

200+ SENTENCE FILLERS QUESTIONS WITH SOLUTION

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1. The disappearance is bad enough but to replace it with fake news, and/or flaky analysis, ____.
- Is shameful
 - is deplorable
 - Is atrocious
- only i
 - only ii
 - only iii
 - only iii and ii
 - All are Correct

View Answer

Option E

Explanation: deplorable = deserving strong condemnation; completely unacceptable.
syn: disgraceful, shameful, dishonourable, disreputable, discreditable, unworthy, shabby, inexcusable, unpardonable, unforgivable, terrible

2. An ill-informed remedy can ____ a patient's illness, not make her get well.
- only aggravate
 - merely appease
 - only mitigate
- only i
 - only ii
 - only iii
 - only iii and i
 - All are Correct

View Answer

Option A

Explanation: aggravate = make (a problem, injury, or offence) worse or more serious.

3. ____ — let alone close — examination, the IFPRI hunger index is not a hunger index at all; it is an index about child mortality, and stunting, and wasting, and undernourishment of children.
- on a cursory
 - on a hurry
 - on a straw
- only iii and i
 - only ii and i
 - only ii
 - only i
 - All are Correct

View Answer

Option B**Explanation:** cursory = hasty and therefore not thorough or detailed.

syn: perfunctory, desultory, casual, superficial, token, uninterested, half-hearted, inattentive, unthinking, offhand, mechanical, automatic, routine

4. ____, and detailed research, has shown that too many calories — obesity — is a major problem in the US, not under-nutrition.
- informal induction
 - random experimentalism
 - casual empiricism
- A) only iii and ii
B) only iii and i
C) only ii
D) only i
E) All are Correct

View Answer**Option E****Explanation:** empiricism = the theory that all knowledge is based on experience derived from the senses. Stimulated by the rise of experimental science

5. The committee was formed in June — in the backdrop of ____ in some of India's storied corporate houses and firms with promoters or founders and professional managers ranged against each other in a battle for control, raising uncomfortable issues relating to transparency and accountability and the role of independent directors.
- public skirmishes
 - public encounters
 - public tussles
- A) only i
B) only ii
C) only iii
D) only iii and ii
E) All are Correct

View Answer**Option E****Explanation:** skirmishes = an episode of irregular or unpremeditated fighting, especially between small or outlying parts of armies or fleets.

syn: fight, battle, clash, conflict, encounter, confrontation, engagement, fray, contest, combat, tussle, scrimmage, fracas, affray, melee; archaic encounter

6. Under Prime Minister Shinzo Abe, Japan has attempted ____ its asset managers to be more forceful and to publicly disclose the voting records for each investee company through a Stewardship Code and Corporate Governance Code.
- to dissuade
 - to fix
 - to nudge
- A) only ii

- B) only iii
- C) only i
- D) only iii and ii
- E) All are Correct

View Answer

Option B

Explanation: nudge= prod (someone) gently with one's elbow in order to attract attention.

7. The U.S. concluded that Iran had recovered from the Stuxnet ____ and was barely months away from producing enough highly enriched uranium to produce a nuclear device.
- i. disaster
 - ii. fiasco
 - iii. debacle
 - A) only i
 - B) only ii
 - C) only iii
 - D) only ii and i
 - E) All are Correct

View Answer

Option E

Explanation: debacle = a sudden and ignominious failure; a fiasco.

syn: fiasco, failure, catastrophe, disaster, disintegration, mess, wreck, ruin;

8. U.S. sanctions relief was ____ because of a multiplicity of sanctions (relating to nuclear and missile activities, human rights violations and terrorism) which also had extra-territorial application.
- i. more convoluted
 - ii. more simple
 - iii. more tangled
 - A) Only ii
 - B) Only iii
 - C) Only iii and i
 - D) Only ii and iii
 - E) All are Correct

View Answer

Option C

Explanation: convoluted = (especially of an argument, story, or sentence) extremely complex and difficult to follow.

syn : complicated, complex, involved, intricate, elaborate, impenetrable, serpentine, labyrinthine, tortuous, tangled, Byzantine, Daedalian,

9. The scheme would imply ____ of the JCPOA, something that would attract a veto by both Russia and China were it to be taken up in the UNSC.
- i. an inappropriate adjustment

ii. an implicit renegotiation

iii. an indirect realignment

A) Only iii

B) Only i

C) Only iii and i

D) only ii and iii

E) All are Correct

View Answer

Option D

Explanation: renegotiation = negotiation of something again in order to change the original agreed terms.

10. Relations between Mr. Trump and Senator Corker have deteriorated with Mr. Trump blaming Mr. Corker for ___ and Mr. Corker comparing the White House to an adult day care centre.

i. the terrible allocation

ii. the horrendous deal

iii. the subjugation aprobation

A) only

B) only

C) only i and ii

D) only

E) All are Correct

View Answer

Option C

Explanation: horrendous = extremely unpleasant, horrifying, or terrible.

Directions: In each question a sentence is given followed by a blank. Each blank is followed by three options and you have to determine which option can be used in place of blank to make it a meaningful sentence and mark it as your answer.

1. For the brick workers' union I was researching, ___ out of the bureaucracy had become their bread and butter.

i. enticing favours

ii. coaxing benefits

iii. cajoling gains

A) only i

B) only ii

C) only iii

D) only i & iii

E) All are Correct

View Answer

Option E

Explanation: coaxing = persuade (someone) gradually or gently to do something.

2. Even if the Dalits take __ , it is under a less stringent section of the law that permits bail.
- i. enlightenment of the abnegation
 - ii. realization of the violation
 - iii. cognisance of the offence
- A) only i & ii
B) only iii
C) only ii & iii
D) only iii & i
E) All are Correct

View Answer

Option C

Explanation: cognizance = knowledge or awareness.

3. __ on health, needs intensive research, on how air pollution affects not just the lungs, but different organs of the body.
- i. Gauging its precise impact
 - ii. estimating its scrupulous influence
 - iii. appraising its actual hokum
- A) only ii
B) only i
C) only ii & i
D) only iii & i
E) All are Correct

View Answer

Option C

4. As the urgency for putting in place effective solutions gathers momentum, it is __ options in the local context, particularly since resources are always limited.
- i. unfussy to need
 - ii. critical to prioritise
 - iii. trivial to triage
- A) only i
B) only ii
C) only iii
D) only iii & ii
E) All are Correct

View Answer

Option B

5. The climate question presents __ for India's development paradigm.
- i. a leapfrog era
 - ii. a capriole epoch

- iii. a bound date
A) only i
B) only ii
C) only iii
D) only iii & ii
E) All are Correct

View Answer

Option E
Explanation:

6. The record in this sphere will naturally be evaluated against India's Paris Agreement pledge to use a __ for clean production and levies on fuel to maintain a balance.
i. blend of dampers
ii. combination of incentives
iii. association of checks
A) only i
B) only ii
C) only iii
D) only iii & i
E) All are Correct

View Answer

Option B

7. aad Hariri's shock resignation as Lebanon's Prime Minister has not just __ into another spell of political instability but also reignited regional tensions between Saudi Arabia and Iran.
i. dashed the country
ii. plunged the country
iii. emersed the country
A) only iii & ii
B) only ii
C) only ii & i
D) only i & iii
E) All are Correct

View Answer

Option C
Explanation: plunge = fall suddenly and uncontrollably.

8. His continued absence has __ that he was forced by the Saudis to resign and is being held in Riyadh against his will at a time when the kingdom is turning up the heat on Hezbollah and Iran.
i. stimulated venture
ii. instigated prediction
iii. triggered speculation

- A) only i
- B) only iii
- C) only ii
- D) only i & iii
- E) All are Correct

View Answer

Option E

9. Lebanon's leaders, who will recall the horrors of the 1975-1990 civil war, should forge at least a __ and ask regional powers to stay out of the country's domestic politics.
- i. Similarity of harmony
 - ii. semblance of unity
 - iii. Resemblance of oneness
- A) only ii & iii
 - B) only ii
 - C) only iii
 - D) only iii & i
 - E) All are Correct

View Answer

Option E

10. The Chief Justice, as the head of the judiciary, determines the roster is __ in public significance to the critical role of the Chief Justice as the embodiment of moral authority of the entire judicial system.
- i. a platitude that pales
 - ii. an inanity that faints
 - iii. A profoundness that blanches
- A) only ii
 - B) only ii & i
 - C) only i
 - D) only iii & i
 - E) All are Correct

View Answer

Option B

Explanation: platitude = a remark or statement, especially one with a moral content, that has been used too often to be interesting or thoughtful; pales = become pale in one's face from shock or fear.

Directions: In each question a sentence is given followed by a blank. Each blank is followed by three options and you have to determine which option can be used in place of blank to make it a meaningful sentence and mark it as your answer.

