

English Test – 3&5

In the question below, a sentence has been given with four highlighted words. These highlighted words may not be in their correct positions. Find out the correct rearrangement of the highlighted words to make the sentence grammatically correct and contextually meaningful. If all the words are in their correct position, then select option ‘No rearrangement required’ as answer.

Q1. Despite the global (A) **resilience** slowdown, the domestic service sector (B) **patterns** to show remarkable (C) **continues** and steady growth (D) **economic** annually.
1. BCAD 2. DCBA 3. BACD 4. DCAB 5. No rearrangement required

Q2. Many retail investors are (A) **shifting** their focus from (B) **traditional** fixed deposits to more (C) **lucrative** equity-linked savings schemes (D) **recently**.
1. BDCA 2. CADB 3. ADCB 4. DBAC 5. No rearrangement required

Q3. Transparency in corporate (A) **protect** is essential to (B) **maintain** the interests of (C) **governance** shareholders and (D) **minority** high ethical standards.
1. CADB 2. DACB 3. CBAD 4. BDCA 5. No rearrangement required

In the following questions, the sentence is split into five parts and named A, B, C, D and E. These five parts are not given in their proper order. Rearrange the parts of the sentence to make a grammatically correct and contextually meaningful statement.

Q4. A. the human brain’s plasticity allows B. neuroscience research suggests that C. remains sufficiently stimulating D. for the continuous acquisition of new skills, E. provided that the cognitive environment
1. D B E A C 2. A D B C E 3. B A D E C 4. B D A E C 5. No arrangement required

Q5. A. by traditional commercial banks B. entrepreneurs who are often overlooked C. pivotal role in rural development by D. microfinance institutions play a E. providing accessible credit to small-scale
1. A E C D B 2. D C E B A 3. C D A B E 4. D B C A E 5. No arrangement required

Q6. A. cloud computing architecture has B. rapidly without the burden of C. transformed the corporate landscape by D. maintaining physical server infrastructure E. allowing businesses to scale their operations
1. E B C A D 2. A C E B D 3. B E D C A 4. C D E A B 5. No arrangement required

Q7. A. goals between the two entities B. of organizational cultures and C. the alignment of long-term strategic D. heavily on the seamless integration E. the success of a corporate merger depends
1. E D B C A 2. E A C B D 3. C A D B E 4. D C A E B 5. No arrangement required

The following question has two blanks, each blank indicating that something has been omitted. Choose the set of words for each blank that best fits in the context of the sentence.

Q8. Technological advancements have _____ productivity across industries, but they have also _____ the demand for low-skilled labor.

1. augmented, curtailed 2. stagnated, increased 3. impeded, stabilized
4. enhanced, amplified 5. accelerated, sustained

Q9. The diplomat’s _____ response helped to _____ the tension between the two neighboring nations.

1. aggressive, escalate 2. measured, alleviate 3. prompt, aggravate
4. vague, resolve 5. diplomatic, sustain

Q10. High inflation has _____ the purchasing power of the middle class, making it _____ for them to save for the future.

1. enhanced, easy 2. dampened, necessary 3. boosted, impossible
4. crippled, simple 5. eroded, difficult

Given below are three statements, some of which may be incorrect. Identify the correct statement(s) and mark it as your answer.

Q11. I. Not only did the company meet its annual targets, but it also expanded its

operations.
II. The board of directors approved the budget after reviewing the financial performance of every department.

III. Antibiotic resistance is a growing global health crisis caused by the frequent overuses of medication.

1. Only II 2. Only I 3. Both II & III 4. Both I & II 5. All I, II & III

Q12. I. Classic literature often reflects the social and political anxieties of the era in which it was written.

II. The Industrial Revolution marked a major turning point in history by changing how goods were produced.

III. A sharp decline in foreign direct investment could potentially hinder the country’s overall economic progress.

1. Only I 2. Only II 3. Both I & III 4. Both II & III 5. All I, II & III

Six sentences are given below. Five of those sentences form a meaningful paragraph while one sentence among them doesn’t match with the context of the paragraph. Find the odd sentence and arrange the remaining sentences to form a meaningful paragraph.

