

Quiz Date: 17th April 2020

Directions (1-15): In the following questions, a word is given in bold followed by three sentences. Choose the appropriate option mentioning the sentence(s) that uses the highlighted word in a grammatically correct and contextually meaningful manner.

Q1.

Stagger

(I) Leaders from western New York are echoing the governor's belief that any reopening of New York's economy amid the coronavirus pandemic will likely be **staggered**.

(II) The Ministry of Home Affairs said that should people come to work, they must be put into shifts that have an hour in between and **stagger** their lunch breaks to ensure social distancing.

(III) Nancy Pelosi has **stagger** to hold a chamber-wide vote to authorise the impeachment inquiry, despite pushback from the White House and Republicans.

- (a) Only (I)
- (b) Only (II)
- (c) Only (III)
- (d) Both (I) and (II)
- (e) Both (II) and (III)

Q2.

Coercive

(I) While New South Wales considers drafting legislation on **coercive** control, Scottish laws to criminalise such behaviour have already made a significant difference in domestic abuse cases.

(II) Oil Minister Dharmendra Pradhan made a **coercive** appeal to Finance Minister for bringing jet fuel and natural gas under the ambit of GST.

(III) Bozlu Miah, of Stuart Street, pleaded guilty to one count of **coercive** and controlling behaviour and two counts of common assault,

- (a) Only (I)
- (b) Both (III) and (I)
- (c) Only (III)
- (d) Both (I) and (II)
- (e) Both (II) and (III)

Q3.

Proactive

(I) There has further been a huge support of the government's decision on economic grounds to **proactive** J&K.

(II) Despite the economic slowdown, the government implemented a nationwide lockdown and we support India's **proactive** decision.

(III) Karthi steals the show in his bold and action packed **proactive**.

- (a) Only (III)
- (b) Only (II)
- (c) Both (I) and (III)
- (d) Only (I)
- (e) Both (II) and (III)

Q4.

Disastrous

- (I) Costa Rica campaign seeks to **disastrous** marriage equality support
- (II) Refineries that postpone planned maintenance downtime to boost profits are facing **disastrous** consequences.
- (III) With either Aranyi or Garcia as president, a similarly **disastrous** anti-BDS (Boycott Divestment and Sanction movement) resolution seems likely to be introduced.

- (a) Only (I)
- (b) Only (II)
- (c) Only (III)
- (d) Both (I) and (II)
- (e) Both (II) and (III)

Q5.

Fervently

- (I) Two of the world's biggest combat sports companies are **fervently** working to restart operations as soon as possible.
- (II) The European shipping industry urges the EU to **fervently** maritime security in the Gulf of Guinea.
- (III) Prayer is powerful and I request that we pray even more **fervently** during these challenging days.

- (a) Only (I)
- (b) Both (III) and (I)
- (c) Only (III)
- (d) Both (I) and (II)
- (e) Both (II) and (III)

Q6.

Moribund

- (I) The only use of company's technology will be the most optimistic, the most hopeful, and the most **moribund**.
- (II) To revive the fortunes of the **moribund** real estate sector, HDFC Chairman suggested measures, including the setting up a stressed real estate fund.

(III) Banks are resisting the growing clamor for much-needed working capital to breathe life into a **moribund** economy by refusing to relent on their creditworthiness criteria while approving loan applications.

- (a) Only (III)
- (b) Only (II)
- (c) Both (I) and (III)
- (d) Only (I)
- (e) Both (II) and (III)

Q7.

Solidarity

(I) Pennsylvania appeals court rejects request to **solidarity** judge whose girlfriend filed complaint against DA's office.

(II) If I am satisfied that I am biased, then I can **solidarity** myself from hearing this case.

(III) A top Azerbaijani leader on April 15 praised Turkey over a recent mutual display of **solidarity** against coronavirus.

- (a) Only (III)
- (b) Only (II)
- (c) Both (I) and (III)
- (d) Only (I)
- (e) Both (II) and (III)

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Q8.

Subterfuge

(I) Three weeks ago, BeachGrit's Paul Evans reported exciting stories of **subterfuge** coming from the hissing beach breaks of south-west France.

(II) All of the strategy and **subterfuge** currently at play has been described in collections such as "The art of war" by General Sun Tzu.

(III) Some apprehension to MLS's playoff comes **subterfuge** from how it alters a team's strategy.

- (a) Only (I)
- (b) Only (II)
- (c) Only (III)
- (d) Both (I) and (II)
- (e) Both (II) and (III)

Q9.

Tatters

- (I) We want to make sure we're doing everything we can to **tatters** that from taking place.
- (II) Priti Patel's pledge to crack down on migrants crossing the Channel in small boats is in **tatters** after a record number reached Britain this month.
- (III) If the federal election does not happen in November, which at this moment in time is not impossible, the Constitution will be left in **tatters**.

- (a) Only (III)
- (b) Only (II)
- (c) Both (I) and (III)
- (d) Only (I)
- (e) Both (II) and (III)

Q10.

Caveat

- (I) Construction industry face workers shortage as government allows work to re-start with **caveat**.
- (II) We have made a study **caveat** of all published SAT tests and are happy to share our research with you.
- (III) Companies were urging clients to use extra cautious language when providing an outlook to lawyers, including specifying precisely when management is weaving in additional **caveats**.

- (a) Only (III)
- (b) Only (II)
- (c) Both (I) and (III)
- (d) Only (I)
- (e) Both (II) and (III)

Q11.

