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S1. Ans.(c)

Sol. The sentence can be corrected by replacing the phrases (A) and (B) with (I) and (II) respectively. Phrase (A) creates a contextual error, "have" should be replaced by "are". Moreover, in phrase (B) "Which" should be replaced by "who" 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.

S2. Ans.(b)

Sol. Phrases (B) and (C) of the sentence contain errors in them. In phrase (B) "strength" should be replaced by "strong" as 'strength' is a noun while 'strong' is an adjective. Therefore to describe the quality of the noun 'position', an adjective must be used. Moreover in phrase (C), there is an idiomatic error. The idiom 'to and fro' means in a constant movement backwards and forwards or from side to side while 'pro and cons' means advantages and disadvantages of something which are considered carefully so as to make a sensible decision. Therefore, to frame a contextually meaningful sentence the phrases (B) and (C) should be replaced by (II) and (III). Hence, option (b) is the most suitable answer choice.

S3. Ans.(a)

Sol. The sentence can be corrected by replacing the phrases (C) and (D) with (III) and (IV) respectively. In phrase (C), "has" should be replaced by "have" as here the subject of sentence is "Rs. 91,000 in grants" which shows that this amount is spent in different grants(schemes), so it being plural will take plural verb "have" with it. In phrase (D), there is a prepositional error. "to" should be replaced by "at" as preposition "at" is used while describing a specific place. All the other highlighted phrases are correct. Hence, option (a) is the most suitable answer choice.

S4. Ans.(c)

Sol. The sentence can be corrected by replacing the phrases (A) and (B) with (I) and (II) respectively. In phrase (A) the infinitive "to make" should be replaced by the gerund "making" as a gerund is the –ingform

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. Moreover in phrase (B) 'among' should be replaced by 'between' as between is used when naming distinct, individual items (can be 2, 3, or more) while among is used when the items are part of a group, or are not specifically named (MUST be 3 or more). All the other highlighted phrases are correct. Hence, option (c) is the most suitable answer choice.



S5. 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.

S6. Ans.(b)

Sol. Among the given paragraphs, only paragraph (II) successfully infers the given inference as it is describing quoting incidents as well as highlighting the electoral influence of farmers on elections. Thus, in order to perform well in elections, political parties must provide better solutions to reduce rural distress. Paragraph (I) and (III) provides irrelevant information in context of the inference. Hence, option (b) becomes the most suitable answer choice.

S7. Ans.(a)

Sol. Among the given paragraphs, only paragraph (III) illustrates the given inference as it has mentioned the states where the manufacturing jobs are difficult to find. It has further mentioned the cause due to which creation of non-farm jobs have become difficult. Paragraph (I) and (II) are irrelevant to the context of the inference. Hence, option (a) becomes the most suitable answer choice.

S8. Ans.(a)

Sol. Among the given paragraphs, only paragraph (I) precisely articulates the inference. It has mentioned about the risks of fraudsters, thus the security of ATMs must be enhanced. However, paragraph (II) mentions about the risks for ATM industry regarding its growth. Thus, fail to infer the given conclusion. Paragraph (III) is irrelevant to the context of the inference. Hence, option (a) is the most suitable answer choice.

S9. Ans.(b)

Sol. The inference statement is '*Terror attack on Chinese consulate in Pakistan*'. Among the given paragraphs, the paragraphs (I) and (III) clearly mention the location i.e., Chinese Consulate in Pakistan (as given in the given inference) and about the attack on the given location.

The statement (II) doesn't mention the exact location where the attack or the shootout took place. So, the given inference could be derived from the paragraphs (I) and (III). Hence, the option (b) is the correct answer.

S10. Ans.(e)

Sol. None of the given paragraphs illustrates the inference as paragraphs (I) and (III) provide irrelevant information while paragraph (III) although seems relevant but fails to provide the complete information. Paragraph (II) doesn't mention anything about the scrutiny on RBI's procedure or measure to control them. Hence, option (e) becomes the most suitable answer choice.

S11. Ans.(b)

Sol. Among the given words, "phenomena" fits aptly in the context of the passage as it means something that exists and can be seen, felt, tasted, etc., especially something unusual or interesting. All the other words are either contextually incoherent to the passage or they fail to fit in either of the sentences. Hence, option (b) becomes the most suitable answer choice.

Expansion means the action of becoming larger or more extensive. Abysmal means extremely bad; appalling.

Arrogance means the quality of being arrogant.

Compliance means the action or fact of complying with a wish or command.

S12. Ans.(c)

Sol. There is an error in the phrase mentioned in option (c) "who deals with processes underlying". "Who" should be replaced by "which" as the main difference between 'who' and 'that' or 'which' is that you should only use 'who' to refer to a person or people – who is never used to refer to things. However, 'which' or 'that' is used as a relative pronoun for things. Hence, option (c) is the most suitable answer choice.

S13. Ans.(a)

Sol. The presence of the word 'defined after 'mental process' separated through a comma, makes it incorrect. Also the word 'experiences' in its position is contextually incorrect. The positions of the words (3) and (4) are correct. Upon interchanging 1-2, we get a sentence which is grammatically and contextually meaningful and correct. Thus the correct sentence should be 'Keeping this in view, psychology is (1) defined formally as a science which studies mental processes, (2) experiences and (3) behaviour in different (4) contexts.'

Hence, the option (a) is the correct answer.

S14. Ans.(d)

Sol. The earlier part of the sentence hints for the latter part of it as it mentions experiences are internal to person which means that they are in the internal consciousness of the person. The only phrase that fits in the context of the passage is "**states of consciousness or awareness or mental processes**". All the other phrases/clauses are contextually irrelevant. Hence, option (d) becomes the most viable answer choice.

S15. Ans.(b)

Sol. Among the given words, "reflected" fits aptly in the context of the passage as it means think deeply or carefully about. The hint for the same can be drawn from the next sentence where it states "...our brain activities can be observed using different techniques of brain imaging..." All the other words are either contextually incoherent to the passage or they fail to fit in either of the sentences. Hence, option (b) becomes the most suitable answer choice.



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S16. Ans.(c)

Sol. 'Although' in a sentence is used to introduce a contrasting clause. Since the earlier part of the sentence mentions that it is not definite to say mental processes and brain activities are same, the later part should mention something about their relation. Only option (c) satisfies this criterion, hence it becomes the most suitable answer choice.

S17. Ans.(a)

Sol. Among the given options, only option (a) gels well with the preceding and the following sentences of (G). The rests seem out-of-context. Both the preceding and following sentences of G explains the distinction between the mind activities and neural activities. Therefore, the option (a) sentence easily fits in the context of the passage continuing its theme.

S18. Ans.(e)

Sol. The position of the words "neural" and "consciousness" is incorrect as in the earlier part of the paragraph it has been mentioned that neural refers to the physical structure of the mind. Therefore, to define mental processes 'neural' becomes incoherent. Hence, swapping the words in position 1-3 frames a grammatically correct and contextually meaningful sentence. Hence, option (e) is the most suitable answer choice.

S19. Ans.(e)

Sol. The given sentence is grammatically correct and contextually meaningful and doesn't require any changes. Hence, the option (e) 'no error' is the correct answer

S20. Ans.(d)



Sol. Among the given words, "applications" precisely replaces (J) to form a grammatically correct and contextually meaningful paragraph. The hint for the word may be drawn from phrase "uses and..." since the conjunction 'and' is used, it indicates that the other word should be something similar in the context. Hence, option (d) is the most suitable answer choice.





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