

Directions (1 to 3) : A set of five statements are given below in a sequence that forms a coherent paragraph. Read the set of statements and answer the questions that follow.

- I. You've set yourself a goal for the week, and all you have to do is get started.
- II. However, just when you think you're ready to dig into the task, something else catches your attention.
- III. Perhaps it's an overflowing email inbox with tantalizing promotions, or some extra but unnecessary cleaning up you start to do around the house.
- IV. As the hours go by, and then a couple of days, that goal for the week recedes further into the distance.
- V. Unfortunately, this means you'll have to rush to get it done, or end up being a few days late when you do finally finish it.

1. Which of the following statements can successfully replace Statement V?
 - (a) This measure of self-determination' was important because procrastinators would presumably be more likely to procrastinate when they were fulfilling duties assigned to them by others rather than engaging in tasks they felt were important to them personally.
 - (b) If you procrastinate, according to this view, you're guaranteeing that you'll fail which you perversely wish to do if you believe that you're fundamentally flawed.
 - (c) If you find yourself stalling like this on a regular basis, you may think that becoming a punctual person is beyond your ability.
 - (d) In other words, to understand the procrastinators in life, you have to understand their values.
 - (e) Would people who score high on a procrastination scale also value their own personal well-being (enjoying their free time) more than achievement (getting things done)?
2. Which of the following statements can fit between Statements IV and V?
 - (a) Everyone puts things off until the last minute sometimes, but procrastinators chronically avoid difficult tasks and deliberately look for distractions.
 - (b) An easy way to come up with a reinforcing consequence is to think about the activities that tend to distract you from your obligations.
 - (c) Perfectionists are often procrastinators. It is psychologically more acceptable to never tackle a task than to face the possibility of falling short on performance.
 - (d) To use consequences to your advantage, think about how you can reinforce your procrastinated behaviour frequently.
 - (e) People who struggle with procrastination may spend hours distracting themselves instead of addressing obligations that require time and effort.
3. Which of the following statements will logically follow Statement V

- (a) New research on the motivation behind procrastination can help you get out of this rut and see your delay tactics in a different light.
- (b) Procrastination in and of itself, isn't an irrational behaviour nor, returning to the psychodynamic interpretation, does it reflect neurotic self-defeating tendencies.
- (c) If you, or important people in your life, fit the standard definition of procrastination, it is important to take this broader approach to understanding the role of values as influences on the way people expend their energies.
- (d) Instead, it is more effective to promote what they call 'motivational competence' so that people can choose and set goals for themselves that are in keeping with their own inner motives and values.
- (e) Many of these problems can be tackled with behavioural strategies that optimize the connection between the environment and behaviour.

Directions (4 to 8) : Each statement has a part missing. Choose the best option from those given below the statement to make up the missing part.

4. In India, the fruits of democracy, in the first three decades of independence, were almost exclusively reaped by the traditional elites, in pre-independent India's hierarchical society.
 - (a) no thanks to the social and cultural capital they accumulated by virtue of their superior status
 - (b) thanks to the social and cultural capital, they have accumulated by virtue of their superior status.
 - (c) no thanks to the social and cultural capital they had accumulated by virtue of their superior status
 - (d) thanks to the social and cultural capital they had accumulated by virtue of their superior status
5. A merger between Air India and Indian Airlines would enable them
 - (a) to not only manage operations better but also reduce costs by pooling resources and avoiding duplication
 - (b) not only to manage operations better but reduce costs also by pooling resources and avoiding duplication
 - (c) to better manage not only resources but also reduce costs by pooling of resources and avoiding duplication
 - (d) not only to better manage operations but also reduce costs of pooling resources and avoiding duplications
6. Though the recommendation that universities work on research projects with CSIR laboratories and reputed institutions is well intended, collaborative research programmes
 - (a) will not materialize till such time the universities are to develop strong areas of expertise and specialization

