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Section I (English Language)

Directions(Q1 to Q4): Each question gives a sentence with a part of the sentence underlined. Four alternatives for the underlined part are given. One of them is correct. Identify the correct one and mark its corresponding letter as the answer.

1. Happiness is a state of mind for which everyone has access to because it lies within each of us and once unleashed, can be extremely infectious.
- (a) for which everyone has access
(b) to which everyone has access
(c) to which everyone have access
(d) for which everyone has an access to

Exp:- The word 'access' should always be followed by 'to', hence Choice (A) is incorrect. In Choice (C) the verb 'have' does not agree with the subject 'everyone'. Choice (D) is incorrect because the usage of 'an' before access is incorrect. Choice (B)

2. Our country is blessed with more educated people than any other country in the world, and we have arguably the most number of graduates on the globe.
- (a) and we arguably have the most number of graduates on the globe
(b) and we have arguably the most number of graduates in the globe
(c) and we have arguably the most number of graduates across the globe
(d) and we arguably have the most number of graduates on globe

Exp:- When the reference is to a vast expanse or a wide stretch, the word 'across' is used. Hence only Choice (C) is right. Choice (C)

3. My work has reflected not only my physical journeys, but also my inner journeys as well.
- (a) but also my inner journeys as well
(b) as well as my inner journeys also
(c) but my inner journeys as well
(d) as well my inner journeys also

Exp:- Choices (A) and (B) are incorrect because both 'also' and 'as well' convey the same meaning and hence they cannot go together. Choice (D) can be eliminated because of improper sentence construction. Choice (C)

4. The population of Welsh village fuelled their cars on cooking oil and drove around without a problem.
- (a) The population of Welsh village fuelled their cars
(b) The population of Welsh village fuelled its cars
(c) The population of a Welsh village fuelled its cars.
(d) The population of a Welsh village fuelled their cars

Exp:- Here, Welsh village means a village in Wales, hence it is used as an adjective, therefore the word Welsh should be preceded by 'a'. Hence choices (A) and (B) are incorrect. Choice (D) is incorrect because here, population is taken as a singular subject, hence it should be followed by its and not their. Choice (C)

Directions(Q5 to Q6): Each of the following questions has a sentence with two blanks. Given below each question are four pairs of words. Choose the pair that best completes the sentence.

5. Cities will need to be ____ around airports in ____ circles of business and residential zones.
- (a) arranged: coaxial
(b) centred: widening
(c) concentrated: recurrent
(d) arrayed : concentric

Exp:- We need to work backward to arrive at the answer. (C) does not fit the blank. 'Recurrent' means 'happening over and over'. The sentence is about the layout of cities in the physical sense. 'Around' airports leads us to the

conclusion that the circles cannot be 'widening'. Of (A) and (D), 'arrayed' fits the blank best for the first blank as it means 'arranging in a pleasing manner' (in this context). Thus the right option is (D). . Choice (D)

6. A powerful coalition of environmental activists, church leaders, politicians and journalists ___ fears against medical biotechnology as a dangerous meddling with nature, an attack on human dignity ____ of Nazi eugenics.
- (a) regulated: remindful (b) inflated: reeking
(c) mobilised: reminiscent (d) fuelled: redolent

Exp:- Of the options for blank 2, option (D) is inappropriate as 'redolent' is mainly used in the context of pleasant fragrances and positive memories. In the context of 'medical technology' being a 'dangerous meddling' (A) is not an option for blank 1 .

Of options (C) and (B) for blank 2, 'reminiscent' looks back to the past and fits better. The correct answer is thus option (C). Choice (C)

Directions (Q7 to Q8): In each of the questions, a word has been used in sentences in four different ways. Choose the option corresponding to the sentence in which the usage of the word is incorrect or inappropriate.

7. **Plain**

- (a) On weekdays, I stick to plain meals.
(b) Wild horses, impala and eland grazed in the plain.
(c) I have made it plain that I will not lend him any more money.
(d) Plain skies indicated a dry spell.

Exp:- (A) uses plain correctly to mean 'simple'. (B) plain here refers to a large area of land.

(C) here plain means 'very clear'. It is correct. (D) uses plain incorrectly instead of 'clear'. The usage of the given word is incorrect in option (D). Choice (D)

8. **Brand**

- (a) I have been advised to stick to the same brand of soap.
(b) Before you brand her a liar, you need to verify the evidence.
(c) Schools and colleges have been busy initiating steps to impart better brand of English to students.
(d) The actress has been the brand ambassador for several fashion houses.

Exp:- (A) 'Brand' in this sentence refers to a particular 'make' or 'type'. It is correct.

(B) uses brand correctly to mean to give a bad name. In (C), brand is used incorrectly in place of 'quality'. (D) uses brand correctly to indicate a line of products or a range of products. The answer is option (D). ' Choice (C)

Directions (Q9 to Q10): For the word given in each question, a contextual usage is provided. From the alternatives, select the word that is the most appropriate substitute for the question word in the given context and mark its corresponding letter as your answer.

9. Piqued: Piqued by his insinuating remarks, his team mates protested vehemently.
(a) tired (b) irritated (c) appalled (d) repelled

Exp:- 'Pique' is a feeling of irritation or resentment resulting from a slight, especially to one's pride, hence 'irritated' is the most appropriate substitute. Choice (b)

10. Enduring: The language in Thomas Hardy's 'Wessex' novels held an enduring appeal for its readers.
(a) lasting (b) eloquent (c) tenacious (d) irrepensible

Exp:- The meaning of the word 'enduring' is 'lasting'. Choice (a)

11. The word closest In meaning to "Footling" is:

- (a) Declining
(b) Insecure
(c) Accessory
(d) **Inconsequential**

Option (d) is the correct answer because footling means trivial and irritating

Directions(Q12 to Q14): Identify the incorrect sentence or sentences.

