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Memory Based English Questions & Answers

Directions (1-3): In each of the following questions, a word has been used in sentences in **THREE** different ways. Choose the option corresponding to the sentence in which the usage of the word is **INCORRECT** or **INAPPROPRIATE**

Q1. PROCURE

- (I) You may have to barter with Jim to procure the essential supplies you need.
- (II) The world famous orchestra will procure on its international tour after tomorrow's concert.
- (III) Lionel runs an international company which can procure products from anywhere in the world.

- (a) Only (I)
- (b) Only (II)
- (c) Only (III)
- (d) Both (I) and (II)
- (e) Both (II) and (III)

Answer: B

Explanation: Only (II) is incorrect. 'Procure' means obtain (something), especially with care or effort

Q2. OUTWEIGH

- (I) Since the job paid much less and was more difficult, its disadvantages definitely outweigh its benefits.
- (II) If you want more choices with your exercising, treadmills outweigh ellipticals in that regard.
- (III) The rewards of motherhood outweigh the anguish.

- (a) Only (I)
- (b) Only (II)
- (c) Only (III)
- (d) Both (I) and (II)
- (e) All are correct

Answer: E

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Explanation: All are correct. 'Outweigh' means be heavier, greater, or more significant than

Q3. ESCHEW

- (I) Because I am a strict Christian, I tend to eschew events that are not religious in nature.
- (II) Even though I love coffee, I have chosen to eschew the beverage because of the damage it does to my teeth.
- (III) As the clumsy camper slid down the mountainside, he was finally able to eschew a tree limb and hang on until rescuers arrived.

- (a) Only (I)
- (b) Only (II)
- (c) Only (III)
- (d) Both (I) and (II)
- (e) Both (II) and (III)

Answer: C

Explanation: Only (III) is incorrect. 'Eschew' means deliberately avoid using; abstain from.

Directions (4-8): Find out the error, if any. If there is no error, the answer is (e), i.e. No error. (Ignore the errors of punctuation, if any.)

Q4. In order to streamline (a)/ the movement of vehicles during (b)/ the festival, traffic police have (c)/ chalked out diversion plans. (d)/ No error (e)

- (a)A
- (b)B
- (c)C
- (d)D
- (e)No Error

Answer: E

Explanation: No correction required

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Q5. (a) In the union Budget of 2002-2003, (b) much of the problems related (c) to human development (d) have not been properly addressed. (e) No error

- (a) A
- (b) B
- (c) C
- (d) D
- (e) No Error

Answer: B

Explanation: Change 'much of the problems' to 'many of the problems'. Because 'much' is used before uncountable nouns and 'many' is used before countable nouns. 'Problem' is a countable noun.

Q6. (a) It was apparent for (b) everyone present that if (c) the patient did not receive medical (d) attention fast, he would die. (e) No error.

- (a) A
- (b) B
- (c) C
- (d) D
- (e) No Error

Answer: A

Explanation: Use 'to' in place of 'for'.

Q7. Whatever be the work (a) that which you undertake (b) put your best efforts (c) in it. (d) No error (e)

- (a) A
- (b) B
- (c) C
- (d) D
- (e) No Error

Answer: B

Explanation: 'That which' is redundant; simply 'that' will do.

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Q8. He has been working on (a)/ the problem from a long time (b)/ but is still not (c)/ able to solve it. (d)/ No error (e)

- (a)A
- (b)B
- (c)C
- (d)D
- (e)No Error

Answer: B

Explanation: The correct preposition is to be used. We work on something 'for' some time.

Directions (9-11): Which of the phrases (a), (b), (c), and (d) given below each sentence should replace the phrase printed in bold type to make sentence grammatically correct? If the sentence is correct as it is, mark (e), i.e., No correction required, as the answer.

Q9. We had **not only helped them with** money but also with new machinery and raw material.

- (a) not only helped them by
- (b)helped them not only with
- (c) helped not only to them with
- (d)not only been helped them by
- (e) No correction required

Answer: B

Explanation: Replace 'not only helped them with' with 'helped them not only with'

Q10. All you really need is a mask, a tube, flippers and a spear gun.

- (a) You really need are
- (b)Your really need are
- (c) You real need is
- (d)You really needed is
- (e) No correction required

Answer: E

Explanation: No correction required

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Q11. By contrast, the construction of great temples which had seemingly have presented great engineering difficulties, was relatively easy.

- (a) had seemingly been presented
- (b) had been seemed present
- (c) was seemingly presented
- (d) would seemingly have presented
- (e) No correction required

Answer: D

Explanation: Replace 'seemingly have presented' with 'would seemingly have presented'

Directions (12-15): 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 options 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.

Q12. He said the statue (1) had been permission (2) with the installed (3) of the gram panchayat, but the administration (4) removed it deliberately.

