

Directions (1-5): Read the following passage and answer the questions below

Wayanad, Congress president Rahul Gandhi's choice as his second constituency, is arguably the safest seat for the Congress in south India and among the safest in the entire country. Mr. Gandhi's main rival will be P.P. Suneer of the CPI. The BJP has a marginal presence in the constituency. The Congress chief had been undecided over contesting from Wayanad, considering the multiple battles of perception that it brings. First, while he has been pointedly trying to define the 2019 election as a fight to save India from advancing Hindutva, he will end up facing off with the Left, an adversary in Kerala but an ally nationally. Second, he will be accused of "running away" from Amethi. Third, the more fundamental question: whether contesting two seats will be seen as a sign of weakness. After weighing the pros and cons, on which he received divergent opinions, the decision was taken. Congress sources close to Mr. Gandhi are emphatic that they sense no challenge in Amethi. But the volatility in Uttar Pradesh, despite the formation of the SP-BSP alliance and its declaration of support for Mr. Gandhi in Amethi, is palpable. The battle lines in the critical State have not been defined yet, and Prime Minister Narendra Modi's campaign blitz has only begun. That said, the reason for national

leaders contesting a second seat is less because of any insecurity in one seat and more for expanding their personal imprint to critical territories, as Mr. Modi himself did in 2014 by contesting from Vadodara in Gujarat and Varanasi in U.P.

1) Which state according to the passage is the safest seat for Congress in South India?

- a) Kannur
- b) Wayanad
- c) Kozhikode
- d) Pathanamthitta
- e) Vadodara

2) Which word in is closest to the meaning of the word 'Emphatic'?

- a) Hesitant
- b) Tentative
- c) Ambiguous
- d) Lethargic
- e) Decisive

3) What is the reason for national leaders less contesting for a second seat?

- a) Over insecurity in one state
- b) Expanding their personal imprint to critical territories
- c) Both a and b
- d) Because of election lines not being defined properly

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e) None of these

4) Why is Congress President Undecided in contesting from Wayanad?

- a) Battle with the left
- b) Accused of running away from Amethi
- c) Sign of weakness
- d) All the three
- e) None of these

5) Which word is in closest to the word 'divergent'?

- a) Correspondent
- b) Homogenous
- c) Similar
- d) Uniform
- e) Diverse

Directions (6-10): In each of the sentences below, there are 4 words highlighted in bold which may be exchanged to form a meaningful and coherent sentence. Choose the options for the same. If no exchange is required, choose option E) as your answer.

6) India on Friday said Pakistan is **(1) nervous** over India's steps in **Jammu and Kashmir** and **(2) asserted** that Islamabad thinks it will not be able to **(3) development** people if there is **(4) mislead** in that region.

- A) 1-2, 3-4
- B) 2-3
- C) 3-4
- D) 1-4, 2-3
- E) No exchange required

7) Ministry of External Affairs **(1) spokesperson** Raveesh Kumar said steps have been taken **(2) worked** in mind the best interests of Jammu and Kashmir. He **(3) asserted** Pakistan's efforts to link peace deal with Kashmir issue have not **(4) keeping**.

- A) 1-2, 3-4
- B) 2-4
- C) 3-1
- D) 1-4, 2-3
- E) No exchange required

8) When we are **(1) trash**, we have objects that are **(2) die** with love. It could be a favourite pen, dress or book; but when we **(3) steeped**, it becomes **(4) alive**.

- A) 1-2, 3-4
- B) 2-4
- C) 3-1
- D) 1-4, 2-3
- E) No exchange required

9) She **(1) inspired** these papers with her own **(2) imagination**. Reading many pages of a gardening journal **(3) juxtaposes** her to do a **(4) narrative** of three works.

- A) 1-2, 3-4
- B) 2-4
- C) 3-1
- D) 1-4, 2-3
- E) No exchange required

10) Bakula **(1) worked** architecture, but didn't have the **(2) design** for its nitty gritty. However, in the US,

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she **(3)** studied in the field of **(4)** patience.

- A) 1-3, 2-4
- B) 2-4
- C) 3-1
- D) 1-4, 2-3
- E) No exchange required

Directions (11-15): In the questions given below a sentence has been broken down into four fragments labeled **(A)**, **(B)**, **(C)** and **(D)** arranged but not necessarily in the same order. You have to find the correct order of the arrangement from the options given below. In case, the sentence is correct in its original form, please select **(E)** as your answer.

