

### S1. Ans.(a)

**Sol.** Refer to the 2<sup>nd</sup> sentence of the 1<sup>st</sup> paragraph “Many factors, which include changes in **corporate ownership, growth of family-owned businesses, corruption, obliteration of shareholder wealth and stakeholder value, and operating in volatile and complex environments**, have amplified the scrutiny on the board’s role and responsibilities.” However, option (a) is not one of the reasons that led to enhance government norms. Hence, it becomes the most suitable answer choice.

### S2. Ans.(b)

**Sol.** Refer to the last sentence of the last paragraph “The results of the study will provide a window into “Boards that Lead” with some of the finest practices and will be used to strengthen the governance framework.” However, the other two alternatives are steps of the process that will lead to the ultimate result. Hence, option (b) is the most suitable answer choice.

### S3. Ans.(d)

**Sol.** To validate the answer refer to the 3<sup>rd</sup> line of the 3<sup>rd</sup> paragraph “Korn Ferry has been tracking board performance across the globe and believes that these two aspects serve as the cornerstone for larger issues of effectiveness, with the first one dealing with having the **right team/board** and the second focusing on getting the **right CEO** to run the company, which is the board’s most important agenda.” Hence, option (d) is the most suitable answer choice.

### S4. Ans.(c)

**Sol.** Refer to the 1<sup>st</sup> sentence of the 5<sup>th</sup> paragraph “critical to the success of the CEO and the organization is a board with competencies and intellectual capital **to address the toughest strategic and operational challenges**. There is no more powerful combination—or one more fundamental to the success of any enterprise—than the successful partnership between a CEO and a strong independent board **that can provide oversight and serve as both adviser and strategic arsenal**.”

The paragraph mentions alternative (I) and (III), therefore, option (c) is the most suitable answer choice.

### S5. Ans.(d)

**Sol.** Composition means the nature of something's ingredients or constituents; the way in which a whole or mixture is made up. Configuration means an arrangement of parts or elements in a particular form, figure, or combination. Since both the words are synonyms of each other, option (d) is the most suitable answer choice.

### S6. Ans.(e)

**Sol.** Evolved means develop gradually. Emerged means recover from or survive a difficult situation. Since both the words are synonyms of each other, option (e) is the most suitable answer choice.

Deprecated means express disapproval of.

Adverted means refer to in speaking or writing.

Abstained means restrain oneself from doing or enjoying something.

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**S7. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** Rigorous means extremely thorough and careful. Sloppy means careless and unsystematic; excessively casual. Since they both are antonyms of each other, option (c) is the most suitable answer choice.

Diligent means having or showing care and conscientiousness in one's work or duties.

Meticulous means showing great attention to detail; very careful and precise.

Stringent means (of regulations, requirements, or conditions) strict, precise, and exacting

Scrupulous means (of a person or process) careful, thorough, and extremely attentive to details

**S8. Ans.(e)**

**Sol.** To validate the answer, refer to the 3<sup>rd</sup> sentence of the first paragraph "On the one hand it involved "demand side interventions" **to encourage more and more women to opt for institutional deliveries** and on the other hand it aimed at "supply side interventions" of **making healthcare more accessible and affordable.**" Also refer to the 1<sup>st</sup> sentence of the 3<sup>rd</sup> paragraph "At the heart of our value of "empathetic policy making" is the idea of taking perspective of the grassroots level development worker and seeing **how their lives can be made easier so that they are able to provide better services to the society they work so tirelessly for.**" These lines clearly define the objectives of empathetic policymaking. Hence, option (e) is the most suitable answer choice.

**S9. Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** To verify the answer refer to the 3<sup>rd</sup> sentence of the 3<sup>rd</sup> paragraph "The Telangana government continues to provide support towards the **provision of two-wheeler scootys to ANMs (Auxiliary Nurse Midwives) at subsidized prices** throughout the State to enhance their capacity and efficiency. Similarly, while the central government was slashing the funds allocated to ICDS to half, the Telangana state government **increased salaries of Anganwadi workers** to Rs. 10,500 from Rs. 7,000 per month and **made up for the shortfall in finances** for the Integrated Child Development Services". Option (d) is incorrectly presented, as the government has increased the salaries of Anganwadi nurses to 10500 rather than presenting it as a token of appreciation. Hence, option (d) is the most suitable answer choice.

