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English Language

Directions-(1-4): Five statements are given below; four statements are in logical order and form a coherent paragraph/passage. From the given options, choose the option that does not fall in line with the theme of the passage.

1)

a. The object was discovered by the Pan-STARRS [Panoramic Survey Telescope and Rapid Response System] telescope in Hawaii and was given the name 'Oumuamua', which means a scout or a messenger from far away in the Hawaiian language.

b. In November 2017, an object passed by our planet that was unlike anything astronomers had ever seen. Spotted by a telescope in Hawaii, this strange thing was dubbed 'Oumuamua'. It moved too fast for it to have come from our solar system, its orbit was unusual, and it didn't have any of the traditional markings of an asteroid or comet

c. The sky was dark just like the depths of hell. The breeze was flowing at a great speed and it seemed that the whole world came to a standstill.

d. It was the very first object spotted near the earth that came from outside our solar system. It moved too fast to be bound to the sun. It was clearly coming from interstellar space.

e. When this object was analyzed, it looked like there was an extra push on it, in addition to the force of gravity from the sun. Usually with comets, you get this extra push from the cometary tail, the rocket effect.

A. a

B. b

C. c

D. d

E. e

2.

a. The most commonly reported side effects were headaches (22 percent of those reporting symptoms), fatigue (17 percent), and dizziness (17 percent). Severe reactions like anaphylaxis are rare — only 4.5 cases per million doses administered.

b. Retrenchment from jobs was the order of the day. Companies were going through severe losses and they wanted to cut down costs by firing employees.

c. A smaller number of people experienced joint pain and fever. According to the CDC, the side effects "may feel like flu and may even affect your ability to do daily activities, but they should go away in a few days."

d. Of the first 13 million people who received either the Pfizer or Moderna shot in the U.S., the CDC received 6,994 reports of adverse reactions following vaccination; 91 percent were classified as non serious and 9 percent as serious

e. The reported side effects are similar for all federally approved vaccines: injection-site reactions (including pain, redness, swelling, or tenderness), fatigue, headaches, and chills.

A. a

B. b

- C. c
- D. d
- E. e

3.

a. Doing so is trickier than it might sound, however, because when someone is in the dreaming state of rapid-eye movement (REM) sleep, their brain produces the same familiar, smoothly oscillating brain waves as when they are awake.

b. At a sleep research symposium in January 2020, Janna Lendner presented findings that hint at a way to look at people's brain activity for signs of the boundary between wakefulness and unconsciousness.

c. In collaboration with neuroscientists at UC San Diego and Berkeley, Voytek developed software that isolates regular oscillations — like alpha waves, which are studied heavily in both sleeping and waking subjects — hiding in the aperiodic parts of brain activity.

d. Lendner is one of a growing number of neuroscientists energized by the idea that noise in the brain's electrical activity could hold new clues to its inner workings. What was once seen as the neurological equivalent of annoying television static may have profound implications for how scientists study the brain.

e. For proper functioning, the brain needs at least 6-8 hours of sleep on a daily basis. Any less than that will display symptoms of inefficiency and irritation.

A. a

- B. b
- C. c
- D. d
- E. e

4.

a. Researchers also study unique qualities that Mars and Earth share compared with the other planets in our solar system, and Mars is, in many ways, a smaller, older Earth that “burned out” its natural resources and electromagnetic core sooner.

b. The theory of evolution by Darwin states that humans evolved from apes. Also, it is believed that life on earth started with a single celled animal.

c. Scientists study genomics as a way to extrapolate the origins of life. The order in which building blocks like RNA and DNA emerged can be cross-referenced with, for example, the many dozens of Mars-based meteorites that are known to have hit the Earth over time

d. Scientists believe the first life on Earth came just 200 million years after the first liquid water—and Mars panspermists point out that Mars likely had surface water before Earth based on the two planets' makeups.

e. Could life as we know it have begun on Mars instead of Earth? A handful of scientists believe so, and even more think we should at least consider the possibility. This special case of the overall theory of panspermia, where life on Earth began somewhere else and traveled or was planted here, has some prominent supporters.

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

Directions (5-8): In each of the following questions, two statements are given with a blank followed by a set of words having similar pronunciation but different meaning. You have to identify a suitable combination of pairs from the options to fill the blank to make the sentence meaningful.

5.

i. I got the ----- of my father to go to Goa with my friends.

Assent (a)/ Ascent (b).

ii. The ----- to the top of the mountain was very exhausting.