A) Algorithms now analyze vast amounts of transaction data in real-time to identify suspicious patterns that human monitors might miss.

B) Such a rapid processing speed allows banks to offer a seamless digital experience to their customers.

C) These automated systems reduce the time required for loan approvals from several days to just a few minutes.

D) Beyond fraud detection, machine learning models are also revolutionizing the way creditworthiness is assessed for first-time borrowers.

E) Traditional banking processes still rely heavily on manual record-keeping and paperwork in several small-town branches.

F) Financial institutions are increasingly integrating artificial intelligence to enhance their operational efficiency and security protocols.

Q13. Which of the following is the second sentence after rearrangement?
1. F 2. A 3. B 4. C 5. E

Q14. Which of the following is the different one according to the context of the paragraph?
1. B 2. D 3. C 4. E 5. F

Q15. Which of the following is the anti-penultimate sentence after rearrangement?
1. A 2. D 3. F 4. C 5. B

Q16. Which of the following is the first sentence after rearrangement?
1. E 2. B 3. A 4. C 5. F

Q17. Which of the following is the fourth sentence after rearrangement?
1. E 2. F 3. D 4. C 5. B

In the table given below two columns are given to connect the sentence. The sentence given in column A may or may not be connected with column B contextually and grammatically. You have to identify possible combination to combine the sentence from column A to column B. If any possible connections are not found from the option, choose “None of these.”

Column A	Column B
A) The government increased subsidies for farmers,	1) while regulators debating on their long-term impact on financial systems.
B) Digital currencies attract investors worldwide,	2) affecting crop yields and food security in vulnerable regions.
C) Climate change has disrupted rainfall patterns,	3) but many rural households still struggle with rising costs.

1. Only C2 2. Both A3 & C1 3. Both A3 & C2 4. A3, B1 & C2 5. None of these

Column A	Column B
A) The Reserve Bank raised interest rates,	1) requiring organizations to invest in advanced defensive infrastructure constantly.
B) Cybersecurity threats have become increasingly sophisticated,	2) yet inflationary pressures continue to affect household budgets.
C) Many coastal cities are developing comprehensive strategies	3) to mitigate the impact of rising sea levels and floods.

1. Both B1 & C2 2. Both A1 & C3 3. A1, B3 & C2 4. A2, B1 & C3 5. None of these

Column A	Column B
A) Because the economy is recovering slowly,	1) while misinformation campaigns often discourage public participation.
B) Although the battery is small,	2) analysts suggest that the recovery phase will take another two years.
C) Vaccination programs reduce disease outbreaks,	3) but it provides enough power to run the device for days.

1. Only B3 2. Both A2 & C1 3. Both A3 & B2 4. A1, B3 & C2 5. None of these

Read the passage given below carefully and answer the following questions.

Migration has long shaped urban landscapes, influencing the social, economic, and cultural dimensions of cities. People move to urban centers seeking improved job prospects, education, and better living conditions. This movement often results in rapid population growth, which challenges urban planning and infrastructure. Cities must adapt to these changes to maintain functional housing, transportation, and public services. Moreover, migration enriches cities with diverse ideas, cuisines, and traditions, creating vibrant urban cultures.

Economic opportunities are a primary factor driving migration. Migrants often fill labor shortages in industries ranging from construction to technology. Their presence boosts local economies by increasing consumption and contributing taxes. However, urban labor markets can also experience competition, leading to wage fluctuations and job insecurity for certain groups. Understanding these dynamics is crucial for policymakers seeking equitable growth.

Social integration remains a central challenge for migrant populations. New arrivals may face cultural barriers, language difficulties, and limited access to social services. Local communities, in turn, may struggle to accommodate different cultural practices and norms. Educational programs, community initiatives, and inclusive urban policies can foster **cohesion** and reduce social tension. Over time, successful integration can transform cities into hubs of innovation and social harmony.

