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Directions (1-5): In each of the questions given below four words are given in bold. These four words may or may not be in their correct position. The sentence is then followed by options with the correct combination of words that should replace each other in order to make the sentence grammatically and contextually correct. Find the correct combination of the words that replace each other. If the sentence is correct as it is then select option (e) as your choice.

Q1. The Delhi High Court has **observed** (1) that use of pesticides and **consumers** (2) to ripen fruits **amounts** (3) to poisoning the **chemicals** (4).

- (a) 2-3
- (b) 1-4
- (c) 2-4
- (d) 1-3
- (e) No arrangement required

Q2. We are **arrangements** (1) round-the-clock on the **ground** (2) to work out the **necessary** (3) logistics and **working** (4) are being put in place.

- (a) 2-3
- (b) 1-4
- (c) 2-4
- (d) 1-3
- (e) No arrangement required

Q3. In the national **capital** (1), the three persons under **negative** (2) at an isolation ward of the RML Hospital for **possible** (3) exposure to nCoV have tested **observation** (4).

- (a) 2-3
- (b) 1-4
- (c) 2-4
- (d) 1-3
- (e) No arrangement required

Q4. Several policemen **posted** (1) at the protest venue, who were **assailant** (2) about 50 metres from the **standing** (3), appeared to have been **caught** (4) off guard by the shooter's actions.

- (a) 2-4
- (b) 1-4
- (c) 2-3
- (d) 1-3
- (e) No arrangement required

Q5. We have **established** (1) contact with over 600 Indians **repatriated** (2) the province and are individually **ascertaining** (3) their willingness to be **across** (4).

- (a) 2-3
- (b) 1-4

- (c) 2-4
- (d) 1-3
- (e) No arrangement required

Q6. Several people **made** (1) their way to these spots to **sang** (2) a minute of silence at 5.17 p.m., the time Gandhi was **shot** (3), after which they **observe** (4) the national anthem.

- (a) 2-3
- (b) 1-4
- (c) 2-4
- (d) 1-3
- (e) No arrangement required

Q7. After the **shift** (1) of the Union Budget **later** (2) this week, **focus** (3) will soon **presentation** (4) to the Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI).

- (a) 1-4
- (b) 2-3
- (c) 3-4
- (d) Both (a) & (c)
- (e) None of these

Q8. It is **possible** (1) that the consumption **spending** (2) of households has **changed** (3) since the consumer expenditure survey of 2011-12 and Indian households are now **pattern** (4) more on health and education.

- (a) 1-2
- (b) 2-3
- (c) 2-4
- (d) 1-3
- (e) None of these

Q9. There is a **time** (1) among political leaders nowadays to **indulge** (2) in a war of words over the heirs of **legacies** (3) of freedom fighters just around the **tendency** (4) of their anniversaries.

- (a) 1-4
- (b) 2-3
- (c) 3-4
- (d) Both (a) & (c)
- (e) None of these

Q10. What makes coronavirus particularly lethal is that it **mutates** (1) easily and can spread even in its **contagion** (2) period, which means the risk of **incubation** (3) is high even before any **symptoms** (4) show up.

- (a) 1-2
- (b) 2-3
- (c) 2-4
- (d) 1-3

(e) None of these



Directions (11-15): In the following questions, a paragraph is given with three blanks, followed by six words. You have to choose the most suitable combination of words among the four alternative options, that will fill the blank coherently, forming a grammatically correct and contextually meaningful paragraph. If none of the given combination is appropriate to fill the blank, mark option (e) i.e. “none of these” as your answer choice.

Q11. The MSPs served as the _____ prices and were fixed by the Government in the nature of a long-term guarantee for investment _____ of producers, with the assurance that prices of their commodities would not be allowed to fall below the level fixed by the Government, even in the case of a _____ crop.

- (i) Floor
- (ii) Flour
- (iii) Decisions
- (iv) Deceased
- (v) Poured
- (vi) Bumper

- (a) (iv), (v) and (iii)
- (b) (ii), (i) and (iv)
- (c) (i), (iii) and (vi)
- (d) (v), (iv) and (i)
- (e) none of these

Q12. A more _____ approach in addressing the widening CAD would be to institute wide-ranging measures to _____ exports and simultaneously reduce the import-intensity of the

economy. Policymakers must renew efforts to ensure that export growth starts _____ the expansion in merchandise imports.

- (i) Boost
- (ii) children
- (iii) Robust
- (iv) launched
- (v) recovered
- (vi) Outpacing
- (a) (iii), (i) and (vi)
- (b) (iv), (v) and (ii)
- (c) (i), (iv) and (ii)
- (d) (iv), (i) and (vi)
- (e) none of these

Q13. Over 1.56 lakh driving licences have been _____ for various traffic offences in the State in the first six months of this year.

_____ on mobile phones was the prime reason for licence suspension. While driving licences of 57,158 persons were _____ for the offence for the whole of last year, this number is 64,105 at the end of the first six months of 2018.

