**SAMPLE QUESTIONS – SET OF 10 QUESTIONS**

**LEVEL – DIFFICULT**

**MAINS LEVEL**

**Directions (01-02): In the below Passage part of the paragraph is divided and jumbled into set of five sentences. Rearrange the set of sentences into a coherent paragraph to comply with the remaining passage. Answer the questions followed by the passage.**

The Bundesliga season has been cleared to restart in eight days, bereft of spectators but offering hope that football in Germany will chalk out the blueprint for the resumption of other European football leagues. France and the Netherlands have already scrapped the season, copping huge financial losses, while others are engulfed in uncertainty and pay disputes. In this backdrop, the resumption of Bundesliga comes as a wave of optimism. Or, as German chancellor Angela Merkel put it: “People get back a short piece of normal life”. The return to the field was as much as a financial necessity as an emotional need. Aborting the season would have made the league, financially the most robust in Europe, poorer by 800 million dollars. But, there’s fear in certain quarters: Will the restart usher in another wave of the pandemic?

**(A)** So even if the games will be played behind closed doors, chances are the fans will throng outside stadiums, crowd pubs, parks and other community spaces.

**(B)**The pre-match screening is detailed, now. Players will be tested twice a week, three team buses will be used for social distancing, players will enter the field separately and there will be no handshake.

**(C)**Three Cologne FC players tested positive last week, and Salomon Kalou irresponsibly filmed himself ignoring social distancing measures and got duly sacked. Football is not taking any chances.

**(D)** Off the pitch, food will be delivered to their rooms and they must provide lists of family members when they go home after matches. From a player-club perspective, every measure is in place to prevent another episode. But still, questions remain.

**(E)** And these concern the fans. Spectators can be kept out of the stadiums, but not out of the game. More so in Germany, which has the highest average attendance figures in Europe.

The unknown, unregulated crowds could undo the hard work the country’s health care system has put in to curb the pandemic. The world will be watching Bundesliga like never before.

**(01). After rearrangement of the jumbled sentences which of the following sentence will come FOURTH?**

1. C

2. D

3. E

4. A

5. B

**Answer: B**

**Correct arrangement is CBDEA.**

First part of the paragraph ends with the question. So the next part followed by the question needs to have answers in it. By going through all the five sentences except B sentence and sentence C no other sentences seem to be either the starting sentence or following the end (question) part of the first paragraph.

Sentence C initiates the argument with the numbers of Covid affected players and how norms of social distancing measures were violated by one of the players.

Sentence B follows Sentence C: In sentence B ‘last week’ and in sentence B ‘now’ can be taken as a clue. Sentence B talks about the infected cases and breaches in safety measures whereas Sentence C holds the same idea with the tightened rules and regulations along with few preventive measures. So BC is a pair.

Sentence D further discusses about some more safety measures and tells everything was in place. Sentence E follows D as the sentence E expresses concerns of the spectators due to the tightened measures and at the same time it says these can’t stop fans from attending the game.

Sentence A follows Sentence E. Sentence A forwards the thought presented in sentence E by saying the possible crowd gathering because of their attachment to the game. End part of the passage confirms that Sentence A to be the closing statement among the jumbled sentence. End part of the given passage has the consequences of the act of the fans if they don’t comply with the rules.

**(02). Which one of the following sequences best captures the flow of the arguments in the passage?**

1. The Bundesliga season’s restart without spectators —France and the Netherlands incurred financial losses due to the abandoned season — Three Cologne FC players tested positive —The hard work the country’s health care system has put in to curb the pandemic can go in vain if crowds don’t follow the preventive measures — The pre-match screening is detailed, now.

2. The Bundesliga season’s restart without spectators —France and the Netherlands incurred financial losses due to the abandoned season — The pre-match screening is detailed, now — Three Cologne FC players tested positive —The hard work the country’s health care system has put in to curb the pandemic can go in vain if crowds don’t follow the preventive measures.

3. France and the Netherlands incurred financial losses due to the abandoned season — The Bundesliga season’s restart without spectators— Three Cologne FC players tested positive. —The hard work the country’s health care system has put in to curb the pandemic can go in vain if crowds don’t follow the preventive measures — The pre-match screening is detailed, now.

4. France and the Netherlands incurred financial losses due to the abandoned season — The Bundesliga season’s restart without spectators — Three Cologne FC players tested positive— The pre-match screening is detailed, now —The hard work the country’s health care system has put in to curb the pandemic can go in vain if crowds don’t follow the preventive measures.

5. None of the above.

**Answer: 4**

After rearranging the jumbled part of the passage we can get the sequence.

From the first paragraph we can say “France and the Netherlands incurred financial losses due to the abandoned season” was the **first event**.