Urban migration also impacts the physical and environmental structure of cities. Increased demand for housing can lead to informal settlements and strain on public utilities. Traffic congestion, pollution, and waste management issues often **intensify** with rapid urbanization. Urban planners must address these problems through sustainable designs, public transport systems, and green spaces. Effective governance can turn migration-related challenges into opportunities for urban renewal.

Cultural diversity is one of the most visible effects of migration. Festivals, languages, and culinary traditions from different regions enrich city life. Migrants contribute to creative industries, entrepreneurship, and social innovation. While diversity can

generate social tension initially, cities that promote inclusivity often see long-term benefits in economic growth and community well-being. Ultimately, migration shapes cities not just demographically but as centers of creativity and human connection.

Q21. How do migrants primarily contribute to the local economy according to the text?

1. By creating labor shortages in the tech sector 2. Through increased consumption and tax contributions 3. By reducing competition in the labor market 4. By lowering the cost of construction 5. By decreasing the need for public services

Q22. Which of the following is suggested as a method to foster social cohesion?

1. Limiting access to social services for new arrivals 2. Enforcing strict cultural norms on migrants 3. Inclusive urban policies and educational programs 4. Reducing the number of community initiatives 5. Focus on physical infrastructure over social services

Q23. What is the role of "Effective Governance" according to the passage?

1. To restrict migration to prevent population growth 2. To prioritize economic growth over social harmony 3. To focus solely on the technology industry 4. To eliminate cultural diversity in favor of stability 5. To convert migration challenges into opportunities for renewal

Q24. The word "cohesion" in the passage is closest in meaning to:

1. Division 2. Unity 3. Conflict 4. Fragmentation 5. Exclusion

Q25. According to the passage, the long-term benefit of inclusivity in diverse cities is:

1. Economic growth and community well-being 2. Initial social tension 3. Uniformity in culinary traditions 4. Reduction in creative industries 5. Simplification of urban planning

Q26. What environmental/physical impact is associated with rapid urbanization in the passage?

1. Decrease in waste management issues 2. Reduction in the number of informal settlements 3. Strain on public utilities and increased pollution 4. Expansion of green spaces automatically 5. Lower demand for public transport systems

Q27. What can be a n adverse effect of migration on the urban labor market?

1. Total elimination of job insecurity 2. Stable wage growth across all sectors 3. Decrease in technological innovation 4. Competition leading to wage fluctuations 5. Rapid decline in the construction industry

Q28. Choose the word which is most nearly OPPOSITE in meaning to "intensify" as used in the passage.

1. Escalate 2. Elaborate 3. Abate 4. Heighten 5. Magnify

Given below are three statements, some of which may be incorrect. Identify the incorrect statement(s) and mark it as your answer.

Q29. I. Educational institutions must adapt their curricula to meet the evolving demands of the modern workforce.

II. Many software companies are now adopting remote work policies to attract top talent from around the world.

III. Mergers and acquisitions in the banking industry often lead to improve operational efficiency and reach.

1. Only I 2. Only II 3. Only III 4. Both I & III 5. Both I & II

Q30. I. The recent space mission successfully gathered soil samples from the surface of a distance asteroid.

II. Access to quality education is a fundamental right that empowers individuals to reach their full potential.

III. The development of renewable energy sources is essential for reducing our global dependence on fossil fuels.

1. Both I & III 2. Both II & III 3. Only II 4. Only I 5. Only III

Ans

1. Answer: D

"Despite the global economic slowdown" → so D (economic) should replace A (resilience).

"the domestic service sector continues to show" → C (continues) should go here.

"...remarkable resilience and steady growth" → A (resilience) goes here.

"...steady growth patterns annually" → B (patterns) goes here.

Correct order: DCAB

Corrected sentence: Despite the global **economic** slowdown, the domestic service sector **continues** to show remarkable **resilience** and steady growth **patterns** annually.