- (b) will materialize only when universities are to develop strong areas of expertise and specialization
- (c) will not materialize till such time the universities develop strong areas of expertise and specialization
- (d) will materialize until such time as the universities develop strong areas of expertise and specialization
7. Of all the centuries that came before, perhaps in all of them combined, for good and for evil.
- (a) in the last hundred years the human race never matched what it accomplished
- (b) the human race never matched what it accomplished in the last hundred years
- (c) the human race never matched in the last hundred years what it accomplished
- (d) the human race in the last hundred years never matched what it accomplished
8. Freedom for farmers to sell their produce at a place of their choice, cutting down the cost of procurement for agro-processing activity.
- (a) will certainly boost flexibility in production and integrating the farm sector with industry
- (b) while boosting flexibility in production and integrating this farm sector with industry
- (c) while boosting flexibility in production and integration of the farm sector with industry
- (d) will certainly boost flexibility in production and integration of the farm sector with industry
- Directions (9 to 18):** In each of the following questions, there are sentences that form a paragraph. Identify the sentence(s) or part(s) of sentence(s) that is/are correct in terms of grammar and usage (including spelling, punctuation and logical consistency). Then choose the most appropriate option.
9. A. Washington currently reverberates (be repeated several times as an echo.) in voices crying
- B. for drastic reduction and even wholesale dismemberment (the action of partitioning or dividing up a territory or organization.) of America's spy agencies. C. But as with defense spending generally
- D. most of the demands for crash cuts reflect short range political pressures
- E. rather than any grand global strategy or reconceptualization of intelligence as such.
- (a) C and E (b) B and D
- (c) Only D (d) D and E
10. A. A new company hopes drivers will kick the oil habits (stop engaging in a habitual practice.)
- B. by brewing ethanol at home
- C. that won't spike food prices.
- D. E-fuel corp unveiled on Friday, the 'Micro-fueler,'
- E. touting it as the world's first machine that allows house owners to make their own ethanol and pump the brew directly into their cars.
- (a) A and B (b) C and D
- (c) A, B and E (d) B, C and D
11. A. The literature of African exploration and conquest is so vast and varied
- B. as those processes themselves.
- C. Yet with few outstanding exceptions, the records are built uniquely to a single domination attitude.
- D. They are the journals of men
- E. who look at Africa resolutely from the outside.
- (a) B, C and E (b) B and D
- (c) B, D and E (d) A and E
12. A. One should not pretend that models for a harmonious world order are ready on hand
- B. and it would be equally disingenuous to suppose that ideas
- C. of peace and community has much of a chance
- D. when power is moved to action
- E. by aggressive perceptions of 'vital national interest'.
- (a) A and B (b) B and D
- (c) B and E (d) C and D
13. A. Alarmed with the runaway inflation which has been surging
- B. mainly on account of soaring food prices
- C. the government on Friday announced import duty exemption for rice
- D. while slashing of the levy of a number of edible oils
- E. to not only hold the price line but also ensure that inflation is not imported into the country.
- (a) A and B (b) B, C and E
- (c) A, C and D (d) A, C and E
14. A. Her body bent almost 90 degrees, nonagenarian llama
- B. trekked a long distance at her age
- C. with the help of two sticks
- D. braved the scorching sun to exercise her franchise.
- E. As ill luck would have had it, she had to return home for want of an ID card.
- (a) B, D and E (b) A, D and C
- (c) A and C (d) A and E
15. A. Hidden cameras in the jungles of Indonesia's Java Island
- B. have captured rare footages of the world's most threatened rhino,
- C. boosting efforts to save it from extinction.
- D. This will help conservationists fighting to save the species
- E. which number only around 60 in the wild by giving new information.
- (a) A and E (b) A, B and C
- (c) A, C and D (d) D and E
16. A. Rates of social mobility may be computed either within the life span of man
- B. Or as is more common between generations of fathers and sons.
- C. Sociologists long entertained the belief, without systematically examining the data
- D. That certain societies such as India had highly closed systems of stratification,

