

### 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.

As India strives to balance economic growth with sustainable development, forests have re-emerged as a crucial pillar of its climate strategy. The revised Green India Mission (GIM) sets an ambitious goal: to restore 25 million hectares of degraded forest and non-forest land by 2030. This initiative is intricately linked to India's pledge of creating an additional carbon sink of up to 3.39 billion tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> equivalent by decade's end. Yet, the true challenge lies not merely in expanding green cover, but in ensuring ecological integrity. A 2025 study by IIT Kharagpur revealed a 12% decline in the photosynthetic efficiency of dense forests due to rising temperatures and soil desiccation, underscoring that quantity without quality cannot yield climate resilience.

The revised blueprint seeks to move beyond afforestation numbers, focusing on biodiversity-rich ecosystems such as the Aravalli Hills, Western Ghats, mangroves, and Himalayan catchments. It aims to integrate restoration with existing policies like the National Agroforestry Policy and CAMPA. However, India's forest sector continues to grapple with three persistent gaps: community participation, ecological design, and financial prudence. Although nearly 200 million Indians depend on forests, many plantation drives overlook their legal rights and consent under the Forest Rights Act (2006). Encouragingly, states such as Odisha and Chhattisgarh are experimenting with community-led and biodiversity-sensitive models that \_\_\_\_\_ conservation with livelihood enhancement.

Equally vital is the shift from monocultures to native species, crucial for maintaining hydrological balance and biodiversity. Yet, success hinges on the technical capacity of forest departments and efficient utilisation of vast financial resources. The ₹95,000 crore CAMPA fund remains underutilised, revealing deep administrative inertia. Progressive states offer hope: Tamil Nadu's rapid mangrove expansion, Himachal Pradesh's biochar carbon-credit initiative, and Uttar Pradesh's linkages between village councils and carbon markets signal innovation. The path forward requires institutional alignment, fiscal transparency, and community stewardship. Empowering local communities, building ecological expertise, and ensuring data-driven accountability could transform GIM from a bureaucratic scheme into a national ecological movement, one that positions forests as both environmental guardians and instruments of India's envisioned Viksit Bharat 2047.

**Q1.What key shift does the revised blueprint of the Green India Mission aim to bring?**

- 1.Moving beyond numerical afforestation targets toward biodiversity-rich ecosystem restoration across diverse forest landscapes.
- 2.Replacing old forest management policies with industrial forestry models focused on rapid economic output and timber yield.
- 3.Expanding agricultural frontiers into forest areas for boosting agro-based employment opportunities and rural productivity.
- 4.Centralising forest governance by reducing state and community roles in environmental restoration and conservation projects.
- 5.Promoting infrastructure development near forested areas for enhancing connectivity and trade-based livelihood opportunities.

**Q2.Which of the following sentences can be inferred from the passage?**

- A. India plans to eliminate most of the existing monoculture plantations by 2026 in order to effectively preserve native biodiversity.
- B. Some Indian states are experimenting with community-led forest restoration models that combine ecological and livelihood goals.
- C. The effectiveness of restoration efforts depends largely on technical expertise and

the proper use of available financial resources.

1.Both A and B 2.Both B and C 3.Both C and A 4.All, A, B, and C 5.None of these  
**Q3.Which of the following words should fill in the blank from the second paragraph of the passage?**

- 1.intercept 2.interfere 3.enumerate 4.substantiate 5.intertwine

**Q4.What concern is highlighted by the 2025 IIT Kharagpur study mentioned in the passage?**

- 1.The widespread destruction of forest ecosystems caused by excessive afforestation and unsupervised plantation activities.
- 2.A decline in photosynthetic efficiency due to rising temperatures and increasing soil desiccation in dense forests.
- 3.Insufficient data monitoring and a lack of technological investment in remote forest restoration operations nationwide.
- 4.Overdependence on imported species and monoculture plantations leading to ecological imbalances across tropical regions.
- 5.Financial mismanagement of green funds resulting in inefficient execution of national climate and biodiversity initiatives.

**Q5.Which of the following would be the most suitable title for the passage?**

- 1."Economy and Ecology: An Uneasy Partnership" 2."The Climate Crusade of Emerging India" 3."Planting Hope: India's Path to Progress" 4."Forests: The Green Pillar of India's Future" 5."Carbon Markets and India's Rural Upliftment"

**Q6.Why is replacing monocultures with native species considered essential in the passage's context?**

- 1.Because it helps increase timber yield and enhances the export potential of forest-based economic activities.
- 2.Because native species improve hydrological balance, maintain biodiversity, and ensure ecosystem resilience.
- 3.Because foreign species are less compatible with India's soil texture and pose higher maintenance requirements.
- 4.Because it aligns with global environmental treaties demanding indigenous flora restoration in tropical nations.
- 5.Because non-native species have proven more resistant to pests, altering the ecological structure of local forests.

**Q7.Which of the following sentences cannot be inferred from the passage?**

- A. The Forest Rights Act (2006) grants financial compensation to rural villagers displaced by government-led afforestation projects.
- B. The IIT Kharagpur study suggests that climate stress factors like rising temperatures are undermining forest health in India.
- C. The Green India Mission was originally launched with the primary objective of addressing desertification in western India.

1.Both A and B 2.Both B and C 3.Both C and A 4.All, A, B, and C 5.None of these  
**Q8.Which persistent challenges continue to affect India's forest sector, according to the passage?**

- 1.Absence of legal enforcement, scarcity of rainfall, and poor coordination among international forest agencies.
- 2.Rising deforestation rates, population migration, and weak implementation of national agroforestry policies.
- 3.Overuse of chemical fertilisers, rapid industrialisation, and shortage of climate-resilient planting materials.
- 4.Excessive mechanisation in forestry operations and neglect of traditional knowledge in forest resource management.
- 5.Lack of community participation, ecological design, and effective financial prudence in restoration efforts.

Read the passage below carefully. Some words in the passage are highlighted in bold. Determine if any of these highlighted words are incorrect and require replacement. For each highlighted word, choose the option that provides the most appropriate replacement. If you believe the highlighted word is correct as it is, mark "No replacement is required" as your answer.

Human instinct clings to people, memories, successes, failures, and even persistent pain; we construe tenacity as **audacity (A)**. Letting go feels anomalous, as if release implies indifference, yet relinquishment can be a deliberate act of grace. It does not efface significance but consecrates what endured and allows it to persist as tempered remembrance. Like an arboreal cycle, a tree discards leaves in autumn not from **benevolence (B)** but in concord with rhythm; wisdom discerns when attachment nourishes and when it only exhausts. It dignifies memory, restoring equanimity.

In relationships, release may register as loss, but often the magnanimous choice is to permit autonomy and respect another's trajectory. To surrender control demands equanimity and a probe of motives, for release does not denote indifference but circumspect compassion. With failures, we commonly rehearse remorse; **perpetuating (C)** self-reproach is courageous and catalytic, enabling innovation. Holding fast to triumph can calcify identity, whereas letting glory recede fosters renewal and a more capacious future. This magnifies resilience and encourages introspection and opens the way for deliberate, sustained renewal.

Letting go is seldom instantaneous; it is an incremental, **pragmatic (D)** progression akin to untying a complex knot, requiring patience and judicious persistence. Spiritual practices endorse surrender—meditation trains us to release intrusive thoughts; prayer articulates trust beyond our jurisdiction. There is humility in accepting transience and a benignant beauty in yielding to life's vicissitudes. Ultimately, release cultivates freedom, which paradoxically becomes a more enduring expression of love toward others and oneself, inviting metamorphosis. It affirms that uncertainty often conceals **ominous (E)** opportunities for growth and deeper compassion.

