

Direction (1 to 3) : In each of the following sentence there are three blank spaces. Below each sentence there are five options and each option consists of three words each which can be filled up in the blanks in the sentence to make the sentence grammatically correct. You will have to tick the choice which contains the appropriate set of words that fit the blanks in the best possible way.

1. It was challenging, however, to find imaginative \_\_\_\_\_ of providing meaning to a child through a story, especially because the \_\_\_\_\_ he selects are difficult to turn into innovative stories \_\_\_\_\_ limited rhyming vocabulary.
- Ways, concepts, using
  - Manner, ideas, by
  - Means, notion, through
  - Methods, images, utilising
  - Techniques, views, testing

**EXPLANATION**

In the first fill-up, 'ways', 'means', 'methods' and 'techniques' fit. In the second, 'concepts', 'ideas' and 'images' fit. The last blank will take 'using', 'through' and 'utilising'. Hence, both (a) and (d) can be found to be suitable, but (d) is not preferred, since 'concepts' make a better fit in the second blank as compared to 'images'.

2. The latest move may well be \_\_\_\_\_ to a concern that a sudden shift from free to paid services will \_\_\_\_\_ customer retention, and if so, the company's monetization plans would be far \_\_\_\_\_ staggered than what its investors had estimated.
- Because, beat, better
  - Due, hit, more
  - Owing, effect, greater
  - Result, affect, less
  - Cause, attain, deeper

**EXPLANATION**

In the first fill-up, 'due' and 'owing' fit. 'Because', 'result' and 'cause' do not take 'to' as a preposition. In the second, the suitable words are 'hit' and 'affect'. The third blank, the appropriate words are 'better' and 'more'. Combining all these, we get (b) as the answer.

3. The departures come at a time \_\_\_\_\_ the company is exploring offline channels and evolving into a furniture brand from an e-commerce store and is also on course to \_\_\_\_\_ offline distribution channels \_\_\_\_\_ company-owned centres.
- Though, broaden, to
  - During, extend, from
  - Whereas, enlarge, and
  - While, increase, through
  - When, widen, beyond

**EXPLANATION**

In the first blank, the only adverb which will fit is 'When' (the other words are not adverbs). The second blank will also take 'widen' and 'beyond' from (e). In fact, all the words for the second fill-up will fit, while the last blank takes only 'beyond'.

**Direction (4 to 8) :** In each of the following questions a sentence is given with a part missing. Out of the remaining options

choose the one that provides the filler that most suits the context and is grammatically correct.

4. During the past decade, I've lived on and off in Buenos Aires, in and out of different jobs and relationships that have ..... between South America and my native US.
- taken me back and forth
  - moved me to and fro
  - transferred me here and there
- Only 1
  - Only 1 and 2
  - Only 1 and 3
  - 1, 2 and 3
  - None of the above

**EXPLANATION**

D is the right answer, as all three fillers lend meaning to the sentence and are grammatically and contextually correct.

5. From brick and mortar shops in Hargeisa to street sellers sitting on old worn crates down dusty dirt roads in the country's rural east, cash is being increasingly side lined as more and more people
- adopt the cashless approach.
  - move towards a cashless economy
  - the first completely cashless economy
- Only 1
  - Only 1 and 2
  - Only 2 and 3
  - 1, 2 and 3
  - None of the above

**EXPLANATION**

Both 1 and 2 make contextual and grammatical sense in the sentence. 3 is incorrect as it is an independent clause and does not continue the given sentence. B is the right answer.

6. Whether it's jobs, property, or just the sheer towering unfairness of the world, millennial complainants are everywhere, ready to ..... of everything their generation has been stiffed on.
- give you a rundown
  - narrate a running commentary
  - talking non-stop
- Only 1
  - Only 1 and 2
  - Only land 3
  - 1, 2 and 3
  - None of the above

**EXPLANATION**

Both 1 and 2 make grammatical and contextual sense in the passage. 3 is incorrect as it employs the continuous form of the verb (talking), while the base form must be used to fit with the infinitive 'to'. B is the right answer.