1. The recently-concluded 19th National Congress of the Communist Party of China was a/an _____ political theatre which showcased President Xi Jinping's primacy, his vision and his status as the helmsman of the party and the nation.
- i. evidently improvised
 - ii. intricately choreographed
 - iii. labyrinthinely mimed
- A) Only i
B) Only ii
C) Only i & ii
D) Only ii & iii
E) All are correct

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Option D

Explanation: intricate = very complicated or detailed.

2. Mr. Xi has become the only leader after Mao to have his ____ ideological contribution written into the party charter while in office.
- i. anonymous
 - ii. unidentified
 - iii. eponymous
- A) Only i
B) Only ii
C) Only iii
D) Only ii & iii
E) All are correct

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Option C

Explanation: eponymous= (of a person) giving their name to something.

3. In his speech, Mr. Xi spoke of China as a "strong country" or "great power" as many as 30 times, ____ about the country's great power ambitions.
- i. jettisoning the earlier coyness
 - ii. disposing the subsequent assurance
 - iii. chucking the previous modesty
- A) Only i
B) Only i and ii
C) Only ii and iii
D) Only i and iii
E) All are correct

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Option D**Explanation:**

4. By broadening banking services to unbanked and/or underbanked people, bank managers can not only take early advantage of _____ potential of customers and create a 'lock-in' effect but also aid an inclusive development agenda while allocating resources into more productive areas.
- i. endeavoring the untouched
 - ii. exploiting the untapped
 - iii. maneuvering the pristine
- A) Only i
B) Only i and ii
C) Only ii and iii
D) Only i and iii
E) All are correct

View Answer**Option E**

5. The government ____ the criticism made in Parliament when the law was being debated.
- i. haughtily rejected
 - ii. proudly incorporated
 - iii. uppishly disclaimed
- A) Only i
B) Only ii
C) Only ii and iii
D) Only i and iii
E) All are correct

View Answer**Option D****Explanation: haughtily = done in a proud or boastful manner**

6. Now, students at the International Institute of Information Technology Hyderabad (IIIT-H) are _____ in the wake of Apple's campus placement drive, as per a report in TOI.
- i. awfully jubilant
 - ii. extremely elated
 - iii. highly blissful
- A) only i
B) Only i and iii
C) Only ii and iii
D) Only i and iii
E) All are correct

View Answer**Option E**

7. Dalit leader Jignesh Mevani _____ after government assigns commando for protection.
- i. unleashes taunt
 - ii. fetters taunt
 - iii. confines commendation
- A) Only i
B) Only ii
C) Only i and ii
D) Only ii and iii
E) All are correct

View Answer

Option A

8. Since the launch of the programme by the prime minister in October 2014, there has been an _____ in the construction of toilets, with five crore built in three years.
- i. stggerring spurt
 - ii. overwhelming spurt
 - iii. astonishing acceleration
- A) Only i
B) Only ii and iii
C) Only ii
D) Only i and iii
E) All are correct

View Answer

Option E

9. A video clip of the public reception given to Mr. Ravi drew some ____.
- i. stingy remarks
 - ii. uncharitable comments
 - iii. altruism silences
- A) Only i
B) Only ii
C) Only i and ii
D) Only i and iii
E) All are correct

View Answer

Option C

10. In recent years, Supreme Court has grappled with the disturbing phenomenon of criminals_____.
- i. getting into the optional ruckus
 - ii. entering the electoral fray
 - iii. entering the voting brawl

- A) Only i
- B) Only ii
- C) Only i and ii
- D) only ii and iii
- E) All are correct

View Answer

Option D

Directions: In each question a sentence is given followed by a blank. Each blank is followed by three options and you have to determine which option can be used in place of blank to make it a meaningful sentence and mark it as your answer.

1. The Telecom Regulatory Authority of India's proposal to raise the cap on the ___ held by a mobile operator is a well thought out move, given the massive increase in data usage.
I. amount of progression
ii. quantum of spectrum
iii. proportion of series
A) only i
B) only ii
C) only iii
D) only i & iii
E) All are correct

View Answer

Option E

2. The average data usage per subscriber per month is ___ from 6 GB to 11 GB in the next few years.
I. expected to shoot up
ii. to dwindle
iii. anticipated to rise
A) only ii
B) only ii & iii
C) only i & iii
D) only i
E) All are correct

View Answer

Option C

3. Any limitations due to spectrum cap may also ___ in future auctions.
I. stimulating the coercing force
ii. muffle the commanding severity
iii. dampen the bidding intensity

- A) only ii
- B) only ii & iii
- C) only iii & i
- D) only iii
- E) All are correct

View Answer

Option B

4. For a country that is home to 19 per cent of the world's children, that is a __ statistic.
- I. unwitting and crushing
 - ii. befuddling and amazing
 - iii. sobering and heart-breaking
- A) only i & iii
 - B) only ii
 - C) only iii
 - D) only ii & iii
 - E) All are correct

View Answer

Option C

5. The __ crimes against children demonstrates that our collective approach to child safety in schools remains ad hoc, laissez-faire and poorly monitored, highlighting the lack of both soft and hard preventive infrastructure.
- I. deluge of ruthless
 - ii. spate of brutal
 - iii. trickle of benevolent
- A) only iii
 - B) only i & ii
 - C) only ii & iii
 - D) only ii
 - E) All are correct

View Answer

Option B

6. Whenever there is __ of violence against children, NGOs, parents, school associations and representatives of the Government get locked into defensive or confrontational positions.
- I. a horrendous occurrence
 - ii. a gruesome incidence
 - iii. a macabre prevalence
- A) only i
 - B) only i & iii
 - C) only ii & iii

- D) only iii
- E) All are correct

View Answer

Option E

7. Protecting children is a common shared responsibility; it cannot be done in __ by either the school or parents or government.
- I. seclusion
 - ii. insulation
 - iii. isolation
- A) only ii
 - B) only i
 - C) only iii
 - D) only ii & iii
 - E) All are correct

View Answer

Option E

8. The new pink note in that sense is a __ of the new thought around money.
- I. befitting expression
 - ii. befitting concealment
 - iii. becoming locution
- A) only i
 - B) only ii & iii
 - C) only i & iii
 - D) only iii
 - E) All are correct

View Answer

Option C

9. Rightly so, it borrows the pink colour from Maa Lakshmi's lotus but it does so through a readjustment of__.
- I. complexion and intensity
 - ii. hue and saturation
 - iii. colour and chroma
- A) only i
 - B) only ii
 - C) only ii & iii
 - D) only i & iii
 - E) All are correct

View Answer

Option E

10. The ___ with 'demonetisation' is an indicator that the new note needs to evaporate before it plants itself firmly anywhere.
- I. farewell inevident
 - ii. achievement synchronous
 - iii. arrival coinciding
- A) only i & ii
B) Only ii
C) only ii & iii
D) Only iii
E) All are correct

View Answer

Option C

Directions: In each question a sentence is given followed by a blank. Each blank is followed by three options and you have to determine which option can be used in place of blank to make it a meaningful sentence and mark it as your answer.

1. The last time India fought a major battle was the Kargil conflict in 1999 in which the Navy played a silent role while the Army and Air Force___ intruders from Indian soil.
- i. discordant to dislodge
 - ii. collaborated to evict
 - iii. colluded to banish
- A) only iii
B) only ii & iii
C) only ii
D) only iii & i
E) All are correct

View Answer

Option B

2. . In a conflict situation, what would unfold are short and ___ which call for agility and swift action by the three services in unison.
- I. tardy frays
 - ii. swift skirmishes
 - iii. sluggish scuffles
- A) only i
B) only ii
C) only iii
D) only ii & iii
E) All are correct

View Answer

Option B

3. While the Council's keenness to address ___, many issues remain to be sorted out — rules, fitment, and compliance headaches.
- I. anomalies is laudable
 - ii. aberances is exemplary
 - iii. experiences is worthy
- A) only ii & i
B) only iii & i
C) only ii & iii
D) only iii
E) All are correct

View Answer

Option A

4. The present climate of mistrust must be ___ by addressing grievances and conducting advocacy exercises.
- I. halted
 - ii. stopped
 - iii. nipped in the bud
- A) only i
B) only ii
C) only iii
D) only ii & i
E) All are correct

View Answer

Option E

5. The Ministry of External Affairs now has a States division, which keeps in touch with the States to assist them in building bridges with the countries in which they have a special interest on account of proximity or the ___ from that State.
- I. aspect of diaspora
 - ii. presence of diaspora
 - iii. mien of diaspora
- A) only ii & i
B) only iii & ii
C) only iii
D) only iii & i
E) All are correct

View Answer

Option E

6. The now infamous ___ in Indian real estate, marked by a great deal of unsold inventories, was also predicated on false hopes of adequate demand for housing.