**Q9.** Which of the following words should replace the highlighted word labelled as **(A)**?

1. perfidy 2. fidelity 3. ambiguity 4. apathy 5. No replacement is required.

**Q10.** Which of the following words should replace the highlighted word labelled as **(B)**?

1. rancour 2. clemency 3. austerity 4. epiphany 5. No replacement is required.

**Q11.** Which of the following words should replace the highlighted word labelled as **(C)**?

1. delineating 2. corroborating 3. harbouring 4. relinquishing 5. No replacement is required.

**Q12.** Which of the following words should replace the highlighted word labelled as **(D)**?

1. lucid 2. cathartic 3. traumatic 4. erudite 5. No replacement is required.

**Q13.** Which of the following words should replace the highlighted word labelled as **(E)**?

1. deleterious 2. pedantic 3. serendipitous 4. ephemeral 5. No replacement is required.

**Read the following sentence carefully, which is divided into five parts (A, B, C, D, and E). Two parts of the sentence contain grammatical errors. Identify the parts that are erroneous and mark them as your answer.**

**Q14.** The most beautiful painting in **(A)** the gallery was created by an artist **(B)** who everyone admired for her ability **(C)** to skillfully combine colour, emotion, **(D)** and perfect symmetry in her work. **(E)**

1. A and C 2. B and D 3. C and E 4. A and D 5. B and E

**Q15.** The company's equipments were inspected yesterday, **(A)** and the supervisor, whom everyone trusted, **(B)** overlooked the faulty machine parts, **(C)** which could latter significantly affect **(D)** the overall production process in a bad way. **(E)**

1. A and B 2. C and D 3. A and D 4. B and C 5. D and E

**Q16.** No sooner he left the selection panel **(A)** when the department agreed that **(B)** he was by far the best candidate **(C)** for the promotion, and many regretted not seeking **(D)** his counsel before finalising their choice. **(E)**

1. B and C 2. A and D 3. C and E 4. A and B 5. B and E

**Q17.** They argued that managers must to consult **(A)** on promotions, but several supervisors prematurely **(B)** blamed each other, creating friction **(C)** and undermining the transparent procedures **(D)** the organisation had spent years developing. **(E)**

1. A and E 2. D and E 3. A and C 4. B and D 5. C and D

**Q18.** The manager asked me to complete **(A)** the detailed report before noon, **(B)** and the amount of employees working on **(C)** the project was surprisingly small **(D)** compared from the previous month's figures. **(E)**

1. C and E 2. B and D 3. A and B 4. A and D 5. C and D

**In the following sentence, five words given in bold are marked as A, B, C, D, and E, which may or may not be placed in the right place in the sentence. 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.** True bliss **perceives (A)** not from **transient (B)** worldly pleasures but from an **awakened (C)** consciousness that **emanates (D)** hardship as an **instrument (E)** of purification and spiritual elevation.

1. Only B ↔ E 2. Both A ↔ C and D ↔ E 3. Only A ↔ D

4. Both A ↔ C and B ↔ E 5. No interchange required

**Q20.** True happiness is fundamentally independent of **ostentatious (A)** opulence **(B)** and anchored instead in **contentment (C)**, **steadfast (D)** companionship, and the **serenity (E)** of shared, uncomplicated living.

1. Only C ↔ E 2. Both A ↔ D and B ↔ C 3. Only D ↔ E

4. Both B ↔ D and C ↔ E 5. No interchange required

**Q21.** Understanding the **paradox (A)** of not being loved demands acceptance of vulnerability, a **steady (B)** effort to **cultivate (C)** self-reliance, and a **gentle (D)** **receptivity (E)** so tenderness may enter later.

1. Both A ↔ C and B ↔ D 2. Only A ↔ B 3. Both A ↔ E and C ↔ D

4. Only B ↔ C 5. No interchange required

**Q22.** No amount of money can **relieve (A)** a body **extravagant (B)** through neglect; **deteriorating (C)** treatments give only temporary **salvage (D)**, while daily nutrition and exercise remain absolutely **indispensable (E)**.

1. Only A ↔ E 2. Both A ↔ C and B ↔ E 3. Only B ↔ D

4. Both A ↔ D and B ↔ C 5. No interchange required

**Given below are four jumbled-up segments of a sentence. One of the given segments does not belong to the coherent sentence and is considered the "odd one out." Identify the correct sequence of the sentence, and select the option that represents the correct order of the segments, followed by the "odd one out" segment.**

**Q23.** **(A)** even those who can afford food are often consuming

**(B)** unhealthy ultra-processed meals that harm their bodies,

**(C)** while malnutrition among the poor remains a concern,

**(D)** particularly during their most crucial formative years

**(E)** when advertisements glorify instant indulgent delights

1. ACDE – B 2. BDCA – E 3. CABD – E 4. DABC – E 5. ECAD - B

**Q24.** **(A)** loneliness remains a shared anxiety across generations,

**(B)** the growing pressures of urbanisation and social change

**(C)** refuge, offering both companionship and resilience amid

**(D)** but strong family bonds continue to serve as an emotional

**(E)** disconnected voices softly echoing across silent screens

1. ADCB – E 2. CBDE – A 3. DAEB – C 4. BDAC – E 5. CEAB - D

**Q25.** **(A)** the growing acceptance of daughters performing the final rites

**(B)** reflecting a society gradually and consciously freeing itself from

- C) represents a crucial and progressive step toward gender equality,  
 D) restrictive traditions and deeply biased religious interpretations  
 E) emerging from complex psychological and emotional dynamics  
 1.BADC – E 2.CDEA – B 3.EBAC – D 4.ACBD – E 5.DEBA - C  
**Q26.A)** breaking entrenched patterns that masquerade as natural order  
**B)** who deserves to lead and who must stay silent or submissive  
**C)** true fairness cannot exist in a culture where individuals  
**D)** to conform to deeply rigid gendered norms that determine  
**E)** are compelled to suppress emotions or ambitions merely  
 1.BCDE – A 2.ADBE – C 3.CAED – B 4.DBCA – E 5.CEDB - A

**Given below is a table consisting of three columns labelled I, II, and III. Each column contains phrases: A, B, and C in Column I; D, E, and F in Column II; and G, H, and I in Column III. Your task is to identify the correct sequence of phrases—one from each column—that combine to form a grammatically correct and meaningful sentence. Choose the correct sequence from the options provided and mark it as your answer. If none of the options results in a meaningful sentence, select "None of these" as your answer.**

Column I	Column II	Column III
<b>A.</b> universities, on the other hand, cultivate critical thinking, creativity, and collaboration	<b>D.</b> obsessed with rote learning, defenders insist they remain vital for fostering	<b>G.</b> intellectual curiosity and civic responsibility in an evolving global context
<b>B.</b> rapid automation and evolving technologies have forced industries to constantly	<b>E.</b> and green technology highlights the urgent need to bridge the skills gap	<b>H.</b> to build an ecosystem responsive, inclusive, and aligned with future needs
<b>C.</b> while critics argue that universities are outdated relics of a 150-year-old system	<b>F.</b> contributes roughly eight to ten percent of global greenhouse-gas emissions	<b>I.</b> and buyers willing to make thriftier, steadier choices that prioritise sustainability

