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Direction (1-6): The following questions consist of a sentence. Three words of the sentences are marked in bold, which may or may not be correctly spelled or can be grammatically incorrect. Choose the option which gives the word which is incorrectly spelled or makes the sentence grammatically incorrect. If there is no misspelled or grammatically incorrect word in the sentence then choose (d), i.e., 'No correction required' as your answer. If there is an error in the sentence apart from the given bold words then choose option (e), i.e., none of these.

1. American officials said they were “concerned” about the continueing communication restrictions and detentions.

- (a) officials
- (b) continueing
- (c) detentions
- (d) No correction required.
- (e) None of these.

2. The Congress leader demanded that the government transfer power subsidies directly into the bank accounts of beneficiaryes and not to the discoms.

- (a) government
- (b) subsidies
- (c) beneficiaryes
- (d) No correction required.
- (e) None of these.

3. Russia is likely to offer India its conventionel submarines on the government-to-government route under the Navy’s Project-75I

- (a) conventionel
- (b) government
- (c) route
- (d) No correction required.
- (e) None of these.

4. The publication of the register could be the start of an unprecedented complication — more of the humanitarian kind than of law and order

- (a) register
- (b) unprecedented
- (c) humanitarian
- (d) No correction required.
- (e) None of these.

5. Demand may be better revived by either increasing discretionary income in the hands of consumers, or make the cars themselves cheaper.

- (a) revived

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- (b) discretionary
- (c) themselves
- (d) No correction required
- (e) None of these.

6. The climate crisis is damaging the ability of the land to sustained humanity, according to a landmark United Nations (UN) report

- (a) crisis
- (b) sustained
- (c) landmark
- (d) No correction required
- (e) None of these.

Directions (7-11): In the following question, there is a statement divided into five parts, when arranged properly forms a coherent sentence both grammatically and contextually. The first part of the statement is given in bold to help you rearrange the other parts accordingly. Choose the best alternative among the five options given below each statement as your answer.

7. Gandhiji suggested / Hindustani as the national language (A)/ and thus recommended (B)/and the blending of Hindi with Urdu, (C)/ the development of provincial languages (D)

- (a)ABDC
- (b)BDCA
- (c)DCBA
- (d)BDAC
- (e)No rearrangement required

8. The corporate sector is looking /for a reduction in the corporate tax rate, (A)/ as promised by the Finance Minister (B)/ a few years ago but implemented only (C)/ for smaller firms in last year's Budget (D)

- (a)DBCA
- (b)BDCA
- (c)BCDA
- (d)DABC
- (e)No rearrangement required

9. At the current critical juncture / the Finance Minister is faced with the daunting task (A)/ of India's development journey, (B)/ of providing an impetus to growth (C)/and reviving the investment climate (D)

- (a)BDAC
- (b)BACD
- (c)CBDA

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- (d)ADCB
- (e)No rearrangement required

10. Government support for public housing projects / in clusters as well as a fillip (A)/to affordable housing is crucial (B)/ in turn, would create growth and jobs (C)/ to revive construction activity which, (D)

- (a)ADBC
- (b)BDCA
- (c)BCAD
- (d)ABDC
- (e)No rearrangement required

11. When I shall (A)/ get back (B)/ I shall pay off (C)/ the money that I borrowed (D)/ from you last month (E)

- (a) ABCD
- (b) ACDE
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- (c) ABCE
- (d) ABDE
- (e) None of these

Directions (12-16): Rearrange the following six sentences (A), (B), (C), (D), (E) and (F) in the proper sequence to form a meaningful paragraph and then answer the questions given below.

- A. What is more, the court's doctrine dictates just this deferral.
- B. In the long run, national recognition of same-sex marriage is inevitable.
- C. It is only a matter of time before all state laws reflect that view.
- D . Prudence counsels that marriage equality should be allowed to continue gaining support in the states, and that a federal resolution should be left for another day.
- E . Same-sex marriage rights, at first imposed by courts, have now been recognized by state legislatures and prevailed in all four states where they were on the ballot in last year's election.
- F . Young people overwhelmingly support it, and public opinion has shifted on this issue faster than on almost any other social issue in history.

Q12. Which of the following should be the FIRST sentence after rearrangement?

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

Q13. Which of the following should be the SECOND sentence after rearrangement?

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

Q14. Which of the following should be the THIRD sentence after rearrangement?

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

Q15. Which of the following should be the FOURTH sentence after rearrangement?

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

Q16. Which of the following should be the SIXTH (last) sentence after rearrangement?

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

Directions (17-21): Read each sentence to find out whether there is any grammatical or idiomatic error in it. The error, if any, will be in one part of the sentence. The number of that part is the answer. If there is 'No error', the answer is (5). (Ignore errors of punctuation, if any.)

Q17. Though the first portion (1)/ of the book was dull, but (2)/ the later part was (3)/ quite interesting. (4) /No error (5)

- (a) 1
- (b) 2
- (c) 3
- (d) 4
- (e) 5

Q18. Everyone agrees (1)/ that Rahul is wiser than (2)/all the members (3)/ of the family.(4) /No error (5)

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- (a)1
- (b)2
- (c)3
- (d)4
- (e)5

Q19. Watch (1)/ how careful (2)/ the sparrow knits (3)/ the straws into one another to form a nest. (4) /No error (5)

- (a)1
- (b)2
- (c)3
- (d)4
- (e)5

Q20. Like the commission has recommended (1)/ in its (2)/ report the rules need to be enforced (3)/more strictly. (4) /No error (5)

- (a)1
 - (b)2
 - (c)3
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- (d)4
 - (e)5

Q21. Although he (1)/ only earns eight hundred rupees a month, (2)/ he manages to support (3)/his family adequately. (4)/No error (5)

- (a)1
- (b)2
- (c)3
- (d)4
- (e)5

Directions-(22-23): Given below is a highlighted word followed by 4 sentences. You need to understand whether the sentences are using the word correctly or not. Mark the correct sentence with the correct word usage as your answer.

