \_\_\_\_\_, blending historical facts with imaginative storytelling to create a compelling narrative.

- 1.meticulous research and vivid character development
- 2.simplistic plot and predictable outcomes
- 3.monotonous tone and repetitive themes
- 4.detached narration and lack of emotional depth
- 5.None of these

**Q16.** The city's investment in public transportation infrastructure is designed to \_\_\_\_\_ by reducing traffic congestion and improving commute times.

- 1.foster economic downturns and reduce job opportunities
- 2.enhance urban mobility and promote environmental sustainability
- 3.create urban sprawl and increase residential development
- 4.limit access to public services and increase travel expenses
- 5.None of these

In the following questions, a sentence is divided into four parts in which two parts contain error. Find out the erroneous parts and choose the combination that represents the parts with errors. If all parts are free from error, choose option E as your answer.

**Q17.** The new policy is more effective to the previous one (A) in addressing environmental concerns, (B) as it incorporates stricter regulations on emissions (C) and offers the greatest incentives for green technologies. (D)

- 1.AB 2.BC 3.AD 4.CA 5.No error

**Q18.** The initiative, which was launched by (A) a Ministry of Health, aims to provide free vaccinations to (B) all citizens, ensuring that the entire (C) population is protected under infectious diseases. (D)

- 1.AB 2.BD 3.CD 4.CA 5.No error

**Q19.** After reviewing the recent economical data, (A) the finance minister proposed several measures to (B) stabilized the market, emphasizing the (C) importance of timely intervention. (D)

- 1.BD 2.CD 3.AB 4.AC 5.No error

**Q20.** The recent summit was described the most (A) significant diplomatic event of the year, bringing together (B) leaders from across the globe to discuss

about pressing global issues **(C)** such as climate change, economic inequality, and international security. **(D)**

1.AB 2.AC 3.CD 4.BD 5.No error

**Q21.** While observing the economic trends of the **(A)** past decade, then it became clear that technology-driven **(B)** sectors have shown a most significant growth, outpacing **(C)** traditional industries by a substantial margin. **(D)**

1.BC 2.AB 3.CD 4.CA 5.No error

**The following passage has five blanks in it which are represented by a letter. Along with each blank, a word is given in bold. These highlighted words may/may not fit in the blank to make the passage meaningful. From the given options, choose the most appropriate words that replace the highlighted words. If no replacement is required, choose option E as your answer.**

India's Chandrayaan-3 mission has recently marked a significant milestone in the field of space exploration, further **\_\_\_A\_\_\_ (demoting)** the country's position as a key player in the global space race. Launched by the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) on July 14, 2023, Chandrayaan-3 aimed to build on the achievements of its predecessor, Chandrayaan-2. The mission's primary objective was to demonstrate safe and soft landing capabilities on the lunar surface, a feat that only a few countries have **\_\_\_B\_\_\_ (misguided)**.

The successful landing of Chandrayaan-3 on the moon's south pole on August 23, 2023, has garnered international **\_\_\_C\_\_\_ (reproval)**. The mission's success is a testament to ISRO's growing technological prowess and its commitment to pushing the boundaries of space exploration. Chandrayaan-3's achievements come at a time when international collaborations and competition in space are **\_\_\_D\_\_\_ (depreciating)**, with nations like the United States, China, and Russia making significant strides in their lunar and interplanetary missions. India's progress in this domain not only enhances its scientific and technological capabilities but also opens up new avenues for international partnerships and commercial opportunities.

Furthermore, Chandrayaan-3 has inspired millions of Indians and ignited interest in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) education among the youth. The mission **\_\_\_E\_\_\_ (overlooks)** the importance of investing in scientific research and innovation to address global challenges and drive economic growth. As India continues to advance in space technology, the successful Chandrayaan-3 mission will be remembered as a landmark achievement, **\_\_\_F\_\_\_ (obscuring)** the way for future explorations and contributing to humanity's quest for knowledge beyond our planet.

The Chandrayaan-3 mission is not merely a scientific endeavor but a beacon of national ambition. It epitomizes the symbiosis of cutting-edge technology and visionary policymaking, heralding an era of **\_\_\_G\_\_\_ (repressed)** exploration and discovery.

