

RBI Assistant Mains Practice Marathon English

Directions (1-7): Read the following passage and answer the following questions. Some words are highlighted to help you answer some of the questions.

In the near future, space debris will become a critical challenge for the global community, endangering access to space and the benefits this access brings. In recent years, the \$360 billion global space economy has experienced a transformation. Declining costs, satellite and launcher size evolutions and the **proliferation** of related technology has led to a surge in satellite launches, many of which are conducted by new space enterprises and nations. Over the coming years, thousands of payloads are expected to be launched by the commercial sector alone, adding to the over 2,000 already active satellites in orbit. This transformation and rapid growth are anticipated to increase the space sector's vital role in telecommunications, remote sensing, space science and national security, making it a vital node of the Fourth Industrial Revolution's infrastructure.

However, the rush in space activity is already adding to a crowded orbit. With over 20,000 pieces of debris larger than 10 centimetres tracked in orbit and many more untracked, the rise in space activity will lead to even more debris, increasing collision risk. The orbital environment is a globally shared resource where existing international guidelines steer space actors in their activities, however, these are not **enforceable** and derived standards are not always followed. Neither are guidelines expected to sufficiently curtail the creation of new debris in the coming years caused by fundamental shifts in traffic. Therefore, an opportunity exists to develop a solution based on a multi stakeholder approach built on public-private collaboration.

As the challenge of orbital debris or "space junk" is set to grow, current and future missions face an increasing risk of possible collisions. The Space Sustainability Rating (SSR) will provide a new, innovative way of addressing the orbital challenge by encouraging responsible behaviour in space through increasing the transparency of organizations' debris mitigation efforts. The SSR will provide a score representing a mission's sustainability as it relates to debris mitigation and alignment with international guidelines. Organizations will provide mission data through a questionnaire, which will be evaluated in combination with other external data through a mathematical model that establishes a rating for the mission. By voluntarily taking part in the rating, spacecraft operators, launch service providers and satellite manufacturers will share a single point of reference externally describing their mission's level of sustainability. Making their aggregate score publicly available, these actors will increase transparency and place emphasis on their debris mitigation approach, without disclosing any mission-sensitive or **proprietary** information. The rating may also act as a differentiator and trigger positive outcomes (e.g. impacting insurance cost or funding conditions), incentivizing other stakeholders to improve their behavior.



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Q1. What has led to a surge in Satellite launch in these days?

- (a) Reduced operational costs, satellite and launcher size evolutions and the rapid increase of related technology.
- (b) Space launch market competition is the manifestation of market forces in the launch service provider business.
- (c) The current trends in launch traffic are focusing on describing the characteristics of small satellites.
- (d) Due to the excess supply compared to demand, it led to a surge in Satellite launch.
- (e) None of these.

Q2. What are the benefits of the rapid growth in satellite launching?

- (a) The new smaller type satellites are able to do close observation giving the credible information.
- (b) Its revolution in the area of overall allied sectors related to transportation.
- (c) It augments its role in areas like telecommunications, remote sensing, space science and national security.
- (d) These technologies are alike in the rapid and widespread manner in which they are transforming or promise to transform economic sectors.
- (e) None of these.

Q3. What is the threat mentioned in the passage author talks about in the orbit?

- (a) Hundreds of thousands of man-made objects are zipping around our planet—from dead satellites to errant nuts and bolts making it a huge Junk.
- (b) The increase in the number of debris can led to a further change in the atmosphere in the space.
- (c) The increase in the waste can have an increased chance of collision in the orbit.
- (d) Both (b) & (c)
- (e) None of these.

Q4. According to the passage what is the need of Space Sustainability Rating?

- (a) Identifying areas of concern and providing an innovative way for the long-term sustainability of outer space activities through its debris reduction efforts.
- (b) Assessing how patterns of water and energy may be affected by climate change.
- (c) Minimizing the impact of the risk events—occurrences that have a negative impact on the project.
- (d) It helps to invent new things better from the “Space Junk” in the space.
- (e) None of these.

Q5. Which of the following sentence is incorrect as given in the passage?

