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Directions (1-9): In the following questions a sentence is given, some parts of the sentence are given in bold which may have grammatical or spelling error or they may be contextually incorrect. Two columns (1) and (2) are given, column (1) consists of bold parts of the sentence and column (2) consists of the appropriate replacement for the bold parts. Match the correct replacements. If the sentence is correct mark no error as your answer.

Q1. The lockdown has **now become a compulsion**, but could **have easily been prevented** with proactive action on part of the State government. Given **the drastic surged in cases** in the past fortnight, the State authorities should have **foresaw and accordingly rampen** up their infrastructure.

Column (1)	Column (2)
(A) Now become a compulsion	(I) Now became a compulsory
(B) Have easily been prevented	(II) Have easily being prevented
(C) The drastic surged in cases	(III) The drastic surge in cases
(D) Foresaw and accordingly rampen	(IV) Foreseen and accordingly ramped

- (a) D-IV and B-II
- (b) B-II and C-III
- (c) C-III and D-IV
- (d) None of the given options are correct
- (e) No error

L1Difficulty 4

QTags column based

Q2. It is heartening to receive a number of responses from readers, though a couple of them **were merely clever jibes** at the vocation itself. Academics define the news media as **knowledge machines which made** a distinct product: accounts. The role of these machines includes having editorial judgment in **selecting and rejected materials**. As Professor Pablo J. Boczkowski said: "From a multitude of potentially newsworthy events happening in the world, these machines produce reports of the facts that count and **explanations of why they count.**"

Column (1)	Column (2)
(A) were merely clever jibes	(I) was mere clever jibes
(B) knowledge machines which made	(II)knowledge machines which make
(C) selecting and rejected materials	(III) selecting and rejecting materials
(D) explanations of why they count	(IV) explanatory of why they count

- (a) D-IV and B-II
- (b) B-II and C-III
- (c) A-I
- (d) C-III
- (e) No error

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Q3. During our investigation, we found that the **accused had created at least** five fake profiles on matrimonial sites and **approached around 1,000 prospective** brides through each profile. The Crime Branch is **taking over the case** to find out how many women **responded to his messaging** and met him in person.

Column (1)	Column (2)
(A) accused had created at least	(I) accused had been created at least
(B) approached around 1,000 prospective	(II) approach around 1000 perspectives
(C) taking over the case	(III) taking on a case
(D) responded to his messaging	(IV) responded to his messages

- (a) D-IV
 - (b) B-II
 - (c) A-I
 - (d) C-III
 - (e) No error
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Q4. We have to **engage with China to achieve** our global objectives, based on interests and values”, a logical assumption might be that **there is unlikely to** any change in the Europe-China relationship after the novel Coronavirus pandemic. Such a **superficial impression is reinforced** by European statements that **they will not choose sides** between the United States and China.

Column (1)	Column (2)
(A) engage with China to achieve	(I) engaged with China to achieve
(B) there is unlikely to	(II) there is unlikely to be
(C) superficial impression is reinforced	(III) superficial impression is reinforcing
(D) they will not choose sides	(IV) they will not chose sides

- (a) D-IV
 - (b) C-III
 - (c) B-II
 - (d) A-I
 - (e) No error
- L1Difficulty 4
QTags column based

Q5. **Over years, the performance of** the Central government **is judged not only on the** basis of actions taken which fall strictly **in its jurisdiction but on initiatives** undertaken in the areas **who fall in the Concurrent** and even State lists.

COLUMN 1	COLUMN 2
(A)Over years, the performance of	(I) Few years ago, the performance of
(B) is judged not only on the	(II) is judge not only on the
(C) in its jurisdiction but on initiatives	(III) in its jurisdiction but also on initiatives
(D) who fall in the Concurrent	(IV) which fall in the Concurrent

- (a) D-IV and B-II
- (b) B-II and C-III

- (c) C-III and D-IV
 - (d) None of the given options are correct
 - (e) No error
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QTags column based

Q6. While the FDI policy might be irreversible, economy diplomacy can still defuse the situation and prevent the removal of the GSP benefits that will not take effect for until at least 60 days after the notifications to Congress and the Indian government.

