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Direction (1-5): Which of the following set of phrases (a), (b), (c) and (d) given below each sentence should replace the phrase printed in bold letters to make the sentence grammatically correct? If the sentence is correct as it is, mark (e) i.e., "No correction required" as the answer.

Q1. Australia **could take on a seat of the powerful** UN Human Rights Council following France's withdrawal **for the process**, according to Foreign Minister Julie Bishop.

- (a) may take a seat in the powerful, to the process
- (b) will take a seat on the powerful, from the process
- (c) must be taking a seat on the powerful, at the process
- (d) should take seats at the powerful, with the process
- (e) No correction required

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Q2. The India-China **standoff at the** Bhutan-China-India tri-junction highlights the imperative to be **sensitive to mutual concerns** and shed recrimination.

- (a) stand at, sensitive on mutual concerns
- (b) standoff on, sensitive over mutual concern
- (c) stands on, sensitive over mutual concerns
- (d) standing at, sensitive of mutual concern
- (e) No correction required

L1Difficulty 3

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Q3. The rapid spread of Chinese influence in and around South Asia **had now gained** traction by its One Belt One Road **connective initiative**.

- (a) have now gained, connective initiative
- (b) is now gaining, connecting initiative
- (c) has now gained, connectivity initiative
- (d) are gaining now, connected initiative
- (e) No correction required

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Q4. **To provide gain** employment opportunities is essential **in enabling people for improving** their standard of living.

- (a) Providing gained, to enable people in improving
- (b) To provide gaining, enabling people at improving
- (c) To provide gainful, for enabled people to improve
- (d) Providing gainful, for enabling people to improve
- (e) No correction required

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Q5. According to Census 2011, the **average growth rate of the economy** was 7.7 per cent per annum, **when it was only** 1.8 per cent for employment.

- (a) average economy growth, while it will around
- (b) average growth rate in economy, when it is only
- (c) growth rate to the economy, when it is only
- (d) average grow rate of the economy, while it is only
- (e) No correction required

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Direction (6-10): In the following passage there are blanks, each of which has been numbered and one word has been suggested alongside the blank. These numbers are printed below the passage and against each, five options are given. Find out the appropriate word which fits the blank appropriately. If the word written alongside the blank fits the passage, choose option 'e' (No correction required) as the correct choice.

Facebook users in India have crossed 240-million mark, becoming the largest **fans (6)** country for the social media giant, according to a media report. As of 13 July, Facebook is reporting a total "potential audience" of 241 million active users in India, compared to 240 million in the US.

The change at the top of the platform's country **standing (7)** comes just a few days after Facebook **avored (8)** it has more than two billion monthly users around the world.

Facebook has achieved **impressive (9)** growth in both the countries since the start of 2017, but these new figures suggest that **powerful (10)** users in India are growing more than twice as fast as they are in the US, The Next Web reported.

Q6. (a) turnout

(b) following

(c) audience

(d) supporting

(e) No correction required

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Q7. (a) dominance

(b) rankings

(c) ladder

(d) steps

(e) No correction required

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Q8. (a) announced

(b) expressed

(c) drafted

(d) preferred

(e) No correction required

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Q9. (a) possible

- (b)satisfying
- (c)presumable
- (d)shocking
- (e)No correction required

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- Q10. (a)sharp
- (b)spirited
  - (c)excited
  - (d)active
  - (e)No correction required

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Directions (11-15): In each of the following questions given below there are two blanks, each blank indicates that something has been omitted. Choose the set of words for each blank which best fits to the meaning of the sentence as a whole.

Q11. The toughest part of the job is to draw the line between the \_\_\_\_\_ of multiple voices and the \_\_\_\_\_ of concurrent monologues.

- (a)polyphony, cacophony
- (b)melody, refining
- (c)chorus, song
- (d)consonance, test
- (e)concert, jangle

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Q12. North Korea believes that it now has a more powerful position at the \_\_\_\_\_ table, indeed to extract its endgame \_\_\_\_\_.

