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English Language

Directions (1-5): In the sentences given below, sentences are jumbled and placed in options.

Also there is an odd one in each of the questions which is mentioned in the options. Identify the correct sequence of the sentences and eliminate the odd one out to mark that as your option in the given sequence (Eg. Correct arrangement followed by odd one out.)

1.

- a) Veer Mata Jijabai Bhosale Udyan were shifted to holding
- b) Areas/night shelters to keep them safe from the damages that could
- c) In the wake of cyclone Tauktae, all the animal inmates of
- d) Occur due to heavy rainfall and strong gusty winds on Monday afternoon.
- e) Research team is curious to identify the diseases spreading from animals to humans.

- a) CAED-B
- b) DAEB-C
- c) CABD-E
- d) AEBC-D
- e) No interchange required

2.

- a) Losing their lives to the infection, various posts are being
- b) Adopt children orphaned due to COVID.
- c) The pandemic was an unexpected event
- d) Amidst the COVID-19 pandemic and many people

e) Circulated in the social media urging people to

- a) CABD--E
- b) DAEB--C
- c) DCBA--E
- d) EBCA--D
- e) No interchange required

3.

- a) A "half-baked solution" to the severe pollution level in
- b) Odd-even scheme was an innovative idea appreciated by other states.
- c) Vehicle rotation scheme of the Delhi Government was
- d) The Supreme Court on Friday said the odd-even
- e) The national Capital as it is not effective in reducing pollution.

- a) BEDA-C
- b) DBAC--E
- c) DCBE--A
- d) DCAE--B
- e) No interchange required

4.

- a) India is a sign that the worst may be yet to come, the IMF has said that
- b) Observing that the ongoing "catastrophic" second wave of COVID-19 in
- c) The situation in the country is a warning of the possible events in low and

- d) Middle-income nations that have seemingly escaped the pandemic till now.
e) The IMF is thinking of giving loan to India and middle income countries.

- a) BACD--E
b) ECDB--A
c) ACDE--B
d) BADC--E
e) No interchange required

5.

- a) The government isn't approving the new what's app privacy policy.
b) Chats and make provisions to identify the first originator of information,
c) For social media intermediaries requiring the messaging app to "trace"
d) What's App has challenged in the Delhi High Court the new IT rules
e) Saying they violate the right to privacy and are unconstitutional.

- a) CBEA--D
b) DCBE--A
c) DCAB-E
d) ABCD--E
e) No interchange required

Directions (6-10): Find the correct replacement for the highlighted/underlined part mentioned below in each sentence and if there is no correction required in the highlighted part, mark e as your answer.

6. Yaas is expected to make landfall in the evening on 26 May in between Paradip in

- Odisha and Sagar Islands in West Bengal **after intensifying in a very severe cyclonic storm.**
a) before intensifying into a very severe cyclonic storm.
b) after intensifying in a very severe cyclone storm.
c) after intensifying into a very severe cyclonic storm.
d) after intensifying into a very cyclonic storm.
e) No correction required

7. As a scion of the Royal House of Mysore, the young Maharaja **continues to uphold its richer tradition and** culture and continues his passion to preserve the culture of the Deccan over its 600 years of presence.

- a) continue to uphold its rich tradition and
b) continues to uphold its rich tradition and
c) continues to uphold their rich tradition and
d) continues to upholding its rich tradition and
e) No correction required

8. All the 7 Indian women boxers **had put up a flawless performance resulting** the pugilists had won their bouts as they progressed into the finals and will be aiming to add the yellow metal to their name.

- a) has put up a flawing less performance as
b) had put up a flawless performance however
c) had put up a flawless performance moreover
d) had put up a flawless performance as
e) No correction required

9. A steady decline in daily new Covid-19 cases **has observed since the last 17 days in India**, the Union health ministry said on Monday.

- a) has been observed for the last 17 days on India
- b) have been observed since the last 17 days in India
- c) has been observed since the last 17 days in India
- d) has been observed since the last 17 days at India
- e) No correction required

10. The control room is functioning 24 hours a day at the Fisheries Department offices in order to monitor the return of fishermen **whom have gone fishing in the deep sea**.

- a) who have gone fishing in the deep sea.
- b) who has gone fishing in the deep sea.
- c) who have go fishing in the deep sea.
- d) who has went fishing in the deep sea.
- e) No correction required

Directions (11-15): Each question below has two blanks, which is indicating that something has been omitted. Choose the most suitable option indicating the words that can be used to fill up the blanks in the sentence to make it meaningfully complete.