22. Vulnerable

- I. The students were in a vulnerable position since they did not have any other alternative.
- II. The new home is meant for vulnerable youths and adults who are in need of love and care.
- III. Sachin Tendulkar saw India off from that vulnerable position to a thumping victory over the world champion Australia in the Tri-nation tournament.

- A) Both I and III
- B) Only III

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- C) Both II and III
- D) Only II
- E) All the above

23. POST

- I. Everyone can post their barains for the world to see
 - II. The establishment of a post office in the town helped the people to attract new business.
 - III. A cyptic message was posted on the standard website.
- A) Both I and III
 - B) Only III
 - C) Both II and III
 - D) Only II
 - E) All the above

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Answers

Direction (1-6)

1. Ans. b

Exp. Here, spelling of 'continueing' is incorrect instead it should be 'continuing' hence, the correct answer choice would be option (b)

2. Ans. c

Exp. In this question, spelling of 'beneficiaryes' is incorrect instead it should be 'beneficiary' hence, the correct answer choice would be option (c)

3. Ans. a

Exp. Here, spelling of 'conventionel' is incorrect instead it should be 'conventional' hence, the correct answer choice would be option (a)

4. Ans. d

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Exp. There is no spelling or grammatical error in the given sentence. Hence, the correct answer choice would be option (d)

5. Ans. e

Exp. In the given sentence, the usage of the highlighted words is correct but the use of 'make' here is incorrect instead it should be 'making' as per the principle of parallelism. Hence, the correct answer choice would be option (e)

6. Ans. b

Exp. In the given sentence, the incorrect word is 'sustained' although its' spelling is correct but it is grammatically incorrect. The correct usage would be 'sustain' as the given sentence is in present tense. Hence, the correct answer choice would be option (b)

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Direction (7-10)

7. Ans. c

Exp. The correct sequence to arrange the sentence properly and meaningfully is DCBA. The expression “Gandhiji suggested the development of provincial languages” gives a logical meaning to the sentence which means that D should follow the bold part of the sentence. Hence option (c) is the correct choice.

“Gandhiji suggested the development of provincial languages and the blending of Hindi with Urdu, and thus recommended Hindustani as the national language.”

8. Ans. e

Exp. The given sequence of the sentence is correct and does not require any shuffling. It already gives a logical meaning. Thus, the sequence ABCD is the correct choice.

“The corporate sector is looking for a reduction in the corporate tax rate, as promised by the Finance Minister a few years ago but implemented only for smaller firms in last year’s Budget.”

9. Ans. b

Exp. The correct sequence to arrange the sentence properly and meaningfully is BACD. The expression “At the current critical juncture of India’s development journey” gives a start to the sentence which then should be followed by A, C and D respectively to make the sentence meaningful. Hence option (b) is the correct choice.

“At the current critical juncture of India’s development journey, the Finance Minister is faced with the daunting task of providing an impetus to growth and reviving the investment climate.”

10. Ans. d

Exp. The correct sequence to arrange the sentence properly and meaningfully is ABDC. The expression “to revive construction activity which, in turn, would create growth and jobs” makes the logical sequence in terms of both syntax and meaning. Hence option (d) is the correct choice. “Government support for public housing projects in clusters as well as a fillip to affordable housing is crucial to revive construction activity which, in turn, would create growth and jobs.”

11. Ans. e

Exp. The error is in part (A) of the sentence.

Use ‘when I get back’ in place of ‘when I shall get back’ as if we talk about two future incidents then in the main clause we use future tense and in subordinate clause we use simple present tense.

12. Ans.(b), The correct sequence is BEFCDA.

13. Ans.(c) , The correct sequence is BEFCDA.

14. Ans.(e), The correct sequence is BEFCDA.

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15.Ans.(c), The correct sequence is BEFCDA.

16.Ans.(a) , The correct sequence is BEFCDA.

Direction (17-21)

17.Ans. (2) ,. Substitute 'but' by 'yet' or delete 'but'. ' Though is always followed by 'yet' or simply comma.

18.Ans. (3) , Put 'other' after 'all the'.

19.Ans. (2) , Change 'careful' to 'carefully' to make it an adverb.

20.Ans. (1) , Replace 'like' by 'as'.

21.Ans. (2) , Change the position of 'only'. Put it before 'eight hundred rupees'. As a general rule 'only' or 'even' should be placed immediately before the word it is intended to qualify.

22. Ans. E

Sentence I: The students in a vulnerable position since they did not have any other alternative.

Here, the word 'vulnerable' has been used in the sense that the students were exposed to the possibility of being attached or harmed, physically or emotionally.

Sentence II: The new home is meant for vulnerable youths and adults who are in need of love and care.

Here, the word 'vulnerable' means people with a very weak bent of mind and in need of special attention and care.

Sentence III: Sachin Tendulkar saw India off from that vulnerable position to a thumping victory over the world champion Australia in the Tri-nation tournament.

'Vulnerable' refers to weak here. It means India were in a weak position initially from where they cruised to victory thanks to Sachin Tendulkar.

So, all the sentences are correct and that makes option E the correct choice.

23.Ans: e

Post- means that posting a comment or deliver information So the usage of word usage in the given all sentences are correct.