

Direction (1-10) : Read the passage below and answer the following questions.

In a world where mankind feels threatened by social upheavals (a violent or sudden change or disruption to something), over-population, wars, terrifying violence, callousness, each human being is more than ever concerned with his own survival. Survival has implied living sanely, happily, without great pressure or strain. Each one of us translates survival according to his own particular concept. The idealist projects a way of life which is not the actual; the theoreticians, whether Marxist, religious, or of any other particular **persuasion**, have laid down patterns for survival; the nationalists consider survival possible only in a particular group of community. These ideological differences, ideals and faiths are the root of a division that is preventing human survival.

Men want to survive in a particular way, according to their narrow responses, according to their immediate pleasures, according to some faith, according to some religious **savior**, prophet, or saint. All these can in no way bring security, for in themselves they are divisive, exclusive **limited**. To live in the hope of survival according to tradition, however ancient or modern, has no meaning. Partial solution of any kind—scientific, religious, political, and economic—can no longer assure making its survival, with his family, with his group, his tribal nation, and because all this is divisive, it threatens his actual survival. The modern divisions of nationalities, of colour, of culture, of religion are the causes of man's uncertainty of survival. In the turmoil of today's world, uncertainty has made man turn to authority—to the political, religious or economic expert. The specialist is **inevitably** a danger because his response must always be partial, limited. Man is no longer individual, separate. What affects the few affects all mankind. There is no escape or avoidance of the problem. You can no longer withdraw from the totality of the human predicament.

We have stated the problem, the cause and now we must find the solution. This solution must not depend on any kind of pressure—sociological, religious, economic, political, or of any organization. We cannot possibly survive if we are concerned only with our own survival. All human beings the world over are interrelated today. What happens in one country affects the others. Man has considered himself an individual separate from others but psychologically a human being is inseparable from the whole of mankind. There is no such thing as psychological survival. When there is this desire to survive or to fulfil, you are psychologically creating a situation which not only separates but which is totally unreal. Psychologically you cannot be separate from another. And this desire to be separate psychologically is the very source of danger and destruction. Each person asserting himself threatens his own existence.

When the truth of this is seen and understood, man's responsibility undergoes a radical change not only towards his immediate environment but towards all living things.

This total responsibility is compassion. This compassion acts through intelligence. This intelligence is not partial, individual, and separate. Compassion is the sacredness of all living things.

1. What, according to the writer, is the essence of the problem faced by human beings today?
 - (a) Human beings are unable to separate themselves from members of their species and hence fail to discover their true selves.
 - (b) Their sense of self is fragmented since they separate themselves psychologically from others.
 - (c) Their sense of compassion is micro and they cannot see the big picture.
 - (d) All of the above
 - (e) None of the above.

Ans. (c)

Since each human being is concerned about self and his/her immediate environs, his sense of compassion will naturally be limited, and as argued by the author such a person will be bereft of a larger vision. Hence, C is the answer.

2. Which of the following statement is/are true?
 - A. Any person who does not assert himself, threatens his own existence.
 - B. Men, today, respond to situations with a narrow band, according to some faith, belief, or convenience.
 - C. Both ancient and modern traditions provide guidelines for survival.
 - D. The uncertainty in the world today has forced man to sometimes turn away from God.
 - E. All of the above

Ans. (b)

Refer to 2nd Paragraph—"Men want to survive in a particular way, according to their narrow responses, according to their immediate pleasures, according to some faith, according to some religious savior, prophet, or saint. All these can in no way bring security, for in themselves they are divisive, exclusive, limited. To live in the hope of survival according to tradition, however ancient or modern, has no meaning..."—only B is true.

3. Which of the following is most opposite to the word 'persuasion' as used in the context of the passage?

A. Helpful	B. revelation
C. naïve	D. discouragement
E. hindrance	

Ans. (D)

Persuasion means the action or process of persuading someone or of being persuaded to do or believe something. D is the most opposite in meaning from the given options.

4. The survival of mankind can be assured in which of the following ways?
 - A. If sound authority is found—political, religious, or economic.
 - B. If each man realizes that he is not an island by himself.
 - C. If some prophet or saint descends on earth to reform mankind.

- D. If psychological survival becomes a universal goal.
E. None of these

Ans. (B)

The whole argument of the passage and particularly of the second paragraph can be summed up in option B.

5. What could the writer be?

- A. A psychologist B. A sociologist
C. A philanthropist D. A philosopher
E. None of these

Ans. (D)

Do not let the word 'psychology' which is repeated many times in the passage fool you into marking A as the answer. The 'larger issues of survival and compassion' are clearly philosophical and ethical ones.

6. Which of the following can replace the word 'saviour' as used in the context of the passage?

- A. friend B. enemy
C. rescuer D. teacher
E. parents

Ans. (C)

'Saviour' means one who saves someone or something.