**Q22.** Which of the following words will replace **WORD A** in the given passage?

1.weakening 2.undermining 3.solidifying 4.relegating 5.No replacement is required

**Q23.** Which of the following words will replace **WORD B** in the given

passage?

1.accomplished 2.attempted 3.disregarded 4.eluded 5.No replacement is required

**Q24.** Which of the following words will replace **WORD C** in the given passage?

1.condemnation 2.acclaim 3.disapproval 4.ignorance 5.No replacement is required

**Q25.** Which of the following words will replace **WORD D** in the given passage?

1.stagnating 2.diminishing 3.dwindling 4.intensifying 5.No replacement is required

**Q26.** Which of the following words will replace **WORD E** in the given passage?

1.disregards 2.underplays 3.neglects 4.underscores 5.No replacement is required

**Q27.** Which of the following words will replace **WORD F** in the given passage?

1.paving 2.hindering 3.closing 4.blocking 5.No replacement is required

**Q28.** Which of the following words will replace **WORD G** in the given passage?

1.constrained 2.limited 3.unprecedented 4.hindered 5.No replacement is required

**In the following questions, a sentence is given in which four words are highlighted. Each word is represented by a letter. These highlighted words may either be wrongly spelt or inappropriate to the given context. Find out the incorrect word and mark that as your answer. If all words are correct, choose option E as your answer.**

**Q29.** The **resilient** economy of India has **demonstrated** a phenomenal recovery post-pandemic, showcasing its **tenacity** and ability to **plummet** amidst global economic adversities, thereby ensuring sustained growth and stability.

1.resilient 2.demonstrated 3.tenacity 4.plummet 5.All are correct

**Q30.** The government announced an **eminent overhaul** in the education sector, promising a significant **revamp** of the curriculum aimed at enhancing skill-based learning, thus better preparing students for the **ever-evolving** demands of the global job market.

1.eminent 2.overhaul 3.revamp 4.ever-evolving 5.All are correct

**Q31.** The government announced an **eminent overhaul** in the education sector, promising a significant **revamp** of the curriculum aimed at enhancing skill-based learning, thus better preparing students for the **ever-evolving** demands of the global job market.

1.eminent 2.overhaul 3.revamp 4.ever-evolving 5.All are correct

**Q32.** In a recent diplomatic **manuever**, India successfully brokered a trade agreement with multiple ASEAN countries by **fortifying** its economic ties and **fostering synergistic** cooperation in technology, agriculture, and defense.

1.manuever 2.fortifying 3.fostering 4.synergistic 5.All are correct

**Q33.** The central bank introduced new measures to **alleviate** the financial strain on small businesses, aiming to **stimulate** growth by providing **concessionel** credit facilities and reducing regulatory **bottlenecks**.

1.alleviate 2.stimulate 3.concessionel 4.bottlenecks 5.All are correct  
**Q34.**The upcoming climate summit is **pivotal** for global leaders to formulate **comprehensive** strategies to **mitigate** climate change and promote sustainable development, setting the agenda for international environmental policies and **antagonistic** efforts for the next decade.

1.pivotal 2.comprehensive 3.mitigate 4.antagonistic 5.All are correct  
**In the following questions, a word is given in bold. It is then followed by three sentences in which the highlighted word has been used. These sentences may or may not use the highlighted word correctly. Find out the sentence/s in which the highlighted word has been incorrectly or inappropriately used and mark that as your answer. If all sentences are incorrect, choose option E as your answer.**

#### **Q35.TANGIBLE**

**I.** To assess the impact of the new policy, the researchers looked for **tangible** benefits in the community's health metrics.

**II.** The architect presented a **tangible** model of the new building to the stakeholders.

**III.** The project's success was purely **tangible**, based on theoretical concepts rather than concrete results.

1.Only I 2.Only III 3.Only II 4.Both I and II 5.All are incorrect

#### **Q36.PERPETUATE**

**I.** The company's new marketing strategy was designed to **perpetuate** seasonal discounts.

**II.** The new policy could inadvertently **perpetuate** existing inequalities if not properly addressed.

**III.** The museum's exhibits are designed to **perpetuate** cultural traditions through modern artistic interpretations.

