

**Direction (1-5) : In each of the question given below a sentence is given with one blank. Below each sentence FOUR words are given out of which two can fit the sentence. Five options are given with various combinations of these words. You have to choose the combination with the correct set of words which can fit in the given sentence.**

1. The Union Budget has reinforced the correction of the inverted duty structure (IDS) which has .....impacted manufacturing for decades.
- A. Negatively                      B. Adversely  
C. Sceptically                    D. Totally  
(a) A-B      (b) B-C      (c) C-D      (d) A-D  
(e) B-D

Ans. (a)

The correct set for the blank will be 'negatively-adversely' which means unfavourable or inversely.

2. In Maharashtra, the Shiv Sena has been on a ..... Course for some time now, and in Punjab the Shiromani Akali Dal has recently turned just short of hostile.
- A. Confrontation                      B. Meeting  
C. Dispute                              D. Clamiming  
(a) A-B      (b) B-C      (c) C-D      (d) A-C  
(e) B-C

Ans. (d)

The suitable set for the blank will be 'confrontation-dispute' which means conflicts.

3. Customs duties have been ..... on capital goods and electronics. And silica for use in manufacture of telecom grade optical fibre.
- A. Increased                              B. Raised  
C. Constructed                          D. Cultivated  
(a) A-B      (b) B-C      (c) C-D      (d) A-D  
(e) B-D

Ans. (a)

The suitable set for the above blank will be 'increased-raised' whose meaning is elevated.

4. It would be absurd to ..... the new roster for allocation of cases in the Supreme Court, with division of work among the judges according to various subject categories, as a move towards greater objectivity or fairness.
- A. Explain                                  B. Gloss  
C. Construe                                D. Crack  
(a) A-B      (b) B-C      (c) C-D      (d) A-C  
(e) B-D

Ans. (d)

The correct set for following blank will be 'Explain-construe' which means deduce or interpret.

5. The Russian doping scandal ..... to cast a long shadow over international sport as the 2018 Winter Olympics begin in Pyeong Chang, South Korea, on February 9.
- A. Restarts                                  B. Extends  
C. Continues                                D. Persists  
(a) A-B      (b) B-C      (c) C-D      (d) A-D  
(e) B-D

Ans. (c)

The appropriate set of words for the blank will be 'continues-persists' which means to carry on.

**Direction (6-10) : In the given passage, there are blanks, each of which has been numbered. Against each five words are suggested, one of which fits the blank appropriately. Find out the appropriate word in each case.**

Immunisation is one of the most cost-effective public health... (6)...and largely responsible for the reduction of mortality and morbidity rates caused by infectious diseases. Vaccines are ... (7)... for Indian as we are rapidly developing. India has become polio-free and eliminated maternal and neonatal tetanus with the effective use of vaccines. More so, because of how we made sure that the vaccines were ... (8) ... to children. The success is due to our Universal immunization programme (UIP)-one of the largest immunization programmes in the world. The activities of the UIP are further ... (9)... through Mission Indradhanush, a special... (10)...intervention to each out to all those children who have been left out of the Routine Immunisation (RI) drives or who have only been partially immunized.

6. (a) Intercession                              (b) Intervention  
(c) Operation                                (d) advance  
(e) onset

Ans. (b)

The correction answer for the blank will be 'intervention' whose meaning it the act of intervening; mediation.

7. (a) Related                                  (b) Opportune  
(c) Fitting                                      (d) Legitimate  
(e) Pertinent

Ans. (e)

The correct answer for the blank will be 'pertinent' whose meaning is relevant or suitable.

8. (a) Administered                              (b) Applied

- (c) Furnished (d) Extended  
(e) Proffer

Ans. (a)

The correct answer for the blank will be 'administered' whose meaning is to dispense or provide something needed.

9. (a) Enriched (b) Supplemented  
(c) weaken (d) Padded  
(e) Dissuade

Ans. (b)

The correct answer for the blank will be 'Supplemented' whose meaning is to add to or improve.