12. (A) Norway Produces Some Of The Tough People On Earth.
(B) They Seem Impervious Of The Biting Cold.
(C) Families Go Camping above the Arctic Circle as though.it was a trip to Disney World.
(D) And these are just the average folks.
(a) only B (b) A, B and C (c) A and C (d) B and D

Exp:- Sentence (A) should have 'toughest' as indicated by the definite article. The preposition in (B) should be 'to' not 'of -'impervious' 'to'. In sentence (C) it should be 'were' not 'was' since it is an unfulfilled condition. Choice (b)

13. (A) Ted Turner Is One Of The Richest Man In America.
(B) His Net Worth Is Almost Five Billion Dollars.
(C) But He Doesn't Have A Chauffeur And Shuns Air Conditioning.
(D) Once he almost injured reaching for a coin beneath a revolving door.
(a) only C (b) only D (c) A and D (d) B and C

Exp:- Sentence (A) must have 'men' not 'man' - 'one of the!' is always followed by a noun in the plural. Sentence(D) must 'have 'injured himself since the sentence does not say whom. Choice (c)

14. (A) My Mother Died In January.
(B) By April, I Went Back To College.
(C) I Looked Around At All Kids Who Found Life Boring.
(D) I was never again going to see life as anything except as a gift.
(a) A and B (b) only B (c) only C (d) only D

Exp:- Sentence (C) must have the definite article 'the kids' since it refers to a specific group. Choice (c)

Directions (Q15-Q17): In each of the following questions four words, marked a-d, are given. One of them may be wrongly spelt. Choose the wrongly spelt word.

15. (a) accident (b) accomodate (c) detriment (d) existence

Explanation: the correct spelling is accommodate. Hence, the answer is (b).

16. (a) pertinent (b) definitely (c) dividand (d) plagiarism

Explanation: the correct spelling is dividend. Hence, the answer is (c).

17. (a) continuous (b) amature (c) voluminous (d) fictitious

Explanation: the correct spelling is amateur Hence, the answer is (b).

18. Which of the following options has both words spelled correctly?
(a) Expatriate, Infuriate (b) Vicarate, Valeriate
(c) Valerate, Infurate (d) Expatriate, Vicecate

Solution:

"Expatriate, infuriate" have been spelled correctly. Hence, the correct answer is option 1

19. The all pervasive presence of the US Dollar is visible across [A]/ along[B] the southern town of Trichy, which has exported [A]/ exported [B] a large number of skilled workers to Europe and US since the mid-1990s.
The lyrics of the song appeared to be in bad taste and writer was censored [A]/ censured[B]
The motif [A]/ motive [B] of all his writing is the ability of solitude to lead to a better understanding of oneself.
Do not be under the delusion [A] / illusion [B] that the government can solve all your problem.
(a) ABABA (b) AABAA (c) AABAB (d) AABBA

Explanation: Across the town is the prepositional phrase. Hence (A).

A completed action is represented by the present perfect tense. So 'has exported' is correct. Hence (A).

'To censor' is to cut what is thought to be in bad taste or unethical in a film or a piece of writing. 'To censure' is to disapprove of what someone has done. Hence (B).

The word 'motif' refers to a running pattern or theme which suits the context because of the phrase 'all his writing'

'Motive' is purpose but it cannot be used unless we say the motive is to show that Hence (A)

'Delusion' is an illogical belief or thinking while 'illusion' is a false belief. Hence (B). AABAB. Choice (3)

20. Lok Sabha polls are in the air, what with the corridors of power abuzz of [A]/ with [B] speculation that elections are likely to be advanced for [A] / to [B] any time between November 2008 and February 2009.

Her oral [A] aural [B] faculties diminished with the onset of age.

The source of the fictional; [A] / fictitious [B] rumours is yet to be traced.

Para military forces had a difficult time trying to defuse [A] diffuse [B] the tense and potentially violent situation.

- (a) BBBBA (b) BBAAB (c) BBABB (d) BBBBB

Explanation: 'Abuzz with' is the right expression Hence (B). Similarly 'advance to' is right expression when we wish to speak of a time frame. Hence (B) 'Oral' refers to speech while 'aural' refers to the faculty of hearing which suits the context. Hence (B) 'Fictional' is something that is not real but is imaginary 'Fictitious' is something that is false and replete with rumours. Hence (B).

We use 'diffuse' to mean the spread of knowledge or ideas. 'Defuse' which means to 'make calm' suits the context. Hence (a). Ans: bbbba

Directions (Q21-Q22): In each of the following question, a pair of words in capitals is given followed by four numbered pairs of words. Select from the choices the pair which exhibits the same relationship as the capitalized pair of words and mark the number as your answer.

