

English Test – 3&5

Read the passage below carefully to answer the following questions. Each question provides five options for its answer. Choose the correct option as your answer.

India stands at a critical juncture in its energy evolution. In late 2024, the International Energy Agency (IEA) reported that electricity consumed solely by India's air conditioners would soon exceed Mexico's total power use. This **staggering** projection reflects both India's expanding middle class and the intensifying heat stress driven by climate change. Between 2014-15 and 2024-25, the country's peak electricity demand soared by nearly 85%, compelling policymakers to grapple with the contradiction between escalating power requirements and ambitious climate commitments.

Coal remains the backbone of India's energy infrastructure, producing over 70% of its electricity. India, the world's second-largest coal consumer, surpassed one billion tonnes in production in FY 2024-25. Yet, this dependency comes with severe consequences: rising carbon emissions, deforestation, and widespread air pollution, causing over 100,000 premature deaths annually. Despite these costs, coal's dominance persists due to its affordability and its role in sustaining millions of livelihoods. The challenge lies in gradually reconciling this dependence with global decarbonisation imperatives.

Parallel to coal's endurance, India's nuclear ambitions have moved forward at a measured pace. From 4,780 MW in 2014 to 8,180 MW in 2024, nuclear energy now contributes under 3% to the electricity mix but holds strategic importance for long-term energy security. The government aims to reach 22,480 MW by 2032 and an aspirational 100 GW by 2047. However, recurring delays, cost overruns, and limited public trust have hindered progress. Without greater transparency and investment, nuclear power risks being overshadowed by faster-growing renewable alternatives.

In contrast, India's renewable energy sector has surged ahead. Solar power alone reached over 105 GW by 2024, while wind and biomass continue to expand steadily. The government's target of 500 GW of non-fossil fuel capacity by 2030 underscores its ambition. Yet, issues such as inadequate storage, land conflicts, and subsidised electricity prices threaten to slow progress. Battery storage, especially through domestic manufacturing initiatives and advanced chemistry cells, is emerging as the missing link in India's quest for reliable, round-the-clock green power.

Ultimately, India's energy transition depends on coherent policy execution and inclusive planning. Initiatives like the Green Energy Corridor and PM-KUSUM exemplify how sustainable policies can foster economic growth, rural development, and climate resilience simultaneously. Balancing technological innovation with **equitable** distribution of benefits will determine the success of India's clean-energy journey. Though obstacles persist, India appears poised to redefine its energy landscape, standing at once as both a symbol of progress and a test case for global sustainability.

Q1. Which of the following sentences **can be inferred** from the passage?

A. Despite its harmful effects, coal continues to dominate India's energy mix because of affordability and large-scale employment dependence.

B. India's nuclear energy expansion has been constrained by recurring project delays, financial inefficiencies, and a lack of public confidence.

C. India's renewable energy progress faces no significant challenges, since storage and infrastructure issues have already been fully resolved.

1. Both A and B 2. Only B 3. Both B and C 4. Only C 5. All, A, B, and C

Q2. Which statement about coal in India is supported by the passage?

1. Coal supplies more than seventy percent of India's electricity, forming the backbone of energy infrastructure.

2. Coal accounts for less than ten percent of India's electricity, being replaced by renewables nationwide.

3. India surpassed one billion tonnes of coal production in fiscal year 2024-25, highlighting fossil-fuel reliance.

4. Coal's affordability makes it irrelevant to millions of livelihoods and of no consequence to policymakers.

5. Coal-related air pollution is responsible for over one hundred thousand premature deaths annually across India.

Q3. Which of the following words is similar in meaning to the highlighted word "**staggering**" in the context of the passage?

1. Enervating 2. Dwindling 3. Underwhelming 4. Astounding 5. Meandering

Q4. Which IEA finding about India does the passage report?

1. The IEA linked the rising cooling demand to an expanding middle class and intensifying climate-driven heat stress.

2. The report predicted renewable energy growth would sufficiently reduce electricity demand from air conditioners nationwide.

3. The IEA emphasised air-conditioner electricity growth while noting industrial consumption increases across the country nationwide.

4. Analysts argued that Mexico's energy policies unrelated to the projections about India's air-conditioner electricity use.

5. IEA reported India's air-conditioner electricity consumption would soon exceed Mexico's entire national power consumption level.

Q5. According to the passage, which of the following sentences are **TRUE/FALSE**?

A. India achieved more than 105 GW of solar power capacity by 2024, marking a major milestone.

B. India's nuclear power generation capacity rose from 4,780 MW in 2014 to 8,180 MW in 2024.

C. India's electricity demand has surged by nearly 85% in the last decade, reflecting rapid growth.

D. Coal now accounts for less than twenty percent of India's electricity generation, replaced largely by solar.

E. The Green Energy Corridor and PM-KUSUM reflect India's drive for sustainable, inclusive energy growth.

1. Both B and C are true 2. Only D is false 3. All B, D, and E are true

4. Both B and D are false 5. All A, B, and C are true

Q6. Despite modest output, why is nuclear energy considered strategically vital for India's energy future?

1. It ensures long-term national energy security and diversifies the country's electricity generation portfolio.

2. It contributes the highest share to India's low-carbon electricity and renewable transition targets.

3. It guarantees an immediate reduction in emissions without any significant infrastructural investment required.

4. It has gained unprecedented public trust and enjoys rapid construction across major Indian cities.

5. It supports rural electrification programs and reduces transmission losses in remote geographical regions.

Q7. Which of the following words has a meaning opposite to the highlighted word "**equitable**" in the context of the passage?

1. Pragmatic 2. Scrupulous 3. Iniquitous 4. Conscientious 5. Proficient

Q8. What dual outcome does the passage suggest India's sustainable energy initiatives can simultaneously achieve?

1. Economic diversification and defence sector modernisation through energy export opportunities.
2. Urbanisation acceleration and consumer-led industrialisation promoting global trade competitiveness.
3. Economic growth and rural development alongside enhanced national climate resilience capacity.
4. Privatisation-led innovation and digital transformation in conventional grid management systems.
5. Agricultural mechanisation and manufacturing expansion driven by increased electricity affordability.

Q9. Which of the following sentences **cannot be inferred** from the passage?

A. Storage limitations and land-use disputes pose serious challenges to India's renewable energy targets despite impressive capacity growth.

B. India's clean energy policies neglect social inclusion entirely, focusing only on technological advancement without community participation.

C. India's growing middle class and worsening climate-induced heat stress are jointly driving an unprecedented surge in electricity demand.

1. Both A and B 2. Only B 3. Both B and C 4. Only C 5. All, A, B, and C

Q10. According to the passage, what is considered the "missing link" in India's renewable transition?

1. Policy reforms encouraging the privatisation of large-scale renewable infrastructure projects.

2. International financing mechanisms ensuring uninterrupted investment in renewable infrastructure.

3. Decentralisation of grid operations through micro-level rural solar energy cooperatives.

4. Increased collaboration with global climate finance institutions for technology transfer.

5. Development of highly efficient and affordable long-term battery-based energy storage technologies.

Read the following paragraph containing five sentences (labelled A, B, C, D, and E). One or more sentences in the paragraph may contain a grammatical error. Identify the sentence(s) that is/are erroneous and mark them as your answer. If the entire paragraph is error-free, choose "No error" as your answer.

