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# PREVIOUS YEAR QUESTION BANK

(for IBPS/SBI/RRB/RBI Bank Clerk/PO Prelim & Mains Exams 2023)

## Spotting Errors

**DIRECTIONS (Qs. 1-3):** The sentences given below are divided into four parts. Identify the segment that contains error in it. If there is no error, then choose (e) 'No error'.

(IBPS Clerk Pre.-2023)

1. Nuclear waste will still being (a)/ radioactive even after twenty thousand years, (b)/ so it must be disposed (c)/ of very carefully. (d)/ No error (e)
2. My friend lived at the top (a)/ of an old house (b)/ which attic had been (c)/ converted into a flat. (d)/ No error (e)
3. A public safety advertising (a)/ campaign in Russia (b)/ hope to draw attention (c)/ of pedestrians crossing the road. (d)/ No error (e)

**DIRECTIONS (4-8):** In each of the questions below, they have been divided into parts which may or may not have error. Choose the part which has an error. If there is no error, choose (e), i.e., No error.

(IBPS Clerk Mains-2023)

4. (a) The state government has / (b) issued licences to farmers / (c) allowing them to sell / (d) its vegetables to hotels. (e) No error
5. (a) Many people decide / (b) not to buy a car / (c) last Diwali because of / (d) the high price of petrol last year/ (e) No error
6. (a) We plan to / (b) sell part of our / (c) business therefore we have / (d) to repay a loan. (e) No error
7. (a) The Reserve Bank of India is / (b) the only central bank in / (c) Asia which have / (d) raised interest rates in September. (e) No error
8. (a) Under this scheme, / (b) insurance companies will reimburse / (c) any expenditure on medicines / (d) if you submitting the original bills. (e) No error

**DIRECTIONS (Qs. 9-10):** In the sentences given below, the parts marked a), b), c) and d) may contain errors. Choose the part which is error-free. If the sentence is error-free, choose (e) no error.

(IBPS PO Mains-2023)

9. The CBI have sought his custodial interrogation and (a)/ claimed that he responded either evasive (b)/ or arrogantly during an apex court-ordered questioning(c)/ in Assam recently. It said his arrest was being required. (d)  
(a) a and b (b) Only b  
(c) Only c (d) a and d  
(e) No error
10. Manohar Sharma, Director of the journalism fellowship (a)/ program at the Reuters Institute for the Study of Journalism, University of Oxford, explains (b)/ that Sri Lanka has a "long history of censoring the press, by killing journalists, (c)/

blocking websites and using draconian laws to fine and imprison reporters". (d)

- (a) a and b (b) Only b (c) Only c (d) a and d  
(e) No error

**DIRECTIONS (Qs.11-13)** Read each of the following four sentences to find out whether there is any grammatical mistake/ error in it. Choose the sentence with no grammatical error as the correct answer. If all the given sentences are grammatically incorrect, choose (e) i.e., "None of these" as an answer. If all the given sentences are grammatically correct then choose option (d) i.e., "All are correct".

(IBPS PO Mains-2023)

11. (a) Royal Enfield is eyeing global markets for apparel business.  
(b) The IMF in January lowered India's economic growth estimate for the current fiscal year to 4.8 per cent.  
(c) Permanent commission for women was restricted to only two departments.  
(d) All are correct  
(e) None of these
12. (a) The percentage of stale items was very less.  
(b) I can give you some useful informations.  
(c) A looked at Indian contributions to mathematics shows the richness of the scientific tradition in India.  
(d) All are correct  
(e) None of these
13. (a) MTNL has started leasing out it building in New Delhi.  
(b) The lump sum compensation to be given to employees of BSNL and MTNL have been fixed at 35 days of salary for each year in service  
(c) The VRS is approved by the Central government in October last year.  
(d) All are correct  
(e) None of these

**DIRECTIONS (Qs. 14-19):** The sentences given below have an error in one of its five parts. Find out which part of the sentence has an error. The alphabet of that part is your answer.

(SBI Clerk Prelim-2023)

14. (A) The scissors / (B) is / (C) kept / (D) on top of / (E) the shelf.  
(a) A (b) B  
(c) C (d) D  
(e) E
15. (A) She enrolled / (B) herself in a / (C) three-years degree / (D) course in / (E) Fashion Designing.  
(a) A (b) B  
(c) C (d) D  
(e) E

16. (A) Three requirements / (B) necessary for / (C) plant growth is / (D) soil, temperature / (E) and moisture content.  
(a) A (b) B  
(c) C (d) D  
(e) E
17. (A) He purchased / (B) some new / (C) and innovative / (D) equipments / (E) for his company.  
(a) A (b) B  
(c) C (d) D  
(e) E
18. (A) The man / (B) laid down / (C) besides me / (D) on the bench / (E) in the park.  
(a) A (b) B  
(c) C (d) D  
(e) E
19. (A) My brother / (B) was / (C) first / (D) to get / (E) a degree.  
(a) A (b) B  
(c) C (d) D  
(e) E

**DIRECTIONS (Qs. 20-23):** In the following questions, there are some errors in every sentence. Find the part of the sentence which has an error. That particular part is your answer. If there is no error, your answer is (d), i.e., No error.

(SBI Clerk Mains-2023)

20. She is a qualified doctor (a)/ but none of her daughters (b)/ pursue the medical field. (c)/ No error (d)  
(a) She is a qualified doctor  
(b) but none of her daughters  
(c) pursue the medical field  
(d) No error
21. After knowing the truth, (a)/ he moved ahead (b)/ and made the right choice. (c)  
(a) After knowing the truth  
(b) he moved ahead  
(c) and made the right choice  
(d) No error
22. Reading and writing (a)/ provides (b)/ nutrition to the brain. (c)  
(a) Reading and writing (b) provides  
(c) nutrition to the brain (d) No error
23. His brother (a)/ was wet in the rain (b)/ while returning from his office. (c)  
(a) His brother  
(b) was wet in the rain  
(c) while returning from his office  
(d) No error

**DIRECTIONS (24-26):** Read each sentence to find out whether there is any grammatical error in it. The error if any will be in one part of the sentence, the letter of that part will be the answer. If there is No error, the answer is (e). i.e. 'No error'. (Ignore the errors of punctuation, if any.)

(SBI PO Prelim-2023)

24. People had not (a)/ travel by ship because (b)/ it is very expensive (c)/ and the facilities are poor. (d)/ No error (e).
25. Science students can (a)/ attend their classes (b) / on weekend and (c)/ working during the week. (d)/ No error (e).

26. According to the Labour Ministry, (a)/ the money earned (b) / by farmers is usually (c)/ spent on buying newly equipment. (d)/ No error (e).

**DIRECTIONS (27-28)** In each of the following questions, four sentences are given, and you have to choose the one which has some or any grammatical error in it. If all the given four sentences are correct, choose option (e) as your choice.  
(SBI PO Mains-2023)

27. A. The delicious aroma of freshly baked bread filled the kitchen.  
B. Having a strong work ethic is important for success in any career.  
C. Wearing a hat and scarf is essential when it's snowing outside.  
D. Neither John nor Mary have finished their assignments yet.  
(a) A (b) B  
(c) C (d) D  
(e) No error
28. A. She decided to go for a walk in the park despite the rain.  
B. The librarian helped me find the book I was looking for.  
C. Many tourists visit the Eiffel Tower every year.  
D. Because of the traffic jam, we arrived late for the meeting.  
(a) A (b) B  
(c) C (d) D  
(e) No error

**DIRECTIONS (29-33):** In the following questions, some part of the sentence may have errors. Find out which part of the sentence has an error and select the appropriate option. If a sentence is free from error, select option (e) 'No error'.

(IBPS RRB Office Asst. Mains-2023)

29. The company's policy (A) / regarding sick leave (B) / are quite generous. (C) / No error (D) / No error (E)  
(a) A (b) B (c) C (d) D  
(e) E
30. Every student (A) / in the class (B) / have completed (C) / their homework. (D) / No error (E)  
(a) A (b) B (c) C (d) D  
(e) E
31. She has been (A) / working at the (B) / same company (C) / for over ten years. (D) / No error (E)  
(a) A (b) B (c) C (d) D  
(e) E
32. The new project (A) / will require (B) / a lot of time (C) / and resources. (D) / No error (E)  
(a) A (b) B (c) C (d) D  
(e) E
33. The team members (A) / has been informed (B) / about the meeting (C) / tomorrow. (D) / No error (E)  
(a) A (b) B  
(c) C (d) D  
(e) E

**DIRECTIONS (Qs. 34-38):** *The sentences given below have been divided into five parts, one part has an error in it. Identify the erroneous part and mark that option as your answer.*

**(RRB Officer Scale-I Mains-2023)**

34. The librarian asked me (A) / whether I had returned (B) / the book which (C) / I had borrowed (D) / a week ago. (E) / No error  
(a) A (b) B (c) C (d) E (e) No error
35. Exhausted from campaigning for elections, (A) / we decided to rested (B) / under the shade (C) / of the large oak tree (D) / growing nearby. (E) / No error  
(a) A (b) B (c) C (d) D (e) No error
36. Despite (A) / careful planning, (B) / the project encountered (C) / several unforeseen problems (D) / that delayed its completion. (E) / No error  
(a) A (b) B (c) C (d) D (e) No error
37. The children chased (A) / the brightly colored butterfly (B) / through the meadows, (C) / their laughter echoing (D) / in the air. (E) / No error  
(a) A (b) B (c) C (d) D (e) No error
38. As a result of (A) / studying diligently, (B) / she achieved (C) / excellent grades (D) / throughout the semester. (E) / No error  
(a) A (b) B (c) C (d) E (e) No error

**DIRECTIONS (Qs. 39-43):** *The following questions have been split into five segments. Identify the segment that contains a grammatical error. If there is no error in the sentence, select (E) as your answer.*

**(RBI Assist. Prelim-2023)**

39. His grades are (a) / to low to secure (b) / admission in (c) / a prestigious college (d) / No error (e) .  
(a) His grades are (b) to low to secure (c) admission in (d) a prestigious college (e) No error
40. The garbage (a) / were first sundried (b) / for one to three days (c) / to bring down the moisture level (d) / No error (e).  
(a) The garbage (b) were first sundried (c) for one to three days (d) to bring down the moisture level (e) No error
41. Education do not (a) / mean teaching the population (b) / using facts and figures (c); it means teaching how to behave (d) / No error (e).  
(a) Education do not (b) mean teaching the population (c) using facts and figures (d) it means teaching how to behave (e) No error
42. The art of conveying (a) / the words of a speaker (b) / is called narration. It is of two type (c) / namely, direct speech and indirect speech (d) / No error (e).

- (a) The art of conveying  
(b) the words of a speaker  
(c) It is of two type  
(d) namely, direct speech and indirect speech  
(e) No error
43. The President said, (a) / “We will soon become (b) / a developed nation (c) / in the near future (d) .” / No error (e).  
(a) The President said,  
(b) “We will soon become  
(c) a developed nation  
(d) in the near future  
(e) No error

**DIRECTIONS (Qs. 44-49):** *The given sentence has been broken up into four different parts. The error, if any, will be in any one part of the sentence. Select the option which contains the part of the sentence which has an error (spelling, grammatical or contextual). If there is no error, choose option E.*

**(RBI Asst. Mains-2023)**

44. Parts of northern France were also (A) / put in drought alert, with (B) / water supplies to businesses, (C) / farmers and ordinary residents restricted. (D) / No error (E)  
(a) Parts of northern France were also  
(b) put in drought alert, with  
(c) water supplies to businesses,  
(d) farmers and ordinary residents restricted.  
(e) No error
45. The index is a useful tool as it helps identify (A) / the problems as well as the success stories (B) / and provides an opportunity for states to learn (C) / from each other’s successes as well as failures. (D) / No error (E)  
(a) The index is a useful tool as it helps identify  
(b) the problems as well as the success stories  
(c) and provides an opportunity for states to learn  
(d) from each other’s successes as well as failures.  
(e) No error
46. Demand usual picks up (A) / in the second half of (B) / the year due to (C) / the wedding season. (D) / No error (E)  
(a) Demand usual picks up  
(b) in the second half of  
(c) the year due to  
(d) the wedding season.  
(e) No error
47. Even India is (A) / feeling the pinches (B) / and it has increasingly (C) / weighed on business confidence. (D) / No error (E)  
(a) Even India is  
(b) feeling the pinches  
(c) and it has increasingly  
(d) weighed on business confidence.  
(e) No error
48. While the tooth fairy continues to lag ahead (A) / tech developments, there are already piggy bank apps, (B) / ones for pocket money with contactless cards, and (C) / schools use cashless payment systems for lunches and trips. (D) / No error (E)  
(a) While the tooth fairy continues to lag ahead  
(b) tech developments, there are already piggy bank apps,



- (c) ones for pocket money with contactless cards, and
- (d) schools use cashless payment systems for lunches and trips.
- (e) No error

### Sentence Improvement

**DIRECTIONS (1-2):** In the following questions, a sentence is divided into four parts consisting of a highlighted word in each part. Choose the option reflecting the word which is either misspelt or grammatically incorrect. If all the highlighted words are correct, choose option (e), i.e., "are correct" as your answer choice. **(IBPS Clerk Mains-2023)**

1. The discovery of a new planet in the **habitable** (A) zone of a distant star system has sparked excitement among astronomers. This potentially **life-supporting** (B) world is much larger than Earth, with a **thick atmosphere** (C) composed mostly of methane. Scientists are eager to learn more about its **potential** (D) for harboring life.
  - (a) habitable
  - (b) life-supporting
  - (c) thick atmosphere
  - (d) potential
  - (e) all are correct
2. While **exploring** (A) the Amazon rainforest, researchers came across a previously **undocumented** (B) species of spider. The vibrantly colored arachnid boasts an intricate **web design** (C) unlike anything they've seen before. Further study is needed to classify it and understand its **ecological role** (D) within the rainforest.
  - (a) exploring
  - (b) undocumented
  - (c) web design
  - (d) ecological role
  - (e) all are correct

**DIRECTIONS (Qs. 3-7):** In the following questions, a part of the sentence has been highlighted. You need to identify which of the given options can replace the highlighted part and improve the sentence grammatically and contextually. **(IBPS PO Prelim-2023)**

3. The project manager was **appointed** for his exceptional leadership skills.
  - (a) elected
  - (b) hired
  - (c) designated
  - (d) selected
  - (e) None of these
4. The students were **forced** to complete their assignments before the deadline.
  - (a) instructed
  - (b) suggested
  - (c) recommended
  - (d) encouraged
  - (e) None of these
5. Her performance in the interview was **marked** as outstanding by the hiring committee.
  - (a) analyzed
  - (b) assessed
  - (c) judged
  - (d) appraised
  - (e) None of these
6. The company's profits have **exceeded** expectations this quarter.
  - (a) surpassed
  - (b) surpassed by
  - (c) surpassed with
  - (d) surpassed from
  - (e) None of these

7. The team's performance during the championship was **commendable**.
  - (a) praiseworthy
  - (b) laudable
  - (c) commendatory
  - (d) admirable
  - (e) None of these

**DIRECTIONS (Qs. 8-12):** In the question given below, there is a sentence in which one part is given in bold. The part given in bold may or may not be grammatically correct. Choose the best alternative among the four given options which can replace the part in bold to make the sentence grammatically correct. If the part given in bold is already correct and does not require any replacement, choose option (e), as your answer. **(IBPS PO Mains-2023)**

8. The concerned matter was **referred back to the sports committee since the solution to the problem was different from the one proposed earlier**.
  - (a) referred back to the sports committee since the solution in the problem was different from the one proposed earlier.
  - (b) referred to the sports committee since the solution to the problem was different from the one proposed earlier.
  - (c) referred back to the sports committee since the solution to the problem was different than the one proposed earlier.
  - (d) referred to committee since the solution to the problem was different than the one proposed earlier.
  - (e) No correction required
9. Armed with the talents of a high intellect, **an actor with extraordinary gifts and an ingenious criminal**, Charles Sobhraj played an overbearing role in the sensationalisation of crime during the later part of the 20th century in the Indian sub continent.
  - (a) an actor with extraordinary gifts of an ingenious criminal
  - (b) an ingenious actor and an extraordinarily gifted criminal
  - (c) a gifted actor and an ingeniously criminal
  - (d) an extraordinarily gifted actor and an ingenious criminal
  - (e) No correction required
10. **The smaller firms in any industry sell either on a price or quality-of-workmanship basis**.
  - (a) The smaller firms in any industry sells either on a price or quality-of-workmanship basis.
  - (b) The smaller firms in any industry either sell on a price or quality-of-workmanship basis.
  - (c) The smaller firms in any industry sell on either a price or a quality-of-workmanship basis.
  - (d) The smaller firms in any industry sell on either a price or on a quality-of-workmanship basis.
  - (e) No correction required
11. Current economic conditions demand **that we not only cut jobs and prices but also** reduce the rate of interest on PF deposits.
  - (a) that we not only cut jobs and prices but also
  - (b) not only cutting job and prices but also to

- (c) not only to cut jobs and prices but also  
 (d) not only a cut in jobs and prices but also to  
 (e) No correction required
12. All-rounders in any cricket team, in theory, make good sense; in actuality, however, **they are normally** difficult to discover.  
 (a) they were normally  
 (b) it is normally  
 (c) such players are normally  
 (d) it is usually expected that it is  
 (e) No correction required

**DIRECTIONS (Qs. 13-19):** In the following questions, two words are to be interchanged to be placed in the other sentence to make it grammatically correct. Choose the appropriate word to swap to improve the sentence.

(SBI Clerk Prelim-2023)

13. Parents **improve** (A) their children by **overindulgence** (B) and granting their wishes. Let us try and **spoil** (C) the situation by **discussing** (D) positive measures.  
 (a) A-C (b) B-D (c) A-D (d) C-B  
 (e) B-A
14. The **contents** (A) of the letter **surprised** (B) them. But he was **alarmed** (C) upon **seeing** (D) his son.  
 (a) A-D (b) B-D (c) B-C (d) D-C  
 (e) C-A
15. Trust is the basic **quality** (A) for all **relationships** (B). His **tenet** (C) of being punctual in office is quite **commendable** (D).  
 (a) A-C (b) B-C (c) D-C (d) B-D  
 (e) D-A
16. Growing **urbanization** (A) and literacy **damaged** (B) the plight of women in India. The car got **changed** (C) due to the accident on the **street** (D).  
 (a) D-A (b) B-C (c) A-C (d) B-A  
 (e) B-D
17. Not all **young** (A) children are **serious** (B). They were quite **naughty** (C) at the Board **meeting** (D).  
 (a) A-D (b) B-D (c) B-C (d) C-A  
 (e) D-C
18. My **friends** (A) told me that there was no **action** (B) out. They took no **way** (C) against the **caught** (D) culprit.  
 (a) B-C (b) D-A (c) B-D (d) C-A  
 (e) A-B
19. The Bhagvad Gita is a **poem** (A) of 700 **paragraphs** (B). The **verses** (C) of that story were well **connected** (D).  
 (a) A-B (b) B-C (c) A-C (d) C-D  
 (e) C-B

**DIRECTIONS (Qs. 20-22):** In the below given questions, a part of the sentence is bold. There are five alternatives provided as (A), (B), (C) and (D) which may improve the sentence. Choose the correct alternative. In case no replacement is required, choose (E) as your answer.

(SBI Clerk Mains-2023)

20. The organization may be hiring for vacancies, but **cannot scold freely**.  
 (a) cannot scold at will  
 (b) cannot give umbrage

- (c) cannot just scold anyway  
 (d) cannot scold wilfully  
 (e) No improvement
21. Many of the conservationists proclaim **to save the environment** against degradation.  
 (a) to save the environment well  
 (b) that they save the environment  
 (c) to prevent the environment  
 (d) to save the environment  
 (e) No improvement
22. **Except for you and I**, everyone went for the dinner to their house.  
 (a) With the exception of you and I  
 (b) Except for I and you  
 (c) Except for you and me  
 (d) Everyone except for me and you  
 (e) No improvement

**DIRECTIONS (Qs. 23-24):** In the given questions, a word in the sentence is printed in bold. Below the sentence, alternatives are provided for the bold part which may help improve the sentence. Choose the correct alternative out of the five given options. (SBI Clerk Mains-2023)

23. North Korean leader Kim Jong-un met with Chinese President Xi Jinping and **reaffirmed** his commitment to the peninsula's denuclearization.  
 (a) Emphasized (b) Redundant  
 (c) Forced (d) Imposed  
 (e) Slapped
24. This special magnetic appeal or charm is **reinforce** to his power and presence in front of an audience.  
 (a) Ornate (b) Opine  
 (c) Paramount (d) Peculiar  
 (e) None of these

**DIRECTIONS (25-27):** In each of the following questions a sentence is given with four underlined words. Choose the alternative, reflecting the appropriate replacement of the words so as to form a grammatically correct and contextually meaningful sentence. If no replacement is required, mark (e) "no interchange possible" as your answer.

(SBI PO Prelim-2023)

25. Akanksha has sought (A) to justify the allegations (B) actions by referring to the extraordinary (C) against the Minister and the Court's observations (D) in a recent order.  
 (a) A-D (b) B-C  
 (c) A-B (d) A-C  
 (e) No interchange possible
26. There was no more (A) scope for tremendous (B) State Universities to figure (C) in this list (D).  
 (a) A-D (b) B-C  
 (c) A-B (d) A-C  
 (e) No interchange possible
27. Although the weary hikers overlook (A) a sudden downpour, their determination (B) to reach the scenic encountered (C) before sunset kept them moving steadily (D).  
 (a) A-C (b) B-D  
 (c) A-D (d) B-C  
 (e) No interchange possible

**DIRECTIONS (Qs. 28-30):** In each of the questions below, a sentence has been broken into four parts with one word highlighted in bold in each fragment. From the given options, identify the word which needs improvement in the given sentence. **(RRB Officer Scale-I Mains-2023)**

28. The new software update promises to **enhance** (A) the user interface **experience** (B) by more intuitive features (C), but some users still **encounter** issues(D).
- (a) A (b) B  
(c) C (d) D  
(e) No improvement required
29. The company's expansion strategy includes **establishing** (A) **new** markets (B) abroad (C) and **diversifying** its product line (D).
- (a) A (b) B  
(c) C (d) D  
(e) No improvement required
30. The **servicing** sector (A) forms a **vital** part (B) of the trade agreement (C) signed by the **developing** countries (D).
- (a) A (b) B  
(c) C (d) D  
(e) No improvement required

### Fill in the Blanks

**DIRECTIONS (Qs. 1-3):** Fill in the blanks using the correct word from the blank. **(IBPS Clerk Pre.-2023)**

1. The poet's \_\_\_\_\_ language captivated the audience, leaving them spellbound.
- (a) mundane (b) conspicuous  
(c) banal (d) prosaic  
(e) eloquent
2. The scientist's \_\_\_\_\_ discovery revolutionized the field of genetics.
- (a) inconsequential (b) seminal  
(c) trivial (d) peripheral  
(e) resolute
3. Despite facing numerous \_\_\_\_\_, she remained resilient and determined to achieve her goals.
- (a) hindrances (b) advantages  
(c) accolades (d) encomiums  
(e) reservations

**DIRECTIONS (4-5):** In the given questions, three blanks are given. From the options provided, each has three words that would fit in the blanks correctly. Choose the appropriate option to complete the sentences. **(IBPS Clerk Mains-2023)**

4. News and social media companies have a moral \_\_\_\_\_ to ensure that they do not, directly or otherwise, deliberately \_\_\_\_\_ the facts to their audiences and pass them off for news. If it is a post-truth world we \_\_\_\_\_, this becomes especially important.
- (a) obligation, distort, desire  
(b) commitment, tarnish, denounce  
(c) responsibility, misrepresent, inhabit  
(d) purport, besmirch, stigmatize  
(e) implication, enhance, reside

5. Activists in the country have long protested its \_\_\_\_\_ society that essentially \_\_\_\_\_ women from travelling, marrying or attending college without permission from a male relative, who is called their \_\_\_\_\_.
- (a) benevolent, forbid, steward  
(b) pre-adamite, prevent, custodian  
(c) pre-eminent, restrict, protector  
(d) venerable, condemns, manacle.  
(e) patriarchal, prohibits, guardian.

**DIRECTIONS(6-8) :** In the given statements below, fill in the blanks from the options given. **(IBPS Clerk Mains-2023)**

- Citizen science, the \_\_\_\_\_ (A) of ordinary people in scientific research, has emerged as a powerful tool for gathering data and \_\_\_\_\_ (B) scientific understanding. This collaborative approach allows researchers to \_\_\_\_\_ (C) the reach and achieve of their endeavors.
6. Which of the following word(s) would most appropriately fit in blank A?
- (a) engagement (b) involvement  
(c) contribution (d) participation  
(e) inclusion
7. Which of the following word(s) would most appropriately fit in blank B?
- (a) advancing (b) promoting  
(c) enhancing (d) facilitating  
(e) accelerating
8. Which of the following word(s) would most appropriately fit in blank C?
- (a) expand (b) broaden  
(c) widen (d) extend  
(e) amplify

**DIRECTIONS (Qs. 9-14):** Fill in the blanks using the correct set of words provided below the question. **(IBPS PO Mains-2023)**

9. In an era where so many forms of communication and logistics are possible, the speed with which a ----- is processed will be directly \_\_\_\_\_ to the client's --- \_\_\_\_\_.
- (a) deals, relational, expectations  
(b) request, derive, appropriation  
(c) claim, proportional, satisfaction  
(d) proposal, inversional, dissatisfaction  
(e) None of the above
10. Devices and objects with built in sensors are connected to an Internet of things platform, which \_\_\_\_\_ data from the different devices and applies analytics to share the most \_\_\_\_\_ information with applications built to \_\_\_\_\_ specific needs.
- (a) receives, frivolous, reach  
(b) consolidates, important, set  
(c) integrates, valuable, address  
(d) gathers, effective, meet  
(e) All of the above
11. On the western border, Pakistan was \_\_\_\_\_ by the international community to \_\_\_\_\_ a part of the world movement against the Soviet Union and its Afghan \_\_\_\_\_.