I. furnishing satiate
ii. hoard plethora
iii. supply glut
A) only i
B) only ii
C) only iii
D) only iii&i
E) All are correct

View Answer

Option C

7. As a concept, social rental housing needs ___ even though rental housing for commercial purposes is well entrenched in metropolises, where millions of educated internal migrants, students, etc.

I. greater stimulus
ii. greater impetus
iii. major thrust
A) only i
B) only ii
C) only iii & ii
D) only ii & i
E) All are correct

View Answer

Option E

8. There is now the awful possibility that the killer may be able to use failures in the investigation to___.

I. scrutinize fairness
ii. elude integrity
iii. evade justice
A) only iii & i
B) only ii
C) only ii & iii
D) only iii
E) All are correct

View Answer

Option C

9. Police with only rudimentary training in modern investigation, using beatings and threats as their main truth-seeking tools, have a long record of securing wrongful convictions, as well as letting the guilty walk free, sometimes wearing the__.

i. aura of agony
ii. halo of martyrdom
iii. nimbus of torment

- A) only i
B) only ii
C) only iii
D) only iii & ii
E) All are correct

View Answer

Option E

10. Men like Rafiuddin play a __in their safe arrival in Bangladesh.

i. trivial character
ii. critical role
iii. crucial job

- A) only ii
B) only iii & i
C) only ii & iii
D) only iii
E) All are correct

View Answer

Option C

Directions: In each question a sentence is given followed by a blank. Each blank is followed by three options and you have to determine which option can be used in place of blank to make it a meaningful sentence and mark it as your answer.

1. Pakistan's interlocutors are not always clear with the Americans on what they want. They__

i. used to do certainties
ii. very easily accept what the Americans are saying
iii. depend on America

- A) only i
B) only ii & iii
C) only iii
D) All of these
E) None of these

View Answer

Option B

2. The Pradhan Mantri Sahaj Bijli Har Ghar Yojana ('Saubhagya') launched in September, which _
- I. claims to ensure electrification of all willing households
 - ii. expects the poor to pay the bills without providing any subsidy
 - iii. is too ambitious a project
- A) only i
B) only ii & i
C) only ii & iii
D) Only iii & i
E) None of these

View Answer

Option D

3. Anglo-Saxon literature, encompasses the surviving literature written in Old English in Anglo-Saxon England, _____ in England c. 450, after the withdrawal of the Romans, and "ending soon after the Norman Conquest" in 1066.
- I. is also told in such later Scandinavian works
 - ii. in the period after the settlement of the Saxons and other Germanic tribes
 - iii. in all there are about 400 surviving manuscripts from the period
- A) only i
B) only ii
C) only iii
D) All of these
E) None of these

View Answer

Option B

4. After the Norman conquest of England in 1066, the written form of the Anglo-Saxon language became less common. _____, French became the standard language of courts, parliament, and polite society.
- I. Under the influence of the new aristocracy
 - ii. Under the implications of the new establishment
 - iii. Under the purgation of the new trash
- A) only ii & i
B) only ii
C) only ii
D) only i
E) None of these

View Answer

Option A

5. The study of world history, as distinct from national history, has existed in many world cultures. However, early forms of world history, _____

- I. were not truly global
- ii. provoking the transfer of Heaven's mandate to a new ruler
- iii. were limited to only the regions known by the historian
- A) only ii
- B) only ii & iii
- C) only iii & i
- D) only ii & i
- E) None of these

View Answer

Option C

6. In recent years, the relationship between African and world history has shifted rapidly from one of antipathy to one of engagement and synthesis. Reynolds (2007) surveys the relationship between African and world histories, with an emphasis on the tension between ___ emphasis on connections and exchange across regional boundaries.

- I. the beginning of globalization
- ii. the area studies paradigm
- iii. the growing world-history
- A) only iii
- B) only iii & i
- C) only ii & i
- D) only ii & iii
- E) None of these

View Answer

Option D

7. Even as early as the Prehistoric period, the roots of modern globalization could be found. Territorial expansion by our ancestors to all five continents was___.

- I. a wide range that stretched from India
- ii. an increased capital and labor mobility coupled with decreased transport costs
- iii. a critical component in establishing globalization.
- A) only i
- B) only ii
- C) only iii
- D) All of these
- E) None of these

View Answer

Option C

8. The inhabitant of London could order by telephone, sipping his morning tea, the various products of the whole earth, and reasonably expect their early delivery upon his doorstep. Militarism and imperialism of racial and cultural rivalries_____. What an extraordinary

episode in the economic progress of man was that age which came to an end in August 1914.

- I. were produced for the merchandise trade grew
- ii. were little more than the amusements of his daily newspaper
- iii. were just Portfolio investment, but no trade-related

- A) only i
- B) only ii
- C) only iii
- D) All of these
- E) None of these

View Answer

Option B

9. A century later there was a domestic safety net in most emerging countries so that banking panics were changed into situations where the debts of an insolvent banking system were taken over by the government. The recovery from banking crisis is another key difference. It has ____.

- I. tended to begin earlier in the recent period
- ii. occurred under the fixed exchange rates
- iii. not the typical crisis episode a hundred years ago

- A) only ii & i
- B) only ii
- C) only iii & i
- D) only iii
- E) None of these

View Answer

Option C

10. The flows information were an important downside in 19th century. Prior to the Transatlantic cable and the Radiotelephone, it ____ to go from one place to another. So this means that it was very difficult to analyze the information.

- I. used to take very long for information
- ii. distinguish good and bad credits
- iii. played a very important role

- A) only i
- B) only ii
- C) only iii
- D) All of these
- E) None of these

View Answer

Option A

Directions: In each question a sentence is given followed by a blank. Each blank is followed by three options and you have to determine which option can be used in place of blank to make it a meaningful sentence and mark it as your answer.

1. What truly sets apart India's higher judiciary is the _____ to select its very own: through that cosy cabal of a clique that we call the "collegium".
- i. Favourable freedom
 - ii. Envable freedom
 - iii. Desirable liberty
- A) Only i
B) Only ii
C) Only iii
D) None of these
E) All are correct

View Answer

Option E

Explanation: envable = arousing or likely to arouse envy.

2. This is a freedom _____ from a rather tortuous reading of the Constitution some decades ago when the Supreme Court decided that the collegium would predominate over judicial appointments, to the near exclusion of all other stakeholders.
- I. Pushed out
 - ii. Ferreted out
 - iii. Given out
- A) Only i
B) Only ii
C) Only iii
D) None of these
E) All are correct

View Answer

Option B

Explanation: ferreted out= to fetch sth out

3. All of this forces us to ask that _____ question: how do we judge our judges? For this, we must have some measurable metric of merit, and a transparent one at that.
- I. Perpetually puzzling
 - ii. Eternally enigmatic
 - iii. Temporarily puzzling
- A) Both I and ii
B) Both ii and iii
C) Both I and iii
D) Only i
E) All are correct

View Answer

Option A

4. Given that the collegium has operated in a _____ for more than two decades now, this is nothing short of revolutionary.
- I. Mask of privacy
 - ii. shroud of secrecy
 - iii. Cloak of confidentiality
- A) Only i
 - B) Only ii
 - C) Both I and ii
 - D) Both ii and iii
 - E) All are correct

View Answer

Option D

Explanation: shroud = a length of cloth or an enveloping garment in which a dead person is wrapped for burial.

5. Given the _____ of some decisions, it is well-nigh impossible to locate the “ratio” of a decision (legal terminology for the operative part of a judgment).
- I. volubility
 - ii. verbosity
 - iii. brevity
- A) Only i
 - B) Only ii
 - C) Both I and ii
 - D) Both I and iii
 - E) All are correct

View Answer

Option C

Explanation: verbosity = the fact or quality of using more words than needed; wordiness.

6. Grossly _____, industrial policy has been anathema to market-led growth strategies.
- I. misunderstood and maligned
 - ii. Misinterpreted and defamed
 - iii. Confounded and libelled
- A) Only i
 - B) Only ii
 - C) Both ii and iii
 - D) Both I and ii
 - E) All are correct

View Answer

Option E

7. Arguably, the huge increase in import dependence and the low level of FDI into the manufacturing sector can both be linked to the market failures associated with non-strategic trade and investment liberalisation, _____ both domestic and foreign producers' incentives to undertake production locally.
- I. which have negated
 - ii. That has nullified
 - iii. Which have neutralized
- A) Only i
 - B) Only ii
 - C) Both I and ii
 - D) Both I and iii
 - E) All are correct

View Answer

Option D

Explanation: negated = nullify; neutralized

8. This has been ___ signing free trade agreements (FTAs) on the basis of an argument that participation in FTAs will enable Indian firms to become part of global value chains (GVCs) and improve their export capabilities.
- I. Compounded by
 - ii. exacerbated by
 - iii. Inflamed by
- A) Only i
 - B) Only ii
 - C) Only iii
 - D) Both I and iii
 - E) All are correct

View Answer

Option E

Explanation: exacerbated = make (a problem, bad situation, or negative feeling) worse.