Q11. Though people toil relentlessly at wealth or fame, they often mistake labour for service. **(A)** Doctors, consumed by patient care, neglect their own health while promoting others' wellness. **(B)** Were they to share work and delegate tasks, they could restore balance gracefully. **(C)** Materialism, which fuels stress and disease, have corrupted both lifestyles and professional intentions. **(D)** Only by redefining service through moderation and sacrifice can true societal health flourish. **(E)**

1. Only B 2. Both A and D 3. All A, B, and C 4. All B, C, D, and E 5. No error

Q12. Organic food, though often derided as elitist, represents conscious resistance against destructive agricultural practices. **(A)** Farmers, lacking safety awareness or proper guidance, routinely handle toxic pesticides with their bare hands. **(B)** These chemicals, having pervaded soil and water, continue to corrupt ecosystems through relentless bioaccumulation. **(C)** Although research repeatedly warns of their dangers, policy inertia sustains this hazardous status quo. **(D)** Supporting authentic organic farmers, therefore, becomes a tangible means of environmental and social restoration. **(E)**

1. Only D 2. Both C and E 3. All A, C, and D 4. All A, B, C, and E 5. No error

Q13. As smartphones pervade adolescence, it inevitably redefine family communication in contemporary India. **(A)** Though digital media fosters connection, it simultaneously diminishes real-life familial interaction quality. **(B)** Excessive screen exposure, if unchecked, leads to psychological distress and deteriorating interpersonal

bonds. **(C)** Parents, concerned by disengagement, advocate integrating digital literacy within school curricula nationwide. **(D)** Only through mindful collaboration can technology enhance rather than erode human emotional connectivity. **(E)**

1. Only A 2. Both B and C 3. All B, D, and E 4. All A, D, and E 5. No error

Q14. Workplace bullies often target high-performers, their insecurities manifest as envy disguised in humour. **(A)** Though appearing harmless, their playful taunts subtly erode confidence and distort professional relationships. **(B)** Having noticed this repeatedly, I realised silence often protects one's composure more effectively than confrontation. **(C)** It is by working harder and disengage tactfully that one truly preserves peace. **(D)** Those whose forgive quickly and move forward invariably attain the deepest sense of freedom. **(E)**

1. Only E 2. Both A and B 3. All C, D, and E 4. All A, B, D, and E 5. No error

Q15. Social media, once intended to connect individuals, has gradually transformed in a self-display arena. **(A)** As people craft idealised personas online, they unwittingly participate in a cycle of digital validation. **(B)** Although such platforms appear to foster belonging, yet they often amplify insecurity and self-comparison. **(C)** Those who consciously withdraw from social media frequently experience a liberating sense of authenticity. **(D)** Ultimately, genuine identity should arise from internal growth rather than algorithmic measures of approval. **(E)**

1. Only C 2. Both B and E 3. All A, C, and E 4. All A, B, C, and D 5. No error

Read the paragraph below and select the idiom from the options provided that best fills in the blank, fitting the context of the paragraph.

Q16. When the data analyst was questioned about the sudden disappearance of key files before the audit, he nervously blamed a "system glitch." But the IT team found traces of deliberate deletion from his login. It became clear that he was only trying to _____ before the truth surfaced.

1. call the shots 2. cross that bridge when it comes 3. sweep it under the rug 4. blow the whistle 5. hit the nail on the head

Q17. When the startup suddenly laid off half its employees without warning, the CEO justified it by saying it was for "long-term stability." However, insiders whispered that the company had been losing clients for months, and the layoffs were just the beginning of a crisis waiting to _____.

1. come home to roost 2. hit the nail on the head 3. see the light of day 4. blow over 5. make ends meet

Q18. Many corporations issue lengthy sustainability reports filled with glossy images of green campuses and smiling volunteers, yet continue to outsource production to factories with deplorable labor conditions. Critics argue that such firms merely _____ to corporate social responsibility.

1. go out on a limb 2. call the shots 3. pay lip service 4. go the extra mile 5. bite the bullet

Given below are two sentences (I and II), which have five words (marked as A, B, C, D, and E) highlighted in bold. These words may or may not be in their correct position. Choose the pair(s) of words that need(s) to be interchanged to make the sentence grammatically correct and meaningful. If no interchange is required, mark "No interchange required" as your answer.

Q19.I. Feelings have begun to **ossify (A)** into emojis, transforming grief into something performative, digitised, and stripped of genuine **fallibility (B)**.

II. To **salvage (C)** intimacy, we must reintroduce friction: **embrace (D)** discomfort, demand accountability, and honour raw human **intimacy (E)**.

1. Only A ↔ C 2. Both A ↔ D and B ↔ E 3. Only B ↔ E 4. Both A ↔ C and B ↔ E 5. No interchange required.

Q20.I. Society often fails to **endure (A)** the profound emotional **turmoil (B)** and psychological burden that droppers silently **comprehend (C)** throughout their preparation.

II. Despite **formidable (D)** dedication and consistent effort, many aspirants are unable to secure admission because competition remains exceptionally **unwavering (E)**

- 1.Both A ↔ C and D ↔ E 2.Only A ↔ C 3.Only C ↔ D
4.Both A ↔ E and B ↔ D 5.No interchange required.

Q21.I. Fans often **venerate (A)** their idols with **ferocious (B)** loyalty, as if bound by familial **allegiance (C)** rather than mere admiration.

II. Many continue to **defend (D)** celebrities as demigods, blind to their fallibility and **detachment (E)** from the realities of common life.

- 1.Only C ↔ E 2.Both B ↔ E and C ↔ D 3.Only A ↔ D
4.Both A ↔ D and C ↔ E 5.No interchange required.

Q22.I. Society often **corrodes (A)** physical aggression but **tolerates (B)** verbal abuse under the guise of honesty, discipline, or moral righteousness.

II. Harsh **criticism (C)** disguised as honesty **condemns (D)** emotional well-being, creating **invisible (E)** scars that linger far longer than physical injuries.

- 1.Only B ↔ D 2.Only A ↔ D 3.Both A ↔ C and B ↔ D
4.Both A ↔ D and B ↔ E 5.No interchange required.

A word is given below, followed by four words as options. Choose the word that is most opposite in meaning (antonym) to the given word. If none of the given words is an antonym, select "None of these" as your answer.

Q23.PERNICIOUS

- 1.Spurious 2.Deleterious 3.Malignant 4.Noxious 5.None of these

Q24.OSTENSIBLE

- 1.Sanguine 2.Supposed 3.Genuine 4.Putative 5.None of these

Q25.CAPRICIOUS

- 1.Laconic 2.Inconstant 3.Asinine 4.Fickle 5.None of these

A sentence is given below with three highlighted words (A, B, and C) in it. These highlighted words may or may not be misspelt or inappropriate in the context of the sentence. Select the word(s) that is/are misspelt/inappropriately used and mark it/them as your answer. If all the highlighted words are correctly spelt and correct in the context of the sentence, mark "All are correct" as your answer.

Q26.When education valorises experimentation and **unorthodox (A)** inquiry, it invigorates innovation, enabling learners to **transcend (B)** mediocrity and manifest their **inherent (C)** intellectual potential.

- 1.Only A 2.Both A and C 3.Only C 4.Both B and C 5.All are correct

Q27.Many young adults, **inundated (A)** by social media's distortions of love, develop a **precarious (B)** emotional dependence that **inevitably (C)** culminates in despair when reality intervenes.

- 1.Only B 2.Both A and B 3.Only A 4.Both A and C 5.All are correct

Q28.The modern consumer's **infatuation (A)** with brands like Apple and Rolex reflects a deep **physiological (B)** conditioning, not genuine **discernment (C)** of technological or functional superiority.

- 1.Both B and C 2.Only C 3.Both A and B 4.Only B 5.All are correct

Below is a sentence with one blank that is already filled with a word. The word in the blank may or may not be correct. Select the option that best replaces the word in the blank, if necessary. If the word in the blank is already correct, select "No replacement is required" as your answer.

Q29.The **clumsy** dancer leapt gracefully across the stage, her **swift, precise** movements captivating everyone in the audience.

- 1.nimble 2.inert 3.impetuous 4.torpid 5.No replacement is required.

Q30.The villagers gathered to **bewail** the loss of their beloved leader, mourning his passing with heartfelt songs and tears.

- 1.exult 2.gloat 3.rejoice 4.revel 5.No replacement is required.