- (a) encouraged, become, policy  
 (b) emphasized, get into, community  
 (c) cheered, turn, rule  
 (d) incentivized, wax, invasion  
 (e) None of the above
12. Staying \_\_\_\_\_ has a direct impact on our mental and physical well-being, and when our bodies start to get \_\_\_\_\_, it takes a \_\_\_\_\_.
- (a) hydrated, dehydrated, toll  
 (b) dehydrated, hydrated, revenge  
 (c) safe, unhealthy, revulsion  
 (d) unhealthy, healthy, fine balance  
 (e) None of the above
13. Personal Growth is on the off chance that you \_\_\_\_\_ to satisfy the \_\_\_\_\_ between you and your objectives and become the ----- you plan to be, however, you're stuck on the how.
- (a) ought, goal, person  
 (b) have, ambition, independent  
 (c) got, aspiration, single  
 (d) need, void, individual  
 (e) All except (d)
14. The problem, so far, has been a \_\_\_\_\_ mismatch between China's statements and the actions of its troops. Its consistent \_\_\_\_\_ of India as the aggressor this summer \_\_\_\_\_ the reality that India has, since May, ceded about 1,000 square kilometres in Ladakh to Chinese control.
- (a) genesis, making, ratchet  
 (b) discard, criticism, inevitable  
 (c) stark, labelling, contradicts  
 (d) fuzzy, praise, unravel  
 (e) None of these

**DIRECTIONS (Qs. 15-20):** In the following questions, there is a blank in each sentence which has to be filled with an appropriate word. Five options have been given. Choose the correct one to fill the blank and complete the sentence.

(SBI Clerk Prelim-2023)

15. The snake \_\_\_\_\_ the man on his toes.
- (a) Had bitten (b) Bit  
 (c) Bite (d) Was bitten  
 (e) Was bit
16. During the recent hailstorm, one-third of our city \_\_\_\_\_ devastated.
- (a) Were (b) Are  
 (c) Was (d) Is  
 (e) Will be
17. Proper grammar, punctuation and spellings \_\_\_\_\_ essential in a sentence.
- (a) Were (b) Have  
 (c) Is (d) Are  
 (e) Can be
18. The roads \_\_\_\_\_ the state of Punjab are largely raised and smooth.
- (a) Of (b) Throughout  
 (c) In (d) From  
 (e) Are
19. They took blankets \_\_\_\_\_ keep themselves warm.
- (a) To (b) For  
 (c) In (d) Were  
 (e) Have
20. The tourist who visited Kashmir was \_\_\_\_\_ by its beauty.
- (a) Mesmerized (b) Enchanted  
 (c) Awe-struck (d) Shocked  
 (e) Elated

**DIRECTIONS (Qs. 21-25):** In each of the following sentences, there are three blank spaces. There are five options and each option consists of three words which will be filled in the blanks to make the sentence grammatically correct. (SBI Clerk Mains-2023)

21. Activists in the country have been \_\_\_\_\_ since ages about its \_\_\_\_\_ society that prohibits women from travelling, marrying or attending college without \_\_\_\_\_ from a male member of their family, also known as the guardian according to the law.
- (a) denying, rigid, permit  
 (b) fighting, strong, restrictions  
 (c) proposing, lenient, allowance  
 (d) curious, patriarchal, permitting  
 (e) protesting, patriarchal, permission
22. The new world driven by \_\_\_\_\_ changes is seeing a \_\_\_\_\_ of startups who are questioning the status quo and \_\_\_\_\_ industries.
- (a) automatically, upsurge, disorganized  
 (b) robotic, decline, Indian  
 (c) technological, proliferation, disrupting  
 (d) mechanical, enlargement, organized  
 (e) patriotism, storehouse, astounding
23. The \_\_\_\_\_ of time does not remain the same. The new lamp had \_\_\_\_\_ for reading. Therefore, he opened his books for a \_\_\_\_\_ understanding of concepts.
- (a) lapse, more, better (b) span, less, clear  
 (c) cycle, much, detailed (d) cycle, enough, thorough  
 (e) span, enough, better
24. There cannot be \_\_\_\_\_ among Indian children because there are two \_\_\_\_\_ of children. They get two \_\_\_\_\_ kinds of education in the country.
- (a) peace, kinds, varied  
 (b) equality, classes, different  
 (c) happiness, types, indirect  
 (d) peace, dimensions, major  
 (e) rights, kinds, limited
25. The government has failed to provide necessary \_\_\_\_\_ for the \_\_\_\_\_ of children. Most of them go to a \_\_\_\_\_ without blackboards.
- (a) facilities, education, school  
 (b) amenities, upliftment, school  
 (c) schools, education, place  
 (d) requirements, well-being, school  
 (e) reports, betterment, educational institute

**DIRECTIONS (26-29):** Fill in the blank with the most appropriate word from the given list of options.

(SBI PO Prelim-2023)

26. An extensive collection of books is called a \_\_\_\_\_ library.  
 (a) Humble (b) Vast  
 (c) Fragile (d) Miniature  
 (e) Noisy
27. When you move slowly and carefully to avoid making noise, you are being \_\_\_\_\_.  
 (a) Energetic (b) Stealthy  
 (c) Fragile (d) Loud  
 (e) Clumsy
28. A person who excels in a particular field is considered an \_\_\_\_\_ in that field.  
 (a) Beginner (b) Amateur  
 (c) Expert (d) Novice  
 (e) Learner
29. A brief and informal conversation is called a \_\_\_\_\_.  
 (a) Lecture (b) Chat  
 (c) Debate (d) Presentation  
 (e) Interview

**DIRECTIONS (30-33):** Fill in the blanks with appropriate words from the given list of options. (SBI PO Mains-2023)

While many (30) \_\_\_\_\_ the rapid (31) \_\_\_\_\_ of technology, historians argue that understanding the past is crucial for navigating the (32) \_\_\_\_\_ it presents. By examining historical (33) \_\_\_\_\_, we can learn from past successes and failures, shaping a future where technology serves humanity.

30. (a) criticize (b) celebrate  
 (c) ignore (d) analyze  
 (e) misunderstand
31. (a) decline (b) stagnation  
 (c) advancement (d) limitation  
 (e) elimination
32. (a) consequences (b) instructions  
 (c) delays (d) opportunities  
 (e) boredom
33. (a) inventions (b) predictions  
 (c) trends (d) experiences  
 (e) problems

**DIRECTIONS (34-37):** Fill in the blanks using appropriate words from the ones given below.

(IBPS RRB Office Asst. Mains-2023)

The aroma of freshly baked cookies drifted through the air, a delightful invitation to the cozy kitchen. Sunlight streamed through the window, illuminating a table laden with a (169) \_\_\_\_\_ quilt and a vase overflowing with vibrant wildflowers. A worn out (34) \_\_\_\_\_ teddy bear sat patiently on a chair, its one button eye gleaming. Laughter echoed from the next room, a melody that warmed the heart. This simple scene embodied a sense of (35) \_\_\_\_\_ and belonging, a place where worries seemed to (36) \_\_\_\_\_.

34. (a) Patchwork  
 (b) Striped  
 (c) Solid  
 (d) Silky  
 (e) Fuzzy

35. (a) Indifferent (b) Discarded  
 (c) Cherished (d) Forgotten  
 (e) Frightened
36. (a) Excitement (b) Tranquility  
 (c) Fear (d) Anger  
 (e) Confusion
37. (a) melt away (b) melt down  
 (c) melt up (d) melt by  
 (e) melt against

**DIRECTIONS (38-40):** In each question below, sentences with one blank has been given. Choose the option that completes the sentence correctly.

(IBPS RRB Office Asst. Mains-2023)

38. She always \_\_\_\_\_ her problems rather than facing them directly.  
 (a) broke down (b) brushed off  
 (c) looked up to (d) put up with  
 (e) brought about
39. It's important to \_\_\_\_\_ any misunderstandings before they escalate.  
 (a) put off (b) get along with  
 (c) clear up (d) make out  
 (e) hold on to
40. He tends to \_\_\_\_\_ whenever he's faced with a difficult decision.  
 (a) stand up for (b) back down  
 (c) get along with (d) come across  
 (e) break out

**DIRECTIONS (41-44):** Fill in the blanks using appropriate words from the ones given below.

(IBPS RRB Office Asst. Mains-2023)

The hiker filled his backpack with essential supplies for his upcoming trek. He included a sturdy water bottle to avoid \_\_\_\_\_ (41) during the long journey. He packed nutritious snacks to keep his \_\_\_\_\_ (42) levels up and protect himself from the afternoon sun with a wide-brimmed \_\_\_\_\_ (43). A comfortable pair of \_\_\_\_\_ (44) was vital for traversing the uneven terrain, and a waterproof tent would be his refuge in case of rain.

41. (a) dehydration (b) exhaustion  
 (c) hunger (d) boredom  
 (e) confusion
42. (a) fitness (b) energy  
 (c) knowledge (d) stamina  
 (e) speed
43. (a) hat (b) scarf  
 (c) gloves (d) sunglasses  
 (e) boots
44. (a) sandals (b) shoes  
 (c) socks (d) shorts  
 (e) raincoat

**DIRECTIONS (Qs. 45-49):** In each question below, sentences with two blanks each have been given. Choose the option that contains the correct pair of words to make the sentences meaningful.  
 (RRB Officer Scale-I Mains-2023)

45. The scientist carefully observed the bacteria through a powerful \_\_\_\_\_, which allowed her to see the \_\_\_\_\_ details of their structure.  
 (a) microscope / minuscule  
 (b) telescope / intricate  
 (c) compass / distant  
 (d) thermometer / boiling  
 (e) calculator / complex
46. The aroma of freshly cut grass filled the air after the gardener had meticulously \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ the lawn.  
 (a) painted / decorated  
 (b) watered / nourished  
 (c) mowed / trimmed  
 (d) sculpted / designed  
 (e) planted / cultivated
47. Feeling \_\_\_\_\_ after a long day at work, Sarah decided to \_\_\_\_\_ herself with a relaxing bath.  
 (a) worried / entertain (b) exhausted / pamper  
 (c) motivated / energize (d) curious / explore  
 (e) inspired / create
48. The \_\_\_\_\_ speaker captivated the audience with their \_\_\_\_\_ storytelling skills.  
 (a) shy / hesitant  
 (b) enthusiastic / captivating  
 (c) boring / monotonous  
 (d) nervous / awkward  
 (e) angry / frustrated
49. The \_\_\_\_\_ hikers struggled to navigate the treacherous mountain path, which was covered in \_\_\_\_\_ rocks.  
 (a) experienced / smooth  
 (b) cautious / uneven  
 (c) clumsy / comfortable  
 (d) energetic / easy  
 (e) frightened / safe

**DIRECTIONS (Qs. 50-54):** In the following questions, each sentence is provided with a blank to be filled with a suitable word. Please choose the right option out of the four and designate it by selecting the suitable option.

(RBI Assist. Prelim-2023)

50. If you don't give the payment frequently, you \_\_\_\_\_ to pay a penalty.  
 (a) Will have (b) Would had  
 (c) Will had (d) Would has  
 (e) Will has
51. Information is \_\_\_\_\_ data that pertains to a particular subject, object and person to provide a description of their characteristics.  
 (a) Typically (b) Essentially  
 (c) Mainly (d) Generally  
 (e) Always
52. Social media provides \_\_\_\_\_ through campaigns, advertisements, promotions that keep the society up to date with current information.  
 (a) Knowledge (b) Networking  
 (c) Awareness (d) Contribution  
 (e) Development

53. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Indian economy may sometimes seem to be rapid while sometimes hesitant.  
 (a) Acceleration (b) Growth  
 (c) Pace (d) Needs  
 (e) Settlements
54. \_\_\_\_\_ of large cities and accumulation of population and economic activities in cities are emerging as new growth centres.  
 (a) Saturation (b) Explosion  
 (c) Exploitation (d) Construction  
 (e) Continuation

**DIRECTIONS (Qs. 55-59):** In the questions given below a sentence is given with three blanks in each. Corresponding to each question six words are given. Choose the combination of words which will perfectly fit into the blanks to make the sentence contextually correct and meaningful.

(RBI Asst. Mains-2023)

55. This center will support the police in maintaining law and order, \_\_\_\_\_ disaster management operations, help control pollution and \_\_\_\_\_ use of electricity and water, make timely \_\_\_\_\_ of services possible and offer better health and education services.  
 A. Hamper B. Assist  
 C. Delivery D. Approval  
 E. Efficient F. Timely  
 (a) ACF (b) BEA (c) BEC (d) ABC  
 (e) AEC
56. The Central Vigilance Commission has summoned the top \_\_\_\_\_ of the Employees' Provident Fund Organization after a fire on Friday night \_\_\_\_\_ its vigilance wing office in the capital. Several fire tenders were \_\_\_\_\_ to douse the flames at the NBCC Tower.  
 A. Employed B. Diaspora  
 C. Destroyed D. Brass  
 E. Deployed F. Acquisition  
 (a) ADF (b) DCE (c) BCA (d) ACF  
 (e) BCE
57. Over 10,000 people have been \_\_\_\_\_ while several others affected due to the floods caused by \_\_\_\_\_ rains in the Tamil dominated Northern and Eastern \_\_\_\_\_ of Sri Lanka.  
 A. Immigrated B. Drizzling  
 C. Provinces D. Displaced  
 E. Plateaus F. Torrential  
 (a) AFE (b) DFC (c) BFC (d) DBE  
 (e) ABC
58. Vast crowds of black-clad demonstrators \_\_\_\_\_ Hong Kong on Sunday in the largest anti-government \_\_\_\_\_ since local elections last month that boosted the pro-democracy movement seeking to \_\_\_\_\_ controls by China.  
 A. Curb B. Slogans  
 C. Emigrated D. Thronged  
 E. Protests F. Command  
 (a) CBA (b) BEA (c) FED (d) DEA  
 (e) CEF
59. President Ram Nath Kovind on Sunday laid the foundation stone for a \_\_\_\_\_ to mark 200 years of the Paika Rebellion, an \_\_\_\_\_ against colonial rule that predates the rebellion of the sepoys in 1857.



- A. Memorial  
 B. Monumental  
 D. Revolt  
 F. Insurrection  
 (a) A-C  
 (e) A-E
- C. Obliteration  
 E. Uprising  
 (b) B-F  
 (c) B-E  
 (d) A-E

**DIRECTIONS (60-65):** The following questions consist of a single sentence with one blank only. You are given five or six words as answer choices, you have to pick up correct pair in option, which will make the sentence meaningfully complete.

**(RBI Grade B Prelim-2023)**

60. A speaker must \_\_\_\_\_ to intellectual level of the audience.  
 (1) adhere (2) speak  
 (3) adapt (4) quality  
 (5) organize (6) adjust  
 (a) 1&4 (b) 2&3  
 (c) 3&6 (d) 1&5  
 (e) 4&6
61. Life is as \_\_\_\_\_ to a mute creature as it is to a man.  
 (1) worse (2) dubious  
 (3) dear (4) trusty  
 (5) important (6) clear  
 (a) 2&4 (b) 1&5  
 (c) 3&4 (d) 3&5  
 (e) 2&6
62. According to a recent \_\_\_\_\_, 61% of India's unemployed within the next decade could be it educated youth.  
 (1) idea (2) data  
 (3) survey (4) philosophy  
 (5) explanation (6) surge  
 (a) 2&3 (b) 1&5  
 (c) 4&1 (d) 3&6  
 (e) 1&6
63. The art of effective presentation is the \_\_\_\_\_ of persistent efforts and practice.  
 (1) norm (2) fruit  
 (3) onus (4) viability  
 (5) result (6) outcome  
 (a) 1&2 (b) 4&5  
 (c) 3&4 (d) 1&5  
 (e) 5&6
64. Human needs are more \_\_\_\_\_ than those of their pets but they still have their basis in instinct.  
 (1) desirable (2) complicated  
 (3) easy (4) complex  
 (5) costly (6) demanding  
 (a) 2&3 (b) 2&4  
 (c) 1&5 (d) 5&6  
 (e) 3&6
65. Since fossil energy will soon be \_\_\_\_\_, we should search for alternative sources.  
 (1) gone (2) over  
 (3) spent (4) deceased  
 (5) elapsed (6) defunct  
 (a) 1 & 3 (b) 2 & 3  
 (c) 4 & 6 (d) 3 & 5  
 (e) 3 & 6

### Cloze Test

**DIRECTIONS (1-10):** In the passages given below, there are blanks, each followed by a word given in bold. Every blank has four alternative words given in options (a), (b), (c) and (d). You have to tell which word will best suit the respective blank. If the word given in bold after the blank is your answer, mark (e), i.e., 'No change required'. **(IBPS Clerk Mains-2023)**

The idea of the documentary was 1\_ (**deceive**) by Krishna in the year 2007 while he was 2\_ (**attaining**) to his undergraduate course 3\_ (**off**) the Western International University, New Delhi, India as a possible 4\_ (**enmity**) for an annual inter-university competition 5\_ (**furor**) SIFE (Students in Free Enterprise) 6\_ (**as well as**) his institution rejected his 7\_ (**prosperous**) on account of non-feasibility. 8\_ (**sincere**) then he is independently working on this documentary and has 9\_ (**likewise**) interviewed famous personalities from all walks of 10\_ (**sphere**).

1. (a) accepted (b) conceived  
 (c) borrowed (d) taken  
 (e) No change required
2. (a) attending (b) arriving  
 (c) catching (d) noticing  
 (e) No change required
3. (a) on (b) in  
 (c) at (d) as  
 (e) No change required
4. (a) exit (b) entry  
 (c) retirement (d) allocation  
 (e) No change required
5. (a) for (b) from  
 (c) if (d) form  
 (e) No change required
6. (a) except (b) only  
 (c) but (d) yet  
 (e) No change required
7. (a) angle (b) proposal  
 (c) motion (d) news  
 (e) No change required
8. (a) Since (b) nearby  
 (c) convenient (d) beside  
 (e) No change required
9. (a) presently (b) lastly  
 (c) old (d) already  
 (e) No change required
10. (a) light (b) live  
 (c) alone (d) life  
 (e) No change required

**DIRECTIONS (Qs. 11-14):** Choose the correct word from the options given below to appropriately complete the following passage. **(IBPS PO Mains-2023)**

The old woman sat on the porch swing, her gnarled hands wrapped around a chipped teacup. Wisps of steam danced in the \_\_\_ (11) air, carrying the faint scent of chamomile. A melody, melancholic and sweet, drifted from a nearby music box, its tinkling notes weaving a tapestry of \_\_\_ (12) memories. A lone tear traced a path down her wrinkled cheek, a silent testament to the \_\_\_ (13) of time. As the sun dipped below the horizon, painting the

sky in hues of orange and purple, a flicker of \_\_\_\_ (14) sparked in her eyes, a reminder of the enduring strength of the human spirit.

- 11. (a) Brisk (b) Still  
(c) Humid (d) Stormy  
(e) Fragrant
- 12. (a) Happy (b) Bitter  
(c) Poignant (d) Confusing  
(e) Loud
- 13. (a) Joy (b) Passage  
(c) Speed (d) Importance  
(e) Cruelty
- 14. (a) Resignation (b) Fear  
(c) Anger (d) Defiance  
(e) Hope

**DIRECTIONS (Qs. 15-21):** Fill in the blanks with the most appropriate words to complete the passage.

(SBI Clerk Mains-2023)

In today's fast-paced world, time management is (15) \_\_\_\_\_ for success. Whether you are a student or a professional, (16) \_\_\_\_\_ the most out of your day can be a challenge. The first step is to (17) \_\_\_\_\_ a daily schedule. Start by listing your (18) \_\_\_\_\_ tasks and prioritize them. Allocate specific time slots for each task and stick to your schedule. Avoid (19) \_\_\_\_\_ distractions and stay (20) \_\_\_\_\_ on your goals. Remember that (21) \_\_\_\_\_ planning and discipline can help you make the most of your time.

- 15. (a) crucial (b) irrelevant  
(c) ineffective (d) optional  
(e) necessary
- 16. (a) maximizing (b) minimizing  
(c) optimizing (d) ignoring  
(e) sulking
- 17. (a) ignore (b) create  
(c) eliminate (d) cherish  
(e) build
- 18. (a) favourite (b) essential  
(c) random (d) unnecessary  
(e) boring
- 19. (a) enticing (b) eliminating  
(c) embracing (d) ignoring  
(e) unnecessary
- 20. (a) focused (b) distracted  
(c) relaxed (d) anxious  
(e) aimed
- 21. (a) haphazard (b) strategic  
(c) random (d) spontaneous  
(e) good

**DIRECTIONS (22-27):** Fill in the blanks with appropriate words from the given list of options. (SBI PO Prelim-2023)

The prestigious Magic Academy was abuzz with excitement. The annual (22) \_\_\_\_\_, a showcase of student talent, was just days away. Among the young magicians, none were more (23) \_\_\_\_\_ than Elara. Her signature illusion, a (24) \_\_\_\_\_ disappearance, had left audiences speechless in previous performances. However, this year, she planned to (25) \_\_\_\_\_ the bar even higher with a more elaborate trick.

Elara spent countless hours (26) \_\_\_\_\_ her new illusion,

meticulously rehearsing every step and perfecting her sleight of hand. The day of the showcase arrived, and as Elara took center stage, a hush fell over the crowd. She executed the elaborate trick flawlessly, but to her (27) \_\_\_\_\_, something went wrong. The audience gasped, not in awe, but in confusion. Elara's signature disappearance had become a very real vanishing act.

Choose the best answer for each blank:

- 22. (a) competition (b) lecture  
(c) meeting (d) practice session  
(e) celebration
- 23. (a) skeptical (b) relieved  
(c) enthusiastic (d) exhausted  
(e) indifferent
- 24. (a) simple (b) breathtaking  
(c) confusing (d) disappointing  
(e) repetitive
- 25. (a) raise (b) lower  
(c) maintain (d) explain  
(e) ignore
- 26. (a) presenting (b) questioning  
(c) enjoying (d) refining  
(e) criticizing
- 27. (a) surprise (b) disappointment  
(c) frustration (d) satisfaction  
(e) amusement

**DIRECTIONS (28-31):** Fill in the blanks using appropriate words from the options given below.

(IBPS RRB Office Asst. Mains-2023)

Jessica was feeling overwhelmed with her workload. Her boss had piled on extra tasks, and she was starting to feel like she was \_\_\_\_\_ (28) under water. She decided to \_\_\_\_\_ (29) the bull by the horns and prioritize her most urgent tasks. Despite the pressure, she was determined to \_\_\_\_\_ (30) her ground and not let the stress get the better of her. By the end of the day, she was relieved to have made significant progress and felt like she could finally \_\_\_\_\_ (31).

- 28. (a) swimming (b) drowning  
(c) floating (d) wading  
(e) diving
- 29. (a) stare down (b) chase after  
(c) take hold of (d) grab by the horns  
(e) dodge completely
- 30. (a) hold (b) lose  
(c) break (d) stand  
(e) kneel
- 31. (a) breathe easy (b) take a break  
(c) have a laugh (d) let loose  
(e) hold back tears

**DIRECTIONS (Qs. 32-36):** Fill in the blanks using appropriate words from the options given below.

(RRB Officer Scale-I Mains-2023)

The Bhagavad Gita is a poem of 700 verses which is a part of the Mahabharata. It is the only philosophical song existing in all languages. Its popularity and influence have never waned.

It (32) light and guidance to the troubled mind in times of crisis. It is in the (33) of a dialogue between Arjuna and Krishna on the battlefield. Arjuna's mind is troubled at the thought of the killings of his friends and relatives. He cannot conceive of any gain. Arjuna is the (34) of the tortured spirit of man torn by conflicting obligations and moralities.

The dialogue proceeds and takes up to the higher level of individual duty and social behaviour, application of ethics to practical life and social outlook that should govern all. An attempt is (35) to reconcile the three paths of human advancement - the path of knowledge, the path of action and the path of faith. But more (36) is laid on faith. There is a call of action to meet the obligations of life, keeping in view the spiritual background and the large purpose of the universe.