11) come into our lives and grow in confidence **(A)**/ however, we don't need to be enslaved by our anxiety **(B)**/ and instead can strengthen our mindful skills **(C)**/ to ease our anxious minds, **(D)**/

- A) ACBD
- B) CBAD
- C) BCDA
- D) BDAC
- E) No arrangement required

12) underlying all mindfulness teachings is that rigid attachment **(A)**/ to who you believe yourself to be and the stories you tell **(B)**/ in fact, we would argue that a main principle **(C)**/ about yourself are limiting and are the root cause of many of our problems **(D)**/

- A) ADBC
- B) CABD

- C) ACDB
- D) BDAC
- E) No arrangement required

13) to be or to how we think things "should" be, we're stuck **(A)**/ we are tightly bound to who we believe ourselves **(B)**/ in this case, what we mean is that when **(C)**/ in a place that narrows options and responsiveness **(D)**/

- A) DCBA
- B) CBAD
- C) ABDC
- D) BDAC
- E) No arrangement required

14) John Hickenlooper, the former governor of Colorado, **(A)**/ has dropped out of the race, making the announcement **(B)**/ during a three-minute YouTube video calling the journey **(C)**/ "more exciting and more rewarding than I ever imagined." **(D)**/

- A) DCBA
- B) CBAD
- C) ABDC
- D) BDAC
- E) No arrangement required

15) that could offer new insights on how the universe works **(A)**/ yet of a never-before-seen type of cosmic collision **(B)**/ passed through Earth—giving us the best evidence **(C)**/ on August 14, the resulting ripples in the fabric of spacetime **(D)**/

- A) DCBA
- B) CBAD
- C) ABDC
- D) BDAC

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E) No arrangement required

Direction: (16-20): Which of the following phrases (A), (B) (C) and (D) given below in each sentence should replace the phrase printed in bold letters to make the sentence grammatically correct without changing the meaning of the sentence? Choose the best option among the five given alternatives that reflect that reflect the correct use of phrase in the context of grammatically correct sentence. If the sentence is correct as it is mark (E), i.e "No correction required" as your answer.

16) These nerve cells then **sending warning signal when we're on danger of being injured**, or they flood our nervous system with pain when damage occurs.

- A) send warning signals when we're in danger of being injured
- B) sending warning signals when we're on danger of being injured
- C) send warning signal when we're on danger of being injured
- D) send warn signals when we're in danger of being injured
- E) No correction required

17) While **many progress has been made, fundamental barrier still exists** that prevent some girls from reaching their fullest potential.

- A) many progress has been made, fundamental barriers still exist
- B) much progress have been made, fundamental barriers still exists

C) much progress has been made, fundamental barriers still exists

D) much progress has been made, fundamental barriers still exist

E) No correction required

18) In recent years, as multilateralism weakens, **leave gaping hole filling either by strong-armed unilateralism nor plain indifference**, India holds its own, belonging to no bloc.

- A) leave gap holes filled either by strong-armed unilateralism or plain indifference
- B) leaving gap holes filled either by strong-armed unilateralism or plain indifference
- C) leaving gaping holes filled either by strong-armed unilateralism or plain indifferent
- D) leaving gaping holes filled either by strong-armed unilateralism or plain indifference
- E) No correction required

E) No correction required

19) It is also an occasion **to some bewild that a government that knows exactly what it's doing in politics** and external affairs should be at something of a loose end over the economy.

- A) to some bewilderment that a government which know exactly what it's doing in politics
- B) for some bewilderment that a government which knows exactly what it's doing in politics
- C) to some bewilderment that a government which knows exactly what it's doing in politics

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D) for some bewild that a government which knows exactly what it's doing in politics

E) No correction required

20) Jaitley had to abandon his move to tax provident fund withdrawals and Sitharaman had to withdraw a lot more after the tax surcharge on foreign portfolio investors and capital gains turned into market depressants.

A) have to abandoning his move to tax provident fund withdrawals and Sitharaman had to withdraw

B) had to abandoning his move to tax provident fund withdrawal and Sitharaman had to withdraw

C) had to abandon his move to tax provident fund withdrawals and Sitharaman had to withdraw

D) had to abandon his move to tax provident fund withdrawal and Sitharaman had to withdrew

E) No correction required

Direction (21-25): Each question below contains of a statement with a blank in each statement followed by four options. Choose the option that can fill the blanks and mark it as your answer.

21. The Congress decided to stage _____ agitations across the country against the government's policies that have allegedly led to economic slowdown.