10. (a) Aspire (b) Planned  
(c) contemplate (d) targeted  
(e) forget

Ans. (d)

The correct answer for the blank will be 'targeted' whose meaning is to aim; point of direct a goal.

Direction (11-20) : In the sentences given below, each sentence has four parts, in which there parts have error. You have to find out the correct part, which has no error and it will be the answer. In case there is no error in any part, mark the option 'no error'.

11. When the Supreme Court (SC) at Monday (a)/called the Delhi Development Authority (DDA) (b)/ "the Delhi Destruction Authority", their Frustration with the agency/(c) and the national capital's planning process were understandable. (d)/No error (e)  
(a) (a) (b) (b) (c) c (d) d  
(e) e

Ans. (b)

In part a-preposition 'at' is wrong, it should be 'on'. In part c-pronoun 'their' will be replaced by 'its'. In part d, helping verb 'were' is inappropriate, it will be 'was'.

12. Each time the apex court had ordered action (a)/against the misuse in municipal laws, (b)/the DDA and successive governments have (c)/responded with an plan to protect the violators. (d)/No error (e)  
(a) (a) (b) (b) (c) c (d) d  
(e) e

Ans. (c)

In part a, 'had' will be replaced by 'has'. In part b-preposition 'in' wrong it should be 'of'. IN part d, article 'an' is wrong. It will be 'a'.

13. Back in 2006, when the apex court ordered the (a)/seal of illegal commercial premises, (b)/the then United Progressive Alliance (UPA) government bring (c)/a law to protect the affect properties. (d)/No error (e)  
(a) (a) (b) (b) (c) c (d) d

- (e) e

Ans. (a)

In part b-verb 'seal' is used incorrectly, it should be in 'ing' form, i.e., sealing. In part c-verb 'bring' will be replaced by 'brought'. In part d-verb 'affect' will be 'affected' as per the tense in the sentence.

14. Changes were make to the Master Plan. (a)/Extensions to this law have be used by the (b)/civic agencies as an excuse to not acting (c)/even against the more recent irregularities. (d)/No error (e)  
(a) (a) (b) (b) (c) c (d) d  
(e) e

Ans. (d)

In part a-verb 'make' will be in second form i.e., 'made'. In part b, 'be' is incorrect, it should be 'been'. In part c-verb 'acting' is wrong because 'to' preposition is used before that. So, it will be 'act'.

15. Unlike Nepal, male also (a)/opted to supporting the (b)/Belt and Road Initiative without the (c)/first consult India. (d)/No error (e)  
(a) (a) (b) (b) (c) c (d) d  
(e) e

Ans. (a)

In part b-'supporting' is wrong after preposition 'to'. In part c-use of 'the' is irrelevant. In part d-verb 'consult' will be replaced by 'consulting'.

16. The governance gap has been led (a)/to the unscrupulous behavior (b)/from service providers (c)/and enrollment agencies. (d)/No error (d)  
(a) (a) (b) (b) (c) c (d) d  
(e) e

Ans. (d)

In part a-use of 'been' is irrelevant, it should be eliminated, in part b-use of 'the' is unnecessary, in part c, the preposition 'from' will be replaced by 'of'.

17. New Delhi could also facilitate the emergence (a)/of a more organized opposition, (b)/or activate assets on support popular protests and (c)/disrupted the government's functioning. (d)/No error (e)  
(a) (a) (b) (b) (c) c (d) d  
(e) e

Ans. (b)

In part a-'could' will be replaced by 'can'. In part c-preposition 'on' will be replaced by 'to'. In part d-verb 'disrupted' will be in first form i.e., disrupt.

