

Quiz Date: 25th February 2020

Directions (1-5): Answer the following questions after rearranging the following sentences into a coherent paragraph and identify the sentence that doesn't fit into the context of the paragraph.

- (A) This geopolitical period is perhaps the most troubled since the final decades of the 20th century.
- (B) According to 2018 data, India occupies the fourth place in military expenditure across the world, behind the U.S., China, and Saudi Arabia.
- (C) In India, exercises of this kind are sometimes undertaken, but they suffer from a lack of clarity and are restricted in scope.
- (D) Hence, there exists a vital need to adopt right strategic choices.
- (E) Undoubtedly, we are living through a moment of decisive change and turbulence.
- (F) What is needed, nevertheless, is sober reflection and a cost-benefit analysis, to ensure that the amounts expended are in tune with our strategic requirements.
- (G) This does not mean that India has no further need to increase its stock of state-of-the-art weapons.

Q1. Considering statement (E) as the first sentence of the rearranged paragraph, then which among the following fails to become the part of the coherent paragraph?

- (a) A
(b) B
(c) D
(d) C
(e) E

Q2. Considering statement (E) as the first sentence of the rearranged paragraph, then which one among the following will be the PENULTIMATE sentence?

- (a) D
(b) G
(c) A
(d) F
(e) None of the above

Q3. Among the following pairs which one of them is formed with two consecutive statements after the rearrangement?

- (a) B-A
(b) F-G
(c) B-G
(d) D-E
(e) A-E

Q4. Considering statement (E) as the first sentence of the rearranged paragraph, identify the correct sequence of the sentences to form a coherent paragraph (excluding the incoherent one).

- (a) EABGDF
- (b) EBADFG
- (c) EABDFG
- (d) EADBGF
- (e) None of these

Q5. Considering statement (E) as the first sentence of the rearranged paragraph, which of the following statement should be FOURTH sentence after the rearrangement? (excluding the incoherent sentence)

- (a) A
- (b) F
- (c) B
- (d) G
- (e) D



Directions (6-8): In each of the following questions, a word is given with five options. Choose among the options that contains either synonym-antonym, both synonyms or both antonyms of the given word.

Q6.

Jinx

- (a) Spell, Boon
- (b) Naive, Abject
- (c) Arrogant, Disconnect
- (d) Lustful, Essential
- (e) Indomitable, Selfishness

Q7.

Pandemonium

- (a) Bitter, Pathetic
- (b) Impeach, Dethrone

- (c) Tumult, Calm
- (d) Beset, Banal
- (e) Confront, Avoid

Q8.

Monstrous

- (a) Heavenly, Definable
- (b) Atrocious, Heinous
- (c) Forgetful, Attentive
- (d) Abandon, Sink
- (e) Investigation, Neglect

Directions (9-12): Each of the following questions has a paragraph from which one sentence has been deleted. From the given options, choose the sentence that completes the paragraph in the most appropriate way.

Q9.

On the eve of U.S President Donald Trump's visit to India, a further spurt in defence purchases is anticipated. _____ for the National Advanced Surface to Air Missile System (NASAMS-II), intended as part of a multi-layered missile shield to protect Delhi. The U.S. side is also hoping for two more mega defence deals, worth \$3.5-billion to be signed for 24 MH-60 Romeo Multi Mission Helicopters for the Navy and an additional six AH-64E Apache Attack Helicopters for the Army. (India's Cabinet Committee on Security, on Wednesday, cleared the MH-60 helicopter deal.)

- (a) Mr. Trump's political motivations notwithstanding.
- (b) New Delhi must ensure its projection as a net gain.
- (c) Challenges for India could worsen in the coming years.
- (d) Speculation is rife that India and the U.S. would sign a deal.
- (e) None of these

Q10.

From quick sequencing of the whole genome of the coronavirus SARS-CoV-2 that causes COVID-19 — after alerting WHO in December 2019 about a cluster of pneumonia cases of unknown cause — to quickly developing viral diagnostic tests, China has done much to address the epidemic. _____. Add to this the speed at which two new hospitals with 2,600 beds were built. Also, the many facilities that became temporary hospitals in the face of growing cases is testimony to China's ability to pull off the unimaginable in containing the epidemic.