Q31.Children often **eschew** toward vibrant colors and cheerful sounds, instinctively seeking stimulation that sparks joy and curiosity.

- 1.gravitate 2.emanate 3.evade 4.meander 5.No replacement is required.

Q32.Despite the dreary weather, her **perky** demeanor and infectious laughter lifted everyone's spirits throughout the long, gloomy day.

- 1.somber 2.meticulous 3.pensive 4.saturnine 5.No replacement is required.

Read the passage below carefully and answer the following question.

Q33.The rare earth hypothesis, proposed by Peter Ward and Donald Brownlee in 2000, suggests that while microbial life may be common in the universe, complex, multicellular life is likely rare. Over the past two decades, discoveries of exoplanets have expanded our understanding of planetary systems, but the findings remain mixed. Data from NASA's Kepler telescope revealed that many sun-like stars host earth-sized planets within habitable zones, indicating that such worlds are not exceedingly rare. However, being "earth-sized" does not guarantee being "earth-like." For instance, planets orbiting M-dwarf stars often face intense stellar radiation that can strip away atmospheres or create misleading oxygen signatures unrelated to life. Another crucial factor is long-term climate stabilisation. On Earth, plate tectonics and carbon cycling have maintained habitability over geological timescales, but it is unclear whether such processes operate elsewhere. Similarly, the role of giant planets like Jupiter in protecting inner worlds from impacts appears more complex than once thought, sometimes helping and sometimes harming habitability. While many potentially habitable planets exist, maintaining stable, life-supporting conditions over billions of years appears far more difficult. No clear evidence of biosignatures or technosignatures has yet emerged, despite extensive searches. Thus, while microbial life might be widespread, complex, self-sustaining ecosystems like those on Earth may indeed be exceedingly rare, leaving the rare earth hypothesis still plausible but unproven.

According to the passage, why might planets orbiting M-dwarf stars not be truly "earth-like"?

- 1.Their geological activity generates frequent volcanic eruptions, reducing overall surface stability.
2.Their magnetic fields are insufficient to adequately protect from high-energy cosmic particle storms.
3.Their distance from stars prevents any meaningful atmospheric retention and chemical equilibrium.
4.Their limited sunlight creates surface temperatures unsuitable for photosynthesis or microbial activity.
5.Their proximity causes extreme radiation capable of removing the atmosphere essential for survival.

Q34.Plastics are a diverse group of materials that share some similar properties but differ in polymer structure and additives, which determine how they respond to heat, grinding, and remaking. These variations explain why only certain kinds of plastics can actually be recycled. Thermoplastics, such as PET used in water bottles and HDPE found in milk jugs, soften when heated and harden upon cooling. This property allows them to be melted and reshaped with minimal damage, making them widely recyclable. In contrast, thermosets, including epoxy resins and some rubber parts, form permanent chemical bonds during manufacturing. When heated, they crack rather than melt, rendering them unsuitable for conventional recycling methods. However, even thermoplastics can be difficult to recycle when contaminated with labels, food residues, dyes, or additives like flame retardants and plasticisers, as these alter the melt's behavior and weaken the final product. Multilayer packaging, which combines polymers

such as PET, polyethylene, and aluminum to preserve food, poses an additional challenge because its layers are hard to separate. Moreover, recycling is viable only when it is economically feasible. Collecting, sorting, washing, and remelting incur costs, so recycling occurs mainly when there is a steady demand for recycled pellets. Clean and consistent waste streams, like bottles and jugs, have established markets, whereas films, foams, and mixed plastics often do not. Although newer chemical recycling methods can theoretically break polymers into simpler molecules, they remain energy-intensive and not yet widely implemented.

What is the fundamental reason certain plastics can be more easily recycled than others?

- 1.Their polymer structure and additives affect how they react to melting and cooling.
- 2.Their physical appearance and density determine how well they can be remade.
- 3.Their exposure to sunlight and moisture alters their strength and molecular alignment.
- 4.Their market value and visual clarity decide whether industries prefer to reuse them.
- 5.Their environmental footprint and carbon emissions influence their ability to decompose.

Q35. Throughout history, stress from a perceived threat has automatically triggered a cascade of bodily reactions—commonly known as the “fight or flight” response. While this instinctive mechanism has been vital for survival, it also comes with costs. Prolonged or intense stress can alter defensive responses, leading to exaggerated or misplaced fear reactions. For instance, someone attacked in a dark alley may later fear any dark environment—a phenomenon called stress-enhanced fear learning. Stress can even induce fear toward entirely unrelated objects or situations, known as stress-enhanced fear response (SEFR), which is linked to anxiety disorders, phobias, and post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD). Scientists at the University of Texas, Austin, and the University of California, Los Angeles, explored SEFR in mice to identify the brain mechanisms behind it. Mice exposed to mild electric shocks later displayed freezing behaviour—an automatic, unlearned fear response—even in harmless situations. When researchers examined their brains, they found elevated activity of a protein called c-fos in the paraventricular thalamus (PVT), indicating that this region plays a crucial role in unlearned fear. Blocking the activity of these PVT neurons eliminated SEFR but did not affect learned fear, suggesting that the PVT fine-tunes different defensive reactions. This discovery is significant because it clarifies the biological basis of unlearned fear and opens new paths for clinical treatments of PTSD and similar anxiety-related disorders.

What conclusion did scientists derive from blocking PVT neuron activity in their mouse experiments?

- 1.It removed both learned and unlearned fears, confirming shared neural mechanisms of response.
- 2.It suppressed stress-induced behaviour but enhanced learned fear, showing competing brain pathways.
- 3.It eliminated stress-enhanced unlearned fear while preserving learned fear-based defensive reactions.
- 4.It caused complete neural inactivity, suggesting the PVT governs all emotional stress responses.
- 5.It intensified freezing behaviour, implying stronger synaptic activity in the paraventricular thalamus.

Given below is a set of six sentences. Five of these sentences, when properly sequenced, form a coherent paragraph, while one sentence does not belong to the paragraph. Arrange the sentences in the correct sequence and answer the questions that follow.

A. Those who squander hours on trivial distractions unknowingly erode their future potential, sacrificing compounding growth for fleeting digital gratification.

B. True wealth is not measured merely by money or material possessions but by the vast, irreplaceable reservoir of precious time still available to you.

C. By consciously investing your hours in skill-building and growth, you create _____ that outlasts salaries, routines, and traditional financial security.

D. A young person, though financially inexperienced, is a true time billionaire possessing decades to learn, experiment, create, and build purposefully.

E. Society often glorifies relentless busyness as a virtue, yet this obsession frequently conceals an unexamined fear of confronting stillness and self-direction.

F. Unlike money, which can be regained after loss, time is a non-renewable and irreplaceable asset that silently compounds into mastery and enduring wisdom.

Q36. Which pair represents the **SECOND** and **FOURTH** sentences of the coherent paragraph?

- 1.A and D 2.D and A 3.D and E 4.E and A 5.None of these

Q37. Which of the following words should fill in the blank in **sentence C**?

- 1.serendipity 2.liability 3.impediment 4.leverage 5.dependence

Q38. Which of the following is the **THIRD** sentence of the coherent paragraph?

- 1.Sentence E 2.Sentence C 3.Sentence D 4.Sentence F 5.None of these

Q39. Which of the following is the **correct sequence** of the given sentences to form a coherent paragraph?

- 1.ADBEC 2.CAFDB 3.FCEBD 4.BEDAC 5.None of these

Q40. Which of the following sentences **does NOT belong** in the coherent paragraph?

- 1.Sentence A 2.Sentence B 3.Sentence C 4.Sentence E 5.None of these

Ans Key

1. Answer: A

To answer this question, let's break down the sentences given in the question:

Sentence A: Despite its harmful effects, coal continues to dominate India's energy mix because of affordability and large-scale employment dependence.