7. The compressed culture of the campus can promote the idea that work is fun, palaces of informality to house workers ..... a technologically-driven Utopia.
- following the vision of
  - acting on the belief that
  - driven by a belief in
- Only 1
  - Only 1 and 2
  - Only 1 and 3
  - 1, 2 and 3
  - None of the above

**EXPLANATION**

Both 1 and 3 follow the given context and make grammatical sense. 2 is incorrect as it demonstrative pronoun 'that' does

not connect the remaining half of the sentence. C is the right answer.

8. Catching cancers as early as possible can greatly improve a patient's chances of survival and reduce the risk\_\_\_\_\_.
1. of the disease recurrence
  2. the return of cancer
  3. relapse into further stages
- (a) Only 1 (b) Only land 2  
(c) Only 2 and 3 (d) 1,2 and 3  
(e) None of the above

#### EXPLANATION

Since the sentence ends with talking about a risk, the filler must talk about what the risk is, which implies that the preposition 'of' must begin the filler. Neither 2 nor 3 begin with this preposition, although giving valid risks that might have otherwise made contextual sense. 1 begins with 'of, but uses the noun 'recurrence' instead of the verb 'recurring', which makes it grammatically incorrect. The correct usage could be 'of the disease recurring' or 'recurrence of the disease'. As such, none of the fillers suffice. E is the right answer

**Direction :** In each of these questions, a paragraph is given that has a blank in it. Five sentences (a), (b), (c), (d) and (e) are suggested. Out of these, only one fits the blank in the context of the paragraph. Pick that as the answer.

9. That traditional "personal touch" shopping experience is hard to replicate online. As more companies struggle to find their niche with the modern consumer, they're turning to new technologies to recreate this sensory experience. What's emerging is called the "StoreHouse" - a hybrid model that merges the physical benefits of a real-world store with the convenience of home. ....
- (a) Amazon recently announced a new service, Prime Wardrobe, that allows customers to select 3-15 items and try the clothes for up to seven days, with free shipping and returns for the items they choose not to keep.
  - (b) Brands like these know that savvy consumers want both the convenience of online shopping and the experimentation they get in an offline store.
  - (c) To embrace this market shift, retailers will need to experiment with a range of technologies and strategies across marketing, supply chain, and merchandising.
  - (d) There's huge potential to replicate important real-world shopping experiences using augmented reality. E All of the above
  - (e) All of the above

#### EXPLANATION

Option C says 'this market shift,' which means that the sentence prior to this (if at all we assume for a second that C is the answer) should talk about a shifting trend in the market, which is actually the case. B says 'brands like these' but there aren't any brands in the previous sentence. D talks in the context of Augmented Reality which is not the case in the para. A also will not be considered because we're yet to get into examples.

**Direction 10 :** 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 (logically complete and sound).

10. Practically every investor is aware that diversification is something that is good for his or her investment portfolio.

However, unless we care to get into the matter further, diversification is just a word. Most people have a vague idea that it means that one should invest in a large variety of stocks and funds. (\_\_\_\_\_)

- (a) Beyond a point, adding stocks or funds doesn't materially add to the degree of safety but it does add to the problem of manageability.
- (b) At its minimum, very little diversification is needed as there are plenty of good diversified equity funds that invest across sectors, company sizes and even geography.
- (c) Investors who wish to keep their life simple can do fine with just three or four funds.
- (d) Apart from sectors, diversification should also be across company size as sometimes only smaller or larger companies do well or do badly.
- (e) However, the way people put this into practice often leaves a lot to be desired-some things that pass for diversification are ineffective, or worse.

#### EXPLANATION

Paragraph starts with introducing branching out of investment portfolio as a good option for investors but later in the paragraph, we see a contrast with this concept. It states that people don't have any idea about the absolute diversification but think it as just to invest in different stocks and funds. Option (e) seems to take the discussion further by adding to it the fact that sometimes diversification of portfolio is ineffective and not good for investment. Option (a) can be used later in the para but does not sound in flow at this place. Options (b) and (d) suggests methods of diversification. Option (c) is not in line with the rest of the para.

**Directions :** In the following sentences, a blank is given indicating that something is missing. From the given four options a combination of words would fit the blank thereby making it grammatically and contextually correct.