18. In an extreme scenario, India could (a)/execute an military intervention to (b)/stabilize the Maldives and ensures internal (c)/peace and order, as it do in 1988. (d)/No error (e)  
(a) (a) (b) (b) (c) c (d) d

- (e) e  
 Ans. (a)  
 In part b-article 'an' will be replaced by 'a'. In part c-verb 'ensures' will be 'ensure'. In part d-'do' will be replaced by 'did'.
19. The prohibition and penalties must (a)/apply both to government or private entities, (b)/including to UIDAI itself, while allow (c)/aggrieved citizens in register complaints with the police. (d)/No error (e)
- (a) (a) (b) (b) (c) c (d) d (e) e

- Ans. (a)  
 In part b, conjunction 'both-and' is used incorrectly, so 'or' will be replaced by 'and'. In part c, 'allow' will be replaced by 'allowing'. In part d-preposition 'in' will be replaced by 'to'.
20. Beyond military power and humanitarian relief, India's (a) capacity to serve as a first responder in crises (b)/in the region also required the strategic will and skill to (c)/help solving neighboring countries' political conflicts. (d)/no error (e)
- (a) (a) (b) (b) (c) c (d) d (e) e

- Ans. (a)  
 In part b, preposition 'in' will be replaced by 'to'. In part c-verb 'required' should be in simple present tense because the sentence is general form. In part d-verb 'solving' will be replaced by 'solve'.

**Direction (21-25) : In each of the question given below a/an idiom/phrase is given in bold which is then followed by five options which then tries to decipher its meaning as used in the sentence. Choose the option which gives the meaning of the phrase most appropriately in context of the given sentence.**

21. This was meaning to be a temporary intervention, which came with the promise that mechanism would soon be put in place to **shake off** the city of unauthorized development.
- (a) Dump (b) Roust  
 (c) Expel (d) Eliminate  
 (e) rid

- Ans. (e)  
 The correct meaning for the given phrase will be 'rid' which means to be free from or do away with.
22. In his quest to **fend off** Western pressure, Yameen has been tilting towards China through a series of high-level visits, a free trade agreement, and tighter security cooperation.
- (a) Reject (b) Repulsive  
 (c) Resist (d) Want  
 (e) Foil

- Ans. (c)  
 The correct meaning for the following phrase will be 'resist' which means to avoid or keeping a distance.
23. Even those politicians who do not want to **come out** in support of khaps have restricted themselves to saying that they are part of tradition and culture.
- (a) Debut (b) Appear  
 (c) leak (d) Hide  
 (e) Issue

- Ans. (b)  
 The correct meaning for the following phrase will be 'appear' which means making public or disclosing.
24. Despite the questionable election that brought President Abdulla Yameen to power in the Maldives in 2013, India has **sit out** loyal to him in both good times and bad.
- (a) Persisted (b) Lingered  
 (c) Delayed (d) Remained  
 (e) Visited

- Ans. (d)  
 The correct meaning for the given phrase will be 'remained' which means to stay or continue to be
25. But with the country **flashing on** another, even deeper, political crisis, New Delhi must now play hardball if it wants to be part of the solution that returns the Maldives to democracy, stability and its sphere of influence.
- (a) Reading (b) Spotting  
 (c) Beholding (d) Overlooking  
 (e) Witnessing

- Ans. (e)  
 The correct meaning for the following phrase will be 'witnessing' which means observing or watching.
- Direction (26-30) : Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions given below it :default: failure to fulfil an obligation, especially to repay a loan or appear in a law court.**

**Sovereign bonds:** A sovereign bond is a specific debt instrument issued by the government. They can be denominated in both foreign and domestic currency. Just like other bonds, these also promise to pay the buyer a certain amount of interest for a stipulated number of years and repay the face value on maturity. They also have a rating associated with them which essentially speaks of their credit worthiness.

