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Directions (1-7): Read the following passage and answer the questions as directed. There are some blanks given in the passage based on which some questions are framed, and some words are highlighted as well to help you answer some of the questions.

While much of the business world found itself **(A)** after the outbreak of the Covid-19 pandemic, Asia's richest man, Mukesh Ambani was busy scripting what can only be described as the new abnormal. **(B)** In just under two months—58 days to be **strict (1)**—Ambani's oil-to-telecom **raised (2)**, Reliance Industries, **giant (3)** more than \$22 billion, amid a **precise (4)** nationwide lockdown in India.

***(C)** This fund-raising feat buoyant investor confidence and Reliance's shares, propelling Ambani back into the ranks of the world's top 10 richest billionaires after a nine-year hiatus.* Now at No. 10 with a net worth of \$64.1 billion, Ambani has added \$27.3 billion to his fortune since the Forbes World Billionaires list of March, where he was at No.21 with \$36.8 billion.

This is not Ambani's first appearance in the world's top 10 richest. He first broke into **(D)** group in 2008, when he was at No.5 with \$43 billion and remained in the top 10 for the next three years. In 2009, he was at No. 7 though his net worth had **(E)** to \$19.5 billion in the aftermath of the 2008 global financial crisis. In 2010, he had climbed to No. 4 with \$29 billion, dropping to No. 9 a year later with \$27 billion, amid a global recovery. As others outpaced him, he fell out of the top 10 in 2012.

Ambani's resurgence has much to do with **(F)** oil and petrochemicals giant into fast-growing new ventures in telecom and retail. "Mukesh has changed the face of Reliance from petrochemicals to technology," says fellow billionaire Harsh Goenka, chairman of the RPG Group. **(G)** "That **global (1)** investors are **piece (2)** to pick up a **scrambling (3)** of Jio during a global pandemic, is nothing short of **incredible (4)**."

More than two-third of the \$22 billion funding was raised by offloading a 25% stake in Jio Platforms, Reliance's fast-growing telecom and broadband unit, to some of the world's shrewdest investors.

Q1. Which of the following word given in the options should come at the place marked as (A) in the above passage to make it grammatically correct and meaningful? Also, the word should fill in the two sentences given below to make them contextually correct and meaningful.

(I) The move seemed to suggest that the notoriously combative mogul was for a serious fight.

(II) For now the family is in privacy, but royal blood never stays settled for too long.

(a) Hammered out

- (b) Hunkering down
- (c) Handed over
- (d) Hunted down
- (e) None of these

L1Difficulty 3

QTags cloze test

Q2. The sentence given in (B) has four words given in bold. Amongst the given bold words which of the followings must replace each other to make the sentence contextually correct and meaningful?

- (a) 2-1 and 3-4
- (b) 1-3 and 2-4
- (c) Only 2-3
- (d) 1-4 and 2-3
- (e) Only 2-4

L1Difficulty 2

QTags cloze test

Q3. In the above passage, sentence (C) is italicized. There may or may not be error in one part of the sentence, select the part having error it in.

- (a) *This fund-raising feat buoyant investor*
- (b) *confidence and Reliance's shares, propelling*
- (c) *Ambani back into the ranks of the world's*
- (d) *top 10 richest billionaires after a nine-year hiatus*
- (e) None of these

L1Difficulty 2

QTags cloze test

Q4. Which of the following should fill the blank given in (D) to make it contextually correct and meaningful?

- (a) Tactic
- (b) Paramount
- (c) Exhibited
- (d) Rarefied
- (e) None of the above

L1Difficulty 2

QTags cloze test

Q5. Which of the following word given in the options should come at the place marked as (E) in the given passage to make it grammatically correct and meaningful? Also, the word should fill in the two sentences given below to make them contextually correct and meaningful.

(I) All of a sudden the fishing returns and overnight prolific sections of the river produced no fish.

(II) The clumsiness of this campaign meant it into a bottomless credibility gap, and those behind it wasted their money.

- (a) Diffused
- (b) Plummeted
- (c) Inquisitive
- (d) Moderated
- (e) None of these

L1Difficulty 2

QTags cloze test

Q6. Which of the following phrases should fill the blank (F) to make it contextually and grammatically meaningful and correct respectively?