1.Only I 2.Only III 3.Only II 4.Both I and II 5.All are incorrect

#### **Q37.ADROIT**

**I.** Her **adroit** handling of the negotiations led to a favorable agreement for all parties involved.

**II.** The artist's **adroit** use of colors in the painting created a striking visual impact.

**III.** Despite his **adroit** knowledge of the subject, he struggled to convey his ideas clearly in the presentation.

1.Only I 2.Only II 3.Only III 4.Both I and II 5.All are incorrect

#### **Q38.VENERATE**

**I.** The historian was **venerated** by the academic community for his thorough research and insightful analysis.

**II.** The critics did not **venerate** traditional artistic techniques, instead favoring contemporary styles.

**III.** The local community **venerated** the new park as a place of recreation and relaxation.

1.Only I 2.Only II 3.Only III 4.Both I and II 5.All are incorrect

#### **Q39.LETHARGIC**

**I.** The new medication was designed to have a **lethargic** effect to promote better sleep patterns.

**II.** After the long flight, he felt **lethargic** and found it hard to stay awake during meetings.

**III.** The team's **lethargic** performance in the second half was surprising given their strong start.

1.Only I 2.Only II 3.Only III 4.Both I and II 5.All are incorrect

### **Cost to access: On health check-up for workers**

#### **The opportunity cost of accessing medical care remains high**

The Union Labour Ministry has announced that it will provide a free annual health check-up to workers aged 40 years or more, following an existing provision in the new Labour Codes. The programme will be implemented through the Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC). For workers in hazardous conditions, such as handling toxic chemicals or operating heavy machinery, check-ups are mandatory; if illness is detected, ESIC hospitals and dispensaries will provide free treatment. India already has a few workers' health obligations on paper, including under the Factories Act 1948 (only within factories), the ESI Act 1948, and the Occupational Safety, Health and Working Conditions (OSH) Code 2020. The new programme will be financed through the well-endowed ESI fund, although the government is still shoring up the number of beds and doctors available via PMJAY-empanelled facilities. At this time, operational evidence suggests that insured workers will be the main beneficiaries.

Commendable though the initiative is, its success is not guaranteed. At present, only around 31 crore of 94 crore workers are on the e-Shram portal, whose integration with ESIC is still in its early stages in many States. Labour Minister Mansukh Mandaviya also failed to address how a woman working in a garment home unit or as a domestic worker could access the longer maternity leave if she has no 'employer'. Annual check-ups for women also warrant specific medical staff needs whereas many ESIC camps are crowded and dominated by men. As with many of its predecessors, the programme does not address the opportunity costs of accessing health care, forcing workers to continue contending with lost wages. An ESIC facility may also refer a worker to another centre if it lacks the resources for specific tests, leading to repeat visits and added time and cost. The new programme focuses predominantly on non-communicable diseases such as diabetes and hypertension. Heat-related illnesses are not explicitly recognised as occupational diseases under the ESI Act whereas construction and agriculture workers are most at risk of them. Waste-pickers and sanitation workers on the other hand face greater risk of infectious diseases such as hepatitis and leptospirosis. The scheme offers screening but does not mandate proactive vaccination. The government must meet workers where they are, through mobile occupational health units and — as the OSH Code 2020 stipulates for organised workers — at their places of work, and provide tokens to compensate them for time spent on check-ups. Otherwise, any scheme of this nature will not improve upon the already deficient system.

## **Ans Key**

### **1. Answer: B**

It is given in the passage that on July 19, supermarkets, banks, hospitals, airports, and many other services in between suffered a simultaneous blackout after a common software solution they used glitched.

This highlights the world's dependence on information technologies, making the correct answer:

Therefore, option B is the correct answer.

### **2. Answer: D**

It is given in the passage that "Technological advancements are inevitable and desirable, but the concurrent responsibility to set up failsafes and emergency protocols is often less glamorous."

It means that the implementation of failsafes and emergency protocols is often neglected because they are less glamorous and do not attract as much attention or funding.

Therefore, option D is the correct answer.