11. We do have \_\_\_\_\_ data points to understand the trend in employment generation in different time-periods of the recent years.
1. Paltry
  2. Meagre
  3. Scant
  4. Sparse
- (a) BD (b) AC (c) AD (d) CD  
(e) None will be correct

#### EXPLANATION

The sentence is saying that an understand of the trend in employment generation due to data points can be made. Now, this can only be achieved if enough or sufficient data points are there. But all the four options are opposites/ antonyms of sufficient. Hence, (e) will be the correct answer.

12. Twenty First Century Fox Inc.'s Fox Sports is \_\_\_\_\_ with Snap Inc.'s Snapchat to showcase stories with matchday highlights, on the FIFA World Cup soccer tournament to be hosted in Russia later this year.
1. Collaborating
  2. Partnering
  3. Protruding
  4. Jaggging
- (a) AB (b) BC (c) CD (d) AD  
(e) None will be correct

#### EXPLANATION

"Protruding" means something sticking/projecting outwards and "jaggging" means piercing or pricking, and neither of the two will make any sense in the given context. "Collaborating" and "partnering" are synonyms of each other; hence, (a) will be the correct answer.

13. While grit is maintaining your passion and \_\_\_\_\_ over a period of time, Sisu is more about short intense bursts of extraordinary strength and courage to stretch yourself beyond your capacities.
- |                         |              |        |        |
|-------------------------|--------------|--------|--------|
| 1. Perseverance         | 2. Tenacity  |        |        |
| 3. Resolve              | 4. Diligence |        |        |
| (a) BD                  | (b) AC       | (c) AB | (d) BC |
| (e) All will be correct |              |        |        |

**EXPLANATION**

All the four options will be true here because they are the synonyms of one another (all meaning firmness of purpose). Hence, (e) will be the correct answer.

14. The boy at once set to work, spending all his \_\_\_\_\_ time, day and night, over these studies, to which he afterwards added geography and fortification.
- |            |               |        |        |
|------------|---------------|--------|--------|
| 1. spare   | 2. free       |        |        |
| 3. leisure | 4. recreation |        |        |
| (a) AB     | (b) BC        | (c) BD | (d) CD |
| (e) All    |               |        |        |

**EXPLANATION**

Spare/ free - idle hours. Leisure/ recreation - time that is to be spent doing something one enjoys rather than work. All the given words fit grammatically and contextually, which makes (e) the right answer.

Direction : In the given sentences, a blank is given indicating that something is missing. From the given four options a combination of word would fit the blank thereby making it grammatically and contextually correct.

15. The Iroquois tribe became more and more menacing to the French, whom they now openly \_\_\_\_\_.
- |                 |              |        |        |
|-----------------|--------------|--------|--------|
| A. detested     | B. despised  |        |        |
| C. hatred       | D. respected |        |        |
| (a) AB          | (b) BC       | (c) AC | (d) BD |
| (e) All can fit |              |        |        |

**EXPLANATION**

Detest/ despise - strongly dislike. We need a verb here instead of a noun, so 'hatred' will be incorrect. Also, we need a word with a negative meaning as understood by the context, so 'respected' will not fit. (a) is the right answer.

**Direction :** In each of these questions, a paragraph is given that has a blank in it. Five sentences (1), (2), (3), (4) and (5) are suggested. Out of these, only one fits the blank in the context of the paragraph. Pick that as the answer.

16)Regional policy is a policy intended to boost economic activity in a specific geographical area that is not an entire country and, typically, is in worse economic shape than nearby areas. It can include offering firms incentives to provide jobs in the region, such as soft loans, grants, lower taxes, cheap land and buildings, subsidized labour and worker training. \_\_\_\_\_ After all, simple theories of supply and demand would suggest that firms will move to areas of low wages and high unemployment to take advantage of cheaper labour and surplus workers, or that workers will move away from such areas to where more and better-paid jobs exist. But some economic theories suggest that rather than moving to areas where wages are lowest, firms often cluster together with other successful businesses. Regional policy may need to be extremely generous to tempt firms to give up the advantages of being in a cluster.

- (a) Such policies can be extremely beneficial to not only the firms but also to the region as a whole.

- (b) In the absence of such policies, many firms can take drastic measures to escape economic turmoil.
- (c) But is it necessary as a region's problems should be somewhat self-correcting.
- (d) Such policies generally pump up demand and thus boost the level of economic activity.
- (e) But is it justifiable to offer such incentives to firms and how far such incentives should go?