In order to avert financial losses as well as to bring the normalcy Germany decided to conduct the season. So, “The Bundesliga season’s restart without spectators” is the **second event**.

From the rearrangement part we get the sequence as follows. **Third event** 🡪 Three Cologne FC players tested positive. **Fourth event** 🡪 The pre-match screening is detailed, now. **Fifth event** 🡪 The hard work the country’s health care system has put in to curb the pandemic can go in vain if crowds don’t follow the preventive measures

So correct option is 4.

**Direction (03): In the below question a passage is given with eight words highlighted. Among the highlighted words few words are well placed and few words are jumbled. Rearrange the jumbled words to make the coherent and meaningful paragrapgh**

It is fitting that the counter-intuitive research hypothesising that smoking and other forms of nicotine use could lessen the chances of **existential (A)** COVID-19 as well as lessen the virus’s intensity has **forced** **(B)** from France. Smoking in the 21st century is given the widespread knowledge of the harm it causes, a dark challenge posed to the only **contracting (C)** reality death. In much of the world, smoking is **vilified** **(D)** and smokers often feel **emerged (E)**. Smokers have to find corners outdoors in the sun, rain and snow in hazy, windowless rooms at airports, even **shunned (F)** out of their own homes to keep up with their **addiction (G)**. Yet, in France, unlike in the anglophone world, there is still some **acceptance (H)** of the act and the country still has one of the largest smoking populations in the world.

1. AECDFBGH

2. ABFGCEHD

3. CEAFDBHG

4. CEADFBGH

5. none of the above.

**Answer: (4)**

First read the entire paragraph to understand what it is about. Then find for the correctly arranged words.

Smoking is **vilified (D);** there is still some **acceptance (H)** of the act; Smokers …. out of their own homes out of their own homes to keep up with their **addiction (G)**. These words are well placed and need no interchange.

Remaining five words need to be arranged in a proper order.

First three lines of the paragraph talk about the positive impacts of smoking and who are behind that research.

Smoking could lessen the chances of **existential** COVID-19. In this line existential is grammatically as well as contextually incorrect. Among the other four words **contracting**(Catching a disease or illness

getting succumbing to developing) replaces **existential** to bring the desired meaning.

In the latter part of the first sentence “research….. has **forced** (B) from France” doesn’t make any sense. **emerged** (B) from France will be the correct phrase.

Smoking in the 21st century is given the widespread knowledge of the harm it causes, a dark challenge posed to the only **contracting (C)** reality death. In this sentence “**contracting (C)** reality death” has no meaning. “**existential (A)** reality death” would be perfect.

Next line talks about the people’s view about smoking. Smokers often feel **emerged (E)** is incorrect. Smokers often feel **shunned** (E) is meaningfully correct. It says smokers hated by others for their addiction. (shunned - hated loathed)

Next line expresses the plight of the smokers. Smokers have to find corners outdoors in the sun, rain and snow in hazy, windowless rooms at airports, even **shunned (F)** out of their own homes. “even **forced** **(F)** out of their own homes” will be the correct option. (Force out - forced to leave)

So the correct arrangement is CEABF

* It is fitting that the counter-intuitive research hypothesising that smoking and other forms of nicotine use could lessen the chances of **contracting** COVID-19 as well as lessen the virus’s intensity has **emerged** from France. Smoking in the 21st century is given the widespread knowledge of the harm it causes, a dark challenge posed to the only **existential** reality death. In much of the world, smoking is **vilified** and smokers often feel **shunned**. They have to find corners outdoors in the sun, rain and snow in hazy, windowless rooms at airports, even **forced** out of their own homes to keep up with their **addiction**. Yet, in France, unlike in the anglophone world, there is still some **acceptance**  of the act and the country still has one of the largest smoking populations in the world.

**Direction (04): In the below question there is a tabular column. The table has three columns namely Part – I, Part – II**, **Part – III. In Part – I column has First part of a sentence is given. Further Part –II contains second part of the sentence. And Part – III contains third part of the sentence. First part of the sentence from Part – I column is fixed. Find the second and third parts of the sentence from Part – II, Part - III column respectively. First, Second and Third parts together need to form a meaningful and grammatically correct sentence.**

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| PART – I | PART – II | PART -III |
| (a) India as a nation is on a growth path in education sector and digitisation | (b) is supporting the collective efforts of public and private sector | (d) to meet an objectives of attaining global levels of excellence in education and research. |
|  | (c) performing well in the trajectory of improving education to the next level with the participation of private and public sector | (e) to realise the dream of becoming the education hub of the world. |
| (f) to come together and work as an alliance in the spirit of collaboration and co-ordination for collective efforts towards education management. |

1. acf, abe,

2. abf, acf, acd

3. acf only

4. abe only

5. none of the above.