21. CADAVER : ANIMAL

- (a) Corpse : Man (b) Stick : Timber (c) Death : life (d) Word : Sentence

Explanation: The dead body of an animal is called a cadaver. The dead body of a (human being) is called corpse. Choice (a)

22. RETROSPECTION: PAST

- (a) Syllogism: Logic (b) Idiosyncrasy: Coherence
(c) Prognostication: Future (d) Transience: Rigidity

Explanation: Retrospection is analysis of something related to the past. Prognostication means prediction, which is analysis of the future. Choice (c)

Direction: (Q.21to Q.28) Read the following the passage and answer the questions given below

In 1947, a banker named Andrew "Andy" Dufresne is convicted of murdering his wife and her lover based on strong circumstantial evidence and is sentenced to two consecutive life sentences at Shawshank State Penitentiary in Maine and the prison inmate Ellis Boyd 'Red' Redding is rejected for parole after having served twenty years of his life sentence shortly before Andy's arrival. Andy gradually becomes acquainted with Red's circle of friends, and Red himself, who is known for cleverly smuggling in contraband. After a month of adjusting to his new life, Andy approaches Red and asks him to get a rock hammer, intending to pursue a hobby of rock collecting. Red supplies the hammer for ten do liars, and later fills Andy's request for a poster of Rita Hayworth. One day while tarring the roof of Shawshank's license plate factory, Andy overhears the captain of the prison guards, Captain Hadley, bitterly complaining about the taxes he will have to pay on a forthcoming inheritance. Andy approaches Hadley with a solution that will allow him to keep the entire inheritance tax-free, though Hadley nearly throws Andy off the roof. Initially, Andy's willingness to set up the transaction for the cost of beer for the tarring crew wins Hadley's respect. Prior to this, Andy had frequently been beaten and sexually assaulted by a gang called "The Sisters", led by inmates Bogs and Rooster. After a particularly vicious beating at the hands of the Sisters lands Andy in the Infirmary, Bogs returns to his cell from a week in solitary confinement to find Captain Hadley there. Hadley inflicts a brutal nightstick beating on Bogs, which leaves him paralyzed. Bogs is sent away to a state hospital, and the message to the Sisters is clear, Andy is never bothered again.

As other guards begin to come to him for financial help, Andy is given a makeshift office in the prison library to provide tax and financial services. His "clientele" grows to include the entire prison staff, guards from other prisons, and even Warden Norton himself. To keep Andy happy, the Warden provides him with a single cell and allows him to keep an unusual amount of contraband in his cell. Conspicuous amongst the contraband are Andy's posters of 'fantasy girlies'-first Rita Hayworth, followed overtime by Marilyn Monroe and-then Raquel Welch The Warden also permits Andy's letter-writing campaign on behalf of the prison library; through Andy's budgeting and purchasing activities, the library is expanded and remodeled into the 'best prison library in New England. The Warden capitalizes on Andy's skills and devises a program to put prison inmates to work for local construction projects, exploiting the prisoner's free labor for his own personal profit, with Andy acting behind the scenes as a money launderer. Andy uses his knowledge of "the system" to create the false identity of Randal Stephens, which he uses as a straw man to hide the Warden's involvement. In 1965, a young prisoner named Tommy Williams enters Shawshank on a breaking and entering charge, and quickly becomes part of Red's and Andy's group of friends He learns of Andy's supposed crime and makes a shocking revelation; Elmo Blatch one of his old cellmates, had gleefully described murdering two people who fit the description of Andy's wife and her lover, and how her hotshot banker husband got blamed for it. Andy hopes that he will be able to get a new trial with Tommy's help, and he approaches Warden Norton for advice and assistance. Fearing exposure of his illegal activities at Shawshank should Andy be set free, Norton sends him to solitary confinement and conspires to have Hadley shoot Tommy as an escapee. After Norton informs Andy of Tommy's death, Andy tries to refuse to launder any more funds for Norton However, when Norton threatens Andy with the loss of his private cell, loss of his protection, and the destruction of his beloved library-complete with a book burning-Andy relents, apparently beaten. Later, when Andy is back in the prison yard, he tells Red that if he ever gets out of prison he should go to a specific hayfield near Buxton, Maine to find something that has been buried under a volcanic rock. The following morning, Andy is missing from his cell. In a fury over Andy's disappearance, the Warden throws one of Andy's rocks at the poster of Raquel Welch-and is stunned to see the rock tear through the poster, revealing a large hole that Andy had used to escape. In a flashback sequence it is revealed that Andy spent years chipping away at the wall of his cell with his rock hammer, using the posters of Hayworth, Monroe and Welch to conceal it. After his escape Andy assumes the identity of Randall Stephens and uses it to withdraw Warden Norton's laundered money- \$370,000 worth.

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23. What does the phrase 'straw man', mean in the context of the passage?
- (a) An opponent setup so as to be easily defeated.
 - (b) A bundle of straw made into the likeness of a man and often used as a scarecrow
 - (c) A person who temporarily stands in for and is intended to be "knocked down" by something more substantial
 - (d) **A fictitious person who is set up as a cover or front for a questionable enterprise.**

Solution:

Options A, B, C and D are all meanings of a "straw man", but option (d) is the most apt in the context of the passage since Andy creates the false Identity of Randall Stephens in which to hide the warden's involvement in the scam. Hence, the correct answer is option d.

24. How would the relationship between Andy and the Warden be best described?

- (a) The relationship was one of mutual benefit with Andy using his skills for the monetary benefit of the warden and the warden using his power to help Andy lead a comfortable life in prison
- (b) Andy and the warden treated each other with respect and had a symbiotic relationship in which Andy helped the Warden to launder money and the warden showered favours on Andy like a private cell, protection etc
- (c) The warden viewed Andy as a threat as he knew everything about the warden's illegitimate activities and as a free man Andy could expose the warden.
- (d) The relationship between the warden and Andy was one in which both benefited from the other person, but the warden feared Andy's freedom as he knew too many details about the warden's illegal operations.**

Solution:

Options A and B are Incomplete as they only mention the mutually beneficial part of the relationship between the warden and Andy

Option C is also incomplete as it only mentions the fact that the warden considered Andy as a threat but does not talk about the benefits that each of them extract from each other.

Option D is the most complete as it encompasses both aspects of the relationship between Andy and the warden- the mutually beneficial part as well as the fear that the warden had of Andy escaping and exposing the warden's illegal activities.

Hence, the correct answer is option (d).