This sentence can be inferred from the passage. The second paragraph clearly mentions that "coal's dominance persists due to its affordability and its role in sustaining millions of livelihoods," despite the "rising carbon emissions, deforestation, and widespread air pollution." This aligns directly with the idea that coal continues to dominate due to cost and employment reasons, despite its harmful effects.

Sentence B: India's nuclear energy expansion has been constrained by recurring project delays, financial inefficiencies, and a lack of public confidence.

This sentence can also be inferred from the passage. The third paragraph states that "recurring delays, cost overruns, and limited public trust have hindered progress," which corresponds closely with project delays, financial inefficiencies, and lack of confidence.

Sentence C: India's renewable energy progress faces no significant challenges, since storage and infrastructure issues have already been fully resolved.

This sentence cannot be inferred from the passage. The fourth paragraph highlights that "issues such as inadequate storage, land conflicts, and subsidised electricity prices threaten to slow progress." This clearly contradicts the claim that challenges have been fully resolved. Based on this analysis, both sentences A and B can be inferred from the passage.

Therefore, the correct answer is "Both A and B."

2. Answer: A

To answer this question, let's refer to the following information from the second paragraph of the passage:

"Coal remains the backbone of India's energy infrastructure, producing over 70% of its electricity. India, the world's second-largest coal consumer, surpassed one billion tonnes in production in FY 2024-25. Yet, this dependency comes with severe consequences: rising carbon emissions, deforestation, and widespread air pollution, causing over 100,000 premature deaths annually."

This part of the passage clearly states that coal supplies more than seventy percent of India's electricity, forming the backbone of its energy infrastructure. It also highlights India's continued reliance on coal despite its environmental costs.

Therefore, the correct answer is "Coal supplies more than seventy percent of India's electricity, forming the backbone of energy infrastructure."

3. Answer: D

To answer this question, let's first understand the meaning of the highlighted word "staggering" in the context of the passage:

Staggering: extremely surprising, astonishing, or hard to believe because of its size, amount, or impact.

In the passage, it refers to the extraordinarily surprising and overwhelming projection that India's air conditioners alone will consume more power than Mexico's entire electricity usage.

Now, let's consider the options:

Enervating: causing one to feel drained of energy; exhausting.

Dwindling: gradually diminishing or decreasing in size, strength, or number.

Underwhelming: failing to impress or make a strong impact; disappointing.

Astounding: very surprising or impressive; astonishing.

Meandering: moving aimlessly or without a clear direction.

After understanding the meaning of the highlighted word and all the words given as options, we can conclude that "astounding" is the most similar in meaning to "staggering" in the context of the passage, as both imply something so surprising or impressive that it causes astonishment.

Therefore, the correct answer is "Astounding."

4. Answer: E

To answer this question, let's refer to the following information from the first paragraph of the passage:

"In late 2024, the International Energy Agency (IEA) reported that electricity consumed solely by India's air conditioners would soon exceed Mexico's total power use. This staggering projection reflects both India's expanding middle class and the intensifying heat stress driven by climate change."

This part of the passage clearly states that the IEA's finding was about India's air-conditioner electricity consumption soon surpassing Mexico's entire national power consumption, highlighting the combined effects of economic growth and climate-driven heat stress.

Therefore, the correct answer is "IEA reported India's air-conditioner electricity consumption would soon exceed Mexico's entire national power consumption level."

5. Answer: B

To answer this question, let's examine each sentence given in the question:

Sentence A: India achieved more than 105 GW of solar power capacity by 2024, marking a major milestone.

This sentence is true. The passage clearly states, "Solar power alone reached over 105 GW by 2024," which directly confirms that India achieved more than 105 GW of solar capacity by that year.

Sentence B: India's nuclear power generation capacity rose from 4,780 MW in 2014 to 8,180 MW in 2024.

This sentence is true. The passage mentions, "From 4,780 MW in 2014 to 8,180 MW in 2024, nuclear energy now contributes under 3% to the electricity mix," which exactly matches this statement.

Sentence C: India's electricity demand has surged by nearly 85% in the last decade, reflecting rapid growth.

This sentence is true. The passage explicitly notes, "Between 2014-15 and 2024-25, the country's peak electricity demand soared by nearly 85%," directly supporting this claim.

Sentence D: Coal now accounts for less than twenty percent of India's electricity generation, replaced largely by solar.

This sentence is false. The passage clearly states that "Coal remains the backbone of India's energy infrastructure, producing over 70% of its electricity." So, coal's share is far greater than twenty percent and has not been largely replaced by solar power.

Sentence E: The Green Energy Corridor and PM-KUSUM reflect India's drive for sustainable, inclusive energy growth.

This sentence is true. The passage explicitly says, "Initiatives like the Green Energy Corridor and PM-KUSUM exemplify how sustainable policies can foster economic growth, rural development, and climate resilience simultaneously," which confirms the accuracy of this statement.

Option (e) states that A, B, and C are true. While this is factually correct, it is **logically incomplete and misleading** because it ignores statement E being true; hence it cannot be the best answer when a more precise option is available.

So, out of the given sentences, A, B, C, and E are true, while D is false.

Therefore, the correct answer is "Only D is false."

6. Answer: A

To answer this question, let's refer to the following information from the third paragraph of the passage:

"From 4,780 MW in 2014 to 8,180 MW in 2024, nuclear energy now contributes under 3% to the electricity mix but holds strategic importance for long-term energy security. The government aims to reach 22,480 MW by 2032 and an aspirational 100 GW by 2047."

This part of the passage clearly states that, despite its modest contribution to the overall energy mix, nuclear power is strategically significant because it strengthens India's long-term energy security and contributes to the diversification of its electricity sources.

Therefore, the correct answer is "It ensures long-term national energy security and diversifies the country's electricity generation portfolio."

7. Answer: C

To answer this question, let's first understand the meaning of the highlighted word "equitable" in the context of the passage:

Equitable: fair, impartial, and just in treatment or distribution; ensuring everyone receives appropriate and unbiased benefits.

In the passage, it refers to the need for fair and balanced distribution of benefits in India's clean-energy transition, ensuring that growth is inclusive and just.

Now, let's consider the options:

Pragmatic: practical or realistic in approach.

Scrupulous: extremely careful to do what is morally right or proper.

Iniquitous: grossly unfair or morally wrong.

Conscientious: guided by a sense of right and wrong; diligent and responsible.

Proficient: skilled or competent in a particular activity.

After understanding the meaning of the highlighted word and all the words given as options, we can conclude that "iniquitous" is the most opposite in meaning to "equitable" in the context of the passage, as it conveys injustice and moral wrongness, contrary to fairness and impartiality.

Therefore, the correct answer is "Iniquitous."

8. Answer: C

To answer this question, let's refer to the following information from the last paragraph of the passage:

"Initiatives like the Green Energy Corridor and PM-KUSUM exemplify how sustainable policies can foster economic growth, rural development, and climate resilience simultaneously."

This part of the passage clearly states that India's sustainable energy initiatives are designed to promote economic growth and rural development while also strengthening the country's capacity to withstand climate-related challenges.

Therefore, the correct answer is "Economic growth and rural development alongside enhanced national climate resilience capacity."

9. Answer: B

To answer this question, let's break down the sentences given in the question:

Sentence A: Storage limitations and land-use disputes pose serious challenges to India's renewable energy targets despite impressive capacity growth.

This sentence can be inferred from the passage. The passage explicitly mentions that "issues such as inadequate storage, land conflicts, and subsidised electricity prices threaten to slow progress," which directly supports the idea that storage and land-use issues are major challenges despite strong growth in renewable capacity.

Sentence B: India's clean energy policies neglect social inclusion entirely, focusing only on technological advancement without community participation.

This sentence cannot be inferred from the passage. In fact, the passage indicates the opposite — it highlights that "initiatives like the Green Energy Corridor and PM-KUSUM exemplify how sustainable policies can foster economic growth, rural development, and climate resilience simultaneously." This shows that India's energy policies aim to include social and rural benefits, not ignore them.

