

- (B) The new climate change study identified Perth as the most vulnerable city as it will have to rely on other sources of water in the future.
- (C) Perth, Australia's driest major city, appears to be adapting the right measures in dealing with a water crisis,
- (D) Australia is on the brink of drying out due to carbon emissions.
- (E) Researchers said Perth is the most vulnerable since most of its rainfall usually occurs between May and September.
- (F) The drop in average rainfall is largely due to carbon emissions or the greenhouse gases emitted by human activities.
- (G) Reports said Southern Australia will be facing a water crisis by the end of the century as effects of climate change continue to worsen.

- a) C and G b) B and E c) c only
 d) G only e) D and F

4. Correct Choice: c Solution:

The paragraph is about the water scarcity in Australia which is on the brink of drying out due to carbon emissions - sentence D - As per the study South Australia is predicted to see a 40 per cent drop in its average annual rainfall - sentence A - this is due to carbon emissions or the greenhouse gases emitted - sentence F - Reports also said that Southern Australia will be facing a water crisis by the end of the century - sentence G - study identified Perth as the most vulnerable city - sentence B - since most of its rainfall usually occurs between May and September - sentence E.

Sentence C mentions - "Perth appears to be adapting the right measures in dealing with a water crisis" - which neither follows nor precedes any other sentence. Hence, C is the odd one out, making option (c) the correct answer.

Direction : In each of the questions below, a paragraph is given, containing three blanks. Six words are given after the paragraph. Choose the correct combination of words from the options, which can fit in the blanks both grammatically and meaningfully.

5. In 1992, a group of students and researchers at the University of Illinois developed a _____ browser that they called Mosaic. (It later became Netscape.) Mosaic offered a user-friendly way to search the Web: It allowed users to see words and pictures on the same page for the first time and to _____ using scrollbars and clickable links. That same year, the US Congress decided that the Web could be used for _____ purposes. As a result, companies of all kinds hurried to set up websites of their own, and e-commerce entrepreneurs began to use the Internet to sell goods directly to customers.

- A. Powered B. Browse
 C. Business D. Sophisticated
 E. Navigate F. Commercial

- a) A, C and E b) D, F and C
 c) A, B and F d) D, E and F
 e) F, C and D

5. Correct Choice: d Solution:

The first sentence talks about the development of a browser. 'Sophisticated' is the right word for the first blank, as evidenced from the praise for the browser in the following sentences. The third sentence explains us the benefits of this browser. Both 'browse' and 'navigate' can fit in the second blank. The fourth sentence informs us about the decision of

the US Congress to use the Web for 'certain' purposes. The word to be filled in the third blank can be guessed by observing the last sentence, where it is said that companies and businesses started to set up shop on the Web. Therefore, the suitable word is 'commercial'. D, E and F form the right combination.

Option D is the right answer.

Direction : In each of the questions below, a short paragraph is given with 3 blanks, followed by six words. From the options, choose the one that provides the correct combination of 3 of the given words which fit in the blanks in the right order.

6. Animals can potentially _____ two types of information from the geomagnetic field: the direction in which they are facing, and where they sit relative to a goal. Directional information is the more basic, as polarity lets animals orient towards north or south as if using a compass. But this has limited _____ over long distances. A strong ocean current can sweep turtles off track; winds can do the same for migratory birds. Determining latitude relative to an end point is more useful, and magnetic cues like intensity and inclination may help. Take loggerhead sea turtle. They swim from the coasts of Florida into the North Atlantic gyre, circling it for years before returning to their _____ beaches to breed. Straying from the course can have deadly consequences. One study put hatchlings in test sites that simulated the magnetic fields at three points on the outer edge of the gyre. In all three cases, the turtles reoriented to stay within its confines.