**EXPLANATION**

The paragraph is about regional policy, offering firms incentives to provide jobs in the region to boost economic activity in that region. But the sentence after the blank states that firms usually move to areas of low wages and high unemployment in such cases and even workers move away from such areas or firms cluster together with other successful businesses. Now these are not drastic measures by firms but practical ones, option E talks about justification which is not the context here. We have to choose a sentence that makes the transition, option C is the correct choice as it states that a region's problems should be somewhat self-correcting that's why theories say that firms will move or workers will away from such areas. Hence option C is the correct choice.

17. \_\_\_\_\_ The World Health Organization estimates that deficiency of key micronutrients such as iron, vitamin A and iodine together affects a third of the world's population; in general, insufficient consumption of vitamins and minerals remains problematic. Viewed against the nutrition challenge India faces, processed foods with standards-based fortification can help advance overall health goals, starting with maternal health. It is imperative, for a start, to make iron-fortified food widely available, since iron deficiency contributes to 20% of maternal deaths and is associated with nearly half of all maternal deaths. Low intake of vitamins, zinc and folate also causes a variety of health issues, particularly when growing children are deprived. The benefit of fortification is maximized when there is a focus also on adequate intake of oils and fats, which are necessary for the absorption of micronutrients and something poorer households often miss in their diet.
- (a) Good quality low cost fortified foods are widely available today in the world encouraging people to adopt a diversified and wholesome diet.
- (b) People should get a wholesome cooked meal that is naturally rich, and augmented with key micronutrients, fortification helps the world with that.
- (c) Food fortification adds essential vitamins and minerals to staple foods to improve their nutritional content but they need a well-functioning public distribution system to reach all sections.
- (d) Since a diversified diet that meets all nutritional requirements is difficult to provide, fortification of food is relied upon by many countries to prevent malnutrition.
- (e) All fit

**EXPLANATION**

All the given choices provide an apt introduction to the passage, and lend support to the main idea discussed in the passage. E will be the right answer.

18. The general assumption in our culture is that children must be taught to read. Vast amounts of research go into trying to figure out the scientifically best way to do this. Recently two cognitive scientists claimed that the next development in reading instruction is going to be individualized instruction.

According to the scientists, modern brain imaging methods will be used to figure out the unique learning style of each child, and digital text-delivery programs will be used to teach reading to each child according to his or her unique needs and way of learning. \_\_\_\_\_. So, as long as kids grow up in a literate society, surrounded by people who read, they will learn to read. They may ask some questions along the way and get a few pointers from others who already know how to read, but they will take the initiative in all of this and orchestrate the entire process themselves.

- (a) Reading does not come easily to kids as all of them have their own unique needs and huge amounts of time and effort go into teaching them accordingly.
- (b) These unique needs are catered by large industries who have developed around the creation and marketing of instructional materials for this purpose.
- (c) Hence, the unique needs of each child, as they affect learning to read, are functions of differences in brain hardware and this method will help them learning in their own unique way.
- (d) The unique needs of each child actually vary from moment to moment based on the child's specific experiences, wishes, and whims, which the child himself or herself controls.
- (e) In addition, educators will encourage parents of young children to teach reading at home in order to prepare the children for reading instruction according to their kids' unique needs.

#### EXPLANATION

First we have to understand what the paragraph is about, the author is saying that as per general assumption, children must be taught to read, for which a new development has surfaced - individualized learning, in this modern brain imaging methods will be used to figure out the unique learning style and unique needs of each child. But then, in the second part of the paragraph author says that kids just need to grow up in a literate society to learn and they will soon orchestrate the entire process themselves - these assertions are contradicting the ones made in the first part. This means author is not in favor of brain imaging methods, only option D reflects that stating unique needs of each child actually vary from moment to moment based on what child himself or herself controls. Hence, option D is the correct choice. Option A and E fall out of context whereas option C and D do not fall in alignment with the meaning that the lines pre and post for the blank are trying to convey.