**Answer: (4)**

Abe is the proper arrangement.

**Correct sentence is 🡪 (Part – I) India as a nation is on a growth path in education sector and digitization/ (Part – II) is supporting the collective efforts of public and private sector/(Part – III) to realise the dream of becoming the education hub of the world.**

As per the question fragment (a) is fixed. We need to find the second part from the column Part – II. In Part – II column there are two fragments (b) and (c) given. Fragments (b) and (c) can logically follow the fragment (a). But fragment (c) cannot follow the fragment (a) grammatically as the fragment (c) doesn’t have **verb** needed for sentence construction. It violates Sub-Verb-agreement rule. So, the second part must be **fragment** (b).

India (as a nation **is** on a growth path in education sector and digitization) ***is*** supporting the collective efforts of public and private sector. **‘is’** inside the bracket has no relation with the main subject. We need separate verb for the subject “India”.

In Part- III we can simply eliminate fragment (d) directly as it is grammatically incorrect. Article ‘an’ should not be followed by ‘Uncountable nouns’. ‘An objective’ or ‘The objectives’ is correct form. In Part- III fragment (f) cannot follow the fragment (b) contextually.

India is supporting the collective efforts of public and private sector to come together and work as an alliance in the spirit of collaboration and co-ordination for collective efforts towards education management. The above sentence doesn’t make any sense. So fragment (f) is eliminated.

Fragment (e) has the word ‘**to** **realise the dream of becoming the education hub**. Fragment (b) has ‘**collective efforts’**. So fragment (e) logically and contextually follow the fragment (b) and make a coherent sentence. So the correct arrangement is **abe.**

Bartleby’s mother was particularly grateful for the invention of the washing machine, which saved her a day a week of scrubbing and wringing wet clothes through the mangle.

The recently adopted Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) for the post-2015 era focus on economic growth, social inclusion and environmental protection as interconnected dimensions of broader global development.

**Direction (05): In the below question a sentence is divided into five parts. One of the parts is replaced by a blank. The part (C) with the blank is fixed. And, other parts are jumbled among themselves. Rearrange the remaining parts and choose the fragment that fits the blank.**

**and surprisingly popular property tycoon (A)/ the first of three U.S. presidential debates (B)/ ---------------------(C)/ for the White House, take on a brash (D)/ lived up to the hype as the world was treated to(E)**

1. Democrat and former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton

2. the sight of an experienced politician, and first-ever woman nominee

3. an extent, the terms of the debate, set by moderator

4. sheer showmanship, and Ms. Clinton,

5. none of the above.

**Answer: (2)**

Abe is the proper arrangement.

The first of three U.S. presidential debates lived up to the hype as the world was treated to the sight of an experienced politician, and first-ever woman nominee for the White House, take on a brash and surprisingly popular property tycoon.

The statement simply conveys as follows. The first of three U.S. presidential debates has gained much attention as an experienced politician (women nominee too) takes on popular property tycoon in the presidential election. (Take on - to perform or deal with)

First, we need to arrange the remaining parts except the part with the blank. Part B seems to be the starting statement as it introduces the Subject ‘election’. Other parts such as (A), (C), and (D) starts with prepositions and verb. So they cannot be the starting statement.

Next part has to be Part E. Because we need a verb after subject to form a construction.

The first of three U.S. presidential debates (B) / lived up to the hype as the world was treated to (E) /

Next part C to be picked from the given options. After part C

Option 1 and option 4 cannot replace the blank. It will not give any meaning to the sentence. Because post the blank we left with two parts starting with preposition (for, and). Options (1) and (4) are ended with names of persons and they have only nouns. They cannot go with the prepositions otherwise it will make sentence contextually incorrect. Fitting option (4) in the blank C won’t make a coherent sentence.

Only option (3) which presents details about the contestant in the election.

PRELIMS LEVEL

**Direction (06): In the below question a sentence is divided into five parts. Rearrange the parts to make a coherent sentence. And few words are highlighted in the sentence which can be either misspelt or contextually or grammatically incorrect. Find that word along with the correct Rearrangement.**

its own and get it **endorsed** by the ASEAN **(A)/** **approach** to the Indo-Pacific and went to **(B)/** Jakarta did not **supported** the US **(C)/** great lengths to develop a concept of **(D)/**

A) DABC, supported

B) CBDA, endorsed

C) CDAB, approach

D) CBAD, endorsed

E) None of the above

**Answer: E**

**Correct arrangement is CBAD.**

Jakarta did not support the US approach to the Indo-Pacific and went to great lengths to develop a concept of its own and get it endorsed by the ASEAN.