- (a) Space debris will become a critical challenge in the future.
- (b) There are 2,000 active satellites in orbit.
- (c) The SSR provides a score representing a mission’s sustainability as it relates to debris mitigation and alignment with international guidelines.
- (d) As the challenge of orbital debris or “space junk” is set to grow, current and future missions is free from those risks by the introduction of new ‘space risk reduction’ tool.
- (e) None of these.

Q6. Choose the word which is most nearly the SIMILAR in meaning to the word 'PROLIFERATION' printed in bold as used in the passage.

- (a) Pleasant
- (b) Agreeable
- (c) Pacifying
- (d) Augment
- (e) Irritating

Q7. Choose the word which is most nearly the OPPOSITE in meaning to the word 'COLLABORATIVELY' printed in bold as used in the passage.

- (a) Separately
- (b) Worldly
- (c) Cultured
- (d) Provincial
- (e) Suave

Directions (8-15): Which of the following phrases (I), (II), or (III) given below each sentence should replace the phrase printed in bold letters to make the sentence grammatically correct? Choose the best option among the five given alternatives that reflect the correct use of phrase in the context of the grammatically correct sentence. If the sentence is correct as it is, mark (e) i.e., "No correction required" as the answer.

Q8. Apple and its manufacturers has having to shut their businesses in China for weeks as demand has plunged following the outbreak of the coronavirus.

- (a) has to shutter their business
- (b) have had to shutter their businesses
- (c) has compliance to shut out business
- (d) have to shutting there business
- (e) no replacement required

Q9. The finance minister said none of the executives for raise concerns about price rise or an immediate shortage of raw materials during the meeting.

- (a) none of the executives concerns raising
- (b) none of the executives have raising concerns
- (c) none of the executives raised concerns
- (d) none of the executives raised concerns
- (e) no replacement required



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Q10. The deadline for submitting the bids for Jet Airways, **which is undergone insolvency** process, ended on Monday

- (a) which is undergoing insolvency
- (b) which are undergoing insolvency
- (c) which has undergo insolvency
- (d) which are to be undergoing insolvency
- (e) no replacement required

Q11. The results of the recent Delhi assembly elections, which brought Arvind Kejriwal's Aam Aadmi Party back to power with a massive majority, **has partial attributed** to the freebies and subsidies given to the electorate.

- (a) has been partial attributes
- (b) has been partially attributed
- (c) have partially attributed
- (d) has not been part attributed
- (e) no replacement required

Q12. In its daily update, the National Health Commission **reported 1,749 new case for people infected** with the virus nationwide, the lowest number of new cases this month.

- (a) reported 1,749 new cases of people infected
- (b) reportedly 1,749 new cases of people infected
- (c) reports 1,749 new cases for people infected
- (d) reporting 1,749 newly cases for people infecting
- (e) no replacement required

Q13. Telecom operators Bharti Airtel Ltd and Reliance Jio Infocomm Ltd have started internal consultations on how the two companies **can swift upgrade their networks** to absorb users from rival Vodafone Idea in case it shuts down.

- (a) can have swift upgradation their networks
- (b) can swiftly upgrade their networks
- (c) can swiftly upgrade its networks
- (d) can swiftly upgrade for their network
- (e) no replacement required

Q14. Even as attention is riveted on India's upcoming Moon landing, the country's space agency is hard at work on the commercial front, **developing a rocket that will** deliver small satellites to the Earth's orbit.

- (a) develop a rocket that will
- (b) to developing a rocket that would
- (c) developing the rockets that should
- (d) has development a rocket that
- (e) no replacement required

Q15. The death toll rose to 2,004, with most of the deaths in central Hubei province, **where the virus first emerged in** December before spiralling into a nationwide epidemic.

- (a) where the virus firstly emerge in
- (b) when the virus first emerged in
- (c) where the virus been emerged first in
- (d) where the virus first emerged in
- (e) no replacement required

Direction (16-20): Select the phrase/connector (STARTERS) from the given three options which can be used to form a single sentence from the two sentences given below, implying the same meaning as expressed in the statements.

