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Directions (1-5): In the following passage there are four highlighted words against each number which may or may not be suitable in the context of the sentence. Choose the word which does not follow the correct structure of the sentence in each case. If all the four words are contextually and grammatically correct, choose option (e) i.e., "No error" as your answer.

(1) Making long-pending agricultural marketing the centrepiece of the third **tranche** of the Atmanirbhar Bharat Abhiyan stimulus package, Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Friday announced plans to **travail** a central law to permit barrier-free inter-State trade of farm commodities and **ensure** a legal framework to **facilitate** contract farming. (2) The third tranche also included **penury** to invest ₹1.5 lakh crore to build farm-gate infrastructure and support logistics **needs** for fishworkers, livestock farmers, vegetable growers, beekeepers and related activities, although this includes some previously **budgeted** money and extensions of existing **schemes**. The Centre will deregulate the sale of six types of agricultural produce, including cereals, edible oils, oilseeds, pulses, onions and potatoes, by amending the Essential Commodities Act, 1955, Ms. Sitharaman said. (3) Several agricultural economists and farm activists **welcomed** the reform and investment announcements, but **questioned** the lack of immediate **support** to help farmers **sparingly** the current crisis. (4) The Essential Commodities Act was **enacted** at a time of food **scarcity**, and needs to reflect current **concerns**, the Finance Minister said. "Now what is **obliterating** is that farmers are producing. (5) There is an **abundance** of crops, and this sometimes **leads** to issues because they would want to **export**, and we don't permit that. Because of a flip-flop sometimes, farmers don't get the benefit. Some other times, the consumers **suffer**. So there is a need to amend the Act," she said.

Q1.

- (a) Tranche
- (b) Travail
- (c) Ensure
- (d) Facilitate
- (e) No Error

Q2.

- (a) Penury
- (b) Needs
- (c) Budgeted
- (d) Schemes
- (e) No Error

Q3.

- (a) Welcomed
- (b) Questioned
- (c) Support

- (d) Sparingly
- (e) No Error

Q4.

- (a) Enacted
- (b) Scarcity
- (c) Concerns
- (d) Obliterating
- (e) No Error

Q5.

- (a) Abundance
- (b) Leads
- (c) Export
- (d) Suffer
- (e) No Error

Directions (6-10): In the following passage there are blanks, each of which has been numbered. These numbers are printed below the passage and against each, five words are suggested, one of which fits the blank appropriately. Find out the appropriate word in each case.

If the evidence is clear and present, then not acting on it would be a chilling _____ (6) of inability and inefficiency, and the lack of will to bring about change. There should be no doubt that educating a woman serves a larger _____ (7) purpose. The recently released Health Ministry survey that showed a direct correlation between the nutritional status of children and their mothers' education is a further stroke for the case of women's education. The Comprehensive National Nutrition Survey, which studied 1.2 lakh children between 2016-18, measured diet diversity, meal frequency and minimum acceptable diet as the three core indicators of nutritional _____ (8) among infants and young children. It demonstrated that with higher levels of schooling for a mother, her children received better diets. On two counts, meal diversity and minimum acceptable diet, and in terms of _____ (9) food with micro nutrients, the children of mothers with better education did well. The data is _____ (10): Only 11.4% of children of mothers with no schooling received adequately diverse meals, while 31.8% whose mothers finished Class XII received diverse meals. While 9.6% of children whose mothers had finished schooling got minimum acceptable diets, only 3.9% of children whose mothers had zero schooling got such a diet.

Q6.

- (a) Unsullied
- (b) Affluent
- (c) Heavenly
- (d) Hurdled
- (e) Demonstration

Q7.

- (a) Diminish
- (b) Ameliorative
- (c) Smudge
- (d) Support
- (e) Skills



Q8.

- (a) Unholy
- (b) Exculpate
- (c) Violate
- (d) Deficiency
- (e) Concur

Q9.

- (a) Allude
- (b) Conceal
- (c) Bolstering
- (d) Genuine
- (e) Incidental

Q10.

- (a) Regulate
- (b) Revelatory
- (c) Eradicate
- (d) Tangled
- (e) Solution

Directions (11-15): In each of the following questions, there are two phrases/group of words marked in bold which are either grammatically incorrect or not in formation with the correct sentence structure. Choose the best alternative among the four options given below each



question to replace these two phrases to make the sentence meaningful and grammatically correct. In case both the phrases are correct, choose (e) i.e. 'No correction required' as your answer.