2. Answer: E

"Many retail investors are shifting their focus..." - grammatically correct.

"...from traditional fixed deposits..." - correct.

"...to more lucrative equity-linked savings schemes..." - correct.

"...savings schemes recently." - correct at the end.

All words are in their correct positions and the sentence reads perfectly.

3. Answer: A

"Transparency in corporate governance is essential..." - C goes in place of A.

"...to protect the interests of..." - A (protect) goes in place of B.

"...of minority shareholders..." - D (minority) goes in place of C.

"...and maintain high ethical standards." - B (maintain) goes in place of D.

Correct order: CADB

Corrected sentence: Transparency in corporate **governance** is essential to **protect** the interests of **minority** shareholders and **maintain** high ethical standards.

4. Answer: C

B: Introduces the subject ("Neuroscience research suggests that"), which naturally sets up a clause explaining what is being suggested.

A: Provides the specific subject of the research ("the human brain's plasticity allows").

D: The verb "allows" in part A requires a prepositional phrase to complete the thought—allowing for something ("for the continuous acquisition of new skills").

E: Introduces a conditional clause ("provided that"), which explains the requirement for this plasticity to function.

C: Completes the conditional clause by describing the state of the environment ("remains sufficiently stimulating").

After arrangement: Neuroscience research suggests that the human brain's plasticity allows for the continuous acquisition of new skills, provided that the cognitive environment remains sufficiently stimulating.

5. Answer: B

D: Starts the sentence by identifying the main actor ("Microfinance institutions play a...").

C: Completes the opening phrase ("...pivotal role in rural development") and introduces the method using the preposition "by."

E: Describes what the institutions are doing ("providing accessible credit to small-scale...").

B: Identifies who receives the credit ("...entrepreneurs who are often overlooked").

A: Completes the passive voice construction ("overlooked by...") and provides the final context ("...traditional commercial banks").

After arrangement: Microfinance institutions play a pivotal role in rural development by providing accessible credit to small-scale entrepreneurs who are often overlooked by traditional commercial banks.

6. Answer: B

A: "Cloud computing architecture has..." establishes the topic and the auxiliary verb "has," which requires a past participle.

C: "...transformed the corporate landscape by" provides that past participle ("transformed") and introduces the method of transformation with "by."

E: "allowing businesses to scale their operations" follows the preposition "by" (verb+ing) and explains the primary benefit.

B: "rapidly without the burden of" describes how they scale (rapidly) and introduces a specific cost-saving condition.

D: "maintaining physical server infrastructure" completes the phrase "burden of," identifying exactly what is being avoided.

After arrangement: Cloud computing architecture has transformed the corporate landscape by allowing businesses to scale their operations rapidly without the burden of maintaining physical server infrastructure.

7. Answer: A

E: Identifies the core topic ("The success of a corporate merger depends"). The verb "depends" naturally looks for the preposition "on."

D: Connects to the verb ("...heavily on the seamless integration"). The word "integration" requires a "what," leading us to the next part.

B: Identifies what is being integrated ("of organizational cultures and"). The "and" signals that a second requirement is coming.

C: Introduces the second factor ("the alignment of long-term strategic").

A: Completes the thought ("goals between the two entities").

After arrangement: The success of a corporate merger depends heavily on the seamless integration of organizational cultures and the alignment of long-term strategic goals between the two entities.

8. Answer: A

a) augmented, curtailed

Correct — Augmented means increased productivity, and curtailed means reduced demand for low-skilled labor. Fits both logically and grammatically.

b) stagnated, increased

Incorrect — Stagnated means productivity did not grow, which contradicts the effect of technological advancements. Increased demand for low-skilled labor is also opposite to the expected effect.

c) impeded, stabilized

Incorrect — Impeded means slowed or hindered, which is the opposite of the impact of technological advancements. Stabilized does not indicate the expected reduction in low-skilled labor demand.

d) enhanced, amplified

Incorrect — Enhanced productivity works, but amplified demand implies an increase, which is the opposite of what technological advancements usually do for low-skilled labor.

e) accelerated, sustained

Incorrect — Accelerated productivity is fine, but sustained demand implies it remained unchanged, not reduced.