- I. Vandalize II. Coverage
 III. Natal IV. Speckles
 V. Utility VI. Procure
 a) III, IV & VI b) I, II & IV
 c) VI, V & III d) III, II & V
 e) I, VI & V

6. Correct Choice: c Solution:

Vandalize- deliberately destroy or damage (a property); natal- relating to the place or time of one's birth; speckles- dots; procure- obtain. The passage here discusses how animals use information from the geomagnetic field for the purpose of navigation. The only word that fits well in the first blank is 'procure'. The sentence here talks about animals' ability to obtain navigational information. For the second blank the most appropriate word would be 'coverage' and 'utility' as, we can have both limited coverage and limited utility over long distances. For third blank, the only suitable word is 'natal' because in the sentence, the author can only refer about turtles' returning to their birth or native place. No other word would fit in this context. 'Coverage', though the correct word for 2nd blank does not match with the combinations given in options. Hence, the answer is option c).

Directions : Given below are six statements, which when arranged in the right order, form a coherent and meaningful paragraph. Sentence B is given as the starting statement. Rearrange the statements in the right order and answer the questions that follow.

- A. For a city and a country fraught with ethnic, social and religious differences that often result in high levels of tension between various groups, the market is a unifying area.
 B. Entering the Mahane Yehuda market of Jerusalem is an immediate assault on the senses.

statements given above are true; hence, (e) is the right answer.

Directions : Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

Paragraph I: In an interview, former PepsiCo CEO Indra Nooyi had discussed whether women can "have it all" - successful careers, personal lives, and the rest. To outside observers, it may have seemed that she did: **(A)** During her tenure at Pepsi, one of the largest and most influential food-and-beverage companies in world, the company's revenue increased from \$35 billion to \$63.5 billion, as it added healthier drinks and snacks to its previous repertoire of largely sodas and junk food. Nooyi accomplished this while parenting two daughters - one of whom ended up attending Yale's business school, Nooyi's alma mater. Still Nooyi had concluded that "having it all" is illusory, though there are nonetheless some "coping mechanisms" involving, in part, a more creative approach to managing family and work.

Paragraph II: When Nooyi announced Monday, at the age of 62, that she will step down from Pepsi this fall after a 12-year-run as its chief executive, she became the latest of several female leaders to leave companies on the S&P 500, including Campbell Soup's Denise Morrison, Hewlett-Packard's Meg Whitman, and Mondelez International's Irene Rosenfeld. Nooyi will be replaced by a male Pepsi executive named Ramon Laguarta, at which point the S&P 500 will include 24 female CEOs. The tally will return to 25 early next year, when Kathy Warden becomes CEO of the aerospace and defence company Northrop Grumman. **(B)** The percentage of female CEOs has been on an upward trend for many years, but the progress has been uncomfortably fast.

Paragraph III: On an episode of the podcast Freakonomics earlier this year, the host, Stephen J. Dubner, asked Nooyi whether she believes there are so few female CEOs because of a gendered cultural understanding of how a leader should behave. Nooyi told him, "I don't think that's the issue." Instead, she said, there's a pipeline problem. There are plenty of women in entry-level positions, but the period when people typically begin to move up the career ladder - their thirties and forties - coincides with the child-rearing years (not to mention the years in which one's parents are aging and more likely to need extra care). **(C)** **imperative** to work long, hard hours in order to move ahead competes with responsibilities at home: and **something has to give.** "How are you going to attract women to the workforce, where we need them, but allow them to balance having a family and taking care of aging parents .. and still allow them to contribute productively to the workforce?" she asked. "I don't have an answer to that. It's got to be a concerted effort on the part of governments, societies, families, companies - all of us coming together."

Paragraph IV: Nooyi's assessment is backed by evidence. Women make up 44 percent of employees of S&P 500 companies; they also make up 37 percent of first-level and mid-level officials and managers, and 27 percent of executive and senior-level officials and managers. A similar pattern exists in other fields - law, medicine, politics. "Women have gotten into entry-level positions very successfully, and then they get to middle management, and things stall out," Ilene Lang, the interim CEO of Catalyst, told me. Research suggests that workplace policies that reward time spent at the office (and penalize time away), in a culture in which women often expected to

be primary caregivers at home, have played a role; so have more overt forms of bias, such as gendered assumptions about what leaders should look like. **(D)** **On top of that**, the relatively few women who **make it to** the executive role aren't often in positions in which they might make decisions directly related to how the company makes, or loses, money - the kinds of roles that lead to 90 percent of CEO appointments. Instead, they're in jobs such as chief financial officer that don't provide the operational experience desired in a CEO.