- (a)exchange, answer
- (b)trading, reversal
- (c)bargaining, imperatives
- (d)budget, integrity
- (e)low-cost, duty

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Q13. Adoption of digital payments has also witnessed a massive growth with a \_\_\_\_\_ in behaviour change as more people \_\_\_\_\_ digital payments in daily life.

- (a)shifting, accept
- (b)fault, opt
- (c)switch, shun
- (d)shift, adopt
- (e)variation, follow

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Q14. With nearly half of the world's population online, the research \_\_\_\_\_ the development of 60 countries, demonstrating their competitiveness and market \_\_\_\_\_ for further digital economic growth.

- (a) chart, possible
- (b) maps, potential
- (c) draw, promising
- (d) depicts, dormant
- (e) surveys, future

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Q15. Standing tall at \$20 billion annually and still growing, the wildlife \_\_\_\_\_ has become the world's fourth largest \_\_\_\_\_ trade, said World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF) on Saturday -- the Global Tiger Day.

- (a) sanctuary, poor
- (b) violation, immoral
- (c) population, unlawful
- (d) crime, business
- (e) trafficking, illicit

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S1. Ans. (b)

Sol. "will take a seat on the powerful, from the process" is the correct set of phrases to make the sentence grammatically correct.

S2. Ans. (e)

Sol. The given sentence is grammatically correct. **Standoff** means a deadlock between two equally matched opponents in a dispute or conflict.

S3. Ans. (c)

Sol. "has now gained, connectivity initiative" is the correct set of phrases to make the sentence grammatically correct. It is to be noted that the sentence is in Present Tense and in Passive form.

S4. Ans. (d)

Sol. "Providing gainful, for enabling people to improve" is the correct set of phrases to make the sentence grammatically correct.

S5. Ans. (e)

Sol. The sentence is grammatically correct. Since the sentence talks about the Past event, "**when it was only**" is the correct phrase to comply the sentence structure.

S6. Ans. (c)

Sol. "the largest **audience** country" is the correct phrase in context of the paragraph.

S7. Ans. (b)

Sol. "rankings" is the correct word replacement as it means having a specified rank in a hierarchy.

S8. Ans. (a)

Sol. "announced" is the correct word replacement as it means make a formal public statement about a fact, occurrence, or intention.

S9. Ans. (e)

Sol. "impressive" is the correct word in context of its usage in the paragraph. Hence (e) is the correct option.

S10. Ans. (d)

Sol. "active" is the correct word replacement as it means participating or engaged in a particular sphere or activity.

S11. Ans. (a)

Sol. **Polyphony** means the style of simultaneously combining a number of parts, each forming an individual melody and harmonizing with each other. **Cacophony** means a harsh discordant mixture of sounds. As both are opposite in meanings, it makes the sentence perfectly meaningful.

**Consonance** means agreement or compatibility between opinions or actions.

**Jangle** means a ringing metallic sound.

S12. Ans. (c)

Sol. **Bargaining** means negotiate the terms and conditions of a transaction. **Imperatives** mean directive, instruction. Hence "bargaining, imperatives" is the correct set of words to fill the spaces meaningfully.

**Reversal** means a change to an opposite direction, position, or course of action.

**Integrity** means the quality of being honest and having strong moral principles.

S13. Ans. (d)

Sol. "shift, adopt" is the correct set of words which fill the blanks meaningfully. "a shift in behavior" forms a better and meaningful phrase than any other words given in the options.

**Shun** means persistently avoid, ignore, or reject (someone or something) through antipathy or caution.

S14. Ans. (b)

Sol. "maps, potential" is the correct set of words which fit into the sentence meaningfully. **Maps** means represent (an area) on a map; make a map of. **Potential** means latent qualities or abilities that may be developed and lead to future success or usefulness. It is to be noted that in this case, the word "maps" is used as a verb and the word "potential" is used as a noun. Hence among the given options, only this set of words find the most suitable fillers.

**Dormant** means having normal physical functions suspended or slowed down for a period of time; in or as if in a deep sleep.

S15. Ans. (e)

Sol. "trafficking, illicit" is the correct set of words to make the sentence meaningful. **Trafficking** means dealing or trading in something illegal. **Illicit** means forbidden by law, rules, or custom.

**Covert** means not openly acknowledged or displayed.