Q16.

(I) Lack of demand and major supply-side bottlenecks are being the primary issues facing exports and real estate.

(II) It is doubtful whether the present measures will be enough to revive these flailing sectors.

(i) With lack of demand.....

(ii) It is doubtful.....

(iii) Since is it is doubtful.....

- (a) Only (i)
- (b) Both (ii) and (iii)
- (c) Both (iii) and (i)
- (d) Both (i) and (ii)
- (e) None of these



Q17.

(I) There are no options available to the government to deal with the present crisis.

(II) The government has been relying almost entirely on providing fiscal relief in the form of tax cuts.

(i) Because of scarcity of options available.....

(ii) As there are no options.....

(iii) As the government has cut.....

- (a) Both (i) and (ii)
- (b) Both (ii) and (iii)
- (c) Both (iii) and (i)
- (d) Only (i)
- (e) None of these

- Q18.** (I) The government promised structural reforms when it rose to power in 2014.
(II) Structural reforms are a far cry from what many expected from the government.
(i) As soon as structural reforms are a far.....
(ii) Since these are a far cry.....
(iii) Though government promised.....
(a) Both (i) and (ii)
(b) Both (ii) and (iii)
(c) Both (iii) and (i)
(d) Only (iii)
(e) None of these

Q19.

- (I) It is crucial for media to show solidarity towards its own.
(II) The media should improve working conditions for those on margins.
(i) While improving working conditions.....
(ii) Being crucial for media to show.....
(iii) However media to show.....
(a) Both (i) and (ii)
(b) Both (ii) and (iii)
(c) Both (iii) and (i)
(d) Only (i)
(e) None of these

Q20.

- (I) It has been the endeavor of Israel to overcome its regional isolation.
(II) It wants to enhance diplomatic relations with as many countries as possible.
(i) Endeavoring to overcome.....
(ii) Along with endeavoring to overcome.....
(iii) Enhancing diplomatic relations with.....
(a) Only (i)
(b) Only (ii)
(c) Only (iii)
(d) All of the above
(e) None of these

Directions (21-25): In the following questions two sentences are given with one blank. The sentence is then provided with five options which consist of the words that can fill the given blanks. Choose that option as your answer which can fill the given blanks to make a contextually meaningful and grammatically correct sentence. If none of the given options fills the given blanks then choose option (e), 'None of these' as your answer.

- Q21.** (I) A major obstacle to good governance is the entrenched lack of _____ within the government.
(II) We must have learned from past that transparency and _____ are of the utmost of importance.
(a) Accountability
(b) Persistent
(c) Savagery
(d) Cavalier
(e) None of these
- Q22.** (I) This is the body of new work George that has produced shows which intrigue and _____ the viewer.
(II) Along with the already restored Rolls Royce, the timeless Napier's cars are set to _____ visitors.
(a) Consequential
(b) Bewitch
(c) Annul
(d) Corollary
(e) None of these
- Q23.** (I) The Kerala Chief Minister dismissed the claim as _____ that Hindi was a unifying force
(II) Mo Yan, a writer who enjoyed delving into the realms of the _____, must be feeling like he stepped into one of his novels.
(a) Dissent
(b) Foregone
(c) Absurd
(d) Ironically
(e) None of these
- Q24.** (I) Men may refuse the challenge of trying to right a ship on the verge of _____, preferring to wait for an easier test.
(II) A boat _____ near Rajamahendravaram, happens all of a sudden and passengers are caught unawares.
(a) Incentivize
(b) Incomprehensible
(c) Inhibit
(d) Overturn
(e) None of these
- Q25.** (I) The Centre has moved quickly to _____ a potentially volatile controversy over the charge of Hindi imposition.
(II) Mr. Modi should have seized the opportunity and gone to Iran in order to _____ the crisis brewing between the U.S. and Iran.
(a) Defuse
(b) Muzzling
(c) Suffice
(d) Treacherous
(e) None of these



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Directions (26-30): In each Question below, a word is given followed by four pairs. Choose the pair which states either the synonyms or the antonyms or a synonym and an antonym of the given word. If none of the four pairs are correct then choose "None of these" as your answer choice.