Paragraph V: Silicon Valley, with all its millennial-led start-ups going public, would seem to offer something of a workaround to all this. Yet, according to Catalyst, a severe underrepresentation of women among venture capitalists and the CEOs they back, combined with bias against female leaders by potential IPO investors, has meant that virtually all of the recent Silicon Valley public offerings have been led by male CEOs. It appears that while research on what keeps women from becoming CEOs has gotten more sophisticated, attitudes have not fully caught up. **(E)** Single motherhood is also far more common than single fatherhood. American corporate culture continues to value - even fetishize - long hours at the office. (F) People in management positions, followed by lawyers, are likeliest to spend more than 40 hours a week working.

12. Which of the following describes the structure of paragraph V?

- a) It introduces a proverb and explains the situation in the light of this proverb.
- b) It seems to point toward a solution to a problem, but ends up telling us that a solution is still far from reach.
- c) It closes the discussion saying that the days of spending long hours in office are coming to an end
- d) It introduces an idea and explains how this idea can solve the problem of working long hours in the office.
- e) None of the above

12. Correct Choice : b Solution :

Paragraph V tells us that though Silicon Valley is expected to provide a workaround to the problems faced by women in advancing in their careers. It then says that it is not so, as investors are biased against female leaders. It also says that attitudes have not changed significantly. It goes on to say that single motherhood is more common than single fatherhood and working long hours at the office is overrated. The latter is difficult for women as they have to balance family and work life. So, B is the option that best describes the structure of paragraph V.

13. Which of the following options is grammatically correct and conveys the same meaning as A?

- a) Pepsi's revenue increased from \$35 billion to \$63.5 billion, as it added healthier drinks and snacks to its previous repertoire of largely sodas and junk food, during her tenure at the company.
- b) Pepsi, one of the largest and most influential food-and-beverage companies in world, increased its revenue from \$35 billion to \$63.5 billion during her tenure, as it added healthier drinks and snacks to its previous repertoire of largely sodas and junk food.
- c) During her tenure at Pepsi, one of the largest and most influential food-and-beverage companies in world, the company's revenue decreased from \$63.5 billion to \$35 billion, as it added healthier drinks and snacks to its previous repertoire of largely sodas and junk food.