A) Weight

B) Fabulous

C) Massive

D) Generous

E) None of these

22. Commerce and Industry Minister was trolled on the internet over an apparent

_____ in explaining that achieving the target of nearly doubling the size of the economy to \$5 trillion should not be looked through the prism of maths.

A) Situation

B) Error

C) Gaffe

D) Both b & c

E) None of these

23. Facebook and WhatsApp had strongly _____ to Aadhaar linkage, saying it would affect the privacy of its users.

A. Appreciated

B. Objected

C. Agreed

D. Recommending

E. None of these

24. The High Court is looking into effective _____ by social media companies like Facebook with the provisions of the Information Technology Act to help detect cyber-crimes.

A. Complaint

B. Defiance

C. Violation

D. Compliance

E. None of these

25. Vikram lost its Earth link when it was 2.1 km and about 3 minutes from what would have been a _____ first ever touchdown close to the lunar south pole.

A) Historic

B) Celebrated

C) Memorable

D) Famed

E) All the above

Directions (26-30): In the following passage, some of the words have been left out, each of which is indicated by a number. Find the suitable word from the options given

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against each number and fill up the blanks with appropriate words to make the paragraph meaningfully complete.

Good boss, bad boss: There is a lot that comes to mind when we picture these two. Most successful leaders (1) their success to one or two bosses who mentored or groomed them in their formative years. In fact, the (2) between high & low productivity, retention, quality, and employee engagement has a direct co-relation with the two types of bosses.

So, I decided to crowd-source on this topic. I asked my friends and many senior working professionals about their personal experiences when they think of good and bad bosses. I could (3) their responses into three major clusters mentioned here:

Characteristics: Factors like high (4), supportive, gives due credit, a very good listener, one who is tough & stretches you but cares for you, and open minded were associated with good bosses. On the other hand, characteristics like micromanager, selfish, poor communicator, never available, highly biased & judgmental, secretive, negative and unapproachable were called out for a bad boss.

Feelings: Favourable ones followed good bosses, like makes a person happy, energised, empowered, trusted, (5) and respected.

26) Most successful leaders (1) their success to one or two bosses who mentored or groomed them in their formative years.

A) masquerade

B) attribute

C) disguise

D) elide

E) None of these

27) In fact, the (2) between high & low productivity, retention, quality, and employee engagement has a direct co-relation with the two types of bosses.

A) delta

B) disregard

C) smear

D) sully

E) None of these

28) I could (3) their responses into three major clusters mentioned here

A) acclaim

B) oust

C) dislodge

D) bucket

E) None of these

29) Factors like high (4), supportive, gives due credit, a very good listener, one who is tough & stretches you but cares for you, and open minded were associated with good bosses.

A) vest

B) solicitude

C) slackness

D) delinquent

E) None of these

30) Favourable ones followed good bosses, like makes a person happy,

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energised, empowered, trusted, (5) and respected.

- A) appreciated
- B) remiss
- C) snatch
- D) accolade
- E) None of these

Answers:

Directions (1-5):

1) Answer: B

2) Answer: E

Decisive

Other words are the opposite to emphatic

3) Answer: C

4) Answer: D

5) Answer: E

Diverse

The other words are opposite in meaning to divergent

Direction (6-10):

6) Answer: C

The correct form of the sentence should be: India on Friday said Pakistan is nervous over India's steps in **Jammu and Kashmir** and asserted that Islamabad thinks it will not be able to mislead people if there is development in that region.

7) Answer: B

The correct form of the sentence should be: Ministry of External Affairs' spokesperson Raveesh Kumar said steps have been taken keeping in mind the best interests of Jammu and Kashmir. He

asserted Pakistan's efforts to link peace deal with Kashmir issue have not worked.

8) Answer: D

The correct form of the sentence should be: When we are alive, we have objects that are steeped with love. It could be a favourite pen, dress or book; but when we die, it becomes trash.

9) Answer: C

The correct form of the sentence should be: She juxtaposes these papers with her own imagination. Reading many pages of a gardening journal inspired her to do a narrative of three works.

10) Answer: A

The correct form of the sentence should be: Bakula studied architecture, but didn't have the patience for its nitty gritty. However, in the US, she worked in the field of design.