Q26. Beleaguered

- (a) Besieged, Troubled
- (b) Original, Pathetic
- (c) Guarantee, Postpone
- (d) Tiresome, Intimidate
- (e) None of these

Q27. Cessation

- (a) Caution, Novice
- (b) Termination, Resumption
- (c) Skill, Candidness
- (d) Enthusiasm, Composure
- (e) None of these

Q28. Demotion

- (a) Discipline, Preferable
- (b) Predict, Humiliate
- (c) Advance, Promote
- (d) Futuristic, Careful
- (e) None of these



Q29. Disquiet

- (a) Praise, Criticize,
- (b) Malady, Escape
- (c) Deterrent, Detestable
- (d) Tranquility, Anxiousness
- (e) None of these

Q30. Erratic

- (a) Inconstant, Irregular
- (b) Thrifty, Blunder
- (c) Extravagant, Forerunner
- (d) Vibrations, Prerogative
- (e) None of these

Directions (31- 35): Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions given below it. Certain words are given in bold to help you locate them while answering some of the questions.

India Inc registered strong gains in profit in the third quarter of 2019- 20. While the conventional wisdom would point to the cut in corporate tax rates and low crude oil prices, a closer look at the data indicates that a lower base in the year-ago quarter had a more important role to play.

An analysis of the results of 1,139 listed companies reveals a lopsided pattern. Overall, this sample registered a massive 43.9 per cent growth rate in pre-tax profit and 63.6 per cent year-on-year rise in profit after tax despite registering a mere 2.2 per cent rise in net sales. The difference between pre-tax profit and net profit is largely due to the tax cuts, which became effective in the September 2019 quarter, and that is visible in the aggregate tax payout, which remained at the same level despite the significant jump in profit. Almost all the profitability gains were contributed by Tata Motors, banks, and refineries.

Banks, especially the corporate lenders, had a subdued December 2018 quarter, which had resulted in losses or a drop in profit. In the December 2019 quarter, the situation improved as losses reduced and banks got the benefit of lower tax rates. Tata Motors was a big outlier. The company had reported a pre-tax loss of over ~29,000 crore, and turned around with a profit before tax of ~1,350 crore in the December 2019 quarter. If Tata Motors is removed from the sample, the rise in pretax profit and net profit is 16.2 per cent and 20.9 per cent, respectively. If banks are also excluded, pre-tax profit would decline by 0.6 per cent and net profit growth would be 5.6 per cent. Removing refineries from the sample leads to a pre-tax profit decline of 4.3 per cent and net profit growth of just 1.25 per cent. The operating margin for the sample excluding finance, refineries, and Tata Motors was flat at 20.8 per cent in the December 2019 quarter, compared to the year-ago period. The higher profitability of refineries is no surprise, given lower crude oil and natural gas prices. Lower fuel prices also helped InterGlobe Aviation (IndiGo) boost its pre-tax profit 2.9 times and those of fertiliser companies by 2.4 times. The improved performance of the banking sector is heartening, but concerns remain.

The takeover of Essar Steel removed an overhang of ~42,000 crore in non-performing assets from the debtors' balance sheets but this is a one-off. If more resolutions are completed in bankruptcy courts, banks would benefit. What was worrying is that consumption demand remained sluggish and companies didn't seem to have adequate pricing power — the top line of FMCG (fast-moving consumer goods) companies grew 5.5 per cent while pre-tax profit was up 6.5 per cent, which was mainly due to lower expenditure. The story in automobiles and consumer durables was worse. The lack of a rebound in construction, cement, and steel indicates investment, including infrastructure investment, is also a dampener. The economy continues to remain stuck in second gear.

Q31. Which factor/s played a crucial role in gaining huge profits?

- (a) Deductions in corporate taxes in the upcoming quarters
- (b) Recent reduction of prices of crude oil
- (c) Lower level of corporate tax rates and crude oil pricing in the year ago quarter
- (d) None of these
- (e) All of the above



Q32. What does the highlighted phrase lopsided pattern refers to?