Assent (a) / Ascent (b)

- A. i-a, ii-b
- B. i-b, ii-b
- C. i-a, ii-a
- D. i-b, ii-a
- E. None of these

6.

i. He was regarded as the chip off the old block but his behavior demonstrated just the -----

Apposite (a)/ Opposite (b)

ii. The psychologist drew an ----- description of her patient's issues.

Apposite (a) / Opposite (b)

- A. i-a, ii-b
- B. i-b, ii-b
- C. i-a, ii-a
- D. i-b, ii-a
- E. None of these

7.

i. The robber ----- the purse from the snobbish lady in an alley.

Wrest (a)/ Rest (b)

ii. I have done my part. The ----- is up to you.

Rest (a) / Wrest (b)

- A. i-a, ii-b
- B. i-b, ii-b
- C. i-a, ii-a
- D. i-b, ii-a
- E. None of these

8.

i. The principal said that the act committed by the boy was ----- and he won't be rusticated from school.

Venial (a) / Venal (b)

ii. The ----- politician was associated with the recent scam that happened a few days ago.

Venal (a) / Venial (b)

- A. i-a, ii-b
- B. i-b, ii-b
- C. i-a, ii-a
- D. i-b, ii-a
- E. None of these

Directions (9-12): In each of the following questions, two statements are given followed by three phrases/starters. You have to choose a correct starter to combine the two statements without changing the given meaning.

9.

I. Sheila did not think I would understand.

II. Sheila was highly impressed when I figured out what had actually happened at that place.

- a. Thinking I am....
- b. Although Sheila
- c. Figuring out the.....

- A. Only a
- B. Only c
- C. Only b
- D. b and c
- E. All of the above

10.

I. Jamal was having a serious injury in his ankle.

II. Jamal decided to complete the marathon.

- a. Despite having a
- b. In spite of having
- c. Although Jamal.....

- A. Only a
- B. Only c
- C. Only b
- D. b and c
- E. All of the above

11.

I. It is essential to scrutinize the content created by the Penzz Company before uploading it on our website.

II. This company has a track record of providing erroneous content.

- a. Although the.....
- b. Keeping in mind the
- c. As the Penzz Company....

- A. Only a
- B. Only c
- C. Only b
- D. b and c
- E. All of the above

12.

I. Giuliani was the former US President's personal attorney

II. Giuliani met Derkach several times in an attempt to obtain what he believed would be material implicating Biden in a corruption case linked to Ukraine.

- a. Giuliani, the former.....
- b. Nevertheless...
- c. Despite being.....

- A. Only b
- B. Only c
- C. Only a
- D. a and b
- E. All of the above

Directions (13-20): Read the passage carefully and answer the questions given below.

Paragraph 1: There are grave injustices that women continue to face in 21st century's version of a patriarchal society — gender-based violence (on the internet too); lack of effective representation in political parties and in

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legislative bodies (despite a push for 33% reservation); falling labor force participation (though a majority work in informal sectors); and State and socio-religious control over choice of partner

Paragraph 2: Yet, the only real way to address these problems is to not see them as women's issues alone. Women's rights are human rights; to ask for the former is to ask for the latter. This means categories of the vulnerable and the marginalized need to be reformulated.

Paragraph 3: In a society divided by caste and religion — with divisions stoked farther by political parties — a woman's cause is inextricably(A)/ linked to how Dalit men and women experience systemic (B)/caste-based discrimination from upper caste men and women,(C)/ alike; or, to the State's insistence that a family unit cannot comprise same-sex couples;(D)/ or, to the suspicion that consensual adult inter-religious partnerships now attract.(E) These issues are interlinked at a very basic level. The Indian Constitution guarantees every individual the right to life, liberty, equality and dignity. Yet, socially, the fundamental unit is not an individual, but either an undivided family, or heterosexual coupledness, or a religious community, or a caste grouping.

Paragraph 4: This is the fundamental contradiction at the heart of any struggle for human rights — fighting for an individual's rights must necessarily take into account their various social affiliations. Thus, it is not enough to think of women's issues as only issues that affect

women. Nor can one draw a line in the sand to demarcate where women's issues end, and the issues of others begin. The only way forward is to strengthen the rights of the individual, based on what the Constitution imagines. Injustices will **empowering** (1), but **continue** (2) an individual, irrespective of their gender, sexual identity, caste or religion, to seek and **striven** (3) a full life of dignity, is the utopia that feminists have globally **achieve**(4) for. International Women's Day is as good a time as any to remember a central feminist tenet — the personal is the political. Perhaps, it's time to expand this to the personal is the political for everyone.