Venezuela is an unusual country. It is home to the world's largest reserves of oil and its highest rate of inflation. It is known for its unusual number of beauty queens and its frightening rate of murders. Its bitterest foe(enemy), America, is also its biggest customer, buying a third of its exports. In defaulting on its sovereign bonds last month (it failed to pay

interest on two dollar-denominated bonds by the end of a grace period on November 13th), Venezuela is also increasingly unusual. The number of governments in default to private creditors fell last year to its lowest level since 1977, according to the Bank of Canada's database. Of the 131 sovereigns tracked by S&P Global, a rating agency, Mozambique is the only other country in default, having missed payments on its Eurobond (and failed to make good on guaranteed loans to two state-owned enterprises). Walter Wriston, a former chairman of Citibank, earned ridicule for once declaring that "countries don't go bust (totally out of money)". But they don't much anymore. This dearth of distress is surprising, given the turmoil emerging economies have endured in recent years. The collapse in commodity prices that undid Venezuela was accompanied by a sharp reversal of capital flows to emerging economies that began in 2011 and gathered pace during the "taper tantrum" (Taper tantrum is the term used for the 2013 surge in [U.S. Treasury](#) yields, which resulted from the [Federal Reserve's](#) use of tapering to gradually reduce the amount of money it was feeding into the economy.) of 2013. There have been 14 such capital "busts" in the past 200 years, according to Carmen Reinhart of Harvard University, Vincent Reinhart of Standish Mellon Asset Management and Christoph Trebesch of the Kiel Institute for the World Economy. The most recent bust was the second-biggest of the lot. But it led to less distress than usual. If past patterns had held, such a severe setback would have resulted in 15-20 more defaults than actually transpired (become known), the three scholars calculate. What explains these "missing" defaults? Some may be hidden. China, for example, may have rescheduled or replenished some of its sizeable loans to emerging economies without ever declaring them bad. Indeed, China's willingness to roll over its loans to Venezuela delayed, even if it did not ultimately prevent, the Bolivarian republic's default on some of its other debts.

Distress also now manifests itself in other ways, points out Gabriel Sterne of Oxford Economics, a consultancy. The governments of emerging economies increasingly borrow in their own currencies. These are no longer tightly *pegged to* (If a price or amount of something is **pegged** at a particular level, it is fixed at that level. Its currency is **pegged** to the dollar) the dollar, as many were in the 1980s and 1990s, or to gold, as in the 19th century. Of 54 emerging markets Mr Sterne has examined,

only 11 have foreign-currency bonds worth more than 20% of their GDP. So defaulting on hard-currency debt is neither as necessary nor as helpful as it was. Even if a sovereign were to forswear (renounce) a big chunk of its dollar obligations, imposing a steep loss on creditors, it would only save a large percentage of a small amount. The costs of default, on the other hand, are somewhat fixed. Default is, in legal terms, a discrete event. Reneging on debt worth 10% of GDP may be just as damaging to a country's reputation as reneging on debt worth twice as much. And the costs are not just financial. "You have to negotiate with the creditor committees. You're going to get all the hedgies (hedge funds) (**Hedge funds** are alternative investments using pooled **funds** that employ numerous different strategies to earn active return, or alpha, for their investors. ) potentially ganging up on you. And that's a pain in the backside," notes Mr Sterne. In a growing number of emerging markets, including past offenders like Brazil, Mexico and Peru, default on foreign-currency debt is no longer imaginable, he says. What about the local-currency securities that have grown in importance? Since governments have the power to print the money they owe on these bonds, default is never technically necessary. Currency depreciation and inflation offer a more surreptitious way to erode creditors' claims: less discrete, more discreet. Ukraine offers one instructive example, argues Mr Sterne. The holders of its foreign-currency debt emerged largely unscathed (undamaged) from its wartime wobbles (generous coupon payments more than offset a 15% cut in the net present value of their claims). On the other hand, those unlucky enough to hold bonds or deposits denominated in Ukrainian hryvnia suffered a 30% loss in dollar terms, by his calculations. Although default on local-currency bonds is never technically necessary, is it nonetheless possible? The rating agencies think so, reserving triple-A ratings for only a small fraction of such bonds. And even the financial markets perceive some danger of default. The yield they demand on this government paper is higher than the implicit "risk-free" rate that can be calculated from currency swaps, point out Wenxin Du of the Federal Reserve and Jesse Schreger of Columbia Business School. In some cases, the two economists argue, a government may prefer default to the alternatives of depreciation and inflation. Suppose, for example, that the country's companies have borrowed heavily in