Complete Sentence: Technological advancements have **augmented** productivity across industries, but they have also **curtailed** the demand for low-skilled labor.

9. Answer: B

a) aggressive, escalate

Incorrect — An aggressive response would likely increase tension, not reduce it. Contradicts the sentence.

b) measured, alleviate

Correct — A measured (calm and controlled) response would help to alleviate (reduce) tension. Logical, contextually sound, and grammatically correct.

c) prompt, aggravate

Incorrect — A prompt response doesn't imply reducing tension, and aggravate would increase tension, which is opposite of the intended meaning.

d) vague, resolve

Incorrect — A vague response would likely confuse or worsen matters, not help resolve tension effectively.

e) diplomatic, sustain

Incorrect — While diplomatic is positive, sustain tension is the opposite of the intended meaning (we want tension reduced).

Complete sentence: The diplomat's **measured** response helped to **alleviate** the tension between the two neighboring nations.

10. Answer: E

a) enhanced, easy

Incorrect — Enhanced means increased. High inflation does not increase purchasing power; it reduces it.

b) dampened, necessary

Incorrect — Dampened (weakened) fits partially, but necessary is illogical here; it doesn't make saving easier or harder.

c) boosted, impossible

Incorrect — Boosted means increased, which is the opposite effect of inflation.

d) crippled, simple

Incorrect — Crippled is strong but works; however, simple is the opposite of the intended meaning.

e) eroded, difficult

Correct — Eroded (gradually reduced) fits the impact of high inflation on purchasing power. Difficult logically follows, as saving becomes harder. Complete sentence: High inflation has **eroded** the purchasing power of the middle class, making it **difficult** for them to save for the future.

11. Answer: D

Statement I is correct: It uses the "Not only... but also" rule perfectly, including the required word-order flip (did the company meet).

Statement II is correct: It is a standard, error-free sentence.

Statement III is incorrect: Like the word "pollution" or "sugar," overuse should stay singular when describing a general problem.

Corrected sentence: Antibiotic resistance is a growing global health crisis caused by the frequent **overuse** of medication.

12. Answer: E

Statement I: Correct. It uses a clear subject-verb agreement (literature reflects) and correctly uses the relative clause "in which it was written."

Statement II: Correct. This is a straightforward historical fact stated with proper tense and structure. "Marked" and "changing" are used accurately to show cause and effect.

Statement III: Correct. The modal verb could is paired correctly with the base verb hinder. The phrasing "country's overall economic progress" uses the possessive apostrophe correctly.

13. F → Introduction: AI adoption by financial institutions.

A → Specific application: Fraud detection.

D → Another application: Credit assessment.

C → Benefit: Faster processing.

B → Outcome: Improved customer experience.

Correct Order: F → A → D → C → B

E talks about manual/traditional banking → does not match the context.

Answer: B

The second sentence after rearrangement is Sentence A

14. Answer: D

Sentences A, B, C, D, F are about AI, automation, and digital improvements in banking. E talks about traditional/manual banking processes, which does not fit with the AI/digitalization context.

15. Answer: B

Penultimate = second to last → C

Anti-penultimate → the sentence before the penultimate → third from last → D

16. Answer: E

The first sentence after rearrangement is Sentence F

17. Answer: D

The fourth sentence after rearrangement is Sentence C

18. Answer: C

A + 3: "The government increased subsidies for farmers, but many rural households still struggle with rising costs."

This is grammatically perfect. The conjunction "but" correctly connects two independent ideas with a logical contrast.

C + 2: "Climate change has disrupted rainfall patterns, affecting crop yields and food security in vulnerable regions."

This uses a "participle phrase" (affecting) correctly to show the result or consequence of the first clause.