Sentence C: India's growing middle class and worsening climate-induced heat stress are jointly driving an unprecedented surge in electricity demand.

This sentence can be inferred from the passage. The text clearly states that "this staggering projection reflects both India's expanding middle class and the intensifying heat stress driven by climate change," indicating that both these factors are indeed contributing to the rising electricity demand.

Based on this analysis, only sentence B cannot be inferred from the passage.

Therefore, the correct answer is "Only B."

10. Answer: E

To answer this question, let's refer to the following information from the fourth paragraph of the passage:

"Yet, issues such as inadequate storage, land conflicts, and subsidised electricity prices threaten to slow progress. Battery storage, especially through domestic manufacturing

initiatives and advanced chemistry cells, is emerging as the missing link in India's quest for reliable, round-the-clock green power."

This part of the passage clearly states that the absence of efficient battery storage technologies poses a major challenge to ensuring a continuous renewable energy supply, identifying it as the crucial element needed to complete India's clean energy transition.

Therefore, the correct answer is "Development of highly efficient and affordable long-term battery-based energy storage technologies."

11. Answer: B

The given paragraph contains errors in sentences A and D.

Sentence A: Though people toil relentlessly at wealth or fame, they often mistake labour for service.

The preposition "at" is incorrect here. The verb "toil" (meaning to work hard) is normally followed by the preposition "for" when referring to a goal or object of effort. "Toil for wealth or fame" means working hard in pursuit of wealth or fame, which fits the intended meaning. The use of "at" would incorrectly suggest location or direction rather than purpose. The correct form should therefore be "toil relentlessly for wealth or fame."

Sentence D: Materialism, which fuels stress and disease, have corrupted both lifestyles and professional intentions.

This sentence contains a subject-verb agreement error. The subject "Materialism" is singular, and therefore the verb should also be singular. The plural verb "have" is incorrect. It should be replaced by "has." The correct sentence should read: "Materialism, which fuels stress and disease, has corrupted both lifestyles and professional intentions."

Hence, the correct answer is "Both A and D."

The correct paragraph would be: Though people toil relentlessly for wealth or fame, they often mistake labour for service. Doctors, consumed by patient care, neglect their own health while promoting others' wellness. Were they to share work and delegate tasks, they could restore balance gracefully. Materialism, which fuels stress and disease, has corrupted both lifestyles and professional intentions. Only by redefining service through moderation and sacrifice can true societal health flourish.

12. Answer: E

The given paragraph doesn't contain any grammatical errors.

Sentence A: Organic food, though often derided as elitist, represents conscious resistance against destructive agricultural practices.

This sentence is grammatically correct. The phrase "though often derided as elitist" is a correctly placed concessive clause, and the subject "Organic food" agrees with the singular verb "represents."

Sentence B: Farmers, lacking safety awareness or proper guidance, routinely handle toxic pesticides with their bare hands.

This sentence is grammatically correct. The participial phrase "lacking safety awareness or proper guidance" correctly modifies "Farmers," and the adverb "routinely" appropriately modifies the verb "handle."

Sentence C: These chemicals, having pervaded soil and water, continue to corrupt ecosystems through relentless bioaccumulation.

This sentence is grammatically correct. The perfect participle phrase "having pervaded soil and water" is used correctly to indicate an action completed before the ongoing one ("continue to corrupt").

Sentence D: Although research repeatedly warns of their dangers, policy inertia sustains this hazardous status quo.

This sentence is grammatically correct. The subordinating conjunction "Although" correctly introduces a contrast, and the singular subject "policy inertia" agrees with the singular verb "sustains."

Sentence E: Supporting authentic organic farmers, therefore, becomes a tangible means of environmental and social restoration.

This sentence is grammatically correct. The gerund "Supporting" functions properly as the subject, and the adverb "therefore" is correctly placed between commas for parenthetical emphasis.

Hence, the correct answer is "No error."

13. Answer: A

The given paragraph contains an error in sentence A.

Sentence A: As smartphones pervade adolescence, it inevitably redefine family communication in contemporary India.

The error lies in the mismatch between the singular pronoun "it" and the plural verb "redefine." The subject of the verb should refer to "smartphones," which is plural, and therefore requires the plural pronoun "they" instead of "it." The corrected sentence should read: "As smartphones pervade adolescence, they inevitably redefine family communication in contemporary India."

Hence, the correct answer is "Only A."

The correct paragraph would be: As smartphones pervade adolescence, they inevitably redefine family communication in contemporary India. Though digital media fosters connection, it simultaneously diminishes real-life familial interaction quality. Excessive screen exposure, if unchecked, leads to psychological distress and deteriorating interpersonal bonds. Parents, concerned by disengagement, advocate integrating digital literacy within school curricula nationwide. Only through mindful collaboration can technology enhance rather than erode human emotional connectivity.

14. Answer: D

The given paragraph contains errors in sentences A, B, D, and E.

Sentence A: Workplace bullies often target high-performers, their insecurities manifest as envy disguised in humour.

This sentence is erroneous due to a comma splice, where two independent clauses are incorrectly joined by a comma. The second clause ("their insecurities manifest as...") should instead use a participial phrase to maintain grammatical and logical flow. The correct construction is "their insecurities manifesting as envy disguised in humour."

Sentence B: Though appearing harmless, their playful taunts subtly erode confidence and distort professionally relationships.

Here, the adjective "professionally" is incorrectly used in place of the noun "professional." "Professionally" is an adverb and cannot modify a noun ("relationships"). The correct phrase should be "distort professional relationships."

Sentence D: It is by working harder and disengage tactfully that one truly preserves peace. Here, "disengage" should be in the gerund form "disengaging" to maintain parallelism with "working." Both actions must take the same -ing form when joined by "and."

Sentence E: Those whose forgive quickly and move forward invariably attain the deepest sense of freedom.

The relative pronoun "whose" is incorrect here; it is used to indicate possession, not to refer to people performing an action. The correct relative pronoun is "who." Thus, the sentence should be "Those who forgive quickly and move forward invariably attain the deepest sense of freedom."

Hence, the correct answer is "All A, B, D, and E."

The correct paragraph would be: Workplace bullies often target high-performers, their insecurities manifesting as envy disguised in humour. Though appearing harmless, their playful taunts subtly erode confidence and distort professional relationships. Having noticed this repeatedly, I realised silence often protects one's composure more effectively than confrontation. It is by working harder and disengaging tactfully that one truly preserves peace. Those who forgive quickly and move forward invariably attain the deepest sense of freedom.

15. Answer: C

The given paragraph contains errors in sentences A, C, and E.

Sentence A: Social media, once intended to connect individuals, has gradually transformed in a self-display arena.

The preposition "in" is incorrect here because the verb "transformed" is followed by "into" when something changes its form, state, or purpose. The correct expression should be "transformed into a self-display arena."

Sentence C: Although such platforms appear to foster belonging, yet they often amplify insecurity and self-comparison.

The conjunctions "although" and "yet" should not be used together. Both express contrast, and using them together makes the sentence redundant. Either can be used alone, but since the sentence begins with "Although," the conjunction "yet" must be omitted.

Sentence E: Ultimately, genuine identity should arose from internal growth rather than algorithmic measures of approval.

The verb "arose" is the past tense of "arise," but the modal verb "should" requires the base form of the verb. So, "arose" should be replaced with "arise."

Hence, the correct answer is "All A, C, and E."

The correct paragraph would be: Social media, once intended to connect individuals, has gradually transformed into a self-display arena. As people craft idealised personas online, they unwittingly participate in a cycle of digital validation. Although such platforms appear to foster belonging, they often amplify insecurity and self-comparison. Those who consciously withdraw from social media frequently experience a liberating sense of authenticity. Ultimately, genuine identity should arise from internal growth rather than algorithmic measures of approval.