- (a) As on Wednesday, mainland China had 74,185 cases and 2,004 deaths.
- (b) Transparency and timely action helped the State contain the outbreaks within days.
- (c) After initially reporting 44 cases to WHO, the numbers were reduced to 41 on January 11.
- (d) Secrecy is a killer and transparency the saviour.

(e) None of these

Q11.

The Afghan Independent Election Commission's much-delayed announcement that President Ashraf Ghani is the winner of the September 28 Presidential election is expected to deepen the political crisis in the war-torn country. _____ he secured a narrow victory with 50.64% of votes against his main opponent Abdullah Abdullah's 39.52% — itself points to the seriousness of the crisis. Mr. Abdullah has called the results fraudulent and vowed to form a parallel government. If he does so, it would undermine the already feeble Afghan administration whose writ does not stretch beyond the main urban centres.

- (a) Worse the infighting comes at a time when the US is near a Taliban agreement
- (b) That it took almost five months to declare the official result
- (c) The US just wants to get out of a lost war.
- (d) The Afghan government had no control over the security situation.
- (e) None of these

Q12.

Indian benchmarks snapped a four-day losing streak on Wednesday as _____

_____ in China along with expectations of action by the Indian government to limit the impact of the outbreak revived investor interest in equities. The 30-share Sensex gained 428.62 points, or 1.05%, to close at 41,323. It closed just a tad lower than the day's high of 41,357.16. The rally was visible in many side counters as well with more than 1,500 stocks gaining ground as against around 1,000 stocks that ended in the red.

- (a) The previous month saw such investors
- (b) Positive sentiment were also created after
- (c) Meanwhile, the broader Nifty settles the day
- (d) A decline in the number of new COVID-19 cases
- (e) None of these



Solutions

S1. Ans. (d)

Sol. The correct sequence of the given sentences is **EADBGF**

(E) Undoubtedly, we are living through a moment of decisive change and turbulence.

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(B) According to 2018 data, India occupies the fourth place in military expenditure across the world, behind the U.S., China, and Saudi Arabia.
(G) This does not mean that India has no further need to increase its stock of state-of-the-art weapons.
(F) What is needed, nevertheless, is sober reflection and a cost-benefit analysis, to ensure that the amounts expended are in tune with our strategic requirements.
Hence, **option (d)** is the right answer choice.

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S5. Ans. (c)

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Hence, **option (c)** is the right answer choice.

S6. Ans. (a)

Sol. **Jinx** means **a person or thing that brings bad luck or a person or thing that brings bad luck.**

Spell and **Boon** are synonym and antonym respectively of the given word.

Hence, **option (a)** is the right answer choice.

S7. Ans. (c)

Sol. **Pandemonium** means **wild and noisy disorder or confusion; uproar.**

Tumult and **Calm** are synonym and antonym respectively of the given word.

Hence, **option (c)** is the right answer choice.

S8. Ans. (b)

Sol. **Monstrous** means **having the ugly or frightening appearance of a monster.**

Both **Atrocious** and **Heinous** are synonyms of the given word. Hence, **option (b)** is the right answer choice.

S9. Ans. (d)

Sol. **Speculation is rife that India and the U.S. would sign a deal** completes the paragraph in the most appropriate way. Hence, **option (d)** is the right answer choice.

S10. Ans. (a)

Sol. *As on Wednesday, mainland China had 74,185 cases and 2,004 deaths* completes the paragraph in the most appropriate way. Hence, **option (a)** is the right answer choice.

S11. Ans. (b)

Sol. *That it took almost five months to declare the official result* completes the paragraph in the most appropriate way. Hence, **option (b)** is the right answer choice.

S12. Ans. (d)

Sol. *A decline in the number of new COVID-19 cases* completes the paragraph in the most appropriate way. Hence, **option (d)** is the right answer choice.