- 1.A + E + I 2.C + D + G 3.B + F + H 4.A + D + H 5.None of these  
**Q28.**

Column I	Column II	Column III
<b>A.</b> many well-qualified graduates find themselves adrift at the threshold of	<b>D.</b> which aids problem-solving but increases vulnerability when digital access	<b>G.</b> can subtly impair creativity, independent reasoning, and academic resilience
<b>B.</b> change requires iterative collaboration through biannual curriculum reviews,	<b>E.</b> while employers must invest in onboarding, mentoring, and rotational assignments	<b>H.</b> often stalled right at the starting line and watching opportunity slip away
<b>C.</b> small steps, such as one redesigned course, one employer-college project,	<b>F.</b> meaningful employment, as employability now demands cognitive tools,	<b>I.</b> technical fluency, and an adaptive mindset to add value from the very first day

- 1.B + D + I 2.C + F + G 3.A + F + I 4.B + E + H 5.None of these

**Q29.**

Column I	Column II	Column III
<b>A.</b> early-career researchers are packing up or shifting overseas after fellowships	<b>D.</b> outpacing U.S. growth and enabling a coordinated climb in high-impact publications	<b>G.</b> that erodes the nation's long-term capacity for discovery and commercialization
<b>B.</b> abrupt cuts are undermining exploratory work that seeds later breakthroughs,	<b>E.</b> a once-robust research ecosystem, terminating hundreds of active grants,	<b>H.</b> paring core programmes and undermining exploratory work seeding breakthroughs
<b>C.</b> the recent U.S. retrenchment in basic science funding has begun to erode	<b>F.</b> as incremental tinkering cannot substitute for sustained, curiosity-driven investment	<b>I.</b> narrowing the flow of talent feeding faculty, industry, and entrepreneurial ecosystems

- 1.C + D + I 2.A + F + G 3.B + E + G 4.C + E + H 5.None of these  
**Q30.**

Column I	Column II	Column III
<b>A.</b> nearly all of India's essential lithium, cobalt, and nickel requirements, along with	<b>D.</b> over ninety percent of its rare earth elements, are imported, leaving the country	<b>G.</b> vulnerable to supply chain disruptions and volatile geopolitical developments
<b>B.</b> India's ambition to become a global frontrunner in clean energy and sustainable growth	<b>E.</b> India's mining sector contributes about two and a half percent to the national GDP	<b>H.</b> building domestic refining and processing capacity remains the test of self-reliance
<b>C.</b> the Electric Mobility Promotion Scheme 2024 has accelerated India's clean energy transition,	<b>F.</b> securing critical minerals like lithium, cobalt, and rare earth elements essential for	<b>I.</b> India can transform its ambitious clean energy vision into a tangible reality

- 1.A + D + G 2.B + F + I 3.C + E + I 4.A + E + H 5.None of these

**Each of the three sentences below contains the same highlighted word. Identify the sentences in which the highlighted word is used incorrectly, and mark them as your answer.**

**Q31.DETEST**

- A.** The researcher can **detest** to the accuracy of the data through documented evidence.  
**B.** Thousands gathered outside parliament to **detest** the government's controversial new policy.  
**C.** She may admire his talent, but she deeply **detests** his arrogance and condescending tone.

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

**Q32.LAYMAN**

- A.** Though he was a **layman**, his insightful questions impressed the panel of experts.  
**B.** People gathered in the square to **layman** the sudden loss of their beloved leader.

C. To a **layman**, the legal document seemed unnecessarily complex and filled with jargon.

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

**Q33.YEARN**

A. A sudden **yearn** interrupted the lecture, spreading contagious fatigue across the entire room.

B. A small **yearn** unfurled beside the path, its delicate fronds shimmering with morning dew.

C. Even after hours of discussion, it was difficult to **yearn** the committee's final intention.

- 1.All A, B, and C 2.Only C 3.Both A and C 4.Only B 5.None of these

**Q34.CAJOLE**

A. The manager tried to **cajole** the team into working late with promises of rewards.

B. Students must **cajole** in the online portal before attending any of the scheduled classes.

C. She attempted to **cajole** her friend into attending the event despite his reluctance.

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

**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.**

The human skin, the largest organ of the body, functions as a vast ecological landscape inhabited by a **myriad** of microorganisms—bacteria, fungi, viruses, and mites—that together constitute the skin microbiome. This living ecosystem thrives on the nutrients secreted by the skin, including lipids, salts, amino acids, and proteins, and plays a vital role in maintaining both skin and systemic immunity. However, the booming global skincare market, valued at \$192.8 billion in 2025 and projected to more than double by 2035, poses an unforeseen threat to this delicate microbial balance. Excessive reliance on synthetic formulations—laden with ingredients such as parabens, kojic acid, and hyaluronic acid—can inadvertently diminish microbial richness and upset the harmony of the skin ecosystem.

Microbiome-enhancing skincare has therefore emerged as a promising innovation that seeks to restore and preserve microbial diversity while improving skin health. These advanced formulations incorporate probiotics, postbiotics, or prebiotics, each contributing uniquely to microbial equilibrium. Topical probiotics, often comprising live or inactivated *Bifidobacterium* and *Lactobacillus* species, have been shown to combat acne, dermatitis, and photoageing by replenishing lost microbial populations and strengthening the skin's protective barrier. Studies demonstrate that probiotics **mitigate** UV-induced oxidative stress, inhibit enzyme-driven protein degradation, and produce antioxidant biomolecules that preserve collagen integrity. These "friendly bacteria" also secrete organic acids that improve moisture retention, texture, and skin brightness, thereby merging therapeutic and cosmetic benefits.

Equally important are postbiotics—the bioactive molecules derived from probiotics—and prebiotics, the non-digestible carbohydrates that nourish skin-resident microbes. Postbiotics offer stability and safety advantages over live formulations, while prebiotics, such as inulin, promote resident microbial growth and generate beneficial fermentation products. Together, these agents form a triad that sustains a resilient and radiant skin microbiome. Yet, despite their potential, the field remains under-regulated and partly speculative. Many products marketed as "probiotic skincare" are, in reality, postbiotic or prebiotic formulations. As experts like Richard Gallo caution, robust clinical validation and standardized regulatory frameworks are imperative before microbiome-focused skincare can be fully trusted as both a scientific and cosmetic breakthrough.

**Q35.The passage suggests that the booming skincare market threatens the skin microbiome because \_\_\_\_\_.**

1.it discourages dermatologists from recommending natural alternatives that support microbial homeostasis effectively.

2.synthetic skincare formulations remove essential amino acids that promote microbial adhesion and bacterial reproduction.

3.excessive dependence on artificial ingredients can disrupt microbial richness and compromise ecological balance on the skin.

4.the commercialization of cosmetic products increases human exposure to pollutants, damaging epidermal microbial layers.

5.parabens and kojic acids dissolve natural sebum layers and significantly reduce lipid absorption required by microbes.

**Q36.Which of the following words is similar in meaning to the highlighted word "myriad" in the context of the passage?**

- 1.semblance 2.plethora 3.paucity 4.tenacity 5.facet

**Q37.Microbiome-enhancing skincare formulations aim primarily to \_\_\_\_\_.**

1.protect human skin by creating chemical barriers that completely block microbial access and nutrient exchange.

2.restore microbial equilibrium while delivering dermatological and cosmetic benefits through symbiotic bioactive components.

3.eliminate pathogenic bacteria by using synthetic antimicrobials that increase keratin production and collagen synthesis.

4.provide antimicrobial protection that minimizes oxidative reactions and restricts lipid secretion from sebaceous glands.

5.promote epidermal exfoliation by removing resident bacteria and enhancing epidermal cell turnover through acids.

**Q38.Which of the following words has a meaning opposite to the highlighted word "mitigate" in the context of the passage?**

- 1.enumerate 2.alleviate 3.exacerbate 4.ameliorate 5.reconcile

**Q39.Experts like Richard Gallo argue that microbiome-focused skincare cannot be fully trusted until \_\_\_\_\_.**

1.sufficient consumer trials confirm its efficiency in enhancing microbial diversity and reducing skin inflammation.