16. Answer: C

To answer this question, first, read the given paragraph carefully to understand its context:

When the data analyst was questioned about the sudden disappearance of key files before the audit, he nervously blamed a "system glitch." But the IT team found traces of deliberate deletion from his login. It became clear that he was only trying to _____ before the truth surfaced.

In this paragraph, the analyst has been caught trying to hide evidence of wrongdoing by deleting important files and falsely blaming a technical issue.

The idiom in the blank must therefore refer to an attempt to conceal or cover up misconduct.

Now, let's review the options:

Call the shots: to be in control or make important decisions.

Cross that bridge when it comes: to deal with a problem only when it actually happens.

Sweep it under the rug: to hide something embarrassing, illegal, or unpleasant instead of dealing with it.

Blow the whistle: to expose wrongdoing or illegal activity.

Hit the nail on the head: to describe a situation or problem exactly right.

Since the analyst was trying to cover up his actions and avoid being caught, the idiom "sweep it under the rug" fits perfectly, as it means to conceal something instead of addressing it.

Therefore, the correct answer is "sweep it under the rug."

17. Answer: A

To answer this question, first, read the given paragraph carefully to understand its context:

When the startup suddenly laid off half its employees without warning, the CEO justified it by saying it was for "long-term stability." However, insiders whispered that the company had been losing clients for months, and the layoffs were just the beginning of a crisis waiting to _____.

In this paragraph, the company's management is attempting to downplay or justify drastic cuts, while evidence suggests deeper problems (loss of clients) that have been building up.

The idiom in the blank should refer to the consequences of past or ongoing actions finally appearing or catching up with the company.

Now, let's review the options:

Come home to roost: (of bad actions or problems) to return as consequences or cause trouble later.

See the light of day: to become known or revealed.

Hit the nail on the head: to describe a situation exactly or be precisely correct.

Blow over: to pass without serious or lasting effect.

Make ends meet: to manage financially with limited resources.

Since the paragraph hints that the hidden problems (losing clients) will produce negative consequences that will eventually catch up with the company, the idiom "come home to roost" fits perfectly, as it describes past actions or problems returning as consequences.

Therefore, the correct answer is "come home to roost."

18. Answer: C

To answer this question, first, read the given paragraph carefully to understand its context:

Many corporations issue lengthy sustainability reports filled with glossy images of green campuses and smiling volunteers, yet continue to outsource production to factories with deplorable labor conditions. Critics argue that such firms merely _____ to corporate social responsibility.

In this paragraph, the corporations are shown as pretending to care about social and environmental ethics while continuing exploitative practices.

The idiom in the blank must therefore refer to making an insincere or superficial show of support for something without genuine commitment.

Now, let's review the options:

Go out on a limb: to take a risk or support something boldly.

Call the shots: to be in control or make decisions.

Pay lip service: to express support or agreement verbally without taking real action.

Go the extra mile: to make extra effort or go beyond expectations.

Bite the bullet: to face a difficult situation bravely or accept something unpleasant.

Since the paragraph highlights hypocrisy and empty gestures, the idiom "pay lip service" fits perfectly, as it describes pretending to support a cause without sincere action.

Therefore, the correct answer is "pay lip service."

19. Answer: C

To answer this question, let's look at the given sentences this way:

I. Feelings have begun to _____ into emojis, transforming grief into something performative, digitised, and stripped of genuine _____.

II. To _____ intimacy, we must reintroduce friction: _____ discomfort, demand accountability, and honour raw human _____.

Now, let's understand the meanings of the marked words:

(A) Ossify: to become rigid or fixed in attitude or character; to harden.

(B) Fallibility: the likelihood of making mistakes; human imperfection.

(C) Salvage: to rescue or preserve something from loss or decay.

(D) Embrace: to accept or hold closely; to welcome willingly.

(E) Intimacy: close familiarity or emotional closeness between people.

Swapping B (fallibility) with E (intimacy) ensures contextual accuracy:

In sentence I, "stripped of genuine intimacy" correctly conveys that grief reduced to emojis loses true emotional closeness; "stripped of genuine fallibility" would be illogical because fallibility (human imperfection) is not something grief would be stripped of in that context.

In sentence II, "honour raw human fallibility" aptly instructs us to recognise and respect human imperfection when rebuilding closeness; "honour raw human intimacy" would be redundant and fail to capture the intended corrective, humbling stance.

Hence, the correct answer is "Only B ↔ E."

The correct sentences after the interchange would be:

I. Feelings have begun to **ossify** into emojis, transforming grief into something performative, digitised, and stripped of genuine **intimacy**.

II. To **salvage** intimacy, we must reintroduce friction: **embrace** discomfort, demand accountability, and honour raw human **fallibility**.

20. Answer: A

To answer this question, let's look at the given sentences this way:

I. Feelings have begun to _____ into emojis, transforming grief into something performative, digitised, and stripped of genuine _____.

II. To _____ intimacy, we must reintroduce friction: _____ discomfort, demand accountability, and honour raw human _____.

Now, let's understand the meanings of the marked words:

(A) Endure: to suffer through or undergo (something painful or difficult) patiently.

(B) Turmoil: a state of great disturbance, confusion, or uncertainty; profound emotional disturbance.

(C) Comprehend: to understand or grasp the meaning of.

(D) Formidable: inspiring respect or fear through being impressively large, powerful, intense, or difficult.

(E) Unwavering: steady; not changing or faltering; constant.

Swapping A (endure) with C (comprehend) and D (formidable) with E (unwavering) ensures both grammatical correctness and logical coherence.

"Comprehend" correctly fits in "Society often fails to comprehend," which requires a verb meaning 'understand.'

"Endure" appropriately describes the burden droppers silently undergo ("endure throughout their preparation").

In the second sentence, "unwavering dedication" correctly describes steady, persistent effort, while "competition remains exceptionally formidable" accurately conveys that the competition is very tough and intimidating.

Hence, the correct answer is "Both A ↔ C and D ↔ E."

The correct sentences after the interchange would be:

I. Society often fails to **comprehend** the profound emotional **turmoil** and psychological burden that droppers silently **endure** throughout their preparation.

II. Despite **unwavering** dedication and consistent effort, many aspirants are unable to secure admission because competition remains exceptionally **formidable**.

21. Answer: C

To answer this question, let's look at the given sentences this way:

I. Fans often _____ their idols with _____ loyalty, as if bound by familial _____ rather than mere admiration.

II. Many continue to _____ celebrities as demigods, blind to their fallibility and _____ from the realities of common life.

Now, let's understand the meanings of the marked words:

(A) Venerate: to regard with great respect; revere.

(B) Ferocious: savagely fierce, violent, or intense.

(C) Allegiance: loyalty or commitment to a person, group, or cause.

(D) Defend: to protect or support from attack or criticism.

(E) Detachment: the state of being objective or aloof; separation or distance.

Swapping A (venerate) with D (defend) ensures contextual accuracy:

In sentence I, "defend their idols" correctly captures fans' active response (protecting/supporting idols) carried out with "ferocious loyalty."

In sentence II, "venerate celebrities as demigods" aptly conveys the meaning that many people revere celebrities despite their faults.

Hence, the correct answer is "Only A ↔ D."

The correct sentences after the interchange would be:

I. Fans often **defend** their idols with **ferocious** loyalty, as if bound by familial **allegiance** rather than mere admiration.

II. Many continue to **venerate** celebrities as demigods, blind to their fallibility and **detachment** from the realities of common life.

22. Answer: B

To answer this question, let's look at the given sentences this way:

I. Society often _____ physical aggression but _____ verbal abuse under the guise of honesty, discipline, or moral righteousness.

II. Harsh _____ disguised as honesty _____ emotional well-being, creating _____ scars that linger far longer than physical injuries.