- E. That there is little upward mobility, almost all sons ended up in precisely the same strata their fathers had occupied.
 (a) A and E (b) C and D
 (c) B and C (d) C and E
17. A. Dr Craig Venter, the man who first sequenced
 B. The entire genome of a living creature (a bacterium)
 C. And then went on to running a private enterprise rival
 D. To the publicly funded Human Genome Project
 E. Has reinvented him again.
 (a) Only E (b) C, D and E
 (c) A, B and D (d) A and B
18. A. For the wealthy nations and in particular the top 20 per cent of the worlds' population
 B. who continue to enjoy the many fruit dished up by the capitalistic way of life,
 C. the consumption of goods is reaching the point of near satiation.
 D. There is so much psychic value only one can get out of having two or three automobiles,
 E. a half dozen televisions and appliances of every sorts servicing every possible need and desire.
 (a) Only C (b) B and C
 (c) C and D (d) Only E

Direction (19 to 20) : In each of the questions below, four words are given Choose the option that gives the correct combination of words that are synonyms/antonyms

19. 1. Sturdy 2. ludicrous
 3. meagre 4. paltry
 (a) 1 and 3 (b) 2 and 3
 (c) 1 and 4 (d) 2 and 4
20. 1. Alleviate 2. Inundate
 3. Alluring 4. Repulsive
 (a) 1 and 3 (b) 2 and 4
 (c) 1 and 2 (d) 3 and 4
 (e) 2 and 3

Directions (21 to 25) : Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow We're all a lot more than we appear to be at work We have other dimensions that are invisible to our companies, supervisors, direct reports, and most of our colleagues, and those invisible dimensions have a deep impact on our work A study of dual-earner couples shows that people put more time in at work when their intimate relationships are going well, because the absence of drama at home gives them greater emotional, cognitive, and physical **vigour** to bring to the workplace. Another study shows that spouses personalities affect employees work outcomes - incomes, promotions, and so on Both studies are reminders that each individual bent over each task in the office is connected to. and the product of. a social and familial context that matters a lot, and we should all be paying more attention to those contexts. The personality data covered in these studies are known as the 'big five' dimensions-extroversion, agreeableness. neuroticism. conscientiousness, and

openness The researchers found that the only spousal trait that was important to an employees work outcomes was conscientiousness, which turns out to predict employee income, number of promotions, and job satisfaction, regardless of gender.

First, conscientious spouses handle a lot of household tasks, freeing employees to concentrate on work Second, conscientious spouses make employees feel more satisfied in their marriages Third, employees tend to emulate their conscientious spouses **diligent** habits.

This doesn't mean your success depends on your being in a relationship There are plenty of single people who shine at work, and there are plenty of effective business leaders who are unattached In fact, research suggests that in certain circumstances, being single can help CEOs run their companies firms led by unmarried chiefs invest more aggressively and take greater risks than other firms But successful people often turn out to have strong marital relationships When you re m a relationship, you re no longer just two individuals, you re this entity The more solid the entity, the greater your advantage.

But what isn't obvious is the extent to which so many people are parts of teams, in a sense - two-person teams that are based outside the office Any particular colleague or boss or direct report might be supported by a truly conscientious spouse, someone who willingly - even joyfully - takes care of details that would otherwise become headaches and interfere with work For that matter, any particular colleague or boss or report might be **hampered** by a spousal relationship that s a couple of standard deviations below the mean, as they say.

Maybe you don t agree that your company should get involved m trying to improve your spousal relationship But there are things you can do on your own You can support your spouse in supporting you If you depend on his or her reliability, diligence, and goal orientation, don t take those traits for granted Maybe you've been standing heroically at the bow for so long that you ve forgotten how much effort it takes to row So. sit down and row for a while.

And while you re rowing, how about suggesting that your spouse get up and stand heroically in the bow for a change? **Emulate** his or her conscientiousness Really put your back into it You may find that your conscientious spouse has a compelling vision of his or her own that will take you into unexpected places.