2.strong scientific validation and consistent regulatory oversight confirm its therapeutic and cosmetic reliability.

3.all probiotic skincare brands adopt natural ingredients and abandon synthetic formulations containing parabens.

4.dermatologists worldwide agree on its long-term dermatological benefits and establish commercial marketing guidelines.

5.prebiotic formulations outperform postbiotic counterparts in laboratory studies conducted under standardized conditions.

**Q40.According to the passage, which of the following sentences are TRUE/FALSE?**

A. Probiotics can reduce UV-induced oxidative stress and help preserve collagen integrity.

B. Experts like Richard Gallo warn that robust clinical validation and regulation are imperative.

C. The global skincare market was valued at \$192.8 billion in 2025 and growing.

D. Hyaluronic acid is a natural skin nutrient primarily produced by resident microbes.

E. Human skin hosts bacteria, fungi, viruses, and mites, forming a complex ecosystem.

- 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

### 1. Answer: A

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

"The revised blueprint seeks to move beyond afforestation numbers, focusing on biodiversity-rich ecosystems such as the Aravalli Hills, Western Ghats, mangroves, and Himalayan catchments. It aims to integrate restoration with existing policies like the National Agroforestry Policy and CAMPA."

This part of the passage clearly shows that the key shift in the revised Green India Mission is to move past mere numerical afforestation targets and focus instead on restoring ecologically rich and diverse ecosystems through integrated and sustainable approaches.

**Therefore, the correct answer is "Moving beyond numerical afforestation targets toward biodiversity-rich ecosystem restoration across diverse forest landscapes."**

### 2. Answer: B

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

**Sentence A:** India plans to eliminate most of the existing monoculture plantations by 2026 in order to effectively preserve native biodiversity.

This sentence cannot be inferred from the passage. The passage does call for a shift "from monocultures to native species," but it does not state any plan to eliminate most existing monoculture plantations nor mention the specific year 2026.

**Sentence B:** Some Indian states are experimenting with community-led forest restoration models that combine ecological and livelihood goals.

This sentence can be inferred from the passage. The passage explicitly notes that "states such as Odisha and Chhattisgarh are experimenting with community-led and biodiversity-sensitive models that intertwine conservation with livelihood enhancement," which supports sentence B.

**Sentence C:** The effectiveness of restoration efforts depends largely on technical expertise and the proper use of available financial resources.

This sentence can be inferred from the passage. The passage states that "success hinges on the technical capacity of forest departments and efficient utilisation of vast financial resources," and mentions the underutilisation of the ₹95,000 crore CAMPA fund, supporting sentence C.

Based on this analysis, both sentences B and C can be inferred from the passage.

**Therefore, the correct answer is "Both B and C."**

### 3. Answer: E

To answer this question, let's first examine the sentence containing the blank:

Encouragingly, states such as Odisha and Chhattisgarh are experimenting with community-led and biodiversity-sensitive models that \_\_\_\_\_ conservation with livelihood enhancement.

This sentence indicates that these models combine or connect two ideas — conservation and livelihood enhancement, in a mutually beneficial way.

The word in the blank must convey the sense of linking or blending these two aspects together.

**Now, let's review the provided options:**

**Intercept:** to stop or seize something before it reaches its destination.

**Interfere:** to get involved in a way that hinders or obstructs.

**Enumerate:** to list or count things one by one.

**Substantiate:** to prove or support something with evidence.

**Intertwine:** to twist or weave together closely; metaphorically, to connect or link elements in a complex or integrated way.

Considering the context of the sentence, the word "intertwine" fits best as it expresses the notion of linking conservation efforts with livelihood enhancement in an integrated manner.

**The complete sentence would be:** Encouragingly, states such as Odisha and Chhattisgarh are experimenting with community-led and biodiversity-sensitive models that intertwine conservation with livelihood enhancement.

**Therefore, the correct answer is "intertwine."**

### 4. Answer: B

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

"A 2025 study by IIT Kharagpur revealed a 12% decline in the photosynthetic efficiency of dense forests due to rising temperatures and soil desiccation, underscoring that quantity without quality cannot yield climate resilience."

This part of the passage clearly shows that the concern highlighted by the 2025 IIT Kharagpur study is the decline in photosynthetic efficiency of dense forests, which is caused by rising temperatures and increasing soil dryness, thereby emphasizing that mere expansion of forest area without maintaining ecological quality cannot ensure climate resilience.

**Therefore, the correct answer is "A decline in photosynthetic efficiency due to rising temperatures and increasing soil desiccation in dense forests."**

### 5. Answer: D

To answer this question, read the passage carefully to understand its overall theme.

The passage analyses India's revised Green India Mission and argues that restoring forests is central to the country's climate strategy. It stresses that a mere increase in green cover won't suffice; ecological integrity, native-species restoration, community participation, institutional capacity, and prudent financial use are all essential. The passage surveys regional initiatives, identifies persistent gaps (community rights, ecological design, fiscal inertia), and advocates transforming GIM into a people-centered, data-driven ecological movement that positions forests as a pillar of India's future development and climate resilience.

**Now, let's review the options:**

**Option a: "Economy and Ecology: An Uneasy Partnership"**

This title points to the tension between development and environmental protection, which is present in the passage. However, it's too broad and doesn't capture the specific focus on forests, restoration goals, and the Green India Mission. Thus, it is not the best choice.

**Option b: "The Climate Crusade of Emerging India"**

This sounds like a sweeping, activist-oriented title about India's climate efforts. While related, it's vague and doesn't emphasize forests or the policy and community dimensions central to the passage. Thus, it's not the most suitable.

**Option c: "Planting Hope: India's Path to Progress"**

This title is optimistic and references planting, but it's lightweight and vague. The passage critically examines technical, legal, and institutional challenges rather than only offering a hopeful narrative, so this title is incomplete.

**Option d: "Forests: The Green Pillar of India's Future"**

This title directly names forests and frames them as a foundational element of India's future, exactly the passage's thesis. It captures the policy focus (GIM), the climate and development linkage, and the idea of forests serving as a central pillar for resilience and national progress. Thus, this is the most accurate and comprehensive title.

**Option e: "Carbon Markets and India's Rural Upliftment"**

While the passage mentions carbon-credit initiatives and livelihoods, its primary focus is broader: ecological integrity, restoration strategies, rights, and institutional reforms. Thus, this title is too narrow and misplaces emphasis on only one component.

After careful consideration, the most suitable title for the passage, which encapsulates its main argument and vision, is option d: "Forests: The Green Pillar of India's Future."

**Therefore, the correct answer is "Forests: The Green Pillar of India's Future."**

### 6. Answer: B

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

"Equally vital is the shift from monocultures to native species, crucial for maintaining hydrological balance and biodiversity."

This part of the passage clearly shows that the replacement of monocultures with native species is considered essential because native species play a critical role in maintaining the natural water balance (hydrological balance), preserving biodiversity, and thereby ensuring the overall resilience of ecosystems.

Therefore, the correct answer is "Because native species improve hydrological balance, maintain biodiversity, and ensure ecosystem resilience."

#### 7. Answer: C

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

**Sentence A:** The Forest Rights Act (2006) grants financial compensation to rural villagers displaced by government-led afforestation projects.

This sentence cannot be inferred from the passage. The passage mentions that "many plantation drives overlook their legal rights and consent under the Forest Rights Act (2006)," but it does not say anything about the Act granting financial compensation or about displacement due to afforestation.

