

Directions for questions (1 to 5) : In each of the questions below, four different ways of writing a sentence are indicated. Choose the best way of writing the sentence.

1. A. Despite of the exalted position of science and rational thinking in modern society, human behaviour is often characterized by a combination of opposites compassion and violence generosity and greed, rationality and irrationality.
 B. Despite the exalted position of science and rational thinking in modern society, human behaviour is often characterized by a combination of opposites—compassion and violence, generosity and greed, rationality and irrationality.
 C. In spite of the exalted position of the science and rational thinking in the modern society, human behaviour is often characterized by a combination of opposites, compassion and violence, generosity and greed rationality and irrationality.
 D. In spite the exalted position of the science and rational thinking in modern society, human behaviour is often characterized by a combination of opposites—compassion and violence generosity and greed, rationality and irrationality.
 (a) A (b) B (c) C (d) D
2. A. The need of educating new breed of engineers with skills in people and project management has become a significant one with the rapid development of technology industries.
 B. The need for educating a new breed of engineers with skills in people and project management has become a significant one with the rapid development of technology industries.
 C. The need to educating a new breed of engineers with skills in people and project management has become a significant, one with the rapid development of technology industries.
 D. The need of educating a new breed of engineers with skills in people and project management has become a significant one, with rapid development of the technology industries.
 (a) A (b) B (c) C (d) D
3. A. Though signs of migraine manifests themselves early most people ignore them, little realizing that preventive measures can radically help.
 B. Though signs of migraine manifest themselves early, most people ignore them, little realizing that preventive measures can radically help.
 C. Though signs of migraine manifest early most people ignore them, realizing a little that preventive measures can help.
 D. Though signs of migraine manifest early most people ignore them, little realizing that preventive measures can radically help.
 (a) A (b) B (c) C (d) D
4. A. Most of the B-schools offer the best possible inputs to the students in terms of faculty and infrastructure, the students themselves need to put in dedicated efforts in few areas, to reach the heights of their corporate role models.
 B. Although most of the B-schools offer the best possible inputs to the students in terms of faculty and infrastructure, the students themselves need to

put in dedicated efforts in few areas, to reach the heights of their corporate role models.

- C. Despite most of the B-schools offering the best possible inputs to the students in terms of faculty and infrastructure, the student themselves need to put in dedicated efforts in few areas, to reach the heights of their corporate role models.
 - D. Though most of the B-schools offer the best possible inputs to the students in terms of faculty and infrastructure, yet the students themselves need to put in dedicated efforts in few areas, to reach the heights of their corporate role models.
 (a) A (b) B (c) C (d) D
 5. A. The international market in shipbuilding and ship repair has become fiercely competitive, the ship yards in the country should raise their standards and improve productivity to secure their place in the global market.
 B. The international market in shipbuilding and ship repair having become fiercely competitive, therefore the shipyards in the country should raise their aspirations and improve productivity to secure their place in the global market.
 C. With the international market in shipbuilding and ship repair becoming fiercely competitive, the shipyards in the country should raise their standards and improve productivity to secure their place in the global market.
 D. As the international market in shipbuilding and ship repair has become fiercely competitive, the shipyards in the country should rise their standards and improve production to secure their place into the global market.
 (a) A (b) B (c) C (d) D
- Directions(6 to 10): Select the phrase/connector from the given three options which can be used in the beginning (to start the sentence) to form a single sentence from the two sentences given below, implying the same meaning as expressed in the statement sentences**
6. Research shouldn't be about getting published in global journals. It's about addressing our needs in a collective fashion.
 - i. Research shouldn't.....
 - ii. Addressing our needs
 - iii. As researches address.....
 (a) Only i (b) Only ii
 (c) Only iii (d) Both i and ii
 (e) Both i and iii
 7. Adverse climate change is also a risk to sustainability. It leads to drop in yield and lower quality produce, and increases incidence of attacks by pests and insects.
 - i. Being a risk to sustainability, adverse.....
 - ii. Leading to drop in yield and increases.....
 - iii. In view of risk to
 (a) Only i (b) Both i and ii
 (c) Both ii and iii (d) Both iii and i
 (e) None of these
 8. The judge is going to take back the charge of the institution. The institution needs to define a strategy that specifies the domain in which it will operate.
 - i. As the institution needs to
 - ii. Although the judge is going to take.....
 - iii. Nevertheless the institution.....