Q11. Screen resolution of reading devices is currently lower than actual paper, so reading in the wrong light or on the wrong setting **strain the eyes**, and some reading devices **found difficulty to read in** bright sunlight.

- (a) would strain the eyes, got difficulty reading in
- (b) will strain the eyes, get difficulty to read
- (c) can strain the eyes, find difficult to read in
- (d) could strain the eyes, are difficult to read in
- (e) No correction required

Q12. **Despite of the government's boast** of several health schemes, a staggering 86 per cent of rural population and 82 per cent of the urban population **are not covered by** any scheme whatsoever.

- (a) While the government's boast, has not been covered by
- (b) As the government boasted, have not been covered by
- (c) Despite the government's boast, are not covered by
- (d) Besides the government's boast, is not covered by
- (e) No correction required

Q13. The health expenditure should be borne by the government and the government **should raise it through** taxing the rich, placing heavier burden on broader shoulders, **which is possible in** India.

- (a) will raise it through, that is possible in
- (b) can raised it through, that will possible
- (c) raised it through, which can be possible in
- (d) must be raised through, that will possible in
- (e) No correction required

Q14. A few publicity-conscious counsel **have being using every** opportunity to attack the court, perhaps not **realising the implications for** denigrating the institution.

- (a) used every, realizing the implication for
- (b) have used every, realize the implications of
- (c) has been used every, realized the implications of
- (d) have been using every, realizing the implications of
- (e) No correction required

Q15. E-books **can easily hack** through the use of hardware or software modifications and widely **disseminated Internet** and/or other e-book readers, without approval from the author or publisher.

- (a) easily hacked, disseminate on the internet
 (b) easily be hacked, disseminates on the internet
 (c) could easily be hacked, disseminate by the internet
 (d) can be easily hacked, disseminated on the internet
 (e) No correction required



Solutions:

S1. Ans. (b)

Sol. **Travail** should be replaced with **Enact**.

Travail- painful or laborious effort.

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

S2. Ans. (a)

Sol. **Penury** should be replaced by **Plans**.

Penury- The state of lacking sufficient money or material possessions.

Beggary, Destituteness, Destitution, Impecuniosity

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

S3. Ans. (d)

Sol. **Sparingly** should be replaced by **Survive**.

Sparingly- Marked by or practising careful restraint

Meagre, Bare, Economical, Economizing,

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

S4. Ans. (d)

Sol. **Obliterating** should be replaced by **Happening**.

Obliterating- To remove utterly from recognition or memory.

To remove from existence.

Destroy utterly all trace, indication, or significance of

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

S5. Ans. (e)

Sol. All the four words are contextually and grammatically correct and there is no error. Hence, **option (e)** is the right answer choice.

S6. Ans. (e)

Sol. The right answer choice is option (e). The term 'demonstration' fits in the blank (1) appropriately which means 'an act of showing that something exists or is true by giving proof or evidence'

S7. Ans. (b)

Sol. The right answer choice is option (b). The term 'Ameliorative' fits in the blank (2) appropriately which means 'to make or become better, more bearable, or more satisfactory; improve'.

S8. Ans. (d)

Sol. The right answer choice is option (d). The term 'Deficiency' fits in the blank (3) appropriately which means 'a lack or shortage'.

S9. Ans. (c)

Sol. The right answer choice is option (c). The term 'Bolstering' fits in the blank (4) appropriately which means 'support or strengthen'.

S10. Ans. (b)

Sol. The right answer choice is option (b). The term 'Revelatory' fits in the blank (5) appropriately which means 'revealing something hitherto unknown'.

S11. Ans. (d)

Sol. 'could strain the eyes, are difficult to read in' is the correct set of phrases making the sentence meaningful. Present indefinite tense is used here.

S12. Ans. (c)

Sol. 'Despite the government's boast, are not covered by' is the correct set of phrases. 'of' is not used after 'despite'. Here the fact has been discussed, hence present indefinite tense will be used here, 'are not covered by'.

S13. Ans. (e)

Sol. No correction is required here.

S14. Ans. (d)

Sol. 'have been using every, realizing the implications of' is correct phrase making the sentence meaningful as the action began at some time in the past and is still in progress. Hence present perfect continuous tense will be used.

S15. Ans. (d)

Sol. 'can be easily hacked, disseminated on the internet' is the correct set of phrases. Here disseminate means the act of spreading something, especially information, widely; circulation.

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