

Direction (1-5): In the following questions, a paragraph is divided into five parts with one of the parts been omitted. You must choose the most suitable alternative among the five that should fill the omitted part making the paragraph grammatically correct and contextually meaningful. If none of the given alternatives are appropriate to fill the blank, choose option (e) i.e. “none of these” as your answer choice.

Q1. The annual growth rate is poor, and unemployment hovers around 25%, (A)/ even as the country comes to terms with the role (B)/ of top African National Congress leaders in the loot of its natural wealth. (C)/ _____ (D)/ despair that the mission of Nelson Mandela has dissipated under successive governments. (E)

- (a) The data on inequality and economic drift have led to a sense of
- (b) Official statistics on land holdings among racial groups are
- (c) The implications of these changes for the mining sector could be significant
- (d) The land reforms he has started are potentially
- (e) None of these

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Q2. AI technology looks for patterns, learns from experience, (A)/ and predicts responses based on historical data. (B)/ An AI-powered computer can't produce a unique thought, (C)/ but it can probably predict yours. The end result: AI is able to learn new things at such (D)/ _____ (E)

- (a) ability to simulate human thinking means it can also streamline our lives.
- (b) the beginning for Google's AI upgrade
- (c) broad-spectrum AI application more accessible and everyday machines more intelligent
- (d) a speed that it can predict your behavior and preempt your requests
- (e) None of these

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Q3. There has been a radical shift in the government's policy (A)/ towards public sector enterprises (PSEs). (B)/ _____ (C)/ consolidation, merger and acquisitions of PSEs, hoping it would lead to economies of scale, capacity to take risks, (D)/ taking higher investment decisions, greater negotiating power and optimising returns. (E)

- (a) The company might also coordinate between the government and sub-holding companies
- (b) A lot of reforms have been brought, and the government has adopted a policy of
- (c) An effective and simplified governance model, aligned to global standards,
- (d) These include an MoU system, categorisation of PSEs in Maharatna, Navratna, etc,
- (e) None of these

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Q4. _____ (A)/ and the NCR Planning Board (NCRPB)—(B)/ the entity tasked with the regulation of development (C)/ in the national capital region under the 2021 Regional Plan (D)/ that demarcated all Aravalli areas as NCZ—have not been fructuous. (E)

- (a) Haryana seems to be playing with its water security
- (b) Deliberations between successive state governments
- (c) The Prime Minister's Office (PMO) had to intervene
- (d) On June 15, 2017, Haryana wrote to the NCRPB
- (e) None of these

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Q5. The high-pitched India growth story is based on (A)/ _____ (B)/ in private corporate sector (PCS) during 2004-08 (see table). (C)/ Rapid accumulation of capital does strengthen (D)/ the potential manufacturing growth rate, output, export, employment, productivity. (E)

- (a) non-government public limited companies
- (b) accumulation in productive capital
- (c) mistaken interpretation of surge in gross capital formation (GCF)
- (d) the nature of its actual use led to overestimation of PCS-GCF
- (e) None of these

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Directions (6-15): In each of the questions given below three sentences are given which may or may not be grammatically or contextually correct. Find the sentences which are both grammatically correct and contextually correct and choose the options according to it. If all the given sentences are grammatically and contextually correct then choose option (e) as your choice.

Q6. (I) Priyamvada was unhappy to hear the news of her son's failing in the final examination.

(II) Tax evaders should be heavily fined as they are doing it intentionally.

(III) The information supplied to us were not as useful as we first thought it would be.

- (a) Only (I) is correct
- (b) Only (II) is correct
- (c) Both (I) and (II) are correct
- (d) Both (II) and (III) are correct
- (e) All are correct

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Q7. (I) He asked what the weather had been like during my holidays and I said that it had been awful.

(II) Shruti has such a fine memory that she can recollect anything what happened many years ago.

(III) The last of the Mughal emperors of India was imprisoned and was later sent into exile by the British.

- (a) Only (I) is correct
- (b) Only (II) is correct
- (c) Both (I) and (II) are correct
- (d) Both (II) and (III) are correct
- (e) All are correct

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Q8. (I) He is not only sincere in his responsibilities but also very competent to handle the job.

(II) One of my brothers told me about the sad demise of your uncle.

(III) As a practice the last batch of the tins undergoes through checkup.

- (a) Only (I) is correct
- (b) Only (II) is correct

- (c) Both (I) and (II) are correct
 - (d) Both (II) and (III) are correct
 - (e) All are correct
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Q9. (I) The boy who you see there made the top score in the last match.
(II) Only by working hard did he prosper as a business consultant since he arrived in America 20 years ago.
(III) In a fit of temper, he tore up the sweet letter which his wife had written to him.