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| (a) only i | (b) Only ii |
| (c) Only iii | (d) None of these |
| (e) all of these | |

Nevertheless: used to saying something contrast with what has just been said Many marriages fail. Nevertheless, people continue to get married

9. The Modi government's obsession with repackaging is back with the introduction of 'swachta dooths' in ministries. These swachta dooths have been assigned tasks such as organising files and maintaining cleanliness.
- After the swachta dooths have.....
 - The Modi government introduced
 - the Modi govt. Nevertheless obsessed
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| (a) Only i | (b) Only ii |
| (c) Only iii | (d) Both i and iii |
| (e) Both i and ii | |

10. The threshold limit for the applicability of TDS on receipt of commission was moved up to ₹15,000 as against ₹5,000 earlier. The TDS rate for the same was slashed by half to 5 per cent.
- The threshold limit for the applicability.....
 - Although the threshold limit for the.....
 - Because the threshold limit for the.....
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| (a) Only i | (b) Only ii |
| (c) Only iii | (d) All of these |
| (e) None of these | |

Direction (11 to 15): In each of the following questions, a short passage is given with one of the lines in the passage missing and represented by a blank. Select the best out of the five answer choices given to make the passage complete and coherent.

11. Indian officialdom has all but acknowledged what many suspected all along – that there is something amiss about the growth narrative. _____. The finance ministry expects a 50,000-crore shortfall in revenue collections, against the budgeted estimate of 14.5 lakh crore. It has promised that the fiscal deficit target of 3.9 per cent of GDP will be adhered to, without serious cutbacks in expenditure.
- But that may not be enough to spur investment, given the poor demand impulses, borne out by flat tractor and auto sales, and the stock of unsold homes.
 - Indeed, while the Budget rightly prioritizes capital spending in infrastructure, setting aside some Rs. 70,000 crore, it is worth considering whether a larger sum is needed to get the investment cycle going — even if this entails a small deviation from the fiscal deficit target.
 - There can be no better time than now to impart an intelligent, rather than populist, fiscal stimulus — with inflation under control and oil prices not posing pressures on the subsidy front.
 - A lowering of the projections made in the Economic Survey, from 8.1-8.5 per cent to 7.5 per cent, hardly comes as a surprise, given a 14 per cent deficient monsoon, persistently negative exports and indifferent industrial growth.
 - The RBI has “frontloaded” its rate cuts and is helping banks deal with stressed assets so that they can lend freely.

12. For many years, the continent Africa remained unexplored and unknown. The main reason was the inaccessibility to its interior region due to dense forests, wildlife, savage tribal, deserts and barren solid hills. _____. While others explored with the idea of expanding their respective empires, Livingstone did so to explore its vast and mysterious hinterland, rivers and lakes.

- He was primarily religious man and a medical practitioner who tried to help mankind with it.
- Livingstone was born in Scotland and was educated to become a doctor and priest.
- He explored an unknown river in Western Luanda. However, he was reduced to a skeleton during four years of travelling.
- He discovered the origin of the River Nile in 1866. He again suffered many discomforts. He became too sick and could not even walk.
- Many people tried to explore the could not survive the dangers, David Livingstone is among those brave few who not only explored part of Africa but also lived among the tribals bringing them near to social milieu.

13. _____. Even the human body is a form of energy. Call it prana or jivatma or simply vayu energy sustains the gross body and expresses it through sensory perceptions and the basic physical elements. The three fundamental gunas- satvik, nijasik and tamasik which characterize the nature of the human being, very often in a combination, are further sub divided into many basic qualities commonly known as human values.

- Energy is neither created nor destroyed; it is only recycled and recast in different forms.
- Love, affection, integrity and truth, for instance, are values that are as important to life as breathing or eating.
- Energy values are positive but in the course of practice and because they emanate from a mind that is susceptible to negative thoughts, they get corrupted.
- Energy generates negativity and manifest in the form of tying cheating or causing others harm.
- The very fact that human civilization has survived over centuries shows that despite all the negativity, the force of positive energy within all of us continues to expand and enrich.

14. Over the next five years, India faces one of the world's biggest financing challenges: bringing clean, affordable, reliable, water and energy to all, building the infrastructure for smart cities to thrive and investing in enterprises that will provide livelihoods for an extra 10 million jobseekers each year. Through all of this and beyond, a sustainable financial system is both a necessity and an opportunity. _____. Actual practice suggests the reverse.