**Sentence B:** The IIT Kharagpur study suggests that climate stress factors like rising temperatures are undermining forest health in India.

This sentence can be inferred from the passage. The passage states that "a 2025 study by IIT Kharagpur revealed a 12% decline in the photosynthetic efficiency of dense forests due to rising temperatures and soil desiccation," which clearly implies that climatic stress is damaging forest health.

**Sentence C:** The Green India Mission was originally launched with the primary objective of addressing desertification in western India.

This sentence cannot be inferred from the passage. The passage discusses the revised GIM's goal to "restore 25 million hectares of degraded forest and non-forest land by 2030" and its broader focus on biodiversity-rich ecosystems, but it does not state that the mission was originally launched primarily to address desertification in western India.

Based on this analysis, neither sentence A nor C can be inferred from the passage.

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

#### 8. Answer: E

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

"However, India's forest sector continues to grapple with three persistent gaps: community participation, ecological design, and financial prudence. Although nearly 200 million Indians depend on forests, many plantation drives overlook their legal rights and consent under the Forest Rights Act (2006)."

This part of the passage clearly shows that the enduring challenges affecting India's forest sector are the lack of community participation, insufficient ecological design in restoration projects, and inadequate financial prudence in managing resources.

Therefore, the correct answer is "Lack of community participation, ecological design, and effective financial prudence in restoration efforts."

#### 9. Answer: B

To answer this question, let's first understand the context of the sentence containing the highlighted word labelled as (A):

Human instinct clings to people, memories, successes, failures, and even persistent pain; we construe tenacity as **audacity** (A).

This sentence describes how human beings naturally tend to hold on—to people, experiences, and emotions, and how they often interpret their persistence (tenacity) in doing so.

**Highlighted word:**

**Audacity:** boldness; daring; willingness to take risks (often disrespectful or shocking boldness).

This word does not fit the context. The sentence implies that people mistakenly interpret tenacity (persistence or determination) as something positive, specifically as faithfulness or loyal attachment, not as boldness or reckless daring.

Now, let's consider the meanings of the words given as options:

**Perfidy:** deceitfulness; betrayal of trust.

**Fidelity:** faithfulness; loyalty; the quality of being devoted.

**Ambiguity:** the quality of being open to more than one interpretation; vagueness.

**Apathy:** lack of interest or concern.

After understanding the context and meanings of the options, we can conclude that the correct word to replace "audacity" is "fidelity," because it accurately conveys the idea that we often mistake tenacity for faithfulness or loyalty, believing that clinging shows devotion.

**The correct sentence after the replacement would be:** Human instinct clings to people, memories, successes, failures, and even persistent pain; we construe tenacity as **fidelity**.

Therefore, the correct answer is "fidelity."

#### 10. Answer: B

To answer this question, let's first understand the context of the sentence containing the highlighted word labelled as (B):

Like an arboreal cycle, a tree discards leaves in autumn not from **benevolence** (B) but in concord with rhythm; wisdom discerns when attachment nourishes and when it only exhausts.

This sentence compares human detachment to a tree shedding its leaves: a natural and rhythmic act rather than one motivated by kindness or compassion.

**Highlighted word:**

**Benevolence:** the quality of being well-meaning; kindness; desire to do good to others.

This word does not fit the context. The sentence sets up a contrast — "not from \_\_\_\_\_ but in concord with rhythm." So, the word, here, should express something whose motivation can contrast with natural inevitability.

Now, let's consider the meanings of the options given:

**Rancour:** bitterness or resentfulness, especially long-standing.

**Clemency:** mercy; lenience.

**Austerity:** sternness or severity of manner or attitude; plainness.

**Epiphany:** a sudden realization or insight.

Among these, "clemency" best fits the contrast implied in the sentence. The idea is that the tree's act of letting go (shedding leaves) does not arise out of positive emotion like "clemency" (mercy; lenience), but from harmony with nature's rhythm.

**The correct sentence after the replacement would be:** Like an arboreal cycle, a tree discards leaves in autumn not from **clemency** but in concord with rhythm; wisdom discerns when attachment nourishes and when it only exhausts.

Therefore, the correct answer is "clemency."

#### 11. Answer: D

To answer this question, let's first understand the context of the sentence containing the highlighted word labelled as (C):

With failures, we commonly rehearse remorse; **perpetuating** (C) self-reproach is courageous and catalytic, enabling innovation.

This sentence discusses how people respond to failures. It suggests that feeling regret (remorse) is natural, but continuing to hold onto that regret in a positive, transformative way can lead to growth and innovation.

**Highlighted word:**

**Perpetuating:** continuing or preserving something indefinitely; causing to continue.

This word does not fit the context. The sentence implies that holding onto self-reproach (guilt) is not courageous or catalytic; rather, letting go of it is what enables renewal and innovation.

Now, let's consider the meanings of the words given as options:

**Delineating:** describing or outlining precisely.

**Corroborating:** confirming or supporting with evidence.

**Harbouring:** keeping a feeling or thought, typically negative, in one's mind.

**Relinquishing:** voluntarily giving up or letting go.

Among these, "relinquishing" aligns best with the context. The author emphasizes that letting go of remorse and self-reproach after failure is what fosters courage and growth.

**The correct sentence after replacement would be:** With failures, we commonly rehearse remorse; **relinquishing** self-reproach is courageous and catalytic, enabling innovation.

Therefore, the correct answer is "relinquishing."

#### 12. Answer: B

**To answer this question, let's first understand the context of the sentence containing the highlighted word labelled as (D):**

Letting go is seldom instantaneous; it is an incremental, **pragmatic (D)** progression akin to untying a complex knot, requiring patience and judicious persistence.

This sentence compares the act of letting go to untying a complex knot—something that takes time, patience, and careful effort.

**Highlighted word:**

**Pragmatic:** dealing with things sensibly and realistically in a way that is based on practical rather than theoretical considerations.

This word does not fit the context well. The act of letting go here is not being described as practical or utilitarian, but rather as emotionally cleansing and healing, a process that helps restore inner balance.

**Now, let's consider the meanings of the words given as options:**

**Lucid:** clear and easily understood.

**Cathartic:** emotionally purging or releasing; providing psychological relief through open expression.

**Traumatic:** emotionally disturbing or distressing.

**Erudite:** having or showing great knowledge or learning.

After understanding the context and the meanings of the options, we can conclude that the correct word to replace "pragmatic" is "cathartic," because the process of letting go is portrayed as an act that releases emotional tension and leads to renewal, not as a practical or logical process.

**The correct sentence after the replacement would be:** Letting go is seldom instantaneous; it is an incremental, **cathartic** progression akin to untying a complex knot, requiring patience and judicious persistence.

**Therefore, the correct answer is "cathartic."**

**13. Answer: C**

**To answer this question, let's first understand the context of the sentence containing the highlighted word labelled as (E):**

It affirms that uncertainty often conceals **ominous (E)** opportunities for growth and deeper compassion.

This sentence conveys a reflective and positive tone, emphasizing how uncertainty, though unsettling, can lead to personal growth and compassion.

**Highlighted word:**

**Ominous:** suggesting that something bad or unpleasant is going to happen; threatening.

This word does not fit the context. "Ominous opportunities" implies that the opportunities are threatening or foreboding, which contradicts the intended meaning of optimism and growth. The sentence instead implies that uncertainty hides positive or fortunate possibilities.

**Now, let's consider the meanings of the words given as options:**

**Deleterious:** harmful or damaging.

**Pedantic:** overly concerned with minor details or rules.

**Serendipitous:** occurring or discovered by chance, happily or beneficially.

**Ephemeral:** lasting for a very short time.

After understanding the context and the meanings of the options, we can conclude that the correct word to replace "ominous" is "serendipitous," because it captures the idea that uncertainty can hide fortunate and unexpected opportunities for growth and compassion.