9. To ensure this, financing mechanisms must be designed in ways that _____ to avoid rent-seeking behaviour and inefficiency.
- I. Proceed political interventions
 - ii. preclude political leverage
 - iii. Impede political complications
- A) Only i
 - B) Both I and ii
 - C) Only ii

- D) Both ii and iii
E) All are correct

View Answer

Option C

Explanation: preclude = prevent from happening; make impossible.

10. If there is _____ a system as serving much more than efficiency, to include affordability and equity as well, the response will be different.
- I. A persuasion to proceed
 - ii. An impulse to conceptualize
 - iii. An urge to visualise
- A) Only I
B) Only ii
C) Only iii
D) Both ii and iii
E) All are correct

View Answer

Option D

Explanation: visualize = form a mental image of; imagine.

Directions: In each question a sentence is given followed by a blank. Each blank is followed by three options and you have to determine which option can be used in place of blank to make it a meaningful sentence and mark it as your answer.

1. The problems relate _____ norms with a view to easing the burden of paperwork and stretched cash flows imposed on smaller businesses and exporters.
- i. To admit and cooperate
 - ii. To coverage and compliance
 - iii. To be provocative and annoying
- A) Only i
B) Only ii
C) Both ii and iii
D) Both iii and i
E) All are correct

View Answer

Option B

2. While putting off the e-way bill provisions dealing with movement of goods that were making businesses and transporters nervous, the Council is instead considering _____.
- i. An astonishing induction
 - ii. A lurching installation
 - iii. A staggered introduction
- A) Only i

- B) Only ii
- C) Only iii
- D) None of these
- E) All are correct

View Answer

Option E

3. Lastly, though some of the latest rate revisions may be based on _____, it is important to resist giving the impression that some tweaks, even if they are warranted, are based on the Assembly election schedules.
- i. Absolute economic implications
 - ii. Impeccable economic rationale
 - iii. Flawed economic implications
- A) Only i
 - B) Only ii
 - C) Only iii
 - D) None of These
 - E) All are correct

View Answer

Option B

Explanation: impeccable= innocent

4. The problems in the Indian economy right now are as much about corporate governance as they are about _____ the business cycle.
- i. The simplicities of
 - ii. The peculiarities of
 - iii. The vagaries of
- A) Only ii
 - B) Only i
 - C) Both ii and i
 - D) Both ii and iii
 - E) All are correct

View Answer

Option D

Explanation: vagary = an unexpected and inexplicable change in a situation or in someone's behaviour.

5. It was the demons of the last season that _____ in captaincy from Dhoni to Australian star Steven Smith ahead of the IPL auctions.
- i. Dissuade a provocation
 - ii. instigated a change
 - iii. provoked a modification
- A) Only i
 - B) Both ii and i
 - C) Both iii and i

- D) Both ii and iii
- E) All are correct

View Answer

Option D

6. Once a CC comes in, demand _____ from monetary conditions as long as CC is accepted by both the parties.
- i. Is unhinged
 - ii. Is deranged
 - iii. Is busy
- A) Only i
 - B) Both ii and i
 - C) Both iii and ii
 - D) Both i and iii
 - E) All are correct

View Answer

Option B

Explanation: unhinged = mentally unbalanced

7. The telecom industry is _____ transition from a largely voice-based business — where penetration levels are already around 70 per cent — to one based on high-speed data and internet services.
- i. At the termination of
 - ii. at the cusp of
 - iii. On the verge of
- A) Only i
 - B) Only ii
 - C) Both I and ii
 - D) Both ii and iii
 - E) All are correct

View Answer

Option D

Explanation: cusp = initiation

8. The absence of a rational spectrum trading regime also _____. The Centre levies a charge on usage of spectrum on top of the upfront payment for acquisition of the airwaves through auction.
- i. Behave like a bizzare
 - ii. Acts as a dampener
 - iii. Acts as a revolutionary spirit
- A) Only i
 - B) Only ii
 - C) Both I and ii
 - D) Both ii and iii
 - E) All are correct

View Answer

Option B**Explanation: dampener = a thing that has a restraining or subduing effect.**

9. While these are indeed valid factors, one wishes the RBI had also given greater weight to _____ impulses in the economy.
- The sagging growth
 - The declining magnification
 - The extensive downturn
- Both ii and i
 - Both iii and i
 - Both ii and iii
 - All of these
 - All are correct

View Answer

Option A**Explanation: sagging = sinking, declining**

10. Polls _____ or expensive, but any attempt at reforms must be weighed against whether they strengthen or erode democratic rights.
- May be unwieldy
 - may be cumbersome
 - may be complicated
- Only i
 - Both ii and iii
 - Both I and ii
 - None of these
 - All are correct

View Answer

Option E**Explanation: cumbersome = large or heavy and therefore difficult to carry or use; unwieldy.**

Directions: In each question a sentence is given followed by a blank. Each blank is followed by three options and you have to determine which option can be used in place of blank to make it a meaningful sentence and mark it as your answer.

1. The domestic markets will likely _____ by earnings of IT bellwether Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) as well as the key inflation and IIP data.
- To be steered
 - To be controlled
 - To be canalized
- Both i and ii
 - Both ii and iii
 - Both i and iii
 - All of these

E) None of these

View Answer

Option D

Explanation: steered = guide or control the movement of (a vehicle, vessel, or aircraft), for example by turning a wheel or operating a rudder; Synonym: canalize

2. According to the RBI survey, respondents' pessimism on the price level _____ in the recent period.
- i.) Has also more noticeable
 - ii.) Has also accentuated
 - iii.) Has also played down
- A) Only i
 - B) Only ii
 - C) Both i and ii
 - D) Both ii and iii
 - E) Both i and iii

View Answer

Option C

Explanation: accentuated= make more noticeable or prominent.

3. Political _____ has erupted after former Finance Minister Yashwant Sinha targetted the PM Narendra Modi government over the alleged economic slowdown
- i.) Slugfest
 - ii.) Lambasting
 - iii.) Disputes
- A) Only i
 - B) Both i and ii
 - C) All except ii
 - D) All of these
 - E) None of these

View Answer

Option D

4. The Indian Constitution is built on the words, ideas and struggles of those who led entire movements for _____ of caste, with the figure of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar calling into memory the countless others who marched with him and before him.
- i.) The destruction
 - ii.) The obliteration
 - iii.) The annihilation
- A) Both i and iii

- B) Both ii and iii
- C) All except ii
- D) All of these
- E) None of these

View Answer

Option D

Explanation: annihilation= complete destruction or obliteration.

5. Prof. Ilaiah has previously written about _____ granted to Brahmins by the Hindu caste order.
- i.) The special right and exemption
 - ii.) The privileges and impunities
 - iii.) The prestige and enlightenment
- A) Only i
 - B) Only ii
 - C) Only iii
 - D) Both i and ii
 - E) Both ii and iii

View Answer

Option E

6. There must be a clear debate on what ails our social systems and how we might reckon with our past; how might we rise above _____ that make us complicit in histories of oppression perpetrated by dominant castes and classes before our time.
- i.) parochial assertions
 - ii.) Limited edition
 - iii.) Narrow-minded proclamations
- A) Both i and ii
 - B) Both ii and iii
 - C) Both i and iii
 - D) Only i
 - E) Only ii

View Answer

Option C

Explanation: parochial assertions = narrow-minded declarations; having a limited or narrow outlook or scope.

7. The appeal on behalf of a caste association to a constitutional court that Prof. Ilaiah must be arrested or an FIR registered for engaging in social critique cannot stand constitutional _____.

- i.) Observation
- ii.) Scrutiny
- iii.) Foresee
- A) Only i
- B) Only ii
- C) Only iii
- D) Both i and ii
- E) Both i and iii

View Answer

Option D

Explanation: scrutiny= critical observation or examination.

8. In 2013, significant amendments were made to the rape law provisions in the Indian Penal Code, 1860 (IPC), including the introduction of the definition of consent in rape cases _____ of feminists.
- i) For the desire
 - ii) At the command
 - iii) at the behest
 - A) Both i and ii
 - B) Both ii and iii
 - C) All of these
 - D) Only i
 - E) Only iii

View Answer

Option B

Explanation: behest = a person's orders or command; desire is also a synonym but not appropriate with the context.

9. When read with the requirement of "unequivocal voluntary agreement", it mandates that sexual acts are not performed in _____ of the woman's desire.
- i.) Sensitive disregard
 - ii.) Cruel disregard
 - iii.) Callous disregard
 - A) Only i
 - B) All except ii
 - C) All except iii
 - D) Only iii
 - E) Both ii and iii

View Answer

Option E**Explanation:** callous = showing or having an insensitive and cruel disregard for others.

