

Quiz Date: 19th March 2020

Directions: (1-15): In the following questions, few sentences are provided. Identify and mark the sentence which may fail to become the part of the paragraph coherently.

Q1.

- (a)Regulators in a few countries like Spain, South Korea and Italy have banned short selling amid huge volatility and a fall in stock prices.
- (b)Short selling refers to a strategy by which traders bet on a decline in prices and try to profit at a time when the markets are falling.
- (c)SEBI would announce at least some of the measures to reduce excessive speculation.
- (d)The spokespersons for BSE and NSE said 'there is no proposal on ban on short selling with SEBI'.
- (e)The stock exchanges clarified that the SEBI was not considering any proposal regarding a ban on short selling to curb the ongoing volatility and equity sell-off.

Q2.

- (a)It comes with an advanced BlueLink that offers over 50 connectivity features, giving freedom to remotely start engine for auto as well as manual transmission.
- (b)Hyundai will be offering the Verna facelift with three BS6-compliant powertrains:
- (c)Hyundai Motor India Ltd. rolled out its sport utility vehicle (SUV) the all-new Creta in New Delhi.
- (d)According to him, the 'all new Creta' comes with five new powertrain options and in 10 colours, including a two-dual tone options.
- (e)Addressing a gathering, the company's MD and CEO said the new variant would be available throughout the country.

Q3.

- (a)RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das has outlined two steps.
- (b)The central bank has an armory of weapons and it will not hesitate to deploy them to mitigate the impact of COVID-19 on the economy.
- (c)Market rates may incidentally fall as the LTRO is at the repo rate of 5.15%.
- (d)Forex swap and a second long-term repo operation (LTRO) of ₹1 lakh crore — are aimed at supporting liquidity in the market.
- (e)The focus will be on the next meeting of the health ministry in the first week of April

Q4.

- (a)But the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) Governor was less positive, admitting that the country's economic problems are also structural.
- (b)The government has argued that its structural reforms would pay dividends in the long run.
- (c)The Centre and the States are so short of resources that their fiscal deficit is burgeoning.
- (d)The Prime Minister, at a function of the Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industry of India recently, was optimistic.

(e) An RBI report suggests that business confidence, consumer confidence and capacity utilisation are down.

Q5.

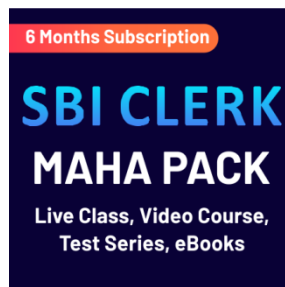
- (a) The tirade Mike Pence launched against China last week doubled down on that commitment.
- (b) It was disorientating to witness so many celebrities at the official fundraiser event.
- (c) Where its predecessors lauded the merits of co-operation with the emerging superpower, Mr. Trump's document promised competition and resistance to Chinese trade and other abuses.
- (d) The National Security Strategy released by President Donald Trump's administration last year augured a major change in China-US relations.
- (e) Pence castigated the Chinese for bullying investors, buying allies with cheap loans, "tearing down crosses" and much else.

Q6.

- (a) In stock market parlance, this means SBI Cards will command a scarcity premium.
- (b) Stock market investors now have a unique opportunity to stake claim to this easy money, with SBI Cards set to list its shares.
- (c) The element of surprise comes from the date by which this momentous event is expected.
- (d) Credit card interest payments are the dumbest money of all.
- (e) But evidently, many are willing to make these payments, and the tribe is growing rapidly.

Q7.

- (a) The government has argued that its structural reforms would pay dividends in the long run.
- (b) The Centre and the States are so short of resources that their fiscal deficit is burgeoning.
- (c) But the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) Governor was less positive, admitting that the country's economic problems are also structural.
- (d) This is positively impacting our profitability and margins.
- (e) The Prime Minister, at a function of the Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industry of India recently, was optimistic.



Q8.

- (a) But many businesses remained closed because of quarantine and travel restrictions.
- (b) The lunar new-year holiday, extended in many Chinese provinces because of the spread of a new coronavirus, officially ended.

- (c) Among the fatalities was a doctor, Li Wenliang, who had been reprimanded in January by police in Wuhan, the centre of the epidemic, for revealing the threat.
- (d) Many people mourned for him online, calling for freedom of speech.
- (e) Nearby Cambodia has been overrun by Chinese involvement in its economy and politics.

Q9.

- (a) The motor industry slammed the plan as unworkable.
- (b) An initial estimate found that the euro zone's gdp grew by 1.2% in 2019, the weakest rate since 2013.
- (c) The government was unable to provide much detail on the cost implications for the industry or taxpayers, simply saying it would result in "a net saving".
- (d) The British government brought forward a target for a ban on new diesel, hybrid and petrol vehicles from 2040 to 2035.
- (e) SSMT, an industry body, accused the government of moving the goalposts, noting that while new plug-in models are coming to the market, the overall demand for the "expensive technology" still makes up "a fraction of sales".