COLUMN 1	COLUMN 2
(A) While the FDI policy might	(I) As the FDI policy might
(B) economy diplomacy can still	(II) economic diplomacy can still
(C) removal of the GSP benefits	(III) removing of the GSP benefits
(D) until at least 60 days after	(IV) during at least 60 days after

- (a) D-IV and B-II
 - (b) B-II and C-III
 - (c) A-I
 - (d) B-II
 - (e) No error
- L1Difficulty 4
QTags column based

Q7. Cardiac stents were put under price controls in February 2016 and knee implants attracted similar action in August 2017, after which trade margins for many medical devices are sought to be capped.

COLUMN 1	COLUMN 2
(A) were put under price controls	(I) were put in price controls
(B) knee implants attracted similar	(II) knee implants attracting similar
(C) after which trade margins for	(III) after that trade margins for
(D) are sought to be capped	(IV) are sort to be capped

- (a) D-IV
 - (b) B-II
 - (c) A-I
 - (d) C-III
 - (e) No error
- L1Difficulty 4
QTags column based

Q8. Europe's leaders, **alive to the sensitivities of** undermining the **sovereignty of member nations**, **has** repeatedly **cautioned against expectations** of an automatic guarantee of **admission in the event that** Edinburgh exits Britain.

COLUMN 1	COLUMN 2
(A) alive to the sensitivities of	(I) alive with the sensitivities of
(B) sovereignty of member nations, has	(II) sovereignty of member nations, have
(C) cautioned against expectations	(III) cautioned for expectations
(D) admission in the event that	(IV) admission to the event that

- (a) D-IV
 - (b) C-III
 - (c) B-II
 - (d) A-I
 - (e) No error
- L1Difficulty 4
QTags column based

Q9. The national selectors, who are **putting an eye out** for some surprise **talent emerging in the** league, **are to hope that the core group** of established stars **will remain fit for cricket's** showpiece event.

COLUMN 1	COLUMN 2
(A) putting an eye out	(I) keeping an eye out
(B) talent emerging in the	(II) talent emerging onto the
(C) are to hope that the core group	(III) are hoping that the core group
(D) will remain fit for cricket's	(IV) will remain fit to cricket's

- (a) C-III
- (b) B-II and C-III
- (c) A-I and C-III
- (d) C-III and D-IV
- (e) No error

L1Difficulty 4
QTags column based

Directions (10-15): 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.

Q10. Acquiesce

(I) He ought to **acquiesce**, using at the same time the utmost powers of his reason to promote its repeal.

(II) If we do not take a stand, we will **acquiesce** to our positioning as mere spectators in the construction of our society.

(III) Take-off was **acquiesce** for around 90 minutes while engineers carried out safety checks and tested the brakes.

- (a) Both (I) and (II)
- (b) Only (I)
- (c) Only (II)
- (d) Both (I) and (III)
- (e) None of these

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QTags Vocabulary

Q11. Brusque

(I) Mr. Rochester was a princely and heroic master, and, despite his ireful frown and **brusque**, moody manner, Jane felt at ease in his presence.

(II) They **brusque** the tools to accomplish the deed, including a stun gun and the chemical means to anesthetize their victims.

(III) This achievement can be **brusque** in multiple places in the world, both free roam mode and in story mode.

- (a) Both (I) and (II)
- (b) Only (I)
- (c) Only (II)
- (d) Both (I) and (III)
- (e) None of these

L1Difficulty 3

QTags Vocabulary

Q12. Cajole

(I) As gourmets of the world acknowledge, Chinese food vies with that of France for world **cajole**.

(II) The theater manager does not chide, warn or **cajole** us into good behavior.

(III) He wears a royal blue suit, which astonishes his seven sisters, who are not used to seeing him in formal **cajole**.

- (a) Both (I) and (II)
- (b) Only (I)
- (c) Only (II)
- (d) Both (I) and (III)
- (e) None of these

L1Difficulty 3

QTags Vocabulary

Q13. Circumspect

(I) Investors are now much more **circumspect** and vigilant, lest more wool is pulled over their eyes by yet another old goat.

(II) There is not the strength or courage left me to venture into the wide, **circumspect**, and difficult world, alone.

(III) We have yet to pick our candidate, so I have got to be **circumspect**, but we certainly need a charismatic candidate.

- (a) Both (I) and (II)
- (b) Only (I)

- (c) Only (II)
 - (d) Both (I) and (III)
 - (e) None of these
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QTags Vocabulary

Q14.