10. A high-level Indian delegation is visiting the US _____ with America's food processing sector to bring the best practices of the world into India's food value chain.
- To forge partnership
 - In developing relationship
 - To collaborate
- Both i and ii
 - Both i and iii
 - Both ii and iii
 - Only i
 - Only ii

View Answer**Option B****Explanation:** collaborate = work jointly on an activity or project; synonym: partnership

Directions: In each question a sentence is given followed by a blank. Each blank is followed by three options and you have to determine which option can be used in place of blank to make it a meaningful sentence and mark it as your answer.

1. Last week the British government concluded a consultation on whether measures against caste discrimination should be included in equality law, to ensure__
- there is "appropriate and proportionate legal protection" against unlawful discrimination
 - legislation to outlaw the practice and undertake programmes of education.
 - Britain's legislation on equality into a single act of Parliament
- All except ii
 - Only ii
 - Only i
 - Only iii
 - None of these

View Answer**Option C**

2. For too long, we've tolerated the persistence of poverty, unemployment, and environmental destruction, as if these are.....
- recognised and supported
 - failures of our economic system
 - natural calamities completely out of human control
- Only i
 - Both i and iii
 - Both i and ii
 - Both ii and iii

E) None of these

View Answer

Option D

Explanation: public cannot support poverty, unemployment etc. hence A is discarded.

3. Social business offers advantages that are available neither to profit-maximising companies nor to traditional charities. The freedom from profit pressures and from the demands of profit-seeking investors helps make
- i. revenues
 - ii. social businesses viable
 - iii. it free from the need to constantly attract new streams of donor funding to stay afloat
- A) Only i
B) Both ii and iii
C) Only ii
D) Only iii
E) None of these

View Answer

Option B

Explanation: freedom from profit can make any business viable; if business is free from profit pressures it might not generate revenues; Hence i is discarded.

4. When Rama and Lakshmana go to meet Sugreeva, Hanuman
- i. sees Ram and falls at His feet
 - ii. goes to meet them in order to find out who they are
 - iii. assumes the form of a sanyasi
- A) Both i and ii
B) Both iii and ii
C) All of these
D) Both i and iii
E) None of these

View Answer

Option C

5. The Puranic story of why Lord Krishna appeared on this earth says that the earth prayed to Brahma.....
- i. to dispel the darkness
 - ii. to rid the world of the darkness of ignorance
 - iii. for relief from the many wicked men who inhabited the earth
- A) All of these
B) Only i

- C) Only ii
- D) Only iii
- E) None of these

View Answer

Option D

6. When Lord Mahavishnu appeared before King Prthu and asked him what boon he craved for, Prthu said that he sought nothing, for pleasures of this world do not last. Moreover, to ask a boon related to life on this earth would
- i. be like walking into a trap
 - ii. stressed like anything
 - iii. keep one imprisoned in samsara
- A) Only i
 - B) Both i and iii
 - C) Only ii
 - D) Both i and ii
 - E) None of these

View Answer

Option B

Explanation: As Purthu has already displeased the pleasures of world , so i and iii are apt according to given statement.

7. Since his match-winning hundred at the Sydney Cricket Ground 20 months ago, Manish Pandey has struggled to live up to expectations. He endured
- i. competition for middle-order spots
 - ii. a difficult five-match series at home against New Zealand
 - iii. lot of games and win a lot of games for India
- A) All of these
 - B) Only i
 - C) Only ii
 - D) Only iii
 - E) None of these

View Answer

Option C

8. President Donald Trump's policy announcement on Afghanistan has clearly set the stage for diverse moves on the geopolitical chessboard. India's plans to expand its security assistance to Afghanistan by.....
- i. training police officers in India as part of a UNDP project

- ii. sending out a loud geopolitical signal
- iii. impacting on the security situation in Afghanistan

A) Only i
B) Both i and ii
C) Only ii
D) Both ii and iii
E) None of these

View Answer

Option B

9. In the weeks leading up to the release of Simran, all of Kangana Ranaut's promotional interviews made social media buzz. However, the furore was the result of unfavourable reasons: every interview.....

- i. mentioned her soured past relationships with Aditya Pancholi and Hrithik Roshan
- ii. said little about the upcoming film during these interviews, people were polarised
- iii. is sharing writing credits for Simran's screenplay

A) Only i
B) Both i and ii
C) Only ii
D) Both ii and iii
E) None of these

View Answer

Option B

10. The nature of the abstract self which resides in the heart of the entire creation and all beings in it and its relation

- i. is pointed out by Swami Paramartananda in a discourse
- ii. is different from the body with which it is falsely identified
- iii. with the individual being is discussed and debated in the Upanishads

A) Both i and ii
B) Both ii and iii
C) All of these
D) Both i and iii
E) None of these

View Answer

Option D

Directions: In each of the following questions a passage is given in which there is a blank. Choose the most logical and appropriate option from the five options given that can be filled in the blank.

1. Over the past month, from Cox's Bazar, in the south-east of Bangladesh, smoke can be seen billowing into the grey sky across the country's border. Villages, home to the Rohingya community, in the fractious state of Rakhine in western Myanmar, _____. Nurul Islam, a 30-year-old farmer, had fled to Bangladesh by boat. A) are not signatory to the accord on refugees.
B) were being made not merely to forcibly displace the Rohingya.
C) are being mercilessly, horrifically burnt down.
D) are at the centre of a humanitarian catastrophe.
E) None of these

View Answer

Option C

Explanation: b- Villages cannot be displaced; d- is not apt.

2. The recent tragedies involving the death of two schoolchildren in Gurugram have evoked the usual responses — demonstrations in protest, the institution of a "probe", the suspension of the principal, a flurry of debates in the media and so on. But the fact is that these tragedies _____ that has gone horribly wrong.
A) that none of the buildings had any fire escapes
B) are only the symptoms of an entire educational system
C) are set up by property dealers
D) have advised that the promoter of the school was a very good friend of his
E) None of these

View Answer

Option B

3. India's goods and services tax regime is nearing the end of its first full quarter since roll-out this July. _____, with just 70% of eligible taxpayers bringing in Rs. 95,000 crore. At this rate, the total tally could well surge close to Rs. 1.2 lakh crore. This would be significantly higher than the Rs. 91,000 crore indirect tax target for the Centre and the States on an overall basis.
A) GST Council has already changed the announced tax rates on over 100 products
B) The government opted for a July 1 launch for GST
C) Revenue collections from the first month appear robust
D) The group must act not only expeditiously
E) None of these

View Answer

Option C

Explanation: "JUST 70%" taxpayers brought 95,000 crore= this statement shows that the profit must be on expectations. hence C is correct.

4. Several studies suggest that tigers do well in remote and dense forest. But tigers also need new forest to colonise, _____. Natural history has viewed the tiger to be the epitome of the

‘wild’ animal — doing well in areas with less human disturbance, taking down large prey, keeping a distance from people, and being fiercely territorial of space.

- A) dispersing from their natal areas as they reach adulthood
- B) habitat is a bad word in the lexicon of planning and development
- C) hard disregard for conservation outside protected areas
- D) can suffer from genetic depression
- E) None of these

View Answer

Option A

5. Ranthambore in Rajasthan is arguably India’s most well-known tiger reserve,_____. It has a fierce conservation ethic, a success story with few parallels. It is estimated that there are over 60 tigers in this relatively small tiger reserve.
- A) connectivity between them is getting cut off
 - B) aglow with bold tigers posing for the camera
 - C) had inputs from laboratories at the Wildlife Institute of India
 - D) securing healthy tiger numbers are not enough for tiger health
 - E) None of these

View Answer

Option B

Explanation: A- ‘preceding statement doesn’t tell us what “them” is referring to’; D- nothing is told about tiger health. Hence B is correct

6. The main reason for the crash in international oil prices not being passed on to consumers has, of course, been the Centre simultaneously hiking the specific excise duty on both petrol (from Rs 9.48 to Rs 21.48/litre) and diesel (from Rs 3.56 to Rs 17.33/litre). By doing this,_____.
- A) it has essentially pocketed much of the gains from benign global prices.
 - B) it has switched to a regime of dynamic daily fuel price revision.
 - C) has to derive the benefits of low prices.
 - D) it could do two things to partly assuage consumer feelings.
 - E) None of these

View Answer

Option A

Explanation: As govt. was in loss due to surmounted subsidies. So it needs to pocket enough money to bear the losses. Hence, A is correct.

7. A symbol of post-war Japanese industrial rejuvenation, the Shinkansen has a well-earned reputation for reliability. Since it was launched in 1964, the train has not had a single accident and_____. The carbon footprint of a passenger travelling by a HSR train is about the fifth of an air traveler.
- A) has been dogged by a plethora of problems
 - B) could generate a new class of passengers as well

- C) its average delay is less than a minute
- D) should not lose sight of the other problems
- E) None of these

View Answer

Option C

Explanation: The para is talking about the reputation. So, option C is apt.