Directions (11-15):

11) Answer: C

However, we don't need to be enslaved by our anxiety (B)/ and instead can strengthen our mindful skills (C)/ to ease our anxious minds, (D)/ come into our lives and grow in confidence (A)/

12) Answer: B

In fact, we would argue that a main principle (C)/ underlying all mindfulness teachings is that rigid attachment (A)/ to who you believe yourself to be and the stories you tell (B)/ about yourself are limiting and are the root cause of many of our problems (D)/

13) Answer: B

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In this case, what we mean is that when (C)/ we are tightly bound to who we believe ourselves (B)/ to be or to how we think things "should" be, we're stuck (A)/ in a place that narrows options and responsiveness (D)/

14) Answer: E

John Hickenlooper, the former governor of Colorado, (A)/ has dropped out of the race, making the announcement (B)/ during a three-minute YouTube video calling the journey (C)/ "more exciting and more rewarding than I ever imagined." (D)/

15) Answer: A

On August 14, the resulting ripples in the fabric of spacetime (D)/ passed through Earth—giving us the best evidence (C)/ yet of a never-before-seen type of cosmic collision (B)/ that could offer new insights on how the universe works (A)/

Directions (16-20):

16) Answer: A

Statement B is incorrect as 'sending' should be replaced with 'send'.

Statement C is incorrect as 'on' should be replaced with 'in'.

Statement D is incorrect as 'warn' should be replaced with 'warning'.

17) Answer: C

Statement A is incorrect as 'many' should be replaced with 'much'.

Statement B is incorrect as 'have been' should be replaced with 'has been'.

Statement D is incorrect as 'exist' should be replaced with 'exists'.

18) Answer: D

Statement A is incorrect as 'leave' should be replaced with 'leaving'.

Statement B is incorrect as 'gap' should be replaced with 'gaping'.

Statement C is incorrect as 'indifferent' should be replaced with 'indifference'.

19) Answer: B

Statement A is incorrect as 'know' should be replaced with 'knows'.

Statement C is incorrect as 'to' should be replaced with 'for'.

Statement D is incorrect as 'bewild' should be replaced with 'bewilderment'.

20) Answer: E

Bold sentence is correct as it is. Hence, option E is the correct answer.

Directions (21-25):

21) Answer: C

'Massive' fits in the sentence correctly

22) Answer: D

Gaffe - mistake

'Gaffe & error' fits in the sentence

23) Answer: B

'Objected' fits in the sentence

24) Answer: D

Defiance - bold disobedience, violation

Compliance - obeying rules or command

'Compliance' fits in the sentence correctly.

25) Answer: E

All fits in the sentence correctly

Directions (26-30):

26) Answer: B

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In the given sentence, only 'attribute' makes it grammatically as well as contextually correct.

Option A): is incorrect because masquerade means a false show or pretence which does not fit here.

Option B): is the correct alternative among the following as attribute means a quality or feature regarded as a characteristic or inherent part of someone or something which fit here both grammatically and contextually

Option C): is incorrect as disguise means give (someone or oneself) a different appearance in order to conceal one's identity.

Option D): is incorrect as elide means join together; merge which does not fit here contextually.

27) Answer: A

In the given sentence, only 'delta' makes it grammatically as well as contextually correct.

Option A): is the correct alternative among the following as 'delta' fit here both grammatically and contextually

Option B): is incorrect as disregard does not make any sense here.

Option C): is incorrect as smear means damage the reputation of (someone) by false accusations; slander.

Option D): is incorrect as 'sully' does not fit here contextually.

28) Answer: D

In the given sentence, only 'bucket' make it grammatically as well as contextually correct.

Option A): is incorrect because acclaim means praise enthusiastically and publicly which does not fit here.

Option B): is incorrect as invoking means oust which does not make any sense here.

Option C): is incorrect as 'dislodge' does not fit here.

Option D): is the correct alternative among the following as 'bucket' fit here both grammatically and contextually

29) Answer: E

In the given sentence, only 'integrity' make it grammatically as well as contextually correct.

Option A): is incorrect because 'vest' does not fit here.

Option B): is incorrect as solicitude means care or concern for someone or something which does not make any sense here.

Option C): is the incorrect as 'slackness' both of which does not fit here.

Option D): is incorrect as delinquent does not fit here contextually.

30) Answer: A

In the given sentence, only 'appreciated' make it grammatically as well as contextually correct.

Option A is the correct alternative among the following as appreciated perfectly fits in the blank both grammatically and contextually

Option B is incorrect as remiss means lacking care or attention to duty; negligent with the result that is not fair which does not make any sense here.

Option C is incorrect because 'snatch' is contextually wrong.

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Option D is incorrect because 'accolade' is both grammatically and contextually

wrong.