

Quiz Date: 26th February 2020

Directions (1-3): In the following questions, a sentence is given in bold. Then three paragraphs are given. From the given paragraphs you need to choose those that help us to infer the given bold sentence.

Q1. Fear factor: Global stock markets in turmoil as pandemic looms

(I) It's not quite carnage yet but the big falls in overseas stock markets on Monday were a response to investor recognition that the coronavirus is not just a problem for China and perhaps the wider Asia-Pacific, nor just a blip in the global growth rate, but is rapidly becoming a global and more lasting threat.

(II) Oil demand in China is also estimated to have fallen by as much as a quarter in February, as big cities have been quarantined, flights cancelled and public holidays extended to try to contain the spread of the virus, which has killed more than 600 people and infected more than 31,000.

(III) Global stocks had their worst day in two years as new coronavirus cases outside China dashed hopes that the outbreak had been contained and raised fears of slowing global growth.

- (a) only II
- (b) only I
- (c) both II and III
- (d) both I and III
- (e) all I, II, III

Q2. How Your Laptop Ruined Your Life

(I) As laptops have kept improving, and Wi-Fi has continued to reach ever further into the crevices of American life, however, the reality of laptops' potential stopped looking quite so rosy. Instead of liberating white-collar and "knowledge" workers from their office, laptops turned many people's whole life into an office. Smartphones might require you to read an after-hours email or check in on the office-communication platform Slack before you started your commute, but portable computers gave workers 24-hour access to the sophisticated, expensive applications—Salesforce CRM, Oracle ERP, Adobe Photoshop—that made their full range of duties possible.

(II) For young people who have never experienced professional life any other way, being constantly available and ready to put in another hour or to solve another problem is often seen as a reputational requirement, which shoves personal interests, hobbies, and goals to the periphery of people's life and burns them out. It makes it hard to focus on cooking dinner or getting a good night's sleep. People take their laptop on their vacations, just in case. At many companies, laptop culture creates the expectation that a real sick day is only available to the seriously hobbled; otherwise, you and your head cold better be working from home.

(III) Laptops, of course, aren't all bad. They remove a barrier for those who want to write, create art, make music, or develop a new skill. Laptops can be portals of procrastination, leading to hours of Bojack Horseman or YouTube makeup tutorials. Because they're still pretty unwieldy, they don't lend themselves to the same kind of mindless check-ins that can make smartphones so stressful. I've never seen anyone nearly get hit by a car because they couldn't look up from a computer.

- (a) only II

- (b) only I
- (c) both I and II
- (d) both I and III
- (e) None of these



Q3.

Airline workers face losing up in wages

(I) Jet star workers face losing close to \$200,000 in lifetime wages and superannuation as a result of an 18-month wage freeze Qantas imposed between 2014 and 2016.

An analysis of the cumulative impact of wage freezes from September 2014 until March 2016 has found the workers, who went on strike in December, stand to lose up to \$150,000 in lifetime wages and \$40,000 in superannuation.

(II) THE spread of Coronavirus in the region and the impact of public protests and mass demonstrations have brought about a dramatic slump in traffic figures at Hong Kong International Airport (HKIA), writes Nigel Tomkins.

In what has been a very turbulent time for China and its neighbours, the south-east Asian hub saw passenger and cargo numbers decrease in January 2020 during which it handled 5.7 million passengers and 33,210 flight movements, representing year-on-year decreases of 11.7 and 9.1 per cent respectively.

(III) “The new flight will provide efficient and high-quality transport solutions for these businesses, as well as opportunities for small- and medium-sized Hungarian enterprises shipping to Korea and further by utilising Korean Air’s entire network via Seoul.”

- (a) only I
- (b) only III
- (c) both II and III
- (d) both I and III
- (e) None of these

Directions (4-8): In the following question, a sentence is given with four bold words. The position of these words may be incorrect. Four options with different arrangements are provided. Mark your answer as the correct arrangement. If there is no any rearrangement required, make ‘No Interchange’ as your answer.

Q4. The automobile sector **continued (A)** to ply on the slow lane in January 2020 with total vehicles **indicating (B)** declining 7.17% year-on-year as per FADA data, **registrations (C)** the persisting **contraction (D)** in the sector.

- (a) BCAD
- (b) DCAB
- (c) CDAB
- (d) ACBD
- (e) No Interchange

Q5. Reserve Bank of India (RBI) Governor Shaktikanta Das, stating he had **stimulus (A)** certain 'green shoots,' also acknowledged that the **observed (B)** needed a further monetary **economy (C)**, thus indicating the central bank was open to **cutting (D)** interest rates.

- (a) BCAD
- (b) DCAB
- (c) CDAB
- (d) ACBD
- (e) No Interchange

Q6. Panasonic is **range (A)** a 10% market share in air-conditioner **launched (B)** on the back of a new **segment (C)** of products it **eyeing (D)** on Thursday.

- (a) BCAD
- (b) DCAB
- (c) CDAB
- (d) ACBD
- (e) No Interchange

Q7. Private sector lender Axis Bank is **insurer (A)** the possibility of increasing its stake in Analjit Singh-led Max Life Insurance and has **same (B)** an agreement with the **exploring (C)** and its parent Max Financial Services for the **signed (D)**

- (a) BCAD
- (b) DCAB
- (c) CDAB
- (d) ACBD
- (e) No Interchange

Q8. Credit rating agency ICRA has **outbreak (A)** the outlook on the Indian pharmaceutical industry from 'stable' to 'negative' as it does not rule out the **revised (B)** of lockouts in parts of China — due to the **possibility (C)** of COVID-19 — impacting **profitability (D)** of drugmakers in India.