19. The term monopoly has taken on bad connotations to the point where goodness is rarely, if ever, associated with it. According to dictionaries, the term monopoly means "exclusive control of a commodity or service in a given market." There are two ways to attain an exclusive position in the market, that is to say, there are two ways to achieve monopoly. One way is not only harmless - indeed, it is beneficial; the other is bad. The beneficial way is to become superior to everyone else in providing some good or service. The bad way is to use coercive force to keep others from competing effectively and also from challenging one's position. Rise above others by excellence, or hold others down by coercive force! \_\_\_\_\_ There is, however, a way of achieving a monopolistic position that beneficially affects all concerned. Indeed, all progress rests upon this way: Become superior, that is, surpass others by excellence, which is to

say, achieve leadership by the voluntary followership of others.

- (a) As if behavior were always thought of as misbehavior!
- (b) The kind of monopoly which particularly merits opposition requires coercive force which, usually, is provided by government.
- (c) But monopoly in its popular and evil sense cannot be achieved, assuming free exchange.
- (d) But monopoly cannot be beneficial in its pure sense, as the exclusive control of someone or something would always lead to selfish interests.
- (e) Monopoly in its evil sense is much more prevalent and acceptable than in its beneficial sense.

#### EXPLANATION

Paragraph is about the general perceptions about monopoly, which states that monopoly is always detrimental. Author states that there can be two ways by which monopoly can be achieved - one is bad, other is beneficial. As per the beneficial way you can become superior in everything you deliver, on the other hand, you can use coercive force too to get ahead. Option A is irrelevant and the sentence after blank does not follow it. Option D states that monopoly in its beneficial way is not possible but later in the paragraph author advocates it and mentions that all progress rests upon this way, similarly option E is advocating monopoly in its evil sense, which is also not the tone author adopts. The sentence after blank uses 'however' which corresponds to option C stating that monopoly in its evil sense cannot be achieved but there is a way to achieve it in its beneficial sense. Option C is the correct choice.

20. The disciplined outlays for individual financial goals and systematic investing to achieve them can save us from many financial dilemmas. They define a format to deal with a financial situation by taking a 360° view of the future impact of our decision. For example, an impulsive foreign holiday on credit can give way to a local vacation within our cash means while investing systematically for other important financial goals. Similarly, saving money to purchase a depreciating electronic gadget is much preferable to buying the same instantly on a costly personal loan. \_\_\_\_\_ It is good to allocate our earned income to important life goals first and then spend the remaining amount. Regular savings towards goals help us in minimizing costly debt and other dilemmas when we are nearing those goals.

- (a) It is thus a play between instant indulgence and delayed gratification.
- (b) It is best to repay such loans whenever we have excess money.
- (c) This helps us escaping the dilemma between protecting capital and generating the required return.
- (d) This may lead to lopsided investments that may not generate optimal returns.
- (e) Thus, starting early is the best option to have the magic of compounding work in our favor.

#### EXPLANATION

Option B talks about repaying such a loan, now sentence before blank mentions a personal loan but not in a sense where option B can follow it. Option C mentions escaping a dilemma between protecting capital and generating the required return, which is not mentioned here, paragraph just states the future impact of our decision. Option E mentions starting early and magic of compounding which is not what paragraph talks about. Option D does not fit into the context.

Option A is the correct choice; instant indulgence is an impulsive foreign holiday on credit or buying something on a costly personal loan and delayed gratification is giving way to a local vacation or saving money to purchase a depreciating electronic gadget.

**Directions :** You are provided with two sentences, in each of them two words are missing. You are given five options suggesting pair of words that together can make each of the sentences coherent and complete. Identify the correct pair (words can be used in any order).

21. I. An extraordinary satellite image shows the \_\_\_\_\_ scale of a heatwave that has left Australia sweltering and is \_\_\_\_\_ some of the country's worst ever bushfires.  
 II. The Militant forces appear to be deliberately barring the entry of civilian goods which can have \_\_\_\_\_ consequences for residents of the city, \_\_\_\_\_ a humanitarian crisis.
- (a) massive, channeling (b) devastating, fueling  
 (c) forbearing, intensifying (d) catastrophic, initiate  
 (e) disturbing, satiating

**EXPLANATION**

'Forbearing' means patient and restrained, which does not fit into the context here. 'Channeling' means to direct or to convey, which is incorrect to use for heatwave (heatwave is directing bushfires is not the correct way), similarly 'initiate' would be incorrect as it is in the simple present tense, and we need it to be in its continuous form (initiating). 'Satiating' means satisfying which does not fit into the context here. Option 2 is the correct choice, 'fueling' means intensifying.