B + 1: "Digital currencies attract investors worldwide, while regulators debating on their long-term impact on financial systems."

"while regulators debating..." - This is grammatically incorrect.

Correct form: "while regulators debate their long-term impact..."

Because of this grammatical error, B1 cannot be a correct choice.

19. Answer: D

A + 2: "The Reserve Bank raised interest rates, yet inflationary pressures continue to affect household budgets."

The word "yet" creates a logical contrast. Even though the bank took action to stop inflation (raising rates), the problem is still happening.

B + 1: "Cybersecurity threats have become increasingly sophisticated, requiring organizations to invest in advanced defensive infrastructure constantly."

This uses a participle phrase (requiring) to show the direct result of the threats becoming more complex.

C + 3: "Many coastal cities are developing comprehensive strategies to mitigate the impact of rising sea levels and floods."

The infinitive phrase (to mitigate) explains the purpose or goal of the strategies being developed.

20. Answer: B

A + 2: "Because the economy is recovering slowly, analysts suggest that the recovery phase will take another two years."

This is a perfect "cause and effect" sentence. The slow recovery (cause) leads to the analysts' prediction (effect).

C + 1: "Vaccination programs reduce disease outbreaks, while misinformation campaigns often discourage public participation."

This uses "while" to show a clear contrast between a positive action (vaccination programs) and a negative obstacle (misinformation).

B + 3: "Although the battery is small, but it provides enough power to run the device for days."

We cannot use "Although" and "but" in the same sentence. They both do the same job (showing contrast). We should say either:

"Although the battery is small, it provides..."

"The battery is small, but it provides..."

21. Answer: B

The passage states: "Their presence boosts local economies by increasing consumption and contributing taxes." This clearly shows that migrants help the local economy primarily by spending more and paying taxes.

Why the other options are wrong:

a) By creating labor shortages in the tech sector – The passage actually says migrants fill labor shortages, not create them.

c) By reducing competition in the labor market – The passage mentions that migration can increase competition, not reduce it.

d) By lowering the cost of construction – The passage does not discuss cost reduction in construction as a primary contribution.

e) By decreasing the need for public services – Migration actually increases demand for housing and services, so this is incorrect.

Correct answer: b) Through increased consumption and tax contributions

22. Answer: C

The passage states: "Educational programs, community initiatives, and inclusive urban policies can foster cohesion and reduce social tension." This clearly shows that such measures help integrate migrants socially.

Why the other options are wrong:

a) Limiting access to social services for new arrivals – This would hinder integration, not foster it.

b) Enforcing strict cultural norms on migrants – The passage emphasizes accommodating different cultural practices, not enforcing norms.

d) Reducing the number of community initiatives – The passage suggests that community initiatives help cohesion, so reducing them is counterproductive.

e) Focus on physical infrastructure over social services – While infrastructure is important, the passage specifically links social policies and programs to social cohesion, not infrastructure alone.

Correct answer: c) Inclusive urban policies and educational programs

23. Answer: E

The passage states: "Effective governance can turn migration-related challenges into opportunities for urban renewal." This clearly shows that good governance helps cities manage migration issues positively.

Why the other options are wrong:

a) To restrict migration to prevent population growth – The passage does not suggest restricting migration; it focuses on managing its effects.

b) To prioritize economic growth over social harmony – The passage emphasizes balancing urban challenges, not ignoring social harmony.

c) To focus solely on the technology industry – Governance is discussed in a general urban planning context, not limited to any industry.

d) To eliminate cultural diversity in favor of stability – The passage highlights the value of cultural diversity, not eliminating it.

Correct answer: e) To convert migration challenges into opportunities for renewal

24. Answer: B

The passage states: "Educational programs, community initiatives, and inclusive urban policies can foster cohesion and reduce social tension." Here, cohesion refers to bringing people together and promoting harmony, which is closest in meaning to unity.