32. (a) provides (b) shines  
(c) enforces (d) secures  
(e) seeks
33. (a) programme (b) constitution  
(c) part (d) formation  
(e) form
34. (a) conceived (b) dream  
(c) source (d) figures  
(e) symbol
35. (a) generated (b) made  
(c) established (d) coined  
(e) given
36. (a) important (b) Significant  
(c) declaration (d) emphasis  
(e) blessings

**DIRECTIONS (Qs. 37-39):** In the following passage, some of the words have been left out, each of which is indicated by a letter. Find the suitable word from the options given against each letter and fill up the blanks with appropriate words to make the paragraph meaningful. (RBI Asst. Mains-2023)

The BCCI and its State associations will probably \_\_\_\_ 37 \_\_\_\_ the day the Indian Premier League (IPL) spot-fixing scandal began in 2013, but in all honesty, there have been so many opportunities for them to stem the rot that it is difficult to pinpoint how it all went so wrong. Increasingly, the BCCI has become \_\_\_\_ 38 \_\_\_\_ and waged a battle that has seemed strategically unsound. There was a major disconnect between how far the Board really believed the court would go and the ground reality. What may also have \_\_\_\_ 39 \_\_\_\_ the BCCI's notice is the changing perception of governance in sport and not just in India.

37. (a) rue (b) recall  
(c) justified (d) remember  
(e) rejoice
38. (a) victim (b) unparalleled.  
(c) superpower (d) isolated  
(e) invincible
39. (a) indicated (b) escaped  
(c) caught (d) come  
(e) incurred

### Parajumbles

**DIRECTIONS (Qs. 1-5):** Rearrange the following sentences in the proper sequence to form a meaningful paragraph and answer the questions given below them.

(IBPS Clerk Pre.-2023)

1. Five sentences are given below, labeled A, B, C, D and E. They need to be arranged in a logical order to form a coherent paragraph/passage. From the given options, choose the most appropriate option.
- A. The species, which are most numerous in individuals, will have the best chance of producing variations within any given period.
- B. Hence any rare species will be less quickly modified or improved within any given period, and they will be consequently beaten in the race for life by the modified descendants of the commoner species.
- C. From these considerations I think it inevitably follows, that as new species in the course of time are formed others will become rare and finally extinct.
- D. We have evidence of this in the fact that it is the more common species that afford the greatest number of varieties, or incipient species.
- E. Extinction or survival, therefore, is a function of a parameter that is totally beyond the control of the species.
- (a) ABCDE (b) ADBCE  
(c) BCAED (d) EDABC
2. A. The chief modern challenge to myth has come not from ethics but from science.
- B. Where Plato bemoans myths for presenting the gods as practitioners of immoral behaviour, modern critics dismiss myth for explaining the world unscientifically.
- C. It was above all the Stoics who defended myth against this charge by reinterpreting it allegorically.
- D. In the West the challenge to myth goes back at least to Plato, who rejected Homeric myth on, especially, ethical grounds.
- E. Here myth is assumed to explain how gods control the physical world rather than, as for Plato, how they behave among themselves.
- (a) ABCDE (b) AEDCB  
(c) DCAEB (d) BDCAE
3. A. It also made clear that economic ideology in the service of capitalism does not need logic on its side!
- B. The debate on capital theory was logically won with its devastating implications for standard theory, and yet nothing changed in the profession!
- C. In this demolition job of neoclassical capital theory, Joan Robinson again became a main player, and popularised its implications for economic theory through her writings.
- D. In disgust, Joan Robinson picked up the word "mumpsimus", which means a traditional notion that is obstinately held although it is unreasonable.
- E. Business continued as usual, because the vested intellectual interest in standard neoclassical economics as a worldwide industry was too great.

- (a) BEADC (b) CBEAD  
(c) ADBEC (d) BECDA
4. A. If at one time, one knew the positions and velocities of all the particles in the universe, the laws of science should enable us to calculate their positions and velocities at any other time, past or future.  
B. These laws may or may not have been ordained by God, but scientific determinism asserts that he does not intervene to break them.  
C. But it was Newton's Principia Mathematica in 1687, containing his theory of universal gravitation that made the laws quantitative and precise.  
D. A qualitative understanding of the laws has been the aim of philosophers and scientists, from Aristotle onwards.  
E. This led to the idea of scientific determinism, which seems first to have been expressed by Laplace.  
(a) DCABE (b) DCEAB  
(c) ADCEB (d) EBDCA
5. A. Classical music, by contrast, encodes maturity and, by extension, the demands of responsibility to family and to society.  
B. The meaning of the commercial emerges out of this odd juxtaposition of the music you see and the music you hear.  
C. What the commercial is saying (though not in so many words, of course) is that you can begin responsible financial planning without selling out on your youth, freedom, and spontaneity.  
D. Rock stands for youth, freedom, being true to yourself; in a word, authenticity.  
E. Through music, the commercial accomplishes a kind of conjuring trick, combining both sets of values and in this way selling the advertiser's message (you need to start planning for your old age now) to a segment of society that might be expected to be resistant to it.  
(a) BDAEC (b) EDABC  
(c) ECBDA (d) BECDA

**DIRECTIONS (Qs. 6-10):** Each of the following questions give a sentence which has been divided into four parts which might not be in their correct order of narrative. The sentence is then followed by five options, one of which gives the sequence of the rearranged parts to make the sentence meaningful. You must choose the option which gives the correct sequence of the parts. If the sentence is already arranged in the correct sequence or the correct sequence does not match with any of the given sequence, make option (e) 'No rearrangement required' as your answer. **(IBPS Clerk Pre.-2023)**

6. Farm workers (P)/ spend (Q)/ outdoors (R)/ most of their time (S).  
The proper sequence should be  
(a) PRQS (b) PRQS (c) PQSR (d) RPQS  
(e) SQRP
7. He (P)/ shuffled the papers (Q)/ in a drawer (R)/ together (S)  
The proper sequence should be  
(a) PQSR (b) PQRS (c) PSQR (d) RSPQ  
(e) RPSQ

8. Do you think (P)/ will (Q)/ this soap (R)/ shrink woollen clothes? (S).  
The proper sequence should be  
(a) PQRS (b) PRQS (c) QRPS (d) QPRS  
(e) PRSQ
9. We advised (P)/ the hijackers to surrender (Q)/ to the police (R)/ themselves (S).  
The proper sequence should be  
(a) PQRS (b) PRQS (c) PQSR (d) RPQS  
(e) RQPS
10. Sports car (P)/ appeal (Q)/ to some motorists only (R)/ with noisy exhausts (S)  
The proper sequence should be  
(a) RQSP (b) PSQR (c) RSPQ (d) PQSR  
(e) RPQS

**DIRECTIONS (11-13):** Four or more sentences are given below. They need to be arranged in a logical order to form a coherent paragraph/ passage. From the given options, choose the most appropriate option. **(IBPS Clerk Mains-2023)**

11. A. With that, I swallowed the shampoo, and obtained most realistic results almost on the spot.  
B. The man shuffled away into the back regions to make up a prescription, and after a moment I got through on the shop-telephone to the Consulate, intimating my location.  
C. Then, while the pharmacist was wrapping up a six-ounce bottle of the mixture, I groaned and inquired whether he could give me something for acute gastric cramp.  
D. I intended to stage a sharp gastric attack, and entering an old-fashioned pharmacy, I asked for a popular shampoo mixture, consisting of olive oil and flaked soap.  
(a) DCBA (b) DACB  
(c) BDAC (d) BCDA
12. A. Since then, intelligence tests have been mostly used to separate dull children in school from average or bright children, so that special education can be provided to the dull.  
B. In other words, intelligence tests give us a norm for each age.  
C. Intelligence is expressed as Intelligence Quotient, and tests are developed to indicate what an average child of a certain age can do, what a 5-year-old can answer, but a 4 year-old cannot, for instance.  
D. Binet developed the first set of such tests in the early 1900s to find out which children in school needed special attention.  
E. Intelligence can be measured by tests.  
(a) CDABE (b) DECAB  
(c) EDACB (d) CBADE
13. A. As officials, their vision of a country shouldn't run too far beyond that of the local people with whom they have to deal.  
B. Ambassadors have to choose their words.  
C. To say what they feel they have to say, they appear to be denying or ignoring part of what they know.  
D. So, with ambassadors as with other expatriates in black Africa, there appears at a first meeting a kind of ambivalence.

- E They do a specialized job and it is necessary for them to live ceremonial lives.
- (a) BCEDA (b) BEDAC  
(c) BEADC (d) BCDEA

**DIRECTIONS (14-18):** In each of the question given below, a sentence is given with three words in bold. Choose the option which gives the correct sequence of these words to make the sentence grammatically and contextually correct.  
(IBPS Clerk Mains-2023)

14. The librarian helped the student research / **an (A) / topic (B) / interesting (C)**.
- (a) ACB (b) BCA  
(c) BAC (d) CAB  
(e) No change needed
15. **Delighted (A) / with / the / surprise party / were (B) / her friends (C)**.
- (a) BCA (b) CBA  
(c) ACB (d) BAC  
(e) No change needed
16. **Concerned (A) / about (B) / the rising cost of living / they are (C)**.
- (a) BAC (b) ACB  
(c) BCA (d) CAB  
(e) No change needed
17. Having finished dinner / **to play (A) / we decided (B) / a board game (C)**.
- (a) CBA (b) ACB  
(c) BAC (d) CAB  
(e) No change needed
18. Despite / the warnings / **continued (A) / the hike (B) / they (C)**.
- (a) CAB (b) ACB  
(c) CBA (d) BCA  
(e) No change needed

**DIRECTIONS (Qs. 19-23):** Five sentences are given below labelled (A), (B), (C), (D) & (E). The sentences need to be arranged in a logical order to form a coherent paragraph / passage.  
(IBPS PO Prelim-2023)

19. (A) It also involves understanding the emotional and psychological factors that influence a person's decision-making process.
- (B) Consumer behaviour is a complex field of study that examines how individuals make choices about what to buy, use, and dispose of.
- (C) By analyzing consumer behaviour, businesses can tailor their marketing strategies to better meet the needs and preferences of their target audience.
- (D) This includes studying factors such as cultural influences, social dynamics, and personal preferences.
- (E) Understanding consumer behaviour is essential for businesses seeking to succeed in today's competitive market environment.
- (a) B, D, E, C, A (b) E, B, D, A, C  
(c) B, E, D, C, A (d) B, D, C, E, A  
(e) D, B, E, C, A

20. (A) This allows researchers to analyze trends, identify patterns, and draw conclusions about various aspects of society.
- (B) Sociological research employs a range of methodologies, including surveys, experiments, interviews, and observational studies.
- (C) Sociologists study human behaviour within the context of social institutions such as family, education, religion, and government.
- (D) Sociological research plays a crucial role in understanding social phenomena and addressing societal issues.
- (E) By systematically gathering and analyzing data, sociologists can gain insights into the structure and dynamics of society.
- (a) B, E, C, A, D (b) C, B, D, E, A  
(c) D, C, E, B, A (d) C, E, A, B, D  
(e) E, B, C, A, D
21. (A) Moreover, they can facilitate communication and collaboration among team members, regardless of their physical location.
- (B) Virtual teams rely on digital tools and platforms to conduct meetings, share documents, and coordinate tasks.
- (C) Virtual teams are becoming increasingly common in today's globalized and technology-driven world.
- (D) These teams offer flexibility and convenience, allowing organizations to tap into a diverse talent pool and operate across different time zones.
- (E) However, managing virtual teams also presents unique challenges, such as ensuring effective communication, maintaining team cohesion, and overcoming cultural barriers.
- (a) C, D, B, A, E (b) B, C, D, A, E  
(c) D, C, B, A, E (d) C, B, D, A, E  
(e) B, D, C, A, E
22. (A) Sustainable agriculture practices aim to minimize environmental impact, conserve natural resources, and promote biodiversity.
- (B) These practices include crop rotation, organic farming, agroforestry, and integrated pest management.
- (C) Sustainable agriculture is essential for addressing food security challenges and mitigating climate change.
- (D) By adopting sustainable agriculture methods, farmers can improve soil health, reduce water usage, and decrease reliance on synthetic fertilizers and pesticides.
- (E) Sustainable agriculture encompasses a range of techniques and approaches designed to promote long-term viability and resilience in farming systems.
- (a) C, E, B, A, D (b) E, B, C, D, A  
(c) B, C, A, E, D (d) A, B, D, C, E  
(e) B, D, E, C, A
23. (A) Renewable energy sources, such as solar, wind, hydro, and geothermal power, offer cleaner alternatives to fossil fuels.

- (B) Additionally, advancements in energy storage technologies are improving the reliability and efficiency of renewable energy systems.
  - (C) Transitioning to renewable energy is essential for reducing greenhouse gas emissions, mitigating climate change, and achieving energy security.
  - (D) Governments, businesses, and individuals are increasingly investing in renewable energy projects and infrastructure.
  - (E) Renewable energy also stimulates economic growth, creates jobs, and enhances energy independence.
- (a) C, D, A, B, E                      (b) A, C, E, D, B  
 (c) D, C, A, B, E                      (d) A, B, C, E, D  
 (e) C, A, D, B, E

27. Which of the following would be the SECOND statement after rearrangement?  
 (a) P                                      (b) R  
 (c) Q                                      (d) S  
 (e) T
28. Which of the following would be the FIFTH statement after rearrangement?  
 (a) P                      (b) R                      (c) Q                      (d) S  
 (e) T
29. Which of the following would be the THIRD statement after rearrangement?  
 (a) P                      (b) R                      (c) Q                      (d) S  
 (e) T

**DIRECTIONS (Qs. 24-26):** In the following questions, options A and G are the first and the last sentences of a paragraph. Rearrange the five sentences in a logical sequence and answer the questions that follow. **(SBI Clerk Prelim-2023)**

- A** Branded disposable diapers are available at many supermarkets and drug stores.
- i. If one supermarket sets a higher price for a diaper, customers may buy that brand elsewhere.
  - ii. By contrast, the demand for private-label products may be less price-sensitive since it is available only at a corresponding supermarket chain.
  - iii. So the demand for branded diapers at any particular store may be quite price sensitive.
  - iv. For instance, only SavOn Drugs stores sell SavOn Drugs diapers.
  - v. These diapers are known to be water absorbent to a high extent.
- G** Then stores should set a higher incremental margin percentage for private label diapers.
24. What will be the **third** sentence after rearrangement?  
 (a) iii                                      (b) i  
 (c) ii                                        (d) iv  
 (e) v
25. What will be the **second** sentence after rearrangement?  
 (a) iii                                      (b) v  
 (c) i                                         (d) ii  
 (e) iv
26. What will be the **fifth** sentence after rearrangement?  
 (a) i                                         (b) iii  
 (c) ii                                        (d) iv  
 (e) v

**DIRECTIONS (Qs. 27-29):** In the question given below, a set of sentences is given, which when properly sequenced, form a coherent paragraph. Arrange the sentences in the correct sequence, and answer the questions. **(SBI Clerk Mains-2023)**

- P.** Among the biggest implications of the coming drop in population is the end of plentiful labour.
- Q.** China’s population is shrinking faster than expected.
- R.** According to the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, the long-anticipated population decline will start in 2027.
- S.** Over the past 40 years, companies benefited from the seemingly endless scale of the Chinese workforce.
- T.** Now, that era is drawing to a close, and companies need to prepare for a shrinking talent pool.

**DIRECTIONS (30-33):** Put the following sentences in order and make meaningful and coherent paragraph.

**(SBIPO Prelim-2023)**

30. A. Despite their initial scepticism, the audience was eventually captivated by the magician’s dazzling display of illusions.  
 B. With practiced sleight of hand and witty banter, the magician effortlessly manipulated objects and minds.  
 C. The performance began with a series of simple card tricks.  
 D. As the show progressed, the illusions became more complex and mind-boggling.  
 E. The magician, adorned in a flamboyant top hat and cape, took center stage.
- What is the most logical order of the sentences?  
 (a) A, E, C, B, D                      (b) E, C, B, D, A  
 (c) E, B, C, D, A                      (d) C, E, B, A, D  
 (e) B, C, E, A, D
31. A. The aroma of freshly baked bread wafted through the air, enticing passersby.  
 B. Inside the bakery, rows of golden brown loaves sat nestled on display shelves.  
 C. A small, family-owned bakery nestled on a quiet street corner.  
 D. Unable to resist the tempting smell, I found myself drawn towards the bakery.  
 E. The sight of warm, crusty bread proved too much to bear.
- What is the most logical order of the sentences?  
 (a) C, A, D, B, E                      (b) C, B, A, D, E  
 (c) A, C, B, D, E                      (d) B, C, A, D, E  
 (e) E, A, C, B, D
32. A. As a result, many endangered species face extinction.  
 B. Habitat destruction is a major threat to wildlife conservation efforts.  
 C. Once sprawling forests have been replaced by sprawling urban landscapes.  
 D. Animals lose their homes and struggle to find food and resources.  
 E. Human activities are disrupting the delicate balance of ecosystems.
- What is the most logical order of the sentences?  
 (a) E, B, C, D, A                      (b) C, B, E, D, A  
 (c) B, C, E, D, A                      (d) E, C, B, D, A  
 (e) D, A, E, C, B



33. A. The melody lingered in the air long after the final note had faded.  
 B. The audience erupted in thunderous applause, their appreciation evident.  
 C. The orchestra, conducted by a renowned maestro, delivered a powerful performance.  
 D. With masterful precision, the musicians brought the music to life.  
 E. The concert hall was filled with anticipation as the orchestra took their positions.

What is the most logical order of the sentences?

- (a) E, C, D, B, A (b) C, D, E, B, A  
 (c) B, E, C, D, A (d) D, C, E, B, A  
 (e) E, A, B, C, D

**DIRECTIONS (34-38):** Given below the sentences each of which has been divided into five parts out of which the first part has been marked bold. Each of the questions is then followed by the five options which give the sequence of the rearranged parts. You must choose the option which gives the correct sequence of the parts. **(SBI PO Mains-2023)**

34. **The whole curriculum was** / make desired modifications (A) /so that the participants could (B) / announced by the higher authorities (C)/before the competition starts (D)  
 (a) ADCB (b) BCDA (c) CBAD (d) CBDA  
 (e) The sentence is correct
35. **One fine day Pandavas and Draupadi** / and felt as if their own lives (A) / Krishna had gone back to his original abode (B) / heard the news that (C) / were of no use (D).  
 (a) CBAD (b) DBAC (c) BCDA (d) CABD  
 (e) No rearrangement required
36. **There are no winners or losers** / at the end of a war, while there are (A) / only those who were dead and then the unlucky ones (B) /and those who survived are constantly drowned in (C) /tidal waves of guilt, regret, and pain of losing loved ones (D)  
 (a) DBCA (b) BCAD (c) BDAC (d) ACDB  
 (e) No rearrangement required
37. **India's significance on the** / became a founder member of the League of Nations (A) / conditions of war and India (B) / history rather than by the pomp and (C) / international stage was moulded by (D)  
 (a) DBCA (b) DCBA (c) BDAC (d) ACDB  
 (e) No rearrangement required
38. **It is a common trait in a few humans**/ from the misfortune of others and (A) / to gain solace (B) / them feel good only for that instant (C) / feeling good in wicked joy but such instincts can make (D)  
 (a) BCAD (b) BDAC (c) ACDB (d) BADC  
 (e) No rearrangement required

**DIRECTIONS (39-43):** Five sentences have been given below but they are not in their proper order. Read the given sentences carefully and arrange the same in coherent order.

**(IBPS RRB Office Asst. Mains-2023)**

39. A. The chef carefully added the spices to the simmering pot.  
 B. Once the broth was ready, he poured it into bowls.  
 C. Next, he chopped up fresh vegetables and meat.

- D. He heated up the broth on the stove.  
 E. To start making soup, the chef gathered all the necessary ingredients.  
 (a) E, C, D, A, B (b) E, D, C, A, B  
 (c) E, D, A, C, B (d) E, A, C, D, B  
 (e) E, A, D, C, B
40. A. The students practiced the dance routine for hours.  
 B. After weeks of preparation, the big day finally arrived.  
 C. They wore colorful costumes and adorned themselves with accessories.  
 D. The performance was met with thunderous applause from the audience.  
 E. On stage, they moved gracefully to the rhythm of the music.  
 (a) B, A, E, C, D (b) B, A, C, E, D  
 (c) B, A, E, D, C (d) B, A, C, D, E  
 (e) B, A, D, C, E
41. A. She carefully selected a book from the shelf.  
 B. Sitting by the window, she enjoyed the warmth of the sunlight.  
 C. As she turned the pages, she became immersed in the story.  
 D. The aroma of freshly brewed coffee filled the air.  
 E. With a mug in hand, she settled into her favorite armchair.  
 (a) E, D, A, C, B (b) E, D, A, B, C  
 (c) A, E, D, B, C (d) D, E, A, B, C  
 (e) C, A, D, E, B
42. A. The team brainstormed ideas for the upcoming project.  
 B. They worked tirelessly to meet the deadline.  
 C. With dedication and teamwork, they successfully completed the task.  
 D. Each member contributed their unique skills and perspectives.  
 E. After careful planning, they divided the workload among themselves.  
 (a) E, A, B, D, C (b) E, A, D, B, C  
 (c) E, A, D, C, B (d) E, D, A, C, B  
 (e) E, D, A, B, C
43. A. The traveler gazed in awe at the majestic mountains.  
 B. As night fell, he pitched his tent in a cozy spot.  
 C. With each step, he felt closer to nature.  
 D. In the morning, he woke up to the chirping of birds.  
 E. Surrounded by the beauty of the wilderness, he found peace.  
 (a) A, B, C, E, D (b) A, C, B, E, D  
 (c) A, B, E, C, D (d) A, E, B, C, D  
 (e) A, E, C, B, D

**DIRECTIONS (Qs. 44-48):** Five sentences have been given below but they are not in their proper order. You must read the given sentences carefully and arrange the same in coherent order before answering the questions given below the same.

**(RRB Officer Scale-I Mains-2023)**

44. (A) Later exhausted after the hike, we collapsed onto the comfy couches.  
 (B) We packed some snacks and water for our exciting adventure.  
 (C) The scenic mountain trail offered breathtaking views.