**S10. Ans.(e)**

**Sol.** All the three objectives that led to the partnership between the state government and UNICEF can be validated from the 1<sup>st</sup> line of the 2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph "In Telangana, we were quick to appreciate the findings of the research that **83% of all maternal deaths, stillbirths and newborn deaths could be averted** with the full package of midwifery care. Inspired by such findings, the Telangana Government, in partnership with UNICEF and the Fernandez Hospital Foundation, **inaugurated a pioneering program in midwifery, enrolling the Indian Nursing Council's Post-Basic Diploma in Midwifery** for BSc/GNM (Nursing) graduates". Also, refer to the last 3<sup>rd</sup> line of the 2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph "It is further **bolstered by end-to-end connectivity with the ANMOL app developed by UNICEF** which aids in connecting professional midwives as well as the people living in rural areas to various state and central government schemes and the data." Hence, option (e) is the most suitable answer choice.

**S11. Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** The “supply side” issues indicate those issues which occur while delivering the services to the pregnant women. The government has resolved these issues by improving the services at the institutional healthcare. These are described in the 2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph 3<sup>rd</sup> line “...inaugurated a pioneering program in midwifery, enrolling the Indian Nursing Council’s Post-Basic Diploma in Midwifery for BSc/GNM (Nursing) graduates”. Also refer to the 1<sup>st</sup> sentence of the 6<sup>th</sup> paragraph “This is systematically complimented by the ‘KCR Kits for pregnant women’ forming a holistic multipronged approach to improve the standards of healthcare to reduce infant and maternal mortality rates”. For alternative (IV) refer to the 3<sup>rd</sup> sentence of the 4<sup>th</sup> paragraph “To provide greater access to institutional health infrastructure, the government has set up hundred-bedded separate hospitals in every district of the state for the mother and child”.

However, alternative (II) resolve the issues of “demand side” by providing the cheaper source of transport for the pregnant women. Hence, the option (d) is the most suitable answer choice.

**S12. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** Among the given sentences, only option (c) is incorrect as ‘AmmaOdi Scheme’ is a facility of government ambulance which provides FREE transport facility. Refer to the 1<sup>st</sup> sentence of 5<sup>th</sup> paragraph “The introduction of the ‘AmmaOdi scheme’ providing **free transport facility** (a government ambulance) to pregnant women for arriving the hospital and reaching back home with their child is a giant step in this direction” Hence, option (c) is the most viable answer choice.

**S13. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** Bolstered means support or strengthen. Hence, strengthen is the synonym of Bolstered. Therefore, option (a) is the most suitable answer choice.

Undermined means lessen the effectiveness, power, or ability of, especially gradually or insidiously.

Depreciated means diminish in value over a period of time.

Scrutinized means examine or inspect closely and thoroughly.

Clenched means grasp (something) tightly and firmly.

**S14. Ans.(e)**

**Sol.** Perspective means a view or prospect. Panorama means a complete survey or presentation of a subject. Since they are synonyms of each other; option (e) is the most suitable answer choice.

Impassivity means Apathy demonstrated by an absence of emotional reactions

Detachment means A detachment is a group of soldiers who are sent away from the main group

Contingency means future event or circumstance which is possible but cannot be predicted with certainty.

Anticipation means the action of anticipating something; expectation or prediction.

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**S15. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** Elevated means (of a level or amount) higher or greater than normal. Insignificant means too small or unimportant to be worth consideration. Since they are antonyms of each other, option (b) is the most suitable answer choice.

Dominant means having power and influence over others.

Dignified means having or showing a composed or serious manner that is worthy of respect.

Virtuous means having or showing high moral standards.

Exalted means (of a person or their rank or status) at a high or powerful level.