13. What is the tone of the author in the passage?

- A. Condescending
- B. Witty
- C. Informative
- D. Belligerent
- E. Vindictive

14. What could be the appropriate title of the passage?

- A. Women Empowerment
- B. The curse of patriarchal society
- C. Women's rights are human rights
- D. The imperfect Constitution
- E. Women's day

15. Which is the meaning of the word "inextricably" in paragraph 3?

- A. Disengage
- B. Can be easily separated.

- C. Which can't be touched or felt.
- D. Impossible to separate.
- E. Severe disaster

16. Which of the following statements are false?

- A. While fighting for an individual's rights, various social affiliations must be taken into account.
 - B. We can easily distinguish where women's issues end and the issues of others begin.
 - C. The only way forward is to strengthen the rights of the individual, based on what the Constitution imagines.
 - D. International Women's Day is an impeccable time to remember a central feminist belief — Women's problems surpass everything as a whole.
- A. Only A and B
 - B. Only B and C
 - C. Only B and D
 - D. Only B
 - E. All are correct

17. Which of the following can be inferred from the passage?

- A. Even in the 21st century, women are stepped down upon by the patriarchal society. They are a victim of gender-based violence, lack of effective representation in political parties, etc.
- B. Women are prone to more problems if a comparison is drawn. So, their issues should be given more importance than the issues of the vulnerable and the marginalized.
- C. We need to tackle the problem of discrimination by considering the fact that

women's rights are human rights. They are related to each other.

D. The Constitution guarantees every individual the right to life, liberty, equality and dignity. Yet, socially, the fundamental unit is not an individual.

18. What can be the most appropriate gist of the passage?

- A. Women empowerment is necessary in the modern world.
- B. The weaker and the marginalized section of the society's affliction is a cause of concern.
- C. The Constitution of India is full of potholes.
- D. Personal is the political for everyone.
- E. Discrimination in India

19. Find the part from the bold parts which has an error.

- A. B
- B. E
- C. D
- D. A
- E. C

20. Which of the words in the sentence in Paragraph 4 can be swapped to make the sentence meaningful?

- A. 1-3, 2-4
- B. 1-4
- C. 2-3
- D. 1-2, 3-4
- E. 3-4

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Answer Key with Explanation

1. Answer: C

Except C, all the other options deal with the 'Oumuamua', the peculiar object that was spotted by the telescope in Hawaii. Therefore, the correct option is C.

2. Answer: B

All the other options except B deal with the side effects of Covid vaccine. On the other hand, option B deals with the effect of the pandemic on employment. Therefore, the correct option is B.

3. Answer: E

In all the options except E, the statements deal with how the brain works in mysterious ways. On the other hand, in option E, the necessity of sleep is discussed. Therefore, the correct option is E.

4. Answer: B

All the other options except B deal with the theory that life began on Mars. However, B is connected to evolution. Therefore, the correct option is B.

5. Answer: A

'Assent' means to agree to something. 'Ascent' means climbing up. Therefore the correct answer choice will be option A here.

6. Answer: D

'Opposite' means on the contrary. On the other hand 'opposite' means suitable. Therefore the correct answer choice will be option D here.

7. Answer: C

'Wrest' means to snatch. 'Rest' means the things that are left out. Therefore the correct answer choice will be option C here.

8. Answer: C

‘Venial’ means pardonable. ‘Venal’ means corrupt. Therefore the correct answer choice will be option C here.

9. Answer: C

If we look closely we can understand that we can use only one starter, which is present in B.

We can say ‘Although Sheila did not think I would understand, she was highly impressed when I figured out what had actually happened at that place.’

This synthesis is quite meaningful and grammatically correct. Therefore option C becomes our answer.

10. Answer: E

Here all the three possibilities are absolutely correct. We start the given two sentences by merging them together with all the three starters. We can say, ‘Despite having a serious injury in his ankle Jamal decided to complete the marathon.’ Clearly, the above synthesis is both grammatically and contextually correct and keeps the flow going.

We can also say, ‘In spite of having a serious injury in his ankle Jamal decided to complete the marathon.’

Again we can say ‘Although Jamal was having a serious injury in his ankle he decided to complete the marathon.’

These formations also imply the intended meaning and are both grammatically and contextually correct.

11. Answer: D

Here we can use the two starters in B and C to start the given sentence while merging the two.

We can say, ‘Keeping in mind the track record of the Penzz Company of providing erroneous content it is essential to scrutinize the content created by them before uploading it on our website.’ Clearly, the above synthesis is both grammatically and contextually correct and keeps the flow going.

We can also say, ‘As the Penzz Company has a track record of providing erroneous content it is essential to scrutinize the content created by them before uploading it on our website.’

