

S1. Ans.(a)

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S2. Ans.(d)

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S3. Ans.(c)

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S4. Ans.(e)

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S5. Ans.(b)

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S6. Ans.(a)

Sol. Here, out of the given options, only C-F and B-E form contextually meaningful and grammatically correct sentences. The sentences thus formed are:

- (i) Russia envisions potential threats to the current balance of power in Eurasia.
- (ii) The recent appointment of five Governors by the President must be viewed with grave skepticism.

S7. Ans.(b)

Sol. Here, only A-F frame a contextually meaningful and grammatically correct sentence. Rest of the options are grammatically incorrect. The sentence thus formed is,

- (i) This reignites the debate around the office of the Governor, its appointments and processes involved.

S8. Ans.(c)

Sol. Here, only B-E can form a contextually meaningful and grammatically correct sentence. The rest of the options are neither grammatically nor contextually fit to form a sentence. The sentence thus formed is,

- (i) ISRO only need to explain its setbacks, not hide them with the cellphone of national pride.

S9. Ans.(b)

Sol. Arjun was one of the Pandav brothers having the eldest brother Dharamraj Yudhishtir. Therefore, Arjun wanted to remain loyal to his eldest brother who has the first right over the throne being the eldest son of the family. Refer to the first line of the 5th paragraph "He could have been a great king in his own right, but he remained loyal to his elder brother Dharmaraj Yudhishtir who ascended the throne of Hastinapur by virtue of being the eldest in the family."

All the other options describe the characteristics of Arjun but fail to provide the precise reason. Hence, option (b) is the most suitable answer choice.

S10. Ans.(d)

Sol. In an agreement with Kaurwas, Pandavs accepted an exile of thirteen years i.e. to wander twelve years in forests while in the thirteenth year they had to disguise themselves. Arjun choose to transform himself as Brihannala. Following points helped him to disguise himself

(i) The curse of Urvashi that transformed Arjun into a eunuch for a year.

Refer to the 3rd line of the 4th paragraph "Arjuna took advantage of the curse he got from Urvashi and turned himself into Brihannala, a eunuch and acted as dance master for the royal household, especially Uttara, the daughter of Virat."

(iii) Arjun has excellent skills in the arts of dancing, singing and acting.

Refer to the first line of the 4th paragraph "Apart from archery, he also excelled in the arts of dancing, singing and acting which enormously helped the Pandavas when they had to stay in the court of Virat in total disguise as a part of their agreement with the Kauravas in the thirteenth year of their exile."

Hence, option (d) is the most suitable answer choice.

S11. Ans.(c)

Sol. Subhadra, Chitrangada and Draupdi were the wives of Arjun, however, Uttara was the wife Arjun and Subhadra's son Abhimanyu. Refer to the sixth line of the 4th paragraph "After realizing that the five people who were working in his court were indeed Pandavas in disguise, king Virat offered to marry his daughter to Abhimanyu the son of Arjuna in return for the services rendered by the brothers". Hence, option (c) is the most viable answer choice.

S12. Ans.(c)

Sol. Options (I) (II) and (IV) are described in the passage.

Conscientious means wishing to do one's work or duty well and thoroughly.

Combatant means a person or nation engaged in fighting during a war.

Devotee means a person who is very interested in and enthusiastic about someone or something.

Refer to the last line of the passage "Arjuna serves as an example of a great human being, a dutiful householder, a loyal brother, a great warrior, a devout husband and a sincere devotee of God."

However, earnest means resulting from or showing sincere and intense conviction. The passage has not described anywhere regarding the firm beliefs of Arjun. Hence, option (c) is the most suitable answer choice.

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S13. Ans.(c)

Sol. All the given statements are true in context of the passage, except for option (c).

For option (a) refer to 2nd line of 1st paragraph "He was born to Kunti and and king Pandu with the energy of Indra, the leader of the gods".

For option (b) refer to the last line of 2nd paragraph "They were Abhimnyu through Subhadra and Bhabhruvahana through Chitrangada. Both his sons played an important role during the Mahabharata war."

For option (d), refer to the 2nd line of the last paragraph "After the battle of Mahabharata, he assisted his brother greatly in expanding their empire by annexing several outlying kingdoms and defeating warring tribes."