**The correct sentence after the replacement would be:** It affirms that uncertainty often conceals **serendipitous** opportunities for growth and deeper compassion.

**Therefore, the correct answer is "serendipitous."**

**14. Answer: A**

**Both parts A and C of the sentence contain errors.**

**Part A:** "The most beautiful painting in"

Part A is erroneous because "most beautiful" is a nonstandard, incorrect double superlative. The correct superlative form of "beautiful" is "most beautiful," so the correct phrase should be "The most beautiful painting."

**Part C:** "who everyone admired for her ability"

Part C is erroneous because the relative pronoun "who" is incorrectly used as the object of the verb "admired." The correct objective form is "whom." So, "who" should be replaced with "whom." The correct phrase should be "whom everyone admired for her ability."

**Hence, the correct answer is "A and C."**

**The correct sentence would be:** The most beautiful painting in the gallery was created by an artist whom everyone admired for her ability to skillfully combine colour, emotion, and perfect symmetry in her work.

**15. Answer: C**

**Both parts A and D of the sentence contain errors.**

**Part A:** "The company's equipments were inspected yesterday"

Part A is erroneous because the word "equipment" is an uncountable noun and does not take a plural form. So, "equipments" should be replaced with "equipment," and since it is treated as singular, the correct verb should be "was" instead of "were." The correct phrase should be "The company's equipment was inspected yesterday."

**Part D:** "which could latter significantly affect"

Part D is erroneous because "latter" is used to refer to the second of two previously mentioned items, while the adverb "later" indicates time. The intended meaning here is time, so "latter" should be replaced with "later."

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

**The correct sentence would be:** The company's equipment was inspected yesterday, and the supervisor, whom everyone trusted, overlooked the faulty machine parts, which could later significantly affect the overall production process in a bad way.

**16. Answer: D**

**Both parts A and B of the sentence contain errors.**

**Part A:** "No sooner he left the selection panel"

Part A is erroneous because the phrase "No sooner" must be followed by an auxiliary verb (had) before the subject in an inverted structure. The correct form should be "No sooner had he left the selection panel."

**Part B:** "when the department agreed that"

Part B is erroneous because the correct correlative pair is "No sooner... than," not "No sooner... when." So, "when" should be replaced with "than."

**Hence, the correct answer is "A and B."**

**The correct sentence would be:** No sooner had he left the selection panel than the department agreed that he was by far the best candidate for the promotion, and many regretted not seeking his counsel before finalising their choice.

**17. Answer: C**

**Both parts A and C of the sentence contain errors.**

**Part A:** "They argued that managers must to consult"

Part A is erroneous because the modal verb "must" is always followed by the base form of the verb, not "to + verb." So, "must to consult" should be corrected to "must consult."

**Part C:** "blamed each other, creating friction"

Part C is erroneous because "each other" is normally used for two people; the phrase "several supervisors" indicates more than two, so "one another" is the preferable and more precise choice here.

**Hence, the correct answer is "A and C."**

**The correct sentence would be:** They argued that managers must consult on promotions, but several supervisors prematurely blamed one another, creating friction and undermining the transparent procedures the organisation had spent years developing.

**18. Answer: A**

**Both parts C and E of the sentence contain errors.**

**Part C:** "and the amount of employees working on"

Part C is erroneous because the word "amount" is used for uncountable nouns, whereas "employees" is countable. So, "amount" should be replaced with "number" to maintain grammatical correctness.

**Part E:** "compared from the previous month's figures"

Part E is erroneous because the verb "compared" takes the prepositions "to" or "with;" "compared from" is incorrect. So, it should be "compared to the previous month's figures."

**Hence, the correct answer is "C and E."**

**The correct sentence would be:** The manager asked me to complete the detailed report before noon, and the number of employees working on the project was surprisingly small compared to the previous month's figures.

**19. Answer: C**

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

True bliss \_\_\_\_\_ not from \_\_\_\_\_ worldly pleasures but from an \_\_\_\_\_ consciousness that \_\_\_\_\_ hardship as an \_\_\_\_\_ of purification and spiritual elevation.

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

**(A) Perceives:** becomes aware of or understands through the senses or mind.

**(B) Transient:** lasting only for a short time; temporary.

**(C) Awakened:** having increased awareness or spiritual insight.

**(D) Emanates:** issues forth or originates from a source; arises.

**(E) Instrument:** a means or tool by which something is achieved.

Swapping A (perceives) with D (emanates) ensures both grammatical correctness and logical coherence.

"True bliss emanates" is the appropriate collocation because bliss arises or emanates from a source.

"Consciousness that perceives hardship" is natural and meaningful; consciousness can perceive or recognize hardship.

No other words need to be interchanged, as the rest of the sentence is already coherent.

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

**The correct sentences after the interchange would be:** "True bliss **emanates** not from **transient** worldly pleasures but from an **awakened** consciousness that **perceives** hardship as an **instrument** of purification and spiritual elevation."

**20. Answer: E**

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

True happiness is fundamentally independent of \_\_\_\_\_ and anchored instead in \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ companionship, and the \_\_\_\_\_ of shared, uncomplicated living.

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

**(A) Ostentatious:** showy or pretentiously conspicuous; intended to attract notice or impress others.

**(B) Opulence:** great wealth or luxuriousness; lavish abundance.

**(C) Contentment:** a state of satisfaction and peaceful happiness.

**(D) Steadfast:** firm, loyal, and unwavering in purpose or support.

**(E) Serenity:** the quality of being calm, peaceful, and untroubled.

After understanding the context of the sentence and the meanings of the marked words, we can conclude that all words fit their respective places perfectly, with no need for any interchange.

**Therefore, the correct answer is "No interchange required."**

**21. Answer: E**

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

Understanding the \_\_\_\_\_ of not being loved demands acceptance of vulnerability, a \_\_\_\_\_ effort to \_\_\_\_\_ self-reliance, and a \_\_\_\_\_ so tenderness may enter later.

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

**(A) Paradox:** a seemingly contradictory or absurd situation that nevertheless may be true.

**(B) Steady:** continuous, constant, and dependable; showing persistent effort.

**(C) Cultivate:** to foster growth or development; to nurture or promote.

**(D) Gentle:** mild, kind, and tender in manner or effect.

**(E) Receptivity:** the quality of being open and willing to receive feelings, impressions, or ideas.

After understanding the context of the sentence and the meanings of the marked words, we can conclude that all words fit their respective places perfectly, with no need for any interchange.

**Therefore, the correct answer is "No interchange required."**

**22. Answer: D**

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

No amount of money can \_\_\_\_\_ a body \_\_\_\_\_ through neglect; \_\_\_\_\_ treatments give only temporary \_\_\_\_\_, while daily nutrition and exercise remain absolutely \_\_\_\_\_.

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

**(A) Reprieve:** a temporary relief or escape from something unpleasant.

**(B) Extravagant:** excessive in spending, effort, or display.

**(C) Deteriorating:** becoming progressively worse.

**(D) Salvage:** to save or rescue from loss or ruin.

**(E) Indispensable:** absolutely necessary; essential.

Swapping A (reprieve) with D (salvage), and B (extravagant) with C (deteriorating) ensures both grammatical correctness and logical coherence.

"Salvage" fits logically in the phrase "No amount of money can salvage a body," because money cannot truly save or restore a body ruined by neglect.

"A body deteriorating through neglect" correctly describes the process by which the body worsens.