- (a) BCAD
- (b) DCAB
- (c) CDAB
- (d) ACBD
- (e) No Interchange

Direction (9-12): There are two different sentences with a blank space in each question. Choose the word from the given options which fits into both the blanks appropriately adding a proper and logical meaning to the sentences.

Q9.

(I) Many of America's youth are still in the dark about the life and _____ of the nation's foremost civil rights leader.

(II) While there could never be absolute certainty of an electoral win, President Trump is ensuring that his _____ will live on long after his term in office ends.

- (a) Study
- (b) Earnest
- (c) Harry
- (d) Utter
- (e) Legacy

Q10.

(I) Though the _____ has been explored for decades, the persistence of archaic survey techniques has led to only rudimentary maps.

(II) When you walk through a _____, you often have a feeling of disorientation or even fear, because you don't know where you're going.

- (a) Plead
- (b) Steep
- (c) Labyrinth
- (d) Heed
- (e) Tread

Q11.

(I) It may be _____ to allow the currency to depreciate in order to obtain a rapid improvement in competitiveness.

(II) Judges throughout the federal judiciary rely on the assistance of law clerks to ensure the smooth and _____ administration of justice.

- (a) Perpetually
- (b) Expedient
- (c) Decree
- (d) Contrived
- (e) Ordain

Q12.

(I) The _____ of viruses and the onslaught of spam have left companies and consumers staggering.

(II) Anticipating a _____ of internal processing people, he hired business managers for each of his four offices.

- (a) Siege
- (b) Conspicuous
- (c) Retort
- (d) Proliferation
- (e) Malice



Solutions

S1. Ans. (d)

Sol. While going through the first Paragraph, it is clear that the passage is talking about the Global Stock market is in turmoil due to the Coronavirus threat. So, statement (I) is correct.

As, for the statement (II), the sentence is telling the impact of the virus but it has no consonance with the global market.

In the statement (III), the market is down due to the hope that further outbreak due to coronavirus can come anytime. Hence, option (d) is the correct answer choice.

S2. Ans. (c)

Sol.

Both the paragraph (I) & (II) infers the same meaning as given in the sentence. The paragraph (III) discusses also about the importance of laptop but its telling about its positive usage which is against the other two paragraphs. The Hence, option (b) is correct answer choice

S3. Ans. (a)

Sol. Only the paragraph (I) can be used to infer the given sentence. It talks about the Jet star workers losing their wages while option (II) & (III) is not relatable to the passage.

The paragraph (II) is out of context as it is talking about the impact of coronavirus in traffic figures at Hong Kong International Airport .Hence, option (b) is correct answer choice

The paragraph (III) is also not in line with the passage as it is talking about the feature of the new flight which provides efficient and high-quality transport solutions. This makes option (a) our correct answer choice.

S4. Ans. (d)

Sol. The correct rearrangement is **ACBD**. The sentence after rearrangement is, "The automobile sector **continued (A)** to ply on the slow lane in January 2020 with total vehicles **registrations (C)** declining 7.17% year-on-year as per FADA data, **indicating (B)** the persisting **contraction (D)** in the sector."

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

S5. Ans. (a)

Sol. The correct rearrangement is **BCAD**. The sentence after rearrangement is, "Reserve Bank of India (RBI) Governor Shaktikanta Das, stating he had **observed (B)** certain 'green shoots,' also acknowledged that the **economy (C)** needed a further monetary **stimulus (A)**, thus indicating the central bank was open to **cutting (D)** interest rates."

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

S6. Ans. (b)

Sol. The correct rearrangement is **DCAB**. The sentence after rearrangement is, "Panasonic is **eyeing (D)** a 10% market share in air-conditioner **segment (C)** on the back of a new **range (A)** of products it **launched (B)** on Thursday."

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



S7. Ans. (c)

Sol. The correct rearrangement is **CDAB**. The sentence after rearrangement is, "Private sector lender Axis Bank is **exploring (C)** the possibility of increasing its stake in Analjit Singh-led Max Life Insurance and has **signed (D)** an agreement with the **insurer (A)** and its parent Max Financial Services for the **same (B)**."

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

S8. Ans. (a)

Sol. The correct rearrangement is **BCAD**. The sentence after rearrangement is, "Credit rating agency ICRA has **revised (B)** the outlook on the Indian pharmaceutical industry from 'stable' to 'negative' as it does not rule out the **possibility (C)** of lockouts in parts of China — due to the **outbreak (A)** of COVID-19 — impacting **profitability (D)** of drugmakers in India."

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

S9. Ans. (e)

Sol. **Legacy** means **something left or handed down by a predecessor**. Hence, **option (e)** is the right answer choice.

Utter-without qualification

Earnest- characterized by a firm, humorless belief in one's opinions

Harry- annoy continually or chronically

S10. Ans. (c)

Sol. **Labyrinth** means **a complicated irregular network of passages or paths in which it is difficult to find one's way; a maze**. Hence, **option (c)** is the right answer choice.

Plead- enter a defendant's answer

Steep- having a sharp inclination

Heed- pay close attention to

Tread- a step in walking or running

S11. Ans. (b)

Sol. **Expedient** means **(of an action) convenient and practical**. Hence, **option (b)** is the right answer choice.

Perpetual- continuing forever or indefinitely

Decree- a legally binding command or decision

Contrive- make or work out a plan for; devise

Ordain- invest with ministerial or priestly authority

S12. Ans. (d)

Sol. **Proliferation** means **rapid increase in the number or amount of something**. Hence, **option (d)** is the right answer choice.

Conspicuous- obvious to the eye or mind

Retort- a quick reply to a question or remark

Siege- an action of an armed force that surrounds a fortified place

Malice- Feeling a need to see others suffer



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