- d) Pepsi, one of the largest and most influential food-and-beverage companies in world, saw its revenue increasing from \$35 billion to \$63.5 billion, as it added healthier drinks and snacks to its previous repertoire of largely sodas and junk food.
- e) None can replace
13. Correct Choice : b Solution :
A is incorrect as it misses the 'one of the largest and most influential companies' part. B is correct as it conveys the same meaning as the sentence A, covering all the points. C is incorrect as it says the revenue decreased, whereas it increased as per sentence A. D is incorrect as it misses the fact that the revenue increase happened during 'her tenure'. Option B is the right answer.
14. If sentence B is correct in the context of the passage, mark B, otherwise choose the appropriate answer.
- I. The percentage of female CEOs has been on an upward trend for many years, but the progress has been comfortably slow.
- II. The percentage of female CEOs has been on a downward trend for many years, but the progress has been uncomfortably slow.
- III. The percentage of female CEOs has been on an upward trend for many years, but the progress has been uncomfortably slow.
- a) Only I and III b) B is correct
c) Only I and II d) Only II
- e) Only III
14. Correct Choice : e Solution :
The second paragraph says that Nooyi is one of the female CEOs who has recently quit. The S&P 500 had 25 female CEOs, but it will be 24 with her leaving. It will become 25 again next year. In view of these facts, III is the correct sentence to replace sentence B, as it says that though the percentage of female CEOs is increasing over the years, the progress is unsatisfactory. B is incorrect in the context as 'but' indicates contrast, though there is no contrast between the first and second parts of the sentence. I is incorrect as 'slow progress' cannot be 'comfortable', in the context of the passage which expresses concern over low number of women executives making it to the top. II is incorrect for the same reason as B - there is no element of contrast between the two parts of the sentence. Option E is the right answer.
15. Which option can replace 'something has to give' in sentence C and convey the same meaning?
- a) Women need to fight the dilemma
b) Women need to forge ahead
c) Women need to balance the both
d) Women need to choose one and give up on the other
e) Women need to better equip themselves
15. Correct Choice : d Solution :
The sentence before sentence C tells us that just when women are moving up in the corporate ladder, they are also at an age when they have to take care of their children and elderly parents. Sentence C says that the responsibilities at home clash with the necessity to work longer and harder at higher positions at the office. Here, 'something has to give' conveys the meaning 'someone or something has to stop trying to resist or oppose something'. It essentially means that women have to compromise either with their career or family. Only option D conveys a similar meaning. So, D is the right answer.
16. Does 'option' convey a meaning opposite to 'imperative' in sentence C? If so, mark yes, otherwise choose your answer accordingly.
- a) Yes b) Unimportant
c) Disrespect d) Rule
e) Conviction
16. Correct Choice : a Solution :
Imperative (noun) - An essential or urgent thing. 'Unimportant', though seemingly an antonym, is incorrect as it is an adjective and 'imperative' is used as a noun in sentence C. 'Imperative' can also be used as an adjective, to mean 'essential', in which case 'unimportant' would be correct. 'Option', a noun, can convey a meaning opposite to 'imperative'. So, A is the right answer.
17. Which of the following words can replace 'repertoire' in sentence A?
- a) Stake b) Collection
c) Stocky d) Register
e) Comfort
17. Correct Choice : b Solution :
'Repertoire' can mean 'collection' or 'stock'. So, 'collection' can replace 'repertoire' in sentence D and keep the meaning of the sentence intact. Stocky - (of a person) broad and sturdily built. Option B is the right answer.
18. Which of the following choices can replace 'on top of that' and 'make it to' in sentence D?
- a) Firstly, understand
b) Besides, get promoted to
c) In addition, give up
d) More importantly, require
e) Nevertheless, strive hard to
18. Correct Choice : b Solution :
'On top of that' is a phrase which means 'in addition; besides'. Make it - Succeed in something; become successful. So, in the context of the sentence, 'get promoted to' can mean the same. Option B is the right answer.
19. Can the sentence "Women get complete support from their families to spend more time at work" appropriately fit at E? If yes, mark E, otherwise choose your answer accordingly.
- a) Women need to get more post-graduate certificate courses done.
b) Women will be out of the race if not educated at the right time.
c) Women, on average, still spend far more time on childcare and housework than men.
d) On an average, women live longer than men.
e) Yes
19. Correct Choice : c Solution :
Paragraph V tells us that though Silicon Valley is expected to provide a workaround to the problems faced by women in advancing in their careers. It then says that it is not so, as investors are biased against female leaders. It also says that attitudes have not changed significantly. It goes on to say that single motherhood is more common than single fatherhood and working long hours at the office is overrated. The latter is difficult for women as they have to balance family and work life. C is the only sentence which can fit in this context, as it gives us one more statistic to drive home the point that women are burdened unfairly. A and B are incorrect as the paragraph does not discuss education. D is incorrect as the life expectancy of the two genders is not mentioned in the passage. Option C is the right answer.

20. Which of the following options is grammatically correct and conveys the same meaning as sentence F?
- People in management positions who are followed by lawyers, are likeliest to spend more than 40 hours a week working.
 - People in management positions, followed by lawyers, are the only people who spend more than 40 hours a week working.
 - Lawyers, followed by people in management positions, are likeliest to spend more than 40 hours a week working.
 - All the people in management positions, followed by lawyers, spend more than 40 hours a week working.
 - None of the above

20. Correct Choice : e Solution :

A is incorrect as it uses 'followed' in a different context; the management people here are not 'followed' by lawyers in real life, but are followed by lawyers in the list of people who are most likely to work 40 hours a week. B is incorrect as it says that these two are the only type of people who work more than 40 hours a week. C is incorrect as it gets the order of the job types interchanged. D is incorrect as it says all the people in management positions spend more than 40 hours a week, while sentence F says they are 'likely' to spend 40 hours. None of the options can convey the same meaning as the sentence F. E is the right answer.