21. Which of the following statements can be inferred from the passage?
- The author believes that only married people can have strong and successful careers.
 - The author believes that single people face greater trouble in managing career threats, as they do not have as much support as married people do.
 - The author believes that many successful people have good, strong marriages.
- (a) Only 1 (b) Only 2

- (c) Only 3 (d) Only 1 and 3
(e) All the three
- 22.** According to the passage, which of the following is true of conscientious spouses?
1. They take care of household tasks and other details, reducing one's burden.
2. They inspire one to learn from and follow their own example.
3. They try to resolve issues soon so that there is less stress in the relationship.
(a) Only 1 (b) Only 2
(c) Only 3 (d) Only 1 and 2
(e) All the three
- 23.** What does the author mean when he says, "Maybe you've been standing heroically at the bow for so long that you've forgotten how much effort it takes to row?"
(a) The author is imploring people to not take the conscientiousness of their spouse for granted, and to appreciate what they do for the marriage.
(b) The author is imploring people to be more conscientious instead of simply depending on their spouses.
(c) The author is imploring people to take up household tasks for a change and let their spouse earn bread for the house
(d) All of the above
(e) Both A and B
- 24.** Which of the following best describes the tone of the passage?
(a) Witty (b) Solemn
(c) Bitter (d) Introspective
(e) Conversational
- 25.** Which of the following best sums up the main idea of the passage?
(a) Is marriage helpful for career or not
(b) The challenges of today's professional world
(c) How to achieve success
(d) How your spouse can make you successful
(e) The role of conscientiousness of your spouse on your career
- 26.** What is the primary purpose of the last paragraph?
(a) To conclude the topic on an optimistic note expressing hope in the future possibilities
(b) To sum up the main idea of the passage, and give grave advice to the readers.
(c) To end with an example of personalities who became successful with the help of their spouses.
(d) All of the above
(e) Both A and B
- 27.** And while you're rowing, how about suggesting that your spouse get up and stand heroically in the bow for a change? **Emulate** his or her conscientiousness. Really put your back into it. You may find that your conscientious spouse has a compelling vision of his or her own that will take you into unexpected places. The word **vigour** as used in the passage, is closest in meaning to:
(a) enthusiasm (b) seriousness
(c) consistency (d) lethargy
(e) strength
- 28.** The word **diligent** as used in the passage, is closest in meaning to
(a) contingent (b) industrious
(c) eminent (d) intent
(e) studious
- 29.** The word '**hampered**' as used in the passage, is closest in meaning to
(a) stomped (b) pestered
(c) impeded (d) frustrated
(e) lampooned
- 30.** The word '**emulate**' as used in the passage, is closest in meaning to :
(a) inundate (b) follow
(c) enunciate (d) instigate
(e) commence

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1. A although considers "procrastination", its subject is 'self-determination', of which nothing has been included in the prior statements. B points towards some 'view' but IV does not follow suit. E does not consist of relevant details to bring the discussion forward. Out of the remaining two, C will be a better choice, because D says, "in other words" and then goes on to explain something, but that is not related to what IV says. Moreover, the 'stalling like