Now, let's understand the meanings of the marked words:

(A) Corrodes: gradually destroys or weakens (something); to eat away at.

(B) Tolerates: allows or accepts (behavior that one might disapprove of).

(C) Criticism: the expression of disapproval or judgment.

(D) Condemns: expresses strong disapproval of; declares morally wrong.

(E) Invisible: not visible; not easily seen or perceptible.

Swapping A (corrodes) with D (condemns) ensures contextual accuracy:

In sentence I, "condemns physical aggression" correctly indicates society's rejection of physical violence; "corrodes physical aggression" would imply society weakens or destroys aggression, which is illogical here.

In sentence II, "harsh criticism ... corrodes emotional well-being" aptly conveys that severe criticism gradually harms mental health; "harsh criticism ... condemns emotional well-being" would be nonsensical because criticism cannot morally judge well-being.

Hence, the correct answer is "Only A ↔ D."

The correct sentences after the interchange would be:

I. Society often **condemns** physical aggression but **tolerates** verbal abuse under the guise of honesty, discipline, or moral righteousness.

II. Harsh **criticism** disguised as honesty **corrodes** emotional well-being, creating **invisible** scars that linger far longer than physical injuries.

23. Answer: E

"Pernicious" means highly harmful, destructive, or causing great damage, especially in a gradual or subtle way.

Among the options, none of the given words is an antonym of "pernicious," as all are either synonymous with or related to harm.

Possible antonyms of "pernicious" include "beneficial," "salutary," "wholesome," and "advantageous," as these words convey the sense of causing good rather than harm.

Let's also understand the meanings of the other options:

Spurious: false or not genuine; lacking authenticity.

Deleterious: harmful or damaging to health or well-being.

Malignant: very dangerous or harmful; showing ill will or hatred.

Noxious: injurious or harmful to living beings.

Therefore, the correct answer is "None of these."

24. Answer: C

"Ostensible" means appearing to be true or real, but possibly not so; something that seems genuine outwardly but may not be in reality.

Among the options, "genuine" is the antonym of "ostensible," as it means truly what something is said to be; authentic or sincere.

Let's also understand the meanings of the other options:

Sanguine: optimistic or hopeful, especially in difficult situations.

Supposed: generally assumed or believed to be true, but not verified.

Putative: commonly accepted or reputed to be, but not necessarily true.

Therefore, the correct answer is "Genuine."

25. Answer: E

"Capricious" means unpredictable, impulsive, or subject to sudden changes in mood or behavior without logical reason.

Among the options, none of the given words is an antonym of "capricious," as all are either synonymous with it or unrelated in meaning.

Possible antonyms of "capricious" include "steady," "consistent," "reliable," and "predictable," as these words convey stability and uniformity in behavior or thought.

Let's also understand the meanings of the other options:

Laconic: using very few words; concise or terse in speech.

Inconstant: frequently changing; not firm or steady in purpose or affection.

Asinine: extremely foolish or stupid.

Fickle: changeable or inconsistent, especially regarding loyalty or affection.

Therefore, the correct answer is "None of these."

26. Answer: C

In the given sentence:

When education valorises experimentation and **unorthodox (A)** inquiry, it invigorates innovation, enabling learners to **transcend (B)** mediocrity and manifest their **inherent (C)** intellectual potential.

(A), "Unorthodox," is correctly used, as it means unconventional or not following traditional rules or beliefs, which fits the context of experimental education.

(B), "Transcend," is correctly used, as it means to go beyond or rise above limits, aligning with the idea of surpassing mediocrity.

(C), "Inherent," is misspelt. The correct spelling is "inherent," meaning existing as a natural or essential part of something.

The correct sentence would be: "When education valorises experimentation and **unorthodox** inquiry, it invigorates innovation, enabling learners to **transcend** mediocrity and manifest their **inherent** intellectual potential."

Therefore, the correct answer is "Only C."

27. Answer: E

In the given sentence:

Many young adults, **inundated (A)** by social media's distortions of love, develop a **precarious (B)** emotional dependence that **inevitably (C)** culminates in despair when reality intervenes.

(A), "Inundated," is correctly used, as it means overwhelmed or flooded, which appropriately conveys how young adults are excessively exposed to social media's distortions.

(B), "Precarious," is correctly used, as it means unstable or insecure, aptly describing the fragile nature of the emotional dependence mentioned.

(C), "Inevitably," is correctly used, as it means unavoidably or certainly, fitting the context of an outcome that is bound to occur when reality intervenes.

Therefore, the correct answer is "All are correct."

28. Answer: C

In the given sentence:

The modern consumer's **infatuation (A)** with brands like Apple and Rolex reflects a deep **physiological (B)** conditioning, not genuine **discernment (C)** of technological or functional superiority.

(A), "Infatuation," is misspelt; the correct spelling is "infatuation," which refers to an intense but often short-lived admiration, fitting the context.

(B), "Physiological," while correctly spelt, is inappropriate in this context because it pertains to bodily or biological processes; the correct term should be "psychological," referring to mental or emotional conditioning.

(C), "Discernment," is correctly used, as it means the ability to judge or distinguish, which fits the intended contrast.

The correct sentence would be: "The modern consumer's **infatuation** with brands like Apple and Rolex reflects a deep **psychological** conditioning, not genuine **discernment** of technological or functional superiority."

Therefore, the correct answer is "Both A and B."

29. Answer: A

To determine whether the word "clumsy" fits the sentence's context or if it should be replaced, let's first analyze the given sentence:

The **clumsy** dancer leapt gracefully across the stage, her swift, precise movements captivating everyone in the audience.

This sentence describes a dancer moving gracefully with swift, precise movements that captivate the audience, which contradicts the sense of awkwardness implied by "clumsy."

Now, let's review the options:

Nimble: quick and light in movement; agile.

Inert: lacking the ability or strength to move; inactive.

Impetuous: acting or done quickly and without thought or care.

Torpid: mentally or physically inactive; lethargic.

Given the analysis, the most appropriate replacement for "clumsy" in this context is "nimble," as it accurately conveys agility and graceful movement.

The complete sentence would be: The **nimble** dancer leapt gracefully across the stage, her swift, precise movements captivating everyone in the audience.

Therefore, the correct answer is "nimble."

30. Answer: E

To determine whether the word "bewail" fits the sentence's context or if it should be replaced, let's first analyze the given sentence:

The villagers gathered to bewail the loss of their beloved leader, mourning his passing with heartfelt songs and tears.

This sentence describes people expressing deep sorrow and grief over the death of a respected leader.

"Bewail" means to express deep sadness or lament loudly over something or someone lost, which perfectly fits the context of mourning a leader's passing.

Therefore, the correct answer is "No replacement is required."

Let's also understand the meanings of the words given as options:

Exult: to show great joy or triumph.

Gloat: to dwell on one's own success or another's misfortune with smugness.

Rejoice: to feel or show great joy.

Revel: to take great pleasure or delight in something.

31. Answer: A

To determine whether the word "eschew" fits the sentence's context or if it should be replaced, let's first analyze the given sentence:

Children often eschew toward vibrant colors and cheerful sounds, instinctively seeking stimulation that sparks joy and curiosity.

This sentence suggests that children are naturally drawn to bright, lively, and stimulating experiences.

"Eschew" means to deliberately avoid or shun something, which is the opposite of the intended meaning here. Children do not avoid vibrant colors; they are attracted to them.

Now, let's review the options:

Gravitate: to be drawn or attracted to something, especially by a natural inclination.

Emanate: to come forth or spread out from a source.

Evade: to avoid or escape from something, often cleverly or deceitfully.

Meander: to wander aimlessly or without a fixed course.

Given the analysis, the most appropriate replacement for "eschew" in this context is "gravitate," as it accurately expresses children's natural attraction to lively colors and sounds.

The complete sentence would be: Children often gravitate toward vibrant colors and cheerful sounds, instinctively seeking stimulation that sparks joy and curiosity.