25. According to the passage, why did Captain Hadley brutally beat up Bogs?

- (a) Hadley had to pay a large amount of tax on an inheritance and was bitter about it and wanted to take his frustration out on somebody
- (b) Bogs and his gang had assaulted Andy and Andy had helped Hadley save a lot of tax from that inheritance, so it was his way of paying Andy back,
- (c) Andy had won Hadley's respect by helping him save a lot of tax and then asking just for beers for the entire transaction, so Hadley wanted Bogs and his gang who had assaulted Andy to stay away from Andy**
- (d) Captain Hadley did not want Bogs and his gang to bother Andy again as Andy had helped him save tax money.

Solution:

Option A is only partly correct but Hadley wanting to take his frustration out on somebody is incorrect as it has not been mentioned in the passage.

While option B is correct according to the passage, it does not mention the respect that Hadley had for Andy which is present in option C

Option C is the most complete answer

Option D is incomplete as it does not mention the respect Hadley had for Andy.

Hence, the correct answer is option C.

26. Why was Andy Boyd "Red" Redding afraid of being released on parole?

- (a) He is afraid of living in fear and, worried about committing suicide when he was outside the strict regimen of the prison.**
- (b) One of his friends in prison had committed suicide after he had been released from prison as he could not adjust to the outside world and he was afraid of doing the same
- (c) He was afraid of giving up his business of smuggling contraband in the prison and having to do a menial job in the outside world
- (d) He was worried that he would not be accepted by society and would end up committing suicide.

Solution:

Option B mentions Red's 'friend' who committed suicide because he could not adjust to the outside world, which is not present in the passage. The passage states that fellow prisoner Brooks Hatlen had committed suicide. The passage does not mention Brooks to be a 'friend' of Red Therefore we cannot concur that option A is correct

Option C has not been mentioned in the passage

The passage does not mention that Red is worried about his acceptance in society, so option D is incorrect

Option A mentions Red's fear of committing suicide which has been given in the passage and is the reason why he is afraid of being released on parole

Hence, the correct answer is option A.

27. Which quality/qualities of Andy Dufresne come/s out the most in the passage?

- (a) Perseverance
- (b) Integrity
- (c) Resourcefulness
- (d) **Options a and c**

Solution:

'Perseverance' means 'steady persistence in a course of action, a purpose, a state, etc., esp. In spite of difficulties, obstacles, or discouragement' 'Resourcefulness' means 'the quality of being able to cope with a difficult situation or the ability to deal resourcefully with unusual problems'.

'Integrity' means 'adherence to moral and ethical principles, soundness of moral character, honesty'

Andy exhibits 'perseverance' because he spends years clipping away at the wall of his cell eventually succeeding in escaping through the hole made from years of hard work.

Andy is also resourceful as can be seen from the fact that he started a prison library. He was in the good books of the Warden and also helped prison staff with their financial issues. He made the best use of the available resources for his own benefit.

Andy's Integrity cannot be inferred from the passage. Therefore, options 1 and 3 are correct

Hence, the correct answer is option D.

28. Which of the following is true as per the passage
- (a) Captain Hadley Is part of The Sisters gang
 - (b) Red commits suicide once outside of prison's strict regime
 - (c) **Andy was convicted wrongly for murder of his wife and her lover**
 - (d) Norton shoots the young prisoner named Tommy Williams

Solution:

Option A is wrong as Captain Hartley saves Andy from the cruelty of the Sisters gang

Option B is wrong as the passage says that Red does not commit suicide

Option C is true as Elmo Blatch recalls murdering of two people who resembled Andy's wife and her lover.

Option D is wrong as Norton gets Hadley to school Tommy Williams

Hence, the correct answer is option C.

The advent of vaccines has led to a dramatic rise in the quality of life in the 20th century. Vaccines have reduced morbidity of diphtheria, mumps, polio, and several other diseases by over 99%. In the wake of such overwhelming success, many government policies have moved to make vaccines mandatory, but many libertarians and conservatives have argued that this infringes on the individual right to his or her body. However, I believe that mandatory vaccines may in fact protect rights.

When evaluating individual rights, the quote "The right to swing my fist ends where the other man's nose begins" is important to consider. Does the right to choose whether or not to vaccinate harm other individuals? In the sense that you enable yourself to transmit disease to unvaccinated individuals, yes.

The problem with this logic falls in the concept of "herd immunity". "Herd immunity" is when such a large percentage of a population is immune to a disease that, even if one susceptible person becomes ill, the disease is unlikely to spread. For example, if 96% of a population has received a measles vaccine, when one individual gets measles, it is unlikely that they confer the disease to the other 4% of people, because the individual is surrounded by so many who are immune.

These individuals aren't all free riders either. Vaccines are not 100% effective, they cannot be used on people of all ages, and some people are allergic to them. These individuals did not make a conscious choice to be vulnerable to a disease, and by one person choosing not to vaccinate, their "herd immunity" is weakened, significantly increasing their risk of becoming sick.

This has happened several times before, particularly after Andrew Wakefield's false autism. Link in 2014, a measles outbreak occurred in California, only 45% of measles cases occurred in unvaccinated individuals, and among those 12 were in infants too young to be vaccinated.

In defending mandatory vaccines, I have been asked if this same argument could be applied to justify gun control. While the data is conflicting depending how it's looked at, even if there is a link between gun ownership and gun violence, I don't believe that the increased risk associated with gun ownership is not grounds considering it a right infringement. With guns, the decision that puts others in harm's way is not the decision to purchase, but the decision to fire. Furthermore, the decision to fire is already controlled by the illegality of assault, man slaughter, and murder, while the decision not to vaccinate cannot be controlled by anything other than laws mandating it.