Went to great lengths - (idiomatic) to make a major effort

The given statement says Jakarta took a major effort to develop its own concept. So it didn’t support the US approach to the Indo-Pacific.

Part C begins the statement. And the continuity can be seen in Part B **(Part C ends with U.S and Part B starts with approach 🡪 Jakarta did not support the US U.S approach)**. Part D further moves the idea presented in part C and part A is the closing statement.

Did not support is the correct from.

So answer is CBAD, and the wrong word is supported.

**Direction (07): In each of the following question two sentences are given with two words highlighted in each sentence.**

**These words may or may not be shuffled between the sentences. Rearrange the following words within the sentence or between the sentences to make it grammatically correct. If bold words are properly sequenced then mark “No interchange is required” as your answer.**

**(a)** Countries need to do a **desired (A)** job of distributing the **gains (B)** from globalization and new technologies.

**(b)** Like many other countries, China is facing economic **challenges (C)** and its growth rate leaves something to be **better** **(D)**

A) (A)- (D)

B) (B)- (C)

C) (A)-(C)

D) (A)- (D), (B)-(C)

E) No interchange is required.

**Answer: A**

Countries need to do a **better** job of distributing the **gains** from globalization and new

technologies.

Like many other countries, China is facing economic **challenges**, and its growth rate leaves

something to be **desired.**

**In Sentence (a) ‘**gains’ is correctly used (sharing out the gains).

**In Sentence (a) ‘challenges’** is correctly used (facing challenges).

(A) and (D) need to be interchanged. Because, In sentence (a) ‘desired job’ doesn’t comply with the rest part of the sentence.

Likewise, in sentence (b) “be + V3” form makes it more perfect. So, desired is correct word.

Desired - express a wish to.

**Direction (08). Which of the following part/parts has/have error in it?**

**The key functional drivers of 5G (A)/ will unlock a broad range of opportunity (B)/ includes the optimization of service delivery (C)/ decision-making, and end-user experience (D)/**

A) Errors in part A and C

B) Errors in part A only

C) Errors in part A, B and C

D) Errors in part B and C

E) Errors in part D

**Answer: D**

The key functional drivers of 5G will unlock a broad range of opportunities, including the optimization of service delivery, decision-making, and end-user experience.

“a broad range of” has to be followed by plural. So opportunities is correct

As a general rule, use the preposition **including** when you need a preposition that means “Such as, among which; introducing one or more parts of the group or topic just mentioned. [Eg] ... fill in the details, including your name and address.

**Directions (09): In the below question there are three words given. In part (a) two words are given and they can be either synonym or antonym to each other. If they are synonymous to each other find the synonym to the word given in part (b) and vice versa.**

**a) Travesty: distortion**

**b) Torment:**

A) straddle

B) affliction

C) assistance

D) rampage

E) None of the above

**Answer: B**

Travesty - A false, absurd, or distorted representation of something

Distortion - the action of giving a misleading account or impression.

So Travesty and distortion are synonymous to each other.

We need to find synonym for the given word.

Torment - The state of being in great mental or physical pain.

Torment synonym is affliction.

Rampage- A state of frenzied or excited emotion or activity, straddle- an act of sitting or standing with one's legs wide apart.

**Directions (10): In the given sentence there are two blanks (A), (B). Fill the blank with the options from the table. Pick the correct word for blank A from column A, for blank B from column B.**

**The department has --------(A)-------- the refund issuance process with an aim to provide liquidity to tax payers given the ongoing financial crisis due to covid-19, but there could still be many of you --------(B)-------- for your refund.**

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| **A** | **B** |
| **(a) initiated** | **(d) wanting** |
| **(b) expedited** | **(e) waiting** |
| **(c) hastened** | **(f) requiring** |

A) b-e, c-d

B) b-e, a-f

C) c-d

D) a-f, b-d, c-e

E) None of the above.

**Answer: B**

The department has **expedited** the refund issuance process with an aim to provide liquidity to taxpayers given the ongoing financial crisis due to covid-19, but there could still be many of you **waiting** for your refund.

Sentence conveys 🡪 Though The department expedited the refund issuance process, many of you need to wait owing to the ongoing financial crisis due to covid-19.

Expedited/ hastened - make (an action or process) happen sooner or be accomplished more quickly. All option in part A column can fit blank A.

Post the blank we hae preposition ‘for’. So the correct word which takes ‘for’ is ‘waiting’. So, in blank B waiting is the only word fits contextually.

Wanting, requiring would be incorrect in terms of grammar and context.

(Wanting- lacking in a required or necessary quality; not existing; absent; Present participle for to require, or to be attended to; needing, requiring, demanding.)