22. I. When you adopt and practise the \_\_\_\_\_ of high achievers, you will be better \_\_\_\_\_ to set goals and go get them, without losing focus or direction.  
 II. Even though science can appear to be the dominant form of knowledge, there remain questions that science can perhaps never answer, and that philosophy - among other \_\_\_\_\_ may be better \_\_\_\_\_ to address.
- (a) Indoctrinated, provisioned  
 (b) Theories, provided  
 (c) Regimes, prepared  
 (d) Beliefs, inclined  
 (e) Disciplines, equipped

**EXPLANATION**

To classify philosophy as 'regime' would be wrong, 'provisioned' means the providing or supplying of something, which doesn't fit into the context here, similarly 'provided' would be incorrect. 'Inclined' means having a tendency to do something, which would be incorrect to use for 'philosophy'. Option 5 is the correct choice, 'disciplines' means a branch of knowledge.

23. I. It took a few hours for the Selendang Ayu to spill thousands of gallons of oil into the \_\_\_\_\_ Alaska bay where the effects could \_\_\_\_\_ for years.  
 II. More than two months after the tsunami struck concerns about the fate of small groups of primitive hunter-gatherers on India's \_\_\_\_\_ islands \_\_\_\_\_.
- (a) Isolated, prolong (b) Obscure, remain  
 (c) Remote, linger (d) Concealed, persist  
 (e) Secluded, worsen

**EXPLANATION**

'Obscure' means not discovered or know, which is incorrect to use for India's islands or Alaska bay. 'Concealed' meaning hidden, does not fit into the context here. Using 'prolong' or

'worsen' for concerns in statement II would be incorrect. Option 3 is the correct choice.

**Direction :** In the questions given below, two sentences are given with two blanks each. From the given answer choices, choose the option which has the correct combination of words fitting in both sentences.

24. Post the 1991 reforms, the nation witnessed for the first time in its \_\_\_\_\_ that individual states began pushing their economic agendas with respective \_\_\_\_\_ foreign partners. Although Mark has had a \_\_\_\_\_ of violence, Doctor Bob says that he sees \_\_\_\_\_ foreign partners.
- (a) agenda, prospects (b) history, potential  
 (c) background, possible (d) life, prospective  
 (e) past, chances

**EXPLANATION**

Option A - 'agenda' fits in neither sentence; 'prospects' fits only in the second. Option C - 'background' fits only in the second, while 'possible' fits only in the first. Option D - 'life' fits in both sentences, while 'prospective' only fits in the first. Option E - 'past' fits loosely in the first sentence, but not grammatically correct; 'chances' is not contextually correct in the first, and grammatically correct in the second. Option B - 'history' (past) fits in both sentences, and 'potential' which means both prospective and prospects, fits in both sentences.

25. Today, as non-state actors \_\_\_\_\_ India's foundational values in broad daylight, and much of a \_\_\_\_\_ media happily plays cheerleader, future historians might wonder if it did not suffer from the Stockholm syndrome. The enemy's plan was to \_\_\_\_\_ the guards in their sleep, following which they would have \_\_\_\_\_ the army camp.
- (a) overpower, surrounded  
 (b) slay, harassed  
 (c) throttle, besieged  
 (d) haunt, troubled  
 (e) strangle, overwhelmed

**EXPLANATION**

Option A - 'overpower' fits in the second sentence only; 'surrounded' also only fits in the second sentence. Option B - 'slay' (kill) fits in both sentences; 'harassed' (oppressed) fits in neither. Option D 'haunt' (torment) fits in neither sentence; 'troubled' also fits in neither. Option E - 'strangle' (choke) fits in both sentences; 'overwhelmed' only fits in the first. Option C - 'throttle' (choke) fits in both sentences; 'besieged' (overwhelmed, surrounded) fits in both sentences as well.