- (D) Following a well-marked path, we ventured deeper into the wilderness.  
 (E) After hours of exploration, we finally reached the summit.  
 What is the most likely order of events?  
 (a) B, D, C, A, E (b) C, D, A, B, E  
 (c) B, D, C, E, A (d) E, C, D, A, B  
 (e) A, F, B, C, D
45. (A) Concerned about his grades, David decided to study for the upcoming test.  
 (B) With renewed focus, he tackled the most challenging problems first.  
 (C) After a quick review, he felt confident in his understanding of the material.  
 (D) He gathered his textbooks and spread them out on the desk.  
 (E) Hours later, he put down his pen feeling relieved and prepared.  
 What is the most likely order of events?  
 (a) A, D, C, B, E (b) D, A, C, B, E  
 (c) C, A, D, B, E (d) B, D, A, C, E  
 (e) E, D, C, B, A
46. (A) The artist meticulously sketched the outline of the portrait.  
 (B) Using vibrant colors, she brought the subject to life on the canvas.  
 (C) Carefully considering each detail, she began to paint.  
 (D) Taking a step back, she admired the finished masterpiece.  
 (E) Inspired by nature, she envisioned the final product.  
 What is the most likely order of events?  
 (a) E, A, C, B, D (b) C, B, A, D, E  
 (c) A, B, C, D, E (d) D, C, B, A, E  
 (e) B, A, C, D, E
47. (A) The aroma of freshly baked cookies filled the kitchen.  
 (B) Following the recipe carefully, she measured the ingredients.  
 (C) Anticipation grew as the cookies browned in the oven.  
 (D) She preheated the oven and prepared the baking sheet.  
 (E) Once golden brown, she removed the cookies and let them cool.  
 What is the most likely order of events?  
 (a) B, D, C, E, A (b) B, D, A, C, E  
 (c) C, A, B, D, E (d) D, B, C, A, E  
 (e) E, C, B, A, D
48. (A) The detective meticulously examined the crime scene for clues.  
 (B) Following a hunch, he interviewed a witness who provided a crucial detail.  
 (C) Armed with new information, he narrowed down the list of suspects.  
 (D) The case had puzzled the police for weeks.  
 (E) Finally, he was able to apprehend the culprit.  
 What is the most likely order of events?  
 (a) D, A, C, B, E  
 (b) B, A, C, D, E  
 (c) C, B, A, D, E  
 (d) A, B, C, D, E  
 (e) E, D, C, B, A

**DIRECTIONS:** *In the following sentence, some parts have been jumbled up. You are required to rearrange these parts which are labelled P, Q, R and S to produce the correct sentence. Choose the proper sequence and mark accordingly.*

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49. When I was a student (P)/ I learnt swimming at the age of 15 (Q)/ of class X (R)/ in a government school (S).  
 The proper sequence should be-  
 (a) PQRS (b) PRQS (c) QPRS (d) QSPR  
 (e) SRQP

**DIRECTIONS (Qs. 50-55):** *Rearrange the six sentences in the following questions to form a meaningful paragraph and then answer the corresponding questions. (RBI Assist. Prelim-2023)*

- (a) All of a sudden, the mother duck saw a fox in the distance that was frightened and shouted, "Children, hurry to the lake, there's a fox."  
 (b) The mother duck ran leading the fox away from the lake and as soon as the fox came very close, the mother duck quickly spread her wings and rose up in the air.  
 (c) The ducklings hurried towards the lake and the mother duck began to walk back and forth dragging one wing on the ground.  
 (d) A mother duck and her ducklings were on their way to the lake one day.  
 (e) The fox stared in disbelief at the mother duck and her ducklings as he could not reach the ducklings because they were in the middle of the lake by now.  
 (f) When the fox saw her, he became happy as he thought that the mother duck was hurt and couldn't fly and that he could easily catch and eat her.
50. Which of the following will be the FIRST sentence after rearrangement?  
 (a) e (b) f (c) b (d) d  
 (e) c
51. Which of the following will be the SECOND sentence after rearrangement?  
 (a) a (b) b (c) c (d) d  
 (e) e
52. Which of the following will be the THIRD sentence after rearrangement?  
 (a) e (b) c (c) b (d) a  
 (e) d
53. Which of the following will be the FOURTH sentence after rearrangement?  
 (a) a (b) b (c) f (d) d  
 (e) c
54. Which of the following will be the FIFTH sentence after rearrangement?  
 (a) f (b) a  
 (c) d (d) e  
 (e) b
55. Which of the following will be the LAST sentence after rearrangement?  
 (a) a (b) e  
 (c) c (d) d  
 (e) b

**DIRECTIONS (Qs. 56-60) :** *Some sentences are given below. You have to arrange them in order to frame a meaningful paragraph and then answer the following questions.*

(RBI Asst. Mains-2023)

- A. Invaders came to India and looted it of its wealth.  
 B. Today we may be rich in wealth, but not rich at heart.  
 C. Sadly, now the situation has changed.  
 D. India has a glorious past with rich cultural heritage.  
 E. In fact, materialism has taken the place of spiritualism.  
 F. But they too admired the Indians.
56. Which sentence will come at **FIRST** place in the paragraph?  
 (a) A (b) B (c) C (d) D  
 (e) E
57. Which will be the **LAST** sentence of the paragraph?  
 (a) A (b) B (c) C (d) D  
 (e) E
58. Which sentence will come at **SECOND** place in the paragraph?  
 (a) E (b) D (c) F (d) A  
 (e) B
59. Which will be the **FIFTH** sentence in the paragraph?  
 (a) A (b) B (c) C (d) D  
 (e) E
60. Which will be the **THIRD** sentence of the paragraph?  
 (a) F (b) B (c) D (d) E  
 (e) A

**DIRECTIONS (Qs. 61-65):** *Rearrange the following eight sentences/groups of sentence (A), (B), (C), (D), (E), (F), (G) and (H) in the proper sequence to form a meaningful paragraph; then answer the questions given below them.*

(RBI Asst. Mains-2023)

- (A) Both Ram and Sham realised their mistakes and were ashamed about what they had said.  
 (B) Vivek happened to overhear their conversation and was very angry with both of them for criticising the tree.  
 (C) Two friends, Ram and Sham, were seeking respite from the searing heat of the midday sun when they saw a huge leafy tree.  
 (D) "It's a plain tree," said his friend. "Don't waste your time looking for fruits. It produces neither edible fruits nor good wood. It's one of the most useless trees around."  
 (E) "How can you say such a thing when you're enjoying the shade of this beautiful tree at this very moment?" snapped Vivek, unable to control his anger.  
 (F) They took shelter under the huge leafy tree and soon felt cool and refreshed.  
 (G) Busy belittling the tree, both Ram and Sham did not notice that another person, Vivek, was lying on the other side of the tree taking shelter.  
 (H) "What sort of tree is this? Does it produce edible fruits?" asked Ram.
61. Which of the following should be the **SECOND** sentence after rearrangement?  
 (a) A (b) B  
 (c) E (d) F  
 (e) G

62. Which of the following should be the **EIGHTH (LAST)** sentence after rearrangement?  
 (a) A (b) B (c) D (d) E  
 (e) F
63. Which of the following should be the **FIFTH** sentence after rearrangement?  
 (a) D (b) E (c) F (d) G  
 (e) H
64. Which of the following should be the **FIRST** sentence after rearrangement?  
 (a) A (b) B (c) C (d) D  
 (e) E
65. Which of the following should be the **FOURTH** sentence after rearrangement?  
 (a) D (b) E (c) F (d) G  
 (e) H

**DIRECTIONS (66-70):** *Arrange the following sentences to make a meaningful and coherent paragraph*

(RBI Grade B Prelim-2023)

66. If Sentence (D), "The nation is today witnessing an abundance of exuberance, and this is possibly well-merited." is the first sentence, what is the order of other sentences after rearrangement?  
 A. India's growth rate is expected to be 7.5 per cent in 2018, as against China's 6.3 per cent.  
 B. India is today one of the few bright spots in terms of economic growth.  
 C. The country has become the most favoured destination for foreign investment; its trade deficit has shrunk.  
 D. The nation is today witnessing an abundance of exuberance, and this is possibly well-merited.  
 E. The Prime Minister's forays to several countries across the globe have raised India's prestige.  
 F. The International Monetary Fund has projected that India's economy will grow faster than that of other major economies, China included.  
 (a) BAEFC (b) AEBFC  
 (c) EBFAC (d) FABEC  
 (e) BCAEF
67. If Sentence (F), "The Indian Constitution and the institutions that it created have allowed the Indian democracy to thrive." is the first sentence, what is the order of other sentences after rearrangement?  
 A. Indian election system has since become mature because nowadays, events of booth capturing or tampering with the election process have become few and far between.  
 B. After granting the right to vote to every adult citizen of India, the makers of the Constitution felt it necessary to guarantee effective and impartial exercise of the right to vote by citizens.  
 C. There was a time in the history of Indian democracy when the electoral process suffered due to violence and electoral malpractices such as booth capturing or denying opportunity to vote to political opponents by using forceful means.  
 D. One such institution has been the Election Commission of India, which has played a stellar role in the consolidation of Indian democracy.

- E. That is how they decided to create an independent Election Commission of India for conducting elections, which was given a separate statutory existence.
- F. The Indian Constitution and the institutions that it created have allowed the Indian democracy to thrive.
- (a) DBECA (b) CABDE  
(c) CADBE (d) BCADE  
(e) BACDE
68. If sentence (C) "Kolkata-based Bandhan Bank has filed papers with the SEBI for an initial public offering that is estimated to raise at least Rs. 2500 crore." is the first sentence, what is the order of other sentences after rearrangement?
- (A) The microlender, which was one of the entities to receive a banking licence from RBI in 2015, on Monday said it has filed a draft red herring prospectus with the market regulator.
- (B) It consists of a fresh issue of up to 9.76 crore shares and an offer for sale of up to 1.40 crore shares by the IFC and 75.65 lakh shares by IFC FIG investment company.
- (C) Kolkata-based Bandhan Bank has filed papers with the SEBI for an initial public offering that is estimated to raise at least Rs. 2500 crore.
- (D) The proposed IPO is for 11.92 crore shares.
- (E) Bandhan Bank's MD said that the public offering will strengthen its capital base and help in its expansion.
- (F) "With IPO, the bank will also comply with the regulatory requirement of listing on the stock exchanges," he added.
- (a) ABDFE (b) ADBEF  
(c) DFAEB (d) BEDFA  
(e) DAFEB
69. If sentence (C) "The job of enrolling Aadhaar is stretching bank resources even as they grapple with stressed assets and pushing credit offtake in the early months of 2018." is the first sentence, what is the order of other sentences after rearrangement?
- (A) The problem is more acute for the banks where the Reserve Bank of India has initiated prompt corrective action (PCA) to improve their financial health.
- (B) "The selection process of branches that will offer Aadhaar enrolment is not random and has to be such that it provides coverage in every district where the bank is present.
- (C) The job of enrolling Aadhaar is stretching bank resources even as they grapple with stressed assets and pushing credit offtake in the early months of 2018.
- (D) A senior executive of a state-run lender said all commercial banks have been asked by the Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) to facilitate Aadhaar seeding by opening enrolment centres in one out of every ten branches.
- (E) Once the selection is done, the banks have to allocate officers and employees, to offer this service. The process has already begun and many bank branches have started this service," the executive said.
- (F) As banks have been included in the central government's Aadhaar enrolment drive, they are having to allocate staff, otherwise engaged in different activities, towards Aadhaar enrolment.
- (a) BDAEF (b) EFBAD  
(c) DABFE (d) ABEFD  
(e) FDBEA
70. If sentence (C) "The first note was introduced on November 30, 1917, with the photo of King George V." is the first sentence, what is the order of other sentences after rearrangement?
- (A) Even as it has gone through these travails, the Re. 1 note has retained many of its unique distinctions, including being called a 'coin' in legal speak.
- (B) The last hundred years — the first note was introduced on November 30, 1917, with the photo of King George V — have been all but tumultuous for this creation.
- (C) The first note was introduced on November 30, 1917, with the photo of King George V.
- (D) Its genesis lies in the World War I where the inability to mint coins forced the then colonial authorities to shift to printing Re. 1 notes in 1917.
- (E) The Reserve Bank website says its issuance was discontinued first in 1926 on "cost benefit considerations".
- (F) It got reintroduced in 1940, only to be discontinued in 1994 again.
- (a) DBAEF (b) EFBAD  
(c) DBEFA (d) ABEFD  
(e) FDBEA

### Reading Comprehension

**DIRECTIONS (Qs. 1-9):** Read the given passage and answer the following questions. Some parts have been highlighted to aid in answering the questions. (IBPS Clerk Pre.-2023)

Maya skipped excitedly into her grandma's cozy kitchen. The aroma of freshly baked cookies hung in the air, making her stomach rumble. Grandma, wearing her signature flour-dusted apron, smiled warmly.

"Maya, my dear, just in time! I need your help decorating these chocolate chip cookies." Maya's heart sank. Decorating meant sprinkles, and sprinkles always ended up in her hair, much to her mother's dismay.

"But Grandma," she pleaded, "can't we just eat them plain this time?" Grandma chuckled, her eyes twinkling. "Not these, Maya. These are special cookies for the annual bake sale at the community center tomorrow."

Disappointment clouded Maya's face. Bake sale cookies meant no afternoon snack. Grandma, sensing her granddaughter's dejection, winked. "Tell you what," she said, "after we decorate, I'll let you choose one small, unfrosted cookie as a reward." Maya's spirits lifted. A plain cookie was better than none at all. The next morning, Maya woke up feeling famished. She raced to the kitchen, hoping to snag a sneak peek of the decorated cookies. But to her surprise, the plate was empty! Panic seized her. "Grandma!" she cried, rushing into the living room. "The cookies are gone!"

Grandma, reading the newspaper, looked up calmly. "Don't worry, Maya. I took them to the bake sale early this morning." Relief washed over Maya. But then, a new thought struck her. "Wait, Grandma," she said, eyes widening, "what about my reward cookie?"

Grandma's smile faltered for a moment. "Oh, dear," she mumbled, "it seems I might have...forgotten it at home." Maya's stomach twisted. No cookie? After all that anticipation?

Suddenly, a mischievous glint appeared in Grandma's eyes. "But," she continued, "I do have an idea. There's a secret hiding place in the kitchen where I keep some extra treats. Can you find it, detective Maya?"

With renewed enthusiasm, Maya embarked on a treasure hunt, searching every nook and cranny of the kitchen. Finally, she spotted a loose floorboard behind the pantry. Prying it open, she discovered a small, dusty box. Inside, nestled amongst old recipe cards, lay a single, unfrosted chocolate chip cookie.

Maya grinned triumphantly. While the hunt wasn't exactly what she had expected, it had been an adventure. And besides, the reward cookie tasted even sweeter after all the effort.

1. What was Maya initially disappointed about?
  - (a) Having to decorate the cookies
  - (b) Not being allowed to eat any cookies
  - (c) The smell of freshly baked cookies
  - (d) Not being able to help her grandma
  - (e) For spotting a loose floorboard
2. What did Grandma offer Maya as a compromise?
  - (a) To help her decorate the cookies
  - (b) To let her choose one frosted cookie
  - (c) To bake her a separate batch of plain cookies
  - (d) To let her choose one unfrosted cookie
  - (e) To bake some special cookies for her
3. Why was the plate empty the following morning?
  - (a) Maya had eaten all the cookies by herself.
  - (b) Grandma had forgotten the cookies at home.
  - (c) Grandma had taken the cookies to the bake sale.
  - (d) Someone had stolen the cookies.
  - (e) The cookies had been thrown away
4. What was Grandma's initial reaction when Maya asked about her reward cookie?
  - (a) She was angry that Maya had forgotten about it.
  - (b) She apologized for forgetting it at home.
  - (c) She offered to bake Maya another cookie.
  - (d) She pretended not to remember the promise.
  - (e) She was surprised when Maya asked about the reward cookie
5. How did Maya find the reward cookie?
  - (a) Grandma gave it to her directly.
  - (b) Maya found it hidden in the pantry.
  - (c) Maya won it in a game with Grandma.
  - (d) Maya found it in a secret hiding place.
  - (e) She found the cookie in her room
6. What is the main lesson Maya learns in this story?
  - (a) The importance of following instructions exactly.
  - (b) The value of relationships.
  - (c) The importance of being patient and understanding.
  - (d) The joy of solving a mystery.
  - (e) The value of hard work and perseverance.
7. What is the tone of the passage?
  - (a) Serious and suspenseful
  - (b) Light-hearted and playful
  - (c) Informative and educational
  - (d) Dark and mysterious
  - (e) Playful and mocking
8. What can you infer about Grandma's character from the story?
  - (a) She is strict and expects Maya to always obey her.
  - (b) She is forgetful and sometimes makes mistakes.
  - (c) She is creative and enjoys playing games with Maya.
  - (d) She is selfish.
  - (e) She is headstrong and manipulative.
9. What detail from the passage foreshadows that Maya might not get her reward cookie?
  - (a) Maya's initial disappointment about decorating the cookies.
  - (b) Grandma taking the cookies to the bake sale early in the morning.
  - (c) Grandma's offer to let Maya choose an unfrosted cookie.
  - (d) The description of the secret hiding place for treats.
  - (e) Maya's excitement about the smell of freshly baked cookies.

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**DIRECTIONS (10-14):** Read the following passage and answer the questions given below. Some words are highlighted to help you answer some of the questions.  
(IBPS Clerk Mains-2023)

In recent years, e-commerce has witnessed a remarkable surge in popularity in rural India. This phenomenon, driven by several factors, presents both opportunities and challenges for the future of the Indian economy.

One key driver of e-commerce growth in rural areas is the increasing penetration of internet connectivity. With the expansion of mobile networks and affordable data plans, more and more rural residents are gaining access to the online world. This opens up a vast new market for online retailers, who can now offer their products to a previously untapped customer base.

Furthermore, the rise of e-commerce platforms in local languages has further facilitated online shopping in rural India. By removing the language barrier, these platforms make it easier for rural customers to browse products, understand descriptions, and navigate the shopping process. Additionally, the convenience of online shopping, with its easy access to a wider variety of products and competitive prices, is particularly appealing to rural residents who may have limited access to physical stores with diverse offerings.

However, the growth of e-commerce in rural India is not without its challenges. One major concern is the lack of adequate logistics infrastructure in many rural areas. Delivering products to remote locations can be expensive and time-consuming, which can impact the overall cost and efficiency of online transactions. Additionally, concerns exist regarding the digital literacy of rural populations, as some individuals may require assistance navigating online platforms and completing transactions securely.

Despite these challenges, the potential benefits of e-commerce for rural India are undeniable. By providing access to a wider variety of products at competitive prices, e-commerce can

empower rural consumers and enhance their economic opportunities. Additionally, the growth of the e-commerce sector can create new job opportunities in rural areas, especially in areas such as logistics and customer service.

10. What is the main idea of the passage?
  - (a) E-commerce is facing a decline in popularity in rural India
  - (b) The rise of e-commerce in rural India presents both opportunities and challenges.
  - (c) E-commerce is only beneficial for urban areas.
  - (d) Rural India has limited access to the internet.
  - (e) None of the above
11. What is a **key driver** of e-commerce growth in rural areas, according to the passage?
  - (a) The decline of physical stores in rural areas.
  - (b) The increasing popularity of social media.
  - (c) The rising cost of living in rural areas.
  - (d) The increasing penetration of internet connectivity.
  - (e) All of the above
12. What **challenge** does the passage mention regarding e-commerce in rural India?
  - (a) The high cost of internet data plans.
  - (b) The limited variety of products available online.
  - (c) The lack of adequate logistics infrastructure.
  - (d) The absence of online payment options.
  - (e) All of the above
13. Based on the passage, which of the following statements is NOT true?
  - (a) E-commerce platforms in local languages make online shopping easier for rural customers.
  - (b) E-commerce can create new job opportunities in rural areas.
  - (c) Rural residents face limited access to diverse product offerings in physical stores.
  - (d) The rise of e-commerce eliminates the need for physical stores altogether.
  - (e) None of the above
14. What is the **tone** of the passage?
  - (a) Strongly negative towards e-commerce in rural areas.
  - (b) Enthusiastic about the potential of e-commerce in rural areas.
  - (c) Neutral and objective in its presentation of the topic.
  - (d) Primarily focused on the challenges faced by e-commerce in rural areas.
  - (e) None of the above

**DIRECTIONS (Qs. 15-19):** Read the following passage and answer the questions given below. Some words are highlighted to help you answer some of the questions.

(IBPS Clerk Mains-2023)

The rapid advancement of automation technologies is transforming the global workforce, raising concerns about job displacement while also presenting potential opportunities for increased productivity and economic growth. This passage explores the complex implications of automation for the future of work.

One of the most significant concerns surrounding automation is the potential for widespread job losses. As machines become increasingly capable of performing tasks previously done by humans, certain jobs may become obsolete or require significantly

fewer workers. This could lead to increased unemployment and economic hardship, particularly for individuals employed in sectors heavily reliant on manual labor or repetitive tasks.

However, the impact of automation is not solely negative. Automation can also lead to increased efficiency and productivity, allowing businesses to produce goods and services at a lower cost and with greater speed. This can stimulate economic growth and create new job opportunities in areas such as design, engineering, and maintenance of automated systems. Additionally, automation can free up human workers from tedious and monotonous tasks, allowing them to focus on more creative, strategic, and interpersonal aspects of work.

The future of work in the age of automation will likely require a multifaceted approach. Individuals and educational institutions will need to adapt by developing the skills and knowledge necessary to thrive in an automated economy. This may involve acquiring expertise in areas such as data analysis, critical thinking, and problem-solving, along with strong communication and collaboration skills.

Furthermore, policy makers will need to implement measures to mitigate the negative impacts of automation, such as retraining programs and social safety nets to support individuals who lose their jobs due to automation. By embracing the potential of automation while also addressing its challenges, societies can harness this technology to create a more prosperous and fulfilling future for all.

15. What is the central theme of the passage?
  - (a) Automation will eliminate all manual labor jobs in the future.
  - (b) The future of work will remain unchanged despite automation.
  - (c) Automation presents both challenges and opportunities for the future of work.
  - (d) Educational institutions are not prepared for the impact of automation.
  - (e) All of the above
16. According to the passage, what is a **potential consequence** of automation?
  - (a) Increased job creation in the technology sector.
  - (b) Reduced need for human workers in specific sectors.
  - (c) Elimination of the need for repetitive tasks altogether.
  - (d) All of the above.
  - (e) None of the above
17. What **positive outcome** of automation is mentioned in the passage?
  - (a) Lower production costs for businesses.
  - (b) Creation of new jobs requiring different skillsets.
  - (c) Increased leisure time for workers.
  - (d) Both (a) and (b).
  - (e) Both (a) and (c)
18. Based on the passage, which of the following statements is NOT true?
  - (a) Automation requires adaptation in terms of educational programs and individual skill development.
  - (b) Policymakers need to consider measures to address potential job losses due to automation.
  - (c) The future of work in the age of automation demands primarily technical skills.
  - (d) Automation can free up human workers to engage in more creative and strategic tasks.
  - (e) None of the above



19. What is the **author's perspective** on automation?
- Strongly critical and opposed to the advancement of automation.
  - Optimistic and sees only positive outcomes from automation.
  - Cautious and acknowledges both potential benefits and drawbacks.
  - Neutral and avoids expressing any personal opinions on the topic.
  - None of the above

**DIRECTIONS (Qs. 20-27):** Read the following passage and answer the questions given below. **(IBPS PO Prelim-2023)**

In recent years, the discourse surrounding mental health has gained significant traction globally. Mental health, once relegated to the shadows of stigma and misunderstanding, is now recognized as an integral component of overall well-being. Across various sectors, from healthcare to education and beyond, efforts are underway to destigmatize mental health issues and ensure access to quality care for all. Governments, non-profit organizations, and advocacy groups are actively involved in promoting mental health awareness and providing support services. In workplaces, employers are increasingly recognizing the importance of fostering mentally healthy environments to enhance productivity and employee satisfaction. Schools are incorporating mental health education into their curricula, equipping students with the knowledge and skills to manage their emotional well-being. Additionally, the media plays a crucial role in shaping public perceptions of mental health by portraying realistic and empathetic depictions of mental illness. Despite progress, challenges remain, including disparities in access to mental health services, cultural barriers, and lingering stigma. However, with continued advocacy and **concerted** efforts, the trajectory towards a mentally healthy society is promising.

20. What is the primary focus of the passage?
- Economic development strategies
  - Cultural diversity initiatives
  - Environmental conservation efforts
  - Mental health awareness and advocacy
  - Workplace productivity enhancement
21. Which of the following best describes the current global perspective on mental health?
- It is largely ignored and neglected.
  - It is considered a taboo subject.
  - It is recognized as an essential aspect of overall well-being.
  - It is solely the responsibility of individuals to manage.
  - It is often misunderstood and misrepresented.
22. What role do workplaces play in promoting mental health, according to the passage?
- They provide medical treatment for mental illnesses.
  - They offer counseling services exclusively for employees.
  - They foster mentally healthy environments to enhance productivity.
  - They ignore mental health issues among employees.
  - They prioritize physical health over mental health.

23. How are schools contributing to mental health awareness, as mentioned in the passage?
- By stigmatizing mental health issues among students.
  - By providing limited access to mental health resources.
  - By incorporating mental health education into their curricula.
  - By dismissing students' emotional well-being as unimportant.
  - By focusing solely on academic achievement.
24. What is identified as one of the remaining challenges in the promotion of mental health, according to the passage?
- Lack of governmental involvement
  - Insufficient media coverage
  - Disparities in access to mental health services
  - Overemphasis on mental health in schools
  - Excessive focus on workplace mental health
25. Which of the following words is a synonym of "traction" as used in the passage?
- Repulsion
  - Momentum
  - Stagnation
  - Regression
  - Stimulation
26. Which of the following words is the most suitable **synonym** for the in the passage?
- Escalated
  - Emphasized
  - Harnessed
  - Fortified
  - Combined
27. Which of the following words is an antonym of "destigmatize" as used in the passage?
- Normalize
  - Acknowledge
  - Recognize
  - Perpetuate
  - Accept

**DIRECTIONS (Qs. 28-32):** Read the following passage carefully and answer the given questions. Certain words/phrases are given in bold in the passage to help you locate them while answering some of the questions. **(IBPS PO Mains-2023)**

A majority of Indians prefer to use the internet for accessing banking and other financial services than shopping online, shows a new survey.

Almost 57% of Indian respondents using the internet prefer to bank online and use other financial services due to hassle-free access and time saving feature of online banking according to the survey.

Checking information on products and services online comes a close second at 53% while 50% shop for products online. The fourth on the list-around 42% of respondents in India surfed online to look for jobs, the survey said.

Online banking has made things much easier for the people and it saves a lot of time.

It has eliminated the problems associated with traditional way of banking where one had to stand in a queue and fill up several forms. Most of the banks in India have introduced customer-friendly online banking facility with advanced security features to protect customers against cybercrime.

The easy registration process for net banking has improved customers' access to several banking products increased customer loyalty, facilitated money transfer to any bank across

India and has helped banks attract new customers. The Indian results closely track the global trends as well conducted among 18216 people from 24 countries, the survey showed that banking and keeping track of finances and searching for jobs are the main tasks of internet users around the globe.

Overall, 60% of people surveyed used the web to check their bank account and other financial assets in the past 90 days, making it the most popular use of the internet globally, shopping was not too far behind at 48%, the survey showed and 41% went online in search of a job in terms of country preferences, almost 90% of respondents in Sweden use e-banking.

Online banking has also caught on in a big way in nations like France, Canada, Australia, Poland, South Africa and Belgium, the survey showed. The Germans and British come on top for using online shopping with 74% of respondents in both countries having bought something online in the past three months. They are followed by 68% of respondents in Sweden, 65% in US and 62% in South Korea.

