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1. Direction: Read the following sentence to find out whether there is any error in it. The error, if any, will be in one part of the sentence.

The number corresponding to that part will be your answer. If the given sentence is correct as it is, mark the answer as 'No error'. Ignore the errors of punctuation if any.

The students were not amenable for (1) / the new ideas (2) / which were (3) / suggested by the teacher. (4)

- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- No error

Solution:

The error is in the first part of the sentence.

Since amenable always takes the preposition 'to' after it. If a person or thing is amenable to something, they are ready, willing, or responsive. Therefore, 'amenable to' is the correct usage here. It means to be willing to.

2. Direction: Read the following sentence to find out whether there is any error in it. The error, if any, will be in one part of the sentence.

The number corresponding to that part will be your answer. If the given sentence is correct as it is, mark the answer as 'No error'. Ignore the errors of punctuation if any.

Everyone was (1) / present at the (2) / birthday party of (3) Virat except he .(4)

- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- No error

Solution:

The error is in the fourth part of the sentence.

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After certain words (let, bid, between, but, except etc., when used as a preposition) pronouns are always used as objective case (object of the preposition). Therefore 'he' should be replaced with 'him'.

Note: Here 'present' has been used as an adjective providing the context of 'in a particular place'.

E.g. The whole family was present.

3. Direction: Read the following sentence to find out whether there is any error in it. The error, if any, will be in one part of the sentence.

The number corresponding to that part will be your answer. If the given sentence is correct as it is, mark the answer as 'No error'. Ignore the errors of punctuation if any.

In the coming week, (1)/ both Vishank among (2)/ his brother is going (3)/ to attend the festival. (4)

1

2

3

4

No error

Solution:

The error is in the second part of the sentence.

Since 'Both' should always be used with 'and'. Therefore, 'among' should be replaced with 'and' in the second part of the sentence to make the sentence grammatically correct. An alternative will be to remove 'both' to make the sentence correct.

4. Direction: Read the following sentence to find out whether there is any error in it. The error, if any, will be in one part of the sentence.

The number corresponding to that part will be your answer. If the given sentence is correct as it is, mark the answer as 'No error'. Ignore the errors of punctuation if any.

My sister, who now (1)/ lives in Hyderabad after (2)/ her marriage, is (3)/ elder than me by three years. (4)

1

2

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- 3
- 4
- No error

Solution:

The error is in the fourth part of the sentence.

There are a few adjectives (elder, prefer, preferable etc.) which always takes 'to' in comparative form rather than 'than'. Therefore, 'than' must be replaced with 'to' to make the sentence grammatically correct.

5. Direction: Read the following sentence to find out whether there is any error in it. The error, if any, will be in one part of the sentence.

The number corresponding to that part will be your answer. If the given sentence is correct as it is, mark the answer as 'No error'. Ignore the errors of punctuation if any.

Neither the director (1)/ nor the board members (2)/ is present (3) for the meeting. (4)

- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- No error

Solution:

The error is in the third part of the sentence.

If either/or, or, nor, neither/nor connects one singular and one plural subject, then the verb that follows must agree with the subject that is nearest the verb. Therefore, 'is' should be replaced with 'are' to make the sentence grammatically correct.

6. Direction: Read the following sentence to find out whether there is any error in it. The error, if any, will be in one part of the sentence.

The number corresponding to that part will be your answer. If the given sentence is correct as it is, mark the answer as 'No error'. Ignore the errors of punctuation if any.

A number of (1)/ students has arrived at the (2)/ test centre, to take (3)/ the entrance test. (4)

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- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- No error

Solution:

The error is in the second part of the sentence.

If after the phrase 'a number of' we have plural subject then the following verb must be plural. (a number of + plural subject + plural verb).

Here 'students' is plural so the following singular verb 'has' must be replaced with plural verb 'have' to make the sentence grammatically correct.

7. Direction: Read the following sentence to find out whether there is any error in it. The error, if any, will be in one part of the sentence.

The number corresponding to that part will be your answer. If the given sentence is correct as it is, mark the answer as 'No error'. Ignore the errors of punctuation if any.

Millions of Americans (1)/ watched the high-speed (2)/ chase and most was (3)/ mesmerized by the event. (4)

- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- No error

Solution:

The error is in the third part of the sentence. We need to replace 'was' with 'were'. Since the object of 'most' is plural (Americans), we need plural verb 'were'.