- (a) Lack of balance between the pre-tax and over-all profit
- (b) Symmetry between the net sales and over all gained profits
- (c) Leaning towards both sides of tax cuts
- (d) Leaning on getting profit from crude oil pricing
- (e) All of the above

Q33. Which of the following statements indicate the difference between pretax as well as net profit?

- (a) Aggregate tax payout showcased the difference
- (b) The aggregate tax payout remained unaltered even after the rise in profit
- (c) Both (a) and (b)
- (d) The profitability difference affected the gains of prominent companies
- (e) All of the above

Q34. How did the banks manage to cope with the profit declination?

- (a) Reduction in the losses
- (b) Advantage of decreased tax rates
- (c) Subdues net sales
- (d) Both (a) and (b)
- (e) All are correct

Q35. How removal of refineries affected the pre-tax profit and net profit growth?

- (a) 1.25 % growth in net profit
- (b) 4.3% declination in pre-tax profit
- (c) A considerable increase in both pretax and net profit
- (d) Both (a) and (b)
- (e) All of the above

Directions (36-40): In each of the following questions, a statement is given with two blanks. Followed by two columns, Column (A) contains words that might fill in the first blank and Column (B) contains words that might fill in the second blank. Choose among the options, the right pair of words that can fill in the blanks consecutively to make the sentence grammatically correct and contextually meaningful. If none of the options could fill in the blanks, mark your answer, "None of the above; (e)".

Q36. The _____ is part of a larger battle between ISPs and states that are trying to impose regulations stronger than those _____ by the federal government.

Column (A)

- (1) Fathom
- (2) Diaspora
- (3) lawsuit

Column (B)

- (4) deliberately
- (5) prejudiced
- (6) enforced
- (a) 1-4
- (b) 2-5
- (c) 3-6
- (d) Both (a) & (b)
- (e) None of the above

Q37. _____ hackers will use machine learning to execute even more _____ attacks on organizations and governments.

Column (A)

- (1) absolute
- (2) Savvy
- (3) profound

Column (B)

- (4) Dissonance
- (5) stealthy
- (6) moronic
- (a) 1-4
- (b) 2-5
- (c) 3-6
- (d) Both (a) & (c)
- (e) None of the above



Q38. The presence of birds has been a comfort to travellers, a _____ for the ill and a _____ to many as they go about their busy lives.

Column (A)

- (1) tonic
- (2) redolent
- (3) antedates

Column (B)

- (4) delight
- (5) oppose
- (6) buffer
- (a) 1-4
- (b) 2-5
- (c) 3-6
- (d) Both (a) & (b)
- (e) None of the above

Q39. It is the unmaking of the post-1989 world, and the most dramatic feature of this ongoing _____ is not the rise of _____ regimes, but the changing nature of democratic ones in many Western countries.

Column (A)

- (1) agility
- (2) gathering
- (3) transformation

Column (B)

- (4) parlance
- (5) endow
- (6) authoritarian
- (a) 1-4
- (b) 2-5
- (c) 3-6
- (d) Both (a) & (b)
- (e) None of the above

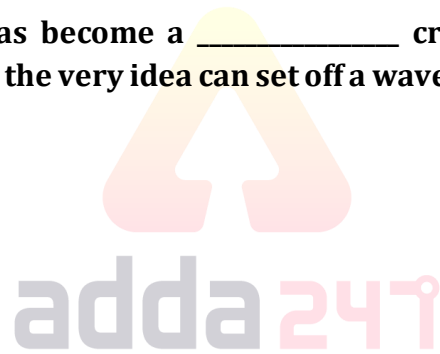
Q40. The demand to innovate has become a _____ cry for leaders eager to push their institutions in new directions, but the very idea can set off a wave of skepticism and _____.

Column (A)

- (1) terse
- (2) rallying
- (3) ban

Column (B)

- (4) energy
- (5) backlash
- (6) extend
- (a) 1-4
- (b) 2-5
- (c) 3-6
- (d) Both (a) & (b)
- (e) None of the above



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