Strident

(I) Prime Minister Narendra Modi hit out at West Bengal CM Mamata Banerjee over her **strident** opposition to the amended citizenship law and the proposed nationwide NRC.

(II) Planning **strident** has been applied for and the company wants to start kitting the building out in August.

(III) The Estate Office has a list of about 80 towers which were sanctioned and **strident** had been taken.

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

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QTags Vocabulary

Q15. **Deferential**

(I) Women normally adopt a **deferential** attitude toward men, especially to their husbands and fathers-in-law.

(II) Earth was among the many planets destroyed in this **deferential**, and many humans were lost also.

(III) Each character faces **deferential** and lives in a time of upheaval, and each is influenced by those events.

- (a) Only (I)
- (b) Only (I)
- (c) Only (II)
- (d) Only (III)
- (e) None of these

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Solutions

S1. Ans. (c)

Sol. C-III and D-IV are the correct replacements. Hence, **option (c)** is the right answer choice.

S2. Ans. (b)

Sol. B-II and C-III are the correct replacements. Hence, **option (b)** is the right answer choice.

S3. Ans. (a)

Sol. D-IV is the correct replacement. Hence, **option (a)** is the right answer choice.

S4. Ans. (c)

Sol. B-II is the correct replacement. Hence, **option (c)** is the right answer choice.

S5 Ans. (c)

Sol. The sentence can be corrected by replacing the phrases (C) and (D) with (III) and (IV) respectively.

Phrase (C) has the error of conjunction, “but” should be replaced by “but also”. Moreover, in phrase (D) “Who” should be replaced by “which” as Who (or whom) is a pronoun, and is used as the subject or object of a verb to show which person you are referring to, or to add information about a person just mentioned. It is used for people, not things while “which” is a pronoun, and is used as the subject or object of a verb to show what thing or things you are referring to, or to add information about the thing just mentioned. It is used for things, not people. All the other highlighted phrases are correct. Hence, option (c) is the most suitable answer choice.

S6. Ans. (d)

Sol. In phrase (B) “economy” should be replaced by “economic” as ‘economy’ is a noun while ‘economic’ is an adjective. Therefore, to describe the quality of the noun, an adjective must be used. Hence, option (d) is the most suitable answer choice.

S7. Ans. (e)

Sol. All the highlighted phrases of the given sentence are correct and do not require any corrections or replacements. Hence, option (e) is the most suitable answer choice.

S8. Ans. (c)

Sol. The sentence can be corrected by replacing the phrases (B) with (II). In phrase (B), “has” should be replaced by “have” as here the subject of sentence is “Europe's leaders”, so it being plural will take plural verb “have” with it. Hence, option (c) is the most suitable answer choice.

S9. Ans. (c)

Sol. The sentence can be corrected by replacing the phrases (A) and (C) with (I) and (III) respectively. In phrase (A), there is an idiomatic error, where ‘putting an eye’ will be replaced with ‘keeping an eye’. ‘Keeping an eye’ means to watch someone or something carefully; to be attentive to someone or something. Moreover, in phrase (C) the infinitive “to hope” should be replaced by the gerund “hoping” as a gerund is the -ing form of a verb that functions the same as a noun while the infinitive form of a verb appears either as the basic form (with no marking) or with the word “to” and cannot take place of a noun. In the given sentence the activity of making the connection and distinction is a noun phrase, hence instead of an infinitive, a gerund must be used. Hence, option (c) is the most suitable answer choice.

S10 Ans. (a)

Sol. The term ‘Acquiesce’ means ‘agree or express agreement’.

S11. Ans. (b)

Sol. The term ‘brusque’ means ‘rudely abrupt or blunt in speech or manner’.

S12. Ans. (c)

Sol. The term ‘cajole’ refers ‘to influence or urge by gentle urging, caressing, or flattering’.

S13. Ans. (d)

Sol. The term ‘circumspect’ means ‘careful to consider potential consequences and avoid risk’.

S14. Ans. (a)

Sol. Strident means Loud and harsh; Grating.

Statement (I) uses Strident in a grammatically correct and contextually meaningful manner.

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

S15. Ans. (a)

Sol. The term 'deferential' means 'showing courteous regard for people's feelings'.