Why the other options are wrong:

- a) Division – Opposite of cohesion; cohesion reduces division.
- c) Conflict – Cohesion works to reduce conflict, not increase it.
- d) Fragmentation – Cohesion prevents fragmentation, so this is incorrect.
- e) Exclusion – Cohesion encourages inclusion, not exclusion.

Correct answer: b) Unity

25. Answer: A

The passage states: "While diversity can generate social tension initially, cities that promote inclusivity often see long-term benefits in economic growth and community well-being." This clearly shows that inclusivity leads to both economic and social benefits over time.

Why the other options are wrong:

- b) Initial social tension – This is a short-term effect, not a long-term benefit.
- c) Uniformity in culinary traditions – The passage highlights diversity, not uniformity, as beneficial.
- d) Reduction in creative industries – Inclusivity actually enhances creative industries, not reduces them.
- e) Simplification of urban planning – Urban planning is discussed separately; inclusivity is linked to social and economic benefits, not simplification of planning.

Correct answer: a) Economic growth and community well-being

26. Answer: C

The passage states: "Increased demand for housing can lead to informal settlements and strain on public utilities. Traffic congestion, pollution, and waste management issues often intensify with rapid urbanization." This clearly shows that rapid urbanization affects cities physically and environmentally by putting pressure on infrastructure and increasing pollution.

Why the other options are wrong:

- a) Decrease in waste management issues – The passage says waste management issues intensify, not decrease.
- b) Reduction in the number of informal settlements – The passage indicates an increase in informal settlements, not a reduction.
- d) Expansion of green spaces automatically – Green spaces are suggested as a solution, but expansion is not automatic.
- e) Lower demand for public transport systems – Rapid urbanization usually increases demand, not lowers it.

Correct answer: c) Strain on public utilities and increased pollution

27. Answer: D

The passage states: "However, urban labor markets can also experience competition, leading to wage fluctuations and job insecurity for certain groups." This clearly shows that one adverse effect of migration is increased competition that affects wages and job security.

Why the other options are wrong:

- a) Total elimination of job insecurity – The passage actually mentions job insecurity as a possible effect, so elimination is incorrect.

- b) Stable wage growth across all sectors – Wages may fluctuate, not remain stable.

c) Decrease in technological innovation – The passage does not suggest migration reduces innovation; in fact, diversity can enhance creativity.

- e) Rapid decline in the construction industry – The passage mentions migrants fill labor shortages, not cause decline in industries.

Correct answer: d) Competition leading to wage fluctuations

28. Answer: C

The passage states: "Traffic congestion, pollution, and waste management issues often intensify with rapid urbanization." Here, intensify means to increase or become stronger. The word abate means to lessen or reduce, making it the correct antonym.

Why the other options are wrong:

- a) Escalate – Means to increase, same as intensify, not opposite.
- b) Elaborate – Means to explain or expand, unrelated in meaning.
- d) Heighten – Means to increase, not opposite.
- e) Magnify – Means to make larger or more intense, not opposite.

Correct answer: c) Abate

29. Answer: C

Statement I is correct: It is a grammatically sound sentence that correctly uses the plural "institutions" with the plural verb "must adapt."

Statement II is correct: It is a standard, error-free sentence that accurately uses the present continuous tense ("are now adopting") to describe a current trend.

Statement III is incorrect: The phrase "lead to" must be followed by a noun or a gerund. It should be "improved operational efficiency" (using an adjective) or "improving" (using a gerund) instead of the base verb "improve."

Corrected sentence: Mergers and acquisitions in the banking industry often lead to **improved** operational efficiency and reach.

30. Answer: D

Statement I is incorrect: The word "distance" is a noun, but in this context, it is being used to describe the asteroid. It must be changed to the adjective form, "distant."

Corrected sentence: The recent space mission successfully gathered soil samples from the surface of a **distant** asteroid.

Statement II is correct: It is a standard, error-free sentence that uses the singular "right" and "potential" correctly to describe a general concept.

Statement III is correct: It is grammatically sound, correctly using "is" to agree with the singular subject "development."