

Reading Comprehension Practice Set for NABARD Office Attendant Mains 2020 – Solutions

S1. Ans.(a)

Sol. 'Bellwether' means 'leading sheep of a flock'. Here, it is used for automobile industry which was, once a leading industry post liberalization years. Hence, option (a) is right answer choice.

S2. Ans.(b)

Sol. The phrasal verb 'lay/laid off' means 'to terminate employment of employees permanently or temporary suspension). Hence option (b) is right answer choice.

S3. Ans.(d)

Sol. Here, because GDP growth is nominal in the April-June quarter of this year, it casted an impact on food and non-food items. Therefore, when the budget of people falls under strain, it results into slowdown in sales.

S4. Ans.(c)

Sol. Here, one factor responsible for current slowdown which is credit system disorder. It reflects bad debts of banks and it has resulted into formation of non-banks after the Infrastructure Leasing & Financial Services Limited, most aggressive lender, collapsed. Hence, option (c) is the right answer choice.

S5. Ans.(a)

Sol. According to the information given in the paragraph, consumption slowdown and suppressed rates of investment has resulted into lack of active demand of consumers. Hence, option (a) is correct answer choice.

S6. Ans.(e)

Sol. As per the information given in the above passage, it is stating that poor execution of GST after demonetisation served a catalyst for informal economic activities and thus caused declination of employment and output. Further, it resulted in livelihoods loss and loss in wage incomes as well. Hence, option (e) is right answer choice.

S7. Ans.(a)

Sol. With the phrase, it means that government could have dealt with the impacts of declination in employment and consumption demand through catering a stimulated financial growth to the producers of formal enterprises. Hence, option (a) is right answer choice.

S8. Ans.(d)

Sol. With the given information in the above passage, option (e) is the right answer choice.

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S9. Ans.(a)

Sol. Read the first paragraph carefully, “But at same time, most important concept of finance is direct relation of risk and return/profit. More is the risk, more is the profit.” Hence only statement (II) is correct in the context of the paragraph.

S10. Ans.(e)

Sol. Read the second paragraph carefully, all the three given statements can be connected with the paragraph. Hence (e) is the correct option.

S11. Ans.(b)

Sol. Read the third paragraph, the author clearly mentions the above statement in reference to the lack of money to those investors who are willing to take risks to earn larger profits. Hence (b) is the correct choice.

S12. Ans.(c)

Sol. Read the fourth paragraph carefully, it can be inferred from there that statements (I) and (II) are true in differentiating these two important banking terms while statement (III) is not mentioned in the paragraph. Hence (c) is the correct option.

S13. Ans.(e)

Sol. All the given statements agree with the statement as it can be easily inferred from the passage. Hence none of the statements disagrees to the statement in the context of the passage.

S14. Ans.(c)

Sol. **Credibility** means the quality of being convincing or believable. **Plausibility** means the quality of seeming reasonable or probable. Hence both are similar in meanings.

Finesse means impressive delicacy and skill.

Presumption means the acceptance of something as true although it is not known for certain.

Acuity means sharpness or keenness of thought, vision, or hearing.

S15. Ans.(b)

Sol. **Mobilization** means the action of making something movable or capable of movement. **Manoeuvre** means a movement or series of moves requiring skill and care. Hence both are similar in meanings.

Vitality means the state of being strong and active; energy.

Recoil means rebound or spring back through force of impact or elasticity.

S16. Ans.(d)

Sol. Refer to the second paragraph of the passage, “.....wild state by domestication, selection, and controlled breeding over long periods of time”, and “a GM crop can contain a gene(s) that has been artificially inserted instead of the plant acquiring it through pollination”. Hence both the statements (a) and (b) are true in context of the passage.

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S17. Ans.(d)

Sol. Refer to the third paragraph, “Many important crops like rice, brinjal, and mustard, among others, originated here, and introducing genetically modified versions of these crops could be a major threat to the vast number of domestic and wild varieties of these crops.”, and “There is also the danger of unintentionally introducing allergens and other anti-nutrition factors in foods.” Hence both the statements (ii) and (iii) are correct.

S18. Ans.(c)

Sol. Refer to the fifth paragraph, “It uses three genes from soil bacterium that makes self-pollinating plants such as mustard amenable to hybridization.”, “It has also gone through safety and toxicity tests (on mice) prescribed by the regulator”, “This means local crop developers have the equivalent of a platform technology to more easily develop versions of mustard with custom traits such as higher oil content and pest resistance.” Hence statements (i), (iii) and (iv) are correct in context of the passage.

S19. Ans.(b)

Sol. Refer to the second last paragraph, “If GM food is allowed to be sold to consumers, they must have the right to know what they are buying, and labeling should be made mandatory.” Hence sentence (iii) is true.

S20. Ans.(d)

Sol. Refer to the last few lines of third paragraph, “Hence it will only be prudent for us to be careful before we jump on to the bandwagon of any technology.” Hence sentence (d) is false.

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