8. A longstanding proposition in economics, under the label of “industrial policy”, emphasises the importance of the government choosing special sectors to focus on and incentivise. The expectation is that _____. Industrial policy has had its share of demurrers, arguing that the state should not get into picking winners and losers.
- A) other sector where the prospect is big is a global hub for higher education
 - B) the English could not take away their language
 - C) this will create enough spillovers to drive up overall growth.
 - D) India took major steps in nurturing higher education and scientific temperament
 - E) None of these

View Answer

Option C

Explanation: Nothing is talked about higher education, The English. And incentives of govt. obviously relates with the growth. Option C is correct.

9. An industry study of 2016 examined the extent to which public investment, intellectual property rights and drug pricing policies in 56 countries actively contribute to or detract from innovation in global life-sciences. Not surprisingly, India ranked among the lowest (in the bottom five) ____, lack of data protection for biologics, low investment in R&D and price regulations, all of which contribute to reduced revenue and therefore reduced future investment in biopharmaceuticals.
- A) due to New medicines, devices, diagnostics, patient aids and monitoring tools
 - B) due to weak intellectual property protection
 - C) due to use of determining rankings
 - D) due to rising incomes and better health infrastructure
 - E) None of these

View Answer

Option B

Explanation: b- Intellectual property; parallel structures.

10. Demonetization, whatever its actual purpose, was an administrative disaster. Had adequate preparations been made _____ and quickly re-monetize the economy, we would not have seen the cash rationing, the endless queues, the chaos and the hardship that followed. Unfortunately, the disruptive impact has also been concentrated in a few employment-intensive segments of the economy
- A) to build up supplies of new notes before demonetization

- B) to impact the demonetization on employment
- C) to goods already produced before the tax was rolled out
- D) to that account would have been modest
- E) None of these

View Answer

Option A

Directions: In each question a sentence is given followed by a blank. Each blank is followed by three options and you have to determine which option can be used in place of blank to make it a meaningful sentence and mark it as your answer.

1. Credit rating agencies may be in for a tough ride as the Securities and Exchange Board of India
- i. continues to tighten the screws on them
 - ii. has released a consultation paper seeking feedback
 - iii. may not have any substantial impact on the quality of credit rating
- A) Only i
 - B) Both i and ii
 - C) Both ii and iii
 - D) Only iii
 - E) None of these

View Answer

Option B

2. An economist is a practitioner in the social science discipline of economics. An economist is one who.....
- i. has attained a Ph.D. in economics, teaches economic science
 - ii. believe their profession
 - iii. are awarded in economics.
- A) All of these
 - B) None of these
 - C) All except i
 - D) Only i
 - E) Both i and iii

View Answer

Option D

3. The much touted launch of the bullet train is a matter of pride. Still,
- i. the project will generate employment
 - ii. there are many more pressing issues to consider
 - iii. the objective of growth will not be achieved
- A) Only i

- B)Only ii
- C)Only iii
- D)All of these
- E)None of these

View Answer

Option D

4. For a country which is a major global player in the global pharmaceuticals sector and whose prowess in generic formulations is feared by the world's pharmaceuticals behemoths, it may come as a surprise to many that India.....
- i. doesn't have a full-fledged ministry for pharmaceuticals.
 - ii. has a ministry for practically every letter of the alphabet.
 - iii. has its own ministry
- A)only i
 - B)Both i and ii
 - C)Both ii and iii
 - D)Only ii
 - E)None of these

View Answer

Option B

Explanation:

5. Treatment of panic attacks should be directed at the underlying cause. In those with frequent attacks.....
- i. begin during puberty or early adulthood.
 - ii. counselling or medications may be used.
 - iii. produce similar symptoms including hyperthyroidism.
- A) Only i
 - B)Only ii
 - C)Only iii
 - D)None of these
 - E)All of these

View Answer

Option B

6. Yoga gurus from India later introduced yoga to the west, following the success of Swami Vivekananda in the late 19th and early 20th century. In the 1980s, yoga became popular as.....
- i. a system of physical exercise across the Western world.
 - ii. others suggesting yoga may reduce risk factors.
 - iii. describing yoga-practices is unclear
- A)Only i

- B)Only ii
- C)Only iii
- D)Both i and ii
- E)Both ii and iii

View Answer

Option A

7. Public relations is the process of providing information to the public in order to present a specific view of a product or organization. Public relations differs from advertising in that.....
- i. involves looking at how news is produced
 - ii. public relations professionals only have control until the message is related to media gatekeepers
 - iii. it is less obtrusive, and aimed at providing a more comprehensive opinion to a large audience
- A) Both i and ii
 - B) Both ii and iii
 - C) Both i and iii
 - D) Only i
 - E) Only ii

View Answer

Option B

8. Communism and all other similar isms bear no relationship whatever to the United Order. They are merely.....
- i. the most beneficial elements of left anarchism
 - ii. the clumsy counterfeits which Satan always devises of the Gospel plan
 - iii. founded by Alpheus Cutler and headquartered in Independence, Missouri.
- A) Only i
 - B)Only ii
 - C)Only iii
 - D)None of these
 - E)All of these

View Answer

Option B

9. Liberal feminism seeks social reform through policy change and is epitomized by the Equal Rights Amendment. Liberal feminists.....
- i. believe all people should be considered equal under the law
 - ii. want to change society by using the established institutions of power, like our federal government.
 - iii. believes many of those institutions themselves are inherently sexist.

- A) Only i
- B) Both i and ii
- C) Both ii and iii
- D) Both i and iii
- E) None of these

View Answer

Option B

Explanation: Option iii is believed by radical feminist

10. On the occasion, Abe said the Indo-Japan partnership is special, strategic and global. A strong India is in.....
- i. Japan's interest and a strong Japan is in India's interest,
 - ii. the beautiful scenery of India through the windows of the bullet train
 - iii. project between Ahmedabad and Mumbai
- A) Both i and ii
 - B) All of these
 - C) None of these
 - D) Both ii and iii
 - E) Only i

View Answer

Option E

Directions: In each question a sentence is given followed by a blank. Each blank is followed by three options and you have determine which option can be used in place of blank to give a meaningful sentence and mark it as your answer.

1. The unprecedented outbreak of violence and arson that followed the conviction by a CBI court of the Dera Sacha Sauda's maverick chief Gurmeet Ram Rahim Singh leads to....
- i. death of 30 people
 - ii. imposition of curfew
 - iii. Injury of 250 people
- A) Only i
 - B) Only ii
 - C) Both i and ii
 - D) Both ii and iii
 - E) All of these

View Answer

Option E

Explanation:

As the statement says that 'there is unprecedented violence and arson' hence death, injury and curfew is an obvious issue.

2. After an anonymous letter was sent by a Dera 'sadhvi' in 2002 to Prime Minister AB Vajpayee, the district court in Sirsa tried but
- i. to get evidence against the accused
 - ii. the Haryana CM fiddled while Panchkula burned.
 - iii. failed as the terrorised victims refused to speak out.
- A) Only i
B) only ii
C) Both i and ii
D) Both ii and iii
E) Both i and iii

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Option A

Explanation:

As the statement ends with "but" so it must follow a contradictory statement.

3. Not having a consensus is welcome but having a hidden agenda will lead to
- i. data availability and methodological robustness.
 - ii. decisions that will weaken institutions and the policy framework.
 - iii. long term implications for growth.
- A) Only i
B) Both i and ii
C) Both ii and iii
D) Only ii
E) None of these

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Option C

4. People often wonder if machines can take over the stock markets with algorithmic trading why not accounting? But then, these algorithms....
- i. run on standardised data sets of stock prices, interest rates, unemployment rates etc.
 - ii. run on equations built on historical data and linked to variables available in homogeneous forms.
 - iii. dominate the auditing profession.
- A) Only i
B) Only ii
C) Both ii and iii
D) Only iii
E) All of these

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Option E

5. But over-enthusiastic taxpayers end up submitting the forms without doing a cross-check because they are not sure when the portal will go kaput. If there is anything that accountants have learned from the first GST filing, it is
- i. to ensure that the 'submit' button is clicked only after a comprehensive audit of everything
 - ii. to the amount in the liability ledger to avoid penalty
 - iii. to cough up an additional amount of ₹22.27 lakhs in tax.
- A) Only ii
B) All except i
C) Both ii and iii
D) Only iii
E) None of these

[View Answer](#)**Option B**

6. In modern cricket, mystery spinners need to be able to...
- i. beat both the batsmen and the coaches armed with their computers
 - ii. to develop 'mystery' deliveries
 - iii. to get back to the roots of their craft
- A) Only i
B) All except iii
C) Both i and ii
D) All except ii
E) None of these