- 26) It has been a fortnight of relentless terrorist attacks, targeting children and senior citizens, ordinary people from Baghdad to Kabul to London to Manchester. It is time for the global community to work together to fight back. It is a common war. \_\_\_\_\_. It also requires countries like India, Germany, France and Britain to push back on Washington to go after all governments that support and fund terror, and not play favourites.
- 1) US President Donald Trump has done great harm to the global effort on terror by holding Tehran solely responsible for funding and shielding terrorists  
 2) The terror attacks this past fortnight, like most before, are carried out by the Islamic State (IS) and al-Qaeda  
 3) That means confronting governments that provide support and finance to terror outfits  
 4) There is evidence that Pakistan is providing safe haven for terrorists  
 5) There is intelligence evidence that Saudi Arabia has been funding IS affiliates in countries like Yemen



### Answer & Explanation

Answer – 3)

Explanation: its option third which is correct and appropriate as per giving context That is confronting governments that provide support and finance to terror outfits; rest other sentences are not appropriate. option second fourth and fifth are incomplete while option first is not suitable hence option third will be correct answer.

27)Sebi's move to propose tighter rules for participatory notes (P-notes) to enhance transparency with regard to the identity of those investing in Indian stocks makes sense.The new rules include levying a regulatory fee on issuers of P-notes offshore derivative instruments (ODIs) that allow investors to bet on India without registration and prohibiting these instruments from being issued against derivatives for speculation. Concerns that P-notes \_\_\_\_\_.

- 1) the automatic exchange of tax information, India will benefit with standardised and interlinked registries
- 2) The regulator should also be watchful that rules to curb volatility don't stifle the overall derivatives market
- 3) the norms for direct participation of overseas investors in the stock market, too, have been greatly simplified
- 4) to wind down these products unless they were taken for hedging purposes, providing a needed window to wind down positions
- 5) could be a possible conduit for illegal funds in the capital market aren't misplaced

### Answer & Explanation

Answer – 5)

Explanation: Option fifth clearly talks about P-notes and accomplish the sentence.

28)Yes, startups fail. Large corporations fail, everywhere in the world. It seems we are so obsessed with the hugely successful consumer Internet companies across the world that we have forgotten the ten others that failed — that had mostly the same user proposition and business model as the one that is worth hundreds of billions of dollars today.In the US, the dotcom bust of 2000 served as an education in business models, \_\_\_\_\_.

- 1) venture funding into consumer Internet startups and the mega financing rounds into some of the unicorns
- 2) rational valuations and a check against irrationality in the future
- 3) But it is not as if there aren't mistakes made in India
- 4) consumer market is deep and broad enough to sustain not one or two but many startups with the same value proposition
- 5) It might not be winner-takes-all, but a duopoly-like situation certainly exists

### Answer & Explanation

Answer – 2)

Explanation: Option second is best choice while option second talks about mistake which is made in India's start up; option fourth talks about consumer market of India and startups which is also not suitable with given blank; option fourth talks about winners while option first talks about venture funding into consumer Internet startups hence only option second will be correct choice.

29)The Goods and Services Tax Network (GSTN) is reportedly unable to get the electronic way bill, meant to track intra-state and inter-state movement of goods, as rules have not yet been finalised. \_\_\_\_\_ portal of GSTN, the nodal body to which all producers and suppliers of goods and services will file their tax payments.

- 1) that startups are facing is to recognise the real size of the market
- 2) and stop the bleeding as early as possible
- 3) the confidence of investors who allocate capital to venture funding in India
- 4) rather than the depth and capacity of the economy itself
- 5) Rules must be clear for an e-way bill to be generated on the

### Answer & Explanation

Answer – 5)

Explanation: option fifth is the only sentence which is related to Goods and Services Tax; rest other sentences talks about different things hence option fifth will be correct choice.

30)What do you say to a man who does not believe in documented scientific facts? Who does not believe that Arctic ice sheets are shrinking, summers are getting harsher and winters more extreme. Who sees a Chinese conspiracy in it all. Who stood in the Rose Garden of the White House on Thursday and told Civilisation to take a walk.The world watched in horror as US President Donald Trump pulled out of a \_\_\_\_\_.

- 1) carefully negotiated Paris Agreement on climate change with immediate effect
- 2) Kick the can down the road — with tens of millions of dollars down the drain
- 3) This happened in services, grocery, food and many other segments. Investors are either unwilling
- 4) to book losses and move on, or are hopeful of exit events on the way so that it becomes someone else's problem
- 5) from seed to series A to series B and beyond compared to elsewhere in the world

### Answer & Explanation

Answer – 1)

Explanation: its option first carefully negotiated Paris Agreement on climate change with immediate effect; which talks about Paris Agreement and US exit.