Q10.

- (a) Germany's preliminary consumer price data does not include a figure for core inflation, which excludes the more volatile energy and food prices.
- (b) Coalmining regions are to get some €40bn (\$44bn) in compensation.
- (c) The German cabinet agreed to cut the country's greenhouse gas emissions to 55% of their level in 1990 by 2030.
- (d) However, it undermines its own objectives by also shutting all nuclear plants by 2022.
- (e) The plan aims to end reliance on coal by 2038.

Q11.

- (a) If Facebook ignores the board's judgment it will have to explain why.
- (b) A new independent board will hear appeals from users who have had content taken down, for hate speech say.
- (c) Facebook provided details of Mark Zuckerberg's "vision" to overhaul the oversight of content on the social-media platform.
- (d) The cost of spending more on privacy and security were in part to blame for a sharp rise in expenses in Facebook's quarterly report.
- (e) By contrast, Apple reported record quarterly sales and profit figures on peripherals.

Q12.

- (a) Despite all those efforts the epidemic could still be severe.
- (b) Mr Adachi is an ardent reflationist, who wants to ease monetary policy even further in order to achieve the central bank's 2%inflation target.
- (c) But as in other countries, the financial industry is becoming louder in pointing out the drawbacks to its business of long-term negative rates.
- (d) The Japanese government follows this entire process by nominating Adachi Seiji to the policy board of the Bank of Japan.

(e) The Japanese government sent a strong signal that it remains committed to its programme of quantitative-easing and negative interest rates.

Q13.

(a) Certified seeds have higher and more stable yields than farm-saved seeds seem to be supported even in the current text of the proposed bill

(b) After passing through at least two versions, Seeds Bill 2019 is now under Parliament's consideration.

(c) The earlier versions of the Bill, in 2004 and 2010, had generated heated debates.

(d) The present version promises to be no different.

(e) In 1994, India signed the agreement on Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights (TRIPS).

Q14.

(a) To put it in perspective, there have been 38 attempts so far by other countries to land a rover on the moon and have succeeded only a little more than half the time.

(b) The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) came tantalizingly close to creating history in the early hours of September 7.

(c) While it is unfortunate that the lander failed to safely touchdown, it is apt to remember that ISRO was attempting powered landing for the first time.

(d) The robotic lander Vikram followed the predetermined descent trajectory and came just within 2 km of the lunar surface before contact was lost.

(e) Similarly, there will be relief in Brussels over the appointment of an influential PD member of the European Parliament to the economy portfolio.

Q15.

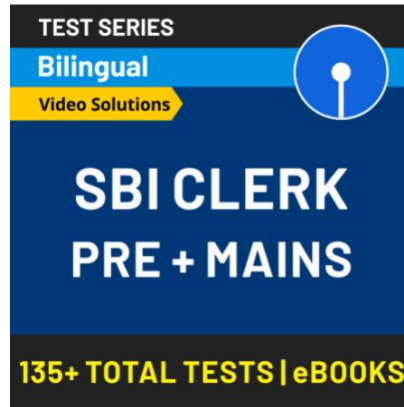
(a) This comes at a sensitive time when the Europeans are trying to salvage the Iranian nuclear deal.

(b) Under his predecessor, the bloc was faced with the risk of a deliberate breach of its already shaky fiscal rules.

(c) But it also shows the wariness of America's allies about the war-mongering intentions of Mr. Trump's hawkish advisers to provoke a war with Iran no matter what the consequences are for the rest of the world.

(d) As such, the G-7 summit was not a success, especially with the British Prime Minister, Boris Johnson, trying to make a move against the EU on the nuclear deal with the need to keep Mr. Trump on his side for an eventual trade deal following Brexit.

(e) As can be seen, no European country wants to trigger a military confrontation with Iran, one which would draw in other regional states and non-state actors.



Solutions:

S1. Ans. (c)

Sol. The correct sequence of the given sentences is **edab**. Statement (c) fails to become the part of the paragraph coherently. Hence, **option (c)** is the right answer choice.

(e)The stock exchanges clarified that the SEBI was not considering any proposal regarding a ban on short selling to curb the ongoing volatility and equity sell-off.

(d)The spokespersons for BSE and NSE said 'there is no proposal on ban on short selling with SEBI'.

(a)Regulators in a few countries like Spain, South Korea and Italy have banned short selling amid huge volatility and a fall in stock prices.