- (a) Both 1-3 and 2-4
- (b) Only 2-3
- (c) Only 1-4
- (d) Both 1-4 and 2-3
- (e) None of these

Answer: B

Explanation: 2-3 will replace each other in order to make the sentence grammatically and contextually correct. Hence, option (b) is the right answer choice.

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Q13. Mr. Srivastav said the Railways was also route (1) “metro-like” trains on the corridor (2) between Palwal and Sonipat for commuters (3) travelling daily on the mulling (4)for jobs and business.

- (a) Both 1-3 and 2-4
- (b) Only 2-3
- (c) Only 1-4
- (d) Both 1-4 and 2-3
- (e) None of these

Answer: C

Explanation: 1-4 will replace each other in order to make the sentence grammatically and contextually correct. Hence, option (c) is the right answer choice.

Q14. The fillip (1) of an elderly Nagaland couple with stigma (2) has given a recovery (3) to the State government’s fight against the comorbidities (4) surrounding the novel coronavirus infection.

- (a) Both 1-3 and 2-4
- (b) Only 2-3
- (c) Only 1-4
- (d) Both 1-4 and 2-3
- (e) None of these

Answer: A

Explanation: Both 1-3 and 2-4 will replace each other in order to make the sentence grammatically and contextually correct. Hence, option (a) is the right answer choice

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Q15. Belagavi has a dispute (1) Marathi-speaking subject (2) and has been the population (3) of a long boundary sizable (4) between the two States.

- (a) Both 1-3 and 2-4
- (b) Only 2-3
- (c) Only 1-4
- (d) Both 1-4 and 2-3
- (e) None of these

Answer: D

Explanation: Both 1-4 and 2-3 replace each other in order to make the sentence grammatically and contextually correct. Hence, option (d) is the right answer choice.

Directions (16-20): Rearrange the following sentence to make a contextually meaningful paragraph and then answer the following questions.

- A) We can try to understand the impact of COVID-19 on agriculture with three
- B) The COVID-19 pandemic has led to global concerns on the state of agriculture and food security.
- C) On the other, farmers face a stalemate as they are unable to work on their land and gain access to markets.
- D) On the one hand, the FAO has warned of a “food crisis” if countries do not protect vulnerable people from hunger and malnourishment.
- E) One, does the world have enough food to feed its people? Two, is food available at affordable prices? Three, how are farmers coping with the lockdown? questions.

Q16. Which of the following will be the third sentence after rearrangement?

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

Answer: B

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Explanation: Going through the given sentences it can be seen that given passage is talking about the impact of the pandemic on agriculture sector. So, on the basis of this information it can be clearly seen that (B) is the most appropriate starter choice. Now taking hint from the starting of sentence (D) and (C), it can be seen that (D) will be followed by (C). Also, (A) will be followed by (E) because the 'questions' mentioned in sentence (A) are highlighted in (E). Now for the arrangement of these two pairs refer to first sentence which is talking about global concerns on food security and the warning given by FAO related to 'food crisis'. From this it can be seen that (B) should be followed by (D) to make a contextually meaningful paragraph. So, the final arrangement would be BDCAE.

Q17. Which of the following will be the second sentence after rearrangement?

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

Answer: A

Explanation: Going through the given sentences it can be seen that given passage is talking about the impact of the pandemic on agriculture sector. So, on the basis of this information it can be clearly seen that (B) is the most appropriate starter choice. Now taking hint from the starting of sentence (D) and (C), it can be seen that (D) will be followed by (C). Also, (A) will be followed by (E) because the 'questions' mentioned in sentence (A) are highlighted in (E). Now for the arrangement of these two pairs refer to first sentence which is talking about global concerns on food security and the warning given by FAO related to 'food crisis'. From this it can be seen that (B) should be followed by (D) to make a contextually meaningful paragraph. So, the final arrangement would be BDCAE.

Q18. Which of the following will be the last sentence after rearrangement?

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

Answer: D

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Q19. Which of the following will be the fourth sentence after rearrangement?

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

Answer: E

Explanation: Going through the given sentences it can be seen that given passage is talking about the impact of the pandemic on agriculture sector. So, on the basis of this information it can be clearly seen that (B) is the most appropriate starter choice. Now taking hint from the starting of sentence (D) and (C), it can be seen that (D) will be followed by (C). Also, (A) will be followed by (E) because the 'questions' mentioned in sentence (A) are highlighted in (E). Now for the arrangement of these two pairs refer to first sentence which is talking about global concerns on food security and the warning given by FAO related to 'food crisis'. From this it can be seen that (B) should be followed by (D) to make a contextually meaningful paragraph. So, the final arrangement would be BDCAE.

Q20. Which of the following will be the first sentence after rearrangement?

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

Answer: C

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Direction (21-30): Reading comprehension (Phone addiction)