7. Which one of the following would the writer be least likely to agree with?

- A. Each living is a separate entity and one must analyse and understand it, its interaction with itself and with other.
B. The dilemma that is facing human beings today, is a mere phase and will pass soon.
C. upheavals, violence etc., which have been created by man himself.
D. Survival, today, is a subjective concept
E. All of the above,

Ans. (B)

Each of the following except B are in line with the author's argument.

8. When, according to the writer, does man experience compassion?

- I. He experiences a vision of sorts, a message from God.
II. He feels responsible towards his immediate environment.
III. he becomes enlightened.
IV. He feels responsible towards all living things.
A. Only I B. Only II
C. Only II and IV D. Only III
E. All of the above

Ans. (C)

Refer to last paragraph, it is clearly mentioned "man's responsibility undergoes a radical change not only towards his immediate environment but towards all living things." Therefore II and IV are true. I and III are clearly irrelevant and nowhere mentioned in the passage.

9. Which of the following can replace the word 'inevitably' as used in the context of the passage?

- A. thoroughly B. naturally
C. artificially D. Justly
E. sincerely

Ans. (B)

Inevitably means which is certain to happen naturally.

10. Which of the following is most opposite to the word 'limited' as used in the context of the passage?

- A. Plenty B. must
C. inappropriate D. scarce
E. deliver

Ans. (A)

Limited means restricted in size. Amount or extend; few, small or short.

Direction (11-15) : Choose the set of words for each blank that best fits sentence and are grammatically correct.

11. The Of taxes on over 200 items under the goods and services tax regime has not led to a commensurate in their prices.

- A. copy Fall B. imposing...profit
C. slashing...decrease D. dropping...charge
E. revolution ... incur

Ans. (C)

E is irrelevant and cannot be the answer. 'Profit in their prices' or 'charge in their prices' doesn't make any sense. Hence, B and D cannot be the answers as well. Tax cannot be 'copied', so A cannot be the answer. Only option C fit both the blanks correctly. 'Slashing' of taxes and 'decrease' in their prices are the right choice.

12. The poorest Arab nation has now plunged into further with the UN warning of the famine the world has seen for many decades if the blocked is not lifted.

- A. diplomacy...greatest B. downtown...great
C. bombing...slowest D. crisis...largest
E. incessant...resultant

Ans. (D)

Downtown means in or into a downtown area. Incessant means to continuing without pause or interruption. Both of these doesn't fit the first blank of the sentence correctly. Hence, B and E are not the answers. Also C is inappropriate. The mention of the adjective 'poorest' suggests that the first blank must consist a word with similar meaning. Therefore option A doesn't fit in. Plunge into further crisis makes sense. Also, largest famine of the world makes sense. So, D is the right choice.

13. The Government of Theresa May faced domestically from opposition parties and members of the ruling conservative Party following Britain's failure to A seat on the International Court of Justice for the first time in the court's 71-year history.

- A. criticism...win
B. influence...proclaim
C. congratulate...stand
D. indictment...support
E. setting...believe

Ans. A

The sentence mentions Britain's failure, hence it is evident that it will face 'criticism.' Also, a seat can be won. None of the other options than A make sense. A is the correct answer.

14. Robert Mugabe as president of Zimbabwe, swept from power as his 37-year crumbled with in days of a military takeover.

- A. controlled...self B. resigned ... reign
C. delivered...session D. greeted...effect
E. capped...power

Ans. (B)

Of all the given options, only B fit both the blanks correctly.

15. Small tea growers express that a reduction in import tariff on tea will adversely affect the small tea growers community, who 45% of India's tea output.
A. penury...face B. loathe...lose
C. apprehension...contribute
D. contemn...given E. Extenuate...coir

Ans. (C)

Penury means extreme poverty. Loathe means hate. Apprehension means fear that something bad or unpleasant will happen. Contemn means to despise. Extenuate means to lessen in magnitude.

The most appropriate word to fit in the first blank's apprehension'-hence, C is the correct choice.

Direction (16-20) : In given sentence phrase is represented in bold which may be incorrect so you have to find the correct phrase in place of that if the phrase is correct in the given sentences than mark no correction required as your answer.

16. The industry has had almost no time to recover, with the spectrum auctions following almost immediately, follow by license renewals and other additional expenses.
A. Followed by B. Following by
C. Follow up by
A. Only A B. Only B
C. Only C D. A and B
E. No correction required

Ans. (A)

The correct answer will be 'followed by', because the sentence is in past tense.

17. New tourism minister Alphons Kannanthanam **had disclosed**, perhaps unwittingly, that his party has no plans to dictate food habits.
A. Is disclosing B. Has disclosed
C. Have disclosed
A. Only A B. Only B
C. Only C D. A & B
(e) No correction required

Ans. (B)

In a past perfect sentence, so the correct phrase will be 'has disclosed'.