Therefore, the correct answer is "gravitate."

32. Answer: E

To determine whether the word "perky" fits the sentence's context or if it should be replaced, let's first analyze the given sentence:

Despite the dreary weather, her perky demeanor and infectious laughter lifted everyone's spirits throughout the long, gloomy day.

This sentence describes a person whose cheerful and lively attitude brightened the mood of others despite the dull weather.

"Perky" means cheerful, lively, or full of energy, which perfectly fits the context of someone whose positive nature uplifts everyone around.

Therefore, the correct answer is "No replacement is required."

Let's also understand the meanings of the words given as options:

Somber: dark, dull, or gloomy in mood or tone.

Meticulous: showing great attention to detail or precision.

Pensive: deeply or seriously thoughtful, often with a hint of sadness.

Saturnine: gloomy, sullen, or morose in temperament.

33. Answer: E

To answer this question, let's refer to the following information from the passage:

"For instance, planets orbiting M-dwarf stars often face intense stellar radiation that can strip away atmospheres or create misleading oxygen signatures unrelated to life."

This part of the passage clearly states that planets orbiting M-dwarf stars are exposed to extreme radiation, which can remove their atmospheres, an essential component for sustaining life, and thus makes them not truly "earth-like."

Therefore, the correct answer is "Their proximity causes extreme radiation capable of removing the atmosphere essential for survival."

34. Answer: A

To answer this question, let's refer to the following information from the passage:

"Plastics are a diverse group of materials that share some similar properties but differ in polymer structure and additives, which determine how they respond to heat, grinding, and remaking. These variations explain why only certain kinds of plastics can actually be recycled."

This part of the passage clearly states that the recyclability of plastics depends on differences in their polymer structure and additives, which affect their behavior when subjected to heat and reshaping processes.

Therefore, the correct answer is "Their polymer structure and additives affect how they react to melting and cooling."

35. Answer: C

To answer this question, let's refer to the following information from the passage:

"Blocking the activity of these PVT neurons eliminated SEFR but did not affect learned fear, suggesting that the PVT fine-tunes different defensive reactions."

This part of the passage clearly states that when scientists blocked the activity of PVT neurons, the stress-enhanced unlearned fear (SEFR) disappeared, but learned fear remained unaffected. This indicates that the paraventricular thalamus (PVT) specifically regulates unlearned fear without altering learned fear responses.

Therefore, the correct answer is "It eliminated stress-enhanced unlearned fear while preserving learned fear-based defensive reactions."

36. Answer: B

The paragraph explains that time is the deepest form of wealth, it silently compounds into skill and wisdom, and it shows how young people, blessed with decades of time, can turn that temporal capital into lasting leverage by consciously investing hours in growth; it then warns against frittering those hours on trivial distractions that erode future potential.

Sentence B is the first sentence as it introduces the central claim: true wealth is measured by the vast, irreplaceable reservoir of time you still have, not by money or possessions, which frames the paragraph's core value.

Sentence D follows as the second sentence, illustrating the claim by portraying a young person as a "time billionaire" who possesses decades to learn, experiment, create, and build purposefully.

Sentence F comes next as the third sentence, sharpening the contrast by noting that time, unlike money, is non-renewable and silently compounds into mastery and enduring wisdom.

Sentence A is the fourth sentence, issuing a warning that those who squander hours on trivial distractions unknowingly erode their future potential and sacrifice compounding growth for fleeting gratification.

Sentence C concludes the paragraph by offering the practical prescription: consciously investing your hours in skill-building and growth creates leverage that outlasts salaries, routines, and conventional financial security.

Sentence E does not fit the context of the paragraph because it focuses on society's glorification of busyness and fear of stillness, which shifts the focus from framing time as wealth and giving practical advice about investing it to a different critique of social behavior.

The correct sequence of the given sentences to form a coherent paragraph is BDFAC.

Therefore, the correct answer is "D and A."

37. Answer: D

To answer this question, let's first understand the context of sentence C:

By consciously investing your hours in skill-building and growth, you create _____ that outlasts salaries, routines, and traditional financial security.

This sentence conveys the idea that by intentionally dedicating time to personal and professional growth, a person builds something that provides long-term advantage and strength — something more enduring than mere financial rewards.

The blank, thus, requires a word that suggests advantage, power, or influence gained through strategic investment of time and effort.

Now, let's understand the meanings of the words given as options to fill in the blank:

Serendipity: the occurrence of events by chance in a happy or beneficial way.

Liability: a state of being legally responsible for something; a disadvantage or hindrance.

Impediment: an obstacle or barrier that delays or prevents progress.

Leverage: the strategic use of resources to gain a significant advantage or influence.

Dependence: reliance on someone or something for support or aid.

Given the context of the sentence, the word "leverage" fits best. It conveys the idea that the time and effort invested in skill-building produce a form of advantage or power that surpasses short-term financial or routine gains.

The complete sentence would be: By consciously investing your hours in skill-building and growth, you create leverage that outlasts salaries, routines, and traditional financial security.

Therefore, the correct answer is "leverage."

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Sentence F comes next as the third sentence, sharpening the contrast by noting that time, unlike money, is non-renewable and silently compounds into mastery and enduring wisdom.

Sentence A is the fourth sentence, issuing a warning that those who squander hours on trivial distractions unknowingly erode their future potential and sacrifice compounding growth for fleeting gratification.

Sentence C concludes the paragraph by offering the practical prescription: consciously investing your hours in skill-building and growth creates leverage that outlasts salaries, routines, and conventional financial security.

Sentence E does not fit the context of the paragraph because it focuses on society's glorification of busyness and fear of stillness, which shifts the focus from framing time as wealth and giving practical advice about investing it to a different critique of social behavior.

The correct sequence of the given sentences to form a coherent paragraph is BDFAC.

Therefore, the correct answer is "Sentence F."

39. Answer: E

The paragraph explains that time is the deepest form of wealth, it silently compounds into skill and wisdom, and it shows how young people, blessed with decades of time, can turn that temporal capital into lasting leverage by consciously investing hours in growth; it then warns against frittering those hours on trivial distractions that erode future potential.

Sentence B is the first sentence as it introduces the central claim: true wealth is measured by the vast, irreplaceable reservoir of time you still have, not by money or possessions, which frames the paragraph's core value.

Sentence D follows as the second sentence, illustrating the claim by portraying a young person as a "time billionaire" who possesses decades to learn, experiment, create, and build purposefully.

Sentence F comes next as the third sentence, sharpening the contrast by noting that time, unlike money, is non-renewable and silently compounds into mastery and enduring wisdom.

Sentence A is the fourth sentence, issuing a warning that those who squander hours on trivial distractions unknowingly erode their future potential and sacrifice compounding growth for fleeting gratification.

Sentence C concludes the paragraph by offering the practical prescription: consciously investing your hours in skill-building and growth creates leverage that outlasts salaries, routines, and conventional financial security.

Sentence E does not fit the context of the paragraph because it focuses on society's glorification of busyness and fear of stillness, which shifts the focus from framing time as wealth and giving practical advice about investing it to a different critique of social behavior.

The correct sequence of the given sentences to form a coherent paragraph is BDFAC.

Therefore, the correct answer is "None of these."

40. Answer: D

The paragraph explains that time is the deepest form of wealth, it silently compounds into skill and wisdom, and it shows how young people, blessed with decades of time, can turn that temporal capital into lasting leverage by consciously investing hours in growth; it then warns against frittering those hours on trivial distractions that erode future potential.

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Sentence E does not fit the context of the paragraph because it focuses on society's glorification of busyness and fear of stillness, which shifts the focus from framing time as wealth and giving practical advice about investing it to a different critique of social behavior.

The correct sequence of the given sentences to form a coherent paragraph is BDFAC.

Therefore, the correct answer is "Sentence E."