- (i) transporting
- (ii) speaking
- (iii) arrested
- (iv) debarred
- (v) cancelled
- (vi) suspended
- (a) iii, iv, vi
- (b) vi, i, iii
- (c) vi, ii, vi
- (d) v, i, v
- (e) none of these

Q14. The Madras High Court on Wednesday _____ the State government from _____ any kind of proceedings against Hindustan Unilever Limited (HUL) _____ to a government order issued on August 18 last year directing the company to handover 1,434.43 acres at Gudalur Taluk in Nilgiris district because they had been declared as forest land.

- (i) initiated
- (ii) restrained
- (iii) pursuant
- (iv) restraining
- (v) initiating
- (vi) filed

- (a) i, iv and vi
- (b) ii, iv and i
- (c) i, v and vi
- (d) ii, v and iii
- (e) none of the above

Q15. A _____ mechanism that actually helps farmers get the declared MSP for a crop is being _____ through a price deficiency payment scheme and a private procurement plan. But this is still in a _____ stage and is not adequate.

- (i) nascent
- (ii) pursued
- (iii) robust
- (iv) treat
- (v) barred
- (vi) allocate

- (a) v, iv and i
- (b) v, ii and i
- (c) iii, v and vi
- (d) iii, ii and i
- (e) none of the above

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Solutions:

S1. Ans. (c)

Sol. Chemicals and Consumers should replace each other to make the sentence grammatically and contextually correct. Hence, option (c) is the right answer choice.

S2. Ans. (b)

Sol. arrangements and working should replace each other to make the sentence grammatically and contextually correct. Hence, option (b) is the right answer choice.

S3. Ans. (c)

Sol. negative and observation should replace each other to make the sentence grammatically and contextually correct. Hence, option (c) is the right answer choice.

S4. Ans. (c)

Sol. Standing and Assailant should replace each other to make the sentence grammatically and contextually correct. Hence, option (c) is the right answer choice.

S5. Ans. (c)

Sol. Repatriated and Across should replace each other to make the sentence grammatically and contextually correct. Hence, option (c) is the right answer choice.

S6. Ans. (c)

Sol. Sang and observe should replace each other to make the sentence grammatically and contextually correct. Hence, option (c) is the right answer choice.

S7. Ans. (a)

Sol. Here, 1-4 i.e, 'presentation' will be replaced by 'shift' to make the sentence grammatically and contextually correct. The sentence thus formed is,
"After the presentation of the Union Budget later this week, focus will soon shift to the Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI)".

S8. Ans. (c)

Sol. Here, 2-4 i.e, 'pattern' will be replaced by 'spending' to make the sentence grammatically and contextually correct. The sentence thus formed is,
"It is possible that the consumption pattern of households has changed since the consumer expenditure survey of 2011-12 and Indian households are now spending more on health and education".

S9 Ans. (a)

Sol. Here, 1-4 i.e, 'tendency' will be replaced by 'time' to make the sentence grammatically and contextually correct. The sentence thus formed is,
"There is a tendency among political leaders nowadays to indulge in a war of words over the heirs of legacies of freedom fighters just around the time of their anniversaries".

S10. Ans. (b)

Sol. Here, 2-3 i.e, 'incubation' will be replaced by 'contagion' to make the sentence grammatically and contextually correct. The sentence thus formed is,
"What makes coronavirus particularly lethal is that it mutates easily and can spread even in its incubation period, which means the risk of contagion is high even before any symptoms show up".

S11. Ans. (c)

Sol. The most appropriate set of words that fills the blanks of the paragraph is "Floor, Decisions and Bumper". 'Floor- a minimum level of prices or wages.' provides the precise context.

Bumper- exceptionally large

All the other words are incoherent and fail to make the paragraph comprehensive. Hence, option (c) is the most suitable answer choice.

S12. Ans. (a)

Sol. The most appropriate word-set is “Robust, Boost and Outpacing”. ‘Robust’ is functioning as an adverb.

Outpacing means ‘go, rise, or improve faster than.’ The word appropriately satisfies the context of the third blank.

The correct word for the second blank is ‘Boost’

Hence, option (a) is the correct answer.

S13. Ans. (c)

Sol. The correct set of words are “suspended, speaking and suspended”. Driving license is something which could be suspended. So, the first and the third blank would be filled by the same word ‘suspended’. What can be done on mobile phones? One could speak on it. So, speaking is the correct word to fill the second blank.

Hence, option (c) is the correct answer.

S14. Ans. (d)

Sol. ‘Restrained’ is a more appropriate word than ‘initiated’ to fill the first blank. The High Court could have stopped or restrained the State government from initiating any kind of... rather than ‘initiated’ the State government from restraining any kind of...

Pursuant- in accordance with (a law or a legal document or resolution)

Hence, the correct answer is option (d).

S15. Ans. (d)

Sol. The appropriate set of words which would fill the blank is “robust, pursued, nascent”.

Robust means strong and healthy; vigorous.

Pursued means seek to attain or accomplish (a goal) over a long period.

Nascent means just coming into existence and beginning to display signs of future potential.

Other words are irrelevant and do not coherently fit the blank.

Hence, the correct answer is option (d).

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