### **3. Answer: E**

It is given in the passage that "the glitch may have caused an airline operator to suffer greater monetary losses but **it would have been more debilitating for cardiac facilities at a tertiary care centre**".

In the context of the passage, it implies that the glitch had a much more severe and harmful impact on the critical services provided by tertiary care centers compared to other sectors.

Therefore, option E is the correct answer.

### **4. Answer: A**

It is given in the passage that "...public distrust in electronic voting machines... could have been restored with open-source software and modes of integrity testing that violate neither physical nor digital property rights."

Therefore, option A is the correct answer.

### **5. Answer: C**

It is given in the passage that "'Technological advancements are inevitable and desirable, but the concurrent responsibility to set up failsafes and emergency protocols is often less glamorous.'"

### **6. Answer: B**

It is given in the passage that "Now, cognisant of more powerful interlinks among social, economic, and cultural realities, it is also duty-bound to ensure that this infrastructure is shock-proof."

Therefore, option B is the correct answer.

### **7. Answer: B**

'**Debilitating**' means causing severe weakness or impairing strength. So, the word '**weakening**,' which means making something weaker, is the closest synonym.

Therefore, option B is the correct answer.

### **8. Answer: E**

'**Trivial**' means something of little value or significance. The opposite of this would be '**important**,' which denotes something of great value or significance.

Therefore, option E is the correct answer.

### **9. Answer: A**

**The correct combination is: A-D-I**

Lauded means praised highly. In this context, it means the research was greatly appreciated within the scientific community.

- Promulgated means to promote or make widely known. Here, it indicates that the media actively spread the research to a broader audience.

- Surge means a sudden increase. This reflects that the publicity led to a significant rise in public interest.

**Therefore, option A is the correct answer.**

### **10. Answer: B**

**The correct combination is: B-F-G**

- Placate means to make someone less angry or hostile. In this context, it indicates that the speech was intended to calm or soothe the audience.

- Incited means to encourage or stir up (typically something undesirable). Here, it means that the speech stirred up controversy.

- Tumult means a loud, confused noise or disorder. It describes the chaotic reaction among the attendees.

**Therefore, option B is the correct answer.**

### **11. Answer: D**

**The correct combination is: A-D-H**

- Meticulous means showing great attention to detail and accuracy. It describes the artist's careful and precise approach to detail.

- Vibrant means full of energy and life. It reflects the artist's use of bright and lively colors.

- Uncanny means strange or mysterious, often in a way that is difficult to explain. In this context, it describes the artist's remarkable ability to evoke strong emotions.

**Therefore, option D is the correct answer.**

### **12. Answer: E**

**The correct combination is: B-D-I**

- Benevolent means showing kindness and goodwill. It describes a leadership style that is caring and generous.

- Supportive means providing encouragement or assistance. It reflects a positive and helpful workplace culture.

- Camaraderie means mutual trust and friendship among people who spend a lot of time together. It describes the sense of friendship and unity fostered among employees due to the supportive culture.

**Therefore, option E is the correct answer.**

### **13. Answer: C**

The sentence describes the outcome of the CEO's decision to overhaul the marketing strategy. The context suggests that the change positively affected brand visibility and consumer engagement.

Thus, a "boost in brand recognition and improved market share" fits well, as it indicates a positive increase in these areas.

The other options do not align with the context of improving brand visibility and consumer engagement.

Therefore, option C is the correct answer.

### **14. Answer: D**

The context of the sentence is about environmental regulations, which are designed to address environmental issues.

The goal of such regulations would be to "improve air quality and promote ecological balance" by implementing stricter pollution controls and encouraging sustainable practices. The other options do not align with the environmental focus of the regulations.

Therefore, option D is the correct answer.

**15. Answer: B**

The context of the sentence is about education system reforms aimed at making improvements through inclusive curriculums and increased funding for underprivileged schools.

Thus, these reforms are expected to "elevate student performance and provide equal learning opportunities," aligning with the goals of improving educational equity and effectiveness. The other options do not fit the positive and inclusive nature of the reforms described.

Therefore, option B is the correct answer.

**16. Answer: A**

The sentence highlights the author's novel for its notable qualities, blending historical facts with imaginative storytelling. Therefore, "meticulous research and vivid character development" fits well, as it suggests that the novel's strength lies in detailed research and well-developed characters, contributing to a compelling narrative.