28. Which of the following is not true in the context of the passage?
- Internet users across the globe are mainly interested in looking for jobs and keeping track of finances.
  - Germany and Great Britain are the top countries where online shopping is quite popular.
  - Many people in Sweden use e-banking to maintain their finances.
  - A majority of Indians prefer shopping online as compared to other online activities.
  - All the given statements are true.
29. According to the passage, banks are successful in attracting more customers due to
- better training to sales staff
  - opening more branches at various locations
  - easy registration process for net banking
- Only B
  - B and C
  - A and B
  - A and C
  - Only C
30. How many of the Indians are using the internet shop online?
- Between 40% and 50%
  - One-fourth of them
  - One-third of them
  - Half of them
  - All of them
31. Which of the following is most nearly the same in meaning as the word hassle-free used in the passage?
- unskilled
  - Not annoying
  - Subtle
  - Unsaddle
  - Notable
32. Based on the passage, what can be said about the internet in a nutshell?
- It has increased the number of cybercrimes
  - It is useful only for the rich
  - It has been hyped for no reason
  - It is more popular for online shopping than anything else
  - It has made lives easier than before

**DIRECTIONS (Qs. 33-37):** Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions given below it.

(IBPS PO Mains-2023)

Over a couple of days in February, hundreds of thousands of point-of-sale printers in restaurants around the world began behaving

strangely. Some churned out bizarre pictures of computers and giant robots signed, “with love from the hacker God himself”. Some informed their owners that, “YOUR PRINTER HAS BEEN PWND’D”. Some told them, “For the love of God, please close this port”. When the hacker God gave an interview to Motherboard, a technology website, he claimed to be a British secondary-school pupil by the name of “Stack over flow in”. Annoyed by the **parlous** state of computer security, he had, he claimed, decided to perform a public service by demonstrating just how easy it was to seize control.

Not all hackers are so public-spirited, and 2016 was a bonanza for those who are not. In February of that year cyber-crooks stole \$81m directly from the central bank of Bangladesh—and would have got away with more were it not for a crucial **typo**. In August America’s National Security Agency (NSA) saw its own hacking tools leaked all over the internet by a group calling themselves the Shadow Brokers. (The CIA suffered a similar indignity this March.) In October a piece of software called Mirai was used to flood Dyn, an internet infrastructure company, with so much meaningless traffic that websites such as Twitter and Reddit were made inaccessible to many users. And the hacking of the Democratic National Committee’s e-mail servers and the **subsequent** leaking of embarrassing communications seems to have been part of an attempt to influence the outcome of the American elections.

Away from matters of great scale and grand strategy, most hacking is either show-off vandalism or simply criminal. It is also increasingly easy. Obscure forums oil the trade in stolen credit-card details, sold in batches of thousands at a time. Data-dealers hawk “exploits”: flaws in code that allow malicious attackers to **subvert** systems. You can also buy “ransomware”, with which to encrypt photos and documents on victims’ computers before charging them for the key that will unscramble the data. So sophisticated are these facilitating markets that coding skills are now entirely optional. Botnets—flocks of compromised computers created by software like Mirai, which can then be used to flood websites with traffic, knocking them offline until a ransom is paid—can be rented by the hour. Just like a legitimate business, the bot-herders will, for a few dollars extra, provide technical support if anything goes wrong. The total cost of all this hacking is anyone’s guess (most small attacks, and many big ones, go unreported). But all agree it is likely to rise, because the scope for **malice** is about to expand remarkably. “We are building a world-sized robot,” says Bruce Schneier, a security analyst, in the shape of the “Internet of Things”. The IOT is a buzz-phrase used to describe the computerisation of everything from cars and electricity meters to children’s toys, medical devices and light bulbs. In 2015 a group of computer-security researchers demonstrated that it was possible to take remote control of certain Jeep cars. When the Mirai malware is used to build a botnet it seeks out devices such as video recorders and webcams; the botnet for fridges is just around the corner.

33. Which is the most appropriate title?

- Public spirited hackers.
- Broken Computer security.
- Hacking: The criminal offence
- The Internet of Things
- The Growing Artificial Intelligence

34. According to the paragraph, why did ‘the hacker god’ decide to perform a public service?
- To hack the NSA server
  - To show to the people that hacking was very easy
  - To influence the outcome of the American elections
  - To aware the people about the computer security threats
  - None of these
35. Which of the following is false in context of the passage?
- The IoT is a buzz-phrase used to describe the computerisation of everything from cars and electricity meters to children’s toys, medical devices and light bulbs.
  - The hacking of the Democratic National Committee’s e-mail servers was performed with the help of a malware named “Mirai”.
  - A group called “the Shadow Brokers” leaked hacking tools of America’s National Security Agency all over the internet
  - Obscure forums oil the trade in stolen credit-card details, sold in batches of thousands at a time.
  - All of them are true
36. According to the paragraph, what caused the websites like ‘twitter and reddit’ inaccessible to the users?
- It was caused due to hacking the security contents of the website.
  - Due to unscramble of the encrypted Data on the websites.
  - Due to Dyn, an internet infrastructure company.
  - Due to surge in the worthless traffic which was forced by the hackers.
  - All are correct.
37. Which of the following statement(s) is/are correct about ‘Internet of Things’ according to passage?
- To take remote control of all digital devices.
  - A world sized Robot.
  - It means computerization of everything.
- Only (i) is correct
  - Only (ii) is correct
  - Both (i) and (iii) are correct
  - Both (ii) and (iii) are correct
  - All are correct

**DIRECTIONS (Qs. 38-45):** Read the following passage and answer the questions given below. (SBI Clerk Prelim-2023)

Mount Vesuvius, a volcano located between the ancient Italian cities of Pompeii and Herculaneum, has received much attention because of its frequent and destructive eruptions. The most famous of these eruptions occurred in A.D. 79.

The volcano had been inactive for centuries. There was little warning of the coming eruption, although one account unearthed by archaeologists says that a hard rain and a strong wind had disturbed the celestial calm during the preceding night. Early the next morning, the volcano poured a huge river of molten rock down upon Herculaneum, completely burying the city and filling the harbor with coagulated lava.

Meanwhile, on the other side of the mountain, cinders, stone and ash rained down on Pompeii. Sparks from the burning ash ignited the combustible rooftops quickly. Large portions of the city were destroyed in the conflagration. Fire, however, was not the only cause of destruction. Poisonous sulfuric gases saturated the air. These heavy gases were not buoyant in the atmosphere and therefore sank toward the earth and suffocated people.

Over the years, excavations of Pompeii and Herculaneum have revealed a great deal about the behavior of the volcano. By analyzing data, much as a zoologist dissects an animal specimen, scientists have concluded that the eruption changed large portions of the area’s geography. For instance, it turned the Sarno River from its course and raised the level of the beach along the Bay of Naples. Meteorologists studying these events have also concluded that Vesuvius caused a huge tidal wave that affected the world’s climate.

In addition to making these investigations, archaeologists have been able to study the skeletons of victims by using distilled water to wash away the volcanic ash. By strengthening the brittle bones with acrylic paint, scientists have been able to examine the skeletons and draw conclusions about the diet and habits of the residents. Finally, the excavations at both Pompeii and Herculaneum have yielded many examples of classical art, such as jewelry made of bronze, which is an alloy of copper and tin. The eruption of Mount Vesuvius and its tragic consequences have provided everyone with a wealth of data about the effects that volcanoes can have on the surrounding area. Today, volcanologists can locate and predict eruptions, saving lives and preventing the destruction of other cities and cultures.

38. Poisonous \_\_\_\_\_ gases were spread in the atmosphere.
- Hydrogen
  - Nitrogen
  - Sulfuric
  - Acidic
  - Non-toxic
39. Find the synonym of the word, ‘solidify’ from the above passage.
- Molten
  - Saturate
  - Coagulate
  - Ignite
  - Excavate
40. \_\_\_\_\_ with acrylic paints, scientists examine the skeletons, thus concluding the type of diet consumed by the residents of a particular area.
- By strengthening the brittle bones
  - When brittle bones are strengthened
  - By the combination of brittle bones
  - When one strengthens brittle bones
  - The strength of brittle bones
41. What is used by archaeologists to clean the skeletons covered with volcanic ash when they have to be studied?
- Fresh water
  - Sodium bicarbonate
  - Distilled water
  - Nitrogen gas
  - Sulfur
42. Bronze is an alloy of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
- Tin and potash
  - Aluminium and copper
  - Copper and tin
  - Potash and copper
  - Aluminium and sodium

43. Who studies the effect of tidal waves on the world's climate?  
 (a) Geologists (b) Archaeologists  
 (c) Meteorologists (d) Volcanologists  
 (e) Scientists
44. \_\_\_\_\_ can locate and predict volcanic eruptions that can prevent cities from destruction.  
 (a) Historians (b) Volcanologists  
 (c) Scientists (d) Volcano engineers  
 (e) Meteorologists
45. Find the antonym for the word, 'weak' from the passage.  
 (a) Disruptive (b) Yielded  
 (c) Examined (d) Strengthen  
 (e) Destruction

**DIRECTIONS (Qs. 46-52):** Read the passage carefully and answer the questions given below it. There are some blanks given in the passage based on which some questions are framed, and some words are highlighted as well to help you answer the other questions. **(SBI Clerk Mains-2023)**

The revised protocol for the extended period of lockdown that is now scheduled to end on May 3 indicates it's .....(A) rollback starting from April 20. **(B)** A partial **containing(1)** of the economy is being proposed, but a lot will **depend(2)** on the extent of success in **reopening(3)** the **spread(4)** of the COVID-19 pandemic in particular areas. **(C)** State and local administrations could continue with a tighter level of control on economic and social activities if required, according to the Centre's guidelines announced on Wednesday. It is now clear that the battle against the pandemic will be drawn out, and .....(D) in life will have to wait until a vaccine or a treatment line is found. It is impossible to keep the economy shut and people at home indefinitely. The proposed relaxations are, hence, a step forward. Industries outside city limits, certain types of construction both in rural and urban areas, segments of the service sector, and manufacturing partially will reopen after April 20. **(E)** Small service **providers(a)**, such as electricians, **plumbers(b)**, IT repair, motor mechanics and carpenters, will be allowed to **operate(c)**, which will help them and those who need to **hire(d)** them. It will be a good idea to add tailors to that list, an essential service now that masks are mandatory in public and workplaces.

46. Which of the following words given in the options should come at the place marked as (A) in the above passage to make it grammatically correct and meaningful? Also, the word should fill in the two sentences given below to make them contextually correct and meaningful?  
 (I) She .....on trembling legs.  
 (II) She .....at the sensation, taking in the crumbled world around her.  
 (a) staggered (b) conjure  
 (c) evoke (d) quell  
 (e) None of these
47. The sentence in (B) has four words given in bold. Amongst the given bold words, which of the following must replace each other to make the sentence contextually correct and meaningful?  
 (a) Both 2-1 and 3-4 (b) Both 1-3 and 2-4  
 (c) Both 2-3 and 1-4 (d) 1-3  
 (e) 2-4

48. Find the synonym for the word, 'engage'.  
 (a) Depend (b) Spread  
 (c) Hire (d) Provide  
 (e) None of these
49. In the above passage, sentence (C) may or may not have an error in one part of the sentence. Select the part having an error.  
 (a) State and local administrations could continue with  
 (b) a tighter level of control  
 (c) on economic and social activities if required,  
 (d) according to the Centre's guidelines announced on Wednesday  
 (e) No error
50. Which of the following should fill the blank given in (D) to make it contextually correct and meaningful?  
 (a) Stingy (b) Niggardly  
 (c) Penurious (d) Normalcy  
 (e) None of these
51. From the passage, find the antonym for the word, 'voluntary'.  
 (a) Mandatory (b) Tight  
 (c) Tailor (d) Partial  
 (e) None of these
52. Four sentences each with one bold word type are given marked as (E). These are numbered (a), (b), (c) and (d). One of these words might either be wrongly spelt or inappropriate in the context of the sentence. Find out the word that is inappropriate or wrongly spelt, if any.  
 (a) Only a (b) Only a & b  
 (c) Only a & d (d) Only c  
 (e) All correct

**DIRECTIONS (Qs. 53-61):** Read the passage carefully and answer the questions given below. **(SBI Clerk Mains-2023)**

Motivational literature aimed at youth has become a staple in bookstores worldwide. With their aesthetically pleasing covers and powerful testimonials, these books claim to invigorate young readers and pave their way towards success. Despite these promising attributes, the effectiveness of such books raises quite a debate. The **sheer** number of these motivational compilations is, in itself, an overwhelming sight. They purport a version of reality wherein success and growth are distilled into actionable tips and methodologies easily consumed by an impressionable audience. However, there is a belief that such convenience brings complexities of its own. Motivation, inherently a personal and subjective experience, is often simplified in these books. They offer a sequence of simplified steps, a 'one-size-fits-all' path towards success. Though such guidance might temporarily inspire, it rarely contributes to long-lasting motivation, rendering them ineffective in the long run. A central issue lies in the external nature of motivation these books attempt to foster. It's widely accepted that motivation should be an **intrinsic** quality, a self-ignited passion driving one forward, even in the face of adversity. This motivation, which develops from introspection, life experiences, and personal values, cannot be derived from predetermined methods or uniform strategies. Additionally, there is an inherent difficulty to **retain** the fleeting inspiration these books might induce. The motivational surge often experienced during or shortly after reading is seldom **sustainable**. Over time, as the realities of daily

life resume, the inspiration diminishes, leaving readers at their starting point, sometimes even more demotivated than before. Are these observations an indictment of youth motivation books? Not entirely. These books undoubtedly play their part. They provide practical tips, inspiration from shared stories, and can even stimulate one's journey of self-growth and discovery. They expose readers to new ways of thinking and provide alternate life perspectives. However, a cautious approach towards accepting these books as the definitive path to success is recommended. They are not magic solutions or silver bullets, as they often portray themselves to be. They should be seen as only one element of a broader journey towards self-growth and development. The youth, while inspired by these motivational reads, should understand that lasting motivation can only be derived from within themselves. It is fuelled by their impassioned desires, intrinsic values, and dreams. So, while motivational literature has its place, the youth are encouraged to primarily cultivate their own intrinsic motivation that can withstand the test of time.

53. What is the synonym for 'sheer' as used in the passage?  
 (a) Obscurity (b) Infinity  
 (c) Throw (d) Utter  
 (e) Blur
54. According to the passage, what is the complexity associated with the convenience of motivational books aimed at youths?  
 (a) They offer too many success stories.  
 (b) They disrupt the reading habits of the youth.  
 (c) They oversimplify the subjective nature of motivation.  
 (d) They are too expensive for young people.  
 (e) They are often outdated.
55. Which of the following is a synonym for the phrase 'retain' as given in the passage?  
 (a) Maintain (b) Disperse  
 (c) Relinquish (d) Neglect  
 (e) Dismiss
56. Which of the following is mentioned in the passage as a challenge in the effectiveness of youth motivational books?  
 (a) The lack of personal testimonies  
 (b) The broad scope of the contents  
 (c) Difficulty in sustaining the inspired motivation  
 (d) The language used is too complex for the youth  
 (e) The books are not accessible enough
57. What is an antonym for 'essential' as mentioned in the passage?  
 (a) Invigorate (b) Sheer  
 (c) Seldom (d) Intrinsic  
 (e) Indictment
58. Based on the passage, which of the following statements is correct?  
 (i) Motivational books potentially serve as a start towards self-growth and development.  
 (ii) Motivational literature for youth counsels a one-size-fits-all method to success.  
 (iii) The motivational surge from these books is often short-lived.  
 (a) Only i (b) i and ii  
 (c) ii and iii (d) i and iii  
 (e) i, ii and iii
59. Which of the following would be an appropriate title for the passage?  
 (a) The Unseen Dangers of Motivational Literature  
 (b) Dissecting Motivational Literature for Youth  
 (c) The Ineffectiveness of Self-help Books  
 (d) The Mediocre Influence of Motivational Books  
 (e) Youth Motivation: The Role and Limitations of Motivational Books
60. How does an individual ultimately feel motivated to do something?  
 (a) Understanding that 'one-size-fits-all' path towards success.  
 (b) Through introspection, life experiences and personal values.  
 (c) Reading motivational books, but these are only a temporary source.  
 (d) When an individual does not receive the much needed guidance.  
 (e) When motivational books drive the self-ignited passion among individuals.
61. According to the passage, why should young readers take a cautious approach to motivational literature?  
 (a) The books cannot replace practical life experience.  
 (b) The books lack credibility and authenticity.  
 (c) The books might discourage readers from pursuing their own goals.  
 (d) The books cannot be the definitive path to success.  
 (e) The books often lack quality and depth.

**DIRECTIONS (62-68):** Read the passage and answer the questions that follow. **(SBI PO Prelim-2023)**

In the heart of the dense Amazon rainforest lies a mystery that has intrigued explorers and scientists for centuries – the lost city of El Dorado. Legends speak of a magnificent city made of gold, hidden deep within the jungle, waiting to be discovered by those brave enough to venture into its depths. Many have tried to find it, but few have succeeded. One such explorer, Dr. Sofia Ramirez, dedicated her life to unraveling the secrets of El Dorado.

Dr. Ramirez was an archaeologist renowned for her expertise in South American civilizations. Armed with ancient maps and modern technology, she led an expedition into the Amazon in search of the lost city. The journey was perilous, with dense foliage, treacherous wildlife, and the ever-present danger of getting lost in the vast expanse of the rainforest. Despite the challenges, Dr. Ramirez and her team pressed on, driven by the allure of uncovering one of history's greatest mysteries.

After weeks of grueling trekking, the expedition stumbled upon a series of overgrown ruins hidden amidst the trees. Excitedly, they began to excavate, unearthing intricate carvings, golden artifacts, and the remnants of a once-great civilization. As they delved deeper, Dr. Ramirez realized they had discovered the fabled city of El Dorado.

However, their joy was short-lived as they soon encountered a new challenge – rival treasure hunters determined to claim the city's riches for themselves. A fierce race ensued, with both parties vying for control of the ancient treasures. In the end, Dr. Ramirez and her team prevailed, protecting El Dorado from falling into the wrong hands.

Today, the lost city of El Dorado stands as a testament to human perseverance and the enduring allure of exploration. Dr. Ramirez's discovery has shed new light on the ancient civilizations of the Amazon and continues to inspire adventurers around the world to seek out the mysteries that lie hidden in the depths of the jungle.

62. What is the main subject of the passage?
  - (a) The Amazon rainforest
  - (b) Dr. Sofia Ramirez
  - (c) The lost city of El Dorado
  - (d) Ancient civilizations
  - (e) Modern technology
63. What motivated Dr. Ramirez to embark on her expedition?
  - (a) Fame and fortune
  - (b) Scientific curiosity
  - (c) Treasure hunting
  - (d) A desire for adventure
  - (e) Government funding
64. What challenges did the expedition face in the Amazon?
  - (a) Snowstorms and avalanches
  - (b) Desert heat and sandstorms
  - (c) Dense foliage, wildlife, and getting lost
  - (d) Tropical storms and hurricanes
  - (e) None of the above
65. What did the expedition discover in the Amazon?
  - (a) A lost tribe
  - (b) El Dorado's rival city
  - (c) Overgrown ruins and golden artifacts
  - (d) Oil reserves
  - (e) Underwater caves
66. Who were the rivals encountered by Dr. Ramirez's team?
  - (a) Local tribes
  - (b) Wildlife conservationists
  - (c) Government officials
  - (d) Other treasure hunters
  - (e) Scientists
67. What was the outcome of the race between Dr. Ramirez's team and their rivals?
  - (a) Dr. Ramirez's team lost
  - (b) Their rivals abandoned the race
  - (c) The treasures were lost
  - (d) Dr. Ramirez's team prevailed
  - (e) Both teams shared the treasures
68. Find a word from the passage that conveys the same meaning as 'project or an undertaking'?
  - (a) Artifacts
  - (b) Exploration
  - (c) Enduring
  - (d) Excavate
  - (e) Expedition

**DIRECTIONS (69-75):** Read the passage and answer the questions that follow. **(SBI PO Mains-2023)**

Citizen science, the involvement of the general public in scientific research, has experienced a remarkable surge in recent years. Fueled by the accessibility of technology and the growing public interest in scientific discovery, citizen science projects are tackling a wide range of challenges, from monitoring environmental changes to classifying galaxies.

One key advantage of citizen science is its ability to gather vast amounts of data. By recruiting a large pool of volunteers, researchers can collect observations from geographically dispersed locations and over extended periods. This can be particularly valuable in fields like ecology, where studying large-

scale phenomena requires data from diverse ecosystems. For instance, projects like eBird, which enlists birdwatchers to submit sightings, have generated massive datasets that have revolutionized our understanding of avian migration patterns.

However, citizen science also presents challenges. Ensuring the quality and consistency of data collected by non-experts is crucial. Training volunteers in proper observation techniques and data collection methods is essential. Additionally, managing and analyzing the massive datasets generated by citizen science projects can be resource-intensive.

Despite these hurdles, citizen science offers a powerful tool for scientific advancement. By engaging the public in research, citizen science fosters a sense of scientific literacy and empowers individuals to contribute to meaningful discoveries.

69. The main idea of the passage is to:
  - (a) Advocate for the complete replacement of professional scientists with citizen scientists.
  - (b) Highlight the benefits and drawbacks of citizen science.
  - (c) Explain the history of citizen science initiatives.
  - (d) Describe the latest technological advancements in data collection.
  - (e) Discuss the ethical considerations of involving the public in research.
70. According to the passage, what is a key advantage of citizen science projects?
  - (a) They require less funding than traditional scientific research.
  - (b) They are always focused on environmental issues.
  - (c) They generate data that is more accurate than that collected by professionals.
  - (d) They allow scientists to focus on analyzing data rather than collecting it.
  - (e) They are a fun and engaging way to learn about science.
71. The passage mentions eBird as an example of a citizen science project that studies:
  - (a) Weather patterns
  - (b) Animal behaviour
  - (c) Galaxy classification
  - (d) Human health trends
  - (e) Chemical reactions
72. Which of the following statements is NOT supported by the passage?
  - (a) Citizen science projects can be used to collect data from remote locations.
  - (b) Citizen science can help to improve public understanding of science.
  - (c) Large datasets generated by citizen science projects can be challenging to manage.
  - (d) Citizen science eliminates the need for professional researchers.
  - (e) There is a growing public interest in scientific discovery.
73. What is the main challenge associated with citizen science projects, according to the passage?
  - (a) Recruiting a large enough number of volunteers
  - (b) Funding the development of new technologies.
  - (c) Ensuring the quality and consistency of data collected.

- (d) Convincing professional scientists of the value of citizen science.  
 (e) Maintaining the public's interest in citizen science projects over time.
74. What is the implied meaning of the word "fueled" in the first sentence?  
 (a) Hindered (b) Supported  
 (c) Questioned (d) Limited  
 (e) Confused
75. How does the passage suggest that citizen science fosters scientific literacy?  
 (a) By providing financial compensation to volunteers.  
 (b) By allowing the public to participate in research activities.  
 (c) By requiring volunteers to have advanced scientific degrees.  
 (d) By focusing on collecting data from geographically isolated areas.  
 (e) By using complex scientific terminology in project instructions.
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- DIRECTIONS (76-82):** Read the passage and answer the questions that follow. **(SBI PO Mains-2023)**
- Biomimicry, the emulation of nature's designs and processes to solve human problems, is a rapidly growing field with the potential to revolutionize various industries. By studying the remarkable adaptations and functionalities found in living organisms, scientists and engineers are developing innovative solutions that are often more efficient and sustainable than traditional methods.
- One inspiring example of biomimicry is the development of self-cleaning surfaces inspired by lotus leaves. Lotus leaves possess a unique micro and nanostructure that repels water and dirt, keeping them clean even in muddy environments. Scientists have mimicked this structure to create paints and coatings that exhibit similar self-cleaning properties, reducing the need for detergents and maintenance.
- Biomimicry is not limited to mimicking physical structures. Researchers are also drawing inspiration from biological processes. For instance, the invention of Velcro was inspired by the burrs that cling to animal fur, demonstrating how a close observation of nature can lead to the development of entirely new fastening mechanisms.
- However, biomimicry also faces certain challenges. Identifying the most suitable biological model for a specific problem can be complex. Additionally, directly replicating nature's solutions is not always feasible due to limitations in materials and manufacturing processes.
- Despite these challenges, biomimicry holds immense promise for the future. By leveraging the wisdom of nature, we can develop solutions that are not only effective but also environmentally friendly. From self-healing materials inspired by bone regeneration to solar cells mimicking the light-harvesting abilities of plants, biomimicry offers a path towards a more sustainable future.
76. What is the central theme of the passage?  
 (a) The limitations of traditional scientific methods.  
 (b) The potential of nature to inspire technological innovation.  
 (c) The ethical considerations of mimicking biological processes.  
 (d) The history of the field of biomimicry.  
 (e) The future advancements expected in biomimicry research.
77. The passage uses the lotus leaf as an example of biomimicry in the development of:  
 (a) Self-healing materials.  
 (b) Energy-efficient buildings.  
 (c) Advanced prosthetics.  
 (d) Water purification systems.  
 (e) Self-cleaning surfaces.
78. According to the passage, what is a major advantage of biomimicry?  
 (a) It is always less expensive than traditional methods.  
 (b) It guarantees the creation of entirely new products.  
 (c) It can lead to the development of more sustainable solutions.  
 (d) It eliminates the need for further scientific research.  
 (e) It is a simpler approach compared to traditional engineering methods.
79. Which of the following statements is NOT supported by the passage?  
 (a) Biomimicry is a field that is gaining significant interest.  
 (b) Biomimicry can inspire the development of new fastening mechanisms.  
 (c) Biomimicry solutions are always directly copied from nature.  
 (d) Biomimicry can inform the design of solar cells.  
 (e) Biomimicry is a challenge-driven field.
80. What is the main challenge associated with biomimicry, according to the passage?  
 (a) Acquiring the necessary funding for research projects.  
 (b) Identifying the most appropriate biological model for a problem.  
 (c) Convincing scientists to adopt biomimicry techniques.  
 (d) Successfully replicating complex biological structures.  
 (e) Measuring the environmental impact of biomimicry solutions.
81. The passage mentions Velcro as an example of biomimicry inspired by:  
 (a) The self-cleaning properties of lotus leaves.  
 (b) The light-harvesting abilities of plants.  
 (c) The bone regeneration process in animals.  
 (d) The water-repelling properties of bird feathers.  
 (e) The way burrs cling to animal fur.
82. What is the implied meaning of the word "leveraging" in the third paragraph?  
 (a) Ignoring (b) Criticizing  
 (c) Highlighting (d) Utilizing  
 (e) Modifying
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- DIRECTIONS (Qs. 83-90):** Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions given below it. Certain words are given in bold to help you locate them while answering some of the questions. **(IBPS RRB Office Asst. Mains-2023)**
- Drones, also known as unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs), have rapidly evolved from military applications to a wide range of

civilian uses. These flying machines, equipped with cameras, sensors, and motors, are remotely controlled and can navigate complex environments. The applications of drones are constantly expanding, bringing both benefits and challenges.