- this' perfectly corroborates with IV Hence. C will be the correct answer.
2. A is like an introduction, so. it cannot fit in here B will not be relevant to the context at hand C talks from the point of 'perfectionists' of which nothing has been said before The previous sentences also do not talk about any such 'consequences' for D to be the correct answer Statement IV talks about how the time goes by for a procrastinator. E carries forward the idea by delving into it with details of what exactly happens. V completes the argument by mentioning what it leads to Hence, E will be the correct answer.
3. C at one place mentions "this broader approach' but V does not talk in the same regard Similarly. V does not contain anything relevant to comply to "instead" and then the continued part, outlined in D Even though V does talk about a problem, its one single problem and not many, which is what E says, thereby getting ruled out Out of the remaining two. A will be a better choice simply because the 'out of this rut (a dull/unproductive habn or behaviour)' clearly relates to what V talks B does not seem to be entirely relevant, making A the correct choice.
4. (d) The idiom 'no thanks to' means 'in spite of whereas 'thanks to' means 'because of. The latter is appropriate here. Similarly, 'had accumulated' is right since we have a past tense earlier.
5. (a) Not only . . . but also is a correlative conjunction that is placed immediately before the two things compared.
Further what precedes 'not only' stands in the same relation to what follows it and but also. Hence 'to' must precede 'not only' since it is logically 'to manage operation' and 'to reduce cost'. As such choice 1 is right.
In choice 2, 'to' follows 'not only' so that it is no longer linked to 'reduce costs', In choice 3, since 'to better manage1 precedes 'not only' it follows that it is linked to 'reduce costs'. So we have 'to better manage reduce costs' which is meaningless. In choice 4 'of replaces 'by' which makes it wrong
6. (c)
Since the sentence begins with 'though' the blank must have 'will not materialize till'. This rules out 2 and 4 The phrase 'universities are to develop' suggests they are expected to, which is not the meaning intended (rules out 1 and 2). Only choice 3 is right.
7. (b)
The idea in the sentence is that the human race achieved more in the last hundred years (good and evil). than it did in any of the previous centuries or all of them put together. This idea is rightly conveyed only by choice 2. All the others convey the idea of having achieved less in the last hundred years than ever before.
8. (d)
The structure of the first part that is given requires the blank to begin with 'will'. 'While' leaves the sentence incomplete (rules out choices 2 and 3). Since we have 'will certainly boost' the sentence must go on to say 'what it will boost'- Flexibility in production and integration of the farm sector with industry. The two are linked by 'and' and so must have the same structure. Hence, 'integrating' in choice 1 is wrong which also leaves the sentence incomplete.
- (9 to 18) :
9. (c)
A is erroneous. Reverberates is followed by 'with' and not 'in'. Statement B is incorrect. The conjunction 'and' does not suit the context, 'or' is appropriate. Option C is erroneous 'as with defence spending generally' is a parenthetical statement and requires commas after 'but' and 'generally.' Option E is erroneous in using 'rather then' in place of 'rather than'. Only D is correct.
10. (d)
A is erroneous because of the use of the plural 'habits' when we are talking only of one habit. Hence 'oil habit' is the correction.
is incorrect because of the use of 'house owners' in place of 'home owners'. Statements B, C and D are correct.
11. (c)
A is erroneous-----The adjectival phrase 'vast and Yarned' is used in the positive degree of comparison.
Hence it should read ' - - - as vast and varied as.....'. Statement C is incorrect. 'A few' exceptions is correct and not 'few', Statements B, D and E are correct
12. (b)
A is erroneous '----- ready at hand' is the correct expression to mean available. Statement C is faulty in the use of the singular verb 'has' with the plural noun 'ideas'. 'Have' should be used. is incorrect. Perceptions about national interests is the correction.
Hence B and D are correct.
13. (b)
A is erroneous. One is alarmed at something net 'with'. Statement D is faulty, 'levy' should be followed by 'for'not 'of'.
Hence B, C and E are correct.
14. (c)
Statement B is erroneous. The sentences indicate that the distance covered was a lot for her age. Hence 'for' and not 'at' is the right preposition. Statement D is incorrect. The verb 'braved' is incorrect. 'Braving' is correct to imply that she

walked a long distance even as she braved the hot sun.

As ill luck 'would have had it' is incorrect in option E.

The past is already indicated by 'would' hence would have had is redundant, 'would have it' is correct. A and C are correct.

15. (c)

B is erroneous 'Footage' implies a series of photographs and hence it should not be used in the plural. Statement E is incorrect. The noun governing the verb 'numbers' is species which is singular. Hence it should also be singular, 'which numbers' is correct.

Hence options A, C and D are correct.

16. (b)

A is erroneous because the indefinite article 'a' is missing before 'man'. The article is necessary because we are talking of the life span of different men and not mankind in general. Statement B is faulty as is more common is a parenthetical expression and hence it needs a comma at the end and the beginning of the expression. Hence, 'or as is more common', is the correction. Statement E is incorrect the plural 'strata' is used when referring to a single section of society. Hence 'stratum' is the correction.