This formation also implies the intended meaning and is both grammatically and contextually correct.

12. Answer: C

There is only one possibility of writing these two sentences with a starter given in part A. We can say ‘Giuliani, the former US president’s personal attorney, met Derkach several times in an attempt to obtain what he believed would be material implicating Biden in a corruption case linked to Ukraine.’

We can see that the above synthesis is both grammatically and contextually correct and keeps the flow going.

13. Answer: C

In the passage, the atrocities faced by women are initially discussed. Then, it is said that the rights of women are the rights of humans. Also,

fighting for an individual's rights must be necessarily taken into account their various social affiliations.

Therefore the correct option is C.

14. Answer: C

In the passage, the problems faced by the weaker and the marginalized section of the society are discussed as a whole. The injustice and dominance faced by women are just an integral part of it. Women's rights are human rights; to ask for the former is to ask for the latter.

So, option C serves as an impeccable title.

Thus the correct option is C.

15. Answer: D

Inextricable means in a way that is impossible to separate.

Therefore option D is correct.

16. Answer: B

Option B is correct.

In the last paragraph, only statements A and C are there. Statements B and C are completely wrong with reference to the paragraph.

Therefore, the correct option is B.

17. Answer: D

Statement A can be inferred from the 1st paragraph. Statement C can be inferred from the 2nd paragraph. Statement D can be inferred from the 3rd paragraph. Only statement B

makes a contradiction if we look into the 2nd paragraph closely.

Therefore D is the correct option.

18. Answer: D

From the passage, it can be concluded that beyond everything, individual's rights and powers, irrespective of caste, creed, sex, religion, etc is the most important aspect. Therefore, option D is the gist of the passage.

Therefore, the correct option is D.

19. Answer: D

Here further should be used in place of farther. Farther means a greater distance away. Farther refers to distance and further means 'additional to what already exists or has already taken place, been done, or been accounted for.

The correct sentence is: - In a society divided by caste and religion — with divisions stoked further by political parties — a woman's cause is inextricably linked to how Dalit men and women experience systemic caste-based discrimination from upper caste men and women, alike; or, to the State's insistence that a family unit cannot comprise same-sex couples; or, to the suspicion that consensual adult inter-religious partnerships now attract.

20. Answer: D

The words in (1) and (2) need to be interchanged and those in (3) and (4) need to be interchanged to make the sentence correct.

The correct sentence is: - Injustices will continue, but empowering an individual, irrespective of their gender, sexual identity, caste or religion, to seek and achieve a full life

of dignity, is the utopia that feminists have globally strive for.

The Hindu Editorial Vocabulary

1. Assassination (noun)-murder, killing, termination

Example: He was in constant fear of **Assassination** and distrusted all around her.

Antonyms: **Assassination** x bear, build, construct

2. Grimace (noun)-Frown, twisted expression on person face

Example: With a **grimace** he dropped it into his pocket.

Antonyms: **Grimace** x smile, beam, smirk

3. Dogged (adjective) - Tenacious, Determined, Persistent

Example: Persistent rumors of breakups **dogged** the pretty pair until their secret Wedding on October

Antonyms: **Dogged** x Hesitant, irresolute, soft

4. Irked (verb) - Irritate, annoy, Infuriate

Example: Harmony's voice held a hushed note of reverence that **irked** Gabriel.

Antonyms: **Irked** x relaxed, composed, calm

5. Proclamation (noun) - order, announcement, declaration

Explanation: All the kingdom waited anxiously to hear the royal proclamation.

Antonyms: **Proclamation** x secret, quiet, control

6. Discretion (noun)-circumspection, care, prudence

Example: Parents have the **discretion** to determine which Television program their children may watch.

Antonyms: **Discretion** x neglect, inattention, omission

7. Juggernaut (noun) – huge, powerful, overwhelming force

Example: The Company predicts its unique mobile phone will become a best seller and make it a **Juggernaut** in the phone market.

Antonyms: **Juggernaut** x hesitation, indecision, uncertainty

8. Abrogation (noun) - the repeal or abolition of law, right or agreement

Example: China regrets the abrogation of the anti-ballistic missile treaty.

Antonyms: **Abrogation** x approve, establish, introduce

9. **Behemoth (noun)** – a huge or monstrous creature, enormous

Example: I was scared of the behemoth roller coaster that was the tallest and fastest in the world.

Antonyms: Behemoth x dwarf, wimp

10. **Relentless (adjective)** - Persistent, constant, interminable

Example: The politician's rivals are waging a relentless campaign of slander against him.

Antonyms: Relentless x intermittent, irresolute, relenting

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