One of the most significant advantages of drones lies in their ability to access difficult-to-reach areas. Search and rescue teams can deploy drones to locate missing persons in disaster zones or rough terrain. Additionally, drones equipped with thermal imaging cameras can assist firefighters in identifying hotspots and monitoring blazes. In agriculture, drones are used to survey crops, identify areas of pest infestation, and even apply pesticides more precisely than traditional methods. This not only improves efficiency but also reduces the amount of chemicals used.

However, the increasing presence of drones in the skies raises privacy concerns. Drones equipped with high-resolution cameras could be used for surveillance, potentially infringing on individual privacy rights. Furthermore, the possibility of malfunctions or misuse of drones by unauthorized individuals poses a safety risk. Regulations are still being developed to address these concerns and ensure the safe and responsible use of drone technology.

83. What is the main idea of the passage?
- Drones are only used for military purposes
  - Drones offer a variety of civilian applications but raise some concerns
  - Drones are a perfect solution for all aerial tasks
  - Drones are too expensive for widespread civilian use
  - Regulations are lagging behind the development of drone technology
84. One advantage of drones is their ability to access hard-to-reach locations.
- True
  - False
  - Neither true nor false
  - Both true and false
  - Insufficient information
85. How can drones be helpful in agriculture according to the passage?
- They can help harvest crops more efficiently.
  - They can be used to transport large quantities of produce.
  - They can precisely apply pesticides and monitor crops.
  - They can cultivate new types of crops.
  - They can scare away birds and other pests.
86. What is a potential challenge associated with drones mentioned in the passage?
- Drones have a very short battery life.
  - They require a complex control system.
  - Drones are difficult to transport due to their size.
  - Drone technology is still in its early stages of development.
  - Privacy concerns may arise from the use of drones.
87. Fill in the blank with appropriate term from the passage- Drones can be equipped with \_\_\_\_\_ to assist firefighters in identifying hotspots.
- Thermal imaging cameras
  - Infrared cameras
  - Automotive thermal cameras
  - Medium wave infrared cameras
  - Infrared illuminated cameras
88. According to the passage, what is NOT a current application of drone technology in agriculture?
- Planting seeds
  - Surveying crops for health and yield
  - Applying pesticides more precisely
  - Identifying areas of pest infestation
  - Monitoring the spread of diseases
89. Why might regulations be needed for drone use?
- Drones require a special pilot's license to operate.
  - Drones are too expensive for most civilian applications.
  - Regulations are needed to ensure the safety of drone flights.
  - Drones can be easily hacked and misused.
  - All of the above
90. From the given passage, choose the correct synonym of the word 'situate' -
- rescue
  - equipped
  - deploy
  - malfunction
  - None of the above

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**DIRECTIONS (Qs. 91-96):** Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions given below it. Certain words are given in bold to help you locate them while answering some of the questions. **(RRB Officer Scale-I Mains-2023)**

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The invention of the printing press by Johannes Gutenberg in 1440 revolutionized communication. Before the printing press, information was primarily spread through handwritten manuscripts, which were expensive and time-consuming to produce. This limited access to knowledge to small elite – mainly scholars and the clergy. Gutenberg's press, which used movable type, allowed for the mass production of printed materials like books and pamphlets. This dramatically increased literacy rates and the dissemination of ideas. The printing press played a crucial role in the European Renaissance, a period of cultural and intellectual rebirth. It facilitated the spread of humanist ideals, scientific discoveries, and religious reforms. The printing press also empowered ordinary people by giving them access to information and fostering critical thinking.

91. What was the primary way information was spread before the printing press?
- Through radio broadcasts
  - Through oral traditions
  - Through handwritten manuscripts
  - Through the internet
  - Through printed newspapers
92. Why were handwritten manuscripts limited in their reach?
- They were difficult to read.
  - They were written in a foreign language.
  - They were expensive and time-consuming to produce.
  - They were easily damaged.
  - They lacked illustrations.
93. What is the significance of Johannes Gutenberg's invention of the printing press?
- It made books more colorful.
  - It allowed for the mass production of printed materials.
  - It replaced handwritten communication entirely.
  - It made information accessible only to the wealthy.
  - It primarily spread religious texts.



94. How did the printing press contribute to the European Renaissance?
- It promoted censorship of ideas.
  - It facilitated the spread of knowledge and ideas.
  - It limited access to education for the common people.
  - It favored the spread of misinformation.
  - It primarily benefited the ruling class.
95. How did the printing press empower ordinary people?
- It provided entertainment through fictional stories.
  - It offered new job opportunities in printing.
  - It gave them access to information and fostered critical thinking.
  - It allowed them to publish their own writings.
  - It made communication with distant relatives easier.
96. What is the main idea of the passage?
- The printing press was a technological marvel of its time.
  - Johannes Gutenberg was a famous scholar of the Renaissance.
  - The printing press revolutionized communication and access to knowledge.
  - Handwritten manuscripts were a superior form of communication.
  - The printing press led to the decline of oral traditions.
98. According to the passage, where are Komodo dragons found?
- Mainland Asia
  - Africa
  - Australia
  - Indonesia
  - South America
99. What is the role of Komodo dragons in their ecosystem?
- They are decomposers, breaking down dead organisms.
  - They are herbivores, feeding on plants.
  - They are prey for other large predators.
  - They are apex predators, controlling prey populations.
  - They are parasites, living off other animals.
100. How do Komodo dragons kill their prey?
- By crushing them with their weight
  - By injecting venom with a bite
  - By chasing them to exhaustion
  - By using sharp claws to tear them apart
  - By constricting them like a snake
101. Why are Komodo dragons considered to be slow breeders?
- They reach sexual maturity very late in life.
  - They lay a small number of eggs each time.
  - Their offspring have a very low survival rate.
  - All of the above
  - None of the above
102. What are some threats to the Komodo dragon population?
- Introduction of invasive species
  - Habitat loss due to human activity
  - Natural disasters like volcanic eruptions
  - All of the above
  - Only a and c
103. What are some conservation efforts mentioned in the passage to protect Komodo dragons?
- Introducing new breeding populations
  - Educating local communities about their importance
  - Habitat restoration programs
  - Anti-poaching initiatives
  - All of the above

**DIRECTIONS (Qs. 97-103):** Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions given below it. Certain words are given in bold to help you locate them while answering some of the questions. **(RRB Officer Scale-I Mains-2023)**

The Komodo dragon, found in the Indonesian islands of Komodo, Rinca, Flores, and Gili Motang, is the world's largest lizard. These giants can reach up to 10 feet in length and weigh over 300 pounds! Komodo dragons are apex predators, meaning they sit at the top of their food chain. They are solitary hunters, relying on a keen sense of smell and powerful legs to stalk prey like deer, wild boar, and even water buffalo. Komodo dragons have a unique hunting strategy – they deliver a potent bite laced with venom from specialized glands in their lower jaw. This venom prevents blood clotting and can cause shock, leading to the prey's eventual demise. The Komodo dragon then patiently waits for its victim to weaken before using its powerful sense of smell to track down the carcass and consume it whole.

Komodo dragons are fascinating reptiles, but their conservation status is concerning. Habitat loss due to human activity and natural disasters like volcanic eruptions threaten their dwindling populations. Additionally, Komodo dragons are slow breeders, laying only a handful of eggs each year. Conservation efforts are underway to protect these magnificent creatures, including habitat restoration programs and anti-poaching initiatives.

97. What is the main topic of the passage?
- The history of Komodo dragons in Indonesia
  - The unique hunting strategies of Komodo dragons
  - The conservation challenges faced by Komodo dragons
  - A comparison of different lizard species
  - The anatomy and physiology of Komodo dragons

**DIRECTIONS(Qs.104-112)** Read the passage and answer the questions that follow. **(RBI Assist. Prelim-2023)**

With shortages mounting across the board for water as they are for energy, it was only inevitable that the Central government would be stirred into starting a Bureau of Water Efficiency (BWE), much like the Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE) that was launched some years ago. Early reports suggest that the draft norms for various sectors consuming water will be created by the BWE soon. The alarm bells have been ringing for some years now. Water availability per capita in India has fallen from about 5 million liters in the 1950s to 1.3 million liters in 2010—that's a staggering 75 per cent drop in 50 years. Nearly 60 per cent of India's aquifers have slumped to critical levels in just the last 15 years. The rate at which bore wells are being plunged in every city with no law to ban such extraction, groundwater tables have depleted alarmingly.

The BEE's efforts in the last seven years have only been cosmetic. The bureau has looked at efficiency rating systems for white goods in the domestic sector and has not paid attention to the massive consumption of energy in metals manufacture,

paper, and textiles. These sectors are very intense in both energy and water consumption. But very little attention has been paid to the water and energy used per ton of steel or cement or aluminum that we buy, and without significant changes in these areas, the overall situation is unlikely to change. Use of water is inextricably interlinked with energy. One does not exist without the other. The BWE should steer clear of the early mistakes of BEE – of focusing on the ‘softer targets’ in the domestic sector. Nearly 80 percent of freshwater is used by agriculture, with industry coming a close second. The domestic sector’s consumption of freshwater is in single digit. So, the BWE’s priority should be to look at measures that will get farmers and industrialists to follow good practices in water use. Water resources have to be made, by law, an indivisible national asset. The protection and withdrawal of this resource, as well as its sustainable development are of general importance and therefore in the public interest. This will mean that individuals and organizations may own land but not water or the other resources that lie below the first 20 meters of the surface of those lands.

Drilling of bore wells into such ‘national assets’ will have to be banned, or at the very least they must be regulated. What would be more sensible for the new water bureau to do would be to look at some of the **low-hanging fruits that can be plucked, and pretty quickly**, with laws that can emanate from the Centre, without the risk of either dilution or inaction from state administrations. The other tactical approach that the BWE can adopt is to devise a policy that addresses the serious water challenge in industry segments across a swathe of companies: this will be easier than taking on the more disparate domestic sector which hurts the water crisis less than industry. Implementing a law is more feasible when the concentration is dense and identifiable.

As for agriculture, though the country’s water requirement is as high as 80 per cent, the growing of water within the loop in agriculture de-risks the challenge of any perceived deficit. Rice, wheat, sugarcane are crops that need water-logging, which ensures groundwater restoration. Surface water evaporation doesn’t amount to any more than 7-8 per cent and only strengthens precipitation and rainfall. Agriculture and water needs are not quite as much a threat as industry and domestic sectors that account for the rest of the 20 per cent.

The primary challenge in industry and the building sector is that no conscious legal measures have been enacted that stipulate ‘growing your own water’ with measures that will ‘put all water in a loop’ in any residential or commercial building. This involves treating all used water to a grade that it can be ‘up cycled’ for use in flush tanks and for gardens across all our cities with the polluter owning the responsibility for treating and for reuse. The drop in fresh water demand can be dramatic with reuse, and recycling of treated water. Water by itself in industry and the domestic sector, is not as much a challenge as pollution of water. Not enough measures exist yet to ensure that such polluters shift the water back for reuse. If legislation can ensure that water is treated and reused for specific purposes within industry as well as in the domestic sector, this will make all the difference to the crisis on fresh water.

A listing of such correlations of water used by every product that we use in our daily lives will make much better sense than any elaborate rating system from the newly formed BWE. Such

sensitization with concerted awareness campaigns that the new Bureau drives will impact the urban consumer more than all the research findings that experts can present. What is important for us is to understand the life cycle impact in a way that we see the connection between a product that we use and the resources it utilizes up to the point where we bring the visible connection to destruction of natural resources of our ecosystems.

104. Which among the following is a synonym for ‘certain’?
- Dramatic
  - Create
  - Inevitable
  - Mount
  - Connection
105. Define the level of shortfall of water availability per capita.
- From 5 million litres to 1.3 million litres
  - From 4 million litres to 1.3 million litres
  - From 5 million litres to 2.0 million litres
  - From 7 million litres to 2.0 million litres
  - From 9 million litres to 1.3 million litres
106. Which of the following is possibly the most appropriate title for the passage?
- Water Challenges in the New Millennium
  - The Bureau of Water Efficiency vs. the Bureau of Energy Efficiency
  - Unchecked Urban Consumption of Water
  - Challenges of the Agricultural Sector and Water Resources
  - The Route to Conservation of Water Resources
107. What does ‘low-hanging fruits that can be plucked, and pretty quickly’ mean in the context of the passage as given in bold?
- The bureau should employ the cheapest methods possible to effectively control the current situation of improper usage of water resources.
  - The bureau should target the industrial sector as well as the domestic sector to reduce water wastage.
  - The bureau should target the agricultural sector only for producing quick results in reducing wastage of water.
  - The bureau should ensure that all the state officials concerned with the measures are actively involved.
  - The bureau should start with adopting measures that are simple to execute and produce immediate results in reducing water wastage.
108. Which of the following, according to the author, is/are the indication/s of a water crisis?
- Many agrarian areas in the country are facing a drought-like situation.
  - Almost three-fifth of the naturally available water has been reduced to a very critical level in a relatively short span of time.
  - There has been a significant drop in the availability of water over the past fifty years.
- Only (ii)
  - Only (i) and (iii)
  - Only (iii)
  - Only (ii) and (iii)
  - All the three
109. Find the antonym for the word, ‘exception’ from the passage.
- Elaborate
  - Dramatic
  - Norm
  - Relatively
  - Fallen

110. Which of the following is true about the Bureau of Energy Efficiency, in context of the passage?
- It failed to pay adequate attention to industries like metal, textiles, etc. in terms of energy consumption.
  - It focused on rating systems for efficient use of goods in the domestic sector.
  - It mostly focused on the energy consumption in the domestic sector.
- Only (i) and (iii)
  - Only (i) and (ii)
  - Only (i)
  - Only (ii) and (iii)
  - All the three
111. Fill in the blanks with appropriate words from the passage. Rice, wheat, sugarcane are crops that need \_\_\_\_\_, which ensures groundwater restoration. Surface water \_\_\_\_\_ doesn't amount to any more than 7-8 per cent and only \_\_\_\_\_ precipitation and rainfall.
- Irrigation, precipitation, decreased
  - Water-logging, evaporation, strengthens
  - Water-logging, decrease, weakened
  - Sedimentation, evaporation, strengthens
  - Irrigation, increase, weakens
112. What is the meaning of the phrase, 'low hanging fruit' as mentioned in the passage?
- The obvious or easy things that can be most readily done to achieve success
  - Finding solutions using difficult techniques or measures
  - Looking for an answer at the wrong place
  - Efficiently finding solutions for a particular problem
  - None of the above
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- DIRECTIONS (113-119):** Read the passage and answer the questions that follow. **(RBI Asst. Mains-2023)**
- Since 1972-73, the five-yearly Employment-Unemployment Surveys (EUS) conducted by the National Sample Survey (NSS) have been the mainstay for analysing labour market trends. Though infrequent, the database has served a valuable purpose of capturing the complexities of the labour market; access to household-level data lately has spawned rich and granular analyses of the informal economy. As the last round of the EUS was in held in 2011-12, there is no reliable way of updating employment trends. The EUS has been replaced with an annual Period Labour Force Survey, and a time use survey. However, it will be a while before these data series come up with stable and credible estimates. The Labour Bureau under the Ministry of Labour and Employment has been carrying out household surveys somewhat similar to the EUS since 2010-11. They show a decline in worker population ratio between 2013-14 and 2015-16, suggesting a deteriorating employment situation recently.
113. Which of the following is/are synonyms of scepticism?
- Cynicism
  - Belief
  - Distrust
  - Conviction
- Only II
  - Only II and IV
  - Only I and III
  - Only I, II and III
  - Only I, III and IV
114. Which of the following is/are antonyms of spawned?
- Destroyed
  - Engender
  - Procreated
  - Sired
- Only I
  - Only IV
  - Only II and IV
  - Only I, III and IV
  - Only II, III and IV
115. As per paragraph 1, which of the following could weaken the importance of having added 4.1 million jobs in the economy as per the CSO report?
- The report is silent about the majority of the workforce engaged in the informal sector.
  - The formal sector accounts for just about 12-15% of India's workforce.
  - The estimates supplement the data on organised sector employment reported regularly by the Ministry of Labour and Employment.
- Only I
  - Only II
  - Only I and II
  - Only II and III
  - All of the above
116. Which of the following is a suitable gist of paragraph 3?
- The social security databases are lists of workers enrolled in the schemes, as an entitlement or as voluntary subscribers and not employment registers.
  - The social security databases lists out workers and accurately informs the actual level of employment in the firm.
  - The employees have the option to get themselves enrolled in social security schemes on reaching a particular number as specified by the Central and State laws.
  - The official data is matched with the register for social schemes to avoid any discrepancies in the calculation of the employment figures.
  - None of the above
117. As per paragraph 4, which of the following is/are some features of the non-farm informal labour markets?
- It has grown the most in recent decades.
  - Almost all of the workers are self employed or engaged in unpaid labour.
  - This segment suffers from disguised employment.
- Only II
  - Only III
  - Only I and II
  - Only I and III
  - All of the above
118. What could be a/some possible reason/s for so few jobs to be created, given that the growth rate is more than 7%?
- There is no proper record of job creation in the informal economy, which forms the bulk of employment, and hence no way of accurately knowing how many jobs has been created.
  - The growth has mostly been in areas which are capital intensive and not labour intensive.
  - There is a possibility that the GDP figures are overestimated on account of some changes in the new National Accounts Statistics (NAS) series and the economic growth is overstated.
- Only II
  - Only III
  - Only I and II
  - Only II and III
  - All of the above
119. Which of the following is/are true as per paragraph 5?
- The Labour Bureau under the Ministry of Labour and Employment carries out household surveys similar to the annual Period Labour Force Survey.
  - The results of the Household Surveys point to a worsening employment situation.
  - The Unemployment Surveys (EUS) conducted by the National Sample Survey (NSS) were biennial in nature.



- II. The entire chain of operation faces bottlenecks pertaining to funding
- III. A scarcity of adequately qualified people in India.
- (a) Only II (b) Only I and III  
(c) Only II and III (d) Only III  
(e) All of the above
126. As per your understanding of the passage, which of the following can be said to be example/s of AI usage in Industries?
- I. Data processing of students based on some parameters to find predictive patterns as to who would quit.
- II. A Bank teller using computer to help solve customer queries with respect to their respective accounts.
- III. Use of unmanned tanks, vessels, aerial vehicles and drones in the armed forces.
- (a) Only I (b) Only II  
(c) Only I and III (d) Only II and III  
(e) All of the above

**DIRECTIONS (127-133):** Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow. **(RBI Grade B Prelim-2023)**

Sleep is not just a period of rest, it plays a crucial role in how we learn and remember. During sleep, our brains consolidate memories, transforming short-term memories into long-term ones. This process involves strengthening the connections between brain cells that fired together while we were learning or experiencing something new. The type of waves associated with the initial code of memories during the sleep is called delta waves.

There are two main stages of sleep important for memory consolidation: slow-wave sleep and REM (Rapid Eye Movement) sleep. Slow-wave sleep, characterized by deep brain waves, allows for the initial encoding and strengthening of memories. REM sleep, with its rapid eye movements and increased brain activity, as during daydreaming, is thought to be crucial for processing emotional memories and integrating new information with existing knowledge.

The amount and quality of sleep we get significantly impacts our ability to learn remember and concentrate. Skipping on sleep can lead to difficulty forming new memories, as well as impairing the ability to recall existing ones.

127. What is the main benefit of sleep for our brains?
- (a) Relaxation of muscles  
(b) Regulation of body temperature  
(c) Consolidation of memories  
(d) Detoxification of the body  
(e) Production of digestive enzymes
128. What type of brain wave activity is associated with the initial encoding of memories during sleep?
- (a) Beta waves (b) Delta waves  
(c) Alpha waves (d) Theta waves  
(e) Kappa waves
129. Which stage of sleep is characterized by rapid eye movements and increased brain activity?
- (a) Non-REM sleep (b) Deep sleep  
(c) REM sleep (d) Light sleep  
(e) Wakefulness
130. What is a potential consequence of not getting enough sleep?
- (a) Increased appetite (b) Difficulty concentrating  
(c) Improved mood (d) Enhanced creativity  
(e) Stronger immune system
131. According to the passage, which of the following statements is most likely true?
- (a) Memories are formed only while we are awake and learning new information.  
(b) Sleep has no impact on our ability to learn and remember.  
(c) Both slow-wave sleep and REM sleep play a role in memory consolidation.  
(d) Deep sleep is the only important stage for memory consolidation.  
(e) REM sleep is primarily responsible for erasing unwanted memories.
132. The passage compares the brain during REM sleep to which of the following activities?
- (a) Daydreaming (b) Deep meditation  
(c) Problem-solving (d) Complete rest  
(e) Sensory deprivation
133. The word "consolidation" in the passage refers to:
- (a) Relaxation (b) Strengthening  
(c) Fragmentation (d) Activation  
(e) Elimination

### Miscellaneous

**DIRECTIONS (Qs. 1-10):** In each of the questions given below, four words are given in bold. These four words may or may not be in their correct position. The sentence is then followed by option with the correct combination of words that should replace each other in order to make the sentence grammatically and contextually correct. Find the correct combination of the words that replace each other. If the sentence is correct as it is, then select option (e) as your choice.

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1. The **warm (A)** set behind the **valley (B)**, casting a **sun (C)** glow over the **mountains (D)**.
- (a) A-D (b) A-B  
(c) C-D (d) A-C, B-D  
(e) No interchange needed
2. As she entered the **room (A)**, she noticed a **small (B)** spider **dangling (C)** from the **ceiling (D)**.
- (a) A-D (b) A-B, C-D  
(c) B-C (d) A-C, B-D  
(e) No interchange needed
3. The **shade (A)** oak tree provided **old (B)** from the **hot (C)** summer **sun (D)**.
- (a) A-C, B-D (b) A-B  
(c) A-D, B-C (d) C-D  
(e) No interchange needed
4. His **exotic (A)** job required **him (B)** to **travel (C)** frequently to **new (D)** locations.
- (a) B-C, A-D (b) A-B, C-D  
(c) A-D (d) B-C  
(e) No interchange needed
5. The **rich (A)** ruins stood as a **testament (B)** to the **ancient (C)** history of the **region (D)**.
- (a) A-C (b) B-D  
(c) A-B (d) C-D  
(e) No interchange needed

**DIRECTIONS (Qs. 6-10):** In each of the following questions, a sentence is given with four highlighted words. Choose the alternative, reflecting the appropriate replacement of the words so as to form a grammatically correct and contextually meaningful sentence. If no replacement is required, mark (e) i.e. 'no correction required' as your answer choice.

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6. Forecasting the (A) **days**, or trying to (B) **find** out what it will be like in several (C) **weather** time, has always been a (D) **difficult** business.  
(a) A-C (b) B-D (c) A-D (d) B-C  
(e) No correction required
7. The underlying (A) **future** of the questions that Indian (B) **children** have a common (C) **assumption** is itself (D) **dubious**.  
(a) B-C (b) B-D (c) A-C (d) D-A  
(e) No correction required
8. The failure to provide an (A) **contrast** for primary education in the (B) **villages** of India more than 40 years after Independence is in sharp (C) **infrastructure** with the sophisticated (D) **institutions**.  
(a) B-D (b) A-C (c) D-A (d) B-C  
(e) No correction required
9. A recent (A) **students** in Newsweek says that in American colleges (B) **report** of Asian origin (C) **outperform** not only the minority group (D) **students** but the majority whites as well.  
(a) A-D (b) B-A (c) D-C (d) C-A  
(e) No improvement required
10. The need to (A) **prove** themselves in their new country and the (B) **competition** of an international (C) **standard** they faced there must have cured (D) **mental** and physical laziness.  
(a) A-D (b) C-D  
(c) B-C (d) B-D  
(e) No improvement required

**DIRECTIONS (Qs. 11-17):** In the following questions, the word mentioned at the top is used in different ways in the options provided. Choose the one in which the usage of the word is incorrect or inappropriate. (IBPS PO Prelim-2023)

11. **Flourish**  
(a) The garden flourished with vibrant flowers after the spring rains.  
(b) The artist's career finally flourished after years of struggle.  
(c) The rumor flourished through the town, causing panic.  
(d) The chef carefully flourished the spices over the dish.  
(e) The company's profits flourished in the booming economy.
12. **Comprehension**  
(a) The student's lack of comprehension of the material made studying difficult.  
(b) Reading comprehension skills are essential for academic success.  
(c) The artist aimed to evoke a sense of comprehension in the viewer.  
(d) The author's clear writing style aided comprehension of the complex topic.  
(e) We reached a mutual comprehension of the situation.