Vaccines are one of the most important health advancements of the 20th century, but there are many people that they cannot directly protect. For this reason, it is critical that we prevent healthy adults from making a choice not to vaccinate.

29. What is the tone of the passage?
- (a) Skeptical
 - (b) **Analytical**
 - (c) Optimistic
 - (d) Satirical

Solution:

A skeptical tone implies that the author has a dismissive attitude towards the contents of the passage.

An analytical tone is used when the author is examining a particular situation

An optimistic tone is used- by the authors when he favours a situation against all odds.

A satirical tone is used by the author when he wants to deliver a message in an indirect form or by using a prop

Throughout the passage, *the* author talks about the importance of vaccination, the rights associated with consciously opting or not opting for vaccination, and relates it with gun control. This hints towards an analytical tone

Hence, the correct answer is option B.

30. According to the passage, what is the author's stance on individual gun ownership?
(a) **Pro** (b) Against (c) Neutral (d) Deflective

Solution:

The penultimate paragraph mentions the author's views on gun control. It states that"..... , even if there is a link between gun ownership and gun violence, I don't believe that the increased risk associated with gun ownership is not grounds considering a right Infringement ...harm's way is not the decision to purchase but the decision to fire,..... decision to fire is already controlled by the illegality of assault, manslaughter, and murder, "..... It tends towards pro argument which favours individual gun ownership.

Hence, the correct answer is option "A.

31. "The advent of vaccines has led to a dramatic **rise** in the quality of life in the 20th century" implies that:
A. Before the 20th century the quality of life was low.
B. The mortality rate has decreased.
C. Vaccines are a cornerstone of public health
(a) A and B (b) Only B (c) **A and C** (d) All of the above

Solution:

Statement A and C can be implied from the given statement.

Statement B cannot be inferred as there is no evidence to justify; the change in mortality rate.

Hence, the correct answer is option C.

32. According to the passage if some individuals are called "free riders" it means that
A. They are receiving benefits for which they haven't paid their fair share
B. They are joining the bandwagon of the vaccinated population
C. They are carriers of contagious diseases
(a) **Only A** (b) Both A and B (c) Only B (d) All of the above

Solution:

The sentence "For example, if ...are immune." suggests that the 4%of people are unlikely to catch the disease against which the other 96% of population have got vaccinated. Thus they are safe without having to get vaccinated for the disease and are called "free riders"

Option B is contrary to the above explanation

Option C is absurd.

Hence, the correct answer is option A.

33. Which of the following if true would strengthen the author's argument?
(a) It is known in certain cases that adverse immune responses to vaccines can be mild to severe
(b) Mandatory vaccines infringe on the Individual's right to his or her body
(c) **Not vaccinating knowingly could be considered a conscious decision to be more vulnerable to a disease**
(d) "Herd immunity" can protect an unvaccinated individual to certain extent.

Solution:

Option A weakens the author's argument as it states that vaccination could harm an individual

Option B weakens the author's argument as he states "I believe that mandatory vaccines may in fact protect rights."

Option D is a fact mentioned in the passage but does not strengthen the author's argument

Option C is apt and strengthens the author's argument on vaccination.

Hence, the correct answer is option 3.

34. Which of the following is the author likely to agree with'
(a) Vaccination infringes on a person's rights.
(b) Vaccines is needed to maintain the quality of life
(c) **Vaccination should be legally mandated**

(d) Vaccination does not cause autism.

Solution:

Option A is contrary to the author's views

Options B and D are general statements which are mentioned in the passage but are not significant in the presence of options C

The penultimate paragraph states "...while the decision not to vaccinate cannot be controlled by anything other than laws mandating it", thus, option C is apt as it resonates with the author's views

Hence, the correct answer is option C.

35. Fill in the blanks in the passage with the most appropriate set of words from the given options for each blank.

From his post _____ The New York Review of Books, where he first wrote _____ 1993 and ultimately became one of its most frequent contributors. Jude swept aside some _____ his old assumptions and transformed himself _____ a scourge of Communism _____ a critic of American Empire.

(a) at, at, of, from, to

(b) at, till, of, from, to

(c) **at, in, of, from, Into**

(d) at, in, of, by, to

Solution:

A post is generally held "at" a company, institute or newspaper office

The second blank must contain the preposition "in", as it is followed by a year. We say that something happened "in" a certain year- not "at" Eliminate option A. 'Till' is also inappropriate here. Since the sentence contains the word "first". Eliminate option B

The third blank will contain the preposition "of" showing the relationship between a part and a whole

The fourth and fifth blanks must have "from" and 'Into', since a transformation always occurs "from" one thing "Into" another Eliminate option D.

Hence, the correct answer is option C

36. Choose the odd one out from the sentences given below.

I. The only view of the world we can ever have is subjective, from inside our own heads.

II. I can't know that the color I call blue looks to me the same way it looks to you

III. The idea of objective reality is a masterpiece of Western thought, an Idea we associate with Galileo and Descartes and other scientific revolutionaries of the 17th century

IV. That we can agree nonetheless on the observable, exactly measurable, and predictable characteristics of objective reality is a remarkable fact

V. And yet we both use the word blue to describe this color, and common sense suggest that your experience of blue is probably a look like mine.