(8-15) Direction: Read the given passage carefully and answer the questions that follow. Certain words are printed in bold to help you locate them while answering some of these.

Every service that Google provides is provided via its huge data centres, which consume vast amounts of electricity to power and cool the servers and are therefore responsible for the

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emission of significant amounts of CO₂. Since the advent of the modern smartphone in about 2007 our reliance on distant data centres has become total, because everything we do on our phones involves an interaction with the 'cloud' and therefore has a carbon footprint. The size of this footprint has been growing. At the moment, about 7% of the world's electricity consumption is taken by our digital ecosystem but this forecast is to rise to 12% by 2020 and is expected to grow annually at about 7% through to 2030.

The big internet companies are acutely aware of this. Electricity costs money and they are fanatical about reducing costs. And they are desperate to avoid the PR downsides of being perceived as energy hogs. So, they have responded to a challenge issued by the environmental group Greenpeace some years ago – to commit to having all their activities powered by renewable sources. Facebook, Apple and Google made this "100% renewable" commitment four years ago and have now been joined by nearly 20 other internet companies.

The trouble is that server farms and networks account for only 50% of the electricity consumption of our networked world. The devices we use consume another 34% and the industry that manufactures them takes up the remaining 16%. Making environmental progress on these fronts will be much harder. A desktop PC running eight hours a day, for example, emits 175kg of CO₂ in a year. So, you can imagine the carbon footprint of a large city office block that has thousands of desktop PCs running for the whole of a working day. Multiply that by all the office blocks in the centre of London and you get an idea of the environmental impact of even the humble PC.

8. Which of the following word is similar in meaning to 'consume' as used in the passage?

- Expend
- Simulate
- Prick
- Incise
- Perturb

Solution:

The meanings of the given words are as follows:

Consume: use up (a resource)

Expend: spend or use up (a resource such as money or energy)

Simulate: imitate the appearance or character of

Prick: cause mental or emotional discomfort to

Incise: cut (a mark or decoration) into a surface

Perturb: make (someone) anxious or unsettled

Therefore, 'expend' is synonym of 'consume'.

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9. Which of the following word is opposite in meaning to 'aware' as used in the passage?

- Salubrious
- Pendulous
- Defamatory
- Acquainted
- Oblivious

Solution:

The meanings of the given words are as follows:

Aware: having knowledge or perception of a situation or fact

Salubrious: health-giving; healthy

Pendulous: hanging down loosely

Defamatory: (of remarks, writing, etc.) damaging the good reputation of someone

Acquainted: make someone aware of or familiar with

Oblivious: not aware of or concerned about what is happening around one

Therefore, 'oblivious' is an antonym of 'aware'.

10. Which of the following statement is TRUE with respect to the given passage?

The amount of carbon dioxide released into the atmosphere is increased after the invention of modern smartphones.

The digital ecosystem consumes around 20% of the world's electricity currently.

The majority of the electricity consumption of the networked world is done by the devices we use.

The carbon footprint is expected to grow at about 9% annually.

None of these

Solution:

Out of all the given options, option A is TRUE.

It is clearly stated in the passage that with the advent of smartphones, our dependency on the data centres has become total, thereby, has the carbon footprint.

Option B is false because the digital ecosystem consumes about 7% of the world's electricity currently.

Option C is false because 50% of the electricity consumption of the networked world is by server farms and networks and thus, is the highest consumer of the electricity.

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Option D is false because the carbon footprint is expected to grow at about 7% annually.

11. What is the tone of the passage?

- Satirical
- Optimistic
- Sarcastic
- Informative
- Nostalgic

Solution:

The author describes the amount of electricity consumed by the data centres and the ways which companies are opting to cut down the electricity cost. Therefore, the tone of the passage is informative which means 'providing useful or interesting information'.

'Satirical' means 'sarcastic, critical, and mocking another's weaknesses', 'optimistic' means 'hopeful and confident', 'sarcastic' means 'marked by or given to using irony in order to mock or convey contempt' and 'nostalgic' means 'feeling, evoking, or characterized by nostalgia'.

All these tones do not aptly describe the tone of the given passage.