The other options do not align with the positive and engaging aspects described in the context.

Therefore, option A is the correct answer.

**17. Answer: B**

The investment in public transportation infrastructure aims to address issues like traffic congestion and commute times. Thus, the goal is to "enhance urban mobility and promote environmental sustainability," which aligns with improving transportation efficiency and reducing environmental impact.

The other options do not fit the positive objectives of improving public transportation.

Therefore, option B is the correct answer.

**18. Answer: C**

Part A contains an error. When making comparisons with adjectives like "more effective," the correct preposition to use is "than," not "to." The structure "more [adjective] than" is used for comparisons between two things.

Part D contains an error. Since we're comparing the incentives offered by the new policy to the incentives offered by the previous one (only two items), the correct form is "greater" not "the greatest".

**Thus, the correct sentence is:**

The new policy is **more effective than** the previous one (A)/ in addressing environmental concerns, (B)/ as it incorporates stricter regulations on emissions (C)/ and offers **greater** incentives for green technologies. (D)

Therefore, option C is the correct answer.

**19. Answer: B**

Part B contains an error. The correct way is to use "the Ministry of Health" since it is a specific ministry, not just any ministry.

In part D, the error is in the preposition used. The correct preposition to use in this context is "against," not "under." We protect the population "against" infectious diseases, not "under" them.

**Thus, the correct sentence is:**

The initiative, which was launched by (A)/ **the Ministry of Health**, aims to provide free vaccinations to (B)/ all citizens, ensuring that the entire (C)/ population is **protected against** infectious diseases. (D)

Therefore, option B is the correct answer.

**20. Answer: D**

Part A contains an error. The correct adjective to use here is "economic," not "economical." "Economic" refers to the economy, while "economical" means efficient or thrifty.

Part C contains an error. The verb should be in the infinitive form "stabilize" rather than the past participle "stabilized." This is because the finance minister is proposing measures to stabilize the market, not measures that have already stabilized the market.

**Thus, the correct sentence is:**

- After reviewing the recent **economic** data, (A)/ the finance minister proposed several measures to (B)/ **stabilize** the market, emphasizing the (C)/ importance of timely intervention. (D)

Therefore, option D is the correct answer.

**21. Answer: B**

Part A contains an error. The correct phrase should be "described as the most" rather than just "described the most." The preposition "as" is needed to properly introduce the description of the summit as the most significant diplomatic event.

Part C contains an error. The word "about" is unnecessary here. When using the verb "discuss" to talk about a topic, the topic is simply stated without the need for the preposition "about."

**Thus, the correct sentence is:**

The recent summit was **described as** the most (A)/ significant diplomatic event of the year, bringing together (B)/ leaders from across the globe to **discuss** pressing global issues (C)/ such as climate change, economic inequality, and international security. (D)

Therefore, option B is the correct answer.

**22. Answer: A**

Part B contains an error. When a sentence begins with "While," the use of "then" is unnecessary.

Part C contains an error. The definite article 'the' should be used before superlative adjectives like 'most'.

**Thus, the correct sentence is:**

- While observing the economic trends of the (A)/ past decade, **then** it became clear that technology-driven (B)/ sectors have shown **the most** significant growth, outpacing (C)/ traditional industries by a substantial margin. (D)

Therefore, option A is the correct answer.

**23. Answer: C**

The word "**solidifying**" means to make strong or more firmly established, which fits the context of enhancing or reinforcing India's position as a key player in the global space race.

Therefore, option C is the correct answer.

**24. Answer: A**

The word "**accomplished**" means successfully completed, which fits the context of a feat that only a few countries have managed to achieve.

Therefore, option A is the correct answer.

**25. Answer: B**

The word "**acclaim**" means enthusiastic and public praise, which fits the context of international recognition and positive attention garnered by the successful landing of Chandrayaan-3.

Therefore, option B is the correct answer.

**26. Answer: D**

The word "intensifying" means becoming stronger or more extreme, which fits the context of increasing international collaborations and competition in space.

Therefore, option D is the correct answer.