31)There is a big difference, of course, between the Kerala action and Gandhi's. The Kerala activists killed to make a political point, but Gandhi's action was compassionate. The calf was sick and in pain; it had broken its leg, developed sores all over its body and the veterinarian had given up hope. "The suffering of the animal was so great that it \_\_\_\_\_," he wrote in an account of the incident.

- 1) Interactive sessions with state and central government officials make sense
- 2) Businesses will also face inventory, logistics, budgeting and working capital issues as they move to the new regime
- 3) Concerns over the lack of preparedness of small and medium enterprises to transit
- 4) rates for commodities such as bullion need to be finalised
- 5) could not even turn its side without excruciating pain

### Answer & Explanation

Answer – 5)

Explanation: its option fifth; could not even turn its side without excruciating pain which talks about Animal rights as implausible fig-leaf hence option fifth will be correct answer.

32)China in recent years under Xi Jinping has hosted a number of military parades to celebrate their victory of Japan during the second world war, inviting numerous foreign leaders as well to be present. Such occasions also turn into moments \_\_\_\_\_ weaponry and technology.

- 1) China's foreign and domestic policies have both served the

same goal

- 2) to maintain internal stability under the leadership of the Chinese Communist Party (CCP)
- 3) for the Chinese to showcase their advances in military
- 4) how the state is using history to justify its positions,
- 5) a few lines on how this historic conception affects China's relations with India are also included at the end

#### Answer & Explanation

Answer – 3)

Explanation: its option third ; for the Chinese to showcase their advances in military which talks about china's advances in military while option first and second talk about China's foreign and domestic policies and internal stability; while option forth and fifths are about China's relations with India.

33)How you define your retirement will obviously differ based on your own imperatives and your personal reality. For sportspersons, retirement comes early, once the body starts to age. For Government employees, retirement happens at age 58. For the private sector, it happens at age 60.\_\_\_\_\_.The only category which can possibly select his own retirement would be a businessperson or a professional and even these people speak about "hanging up their gloves" to do something else.

- 1) Here are a few questions to ponder over as you look ahead to your retirement years
- 2) Keeping your mind and body healthy, throughout your life is essential, as you get older.
- 3) Politicians are in a class of their own and never retire
- 4) For some like Judges, retirement is at 65
- 5) Remember that the answers to each of these lie within yourself

#### Answer & Explanation

Answer – 4)

Explanation: the correct choice will be option forth which talks about retirement age of judges.

34)I looked out of the window. The sky was tar-black and the big clouds were moving towards me. I heard a tapping on the window and then it became a pitter-patter.\_\_\_\_\_.

Puddles began plinking as the rainfall became heavier. The roofs of the cars danced with spray and I could hear the murmuring of the rain through the window. It sounded like the buzzing of angry bees.

- 1) There was much to say about how happy we all were to see these big, heavy drops of water fall from the sky
- 2) People ran for cover outside and umbrellas were opened as the clouds spat out their beads of water
- 3) As the morning progressed and the rain began to harden in a steady stream
- 4) All around me were ecstatic faces, broad smiles and people standing in the rain with open arms, heads cast to the sky
- 5) very clearly, was that of joy and gratitude for something that so many people may take for granted

#### Answer & Explanation

Answer – 2)

Explanation: the correct choice will be option second; People ran for cover outside and umbrellas were opened as the clouds spat out their beads of water.

35)Taking the present turmoil after enactment by the present government in a northern state, election fever settling down, it now becomes a matter of mature regulation. There may be penalties attached to cow stealing, or such arbitration that puts an end to the matter right away, with less abrasion as is possible.

The matter also concerns hygienic storage and retailing of animal meat. Token of respect for each other may be established.\_\_\_\_\_.

- 1) in as much it is no longer fashionable to keep the patchy growths menfolk unless of course it is on the face
- 2) no government found it worth to interfere, as division and deprivation, disrespect for another's belief
- 3) or unbaked rumours that were to be divisive for the existing faiths
- 4) The common man is running for other promises for his survival
- 5) This is just the inverted image of President Obama's great stress to conclude the Heidelberg Summit

#### Answer & Explanation

Answer – 4)

Explanation: its option forth The common man is running for other promises for his survival.