- (a) Only (I) is correct
 - (b) Only (III) is correct
 - (c) Both (I) and (II) are correct
 - (d) Both (I) and (III) are correct
 - (e) All are correct
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Q10. (I) The teacher drew the attention of the boys to the importance of regular practice.
(II) The teacher said that Ajay was capable of doing more better work.
(III) Did you see any of the child when you were in the garden?

- (a) Only (I) is correct
 - (b) Only (III) is correct
 - (c) Both (I) and (II) are correct
 - (d) Both (I) and (III) are correct
 - (e) All are correct
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Q11. (I) Israel, though still enhancing ties with China is desirous to supply military hardware and partners India on matters of security and economic development.
(II) The world is moving towards realpolitik, ignoring previous relations based on history, commonality of religion and humanitarian considerations.
(III) Across the globe, terrorism is a major threat, which India has kept under control.

- (a) Only (I) is correct
 - (b) Only (II) is correct
 - (c) Both (I) and (III) are correct
 - (d) Both (II) and (III) are correct
 - (e) All are correct
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Q12. (I) While the use of hard power and tough diplomatic negotiations almost invariably hog the spotlight in international relations, soft power rarely comes into play.

(II) Culture, including Buddhism and Hinduism, have become one of the three key markers in India's close engagement with South East Asia, the other two being commerce and maritime connectivity.

(III) Some experts opine that the emphasis in some versions of the Ramayana in South East Asia is more on story-telling than on evoking devotion.

(a) Only (I) is correct

(b) Only (II) is correct

(c) Both (I) and (II) are correct

(d) Both (II) and (III) are correct

(e) All are correct

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Q13. (I) The RTE Act of 2009 mandated compulsory training of all teachers in a time-barred manner with a simultaneous overhaul of the teacher education curricula.

(II) While India has been one of the earliest countries to have institutionalized a teacher-education regime nationally, effectively outcomes of such training provisions have remained a matter of debate.

(III) A critical factor that dictates quality schooling is trained manpower.

(a) Only (I) is correct

(b) Only (II) is correct

(c) Both (I) and (III) are correct

(d) Both (II) and (III) are correct

(e) All are correct

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Q14. (I) Some of the scriptures and works of even non-Hindus mention the Ganga as the best of all rivers.

(II) The Ganga, regarded as the cradle of India's civilization, has been gradually sinking and stinking.

(III) The sources of pollution are urban liquid wastes, industrial liquid wastes, large scale wallowing of cattle and dumping of the dead into the water.

(a) Only (I) is correct

(b) Only (II) is correct

(c) Only (III) is correct

(d) Both (I) and (III) are correct

(e) All are correct

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Q15. (I) Japanese geologists estimate that a 2.3 square kilometer patch of seafloor might contain enough rare earth materials to sustain global demand for a year.

(II) The WWF predicts that we will be forced to colonize two planets within 50 years if natural resources continue to be exploited at the current rate.

(III) One of the asteroids are Eros, which is said to yield a value estimated at \$15.84 trillion, and to contain more gold than has ever been mined in the history of the earth.

(a) Only (I) is correct

(b) Only (II) is correct

(c) Both (I) and (II) are correct

(d) Both (II) and (III) are correct

(e) All are correct
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Solutions

S1. Ans. (a)

Sol. The most appropriate phrase that will comprehend the passage is “**The data on inequality and economic drift have led to a sense of**” as the paragraph is describing about the poverty and unemployment in the country. The hint for the precise phrase can be drawn from the part (A) of the paragraph. All the other options are irrelevant to the context of the paragraph. Hence, the option (a) is the most suitable answer choice.

S2. Ans. (d)

Sol. The given paragraph is describing about the functioning of the AI technology. Moreover, the hint for the appropriate phrase can be drawn from the part (D) of the sentence the phrase “at such” indicates that the next part should mention the quality or intensity of the ability of AI to learn new things. The part (E) of the paragraph can be successfully filled using the phrase “**a speed that it can predict your behavior and preempt your requests**” as it gives a comprehensive meaning to the paragraph. All the other options are irrelevant to the context of the paragraph. Hence, the option (d) is the most suitable answer choice.

S3. Ans. (b)

Sol. The paragraph is describing about the new policies introduced by the government in public sector enterprises. Phrase “**A lot of reforms have been brought, and the government has adopted a policy of**” appropriately fits in the blank as the parts (A) and (B) mention about a shift in the public-sector enterprises while the part (D) mentions the policies implemented. Therefore, the option (b) which is also grammatically correct and contextually meaningful is the most suitable phrase to complete the paragraph.