18. Using the example of his home state, the minister said kerala will continue **at eat** beef and BJP doesn't have a problem with that.
A. To eating B. At eating
C. To eat
A. Only A B. Only B
C. Only C D. A & B
(e) No correction required

Ans. (c)

Here, the right phrase will be 'to eat'.

19. We need a national mission for promoting self-employment, **start with** skill, business and entrepreneurial training, followed by start-up financing and hand holding until the self-employed persons stabilize their enterprises.
A. Started by B. Starting by
C. Starting with
A. Only A B. Only B
C. Only C D. A & B
(e) No correction required

Ans. (C)

The correct phrase will be 'starting with' because the task is yet to perform and the suggestion is being given in the statement.

20. Congress has now been reduced to a party which clings to memories of the past, invoking its heroism of long ago to seek solace in its bleak present and **infuriate by** the Modi strategy of appropriating the heritage of the freedom movement for BJP with much panache.
A. Infuriating by B. Infuriated by
C. Infuriate from
A. Only A B. Only B
C. Only C D. A & B
(e) No correction required

Ans. (B)

The correct phrase will be 'infuriated by', because the sentence is in present perfect sentence.

Direction (21-30) : Read each sentence to find out whether there is any grammatical or idiomatic error in it. The error any, will be in one part of the sentence. The number of that part is the answer. If there is no error, the answer is (e).

21. It has not been sympathetic to the demand of Aligarh Muslim University (a)/ for minority status and expressed (b)/strong resentment against the relatively (c)/doctrinaire strand of Islam upheld by the Deoband madrasa. (d)/No error (e)
A. a B. b C. c D. d
E. e

Ans. (B)

Has expressed will be there according to the tense of sentence.

Correct Sentence : It has not been sympathetic to the demand of Aligarh Muslim University for minority status and has expressed strong resentment against the relatively doctrinaire strand of Islam upheld by the Deoband madrasa.

22. Organised Muslim political opinion has largely concentrated (a)/in carving out electoral strategies rather than (b)/propose ways by which people who subscribe to deep (c)/differences in beliefs and values but shared much of everyday life in common can live together . (d)/No error (e)
A. a B. b C. c D. d
E. e

Ans. (d)

Here will be use in place of shared because the sentence is in present indefinite tense.

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23. The coexistence and tolerance arguments does not (a)/apply here because everyday life is (b)/deeply caught in conflicts and the language (c)/of sterile secularism does not offer a line of advance (d)/No error (e)
A. a B. b C. c D. d
E. e

Ans. (a)

Either argument will be in singular form or do will be used in place of does.

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24. The invocation of Shive and Shakti in this project (a)/that hitherto held firmly to a graded (b)/order and paternalism would have implications (c)/for Indian democracy that have been little envisage so far. (d)/no error (e)

A. a B. b C. c D. d
E. e

Ans. (d)

According to tense envisaged will be used in place of envisage.

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25. If symbols speak, and in the layered culture deposits of (a)/the Gangetic plain they do speak loud, (b)/one of the most memorable spectacles was prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit (c)/for Kashi Vishwanath temple on March 4, 2017. (d)/No error (e)

A. a B. b C. c D. d
E. e

Ans. (d)

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26. It has tried to win over a section of the Shias (a)/with an eye on Pakistan, Iran and West Asia, (b)/but also tapped the historic Shia-Sunni rivalry (c)/in the state of its advantage. (d)/ No error (e)

A. a B. b C. c D. d
E. e

Ans. (d)

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27. The language of vikas which the BJP spoke (a)/during the electioneering, therefore, (b)/may have to be seen through the (c)/lens of this expansive Hindutva project. (d)/No error (e)

A. a B. b C. c D. d
E. e

Ans. (a)

Which is wrong, 'that' will be used in place of 'which'.

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28. Everyone is welcome to participate in the common (a)/economic endeavour, but the normative (b)/and cultural codes for such an endeavour (c)/will be governed by this project. (d)/No error (e)

A. a B. b C. c D. d
E. e

Ans. (c)

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29. During the general election of 2014, Prime Minister Narendra Modi (a)/had convincingly demonstrated his extraordinary skill (b)/by crafting an election campaign that was (c)/unlike any other-and not only by the standard of Indian elections. (d)/No error (d)

A. a B. b C. c D. d
E. e

Ans. (c)

'by' will not be used here according to sense of sentence, 'in' will be used in place of 'by'.

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30. In the course of the electoral campaign he had (a)/demonstrated a total disdain for the kind of (b)/tactics previously adopted by the Bharatiya Janata Party, and had (c)/led the party into a spectacular victory. (d)/No error (e)

A. a B. b C. c D. d
E. e

Ans. (d)

Preposition 'to' will be used in place of 'into'.

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