21. Which of the following summarises Nooyi's view in the passage?
- Companies need to compulsorily reduce the time required to be spent in office for women.
 - Women will always have difficulties in overcoming their family responsibilities and emerging as successful leaders.
 - A concerted effort from all stakeholders will help women contribute productively to the workforce.
 - Women should be hired directly in major executive roles
 - All of the above

21. Correct Choice : c Solution :

The last two sentences in paragraph III, spoken by Indra Nooyi, effectively sum up her views on the issue. They say that all of us should come together to create an environment where women do not have to choose between work or family at the cost of the other. C is the option that summarises this view. C is the right answer.

22. Which of the following is/are responsible for the stagnation experienced by women in their careers, according to research?
- The culture of rewarding the time spent at office
 - Biased notions about the concept of leaders
 - Lack of information among women about career progression
- Only I
 - Only II
 - Only I and III
 - Only I and II
 - Only II and III

22. Correct Choice : d Solution :

The fifth sentence of paragraph IV gives us the factors which play a role in stagnating women's careers at middle management. We can see that I and II are mentioned here, but not III. III is not mentioned anywhere else in the passage either. Option D is the right answer.

23. What is the purpose of citing the Freakonomics podcast in para III of the passage?
- To provide publicity to the podcast

- To provide publicity to Indra Nooyi and PepsiCo
- To dispel the notion that a gendered cultural understanding of how a leader should behave is the reason behind low number of female CEOs
- To attract women into the workforce by balancing their family life and allow them to contribute productively to the workforce
- To create awareness about the women-friendly policies at PepsiCo

23. Correct Choice : c Solution :

The first sentence of paragraph III tells us about a question asked to Indra Nooyi about the low numbers of CEOs and suggests a probable reason. Nooyi disagrees and proceeds to give her own assessment about why the problem exists. As we can see from the first sentence of paragraph IV, her assessment is backed by research. So, option C is the right answer.

24. Which of the following elaborates the phrase, "Still Nooyi had concluded that "having it all" is illusory" in paragraph I?

- Balancing family and work life is a daunting task for women
 - Having a successful work-life balance is completely possible for women
 - Women need to sacrifice family life to excel at work
- Only II and III
 - Only I
 - Only II
 - Only I and II
 - All I, II and III

24. Correct Choice : b Solution :

The sentences preceding the quoted sentence describe the professional achievement of Indra Nooyi at PepsiCo and also the commendable job she did in raising her two children successfully. In the light of this information and the usage of the word 'still', it is clear she is saying that succeeding at both family and work fronts is not easily possible in reality. So, only I is true. II is incorrect as it states the opposite and III is incorrect as Nooyi does not suggest giving up one responsibility for the sake of the other. Option B is the right answer.

Direction : In each of the questions below, a short paragraph is given with 3 blanks, followed by six words. From the options, choose the one that provides the correct combination of three of the given words which fit in the blanks in the right order.

25. The U.S., EU, and Japan agree that the expansion of their group is essential. The most _____ candidates to join soon are Australia, New Zealand, Canada, and Mexico. Among the many reasons why the Trump administration should ease up on its attacks on the WTO is the fact that they are making it more difficult to recruit developing-country members, even though many share U.S. concerns about China. Indeed, China has missed no opportunity to use the U.S. attacks to _____ itself as a defender of the WTO trade system. The U.S., EU, and Japan should also _____ China to join their reform process. That might seem like a wild idea but given that any single WTO member can block proposed rule changes, it would be far better to involve China early in these efforts.
- aberrant
 - arrogant
 - likely
 - lobby
 - capture
 - delineate
- I, IV & V
 - II, IV & III
 - IV, I & VI
 - III, VI & IV
 - V, III & I

25. Correct Choice: d Solution:

Aberrant- departing from an accepted standard; lobby (verb)- seek to influence; delineate- portray. The paragraph discusses about formation of a group for a reform process in WTO, which includes adding of new members in the process and also talks of various issues of the U.S. with China. The most suitable fit for the first blank is the word 'likely' as the sentence talks of some members joining the group soon; hence, it talks about the most probable candidates. For the second blank, 'delineate' (portray) would fit in. The sentence talks of China using the attacks by the U.S. for its own good. The most suitable fit for the third blank is the word 'lobby'; the word fits here because the sentence after the given sentence talks of the possibility of China interrupting their reform process and it must be a better choice if they persuade China to join their process. Hence, going by the given arrangement, the answer is option (d).