(a) I

(b) II

(c) **III**

(d) V

Solution:

The statements speculate on the idea of reality while elaborating on its subjective nature

Statement 1 makes the sequence coherent by mentioning how an individual's perspective on the world tends to be subjective. It provides context for statement 4 by explaining why "objective reality" Is a remarkable fact

Statements 2 and 5 make a pair. They describe an example on the dual nature of reality with statements 2 demonstrating the subjectivity in reality followed by statement 5 highlighting how subjective realities can be related to a common experience

Statement 3 cannot belong in the given sequence since it brings in a historical perspective on "objective reality" which is not the central focus of the given set of statements

Thus, the odd sentence is statements 3

37. Four sentences are given below labeled (I), (II), (III) and (IV). Of these, three sentences need to be arranged in a logical order to form a coherent paragraph/ passage. Pick out the sentence that does not fit the sequence.

I. The city 'shit-flow' diagram shows that the situation is grim, as all cities either do not treat or safely dispose of the bulk of human excreta.

- II. But the fact is that the bulk of Indian households with access to sanitation are connected to septic tanks-40 per cent of urban India, according to Census 2011
 - III. This is because we often confuse toilets with sanitation.
 - IV. But the fact is that toilets are mere receptacles to receive waste, when we flush or pour water, the waste flows into a piped drain, which could be either connected, or not, to a sewage treatment plant (STP).
- (a) I (b) II (c) III (d) IV

Correct Answer: II

Solution:

Statement I introduces the topic of the paragraph - treatment of human waste Statement II follows by telling us why the 'situation is grim statement I. Between statements II and IV, statement IV which explains why toilets do not equal to sanitation, connects with the other two statements logically Statement II simply gives us the status of 'sanitation' of Indian households. It does not explain the issues raised in the other two statements. Hence, the correct answer is II.

38. Carefully read the statements in the questions below and arrange them in a logical order.

- I. With history in mind, one can say that the introduction of new workplace technologies has been more about increasing profits for corporations and less about addressing the problems of workers or rewarding them for their feverish output.
 - II. Technology, from an Excel spreadsheet to an assembly-line robot, may make aspects of our jobs easier.
 - III. There's no indication that this- pattern is set to change
 - IV. But that's at most a collateral aim, the real point of technological improvement in the office has always been to make us more productive
 - V. The "Great Speedup," as this phenomenon has been called, involves us working harder and longer, even when we're not in the office, than we ever have before.
- (a) II,IV,V,I,III (b) II,IV,I,V,III (c) II,III,I,V,IV (d) I,II,III,IV,V

Correct Answer: II, IV, V, I, III

Solution:

The sequence takes a negative stance on technology by explaining that workplace technologies work more in favour of increasing profits for corporations and are less beneficial for employees. While statement II refers to a positive aspect of technology, all of the other statements argue against it therefore it makes sense to have statement II as the introductory statement as it would not fit anywhere else in the sequence

The first statement that contradicts the contention made in statement II is statement IV. It does so by exposing the collateral aim of technology - make aspects of our jobs easier while making us more productive (thereby making us more advantageous for employers).

Thus, statements II and IV form a logical pair.

Statements V and I in that order further elaborate on how technology actually results in the exploitation of workers followed by statement III, which makes a judgment on the scenario

Hence, the correct sequence is II, IV, V, I, III

39. The question below contains a paragraph followed by alternative summaries Choose the option that best captures the essence of the paragraph.

In 1947, J. R. R. Tolkien published a celebrated essay on fairytales in which he insisted that their association with childhood was recent and unfortunate; it misled us into thinking that the genre was not worth serious analysis, not something to "think with". Marina Warner's wide-ranging and handsomely produced book *Once Upon a Time* will reinforce J. R. R. Tolkien's insistence that these stories are very far from being a simple style of narratives to be outgrown. Paradoxically, in our day, it is adults who seem most to need and use them, because they are just about the only stories we have in common with which to think through deep dilemmas and to keep alive registers of emotion and imagination otherwise being eroded:

- (a) J R R Tolkien insisted that fairy tales were an unfortunate occurrence because the genre was not worth serious analysis. Marina Warner, on the other hand, believes that any tales shouldn't be outgrown
- (b) J R R Tolkien and Marina Warner believe that the usefulness or fairy tales goes beyond childhood the stories can help grownups deal with their issues and assist them in keeping emotion and imagination thriving**
- (c) Marina Warner, like Tolkien, believes that Fairy Tales can help both children and adults in thinking through deep dilemma and in keeping their registers of emotion and imagination alive.
- (d) Unlike Tolkien, Marina Warner believes that Fairy Tales are beneficial for children and adults alike because the stories are what we have in common and help us face our problems

Solution:

One thing in the passage is certain - that J R R Tolkien and Marina Warner agree, and that they are both on the same side ("...book Once Upon a Time will reinforce J R R Tolkien's insistence that these stories are very far from being a simple style of narrative to be outgrown."). Therefore, options 1 and 4 can be eliminated since they both state or imply that the two authors disagree on something about Fairy Tales

Option 3 can be done away with because the author does not talk about the usefulness of Fairy Tales in the same vein or both children and adults, in fact, the focus of the passage is on the benefits of Fairy Tales especially for adults' it is adults who seem most to need and use them.

Option 2 correctly summarizes the passage and covets all the important points.

Hence, the correct answer is option 2

Directions (Q40): Identify the correct sentence or sentences. Check grammar usage, semantics, mechanics, redundancy, punctuation, spelling and style elements.

40. A. After, he ate, the monkey mimicked him, through the glass.
 B. One cannot be too careful of his good name.
 C. Today we love what tomorrow we hate; today we seek what tomorrow we shun; today we desire what tomorrow we fear
 D. As soon as the parents discovered that the boy suffered from astigmatism, they took him to the optometrist for corrective glasses.
- (a) A, B (b) B, C (c) C, D (d) D only

Explanation: Sentence A: A comma is necessary if the sentence is unclear or the meaning changes without it. The correct sentence is: After he ate, the monkey mimicked him through the glass.