13. **Astonished**  
(a) The tourists were astonished by the breathtaking beauty of the waterfall.  
(b) The news of her promotion left her astonished.  
(c) The child was astonished by the magician's disappearing act.  
(d) We received an astonishing number of applications for the job.  
(e) The professor presented the theory in an astonished tone.
14. **Favour**  
(a) He is an orthodox and does not favour intercaste marriages.  
(b) She was clever enough to win her boss' favour.  
(c) She was asked to give a favoured idea in the presentation.  
(d) Ice creams were her favourite sweet after dinner.  
(e) The exhibitions received favourable reviews.
15. **Effect**  
(a) It only effected me to the extent of loosing out on an opportunity.  
(b) Smoking has adverse effect on health.  
(c) A container deposit system is also effective in increasing environmental awareness.  
(d) With effect from June, the terms and conditions of the policy will undergo changes.  
(e) Only those with progressive ideas can effect change in society.
16. **Head**  
(a) We were heading towards our office when our car met with an accident.  
(b) He is the Head of the Botany Department in his college.  
(c) Two headless birds were found in the field when the farmer went to check on the crops.  
(d) She does not pay head to the advices I give her when she is in doubt.  
(e) Let us head towards the hotel since it is getting dark.
17. **Spring**  
(a) The police sprang into action and caught the murderers.  
(b) Spring is the season that infuses new spirit into everything.  
(c) It was a bright, almost spring like Sunday afternoon.  
(d) The bed had several broken springs that were popping out from its edges.  
(e) The springer in the clock was hanging loose and about to fall.

**DIRECTIONS (Qs. 18-22):** In the sentences given below, identify the terms in bold which need to be swapped to make the sentence grammatically and contextually appropriate. The options present the sequence of the words. Choose the correct sequence and if no change is required choose option (e) 'No change required'. (IBPS PO Mains-2023)

18. The scientist **conducted (A) a series of tests (B) to finally prove (C) his theory.**  
(a) A-B-C (b) B-C-A  
(c) A-C-B (d) C-B-A  
(e) No change needed

19. The **customers (A)** from the bakery **enticed (B) aroma (C)** to enter.  
 (a) A-B-C (b) B-C-A  
 (c) C-B-A (d) B-C-A  
 (e) No change needed
20. The library **complaints (A)** were **lifted (B)** due to an increase in student **restrictions (C)**.  
 (a) A-B-C (b) B-C-A  
 (c) C-B-A (d) B-A-C  
 (e) None of the above
21. With **smarter (A)** becoming **technology (B)**, there has been **corresponding (C)** increase in cyber fraud.  
 (a) B-A-C (b) B-C-A  
 (c) A-C-B (d) C-B-A  
 (e) No change needed
22. Due to his **bad (A)** temper, the servants were always left to **brunt (B) the face (C)** of his terrifying antics.  
 (a) A-B-C (b) C-B-A  
 (c) A-C-B (d) B-C-A  
 (e) No change needed

**DIRECTIONS (23-25):** In each of the following questions, a word has been given and used in three statements. You are supposed to identify which of the statements/uses the word correctly and mark that as your answer. (SBI PO Prelim-2023)

23. Pupil  
 I. The photographer focused the camera pupil on the magnificent skyline.  
 II. Numerous studies have revealed that dilated pupils are caused due to recreational drug overdose.  
 III. Though the commissioner had reached new heights, he always regarded himself as a pupil of the headmaster.  
 (a) Only I and II (b) Only II and III  
 (c) Only II (d) Only I  
 (e) Only III
24. Tender  
 I. The online system enables people to download the tender schedule free of cost and place bids.  
 II. Having worked on various cases, the detective tendered his resignation to the agency in order to pursue music.  
 III. Monthly millions of dollars are arriving in the country to schedule the tender.  
 (a) Only II (b) Only I  
 (c) Only III and I (d) Only II and I  
 (e) Only III
25. Season  
 I. The customer requested the Chef to season the chicken with mixed herbs before roasting it in the oven.  
 II. The river flowed aimlessly off the season towards the city.  
 III. During this Olympic season, you may hear from announcers, critics, commentators and even athletes that the Olympic Games are too commercial.  
 (a) Only III (b) Only III and I  
 (c) Only III and II (d) Only II and I  
 (e) Only II and III

**DIRECTIONS (26-30):** Two columns are given in each question and each column has three parts of a sentence. Choose the most suitable pair, which makes a grammatically correct and contextually coherent statement. (SBI PO Mains-2023)

26. **COLUMN-I**  
 (A) The State of Kerala recently witnessed what many would call  
 (B) Prof. Bipan Chandra in his Communalism in Modern India has identified three species  
 (C) Communal nationalism fed liberal and extreme communalism and made it
- COLUMN-II**  
 (D) If one goes back in time, to colonial India, the All-India Muslim League.  
 (E) A media article titled 'Hindu Mahasabha with Muslim League', is illuminating.  
 (F) It was the same personage who launched the Jan Sangh, the precursor to the BJP.  
 (a) C-F (b) B-E  
 (c) A-F & B-D (d) A-E, C-F & B-D  
 (e) None of these
27. **COLUMN-I**  
 (A) The MEF, which was first convened in March 2009, originated in  
 (B) Floods that wash away farmland and dwelling areas, and the  
 (C) While the meeting's purport was not hidden, the retitling provided a feel-great and one
- COLUMN-II**  
 (D) The Bush-era U.S. efforts to rope in major emitters.  
 (E) In 45 seats in eastern and southern Assam - are also campaign issues.  
 (F) From which retraction was not possible for the emerging economies.  
 (a) A-E & B-D (b) A-E & B-F  
 (c) C-F & A-D (d) B-E & C-D  
 (e) None of these
28. **COLUMN-I**  
 (A) Last week, the Union Government issued a set of rules under the Information Technology Act,  
 (B) The Union Government, when issuing these rules, made  
 (C) The government's gazette notification has claimed that the rules were issued under the legal
- COLUMN-II**  
 (D) Reference to increased global interest in regulating Big Tech.  
 (E) Noting that it was superseding rules issued under Section 79 of that statute in 2011.  
 (F) Authority to specific procedure for blocking web content under Section 69A of the IT Act.  
 (a) C-F (b) B-E  
 (c) A-F & B-D (d) A-E, C-F & B-D  
 (e) C-F & B-D
29. **COLUMN-I**  
 (A) Local polls are often marred by violence, and charges  
 (B) It has described the Goa government's action in asking its  
 (C) Regimes in the States would have to wake up to the reality

**COLUMN-II**

- (D) As SEC as a "mockery of the Constitutional mandate".  
 (E) That they cannot always control the local body polls as in the past.  
 (F) Of arbitrary delimitation and reservation of wards.  
 (a) B-F & C-E (b) C-E & A-F  
 (c) B-E & A-D (d) C-D & B-F  
 (e) None of these

30. **COLUMN-I**

- (A) National Science Day, which fell on February 28, commemorates a  
 (B) It seems very thoughtful and rational that our National Science Day  
 (C) Since history judges a person by the peaks of his

**COLUMN-II**

- (D) Calcutta in 1928, that came to be known as the Raman Effect.  
 (E) Celebrates a discovery and not the birthday of its discoverer.  
 (F) As an outstanding physicist remains unscathed.  
 (a) C-D (b) A-E  
 (c) B-E (d) C-F  
 (e) None of these

**DIRECTIONS (31-35):** In each of the questions given below, a connector is given in highlighted followed by two columns with few sentences in each. Identify the sentences that can be connected in order to form meaningful and grammatically correct sentences using the given connector. **(SBI PO Mains-2023)**

31. **PROVIDED THAT****COLUMN-I**

- (A) The source of water is being arranged.  
 (B) The minister opined that rainwater can also be collected in the water bodies and lakes.  
 (C) The arrangement for treated water should go on simultaneously.

**COLUMN-II**

- (D) Officials were further directed by the minister to complete the work.  
 (E) They are clean.  
 (F) A dedicated pipeline should be laid from Keshopur STP to Paschim Vihar lake.  
 (a) C-F (b) A-D (c) A-F (d) B-E  
 (e) C-E

32. **WHILE****COLUMN-I**

- (A) The trap team caught the accused red-handed.  
 (B) Further investigation of the case is going on.  
 (C) The amount of bribe – Rs. 20,000 – was recovered on the spot.

**COLUMN-II**

- (D) He said a trap team was constituted.  
 (E) Searches were also conducted in the house of the assused.  
 (F) A verification was conducted and accordingly a case was registered.  
 (a) C-F (b) A-D  
 (c) A-F (d) B-E  
 (e) C-E

33. **BECAUSE****COLUMN-I**

- (A) The resumption of economic activity also brings a large number of people together.  
 (B) India is facing a second wave of coronavirus.  
 (C) India was thought to be slowly seeing the back of Covid-19.

**COLUMN-II**

- (D) It let its guard down too soon.  
 (E) Over 80% of new Covid-19 cases in India's "second wave" are from six states.  
 (F) Large political and religious gatherings have been permitted.  
 (a) B-E (b) A-E (c) B-D (d) C-F  
 (e) C-D

34. **EVENTHOUGH****COLUMN-I**

- (A) Kohli did not give the ball to Hardik Pandya at all in the match.  
 (B) Decision to not use Pandya as a bowler was made to manage his workload.  
 (C) Hardik Pandya could have been given a spell of 3-4 overs.

**COLUMN-II**

- (D) Indian bowlers were hit for plenty.  
 (E) The all-rounder had bowled in the T20Is.  
 (F) He had bowled as many overs in the shortest format against England.  
 (a) C-E (b) B-D (c) A-D (d) B-F  
 (e) A-E

35. **BUT****COLUMN-I**

- (A) There has been a disruption in the electric-vehicle business in China.  
 (B) Iron-powered electric vehicles are surging in China.  
 (C) A low-cost battery is touted by Elon Musk.

**COLUMN-II**

- (D) Therefore, it is spurring the rise of more affordable EVs.  
 (E) It is grabbing nearly half of the market.  
 (F) Concerns remain about their range and cold-weather performance.  
 (a) C-E (b) B-D (c) A-D (d) B-F  
 (e) A-E

**DIRECTIONS (36- 42):** In the following questions, few words have been highlighted which may or may not require improvement. Interchange the highlighted words using the given alternatives in order to form a grammatically and contextually correct sentence. If no interchange is required, choose option E as your answer. **(IBPS RRB Office Asst. Mains-2023)**

36. Rescue workers (A)**claimed** flood (B)**collapsed** parts of Germany and Belgium for survivors on Saturday after burst rivers and flash floods this week (C)**ravaged** houses and (D)**searched** at least 157 lives.

- (a) Only (A)-(B)  
 (b) Only (B)-(D)  
 (c) Both (B)-(D) and (A)-(C)  
 (d) Both (A)-(D) and (B)-(C)  
 (e) No interchange is required



37. South African President Cyril Ramaphosa on Friday said he has (A) **province** his police minister and premier of KwaZulu Natal (B) **dispatched** to a township in Durban amid (C) **escalating** tensions between the Indian and Black African (D) **communities** there.
- (a) Only (B)-(D)  
 (b) Only (A)-(B)  
 (c) Both (A)-(D) and (B)-(C)  
 (d) Both (B)-(D) and (A)-(C)  
 (e) No interchange is required
38. In October last year, we conducted an (A) **extensive** survey to (B) **gauge** the (C) **elevating** of the pandemic on women from low-income households, with a view to (D) **impact** women's agenda among policymakers.
- (a) Only (C)-(D)  
 (b) Only (D)-(B)  
 (c) Both (A)-(D) and (B)-(C)  
 (d) Both (B)-(D) and (A)-(C)  
 (e) No interchange is required
39. However much President Biden might have (A) **overshadowed** for Independence Day celebrations on July Fourth, the nationwide (B) **resurgence** was this year (C) **called** by concerns and even fears of (D) **euphoria** of Covid.
- (a) Only (A)-(D)  
 (b) Only (C)-(B)  
 (c) Both (B)-(D) and (A)-(C)  
 (d) Both (A)-(D) and (B)-(C)  
 (e) No interchange is required
40. In the garb of (A) **exceeding** misinformation and (B) **fracas** technology companies, GoI has been (C) **addressing** the powers granted through subordinate legislation and using it for political purposes as is evident from the recent Twitter (D) **regulating**.
- (a) Only (B)-(C)  
 (b) Only (A)-(D)  
 (c) Both (A)-(C) and (B)-(D)  
 (d) Both (B)-(A) and (C)-(D)  
 (e) No improvement
41. Match the words in column A with their correct synonyms in column B.
- | Column-A              | Column-B             |
|-----------------------|----------------------|
| A. Eloquent           | (i) Friendly         |
| B. Amiable            | (ii) Tranquil        |
| C. Serene             | (iii) Loquacious     |
| (a) A-iii, B-i, C-ii, | (b) A-ii, B-iii, C-i |
| (c) A-ii, B-i, C-iii  | (d) A-i, B-ii, C-iii |
| (e) None of the above |                      |
42. Match the words in column A with their correct antonyms in column B.
- | Column-A              | Column-B             |
|-----------------------|----------------------|
| A. Disperse           | (i) Serious          |
| B. Clandestine        | (ii) Overt           |
| C. Frivolous          | (iii) Gather         |
| (a) A-iii, B-i, C-ii, | (b) A-ii, B-iii, C-i |
| (c) A-ii, B-i, C-iii  | (d) A-iii, B-ii, C-i |
| (e) None of the above |                      |

**DIRECTIONS (Qs. 43-45):** In the questions below, a word has been highlighted above and used in the sentences below the same. You have to identify the sentence in which the given word has not been used properly. (RRB Officer Scale-I Mains-2023)

43. **Flourish**
- (a) The garden **flourished** with vibrant flowers after the spring rains.  
 (b) Despite the challenges, the young artist's career **flourished**.  
 (c) The rumor **flourished** throughout the town, causing panic.  
 (d) The chef used a **flourish** when plating the delicate dessert.  
 (e) Used correctly in all sentences
44. **Envision**
- (a) The **envision** was breathtaking.  
 (b) The architect **envisioned** a building that would blend seamlessly with the landscape.  
 (c) It's hard to **envision** a future without climate change action.  
 (d) The artist used vivid colors to **envision** her dream world.  
 (e) We need to envision a plan to tackle this problem.
45. **Imperative**
- (a) Studying regularly is **imperative** for good grades.  
 (b) It is **imperative** to follow safety precautions when working with machinery.  
 (c) The doctor's instructions were **imperative** for a speedy recovery.  
 (d) The coach told them to win the game **imperatively**.  
 (e) Choosing the right outfit is an **imperative** part of a job interview.

**DIRECTIONS (Qs. 46-50):** From the options given, choose the correctly spelt word. (RBI Assist. Prelim-2023)

46. (a) Rendevouz (b) Rendezvous  
 (c) Rendavous (d) Raundezvous  
 (e) Rendevou
47. (a) Multiplier (b) Multipliar  
 (c) Multipleir (d) Multipeirl  
 (e) Multipler
48. (a) Criminalisation (b) Criminelisation  
 (c) Criminalization (d) Criminization  
 (e) Criminalishen
49. (a) Adecueatly (b) Adiquately  
 (c) Adequetly (d) Adequately  
 (e) Adequetli
50. (a) Mechanizm (b) Mekanism  
 (c) Machanism (d) Mechansm  
 (e) Mechanism

**DIRECTIONS (Qs. 51-53):** Select the phrase/connector (Starters) from the given three options which can be used to form a single sentence from the two sentences given below, implying the same meaning as expressed in the statement sentences. (RBI Asst. Mains-2023)

51. (I) Rosen firm cited some news reports about alleged unfair business practices.  
 (II) The firm said it was preparing a securities lawsuit.

- (i) Since there were some.....  
 (ii) Citing some news.....  
 (iii) After some reports prepared.....  
 (a) Only (i) (b) Both (ii) and (iii)  
 (c) Only (ii) (d) Both (i) and (iii)  
 (e) All (i), (ii), (iii)
52. (I) Protests had intensified in the past couple of days.  
 (II) Many residents, students and traders are calling "walls incongruous with the Tagore school of thought".  
 (i) Due to the protests.....  
 (ii) With many residents.....  
 (iii) As many residents.....  
 (a) Both (i) and (ii) (b) Both (ii) and (iii)  
 (c) Only (ii) (d) Both (i) and (iii)  
 (e) All (i), (ii), (iii)
53. (I) The researchers have cautioned that their findings do not represent the entire city but are significant.  
 (II) The findings will allow scientists to probe the question whether wide enough spread of the infection can slow it down through the phenomenon of herd immunity.  
 (i) Because the researchers.....  
 (ii) Though the researchers.....  
 (iii) As the findings.....  
 (a) Both (i) and (ii) (b) Both (ii) and (iii)  
 (c) Only (ii) (d) Both (i) and (iii)  
 (e) All (i), (ii), (iii)

**DIRECTIONS (54-59):** In the questions given below, out of the four alternatives, choose the one which can be substituted for the given words/sentence. (RBI Grade B Prelim-2023)

54. An underhand device resorted to in order to justify misconduct  
 (a) Subterfuge (b) Manoeuvre  
 (c) Stratagem (d) Complicity
55. Impossible to describe  
 (a) Miraculous (b) Ineffable  
 (c) Stupendous (d) Appalling
56. One who criticises popular beliefs which he thinks is mistaken or unwise

- (a) Philistine (b) Iconoclast  
 (c) Imposter (d) Cannibal
57. Detaining and confining someone  
 (a) Interruption (b) Interrogation  
 (c) Internment (d) Liberation
58. Science of the races of mankind  
 (a) Genealogy (b) Epistemology  
 (c) Ethnology (d) Sociology
59. One who hides away on a ship to obtain a free passage  
 (a) Composer (b) Stoker  
 (c) Stowaway (d) Shipwright

**DIRECTIONS (60-65):** In the following question, choose the pair of words that most nearly mean the same or opposite of each other. (RBI Grade B Prelim-2023)

60. A. Futile B. Gratification  
 C. Vacant D. Unprofitable  
 (a) A-B (b) A-C (c) A-D (d) B-C  
 (e) B-D
61. A. Mentor B. Preacher  
 C. Accomplice D. Accessory  
 (a) A-C (b) A-B (c) B-C (d) C-D  
 (e) B-D
62. A. Implicit B. Direct  
 C. Complex D. Permit  
 (a) A-C (b) A-B (c) B-C (d) C-D  
 (e) B-D
63. A. Altruistic B. Selfish  
 C. Egotist D. Ascetic  
 (a) A-C (b) A-B (c) B-C (d) C-D  
 (e) B-D
64. A. Pallid B. Soar  
 C. Vivid D. Twiddle  
 (a) A-B (b) B-C (c) C-D (d) A-C  
 (e) B-D
65. A. Emigrate B. Dodge  
 C. Shuffle D. Relocate  
 (a) A-B (b) B-C (c) C-D (d) A-D  
 (e) B-D

## Hints & Explanations

### Spotting Errors

1. (a) Here, Nuclear waste will still **remain/be** .... should be used.
2. (c) Here, **whose** attic had been should be used. **Whose** is used to say which person or thing you mean.  
**Look at the sentence :**  
 It is the house whose door is painted red.
3. (c) Here, subject i.e. a public safety advertising campaign is singular. Hence, **hopes** to draw attention ... should be used here.
4. (d) Replace 'its' with 'their'.
5. (a) Replace 'decide' with 'decided'.
6. (c) Replace 'therefore' with 'as' or 'because'.
7. (c) Delete 'have'.
8. (d) Replace 'submitting' with 'submit'.
9. (c) Use 'has' for a single entity.  
 Use 'evasively' instead of 'evasive'.  
 Use only 'was' instead of 'was being'
10. (e)
11. (d)
12. (a) In statement (a) 'was' is correct because 'percentage of' takes singular verb In statement (b) information has no plural form, so remove 's' from 'informations' In statement (c) change 'over' to 'of' Here only option (a) is grammatically correct. Hence, correct answer will be option (a).
13. (e) In statement (a) change 'it' to 'its'  
 In statement (b) change 'have' to 'has' as compensation is singular in form. In statement (c) change 'is' to 'was' as sentence is in past form. All sentences are grammatically incorrect. Hence, the correct option is (e).
14. (b) This is an example of spotting errors in a sentence. Since some nouns are always used in plural form, so they always follow a plural verb. Therefore, 'is' will be replaced by 'are' since scissors is always used in a plural form. So, option (b) has an error.

15. (c) This is an example of error spotting in sentences. When nouns indicate measure or length, they remain unchanged in form so long as they are followed by another noun or pronoun. In this sentence, since the noun 'degree' follows the measure or time period, i.e., 'three years', hence it will be written as 'three-year degree course'. So, option (c) is the incorrect part.
16. (c) plant growth is. This is the error spotted in the sentence where when there are more than one items, 'are' will be used. Therefore, option (c) of the given sentence has an error.
17. (d) equipments. Since it is an uncountable noun, its plural will remain 'equipment'. Therefore, the error in option (d) is the correct answer.
18. (c) besides me. In option (c), beside should be used instead of 'besides' since besides means in addition to and beside means next to or at the side of. The grammatically correct sentence would be read as – "The man laid down beside me on the bench at the park."
19. (c) first. 'The' should be added before 'first' because the sentence is expressing a quality and at times, common nouns are used as abstract nouns to express qualities. Therefore, option (C) is the correct answer.
20. (c) The error is in the third part of the sentence. Since the sentence finishes in past tense, the word 'pursue' will become 'pursued'.
21. (b) The error is in the second part of the sentence. The grammatically correct way of writing the sentence will be- "After knowing the truth, he went ahead and made the right choice."
22. (b) The error lies in the second part of the sentence. Since two nouns are used, the verb will be singular. The improved sentence will be- "Reading and writing provide nutrition to the brain."
23. (b) The error lies in the second part of the sentence. The grammatically correct way of writing the sentence is- "His brother got wet in the rain while returning from office."
24. (a) 'People do not'
25. (d) 'work during the week'
26. (d) Replace 'newly' with 'new'.
27. (d) Neither John nor Mary have finished their assignments yet.  
'Neither' is used with singular verbs, so the correct verb form should be 'has' instead of 'have'. The sentence should be: 'Neither John nor Mary has finished their assignments yet'.
28. (e) All sentences are grammatically correct.
29. (c) The subject-verb agreement is incorrect. The subject "policy" is singular, so the verb should also be singular. 'The company's policy regarding sick leave is quite generous' is the correct sentence.
30. (c) The subject-verb agreement is incorrect. The subject "Every student" is singular, so the verb should also be singular.  
Corrected sentence: Every student in the class has completed their homework.
31. (e) There is no error in the given sentence. The sentence is grammatically correct.
32. (e) There is no error in the given sentence. The sentence is grammatically correct.
33. (b) The subject-verb agreement is incorrect. The subject "team members" is plural, so the verb should be plural as well.  
Corrected sentence: The team members have been informed about the meeting tomorrow.
34. (c) The sentence asks if the speaker returned the specific book they borrowed a week ago. This requires a pronoun that refers to something specific and previously mentioned, which is 'that'.
35. (b) The phrase 'to rested' is grammatically inappropriate. Instead of 'rested', the infinitive form 'rest' should be used to correct the sentence.
36. (e) There is no error in the given sentence.
37. (b) The first time the butterfly is mentioned, it's likely indefinite. We don't know yet which specific butterfly the children are chasing. Therefore, 'a brightly colored butterfly' would be more appropriate.
38. (e) The entire sentence is grammatically correct.
39. (b) The correct sentence will be- "His grades are too low to secure admission in a prestigious college." The word, 'too low to' have a negative meaning, it means 'more than is necessary or desirable'.
40. (b) The correct sentence will be- "The garbage was first sundried for one to three days to bring down the moisture level." The word, 'garbage' is an uncountable noun, hence it is used as it is in both singular and plural forms.
41. (a) Since 'education' is a singular subject, hence, the plural form of 'do' will be used, i.e., 'does'. The sentence will now become- "Education does not mean teaching the population using facts and figures; it means teaching how to behave."
42. (c) Since 'type' is known to be a countable noun, also, a number has been specified before it, therefore, it will always be used as a plural noun. The sentence will now become- "...It is of two types, ..."
43. (e) There is no error in the above given sentence. It is grammatically correct.
44. (b) The error lies in the word "put" in part (B). It should be "put on" instead of "put in."
45. (e) There is no error in the sentence. All parts of the sentence are grammatically correct.
46. (a) The error is in part (A). "Demand usual picks up" is incorrect. It should be "Demand usually picks up."
47. (b) The error is in part (B). "Feeling the pinches" should be "feeling the pinch." The phrase should be "feeling the pinch" to indicate experiencing financial difficulty.
48. (a) The error is in part (A). "While the tooth fairy continues to lag ahead" is incorrect. It should be "While the tooth fairy continues to lag behind."