12. Which of the following is not the probable cause of increase in carbon footprint?

- I. Invention of modern smartphones
- II. Mining of cryptocurrency
- III. Electricity consumption by data centres

- Only I
- Only II
- Both I and III
- Both II and III
- Only III

Solution:

It is clearly stated in the passage that every service provided by Google is provided via data centres which consume a lot of electricity and is therefore, responsible for emission of significant amount of CO₂. Also, invention of modern smartphones has a carbon footprint.

However, mining of cryptocurrency as the cause of carbon footprint is nowhere mentioned in the passage.

Therefore, mining of cryptocurrency is not the probable cause of increase in carbon footprint.

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13. Which of the following statement(s) is TRUE with reference to the passage?

- I. The electricity consumption by digital ecosystem will increase with passing years.
- II. Some of the big internet companies are focussing on renewable sources so that they can reduce the electricity cost.
- III. Google is responsible for emitting greenhouse gases.

- Only III
- Both I and II
- Only I
- Both I and III
- All I, II and III

Solution:

It is stated in the passage that 'At the moment, about 7% of the world's electricity consumption is taken by our digital ecosystem but this is forecast to rise to 12% by 2020 and is expected to grow annually at about 7% through to 2030' which clearly infers that the electricity consumption by digital ecosystem will increase with passing years. Therefore, statement I is TRUE.

It is mentioned in the passage that some of the big internet companies like Facebook, Apple, Google have made 100% renewable commitment to cut down the electricity cost. Therefore, statement II is also TRUE.

According to the Cambridge dictionary, 'Greenhouse gas' means 'a gas that causes the greenhouse effect, especially carbon dioxide'. So, statement III is also TRUE.

Therefore, option E is the correct answer.

14. What can be inferred from the line 'And they are desperate to avoid the PR downsides of being perceived as energy hogs'?

The big internet companies want to cut down their electricity costs so that they are not called energy hogs.

The big internet companies want to avoid a bad name in public by paying a lot for electricity consumed by them.

The name and fame of big internet companies can be spoiled if they overuse electricity.

The big internet companies don't want to spoil their public relations by being interpreted as using energy in an unfair way.

None of these

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Solution:

The statement describes that the big internet companies don't want to be perceived as energy hogs. Energy hogs are the ones that use energy in an unfair or selfish way. By using energy in an unfair or selfish way, they don't want to spoil their credibility in the public. Therefore, option D is the correct answer.

15. Which of the following word is similar in meaning to 'desperate' as used in the passage?

- Composed
- Eager
- Cheerful
- Satisfied
- None of these

Solution:

According to the passage, "...they are desperate to avoid the PR downsides of being perceived as energy hogs". This means that the concerned people are anxious about avoiding the downsides of being perceived as energy hogs. So, "eager" is the most appropriate synonym.

Desperate: needing or wanting something very much

Composed: calm

16. Direction: A sentence with one blank is given, indicating that something has been omitted.

Choose the word that best fits the blank appropriately.

Topping the cleanliness chart for _____ years, Indore stands in the face of the notion that huge population breeds filth in a city.

- consecutive
- successful
- overhaul
- primitive
- open

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Here the sentence is talking about Indore being at the top of the cleanliness chart for back to back years. 'Consecutive' is the correct word in this context. Also, 'consecutive' being an adjective qualifies 'years', a noun.

overhaul: analyse and improve (a system).

primitive: very basic or unsophisticated in terms of comfort, convenience, or efficiency.

17. Direction: A sentence with one blank is given, indicating that something has been omitted. Choose the word that best fits the blank appropriately.

Changing policies can be a _____ strategy in implementing community interventions.

- best
- crucial
- crucible
- crux
- wonderfully

Solution:

We need a word in the gap which means 'of great importance', 'vital'. If we carefully look at the options, 'crucible' means a ceramic or metal container in which metals or other substances may be melted or subjected to very high temperatures. 'Crux' means most important point. 'Wonderfully' is an adverb. 'Best' is not used after a. Therefore, 'crucial' is the only word that suits the gap.

18. Direction: A sentence with one blank is given, indicating that something has been omitted.

Choose the word that best fits the blank appropriately.

There was a time when the industry may have resisted using new technologies, but with every generation becoming _____ to using technology, it seems resistance has become futile.