- At IDFC, the business case for sustainable finance is real and multifaceted: reduced risk, increased market share, access to international finance, reduced reputational risks and enhanced brand value.
- For too long, a myth has been allowed to take root in India that sustainability and finance are at odds – that taking account of environmental, social and

- governance (ESG) factors raises costs, reduces returns and impedes development.
- (c) The fivefold increase in the country's solar target to 100 GW of installed capacity by 2022 will require unprecedented volumes of investment, perhaps as much as \$ 100 billion as per some estimates.
- (d) The Small Industries Development Bank of India has found, for example, that loans to energy – efficient companies have a much better loan recovery rate than the norm.
- (e) Sustainable finance is fundamentally about channeling capital to India's real economy needs. Take renewable.
- 15.** Central to the financial sector reforms would be the restructuring and financing of public sector banks (PSBs). _____. Accordingly, it recommended that the minimum government holding in PSBs should be reduced from 51 per cent to 33 per cent. It was argued that reducing the government holding to 33 per cent would not mean a loss of control over the social objectives of PSBs, but it would give a breather to these banks to meet minimum capital requirements.
- (a) The UPA government I and II swore by the 51 per cent minimum government holding and hence there was an impasse.
- (b) The Financial Sector Legislative Reforms Commission (2013) recommended a single Indian Financial Sector Code.
- (c) The Narasimham Committee II on Banking Sector Reforms (1998) concluded that the fisc just could not meet the capital requirements of PSBs.
- (d) The pronouncements of the present BJP government, however, indicate that they would not deviate from the 51 per cent government holding in PSBs.
- (e) Under the NDA regime, Finance Minister Yashwant Sinha made a valiant effort to get this recommendation accepted, but parliamentarians from his own party blocked the move.

Directions(16 to 20): word usage

- 16.** Vital
- (a) it is vital that action is taken to protect jobs
- (b) the new president appeared young and vital
- (c) he felt the familiar knot contract in his vitals
- (d) the sum required was vital compared with military spending
- (e) All of the above are correct.
- 17.** Combat
- (a) an effort to combat drug trafficking
- (b) the powers combated to the head of state
- (c) five Hurricanes were shot down in combat
- (d) he hath no more antagonists to combat
- (e) All of the above are correct.
- 18.** Assent
- (a) a loud murmur of assent
- (b) the act was given the Royal Assent
- (c) there were murmurs of assent from the opposition benches
- (d) the Prime Minister assented to the change
- (e) All of the above are correct.
- 19.** Prevent
- (a) there is growing pressure to halt the bloodshed
- (b) the restoration work has temporarily halted

- (c) a further strike has halted production
- (d) a senior academic would prevent him in his work
- (e) All of the above are correct.
- 20.** Movement
- (a) a slight movement of the body
- (b) your movements and telephone conversations are recorded
- (c) a movement to declare war on poverty
- (d) we restore antique clock movements
- (e) All of the above are correct.

Directions(21 to 25): errors In each of the following questions there are sentences. There is error in two parts.

Mark the option which contains error parts as your answer. If no part contains error mark option E as your answer.

- 21.** (A) Taking into account all factors, including (B) few that may lend respite, such as the wide-ranging cuts to the goods and services tax rate, (C) the RBI raised its estimate for inflation over the third and fourth (D) fiscal quarters by 10 basis points from its October projection.
- (a) Both (D) and (A) (b) Both (A) and (B)
- (c) Both (B) and (C) (d) Both (C) and (D)
- (e) No Error
- 22.** (A) The MPC is, however, more confident (B) about the prospects for growth, concerns (C) over higher oil prices and shortfalls in (D) kharif crop output and rabi season sowing notwithstanding.
- (a) Both (A) and (D) (b) Both (B) and (C)
- (c) Both (C) and (B) (d) Both (D) and (A)
- (e) No Error
- 23.** (A) Butressing the confidence in the economy are the finding (B) in the RBI's survey, who posit an improvement in demand (C) in the services and infrastructure sectors and an uptick in the overall (D) business environment in the January-March quarter.
- (a) Both (D) and (B) (b) Both (A) and (B)
- (c) Both (C) and (D) (d) Both (C) and (A)
- (e) No Error
- 24.** (A) While New Delhi has made no public statement (B) it has reportedly made its displeasure knew, (C) particularly on the speed and stealth (D) with for which the negotiations were completed.
- (a) Both (A) and (C) (b) Both (D) and (B)
- (c) Both (C) and (A) (d) Both (B) and (D)
- (e) No Error
- 25.** (A) Even if the Americans are sincere in its support for us, (B) they will simply not lobby for India alone; it will be (C) unthinkable for them to try to get India in without (D) in the same time getting Japan also in.
- (a) Both (D) and (C) (b) Both (A) and (D)
- (c) Both (B) and (A) (d) Both (C) and (B)
- (e) No Error

Directions (26 to 30) : Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow One of the most significant trends visible in wildlife conservation and management today is the increased use of

technology' Camera traps, for instance, have provided new evidence of tiger presence in the Mhadei Wildlife Sanctuary in Goa and of the Asiatic wildcat in Bandhavgarh, Madhya Pradesh, radio collars have helped solve the mystery of tiger deaths in Bandipur in Karnataka and Chandrapur district of Maharashtra, and satellite telemetry promises to provide new insights into the behaviour and movement patterns of the Great Indian Bustard in Gujarat, which includes its journeys across the border to Pakistan New software and sophisticated surveillance technologies are being operationalised to keep an eye on developments across large landscapes and the use of contraceptives has been suggested to contain runaway populations of animals ranging from the monkey in large parts of India to the elephant in Africa.