Direction : There are sets of statements in questions given below which when connected using the correct sentence structure forms a complete single sentence without altering the meaning of the sentences given in the question. There are five options given below the question, choose the sentence that forms the correct formation of single sentence which is both grammatically correct and contextually meaningful. If none follows, choose (e) as your answer.

26. Her most recent revelations pointed the finger at Malta's prime minister; they also focussed on two of his closest aides; the revelations related to offshore companies linked to the three men; the companies were connected to the sale of Maltese passports and payments from the government of Azerbaijan.

- The most recent revelations made by her pointed the finger at Malta's prime minister, as also two of his closest aides, with them being related to offshore companies and linked to the three men, with the companies being connected to the sale of Maltese passports and payments from the government of Azerbaijan.
- Her most recent revelations pointed the finger at Malta's prime minister, with focus on two of his closest aides related to offshore companies, linked to the three men and connected to the sale of Maltese passports and payments from the government of Azerbaijan.
- The most recent revelations made by her ended on pointing the fingers at Malta's prime minister and two of his closest aides, while the revelations related to offshore companies linked to the three men and connected to the sale of Maltese passports and payments from the government of Azerbaijan.
- Her most recent revelations pointed the finger at Malta's prime minister and two of his closest aides, connecting offshore companies linked to the three men with the sale of Maltese passports and payments from the government of Azerbaijan.
- While the fingers were pointed at Malta's prime minister through her most recent revelations, which focussed on two of his closest aides and relating to offshore companies linked to the three men, the companies were connected to the sale of Maltese passports and payments from the government of Azerbaijan.

26. Correct Choice: d Solution:

The correct answer is (d).

- 'and' should replace 'as also', 'with them being' and 'with the companies being' used simultaneously is inappropriate.
- 'linked to' and 'connected to' used together is grammatically incorrect.
- 'ended on' is conveying wrong meaning. The clause after 'while' does not have a verb.
- 'and relating to' makes no grammatical sense in the given context.

Direction : In each of the questions below, a sentence has been broken into four parts A, B, C and D in which one of the parts is missing. From the given options, identify which option would replace the missing part so that it introduces an error in some part as per the question. If missing part's replacement doesn't introduce error in any other part, mark (e) as the answer.

27. The conspicuous absence of women in India's labour force is part of (A)/ a wider issue the country is facing when it comes to job growth but the fact that it is affecting women more (B)/ _____ (C)/ and has historically had low shares of women participating in the labour market. (D) Which of the following if replaces C, introduces an error only in B?

- critically when compared to men are worrying for India, when tends to rank poorly in UN
- than man is a worrying trend for India, which tends to rank poorly in UN
- often than not is a worrying trend for India, which tends to rank poorly in UN
- than men is a worrying trend for India, which tends to rank poorly in UN
- None of the above

27. Correct Choice: e Solution:

(b)- 'men' would be correct instead of 'man' (singular); this would demand change in all the parts not only part B; this is incorrect as a part in itself, (c) and (d)- they make the sentence grammatically and contextually correct; (a)- the usage of 'are' for the singular noun 'fact' is incorrect; this won't necessitate any change or introduce an error in part B because the phrase 'the fact that' cannot be changed, it is used as it is; to make the sentence correct we will have to make changes in (a) only (use 'is' instead of 'are'). Hence, (e) is the right answer.

28. Putting in action the report of the working group (A)/ set up to standardise and simplify exclusions in health insurance contracts, the insurance (B)/ _____ (C)/ the scope of health cover by rationalising and standardising health insurance exclusions. (D)

Which of the following if replaces C, introduces an error only in B?