S4. Ans. (b)

Sol. The most appropriate phrase that will fill the blank appropriately to complete the paragraph is “**Deliberations between successive state governments**”. It provides perfect context in relevance with the other parts of the paragraph. All the other options are irrelevant to the context of the paragraph. Hence, the option (b) is the most suitable answer choice.

S5. Ans. (c)

Sol. Since the part (A) is describing about India’s growth story and the phrase “based on” indicates that the next part should provide a basis on which it depends. Only, the option (c) “**mistaken interpretation of surge in gross capital formation (GCF)**” appropriately fits in the blank providing precise coherence to the paragraph. All the other options are irrelevant to the context of the paragraph. Hence, the option (c) is the most suitable answer choice.

S6. Ans. (c)

Sol. Sentence (III) is incorrect as the subject of the sentence ‘information’ is uncountable noun and is singular. Hence ‘was’ will be used in place of ‘were’.

S7. Ans. (a)

Sol. Sentence (II) is incorrect. ‘that’ is the correct use instead of ‘what’ as ‘that’ is used in the form of relative pronoun after ‘nothing, anything’.

Sentence (III) is incorrect. 'on' will be used after 'later' as 'later' means 'afterwards' whereas 'later on' means 'in the future, or after the time already mentioned'.

S8. Ans. (e)

Sol. All the given sentences are grammatically correct.

S9. Ans. (b)

Sol. Sentence (I) is incorrect. 'whom' will be used in place of 'who' as 'who' is a nominative case after which a verb is necessary while 'whom' is an objective case.

Sentence (II) is incorrect as 'has he prospered' is the correct use. If 'since' is used in the form of conjunction then main clause is used in the present perfect tense while clause having 'since' is used in simple past tense.

S10. Ans. (a)

Sol. Sentence (II) is incorrect as 'more better' is a double comparative which is not used in the sentence. 'much, very much, far' is used before comparative degree. Hence 'much' or 'very much' will be used in place of 'more'.

Sentence (III) is wrong as 'children' is the correct use in place of 'child'. If countable noun is used after 'any of, some of, all of', then it should be plural.

S11. Ans. (d)

Sol. There is a minor error in the first sentence; the verb "**partners**" should be replaced by its first form "**partner**" as it is to be noted that the verb is used with "**to-infinitive**" [**to supply military hardware and partner...**]. Moreover, the use of the conjunction "**and**" denotes that both the verbs [supply and partner] should be in the same form to make the sentence grammatically correct. The other two statements are grammatically correct and do not require any correction. Hence option (d) is the correct choice.

S12. Ans. (a)

Sol. The first sentence is grammatically correct. However, there are errors in both the second and the third statements. In the statement (II), the plural verb "**have**" should be replaced by the singular verb "**has**" as the Subject it is referring is in singular form [**Culture**]. It is to be noted that the subject "**Culture**" incorporates both Buddhism and Hinduism as well, as it is mentioned "**including Buddhism and Hinduism**". Thus, it will be considered a singular Subject only and to make the sentence grammatically correct, it should follow the subject-verb agreement.

In the case of the third sentence, the adverb "**then**" is incorrectly matched with the sentence structure; it should be replaced by the conjunction "**than**" as there is a case of comparison. The adverb "**then**" implies **after that; next; afterwards**, while the conjunction "**than**" implies **introducing the second element in a comparison**. Hence option (a) is the correct choice.

S13. Ans. (c)

Sol. Both the first and the third statements are grammatically correct and they do not require any correction. However, in the second sentence, there is a slight error in the use of an adverb instead of an adjective as the sentence demands. The adverb "**effectively**" should be replaced by the adjective "**effective**" as this adjective would modify the noun "**outcomes**" which wasn't the case with the adverb. **Adjectives** are words that describe the qualities or states of being of nouns, while **Adverb** is a word or phrase that modifies the meaning of an adjective, verb, or other adverb, expressing manner, place, time, or degree (e.g. gently, here, now, very). Hence option (c) is the correct choice.

S14. Ans. (e)

Sol. All the three statements are grammatically correct and they do not require any correction. Hence option (e) is the correct choice.

S15. Ans. (c)

Sol. Both the statements (I) and (II) are grammatically correct. However, in the third sentence, the plural verb "**are**" should be replaced by its singular "**is**" as the noun following the phrase "**one of the**" is always a plural noun, whereas use of verbs as singular or plural entirely depends upon the subject of the statement, i.e. singular verb for singular subject and plural verb for plural subject. In this case, the Subject "**Eros**" is singular, so the verb should also be singular i.e. "**is**". Hence option (c) is the correct choice.