Sentence B: The indefinite pronoun "one" should be used throughout, if used at all. The correct sentence is: One cannot be too careful of one's good name.

Sentence C: A semicolon is used to separate a series of loosely related clauses. The correct sentence is: Today we love what tomorrow we hate; today we seek what tomorrow we shun; today we desire what tomorrow we fear.

Sentence D: No error.

Section II (General Knowledge)

1. The two week-long joint military exercise "Maitree 2018" has started between Indian Army and _____ Army recently
 (a) Malaysia (b) **Thailand** (c) Bangladesh (d) Nepal

Exp:- (b) The exercise will emphasize to hone the tactical and technical skills in joint counter insurgency and counter terrorist operations in rural and urban scenario under UN mandate. Both sides will jointly train, plan and execute a series of well-developed tactical drills for neutralization of likely threats that may be encountered in urban warfare scenario.

2. India and the U.S.A. recently signed the foundational or the enabling agreement by the name _____ on the sidelines of the inaugural _____ dialogue.
 (a) INDUSA, 2+1 (b) **COMCASA, 2+2** (c) SRUMM, 2+2 (d) COMESA, 2+2

Explanation: India and the U.S. on September 6 signed the foundational or enabling agreement COMCASA on the side-lines of the inaugural 2+2 dialogue. COMCASA stands for Communications Compatibility and Security Agreement and is one of the four foundational agreements that the U.S. signs with allies and close partners to facilitate interoperability between militaries and sale of high end technology.

3. The group of computer scientists and a team of students from the IIT- Madras have developed the first of a family of six industry-standard microprocessors under Project _____

(a) **Shakti** (b) Bhakti (c) Desh bhakti (d) Desh suraksha

Exp:- (a) The initial batch of 300 chips, named 'RISECREEK', has been fabricated for free at the Intel facility in Oregon (US), which was used to run the Linux operating system. The design of microprocessors is open source. They optimize power use and compete with international units such as the Cortex A5 from Advanced RISC Machines (ARM). The entire team was lead by Dr. Neel Gala, who is an alumnus of IIT-Madras. The team had used a BlueSpec System Verilog language, which helped them capture the processor functionality.

4. _____ has become the first woman shuttler to win the women's singles World Badminton Championships thrice with an emphatic victory recently.

(a) **Carolina Marin** (b) PV Sindhu (c) Akane Yamaguchi (d) Tai Tzu-ying

Exp:- (a) Earlier, Marin won the title in 2014 and the 2015 Jakarta edition. Sindhu didn't have answers to Marin's blistering pace in the 45 minutes that the match lasted. The second silver meant Sindhu is the only Indian to have four world championships podium finishes. She had won two bronze medals at the 2013 Guangzhou and 2014 Copenhagen editions. In men's singles, Kento Momota of Japan won the title with an easy 21-13, 21-11 victory over local boy Shi Yuqi.

5. In the 14th edition of Women's Hockey World Cup 2018, defending champions the Netherlands recorded a stunning 6-0 victory over _____ in the summit clash

(a) Spain (b) **Ireland** (c) Australia (d) None of these

Exp:- (b) It must be noted that the Netherlands have been crowned the world champions for a record 8th time. Kitty van Male, who was among the 6 different goal scorers, finished the tournament as the top scorer with 8 goals. Spain won the third-place match by beating Australia 3-1 to claim their first ever World Cup medal. India finished the tournament at the 8th spot.

6. Argentina's U-20 football team has won the 2018 Cotif Cup football tournament. Which nation hosted the tournament?

(a) Venezuela (b) Mauritania (c) India (d) **Spain**

Exp:- (d) It is an annual invitational football competition for the youth, the sport registers footballers from clubs, national and international teams. The first COTIF Cup was held in 1984 in Valencia, Spain.

7. The 22nd edition of 'Parampara series - National Festival of Music and Dance' festival will be held in

(a) **New Delhi** (b) Mumbai (c) Kolkata (d) Bengaluru

Exp:- (a) The purpose of the festival is to offer a platform to young talents trying to make their foothold in the world of art and culture. It is organised by Natya Tarangini led by Padma Bhushan awardee Kuchipudi couple Raja and Radha Reddy. The 3-day event will also see performances by veteran classical dance couple 'The Dhananjayans' (Shanta and Vannadil Pudiyaaveettil Dhananjayan) and Kathak exponent Uma Dogra.

8. The world's first-ever facility to create thermal batteries, manufactured by _____ has been inaugurated in Andhra Pradesh.

(a) **BEST** (b) FEST (c) REST (d) GEST

Exp:- (a) The thermal battery plant, which is manufactured by the Bharat Energy Storage Technology Private Limited (BEST), is expected to start commercial operations by May 2019. The technology will help in mitigating carbon

emissions and is best suited for grid balancing and stabilisations. It will also be used to store energy for telecommunication, commercial establishments, electric vehicles and highway charging stations. It can also be effectively used in remote locations, such as hilly terrains and islands.

9. The famous slogan "Government of the people, by the people, for the people" was given by:
- (a) Benjamin Franklin
 - (b) Geoffrey Chaucer
 - (c) **Abraham Lincoln**
 - (d) George Washington

Exp:- (c) In 1863 Abraham Lincoln made a speech which ended with this hope "that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom- and that the government of the people, by the people, for the people shall not perish from the earth". These words have been quoted since then as the supreme vindication of representative government.