- familiarized
- addiction
- reconciled
- accustomed
- neglected

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Solution:

The sentence is talking about an action to which people are getting 'used to' thus; 'accustomed' fits in the gap. As, 'accustomed' means customary, usual. 'Familiarized' takes 'with' preposition. 'Addicted' means physically and mentally dependent upon a substance. 'Reconciled' means to restore friendly relations. 'Neglected' means suffering a lack of proper care. Hence, options other than 'accustomed' can be eliminated.

19. Direction: A sentence with one blank is given, indicating that something has been omitted.

Choose the word that best fits the blank appropriately.

This study examined neural activity associated with _____ causal relationships across sentences during on-line comprehension.

reducing
enforcement
establishing
enact
culmination

Solution:

The sentence is talking about building a relationship. 'Establishing' (gerund or present participle form of establish) means setting up on a firm or permanent basis. Therefore, it fits in the blank. 'Reducing' (gerund or present participle of reduce) means making smaller or less in amount, degree, size. 'Enforcing' (gerund or present participle of enforce) means compelling observance of or compliance with (a law, rule, or obligation). 'Enacting' (gerund or present participle of enact) means making (a bill or other proposal) law. 'Culminating' (gerund or present participle of culminate) means reaching a climax or point of highest development.

20. Direction: A sentence with one blank is given, indicating that something has been omitted.

Choose the word that best fits the blank appropriately.

Sonia did not give up her phone easily so her father had to _____ it from her hands.

drag
pick
call

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command
wrest

Solution:

The sentence here implies that the phone had to be forcibly snatched from the grasp of the hand.

The word 'drag' means to pull something along or against certain surface. It does not give the context of snatching.

The word 'pick' means to choose or select something from various options.

The word 'call' mean to refer something or someone by some name.

The word 'wrest' means to forcibly snatch or pull something away from someone's hand.

Thus, 'wrest' is the only word which meaningfully and contextually fits in the gap.

(21-25) Direction: Rearrange the following six sentences (A), (B), (C), (D), (E) and (F) in a proper sequence to form a meaningful paragraph, then answer the questions that follow.

- A) In September 2019, the fishing community in Ramanathapuram, was shocked as the seawater turned green and fish died in the thousands.
- B) About a million fishers in Tamil Nadu, who live in 608 fishing villages, depend on fisheries for their livelihood.
- C) Sixty per cent of the state's population live within 100 kilometres of the coast.
- D) The cause of the fish deaths was assessed to be oxygen depletion caused by the sudden blooming of the microalgae.
- E) Tamil Nadu is blessed with the second-longest coastline in India stretching from Thiruvallur to Kanyakumari.
- F) The livelihood of the fishers is threatened due to depletion of natural resources owing to habitat destruction, pollution, and other factors.

21. Which of the following will be the third statement after rearrangement?

- A
- D
- B
- E
- F

Solution:

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The first sentence should be E as it introduces the main subject. The general detail about the coastline of Tamil Nadu is given in this sentence. C follows as it mentions that, most of the population of Tamil Nadu live along these coastlines. B follows C as it provides specific details about the fishermen. B mentions “livelihood” and F mentions about how it is threatened. Thus, F follows B. FA is a mandatory pair as A states an example of the fact mentioned in F. D becomes the last sentence as it states the assessment of the death of the fishes. Therefore, the correct sequence should be ECBFAD.

22. Which of the following will be the second statement after rearrangement?

- A
- D
- B
- C
- F

Solution:

The first sentence should be E as it introduces the main subject. The general detail about the coastline of Tamil Nadu is given in this sentence. C follows as it mentions that, most of the population of Tamil Nadu live along these coastlines. B follows C as it provides specific details about the fishermen. B mentions “livelihood” and F mentions about how it is threatened. Thus, F follows B. FA is a mandatory pair as A states an example of the fact mentioned in F. D becomes the last sentence as it states the assessment of the death of the fishes. Therefore, the correct sequence should be ECBFAD.

23. Which of the following will be the sixth (last) statement after rearrangement?

- A
- D
- B
- E
- C

Solution:

The first sentence should be E as it introduces the main subject. The general detail about the coastline of Tamil Nadu is given in this sentence. C follows as it mentions that, most of the population of Tamil Nadu live along these coastlines. B follows C as it provides specific details

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about the fishermen. B mentions “livelihood” and F mentions about how it is threatened. Thus, F follows B. FA is a mandatory pair as A states an example of the fact mentioned in F. D becomes the last sentence as it states the assessment of the death of the fishes. Therefore, the correct sequence should be ECBFAD.