(b)Short selling refers to a strategy by which traders bet on a decline in prices and try to profit at a time when the markets are falling.

S2. Ans. (b)

Sol. The correct sequence of the given sentences is **ceda**. Statement (b) fails to become the part of the paragraph coherently. Hence, **option (b)** is the right answer choice.

(c)Hyundai Motor India Ltd. rolled out its sport utility vehicle (SUV) the all-new Creta in New Delhi.

(e)Addressing a gathering, the company's MD and CEO said the new variant would be available throughout the country.

(d)According to him, the 'all new Creta' comes with five new powertrain options and in 10 colours, including a two-dual tone options.

(a)It comes with an advanced BlueLink that offers over 50 connectivity features, giving freedom to remotely start engine for auto as well as manual transmission.

S3. Ans. (e)

Sol. The correct sequence of the given sentences is **badc**. Statement (e) fails to become the part of the paragraph coherently. Hence, **option (e)** is the right answer choice.

(b)The central bank has an armory of weapons and it will not hesitate to deploy them to mitigate the impact of COVID-19 on the economy.

(a)RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das has outlined two steps.

(d) Forex swap and a second long-term repo operation (LTRO) of ₹1 lakh crore — are aimed at supporting liquidity in the market.

(c) Market rates may incidentally fall as the LTRO is at the repo rate of 5.15%.

S4. Ans. (e)

Sol. The correct sequence of the given sentences is **cdab**. Statement **(e)** fails to become the part of the paragraph coherently. Hence, **option (e)** is the right answer choice.

(c) The Centre and the States are so short of resources that their fiscal deficit is burgeoning.

(d) The Prime Minister, at a function of the Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industry of India recently, was optimistic.

(a) But the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) Governor was less positive, admitting that the country's economic problems are also structural.

(b) The government has argued that its structural reforms would pay dividends in the long run.

S5. Ans. (b)

Sol. The correct sequence of the given sentences is **dcae**. Statement **(b)** fails to become the part of the paragraph coherently. Hence, **option (b)** is the right answer choice.

(d) The National Security Strategy released by President Donald Trump's administration last year augured a major change in China-US relations.

(c) Where its predecessors lauded the merits of co-operation with the emerging superpower, Mr Trump's document promised competition and resistance to Chinese trade and other abuses.

(a) The tirade Mike Pence launched against China last week doubled down on that commitment.

(e) Pence castigated the Chinese for bullying investors, buying allies with cheap loans, "tearing down crosses" and much else.

S6. Ans. (c)

Sol. The correct sequence of the given sentences is **deba**. Statement **(c)** fails to become the part of the paragraph coherently. Hence, **option (c)** is the right answer choice.

(d) Credit card interest payments are the dumbest money of all.

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(b) Stock market investors now have a unique opportunity to stake claim to this easy money, with SBI Cards set to list its shares.

(a) In stock market parlance, this means SBI Cards will command a scarcity premium.

S7. Ans. (d)

Sol. The correct sequence of the given sentences is **beca**. Statement **(d)** fails to become the part of the paragraph coherently. Hence, **option (d)** is the right answer choice.

(b) The Centre and the States are so short of resources that their fiscal deficit is burgeoning.

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S8. Ans. (e)

Sol. The correct sequence of the paragraph is **bacd** whereas; (e) fails to become a part of the paragraph coherently. The passage talks about the how the Holidays are extended in China due to Corona Virus.

(b) The lunar new-year holiday, extended in many Chinese provinces because of the spread of a new coronavirus, officially ended.

(a) But many businesses remained closed because of quarantine and travel restrictions.

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S9. Ans. (b)

Sol. The correct sequence of the paragraph is **daec** whereas (b) fails to become a part of the paragraph coherently as the passage talks about the refusal of the plans by the Motor Industry and the Industry body about the Government's proposal on banning the new diesel, hybrid and petrol Vehicles .This makes our correct option (b).

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(c) The German cabinet agreed to cut the country's greenhouse gas emissions to 55% of their level in 1990 by 2030.

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S11. Ans. (e)

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(c) Facebook provided details of Mark Zuckerberg's "vision" to overhaul the oversight of content on the social-media platform.

(b) A new independent board will hear appeals from users who have had content taken down, for hate speech say.

(a) If Facebook ignores the board's judgment it will have to explain why.

(d) The cost of spending more on privacy and security were in part to blame for a sharp rise in expenses in Facebook's quarterly report.

S12. Ans. (a)

Sol. The correct sequence of the paragraph is **bcde** whereas (a) fails to become a part of the paragraph coherently. The passage talks about the Japanese Government making its efforts on quantitative easing and negative interest rates on the other hand option (a) talks about the epidemic. This makes our correct option (a).

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