11. Chiellini was again in the _____ when he _____ the ball into his own net under pressure from Lukaku in the 83rd.

- a) Trouble, divided

- b) Stage, carried
- c) Spotlight, bundled
- d) Riffraff, pranced
- e) None of the above

12. INS Kochi which entered harbour on Wednesday to _____ 125 survivors and mortal remains of four crew members was immediately _____ in the evening again to continue the Search effort.

- a) Disembark, sailed out
- b) Carry, produced
- c) Leave, deliberated
- d) Help, carried
- e) None of the above

13. The official said that engaging the families in the meeting was important for preventing youngsters from going _____. Gul, 32, had drawn the face of a weeping woman whose head was _____ in a Palestinian flag. The words 'We are Palestine' were written in bold, white letters.

- a) Correct, covered
- b) Astray, draped
- c) Distracted, placed
- d) Extreme, perched
- e) None of the above

14. The pandemic created _____ in our lives, but it also showed us the hard work and selflessness of the medical _____

- a) Enliven, gang
- b) Optimistic, team

- c) Trouble, gadfly
- d) Havoc, fraternity
- e) None of the above

15. _____ the constraints in the availability of COVID-19 vaccine doses, Maharashtra continues to be top among other vaccinated states. The state has _____ vaccinated 1,99,85,407 eligible citizens as of Monday, since the universal vaccination was launched on January 16.

- a) Because of, imperative
- b) In spite of, deferred
- c) Despite, cumulatively
- d) In addition to, already
- e) None of the above

Directions (16-22): Read the following passage and answer the following questions. Some words are highlighted to help you answer some of the questions.

Delhiites have neither fresh air to breathe nor safe water to drink. The drinking water supplied to residents in the national Capital has failed on all the 19 parameters – odour, iron, calcium, ammonia, chloride, anionic detergent and coliform among others. In contrast, Mumbaiers may not even need to buy water purifiers or reverse osmosis (RO) units.

_____ (16) of quality standards set by the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS). The other two metros, Chennai and Kolkata, too didn't fare well, and

are at the 13th and 14th place respectively. Of the 21 capital cities where water quality was tested, Delhi was at the bottom with all samples failing to meet the BIS norms. Hyderabad and Bhubaneswar bagged the joint second spot in the rankings with Ranchi coming in at third. Currently, it is **mandatory** for bottled water manufacturers to meet the BIS quality standard. However, the BIS norm for tap water is voluntary for the public agencies which supply piped water. Unlike Europe and other developed countries, India doesn't have any certification for potable water. The BIS lifted samples from the Capital cities across the country to test

water quality on several parameters.

Announcing the findings, Union Food and Consumer Affairs Minister Ram Vilas Paswan said, "All the samples lifted in Delhi have failed, _____ (20) all samples of Mumbai are clear, and tap water of Mumbai is safest to drink.

In most places, water pipes are running alongside and crossing sewage lines and drains in Delhi, which make the water supply **susceptible** to sewage contamination, officials said. In Mumbai, all the 10 samples met the standards set by the BIS. The Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC) supplies water to the residents in Mumbai. In Kolkata, nine samples failed 10 quality parameters while in Chennai, all 10 samples failed in nine parameters. The samples in Hyderabad and Bhubaneswar failed in one parameter each

phenolic compounds and chloramines respectively. In Ranchi, the potable water test **failed (A)** on four parameters, while in Shimla on aluminum and Chandigarh on two parameters, "aluminium and coliform". According to officials, testing was **conducted (B)** for organoleptic and physical tests, chemical test, toxic substances and bacteriological tests in the first stage. In the next phase, they will also **tested (C)** virological and biological tests for major disease carriers. The study, conducted by BIS for the Union Food and Consumer Affairs Ministry, **undergo (D)** 10 samples in 21 capital cities to see if they met the Indian Standard 10500:2012 (specification for drinking water). **Paswan said he has written to State Governments telling them to clarify what helps his Government can provide to make tap water drinkable.** The Centre also plans to include Capitals of the north eastern States and smart cities under the testing regime by January 15, 2020, while all district headquarters are expected to be tested by August 15, 2020. Samples from Jaipur, Dehradun and Amravati too failed on seven parameters which include total alkalinity, coliform, calcium, turbidity, magnesium and aluminium. The sample in Ranchi failed on TDS, nickel, manganese and total hardness while Raipur on aluminum, total alkalinity and hardness. The sample from Patna and Bhopal failed on four parameters like coliform, colour, total hardness and total alkalinity. The samples of Guwahati, Gandhi Nagar and Bengaluru

failed on five parameters. The sample of Thiruvananthapuram failed on three parameters. The Indian Standard prescribes 48 parameters including radioactive substance but in the current study, radioactive substance test was excluded. Also free residual chlorine has been excluded from this exercise since it is applicable only when water is chlorinated and a minimum limit has been prescribed for it.