Winnow

- (I) The village girls spit out the chaff as they **winnow** with wooden forks and sing about their dowry jewels.
- (II) She contends that women **winnow** competing ideas less through hostile scrutiny than by getting inside another's mind, and often by way of friendly conversation.

(III) By coming up with fresh ways to market the company's products, Mike proved himself to be a **winnow** businessman.

- (a) Only (I)
- (b) Only (II)
- (c) Only (III)
- (d) Both (I) and (II)
- (e) Both (II) and (III)

Q12.

Exodus

(I) With poor openings here, the state also sees an annual **exodus** of trained professionals.

(II) In short, scientists have not yet **exodus** the nature of consciousness, its origins, or its role in Nature.

(III) Half-hearted efforts at compliance among urban school districts have kept the **exodus** to just a trickle.

- (a) Only (III)
- (b) Only (II)
- (c) Both (I) and (III)
- (d) Only (I)
- (e) Both (II) and (III)

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Q13.

Pestilence

(I) After the Austrian victories King Ferdinand sent a Neapolitan army of 20,000 men under Filangieri to **pestilence** the island.

(II) The **pestilence** that destroyed so much of our agriculture industry has left a long shadow, and no one would claim that everything today is back to normal.

(III) Investors don't want to put their money on companies that are showing **pestilence** growth and inconsistent profits.

- (a) Only (III)
- (b) Only (II)
- (c) Both (I) and (III)
- (d) Only (I)
- (e) Both (II) and (III)

Q14.

Sophistry

(I) Today, the one side that is wrong about virtually everything, has forgone argumentation, and even **sophistry**, precisely because it cannot contend with those armed with facts.

(II) Only a mistake would leave their car **sophistry**, with the keys in the ignition, and then be surprised when the vehicle was stolen.

(III) A work of **sophistry** by the libertarian legal professor Richard A. Epstein, which was widely circulated by Trumpites, helped to justify the administration's equivocation and denial.

- (a) Only (III)
- (b) Only (II)
- (c) Both (I) and (III)
- (d) Only (I)
- (e) Both (II) and (III)

Q15.

Congregation

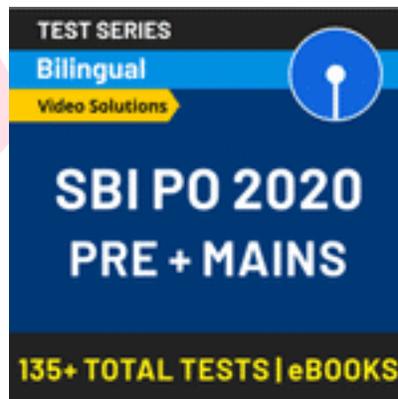
(I) Times require a very **congregation** analysis of the value of what the word means as a process.

(II) The Tablighi Jamaat came under the scanner after those who attended the **congregation** in Delhi spread the virus to several others.

(III) He quickly cognized the need for an external structure with which to manage and nurture a growing **congregation**.

- (a) Only (III)
- (b) Only (II)
- (c) Both (I) and (III)
- (d) Only (I)
- (e) Both (II) and (III)

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Solutions

S1. Ans. (d)

Sol. **Stagger**- Walk or move unsteadily, as if about to fall; arrange (events, payments, hours, etc.) so that they do not occur at the same time.

Lurch, Reel, Sway

Astonish or deeply shock.

Amaze, Astound

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

S2. Ans. (b)

Sol. **Coercive**- Relating to or using force or threats.

Insistent, Persistent, Pressing, Urgent

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

S3. Ans. (b)

Sol. **Proactive**- Person or action creating or controlling a situation rather than just responding to it after it has happened.

Energetic, Take-charge, Driven, Bold, Dynamic

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

S4. Ans. (e)

Sol. **disastrous**- Causing great damage.

Catastrophic, Calamitous, Tragic, Devastating

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

S5. Ans. (b)

Sol. **Fervently**- Very enthusiastically or passionately.

Impassioned, Passionate, Ardent

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

S6. Ans. (e)

Sol. **Moribund**- A person at the point of death.

Dying, Expiring

Thing in terminal decline.

Lacking vitality or vigour.

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

S7. Ans. (a)

Sol. **Solidarity**- Unity as of a group or class that produces or is based on community of interests, objectives, and standards.

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

S8. Ans. (d)

Sol. **Subterfuge**- Deceit used in order to achieve one's goal.

Trickery, Intrigue, Evasion, Deceit

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

S9. Ans. (e)

Sol. **Tatters**- Irregularly torn pieces of cloth, paper, or other material.

Battered, Notched

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

S10. Ans. (c)

Sol. **caveat**- Irregularly torn pieces of cloth, paper, or other material.

Battered, Notched

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

S11. Ans. (d)

Sol. **Winnow**- Blow a current of air through the grain to remove the chaff.

To get rid of something undesirable or unwanted.

Separate, Sift, Narrow, Reduce

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

S12. Ans. (c)

Sol. **Exodus**- Withdrawal, Evacuation, Leaving, Exit

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

S13. Ans. (b)

Sol. **Pestilence**- A fatal epidemic disease, especially bubonic plague.

Plague, Bubonic plague, Disease

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

S14. Ans. (c)

Sol. **sophistry**- The use of clever but false arguments, especially to deceive.

Sophism, Casuistry, Quibbling, Equivocation

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

S15. Ans. (e)

Sol. **Congregation**- A group of people assembled for religious worship.

Parishioner, Parish, Flock

A gathering or collection of people, animals, or things.

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

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