24. Which of the following will be the fifth statement after rearrangement?

- E
- D
- A
- C
- F

Solution:

The first sentence should be E as it introduces the main subject. The general detail about the coastline of Tamil Nadu is given in this sentence. C follows as it mentions that, most of the population of Tamil Nadu live along these coastlines. B follows C as it provides specific details about the fishermen. B mentions “livelihood” and F mentions about how it is threatened. Thus, F follows B. FA is a mandatory pair as A states an example of the fact mentioned in F. D becomes the last sentence as it states the assessment of the death of the fishes. Therefore, the correct sequence should be ECBFAD.

25. Which of the following will be the first statement after rearrangement?

- A
- D
- B
- E
- F

Solution:

The first sentence should be E as it introduces the main subject. The general detail about the coastline of Tamil Nadu is given in this sentence. C follows as it mentions that, most of the population of Tamil Nadu live along these coastlines. B follows C as it provides specific details about the fishermen. B mentions “livelihood” and F mentions about how it is threatened. Thus, F follows B. FA is a mandatory pair as A states an example of the fact mentioned in F. D becomes

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the last sentence as it states the assessment of the death of the fishes. Therefore, the correct sequence should be ECBFAD.

26. Direction: In the question, one sentence is given, and four words have been given in bold denoted by (A), (B), (C) and (D). You have to decide which of the following is inappropriate in the context. If all the words are appropriate in the context then mark 'All are correct' as your answer.

The competent (A) authority will be nominated (B) by the government, and claims have to be filled (C) within seven days after the nomination (D)

- A
 - B
 - C
 - D
- All are correct

Solution:

The error is in part C of the sentence. This means the word "filled" has been wrongly used here. Note that the sentence mentions about charging a legal document. Filled is the past form of fill which means to fill up a bottle or occupy a vacant place. Thus, the word "filed" must be used.

27. Direction: In the question, one sentence is given, and four words have been given in bold denoted by (A), (B), (C) and (D). You have to decide which of the following is inappropriate in the context. If all the words are appropriate in the context then mark 'All are correct' as your answer.

India was struggling (A) to come out of hibarnation (B), isolation (C) and backwardness (D).

- A
 - B
 - C
 - D
- All are correct

Solution:

The error is in part B of the sentence. There is a spelling mistake. The correct spelling of the word is "hibernation".

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28. Direction: In the following question, a sentence with four words printed in bold is given. These words are numbered as (A), (B), (C) and (D). One or more of these four words may be inappropriate in the context of the sentence. Find out the word(s) that are inappropriate and mark the relevant option as your answer. If all the words printed in bold are correct, mark option (E), i.e. 'All are correct', as the answer.

This is the first time in the history of independent (A) India that a uniform (B) individual (C) will head a government (D) department.

- A
- B
- C
- D
- All are correct

Solution:

The error is in part B of the sentence.

The word "uniform" has been incorrectly used here. Note that the word mentioned after "uniform" is "individual", which is a noun. So, we need an adjective to modify this noun.

Thus, "uniformed" should replace the highlighted word mentioned in B.

29. Direction: In the question, one sentence is given, and four words have been given in bold denoted by (A), (B), (C) and (D). You have to decide which of the following is inappropriate in the context. If all the words are appropriate in the context then mark 'All are correct' as your answer.

The allarming (A) increase (B) in birth rate is supposed (C) to double the population (D) by 2050.

- A
- B
- C
- D
- All are correct

Solution:

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The error is in part A of the sentence. There is a spelling mistake. The correct spelling of the word is “alarming”.

Note: 'Supposed', the past participle form of the verb 'suppose', is acting as an adjective in the sentence and is modifying the noun 'increase'

30. Direction: In the question, one sentence is given, and four words have been given in bold denoted by (A), (B), (C) and (D). You have to decide which of the following is inappropriate in the context. If all the words are appropriate in the context then mark 'All are correct' as your answer.

Today India is engaged (A) in redefining (B) morality regardless (C) of our past values and cultural (D) life.

A

B

C

D

All are correct

Solution:

The error is in part C of the sentence. There is a spelling mistake. The correct spelling of the word is “regardless”.