16. Which of the following can fill the blank (16) as given in the passage?

- a) The drinking water in India's commercial capital is undergoing all the tests.
- b) The drinking water in India's commercial capital failed all the tests.
- c) The drinking water in India's commercial capital is yet to undergo all the tests.
- d) The drinking water in India's commercial capital passed all the tests.
- e) None of the above

17. What is the suitable title for the passage?

- a) Demand for water purifiers
- b) Delhiites in deep water.
- c) Air quality index
- d) Importance of air and water.
- e) None of the above.

18. A sentence from the passage is highlighted and separated into different parts, identify the error.

- a) Paswan said he has written to
- b) State Governments telling them to
- c) Clarify what help his Government can

- d) Provide to make tap water drinkable.
e) No correction required

19. Which of the following words need to be interchanged to make the sentence grammatically and contextually correct?

- a) A-B
b) Both C-D and B-C
c) D-C
d) Both B-C and A-D
e) All are correct.

20. Which of the following connectors can be used in blank given (20) to make the sentence grammatically and contextually correct ?

- a) However
b) Moreover
c) Since
d) But

- e) None of the above

21. Which of the following words is most similar in meaning to **susceptible**, as highlighted in the given passage?

- a) Vulnerable
b) Fight
c) Overcome
d) Obvious
e) None of the above

22. Which of the following words is the most similar in meaning to **mandatory**, as highlighted in the given passage?

- a) Permission
b) Obligatory
c) Happy
d) Criticize
e) None of the above

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Answer Key with Explanation

1. Answer: C

CABD is the correct arrangement-E is the odd one out. Sentence E doesn't fit the context of

what is being talked about, the main idea of the sentence is the PDP transferring the money illegally to other parties, so after the corrections

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the sentence will be... In the wake of cyclone Tauktae, all the animal inmates of Veer Mata Jijabai Bhosale Udyan were shifted to holding areas/night shelters to keep them safe from the damages that could occur due to heavy rainfall and strong gusty winds on Monday afternoon.

2. Answer: B

DAEB is the correct arrangement, c is the odd one out, sentence C doesn't fit the context of what is being talked about, so after the corrections, the sentence will be... Amidst the COVID-19 pandemic and many people losing their lives to the infection, various posts are being circulated in the social media urging people to adopt children orphaned due to COVID.

3. Answer: D

DCAE is the correct arrangement, B is the odd one out, sentence B doesn't fit the context of what is being talked about, so after the corrections the sentence will be... The Supreme Court on Friday said the odd-even vehicle rotation scheme of the Delhi Government was a "half-baked solution" to the severe pollution level in the national Capital as it is not effective in reducing pollution.

4. Answer: A

BACD is the correct arrangement- E is the odd one out. Sentence E doesn't

fit the context of what is being talked about, so after the corrections the sentence will be... Observing that the ongoing "catastrophic" second wave of COVID-19 in India is a sign that the worst may be yet to come, the IMF has said that the situation in the country is a warning of the possible events in low- and middle-income nations that have seemingly escaped the pandemic till now.

5. Answer: B

DCBE is the correct arrangement- A is the odd one out. Sentence A doesn't fit the context of what is being talked about, so after the corrections the sentence will be... WhatsApp has challenged in the Delhi High Court the new IT rules for social media intermediaries requiring the messaging app to "trace" chats and make provisions to identify the first originator of information, saying they violate the right to privacy and are unconstitutional.

6. Answer: C

'after intensifying' and 'very severe' will be the correct usages according to context, there is a need of an adjective (cyclonic) before the noun (storm), so considering all the rules mentioned, option c is the correct replacement.

7. Answer: B

the subject is singular so 'continues' is the correct usage, to+v1 structure will be followed, there is no need of comparative degree (richer),

since the subject is singular, the pronoun 'its' is the correct usage.

8. Answer: D

'as' is the correct connector which delivers the contextual meaning correctly, so considering the rules mentioned, option d is the apt replacement.

9. Answer: C

the sentence needs to be in passive voice, so 'has+been+v3' structure will be followed, the subject is singular, so singular verb will be the correct usage, considering all the rules mentioned, option c is the correct usage.