Choices C and D are correct.

17. (c)

Statement C is erroneous. "To run" is appropriate to indicate the meaning of conducting. Statement E is incorrect. 'Reinvented' should be followed by the reflexive pronoun 'himself'. Options A, B and D are correct.

18. (c)

A is incorrect. The apostrophe in world's should come before the "s". Option B is erroneous. 'Many fruits' is the correction.

Option D is incorrect because of the positioning of the word 'only'. 'Only so much psychic value' is correct because it means a limited quantity. Option E is faulty.

Every should be followed by the singular noun. Hence 'every sort' is the correction.

19. Sturdy durable Ludicrous funny Meagre-little Paltry-small in amount Both 3 and 4 are synonyms, which makes E the right answer.

20. Alleviate-reduce or lessen/ease, inundate-get overwhelmed/overburdened with something Alluring-attractive or tempting Repulsive-arousing intense distaste or disgust Hence, 3 and 4 are antonyms of each other, making D the correct answer.

21. 1 is eliminated as the author clarifies in the fifth paragraph that one's success is not dependent on their being in a relationship. 2 is eliminated as it is not mentioned or implied anywhere in the passage.

3 is implied in the fifth paragraph Option C is the right answer.

22. 1 and 2 are mentioned in the fourth paragraph of the passage 3 is not mentioned anywhere in the entire passage Option D is the right answer.

23. Option A can be inferred from the fact that the author says in the previous lines that one should appreciate the conscientiousness of their spouse as it plays a positive role in one's career Option B is eliminated as the author nowhere implores people not to depend on their spouses Option C is not mentioned anywhere in the entire passage Option A is the right answer.

24. Options A and B are eliminated as the author is neither too humorous nor too serious in his tone Option C is eliminated as the author does not express anger or bitterness towards anyone Option D is eliminated as the author does not introspect on himself, his life or experiences Option E is the right answer, as the author is conversational and friendly in tone, and occasionally addresses the reader.

25. Option A is eliminated as it is too generic, the passage only focuses on one aspect of this topic Option B is eliminated as the passage does not seek to discuss what challenges we face in today's professional world Option C is eliminated as this is too broad, the passage hardly gives any instructions or guidelines on how to achieve success Option D is eliminated as the passage only focuses on one aspect of a spouse that can enhance your success Option E is the right answer, as it best sums up the main idea of the passage.

26. Option A is eliminated as the author does not express hope in future possibilities, he simply gives a suggestion to his readers Option C is eliminated as the author mentions no example in the last paragraph Option B is the right answer, as the author sums up the main idea of the passage in the last paragraph and gives a takeaway advice to his readers.

27. The word vigour as used in the passage, means energy and eagerness Option B is eliminated as the word seriousness is not close in meaning to the given word as in the passage Option C is eliminated as consistency means continuous effort Option D is eliminated as lethargy would be an antonym Option E is eliminated as strength means power. Option A is the right answer, as the word enthusiasm means energy and excitement, this is closest to the given word.

28. The word diligent as used in the passage, means hard working Option A is eliminated as contingent means accidental or conditional Option C is eliminated as the word eminent' means well known Option D is eliminated as the word intent means keen Option E is eliminated as studious' means one

who enjoys studying Option B is the right answer, as industrious means hardworking, this is closest to the given word.

29. The word hampered as used in the passage, means obstructed Option A is eliminated as the word stomped' means to tread heavily Option B is eliminated as pestered means irritated. Option D is eliminated as frustrated* means angered. Option E is eliminated as lampooned means criticized publicly Option C is the right answer, as impeded means obstructed, this is closest to the given word.
30. The word emulate as used in the passage, means imitate Option A is eliminated, as inundate means overwhelm Option C is eliminated as enunciate' means to pronounce carefully Option D is eliminated as instigate means provoke. Option E is eliminated as commence' means begin Option B is the right answer, as follow means to imitate, this is closest to the given word.