- (a) Has he gained more than 80%
- (b) He remained in the top 10
- (c) His net worth has plummeted
- (d) He fell out of the top 10 in 2012
- (e) How the tycoon has pivoted his

L1Difficulty 2

QTags cloze test

Q7. The sentence given in (G) has four words given in bold. Amongst the given bold words, which of the followings must replace each other to make the sentence contextually correct and meaningful?

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

L1Difficulty 2

QTags cloze test

Directions (8-12): Given below are sentences (A) (B) (C) (D) (E) (F) (G) and (H). One of these sentences is not in accordance with the remaining sentences. Answer the following questions after rearranging the following sentences into a coherent paragraph.

(A) This has forced a reckoning with many traditional policies.

(B) Smith's path-breaking work, along with later highly influential contributions by Léon Walras, Stanley Jevons, and Alfred Marshall, transformed economics.

(C) Because the behavioural requirements brought about by the pandemic are novel and have yet to stabilize, we are more aware of them than we are of longer-established social norms.

(D) That notion goes back to 1776, a landmark year during which Adam Smith published *The Wealth of Nations*, America's 13 states declared independence.

(E) The covid-19 pandemic has caused massive disruptions to markets, supply chains and world trade.

(F) The same year on July 4, philosopher David Hume held a dinner party for his friends, including Smith, to mark the twilight of his life.

(G) Thus, we learned that markets can function smoothly without a central authority, because the actions of ordinary people trying to earn more and purchase the goods they want create tugs and pulls of demand and supply, causing prices to rise and fall.

(H) These disruptions should also be treated as an opportunity to rethink some of the ideas that economists have long taken for granted—including the basic notion of what makes an economy function efficiently.

Q8. If sentence (D), **“That notion goes back to 1776, a landmark year during which Adam Smith published *The Wealth of Nations*, America's 13 states declared independence.”** is the **FOURTH** sentence of the coherent paragraph, then which of the following sentences doesn't fit into the paragraph, formed after rearranging other sentences?

- (a) C
- (b) F
- (c) H
- (d) E
- (e) B

L1Difficulty 3

QTags Sentence Rearrangement

Q9. Which of the following pairs fall correctly as it is in the final coherent sequence of the sentences, formed after rearrangement?

- (a) G-D
- (b) C-B
- (c) A-D
- (d) C-A
- (e) E-A

L1Difficulty 3

QTags Sentence Rearrangement

Q10. If sentence (D) **“That notion goes back to 1776, a landmark year during which Adam Smith published The Wealth of Nations, America’s 13 states declared independence.”** is the **FOURTH** sentence of the coherent paragraph, identify the correct sequence of the sentences to form a coherent paragraph (excluding the incoherent one)?

- (a) BEGADHC
- (b) FGBDEAH
- (c) EAHDFBG
- (d) GEBDACH
- (e) AGBEDCH

L1Difficulty 3

QTags Sentence Rearrangement

Q11. If sentence (D) **“That notion goes back to 1776, a landmark year during which Adam Smith published The Wealth of Nations, America’s 13 states declared independence.”** is the **FOURTH** sentence of the coherent paragraph, which of the following statement should be the **FIRST** sentence after the rearrangement (excluding the incoherent sentence)?

- (a) H
- (b) E
- (c) F
- (d) C
- (e) B

L1Difficulty 3

QTags Sentence Rearrangement

Q12. If sentence (D) **“That notion goes back to 1776, a landmark year during which Adam Smith published The Wealth of Nations, America’s 13 states declared independence.”** is the **FOURTH** sentence of the coherent paragraph, which of the following should be the **PENULTIMATE** sentence after the rearrangement (excluding the incoherent sentence)?

- (a) D
- (b) G
- (c) H
- (d) C
- (e) B

L1Difficulty 3

QTags Sentence Rearrangement

Directions (13-15): Given below the sentences each of which has been divided into four parts Each of the questions is then followed by the five options which give the sequence of the rearranged parts. You must choose the option which gives the correct sequence of the parts. If the sentence is already arranged in the correct sequence or the correct sequence doesn't match with any of the given sequence, mark option (e).i.e. "None of the above" as your answer.