We may not be able to escape such a technology based framing, but is it possible that the current set of technologies, like those mentioned earlier, are profoundly different from those of the earlier era? And is the change that we are seeing, therefore, a more fundamental one?

What these innovations appear to do is increase our proximity to the subject of our interest and of our investigation Surveillance technologies are bringing distant and topographically complex landscapes right into our homes and offices so that they can be observed and monitored without moving an inch More individual wild animals are perhaps being caught and handled today than has ever happened earlier And then there are various levels of physical intrusion that these sentient beings are subjected to be it a microchip in the tail, a radio collar around its neck or a contraceptive injected into its body, not to mention the sedation that most of these individuals are forced into to enable such intrusions.

Technology has always allowed us deeper access into and control over our environment; in many ways, it has been the key in the human conquest over nature And yet there are some things - a ferocious large cat or a free flying bird or a deep-sea mammal - that had still seemed out of reach They were wild, defined as an animal living or growing in the natural environment, not domesticated or cultivated They were wild and therefore inaccessible or inaccessible, therefore wild Technology is closing that gap and it is the very idea of the wild and wilderness that comes into focus in important public initiatives such as conservation and protection of biodiversity How wild or natural, for instance, is an animal that cannot perform its fundamental biological function of procreation because it has been sterilised by human intervention? Is a tiger that has been sedated multiple times and now carries a radio collar as wild" a tiger as one that has never been photographed, sedated or collared? How wild is a wilderness where everything has been mapped, where everything is known and where all movement is tracked in real time?

26. Which of the following is/are true as per the passage?

- I. Surveillance technologies are bringing distant and topographically complex landscapes right into our homes and offices so that they can be observed and monitored without moving an inch.

II. Less individual wild animals are perhaps being caught and handled today than has ever happened earlier.

III. Technology has always allowed us deeper access into and control over our environment; in many ways, it has been the key in the human conquest over nature.

- (a) Only I (b) Only III
(c) Both I & II (d) Both I & III
(e) All of the above

27. According to the passage, what has/have been the effect(s) of more wild animals being caught and handled today'

- I. They are fitted with a microchip in the tail.
II. They are fitted with a radio collar around their neck.
III. They are often sedated

- (a) Only I (b) Only II
(c) Both I & II (d) Both II & III
(e) All of the above

28. According to the passage, on what basis can we say that the introduction of technology in the conservation of wildlife has not been very successful?

I. The technologies have made animals very accessible to humans as a result of which, there often occurs physical intrusion in their lives.

II. Not all the animals have been accessible till date.

III. The technology that has been used till date has given unreliable results at times

- (a) Only I (b) Both I & II
(c) Both II & III (d) Both I & III
(e) All of the above

29. What is the tone of the author with respect to the passage?

- (a) Sceptical (b) Optimistic
(c) Neutral (d) Informational
(e) Bold

30. According to the passage, which of the following could be the possible outcome(s) of mapping the entire wilderness?

I. The animals might not feel very comfortable living in the constant vigil of the human.

II. It might expose the animals to humans with evil intentions, such as poachers.

III. It might be useful for the scientists to track the animals and gather various data regarding them

- (a) Only I (b) Only III
(c) Both I & II (d) Both II & III
(e) All of the above

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1. (b) 'Despite' should not be followed by 'of whereas 'inspite' necessarily takes 'of. This eliminates choices A and D. The use of the definite article in the wrong places is the problem with C '— the science and rational thinking —', 'the modern society'
2. (b) 'The need for educating —' or 'The need to educate —' is grammatically correct. The use of 'to