**27. Answer: D**

The word "**underscores**" means emphasizes or highlights, which fits the context of the mission emphasizing the importance of investing in scientific research and innovation.

Therefore, option D is the correct answer.

**28. Answer: A**

The word "**paving**" means preparing or leading the way for something to happen, which fits the context of the Chandrayaan-3 mission setting the stage for future explorations.

Therefore, option A is the correct answer.

**29. Answer: C**

The word "**unprecedented**" means never done or known before, which fits the context of heralding an era of exploration and discovery that has not been seen before.

Therefore, option C is the correct answer.

**30. Answer: D**

The word "**plummet**" is incorrectly used in the context. The sentence describes a positive recovery, so the correct word should be "rebound," which means to recover quickly from difficulties. "Plummet" means to fall or drop sharply, which is the opposite of the intended meaning.

Therefore, option D is the correct answer.

**31. Answer: A**

The word "**eminent**" is incorrectly used in the context. The correct word should be "imminent," which means about to happen or impending. "Eminent" means famous or respected, which does not fit the context of an upcoming overhaul.

Therefore, option A is the correct answer.

**32. Answer: A**

The correct spelling is "**maneuver**," which means a strategic or skillful move.

Therefore, option A is the correct answer.

**33. Answer: C**

The correct spelling is "**concessional**," which means provided at a lower rate than usual.

Therefore, option C is the correct answer.

**34. Answer: D**

The word "**antagonistic**" is incorrectly used in the context. The correct word should be "collaborative," which means working together towards a common goal.

"Antagonistic" means hostile or opposing, which is the opposite of the intended meaning.

**35. Answer: B**

Tangible means perceptible by touch or clear and definite.

In Sentence I, "tangible benefits" correctly refers to concrete, measurable benefits.

In Sentence II, "tangible model" correctly refers to a physical, concrete model.

In Sentence III, "The project's success was purely tangible" is incorrect because "tangible" implies something concrete or physical, whereas the sentence refers to theoretical concepts. It should have used "real" or "concrete" instead of "tangible."

Therefore, option B is the correct answer.

**36. Answer: A**

Perpetuate means to make something continue indefinitely or to preserve something from extinction.

- In sentence I, "perpetuate" is used incorrectly because seasonal discounts are not something that is typically perpetuated.

In Sentence II, "perpetuate existing inequalities" correctly uses "perpetuate" to describe maintaining or continuing inequalities.

- In Sentence III, "perpetuate cultural traditions" correctly uses "perpetuate" to describe continuing or preserving cultural traditions.

Therefore, option A is the correct answer.

**37. Answer: C**

Adroit means skillful or adept, particularly with hands or in handling situations.

- In Sentence I, "adroit handling of the negotiations" correctly uses "adroit" to describe skillful management.

- In Sentence II, "adroit use of colors" correctly uses "adroit" to describe skillful application.

- In Sentence III, "adroit knowledge" is incorrect because "adroit" refers to skillfulness in action or handling situations, not knowledge. The correct term would be "profound" or "thorough."

Therefore, option C is the correct answer.

**38. Answer: C**

Venerate means to regard with great respect or to revere.

- In Sentence I, "venerated by the academic community" correctly uses "venerate" to describe the high respect the historian received.

- In Sentence II, "The critics did not venerate traditional artistic techniques" correctly uses "venerate" to describe the lack of high regard for traditional techniques.

- In Sentence III, "venerated the new park" is incorrect because "venerate" is not typically used to describe a place of recreation and relaxation. A better term might be "appreciated" or "cherished."

Therefore, option C is the correct answer.

**39. Answer: A**

Lethargic means feeling sluggish, lacking energy, or being drowsy.

- In Sentence I, "lethargic effect to promote better sleep patterns" is incorrect because "lethargic" describes a state of sluggishness or lack of energy, not an intended medical effect. The correct term should be "sedative" or "sedative effect."

- In Sentence II, "he felt lethargic and found it hard to stay awake" correctly uses "lethargic" to describe a lack of energy after the flight.

In Sentence III, "team's lethargic performance" correctly uses "lethargic" to describe the team's slow performance in the second half.

Therefore, option A is the correct answer.