10. Answer: A

the relative pronoun 'who' is used for 'subject' and 'whom' is used for 'object', so the correct usage is 'who' because the subject is 'fishermen', fishermen is plural so plural verb will be the correct usage, have + v3 structure will be followed, so the third form of 'go' is 'went', so considering all the rules mentioned option a is apt.

11. Answer: C

Spotlight (everyone's attention), bundled (send forcibly) are the correct words for the blanks, all other words ruffraff (worthless) prance (to walk or dance in an energetic way) are all incorrect words.

12. Answer: A

Disembark (step off), sailed out (leave) are the correct words contextually.

13. Answer: B

astray (away from the correct path), draped (to cover) are the correct words, all other words perched (rest) are incorrect

14. Answer: D

Havoc (widespread destruction), fraternity (a group of people sharing a common profession) are the correct words for the blanks, other options gadfly (a person who provokes others into action) enliven (rejuvenate) are incorrect

15. Answer: C

Despite (contradictory conjunction), cumulatively (increase in quantity by successive addition) are the correct words for the blanks, other options deferred (postpone) imperative (important) are incorrect

16. Answer: D

it is clear from the part before the blank that, the sentence is positive and no contradictory conjunction is introduced, so a positive sentence should occupy the blank, so option d is apt and no other sentence fills the blank.

17. Answer: B

from the passage it is clear that Delhi is in the bottom ranking when it comes to air quality and

drinking water, so, Delhiites (people of Delhi) are the sufferers, option b validates the idea which is spread throughout the passage, 'in deep water' is an idiom meaning being in trouble, and none of the other options does justice to the passage by being the title to the passage, so option b is apt.

18. Answer: E

the sentence is in interrogative tone, so the correct word should be 'asking' instead of 'telling', after the corrections the sentence will be... State Governments asking them to...

19. Answer: C

in the given sentence, 'undergo' and 'tested' at their current positions fail to

impart a valid meaning to the sentence, but interchanging them will make the given sentence both grammatically and contextually correct.

20. Answer: D

the sentences before and after the blank are in clear contradiction, so but (contradictory conjunction) will be the correct usage.

21. Answer: A

susceptible (vulnerable/prone to), all other options obvious (clear) are incorrect.

22. Answer: B

mandatory (obligatory/compulsory), all other words are incorrect.

The Hindu Editorial Vocabulary

1. Obliterate (adjective) – devastated, ruined, wrecked

Example: The general's plan is to **obliterate** the enemy's military runways so their fighter planes cannot launch an aerial attack.

Antonyms: **Obliterate** x create, generate, produce

2. Tarnish (verb) – corrode, deteriorate, stain

Example: The once shiny door knob has been touched so much that it now has only a dull and lifeless **tarnish**.

Antonyms: **Tarnish** x brighten, polish, clean

3. Resentment (noun) – grudge, irritation, animosity

Example: Deep **resentment** existed between the two rival players who had hated each other for many years.

Antonyms: **Resentment** x contentment, affection, calm

4. Paltry (adjective) – trivial, insignificant, meager

Example: My teenage son often complains about what he considers to be a **paltry** allowance.

Antonyms: **Paltry** x considerable, important, significant

5. Implosion (noun) – crumbling, disintegration, insolvency

Example: The **implosion** of the Soviet regimes and the ensuing collapse of state capitalism caused great suffering to women.

Antonyms: **Implosion** x solvency, ascent, benefit

6. Assuage (verb) – alleviate, mitigate, calm

Example: Having friends by my side will **assuage** the worries of becoming a parent.

Antonyms: **Assuage** x aggravate, exacerbate, heighten

7. Ravage (noun) – Destroy, ruin, wreck

Example: The mobster swore he would **ravage** the man's family if he testified against him in court.

Antonyms: **Ravage** x assist, bear, construct

8. Covert (noun) – secret, clandestine, private

Example: The spy went to great lengths to make sure his enemies would not discover his **covert** plans.

Antonyms: **Covert** x overt, open, public

9. Astound (verb) – astonish, amaze, surprise

Example: The taste of the wonderful dessert is sure to **astound** anyone who likes chocolate.

Antonyms: **Astound** x clarify, calm, bore

10. Ebullient (adjective) – Exuberant, elated, buoyant

Example: My aunt is an **ebullient** woman who can always see the rainbow through the clouds.

Antonyms: **Ebullient** x apathetic, depressed, down

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