**S16. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** Drawing a hint for the theme of the paragraph from the third sentence, it can be articulated that it is about the distressed farmers who should empower themselves without relying on government. Sentence (D) stands as an appropriate sentence to introduce the paragraph as it is describing about the reform that would enhance the farmers' remunerative prices. Sentence (F) perfectly pairs with sentence (D) as it further illustrates the benefit of increase remunerative prices earned by farmers. Sentence (C) is the third sentence of the rearranged paragraph. Sentence (E) must follow sentence (C) as it further illustrates the situation mentioned in sentence (C) by giving a precise example. Sentence (B) should follow sentence (E). This can be understood from the initial part of the sentence "There are **more** recent success...". The word "more" complements the earlier sentence. Thus, sentence (E) - (B) forms a coherent pair. Sentence (G) should be a concluding sentence and must follow sentence (B) as it begins with the sentence "These examples..." here, the examples are stated earlier in sentence (E) and (B). However, sentence (A) describes about the transaction of rice and wheat which is irrelevant to the context of the coherent paragraph. Hence, the final sequence of the coherent paragraph formed is **DFCEBG**. Therefore, option (a) becomes the most suitable answer choice.

**S17. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** Drawing a hint for the theme of the paragraph from the third sentence, it can be articulated that it is about the distressed farmers who should empower themselves without relying on government. Sentence (D) stands as an appropriate sentence to introduce the paragraph as it is describing about the reform that would enhance the farmers' remunerative prices. Sentence (F) perfectly pairs with sentence (D) as it further illustrates the benefit of increase remunerative prices earned by farmers. Sentence (C) is the third sentence of the rearranged paragraph. Sentence (E) must follow sentence (C) as it further illustrates the situation mentioned in sentence (C) by giving a precise example. Sentence (B) should follow sentence (E). This can be understood from the initial part of the sentence "There are more recent success...". The word "more" complements the earlier sentence. Thus, sentence (E) - (B) forms a coherent pair. Therefore, option (b) becomes the most suitable answer choice.

**S18. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** Drawing a hint for the theme of the paragraph from the third sentence, it can be articulated that it is about the distressed farmers who should empower themselves without relying on government. Sentence (D) stands as an appropriate sentence to introduce the paragraph as it is describing about the reform that would enhance the farmers' remunerative prices. Sentence (F) perfectly pairs with sentence (D) as it further illustrates the benefit of increase remunerative prices earned by farmers. Sentence (C) is the third

sentence of the rearranged paragraph. Sentence (E) must follow sentence (C) as it further illustrates the situation mentioned in sentence (C) by giving a precise example. Sentence (B) should follow sentence (E). This can be understood from the initial part of the sentence “There are **more** recent success...”. The word “more” complements the earlier sentence. Thus, sentence (E) - (B) forms a coherent pair. Sentence (G) should be a concluding sentence and must follow sentence (B) as it begins with the sentence “These examples...” here, the examples are stated earlier in sentence (E) and (B). However, sentence (A) describes about the transaction of rice and wheat which is irrelevant to the context of the coherent paragraph. Hence, the final sequence of the coherent paragraph formed is **DFCEBG**. Therefore, option (c) becomes the most suitable answer choice.

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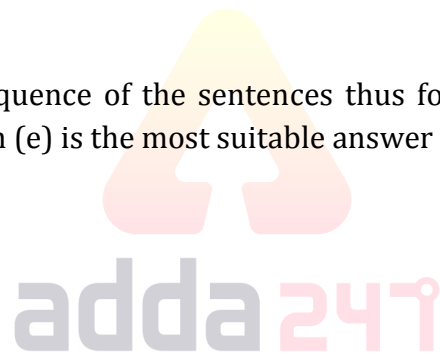
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### S19. Ans.(c)

**Sol.** The logical and meaningful sequence of the sentences thus formed to mold them into a coherent paragraph is **DFCEBG**. Hence, option (c) is the most suitable answer choice.

### S20. Ans.(e)

**Sol.** The logical and meaningful sequence of the sentences thus formed to mold them into a coherent paragraph is **DFCEBG**. Hence, option (e) is the most suitable answer choice.



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