"Extravagant treatments give only temporary reprieve" conveys that flashy or excessive medical interventions may offer only short-term relief.

"Indispensable" correctly remains in place to describe daily nutrition and exercise as essential.

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

**The correct sentences after the interchange would be:** "No amount of money can **salvage** a body **deteriorating** through neglect; **extravagant** treatments give only temporary **reprieve**, while daily nutrition and exercise remain absolutely **indispensable**."

**23. Answer: C**

**C**, "while malnutrition among the poor remains a concern," introduces the sentence by stating the central issue and framing the contrast between different socioeconomic groups.

**A**, "even those who can afford food are often consuming" logically follows C by specifying which group is being contrasted—those who can afford food.

**B**, "unhealthy ultra-processed meals that harm their bodies," continues from A by identifying what they are consuming and the harm it causes.

**D**, "particularly during their most crucial formative years" completes the idea by specifying when the harm is most significant.

**Segment E**, "when advertisements glorify instant indulgent delights," introduces a causal detail that does not fit smoothly into the main contrast and so is the odd one out.

**The complete sentence would be:** "While malnutrition among the poor remains a concern, even those who can afford food are often consuming unhealthy ultra-processed meals that harm their bodies, particularly during their most crucial formative years."

**Therefore, the correct answer is "CABD - E."**

**24. Answer: A**

**A**, "loneliness remains a shared anxiety across generations," introduces the sentence by stating the central observation about the prevalence of loneliness across age groups.

**D**, "but strong family bonds continue to serve as an emotional," logically follows A by providing a contrasting and hopeful counterpoint—family bonds as emotional support.

**C**, "refuge, offering both companionship and resilience amid," continues from D by specifying the role those bonds play—acting as a refuge that provides companionship and resilience.

**B**, "the growing pressures of urbanisation and social change," completes the idea introduced in C by specifying the context in which that refuge is needed—the pressures of urbanisation and social change.

**Segment E**, "disconnected voices softly echoing across silent screens," introduces a separate, more visual image and does not logically fit into the abstract flow about loneliness and family bonds.

**The complete sentence would be:** "Loneliness remains a shared anxiety across generations, but strong family bonds continue to serve as an emotional refuge, offering both companionship and resilience amid the growing pressures of urbanisation and social change."

**Therefore, the correct answer is "ADC B - E."**

**25. Answer: D**

**A**, "the growing acceptance of daughters performing the final rites," introduces the sentence by presenting the subject — a specific social change concerning daughters and funeral rituals.

**C**, "represents a crucial and progressive step toward gender equality," follows A by stating the significance of that change, framing it as an advance for gender equality.

**B**, "reflecting a society gradually and consciously freeing itself from," logically continues from C by explaining what this step indicates about the broader social transformation.

**D**, "restrictive traditions and deeply biased religious interpretations," completes the thought begun in B by specifying what the society is freeing itself from.

**Segment E**, "emerging from complex psychological and emotional dynamics," introduces an unrelated causal explanation about psychological origins and does not logically fit the stated progression about social change and gender equality.

**The complete sentence would be:** "The growing acceptance of daughters performing the final rites represents a crucial and progressive step toward gender equality, reflecting a society gradually and consciously freeing itself from restrictive traditions and deeply biased religious interpretations."

**Therefore, the correct answer is "ACBD - E."**

**26. Answer: E**

**C**, "true fairness cannot exist in a culture where individuals," introduces the sentence by stating the central thesis that fairness is impossible under certain cultural conditions.

**E**, "are compelled to suppress emotions or ambitions merely," follows C by specifying the actions imposed on individuals in that culture.

**D**, "to conform to deeply rigid gendered norms that determine," continues from E by explaining the reason for that suppression—conformity to strict gendered norms.

**B**, "who deserves to lead and who must stay silent or submissive," completes the idea by specifying the rigid determinations those norms enforce.

**Segment A**, "breaking entrenched patterns that masquerade as natural order," introduces a separate idea and does not logically fit the flow about fairness and gendered norms.

**The complete sentence would be:** "True fairness cannot exist in a culture where individuals are compelled to suppress emotions or ambitions merely to conform to deeply rigid gendered norms that determine who deserves to lead and who must stay silent or submissive."

**Therefore, the correct answer is "CEDB - A."**

**27. Answer: B**

**The combination that creates a coherent sentence is "C + D + G."**

**The complete sentence would be:** "While critics argue that universities are outdated relics of a 150-year-old system obsessed with rote learning, defenders insist they remain vital for fostering intellectual curiosity and civic responsibility in an evolving global context."

**28. Answer: C**

**The combination that creates a coherent sentence is "A + F + I."**

**The complete sentence would be:** "Many well-qualified graduates find themselves adrift at the threshold of meaningful employment, as employability now demands cognitive tools, technical fluency, and an adaptive mindset to add value from the very first day."

**29. Answer: D**

**The combination that creates a coherent sentence is "C + E + H."**

**The complete sentence would be:** "The recent U.S. retrenchment in basic science funding has begun to erode a once-robust research ecosystem, terminating hundreds of active grants, paring core programmes and undermining exploratory work seeding breakthroughs."

**30. Answer: A**

**The combination that creates a coherent sentence is "A + D + G."**

**The complete sentence would be:** "Nearly all of India's essential lithium, cobalt, and nickel requirements, along with over ninety percent of its rare earth elements, are imported, leaving the country vulnerable to supply chain disruptions and volatile geopolitical developments."

**31. Answer: E**

**To answer this question, let's first understand the meaning of the highlighted word given in the question:**

**Detest:** to dislike intensely; to feel strong hatred or aversion toward someone or something.

**Now, let's examine the given sentences:**

**Sentence A:** The researcher can **detest** to the accuracy of the data through documented evidence.

This sentence uses the highlighted word "detest" incorrectly. The intended word here is "attest," meaning to confirm or provide evidence for something. "Detest" means to hate, which makes no sense in this context.

**Sentence B:** Thousands gathered outside parliament to **detest** the government's controversial new policy.

This sentence also uses the highlighted word "detest" incorrectly. The intended word is "protest," meaning to publicly express objection or disapproval. "Detest" refers to an internal feeling of hatred, not an external act of demonstration.

**Sentence C:** She may admire his talent, but she deeply **detests** his arrogance and condescending tone.

This sentence uses the highlighted word "detest" correctly. It expresses strong dislike or hatred toward someone's arrogance, which aligns perfectly with the meaning of "detest." So, out of the three given sentences, sentences A and B use the highlighted word "detest" incorrectly.

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

**32. Answer: B**

**To answer this question, let's first understand the meaning of the highlighted word given in the question:**

**Layman:** a person who is not trained, qualified, or experienced in a particular subject or profession.

**Now, let's examine the given sentences:**

**Sentence A:** Though he was a **layman**, his insightful questions impressed the panel of experts.

This sentence uses the highlighted word "layman" correctly. It refers to someone who is not an expert yet participates intelligently in a specialized discussion.

**Sentence B:** People gathered in the square to **layman** the sudden loss of their beloved leader.

This sentence uses the highlighted word "layman" incorrectly. The intended word here is "lament," which means to express grief or sorrow. "Layman" refers to a non-expert, not to mourning.

**Sentence C:** To a **layman**, the legal document seemed unnecessarily complex and filled with jargon.

This sentence uses the highlighted word "layman" correctly. It appropriately describes someone who is not trained in law and finds legal language difficult to understand.

So, out of the three given sentences, only sentence B uses the highlighted word "layman" incorrectly.

**Therefore, the correct answer is "Only B."**

**33. Answer: A**

**To answer this question, let's first understand the meaning of the highlighted word given in the question:**

**Yearn:** to have an intense feeling of longing for something, typically something that one has lost or been separated from; to desire deeply.