- regulator has come out with draft exposure that aims to enhance
- regulators have come out with draft exposure that aims to enhance
- regulator has issued a draft exposure that aims to enhance
- regulator has come out with draft exposure that enhances
- None of the above

28. Correct Choice: e Solution:

All the given options (a) to (d) make the sentence grammatically and contextually correct; hence, (e) is the right answer.

29. Virtual teams have become the norm for many (A)/ organizations producing their products or services simultaneously in many locations, selling (B)/ these products and services globally, and (C)/_____ (D)

Which of the following if replaces D, introduces an error only in B?

- a) supported the customer from a completely different location
- b) supporting the customer from a completely different location
- c) supporting customers from an entirely different location
- d) support the customer from a completely different location
- e) None of the above

29. Correct Choice: d Solution:

(a)- the sentence is in present form, so the usage of past form of the verb is incorrect in itself; (b) and (c)- they make the sentence grammatically correct; (d)- the usage of gerund form in part B would be incorrect keeping in view the base form of the verb 'support' ('that produce..'). Hence, (d) is the right answer.

30. Poor connectivity, lack of internet penetration, (A)/_____ (B)/ nuisances about a decade ago when it wasn't always possible (C)/ to connect with colleagues across the globe in a seamless manner. (D)

Which of the following if replaces B, introduces an error only in C?

- a) and technology handicaps were
- b) and technical handicaps were
- c) and technology handicaps are
- d) and technological handicaps were
- e) None of the above

30. Correct Choice: c Solution:

(a), (b) and (d)- they make the sentence grammatically correct; (c)- the usage of 'are' necessitates the use of present form of the verb in part C, which isn't the case. Also, the phrase 'a decade ago' would be incorrect with the present form of the verb. Hence, (c) is the right answer.

Directions : Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

We are witnessing dramatic shifts in the workplace in the digital age. Millennial have become the largest segment of the working population. Different generations work side by side in a diverse, globalized business environment. Organizational hierarchies are flattening. Work is getting chunked into digital pieces that can be executed by someone in any part of the world. Performance management and feedback systems are becoming real time. Bell curves are going out of fashion. Automation and artificial intelligence are spreading into the domain of cognitive jobs and challenging the role of humans in the workplace. To be successful in the era of accelerated change, individuals and teams must embrace new work practices to adapt and excel. Here are some principles individuals and teams must adopt to embrace digital change.

We know that change is hard. We are hard-wired to remain sceptical of the unknown. This state of mind favours the status quo and produces a negative force to act against change. Digital transformation is both relentless and inevitable. We have a choice to make: Do we want to be victims of this change or do we want to play an active role

in shaping the change? Successful individuals and teams do the latter. They constantly question the status quo and are quick to unlearn old ways of working and learn new habits. To do this, one must become hyper-aware of changes, cultivate the habit of intentionally changing things and develop a healthy bias towards action.

It is very important for individuals to realize that they are part of a large, moving ecosystem of work. Getting a deep understanding of the big picture enables one to contribute in extraordinary ways. Even when the current role is at risk due to digital technologies, one will have adequate understanding of how else value can be added and what new capabilities one should develop. Go beyond your current role and understand how your work is playing a part in the overall value creation process. Identify new opportunities to contribute outside your realm of work.

31. According to the passage, how can one contribute in extraordinary ways at workplace?

- a) Becoming hyper-aware of changes
- b) Identifying new opportunities to contribute outside your realm of work.
- c) Developing a healthy bias towards action
- d) Getting a deep understanding of the big picture
- e) Cultivating the habit of intentionally changing things

31. Correct Choice : d Solution :

It is mentioned in the second sentence of the last paragraph, which is stated in option (d). Hence, (d) is the right answer.

32. Why does the author say that change is hard?

- a) The mind favours the status quo and produces negative force to act against change.
- b) We get confused with the amount of choices on offer.
- c) Humans have reservations about the entity of the unknown.
- d) We play a passive role whenever change is introduced.
- e) All of the above

32. Correct Choice : c Solution :

The answer lies in the second sentence of the second paragraph, which talks about hard wiring of human brain to remain sceptical of the unknown, which is talked about in option (c). (a)- it is the consequence of option (c), which is in fact the root cause/reason why change is hard. Hence, (c) is the right answer.