- educating' or 'of educating' are incorrect and hence sentences A, C and D are grammatically incorrect. '— to educate with skills in people and project management —' is the intended meaning. Also the use of the definite article before 'technology' is incorrect in D.
3. (b) 'Manifest' takes an object. It has to be 'manifests' itself, Here it is 'the signs(-ie) it is given in plural. Hence it has to be 'manifest themselves' which is given only in B. The use of 'manifests' is incorrect in A.
4. (b) A is incomplete in meaning because of the omission of the conjunction. The use of the verb in the wrong form 'offering' makes C ungrammatical. The use of two conjunctions 'though' and 'yet' makes D ungrammatical.
5. (c) Without the use of a conjunction the first and the second part in A remain unconnected and hence it is ungrammatical. They should 'raise their standards'. 'Aspirations' is inapt in this context and hence B is incorrect. The use of the verb 'rise' in place of 'raise' is incorrect in D.
6. (d)
1. Research shouldn't be about getting published in global journals because it addresses our needs in a collective fashion.
 2. As researches address our needs in a collective fashion so they shouldn't be about getting published in global journals.
7. (b)
1. Leading to drop in yield and increases incidence of attacks by pests and insects, adverse climate change is a risk to sustainability
 2. Being a risk to sustainability, adverse climate change lead to drop in yield and increases incidence of attacks by pests and insects
8. (b)
Although the judge is going to take back the charge of the institution yet the institution needs to define a strategy that specifies the domain in which it will operate.
9. (e)
1. The Modi government introduced 'swachta dooths' in ministries and they have been assigned tasks
 2. After the swachta dooths have been assigned tasks, the Modi government's obsession with repackaging (dobara se present karna) is back
10. (a)
1. The threshold limit for the applicability of TDS on receipt of commission was moved up to ₹15,000 after the TDS rate for the same was slashed by half to 5 per cent
11. (d)
- is correct answer since in the beginning of the passage it is explaining about the worst case of the economic situation. So, option d) is explaining about negative growth of economic condition while others are explaining the ways to improve the economic state.
12. (e)
is correct answer since in the beginning of the passage it is explaining about the Africa and its region. So, will give a coherent passage since others are describing about Livingstone.
13. (a)
is correct answer since in the paragraph is explaining about the Energy. So, option a) will be perfect choice for starting the passage.
14. (b)
is correct answer since in the paragraph is describing about the financial status. So, option a) is opt for the blank since it explains the myth of the financial situation and makes the paragraph complete.
15. (c)
is correct answer since in the paragraph is giving details about the reformation of PSBs. So, option c) is fit to the blank and makes the paragraph coherent.
16. (d)
Option four is not correct use of vital. Replace 'vital' with 'insignificant'.
17. (b)
Option second is not correct use of combat. Replace 'Combated' with 'accorded'.
18. (c)
Option third is not correct use of assent. Replace 'assent' with 'dissent'.
19. (d)
Option four is not correct use of Prevent. Replace 'Prevent' with 'assist'.
20. (e)
All of the above statements are correct use of movement.
- (21 to 25)**
21. (c)
(b) Use 'a few or some' in place of 'few'
(c) Use 'its' in place of 'it' because here possessive case will be used.
22. (e)
23. (b)
(a) Use 'findings' in place of 'finding'
(b) Use 'which' in place of 'who'.
('who' is used for person, and which is used for non living things)
24. (d)
(b) Use 'known' in place of 'knew'
(d) remove 'for'. 'stealth with' is correct expression
25. (b)

(a) Use 'Their' in place of 'its' because possessive case of Americans will be 'their';

(d) Use 'at the same time' in place of 'in the same time'

(26 to 30)

- 26.** 4th sentence of the 2nd para and opening sentence of the last para outline options (I) & (III) as they are. hence, true The last 2nd sentence of the 2nd para says more' individual wild animals while (II) says less' and that s why it's not true.
- 27.** Outlined in the closing sentence of the 2nd para, only options (I) & (II) can be said to be true here The reason why (III) wont comply is because the wild animals are sedated so that the things mentioned m (I) & (II) can be done. Moreover, sedation is not the reason why the wild animals are today being increasingly caught Hence, C will be the answer.
- 28.** (I) has been talked about in the 2nd para while (II) has been included in the last para, hence, both of them could be adjudged as the reasons for the technology not being successful (III) is not given anywhere m the entire passage and that s why cannot be concluded regarding the use of technology in wildlife conservation.
- 29.** In the passage, the author has talked in a context that even though there have been advancements in technology, it has not been particularly helpful in conservation of wildlife, rather it has been problematic it is to be noted that he's not holding pessimistic (negative) views on the subject, but just being skeptical (doubtful) as to how the technology upgradations will help the wildlife.
- 30.** We've already seen that the author has been doubtful regarding the use of technology in wildlife conservation, in the passage. He has outlined two major negative points in this aspect of experiments carried on the animals and inaccessibility regarding them The context of the question is given in the last sentence of the last para Now. because of the above given assertions, the answer to the said question can only be negative and as (III) is a positive statement, it II be incorrect