For option (e) Refer to the 3rd line of 3rd paragraph "During the same period he met with Indra and other gods in the heavens from whom he received training and also helped them in return by slaying some asuras."

However, option (c) is not true. Refer to the 4th line of 3rd paragraph "While he was in the heavens he displeased Urvashi, the heavenly nymph, by turning away her advances."

Hence, option (c) is the most suitable answer choice.

S14. Ans.(c)

Sol. As per the given line, " He could have been a great king in his own right, but he remained loyal to his elder brother Yudhishtir ", we know that Yudhishtir became king because he was the eldest. So, option (c) is the best choice whereas all others doesn't fit in the context.

S15. Ans.(b)

Sol. Pursuing means seek to attain or accomplish (a goal) over a long period. Seeking means attempt or desire to obtain or achieve (something). Since both the words are synonyms of each other, option (b) is the most suitable answer choice.

Fleeing means run away from a place or situation of danger.

Assembling means (of people) gather together in one place for a common purpose.

S16. Ans.(d)

Sol. Crucial means decisive or critical, especially in the success or failure of something. Insignificant means too small or unimportant to be worth consideration. Since both the words are antonyms of each other, option (d) is the most suitable answer choice.

Requisite means made necessary by particular circumstances or regulations.

Compelling means evoking interest, attention, or admiration in a powerfully irresistible way

Pivotal means of crucial importance in relation to the development or success of something else.

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S17. Ans.(b)

Sol. The right answer choice is option (b). The term 'disguise' means 'give (someone or oneself) a different appearance in order to conceal one's identity'. 'Camouflage' is the synonym of the highlighted word which means to conceal or hide.

S18. Ans.(a)

Sol. The right answer choice is option (a). The term 'annexing' means 'add (territory) to one's own territory by appropriation' or 'add as an extra or subordinate part, especially to a document'. 'Detach' means 'disengage (something or part of something) and remove it' or 'leave or separate oneself from (a group or place)'.

S19. Ans.(a)

Sol. The most suitable word that will fill the blank to form a meaningful sentence is "appreciate" as it means understand (a situation) fully; grasp the full implications of. Encrypt means conceal data in (something) by converting it into a code. All the other words do not fill the blank appropriately; hence option (a) is the most appropriate choice.

S20. Ans.(b)

Sol. The most suitable word to fill the blank to form a meaningful sentence is "apprehend" which means arrest (someone) for a crime. "Perceive" means become aware or conscious of (something); come to realize or understand. "Divine" means devoted to God; sacred. "Mystical" means relating to mystics or religious mysticism. Therefore, all the other words do not fill the blank appropriately; hence option (a) is the most appropriate choice.

S21. Ans.(e)

Sol. The most suitable word that will fill the blank to form a coherent sentence is "deduced" which means arrive at (a fact or a conclusion) by reasoning; draw as a logical conclusion. "Evacuated" means remove (someone) from a place of danger to a safer place. All the other words do not fill the blank appropriately; hence option (e) is the most appropriate choice.

S22. Ans.(d)

Sol. The most suitable word that will fill the blank to form a coherent sentence is "abate" which means (of something unpleasant or severe) become less intense or widespread. "elevate" means raise or lift (something) to a higher position. All the other words do not fill the blank appropriately; hence option (d) is the most appropriate choice.

S23. Ans.(a)

Sol. The most suitable word that will fill the blank to form a coherent sentence is "astute" which means having or showing an ability to accurately assess situations or people and turn this to one's advantage. "gauche" means unsophisticated and socially awkward. All the other words do not fill the blank appropriately; hence option (a) is the most appropriate choice.

S24. Ans.(b)

Sol. The correct option is option (b).

S25. Ans.(a)

Sol. The correct option is option (a).

S26. Ans.(c)

Sol. The correct option is option (c).

S27. Ans.(b)

Sol. The correct option is option (b).

S28. Ans.(c)

Sol. The correct option is option (c).

S29. Ans.(d)

Sol. The correct option is option (d).

S30. Ans.(a)

Sol. The correct option is option (a).



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