[View Answer](#)**Option D**

7. The reason why jobs are top of mind for those who are running the government...
- i. is not hard to fathom
 - ii. chided india incorporations
 - iii. is the lack of market strategy
- A) Only i
B) Only ii
C) Only iii
D) Both i and ii
E) both ii and iii

[View Answer](#)

Option D

Explanation: “job concern” is not related with “market strategy”

8. Whatever critical paradigm we use to discuss and analyze it, literature is important to us because...
- i. it speaks to us
 - ii. it is universal
 - iii. it affects us on a deeply personal level
- A) Only i
B) Only ii
C) Only iii
D) All of these
E) None of these

View Answer

Option D

9. Online stores typically enable shoppers to use “search” features to find specific models, brands or items. Online customers must have
- i. access to the Internet and a valid method of payment in order to complete a transaction
 - ii. to the customer; for digital products, such as digital audio files of songs or software
 - iii. to enable businesses to buy from another businesses
- A) All except i
B) Both i and ii
C) All except ii
D) Both ii and iii
E) None of these

View Answer

Option E

Explanation: Only i is the right answer

10. Cosmetics are substances or products used to enhance or alter the appearance or fragrance of the body. Many cosmetics are...
- i. designed for use of applying to the face and hair
 - ii. generally mixtures of chemical compounds
 - iii. applied to the face to enhance its appearance
- A) only i
B) only ii
C) Both i and ii
D) All of these

E) None of these

[View Answer](#)

Option D

Directions: In each of the following questions a passage is given in which there is a blank. Choose the most logical and appropriate option from the five options given that can be filled in the blank.

- The small, 20-basis point increase in Indian households' allocation to financial savings has been widely celebrated in the last two years as a structural shift. Such celebration, however, may have been premature going by the findings of an expert committee on household finances commissioned by the RBI. The committee, chaired by Tarun Ramadorai, unearths deep-rooted cultural and structural causes forand sit on unproductive physical assets. The findings call for a reboot in the current policy approach towards savings and investment products.
 - very few Indians are investing towards retirement,
 - why Indian households across the spectrum avoid financial products
 - these recommendations are eminently sensible, their implementation is unlikely to prove easy
 - why Indians find financial products daunting
 - None of these

[View Answer](#)

Option B

Explanation: A- retirement plans are not discussed

C- Committee is finding some causes and is not keen on giving recommendations

D- Passage does not talk about "INDIANS" it specifies "Indian households' allocation"

- Rail mishaps are not an uncommon occurrence in India, but rarely does one see heads roll at the very top. After the August 19 mishap when the Puri-Haridwar Utkal Express derailed near Muzaffarnagar and killed over 20 people, the Railway Board chairman and member (engineering) were sent packing. Railway Minister Suresh Prabhu has offered to resign, but the Prime Minister has asked him to wait rather than reject his offer outright —
 - a moot point whether replacing Prabhu will improve matters
 - an indication that the latter is not pleased with the functioning of the railways
 - a persistent shortage of loco pilots, with nearly 19,000 vacancies
 - a shift to LHB coaches that do not pile up on top of each other in the event of derailment should be expedited
 - None of these

[View Answer](#)

Option B

Explanation: Since sentence is talking about The Supremo's decision so B suits best.

3. It isn't often that we're given the privilege of watching history unfold before our eyes. But the privacy judgement handed down by a nine-judge bench of the Supreme Court is And it's safe to say that the learned judges have in five separate judgments come down on the side of the angels by unanimously declaring that privacy is a fundamental right protected by Article 21 and Part III of the Constitution. To make their position crystal clear, the judges also did a considerable amount of judicial cleaning up and specifically overruled earlier judgments like *MP Sharma* and *Kharak Singh* to the extent they held that privacy was not a fundamental right.
- A) that privacy was a concept foreign to India and one enjoyed only by the more affluent classes
 - B) that the poor need no civil and political rights and are concerned only with economic well-being
 - C) that privacy is a concept that cannot be defined
 - D) one that will be scrutinised and interpreted for decades.
 - E) None of these

View Answer

Option D

Explanation: A– The sentence “declaring that privacy is a fundamental right” discards option A
 B – Right of privacy is under limelight. Nothing has been said about the poor.

4. The Supreme Court has once again stepped in where successive legislatures have failed to tread. On critical counts of ensuring relief to the individual concerned while also protecting a woman's right and legitimacy as an equal citizen, the apex court's judgment holding instant and irrevocable *talaq* unconstitutional has rightfully been hailed as historic. Although the Court had, in *Shamim Ara versus State of UP*, already invalidated triple *talaq* in 2002, the majority judgment in the latest case takes a significant step forward by underliningunder Article 25 (freedom of religion) of the Constitution. The triumvirate of judges who prevailed over Chief Justice JS Khehar and Justice S Abdul Naseer asserted that since the 1937 Sharia Application Act mentions the word *talaq*, it was no longer a personal law to escape the scope of the fundamental rights
- A) which had also been challenged through the PIL
 - B) that the legislature missed the opportunity to address
 - C) that this utterly unjust practice is not protected
 - D) unearths deep-rooted cultural and structural causes
 - E) None of these

View Answer

Option C

Explanation:

Since article 25 says about freedom of religion and the apex court's earlier verdict of holding irrevocable *talaq* “unconstitutional”, makes option C valid.

5. More than ten days after over 70 children having died at the Baba Raghav Das Memorial Hospital in Gorakhpur, it is still not clear what caused the colossal loss of lives. The paucity of oxygen cylinders, which led to 30 children dying on August 10 and 11 according to official reports, seems to have been the immediate factor. The run-up of events leading to this situation needs to be established by an independent inquiry and the guilty punished. This points to a systems failure in the hospital, which is incidentally a major healthcare provider for about 15 districts in Uttar Pradesh, besides people from neighbouring Nepal. In the last one week, the supposed role of Japanese encephalitis has come into the picture, even as it became evident

- A) that there are only 25 medical colleges, public and private
- B) that children were succumbing to a range of ailments.
- C) that over-reliance on the private sector can be misplaced
- D) healthcare requires attention in terms of funds and quality of personnel
- E) None of these

View Answer

Option B

Explanation:

Passage talks about “cause of colossal loss of life” hence, D cannot be fitted in.

6. Bitcoin, the world’s most popular virtual currency that was first mined in 2008, can no longer be ignored as just another passing geek fad. The market capitalisation of bitcoins currently stands at \$67 billion and daily traded volumes crossed \$2 billion last week. The RBI has so far adopted a conservative approach in dealing with virtual currencies, cautioning investors about the risks in 2013 and recently releasing a statement saying that and that anyone dealing in these currencies are doing so at their own risk.

- A) bitcoin transaction is recorded and verified in open ledgers called block-chains
- B) the sharp increase in recent months is a case in point
- C) the bitcoin exchanges in the country are operating without the central bank’s permission
- D) the purview of SEBI with the stock market regulator framing rules for registering exchanges
- E) None of these

View Answer

Option C

7. There’s an air of resignation overhanging the highly charged world of American politics and we’re not just talking about the steady exodus from the White House. President Donald Trump’s legions of enemies concede that despite his wild statements and unpredictable actions, he’s got over three years to go and he’s also still able to strike an unexpected chord with many US voters. Last week, when Trump refused to condemn neo-Nazis outright and also lost his key right-hand man Steve Bannon, — not for the first time — that it was Trump’s worst week yet.

- A) that hands down weighty judgments has put Trump on its cover

- B) his enemies collectively clutched their heads and declared
- C) where we're facing the Chinese, there's a growing sense that we may be on our own
- D) we may have to proceed all the more carefully in the days ahead
- E) None of these

View Answer

Option B

8. For long, Indian investors have believed that widely held institutionally-owned companies are better governed and less vulnerable to pulls and pushes from promoters than family-owned businesses. But this has been conclusively disproved by the unsavoury turn of events at Infosys, once the poster-child for corporate governance. On Friday, Infosys' CEO Vishal Sikka tendered his resignation, stating that "baseless personal attacks" and a "continuous drumbeat of distractions"
- A) has countered these allegations and demonstrated that it followed due processes
 - B) had the necessary approvals from shareholders and the board
 - C) have had complaints with Infosys' management
 - D) had made it difficult for him to focus on his job
 - E) None of these

View Answer

Option D

9. After shrinking to an eight-year low in FY17, India's bullion import bill is showing signs of bloating again. Latest data from the commerce ministry indicate that gold imports in the first four months of this fiscal, at \$13.35 billion, doubled in value from the year-ago period. This contributed to a threefold expansion in the merchandise trade deficit to \$34 billion. Given that
- A) imports on this count have begun to normalise
 - B) gold imports spiked in July as some sections of trade exploited a tariff loophole
 - C) gold imports have been a wild card factor in trade imbalances
 - D) the Centre should urgently consider measures such as a safeguard duty
 - E) None of these

View Answer

Option C

Explanation: D- is an incomplete sentence hence discarded.