10. The Tamil Nadu government has recently invoked the clemency powers of the Governor under _____ to grant pardon to the seven convicts in the _____. The Governor of Tamil Nadu is _____.
- (a) Article 72, Rajiv Gandhi assassination case, Vajubhai Vala
 - (b) Article 161, Indira Gandhi assassination case, Banwarilal Purohit
 - (c) **Article 161, Rajiv Gandhi assassination case, Banwarilal Purohit**
 - (d) Article 163, Rajiv Gandhi assassination case, Vajubhai Vala

Explanation: Article 161 talks about the pardoning powers of the Governor. The current AIADMK government of Tamil Nadu has recently recommended to the Governor to pardon the seven accused in the Rajiv Gandhi assassination case.

11. Which of the following states is landlocked and does not share a boundary with any other country?
- (a) Arunachal Pradesh
 - (b) **Jharkhand**
 - (c) Rajasthan
 - (d) Sikkim

Exp:- (b) Jharkhand is totally landlocked and does not share a boundary with any other country, as it is surrounded on all sides by Indian states. Rajasthan, Sikkim and Arunachal Pradesh are also land locked states, but they share their boundaries with foreign countries.

12. The Parliament of India has passed the 123rd Constitutional Amendment Bill, which grants constitutional status to the National Commission for Backward Classes (NCBC). Which article permits amendment of the Constitution of India?
- (a) 360
 - (b) **368**
 - (c) 356
 - (d) 358

Exp:- (b) The bill was passed after the House repealed the NCBC Act, 1993. It will contribute to the empowerment of the OBC communities across India. The bill states that the President may specify the socially and educationally backward classes in the various states and union territories. He may do this in consultation with the Governor of the concerned state. It will give the institution all powers to safeguard the rights of the socially and educationally backward classes and fulfils a long pending commitment of the central govt to the OBCs.

13. Which of the following passes connects Pakistan and Afghanistan?
- (a) Nathu La Pass
 - (b) **Khyber Pass**
 - (c) Khardung La Pass
 - (d) Karakoram Pass

Exp:- (b) The Khyber Pass is a mountain pass connecting Afghanistan and Pakistan, cutting through the northeaster part of the Spin Gharmountains. An integral part of the ancient Silk Road, it is one of the oldest known passes in the world. The Nathu La Pass connects the Indian state of Sikkim with China's Tibet Autonomous Region. The Khardung La Pass is a high mountain pass located in Ladakh region of the Indian state of Jammu and Kashmir. The Karakoram Pass is between India and China.

14. NITI Aayog's International Conference on "Sustainable Growth through Material Recycling: Policy Prescriptions" was held in New Delhi and was inaugurated by
(a) Narendra Modi (b) Amit Shah (c) **Nitin Gadkari** (d) None of these

Exp:- (c) The daylong conference brought together a host of experts for identifying policy prescriptions for the development and growth of material recycling in India towards creating more jobs, reduce dependence on exports, protect the environment and take steps towards adopting circular economy concepts.

15. The communication exercise "Pacific Endeavor-2018 (PE-18)" under the Multinational Communications Interoperability Program (MCIP) recently started in
(a) India (b) **Nepal** (c) Sri Lanka (d) Myanmar

Exp:- (b) The basic objective of 12 day exercise is to develop common communications operating procedures to enable military forces in the Asia Pacific region to collectively work in the wake of disaster. Around 270 personnel from 20 Asia-Pacific Countries are participating in the exercise, which is jointly organised by the Nepali Army and United States Pacific Command (USPC).

16. _____ women chess team has clinched the gold in the Blitz event at the Asian Nations Chess Cup 2018.
(a) Myanmar (b) Nepal (c) **India** (d) China

Exp:- (c) It's India's first gold-medal finish at the event since 2014. The Indian team comprising Harika Dronavalli, Eesha Karavade, Padmini Rout, Vaishali R and Aakanksha Haga left the teams from Vietnam and China behind to clinch gold. Apart from this, they also bagged a silver and a bronze in the Rapid and Classical categories, respectively.

17. As per _____ of the RBI Act 1934, Chartered Accountant Swaminathan Gurumurthy has been appointment as non-official director on the central board of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI).
(a) Section 8 (1) (a) (b) Section 8 (1) (f) (c) Section 8 (1) (e) (d) **Section 8 (1) (c)**

Exp:- (d) He is associated with the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh affiliate Swadeshi Jagran Manch and is also the editor of Tamil magazine Thuglak. Besides him, the government has also appointed businessman Satish Kashinath Marathe as another non-official director on the RBI board for 4 years.

18. UNESCO has included the Khangchendzonga Biosphere Reserve (KBR) in the list of World Network of Biosphere Reserve (WNBR) at the 30th Session of the Man and Biosphere International Coordinating Council (ICC) in
(a) **Indonesia** (b) India (c) China (d) Russia

Exp:- (a) With this, KBR has now become the India's 11th internationally designated WNBR and joined the list of other biospheres such as Nandadevi, Simlipal, Sunderbans, Nokrek, Pachmarhi and Nilgiri. The reserve, which is located in Sikkim, includes a range of ecoclines varying from subtropical to arctic, as well as vast natural forests in different biomes that support an immensely rich diversity of forest types and habitats resulting in high species diversity and endemism.

19. Prof. Talat Ahmad has become the new vice chancellor of the University of Kashmir. He is a renowned
(a) **Earth Scientist** (b) Oncologist (c) Cardiologist (d) None of these

Exp:- (a) He succeeded Khurshid Iqbal Andrabi. Prior to this post, Ahmad was the vice chancellor of Jamia Millia Islamia. He has been a recipient of several prestigious awards and citations, including the National Mineral Award, 1994 from the Government of India. He has also been a fellow of the Indian National Science Academy in New Delhi, Indian Academy of Sciences in Bangalore, fellow of the National Academy of Sciences in Allahabad, J C Bose National Fellowship, DST, New Delhi.

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