**Now, let's examine the given sentences:**

**Sentence A:** A sudden **yearn** interrupted the lecture, spreading contagious fatigue across the entire room.

This sentence uses the highlighted word "yearn" incorrectly. The intended word here is "yawn," meaning an involuntary opening of the mouth and a long inhale, which fits the context of contagious fatigue. "Yearn" (long for) does not fit this meaning.

**Sentence B:** A small **yearn** unfurled beside the path, its delicate fronds shimmering with morning dew.

This sentence uses the highlighted word "yearn" incorrectly. The intended word here is "fern," a plant with fronds that can unfurl. "Yearn" (to long for) is unrelated to a botanical description.

**Sentence C:** Even after hours of discussion, it was difficult to **yearn** the committee's final intention.

This sentence uses the highlighted word "yearn" incorrectly. The intended word here is "discern," meaning to perceive or discover (the committee's intention). "Yearn" (to desire) does not convey the meaning of perceiving or understanding.

So, out of the three given sentences, all of them use the highlighted word "yearn" incorrectly.

**Therefore, the correct answer is "All A, B, and C."**

**34. Answer: D**

**To answer this question, let's first understand the meaning of the highlighted word given in the question:**

**Cajole:** to persuade someone to do something by flattery or gentle urging.

**Now, let's examine the given sentences:**

**Sentence A:** The manager tried to **cajole** the team into working late with promises of rewards.

This sentence uses the highlighted word "cajole" correctly. The manager is trying to persuade the team through promises, which aligns perfectly with the meaning of "cajole."

**Sentence B:** Students must **cajole** in the online portal before attending any of the scheduled classes.

This sentence uses the highlighted word "cajole" incorrectly. The context suggests that students need to "enrol" or "register" in the online portal, not persuade anyone. So, "cajole" is inappropriate here.

**Sentence C:** She attempted to **cajole** her friend into attending the event despite his reluctance.

This sentence uses the highlighted word "cajole" correctly. The act of persuading a reluctant friend matches the meaning of "cajole."

So, out of the three given sentences, only sentence B uses the highlighted word "cajole" incorrectly.

**Therefore, the correct answer is "Only B."**

**35. Answer: C**

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

"However, the booming global skincare market, valued at \$192.8 billion in 2025 and projected to more than double by 2035, poses an unforeseen threat to this delicate microbial balance. Excessive reliance on synthetic formulations—laden with ingredients such as parabens, kojic acid, and hyaluronic acid—can inadvertently diminish microbial richness and upset the harmony of the skin ecosystem."

This part of the passage clearly shows that the growing skincare market endangers the skin microbiome because heavy use of artificial or synthetic products harms the diversity and stability of microorganisms living on the skin. The excessive dependence on chemical ingredients disturbs the ecological balance essential for healthy skin.

**Therefore, the correct answer is "excessive dependence on artificial ingredients can disrupt microbial richness and compromise ecological balance on the skin."**

**36. Answer: B**

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

**Myriad:** a countless or extremely large number of people or things.

In the passage, it refers to the numerous microorganisms—bacteria, fungi, viruses, and mites—that inhabit the human skin and together form the skin microbiome.

**Now, let's consider the options:**

**Semblance:** the outward appearance or form of something, often misleading.

**Plethora:** an excessive or large number or amount of something.

**Paucity:** the presence of something in very small or insufficient quantities; scarcity.

**Tenacity:** the quality of being determined or persistent.

**Facet:** one side or aspect of something, especially a many-sided object or idea.

After understanding the meaning of the highlighted word and all the words given as options, we can conclude that "plethora" is the most similar in meaning to "myriad" in the context of the passage, as both refer to a large or abundant number of elements.

**Therefore, the correct answer is "plethora."**

**37. Answer: B**

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

"Microbiome-enhancing skincare has therefore emerged as a promising innovation that seeks to restore and preserve microbial diversity while improving skin health. These advanced formulations incorporate probiotics, postbiotics, or prebiotics, each contributing uniquely to microbial equilibrium... These "friendly bacteria" also secrete organic acids that improve moisture retention, texture, and skin brightness, thereby merging therapeutic and cosmetic benefits."

This part of the passage clearly shows that the main goal of microbiome-enhancing skincare is to restore microbial balance while also providing both therapeutic (dermatological) and cosmetic advantages through the use of bioactive components such as probiotics, postbiotics, and prebiotics.

**Therefore, the correct answer is "restore microbial equilibrium while delivering dermatological and cosmetic benefits through symbiotic bioactive components."**

**38. Answer: C**

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

**Mitigate:** to make something less severe, harmful, or painful; to reduce the intensity or impact of something negative.

In the passage, it refers to how probiotics help lessen or reduce the damaging effects of UV-induced oxidative stress on the skin.

**Now, let's consider the options:**

**Enumerate:** to list or mention things one by one.

**Alleviate:** to ease or reduce pain or suffering.

**Exacerbate:** to make a problem, situation, or feeling worse or more severe.

**Ameliorate:** to make something better or improve a condition.

**Reconcile:** to restore friendly relations or bring into agreement.

After understanding the meaning of the highlighted word and all the words given as options, we can conclude that "exacerbate" is the most opposite in meaning to "mitigate" in the context of the passage, as it means to worsen rather than reduce or ease a harmful condition.

**Therefore, the correct answer is "exacerbate."**

**39. Answer: B**

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

"Yet, despite their potential, the field remains under-regulated and partly speculative. Many products marketed as "probiotic skincare" are, in reality, postbiotic or prebiotic formulations. As experts like Richard Gallo caution, robust clinical validation and standardized regulatory frameworks are imperative before microbiome-focused skincare can be fully trusted as both a scientific and cosmetic breakthrough."

This part of the passage clearly shows that experts emphasize the need for strong scientific testing and consistent regulation before such products can be deemed reliable. Without proper validation and oversight, claims about probiotic skincare remain speculative and cannot be fully trusted.

**Therefore, the correct answer is "strong scientific validation and consistent regulatory oversight confirm its therapeutic and cosmetic reliability."**

**40. Answer: B**

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

**Sentence A:** Probiotics can reduce UV-induced oxidative stress and help preserve collagen integrity.

This sentence is true. The passage clearly states that probiotics “mitigate UV-induced oxidative stress, inhibit enzyme-driven protein degradation, and produce antioxidant biomolecules that preserve collagen integrity,” directly supporting this claim.

**Sentence B:** Experts like Richard Gallo warn that robust clinical validation and regulation are imperative.

This sentence is true. The passage explicitly mentions that “experts like Richard Gallo caution, robust clinical validation and standardized regulatory frameworks are imperative,” which confirms this statement.

**Sentence C:** The global skincare market was valued at \$192.8 billion in 2025 and growing.

This sentence is true. The passage notes that the “booming global skincare market, valued at \$192.8 billion in 2025 and projected to more than double by 2035,” validating this statement.

**Sentence D:** Hyaluronic acid is a natural skin nutrient primarily produced by resident microbes.

This sentence is false. The passage lists skin-secreted nutrients as “lipids, salts, amino acids, and proteins” and mentions hyaluronic acid only as an ingredient in synthetic formulations; it does not say resident microbes primarily produce hyaluronic acid.

**Sentence E:** Human skin hosts bacteria, fungi, viruses, and mites, forming a complex ecosystem.

This sentence is true. The passage begins by stating that “the human skin... functions as a vast ecological landscape inhabited by a myriad of microorganisms—bacteria, fungi, viruses, and mites,” directly confirming this statement.

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."**