### Sentence Improvement

1. (c) thick atmosphere- The correct phrase is "dense atmosphere." "Thick" can be used for liquids, while "dense" is more appropriate for gases.
2. (e) all are correct- There are no spelling or grammatical errors in this sentence.
3. (c) Explanation: In the given sentence, "appointed" can be replaced with "designated" to maintain the meaning that the project manager was officially assigned to the role due to his exceptional leadership skills.

4. (a) In this context, "advised" can be replaced with "instructed" to convey a stronger directive for the students to complete their assignments before the deadline.
5. (b) "Evaluated" can be effectively replaced with "assessed" to maintain coherence in the sentence, indicating that her performance was examined and determined to be outstanding by the hiring committee.
6. (a) "Exceeded" can be appropriately replaced with "surpassed" to convey the idea that the company's profits have gone beyond or exceeded expectations for this quarter.
7. (b) "Commendable" can be replaced with "laudable" to maintain the positive connotation, indicating that the team's performance during the championship was worthy of praise and admiration.
8. (b) Referred back is redundant. The prefix 're' means "back".
9. (d) Option (a) is incorrect as it uses the adjective AFTER the noun it qualifies. Options (b) and (c) are eliminated as they change the meaning of the sentence. Hence, the correct options is (d).
10. (c) The either... or structure should always be as close as possible to the things that they are attached to.
11. (e) No correction required
12. (c) 'such players are normally' as earlier in the sentence a description about the players has been given.
13. (a) This is an example of word swapping in which words in options A and C will be interchanged. The newly formed sentence will be- "Parents spoil their children by overindulgence and granting their wishes. Let us try and improve the situation by discussing positive measures."
14. (c) These are examples of word swap wherein a word in one sentence fits the second sentence in a more appropriate way. In this question, option (B) i.e., 'surprised' will be replaced by option (C), i.e., 'alarmed' and vice-versa. The newly formed sentences will be- "The contents of the letter alarmed them. He was surprised upon seeing his son."
15. (a) In this question, two words will be swapped to form grammatically correct sentences. Here, option (A) will be replaced by option (C). The new sentences thus formed will be- "Trust is the basic tenet for all relationships. His quality of being punctual in office is quite commendable."
16. (b) In this question, the options, (B) and (C), i.e., 'damaged' and 'changed' will be swapped to form correct sentences. The newly formed sentences will be- "Growing urbanization and literacy changed the plight of women in India. The car got damaged due to the accident on the street."
17. (c) In this question, the words, 'serious' (option B) and 'naughty' (option C) will be swapped with each other as they will be appropriate in the other sentence. The new sentences formed will be- "Not all young children are naughty. They were quite serious at the Board meeting."
18. (a) This is an example of word swapping wherein option (B) will be interchanged with option (C). The two words that will be interchanged to form appropriately correct sentences will be 'action' and 'way'. The new sentences will be formed as- "My friends told me that there was no way out. They took no action against the caught culprit."
19. (b) This is an example of word swap in which options (B) and (C) will be interchanged. In this question, 'paragraphs' and 'verses' will be swapped with each other to make meaningfully correct sentences. The new sentences will be- "The Bhagvad Gita is a poem of 700 verses. The paragraphs of that story were well connected."
20. (a) cannot scold at will. Option (A) will replace correctly as 'cannot scold at will' means the higher authorities in the organization cannot scold as and when they want to as they are not permitted to. Options (C) and (D) nearly mean the same as option (A) and are pointing towards a direct means of punishing their employees.
21. (b) that they save the environment. 'That' should be used after proclaim in order to make the sentence grammatically correct and meaningful. The sentence will now be read as- "Many of the conservationists proclaim that they save the environment against degradation."
22. (c) Except for you and me. When the word, 'except' is used, 'me' is used with it instead of I, so the most appropriate form of this phrase will be 'except for you and me'.
23. (a) emphasized. The word, 'emphasized' will be an appropriate alternative to replace 'reaffirmed' that will improve the sentence. The newly formed sentence will be- "North Korean leader Kim Jong-un met with Chinese President Xi Jinping and **emphasized** his commitment to the peninsula's "denuclearization."
24. (c) paramount. The word, 'paramount' will be an appropriate alternative to replace 'reinforce' that will improve the sentence. The newly formed sentence will be- "This special magnetic appeal or charm is **paramount** to his power and presence in front of an audience."
25. (b) In order to create a syntactically correct sentence B and C should be swapped. Note that collocatively 'allegations against' is apt. Thus, option (b) is the right response.
26. (e) The words in the given sentence are in a proper sequence. Thus, no change is required.
27. (a) In order to create a syntactically correct sentence, A and C should be swapped. Note that collocatively 'allegations against' is apt. Thus, option (a) is the right response.
28. (c) C-by-E-The better preposition for the given sentence is 'with' instead of 'by'.
29. (e) The given sentence is grammatically & syntactically apt. Thus, no improvement is required therein.
30. (a) The correct way of denoting the particular sector is 'service (s) sector'. 'Servicing' is incorrect form of the word here.
- The passage states that the Bhagavad Gita, a poem of 700 verses contains dialogues between Arjuna and Krishna which reconciles the three paths of human advancement i.e. the path of knowledge, the path of action and the path of faith.

### Fill in the Blanks

1. (e) 2. (b)
3. (a) hindrances
4. (c) "Responsibility, misrepresent, inhabit" fits the blanks most appropriately.
5. (e) Patriarchal means relating to or denoting a system of society or government controlled by men. Prohibits means formally forbid (something) by law, rule, or other authority.
6. (d) participation
7. (c) enhancing
8. (d) extend
9. (c) In the context of communication and logistics, option (c) provides all the appropriate words that are missing.
10. (c) Based on the definition of Internet of Things, option (c) is the correct response.
11. (a) Gives the sentence its proper meaning of Pakistan been supported by the international political giants to join against Soviet Union and Afghan policies.
12. (a) Here, the hint can be taken from the knowledge of the idiom 'take a toll' which means having a negative effect on something or someone. Thus, option (a) is the right answer.
13. (d) Contextually the most suitable response for the given question is option (d). the complete sentence will be 'Personal Growth is on the off chance that you need to satisfy the void between you and your objectives and become the individual you plan to be, however, you're stuck on the how'.
14. (c) As an appropriate collocation, 'stark mismatch' should be used to complete the first sentence; following which option (c) is the correct answer.
15. (b) Bit. Since the sentence is in present continuous tense, 'bit' (form of bite) will be used to complete the sentence.
16. (c) Was. Since the sentence is in past tense, therefore 'was' will fit in the blank and complete the sentence.
17. (d) Are. Since 'are' is the plural form of 'is', the grammatically correct sentence will be formed as: 'Proper grammar, punctuation and spellings are essential in a sentence.'
18. (b) Throughout. Though 'in' may be used here, but 'throughout' will fit the context more appropriately. The grammatically correct sentence will be: 'The roads throughout the state of Punjab are largely raised and smooth.'
19. (a) To. The correct preposition to be used is 'to'.
20. (a) Mesmerized. The word means, to hold somebody's attention completely.
21. (c) proposing, lenient, allowance. These three words will fit appropriately to make the sentence grammatically correct.
22. (c) technological, proliferation, disrupting. These words will be paced appropriately in the blanks to attain a grammatically correct sentence.
23. (d) cycle, enough, thorough. These words will fit the blanks and complete the sentence to make it appear grammatically correct.
24. (b) equality, classes, different. The three words will complete the sentence and make it grammatically correct.
25. (a) facilities, education, school. These three words will complete the sentence to make it sound grammatically correct.
26. (b) Vast means extremely large in amount, size, or scale. It describes a library with a large collection of books.
27. (b) Stealthy means moving silently and secretly to avoid being noticed.
28. (c) An expert is someone who has a high level of knowledge or skill in a particular field.
29. (b) A chat is a casual and informal conversation, typically brief and on a social level.
30. (a) The passage suggests there might be concerns about the speed of technological advancement. "Criticize" best reflects this sentiment.
31. (c) The context points towards the fast pace of technological development. "Advancement" is the most fitting choice.
32. (a) The passage suggests technology brings challenges alongside its benefits. 'Consequences' captures this idea.
33. (d) By looking at past experiences, we can learn from successes and failures. 'Experiences' best reflects this concept.
34. (a) Patchwork refers to a quilt made from different pieces of fabric sewn together, creating a unique design.
35. (c) Cherished means something that is loved and cared for, reflecting the narrator's feelings towards the teddy bear.
36. (b) Tranquility means peace and calmness, which best describes the feeling evoked by the scene.
37. (a) The phrasal verb 'melt away' means 'to disappear'. It fits appropriately in the given context.
38. (b) 'Brushed off' means to dismiss or ignore something, often a problem or concern, without giving it much attention.
39. (c) 'Clear up' means to resolve or clarify something, especially a misunderstanding or confusion.
40. (b) 'Back down' means to withdraw or retreat from a position or argument, especially in a conflict or confrontation.
41. (a) dehydration - Refers to the loss of body fluids, a concern during physical activity.
42. (b) energy - Snacks provide the body with fuel to maintain energy levels during the hike.
43. (a) hat - Protects the head and face from the sun's rays.
44. (b) shoes - Provides support and stability for walking on uneven ground.
45. (a) Bacterias and other micro-organisms are observed through the tool called microscope. Thus, option (a) is the right answer.
46. (c) The words that contextually fit in the given blanks are 'mowed' (to cut grass using a machine) and 'trimmed' (to make something clean and tidy by cutting). Thus, option (c) is the right answer.
47. (b) Having a long day at work would make someone feel tired and the need to relax. Therefore, 'exhausted' which is a synonym of 'tired' and 'pamper', meaning 'to treat with excessive care', should be the correct choices.
48. (b) The term 'enthusiastic' means 'feeling or showing excitement' and 'captivating' means 'extremely interesting'. Both these terms are contextually apt and meaningful.
49. (b) Contextually, option (b) provides the appropriate meaning to the given sentence. 'Cautious hikers' and 'uneven rocks' are correct combination of words in the given context.

50. (a) The complete sentence will be- "If you don't give the payment frequently, you will have to pay a penalty."
51. (b) The word, 'essentially' means the basic or most important part of something. The newly formed sentence will be- "Information is essentially data that pertains to a particular subject, object and person to provide a description of their characteristics."
52. (c) The newly formed sentence will be- "Social media provides awareness through campaigns, advertisements, promotions that keep the society up to date with current information."
53. (b) The new sentence thus formed will be- "The growth of Indian economy may sometimes seem to be rapid while sometimes hesitant."
54. (a) The word, 'saturation' will be appropriately placed in the above sentence. It will be read as- "Saturation of large cities and accumulation of population and economic activities in cities are emerging as new growth centres."
55. (b) This center will support the police in maintaining law and order, **assist** disaster management operations, help control pollution and **efficient** use of electricity and water, make timely **delivery** of services possible and offer better health and education services.  
The correct combination is BEA.
56. (d) The Central Vigilance Commission has summoned the top **brass** of the Employees' Provident Fund Organization after a fire on Friday night **destroyed** its vigilance wing office in the capital. Several fire tenders were **deployed** to douse the flames at the NBCC Tower.  
The correct combination is ACF.
57. (c) Over 10,000 people have been **displaced** while several others affected due to the floods caused by **torrential** rains in the Tamil dominated Northern and Eastern **provinces** of Sri Lanka.  
The correct combination is BFC.
58. (d) Vast crowds of black-clad demonstrators **thronged** Hong Kong on Sunday in the largest anti-government **protests** since local elections last month that boosted the pro-democracy movement seeking to **curb** controls by China.  
The correct combination is DEA.
59. (c) President Ram Nath Kovind on Sunday laid the foundation stone for a **monumental** to mark 200 years of the Paika Rebellion, an **uprising** against colonial rule that predates the rebellion of the sepoys in 1857.  
The correct combination is B-E.
60. (c) The people in the audience are the listeners; therefore, the speaker must speak in a way wherein his audience understands what he speaks .i.e., he should adjust himself according to the intellectual level of the audience. Thus, both 'adapt' and 'adjust' meaningfully fill the blank. Rests of the options are irrelevant.
61. (d) The words 'worse' and 'dubious' have negative connotations which don't suit the context of the sentence. Hence, they get ruled out. 'trusty' and 'clear' are irrelevant in the context of the sentence; therefore, they too get ruled out. The use of 'dear' and 'important' make the sentence meaningful thereby, making option (d) the answer.
62. (a) 'Idea' is ruled out as it is not preceded by 'an'. 'philosophy', 'explanation' and 'surge' are irrelevant in the context of the sentence; hence, they get ruled out too. The words 'data' and 'survey' make the sentence meaningful and contextually correct.
63. (e) The words 'norm', 'onus' and 'viability' are irrelevant in the context of the sentence; hence, get ruled out. Though 'fruit' appears to be an appropriate alternative but its combination with 'norm' as given in option (a) eliminates it. 'result' and 'outcome' fit correctly in the blank thereby making the sentence meaningful.
64. (b) The words 'desirable' and 'easy' are irrelevant in the context of the sentence; hence, get ruled out. The use of the words 'costly' and 'demanding' with 'human needs' doesn't make sense; so, these two are eliminated too. The leftover options .i.e., 'complicated' and 'complex' can be used as the fillers as they make the sentence meaningful. Therefore, the correct answer is option (b).
65. (a) 'Over' can't be used because it refers to the completion of a process. 'deceased' gets ruled out because it is used when a human life ends. 'elapsed' gets ruled out because it denotes the passage of time. 'defunct' is used with an organization or institution; so, it also gets ruled out. 'gone' and 'spent' which means 'run out' and 'used up' respectively fill the blank correctly. Therefore, the correct answer is option (a)

### Cloze Test

1. (b) 2. (a) 3. (c) 4. (b) 5. (a)  
6. (c) 7. (b) 8. (a) 9. (d) 10. (d)  
11. (b) The calmness of the air creates a peaceful atmosphere for the scene.  
12. (c) The melancholic melody evokes bittersweet memories, hinting at a past filled with both joy and sorrow.  
13. (b) The tear signifies the woman's reflection on the passage of time and its impact on her life.  
14. (e) The idiom 'flicker of hope' means slight hope.  
15. (a) 16. (c) 17. (b) 18. (a) 19. (a) 20. (a)  
21. (b)

#### Sol. (22-27):

Following words fit appropriately in the given passage-  
The prestigious Magic Academy was abuzz with excitement. The annual (22) competition, a showcase of student talent, was just days away. Among the young magicians, none were more (23) enthusiastic than Elara. Her signature illusion, a (24) breath-taking disappearance, had left audiences speechless in previous performances. However, this year, she planned to (25) raise the bar even higher with a more elaborate trick.

Elara spent countless hours (26) refining her new illusion, meticulously rehearsing every step and perfecting her sleight of hand. The day of the showcase arrived, and as Elara took center stage, a hush fell over the crowd. She executed the elaborate trick flawlessly, but to her (27) surprise, something went wrong. The audience gasped, not in awe, but in confusion. Elara's signature disappearance had become a very real vanishing act.

22. (a) 23. (c) 24. (b) 25. (a) 26. (d) 27. (a)  
28. (b) **drowning**: This idiom "drowning under water" emphasizes feeling overwhelmed and suffocated by work.

29. (c) **take hold of:** This idiom 'take hold of the bull by the horns' means to confront a problem directly and deal with it head-on.
30. (d) **stand her ground:** This idiom refers to refusing to back down or give in to pressure.
31. (a) **breathe easy:** This idiom means to feel relieved and relaxed after a stressful situation.
32. (a) It 'provides' light and guidance to the troubled mind in time of crisis.
33. (e) It is in the 'form' of dialogue.
34. (e) Arjuna is the 'symbol' of the tortured spirit of man.
35. (b) An attempt is 'made' to reconcile the three paths.
36. (d) But more 'emphasis' is laid on faith.
37. (a) 38. (d) 39. (b)

### Parajumbles

1. (b) The entire paragraph talks about how extinction occurs. Statements A, D and B all discuss how the commoner species quickly overpower the more rare ones. Statements E and C are conclusions based on these statements. Mandatory pairs would be (A-D) and (B-C).
2. (c) This question can be solved by options. Sentence B cannot come before D as D introduces Plato. This eliminates option (a) and option (d). D says that Plato on ethical grounds rejected the Homeric myth and A says that the chief modern challenge to myth has not come from ethics but from science. So A should come after D. Hence, option (c) is the correct option. It starts with discussing the challenges to myth (in D). C carries the idea further and states that this challenge was above all the Stoics. A talks about the modern challenge. So DCA are connected. E talks about the basis of the modern challenge and B summarises the concept.
3. (b) The mandatory pair that can be seen first is (B-E). But this is present in all the options. To solve this parajumble, we need to link other sentences to this pair. Statement A comes after (B-E) as it continues the idea of business continuing with neo-classical economics despite it being 'demolished'. This leaves us with options (a) and (b). The placements of statements D and C being the only difference. (b) is the better option as statement C needs to be at the beginning. Only if it is mentioned already that neo-classical economics was disproved would the writer be surprised, at it still being followed by business, makes sense. Also D fits in much better after (B-E-A) as it expresses Joan Robinson's disgust at neo-classical economics still being prevalent in business.
4. (b) (D-C) can be seen to be the opening pair in this parajumble as it sets the context for the entire discussion. This effectively leads us to choose between options (a) and (b). Option (a) can be eliminated as statement B can come only after statement E. Statement E introduces the idea of scientific determinism.
5. (a) B is the opening sentence as it introduces the topic. The word 'this' in B is a demonstrative adjective and describes the juxtaposition. D and A continue this idea and explain by giving examples of rock and classical music. DA forms a mandatory pair as A talks about the condensed and elaborate meanings of classical music. E should come immediately after DA as it talks about both sets of values. C summarises the whole concept and should come in the end. EC forms a mandatory pair as both the sentences talk about commercials depicting an idea through music.
6. (c) Farm workers spend most of their time outdoors.
7. (a) He shuffled the papers together in a drawer.
8. (b) Do you think this soap will shrink woollen clothes?
9. (c) We advised the hijackers to surrender themselves to the police.
10. (b) Sports car with noisy exhausts appeal to some motorists only.
11. (a) 'With that' in A and 'Then' in C rule the two out as opening sentences. Between B and D, the former is ruled out as the man went to the back regions to make a prescription for.....something stated earlier. So, D opens the sequence/paragraph. Now, it mentions 'I asked for a popular shampoo mixture' and C mentions 'the pharmacist.....mixture'; link DC is established. Then 'I groaned and inquired.....for gastric cramp' is logically followed by 'The man shuffled.....to make up prescription.....' (B). Thus, DCBA (option a) is the logical order.
12. (c) The expressions, 'since then' (A), 'in other words' (B) and 'such tests' (D) clearly rule the three out as opening sentences. Between C and E, the latter introduces 'tests' as the tools to measure intelligence while the former explains how 'tests' measure it. So the opening one is E rather than C. 'First of such tests' links D with E and 'since then', A with D, so that EDA is the chain. C expresses how tests give age-related norms and B says so in other words; i.e., link C-B follows.
13. (c) AD is a clear link, and so is BE.
14. (a) A coherent and meaningful sentence will be formed when ACB order is followed.
15. (b) A coherent and meaningful sentence will be formed when CBA order is followed.
16. (d) A coherent and meaningful sentence will be formed when CAB order is followed.
17. (c) A coherent and meaningful sentence will be formed when BAC order is followed.
18. (a) A coherent and meaningful sentence will be formed when CAB order is followed.
19. (c) The paragraph starts with an explanation of consumer behaviour, and follows as to how it has to be understood and analyzed. It concludes by considering the psychological and emotional aspects of individuals that determines their behaviour towards consumption and purchase.
20. (b) The paragraph begins with describing what sociologists study, following their research practices to understand social phenomenon that occurs in the society. Through research, they gain knowledge about the different patterns that are observed in understanding various aspects of society.
21. (e) The paragraph begins by introducing how virtual teams are becoming common due to globalization and a technology-driven world. It further talks about how these tools offer flexibility as they used to perform tasks. Yet, their challenges have been delineated.
22. (d) The paragraph begins by talking about sustainable agriculture practices and their types. It then discusses

- the benefits of adopting these practices and the approaches they design to make farming systems viable and reliant.
23. (b) The paragraph starts by discussing renewable energy sources and how they are beneficial towards reducing greenhouse gas emissions, thus mitigating climate change. It also talks about how the government, businesses and individuals are investing in renewable energy. It concludes by mentioning how renewable energy systems are becoming reliable and efficient.
24. (a) The correct rearrangement is as follows:  
Branded disposable diapers are available at many supermarkets and drug stores.  
(v) These diapers are known to be water absorbent to a high extent.  
(iii) So the demand for branded diapers at any particular store may be quite price sensitive.  
(i) If one supermarket sets a higher price for a diaper, customers may buy that brand elsewhere.  
(ii) By contrast, the demand for private-label products may be less price-sensitive since it is available only at a corresponding supermarket chain.  
(iv) For instance, only SavOn Drugs stores sell SavOn Drugs diapers.  
Then stores should set a higher incremental margin percentage for private label diapers.  
iii. It follows from a logical and coherent sequencing of the sentences to form a paragraph.
25. (b) v. Through a logical sequencing of the sentences, option (b) will be the correct answer.
26. (c) ii. From the above sequence of sentences, the fifth sentence will be option (c).
27. (b) The correct rearrangement of sentences will be Q, R, P, S, T. Therefore, sentence R will be the second statement after rearrangement.
28. (e) The correct rearrangement of sentences will be Q, R, P, S, T. Therefore, sentence T will be the fifth statement after rearrangement.
29. (a) The correct rearrangement of sentences will be Q, R, P, S, T. Therefore, sentence P will be the third statement after rearrangement.
30. (c) A contextually apt and coherent paragraph can be formed when the sentences are put in EBCDA order.
31. (b) A contextually apt and coherent paragraph can be formed when the sentences are put in CBADE order.
32. (a) A contextually apt and coherent paragraph can be formed when the sentences are put in EBCDA order.
33. (a) A contextually apt and coherent paragraph can be formed when the sentences are put in ECDBA order.
34. (d) We'll try to find the correct sequence of fragments using elimination technique here. If we read the opening fragment clearly, we can deduce that the original fragment can be followed by fragment C only, as 'was + V3' is grammatically correct. Thus option A and option B are eliminated. Now option C and option D are left. For concluding the sentence, fragment D is a better option than fragment A. This eliminates option D. Now, if we read the sequence of fragments given in option C, we find that they make a meaningful sentence together. Evidently, the correct sequence of fragments is: CBDA Option c is hence the correct answer.
35. (a) We'll try to find the correct sequence of fragments using elimination technique here. If we read the opening fragment clearly, we can deduce that it can be followed by a verb. Fragment B starts with 'Krishna', it is hence unfit to follow the original fragment. This eliminates option C immediately. In case fragment D follows the original fragment, then further fragment D and fragment B do not make a relevant pair. Thus option B is also eliminated. We are now left with option A (CBAD) and option D (CABD) as fragment C will surely follow the opening fragment. Fragment C cannot be followed by fragment A as it will be grammatically wrong. So option d is also wrong. Now, if we read the sequence of fragments given in option A, we find that they make a meaningful sentence together. Evidently, the correct sequence of fragments is: CBAD Option a is hence the correct answer.
36. (e) The arrangement ABCD is correct grammatically and contextually. Option (e) is hence the correct answer.
37. (b) We'll try to find the correct sequence of fragments using elimination technique here. If we read the opening fragment clearly, we can deduce that the fragment A and fragment B cannot follow it as 'became' will be grammatically incorrect This eliminates option C and option D. Further, the absence of article 'the' in fragment B makes it incorrect to follow fragment D. This eliminates option A. Now, if we read the sequence of fragments given in option B, we find that they make a meaningful sentence together. Evidently, the correct sequence of fragments is: DCBA Option b is hence the correct answer.
38. (d) Let us try to eliminate wrong options one by one. It can be deduced from the original fragment that it can be only followed by fragment B to make it grammatically relevant. This eliminates option C. Further, we see that fragment B and fragment A make a mandatory pair. This eliminates option A and option B. Now, if we read the sequence of fragments given in option D, we find that they make a meaningful sentence together. Evidently, the correct sequence of fragments is: BADC Option (d) is hence the correct answer.
39. (a) 40. (b) 41. (d) 42. (b) 43. (e)
44. (c) 45. (a) 46. (a) 47. (a) 48. (a)
49. (c) 50. (d) 51. (a) 52. (b)
53. (c) The fourth sentence of the passage after rearrangement will be sentence (f) which tells about the happiness of the fox when he sees the mother duck as she would be a sumptuous meal for her, but she flew away.
54. (d) It discusses how the fox was unable to catch the mother duck and its ducklings because they were now far from his reach.
55. (e) This sentence concludes the passage wherein when the fox came too close to the mother duck, she spread her wings and flew away.

**Sol. (56-60) :**

C, E and F can't be the opening sentence as they start with adverb and connectors respectively. D which starts with the noun 'India' will be the first sentence. A will come next as it talks about the past (discussed in D) wherein Invaders came to India. F will come next as it is an extension to the sentence A. C and A will follow next as they are in continuation to F in the same context. E will end the paragraph.