Q13. norms that can help us build a (A)/ by covid-19 will likewise spur economists to identify (B) / more equitable, prosperous, and sustainable world(C)/ one hopes that the disruption caused (D)

- (a) DCBA
- (b) DABC
- (c) DBAC
- (d) BACD
- (e) None of the above

L1 Difficulty 2

QTags Sentence Rearrangement

Q14. suspend work visas including the H1-B(A)/ category, is expected to be a boon for global(B)/ in-house centres, commonly referred to as GICs, in India (C)/ US President Donald Trump's move to (D)

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- (b) DABC
- (c) DBAC
- (d) BACD
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L1 Difficulty 2

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Q15. and prevent the mixing of the population inside more (A)/ police will be deployed to enforce physical distancing (B)/than 200 containment zones in the capital, where (C)/large clusters of cases have been confirmed (D)

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- (b) DABC
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Solutions

S1. Ans. (b)

Sol. **Hunkering down** is a phrasal verb. It means **“to stay in a place for a period of time.”**
OR to make yourself comfortable in a place or situation, or to prepare to stay in a place or position for a long time, usually in order to achieve something or for protection.

Hammer out- to reach an agreement or solution after a lot of negotiation or discussion

Hand over- If you hand something over, you give it to someone who has demanded it.

Hunt down- If you hunt down someone, you try to find them and capture or kill them.
Hence, **option (b)** is the right answer choice.

S2. Ans. (d)

Sol. 1-4 and 2-3 must replace each other to make the sentence contextually correct and meaningful.

In just under two months—58 days to be precise(1)—Ambani’s oil-to-telecom giant (2), Reliance Industries, raised (3) more than \$22 billion, amid a strict (4) nationwide lockdown in India.

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

S3. Ans. (a)

Sol. Here, error lies in statement (a), **buoyant** is an **adjective** whereas **buoyed** is a **verb**. Buoy means make (someone) cheerful and confident or cause (a price) to rise to or remain at a high level. In the sentence, read “**this fund raising feat..... Investor**”. Buoyed fits here better which would refer here that the fund raising act made the investors confident and the shares rose significantly. Thus, **option (a)** is the right answer choice.

S4. Ans. (d)

Sol. **Rarefied- distant from the lives and concerns of ordinary people; esoteric.**

S5. Ans. (b)

Sol. **Plummet- fall or drop straight down at high speed.**

OR decrease rapidly in value or amount.

Inquisitive- curious, intrigued, interested

Diffuse- spread over a wide area or between a large number of people OR lacking clarity or conciseness.

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

S6. Ans. (e)

Sol. “**How the tycoon has pivoted his**” should fill the blank (F) to make it contextually and grammatically meaningful and correct respectively. Hence, **option (e)** is the right answer choice.

S7. Ans. (c)

Sol. 2-3 must replace each other to make the sentence contextually correct and meaningful.

That **global (1)** investors are **scrambling (2)** to pick up a **piece (3)** of Jio during a global pandemic, is nothing short of **incredible (4)**.

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

S8. Ans. (a)

Sol. The correct sequence of the given sentences is **EAHDFBG**

(E)The covid-19 pandemic has caused massive disruptions to markets, supply chains and world trade.

(A) This has forced a reckoning with many traditional policies.

(H) These disruptions should also be treated as an opportunity to rethink some of the ideas that economists have long taken for granted—including the basic notion of what makes an economy function efficiently.

(D) That notion goes back to 1776, a landmark year during which Adam Smith published *The Wealth of Nations*, America's 13 states declared independence.

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(B) Smith's path-breaking work, along with later highly influential contributions by Léon Walras, Stanley Jevons, and Alfred Marshall, transformed economics.

(G) Thus, we learned that markets can function smoothly without a central authority, because the actions of ordinary people trying to earn more and purchase the goods they want create tugs and pulls of demand and supply, causing prices to rise and fall. Hence, **option (a)** is the right answer choice.

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S10. Ans. (c)

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S13. Ans. (c)

Sol. The correct sequence is **DBAC**. The sentence after rearrangement is,

One hopes that the disruption caused by covid-19 will likewise spur economists to identify norms that can help us build a more equitable, prosperous, and sustainable world.

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

S14. Ans. (b)

Sol. The correct sequence is **DABC**. The sentence after rearrangement is,

US President Donald Trump's move to suspend work visas including the H1-B category, is expected to be a boon for global in-house centres, commonly referred to as GICs, in India.

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

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Sol. The correct sequence is **BACD**. The sentence after rearrangement is,
Police will be deployed to enforce physical distancing and prevent the mixing of the population inside more than 200 containment zones in the capital, where large clusters of cases have been confirmed.

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