33. Which of the following best describe(s) the first paragraph of the passage?

- a) It compares the style of work prevalent in yesteryears with the one followed currently.
- b) It introduces different modelling techniques used in the workplace.
- c) It lays down the premise for the principles to be adopted to embrace digital change at workplace.
- d) It talks about the challenging work the current generation does at their workplace.
- e) None of the above

33. Correct Choice : c Solution :

The first paragraph introduces the shifts in the workplace by quoting various examples and later lays the premise for individuals and teams to embrace digital change, which is stated in option (c). Hence, (c) is the right answer.

Direction : You are provided with four sentences followed by four options (A), (B), (C) and (D). All four options suggest ways in which the given four sentences can be combined into a single sentence. Identify the option that suggests the best possible way, contextually

and grammatically, to combine the given sentences implying the same meaning.

34. Liberal internationalists regard violence as the policy of last resort; they advocate diplomacy and multilateralism; they consider them as the most-appropriate strategies for states to pursue; they tend to champion supranational political structures and international organizations.
- Liberal internationalists, who regard violence as the policy of last resort, advocate diplomacy and multilateralism as the most-appropriate strategies for states to pursue, which tend to champion supranational political structures and international organizations.
 - Liberal internationalists regard violence as the policy of last resort, advocate diplomacy and multilateralism, which can be considered as the most-appropriate strategies for states to pursue, and they also tend to champion supranational political structures and international organizations
 - Although they advocate diplomacy and multilateralism, considering them as the most-appropriate strategies for states to pursue, Liberal internationalists also regard violence as the policy of last resort and tend to champion supranational political structures and international organizations.
 - Regarding violence as the policy of last resort, Liberal internationalists, which tend to champion supranational political structures and international organizations, advocate diplomacy and multilateralism and consider them as the most-appropriate strategies for states to pursue
 - None of these

34. Correct Choice: e Solution:

In option 1 the usage 'which tend to pursue..' is incorrect as it is not clear to which it refers to (whether Liberal internationalists or states). Option 2 suggests that diplomacy and multilateralism can be considered as the most-appropriate strategies; 'can' indicates ability but statement given does not express the same connotation, it simply says that 'they consider them as the most-appropriate strategies'. There is no need to use 'although' here as there is no contradiction. In option 4, the use of 'which' for Liberal internationalists is incorrect. Hence none of the options is correct; option (e) is the correct choice.

35. Norms and traditions are prevalent in African agriculture; many farmers initially rejected inorganic fertilizers; they feared that inorganic fertilizers would irreversibly poison the land; like farmers, individuals may be resistant to changing their farming methods.
- Norms and traditions are prevalent in African agriculture since many farmers initially rejected inorganic fertilizers fearing that they would irreversibly poison the land while like farmers, individuals may be resistant to changing their farming methods.
 - Many farmers initially rejected inorganic fertilizers as they feared that inorganic fertilizers would irreversibly poison the land and like those, individuals may also be resistant to changing their farming methods as norms and traditions are prevalent in African agriculture.
 - Norms and traditions are prevalent in African agriculture, and just as many farmers initially rejected inorganic fertilizers, fearing that they would irreversibly poison the land, individuals may be resistant to changing their farming methods.

d) Fearing that inorganic fertilizers would irreversibly poison the land, many farmers initially rejected it because norms and traditions are prevalent in African agriculture and individuals may be resistant to changing their farming methods just like those farmers.

e) All of these

35. Correct Choice: c Solution:

Option 1 suggests that norms and traditions are prevalent since many farmers initially rejected inorganic fertilizers, the use of 'since' (used as a synonym for 'because') is incorrect here. In option 2 the use of 'those' is incorrect. In option 4 the usage 'many farmers initially rejected it' is incorrect rather use 'them' (inorganic fertilizers). Option 3 is the correct choice.