10. Unlike most other industries, automakers were an ecstatic lot last month when the GST was rolled out. Strangely enough, the new tariff structures put in place by the GST Council ended up lowering the effective tax rates on large cars and SUVs, from 50-55 per cent to 43 per cent. This was on account of the Council fixing the cess component on these vehicles at 15 per cent, on a 28-per cent basic GST. This ran counter to the popular view, reiterated by the Courts, that car

buyers must be actively dis-incentivised from acquiring large diesel-guzzling vehicles. But it turns out that this celebration was premature. last week, the GST Council has pegged the cess for large cars and SUVs at 25 per cent, taking their effective GST rate to 53 per cent.

- A) clearing up stocks
- B) repricing of the carried forward inventory
- C) pinning its hopes on Make in India
- D) Tweaking the cess component again
- E) None of these

Spoiler title

Option D

Directions: In each of the following questions a passage is given in which there is a blank. Choose the most logical and appropriate option from the five options given that can be filled in the blank.

1. Critically, the traditional notion of data being merely sensitive personal information is now being challenged as companies are also _____ whilst booking cab rides using an app. Even the Government's drive to digitise India on the back of initiatives such as JAM (Jan Dhan-Aadhaar-Mobile) and the increased focus on digital payments is fuelled by data. As dependence on data continues to grow, so does the vulnerability of data subjects. Hence, any debate on data privacy must recognise the need for a comprehensive data privacy law, which not only contributes to and complements the constitutional right to privacy but also enables data subjects to harness the benevolence of technological advances.
 - A) imperative to bring government agencies within the ambit of the new framework.
 - B) would enable the law to keep pace with rapid changes in technology
 - C) exploiting real-time data generated from daily activities such as one's route preference
 - D) is detrimental to data subjects
 - E) None of these

View Answer

Option C

Explanation:

Companies have no hold over govt. Agencies, so option i is discarded.

2. Finance is the glue that holds all pieces of our life together. Ideal financial societies are those which provide safe and convenient ways of managing these simple monetary affairs. This philosophy is known as financial inclusion. It is providing financial tools to people — tools they can afford, are safe and properly regulated, _____.
 - A) nations with the lowest access to digital payments.
 - B) that people can access conveniently from institutions that treat them with respect.
 - C) that only 33 per cent of all beneficiaries were ready to use their Rupay cards.
 - D) they had been using the products regularly.
 - E) None of these

[View Answer](#)**Option B**

3. The case of Akhila/Hadiya is becoming curiouser by the day. Entrusted with adjudicating whether her conversion to Islam and marriage to a Muslim man were voluntary acts, the Supreme Court has _____ into whether Hindu women in parts of Kerala are being radicalised. Inexplicably, the court has sought inputs from the National Investigation Agency (NIA), tasked with tackling terrorism, to probe the circumstances of the 24-year-old's conversion and marriage even before it heard her out. The question before the court was the correctness of the Kerala High Court's decision to annul her marriage.
- A) in the course of hearings on a plea
 - B) to safeguard its independence and credibility
 - C) lent the unfortunate impression
 - D) embarked on a roving inquiry
 - E) None of these

[View Answer](#)**Option D****Explanation:**

As the court has sought inputs from the National Investigation Agency (NIA), so option A is discarded. And option D is correct

4. Mr. Modi extolled the job-creating impact of the MUDRA loan scheme. In contrast, MUDRA's CEO is on record saying that it cannot be verified that the agency has created large numbers of jobs. Another misguided Union minister recently gloated about "job creation" under MGNREGS — not realising that it is a social protection scheme that people turn to when they have _____.
- A) paralysed the informal manufacturing sector which lives on the edge
 - B) dropped steeply from 11% in March 2016 to 4% in March 2017.
 - C) real activity since the first quarter of 2016-17
 - D) no alternative employment and not exactly a reason for cheer
 - E) None of these

[View Answer](#)**Option D****Explanation:**

passage is depicting the notion that Mudra scheme is helpful & people will turn to the MUDRA scheme when they are in a contradictory situation. Hence D should be the answer.

5. The concept of nationalism can be traced from the prithvi sukt of the Atharva Veda which proclaims "the earth is our mother and we are her sons (mata bhoomi putroham prithivyah)." That is the reason humanitarian concern is embedded in India's cultural nationalism and

“otherness” is largely missing from its narratives. That is the reason _____. Ansari misses the spirit and message of the constituent assembly debate on secularism which is no different than the RSS’s perspective on secularism and nationalism.

- A) illiberal form of nationalism” which promotes “intolerance and an arrogant patriotism”
- B) defines nationalism as political and considers constitutionalism the guarantee for its perpetuation.
- C) cultural nationalism becomes a cradle for extremes and is classically accommodative
- D) humanitarian concern is embedded in India’s cultural nationalism and “otherness” is largely missing from its narratives
- E) None of these

View Answer

Option C

Explanation:

As the passage is essentially concerned with India and its national and cultural values and nowhere ‘humanitarian ‘ is discussed. So option C is correct.

Direction: In each questions below, a Theme has been given followed by three passage. You have to determine which passage is based on the given theme and mark it as your option. More than one passage can be based on the given theme that is highlighted in bold.

6. Indian villages :: our strength or our weakness?

- i. The gdp of India consists of agriculture industry and services sector where in the first 2 sectors rural population contribute the most. The Rural population is engaged in agriculture which feeds all of us. Rural India maintains India’s ecology. But due to govt negligence towards rural population, it could not reveal its true potential. If given proper education infrastructure and healthcare facilities these rural population can catapult into the robust workforce for prime minister’s make in India initiative.
- ii. They are the base of Indian Culture. They are not useless but the only thing is that they are used less. Low literacy rate does not mean that the villagers are illiterate but the only thing is that they are not given chance to show their talent otherwise they also have a key role in the progress of the nation. If India has to develop they must develop and their lost culture need to explore as much as we can. So, let us lend a helping hand in the development of these which will ultimately lead to the development of our nation.
- iii. Farmers are very important for us. I am so glad about our farmers they provide many things for us. In winters there is very cool atmosphere although they keep doing farming which offer us so many things. I proud of my farmers.

- A) Only i
- B) Only ii
- C) Only iii
- D) All of these
- E) None of these

View Answer

Option A**Explanation:**

Option i, Clearly defines that Indian economy depends on agricultural sector which gets its share from villages; But in option ii nothing about “they” is mentioned and in option iii, farmers not necessarily constitute villages.

7. Borderless World: A Threat?

i. If there is no mutual understanding between countries or the two countries are enemy of each other. But at the same time if the countries go along with each other well and there are no serious disputes between countries than borderless world is a great idea.

ii. Borders are made to divide the region and controlled by government for eg India is a country which is divided into states like MP, Delhi, Punjab etc, These states are further divided into cities which are further divided into towns, tehsils, Villages and are governed by president, PM, CM, Mayor, Head of panchayat. Have you ever thought why we need such divisions. Only because managing a huge no. Of population all over the world is not possible. There will be the number of crimes. Who will handle all such problems.

iii. A borderless world means a unified governing body. One body controlling and assimilating such absolute power will corrupt absolutely, interest of minorities might be ignored, income disparity will increase and the world will be in a state of chaos and general lawlessness. We don't want that do we?

- A) Only i
- B) Both i and iii
- C) Both ii and iii
- D) All except iii
- E) None of these.

View Answer**Option A****Explanation:**

Option ii and iii are ambiguous as they aren't concluding any specific idea. And option i clearly states that we need borders

8. Women are better at Multi-Tasking

i. I do not feel that women are inherently any better at multitasking than men are. I believe that each individual has a different skill set. There are both men and women who are great at multitasking. Likewise, there are both men and women who work better when given a single job. However, society has evolved in a manner so as to demand that women fulfill a number of roles society demands that women handle both domestic and professional spheres without getting ruffled and so women try, and succeed at multitasking.

ii. My cousin she is an engineer though she works for office from her home only then too she has no time to attend her child and spouse. Because all time in front of laptop attending meetings, seminars etc till 2 a.m. Makes women irritated which also results into conflicts between husband and wife.

iii. Mary Kom who excelled in sports even though she is mother of 2 children, she nurtured them along with practice and spent time for her husband. Chanda Kochhar CEO of ICICI was good

at office and looking their family members.

- A) All except ii
- B) Only i
- C) Only ii
- D) All of these
- E) None of these

View Answer

Option B

Explanation:

Option ii is detailing about a professional working from home and about his laziness and option iii is merely citing examples of two celebrities without elaborating the theme. Hence, discarded.

9. Is Love Precious or Poisonous?

- i. Only the trust decide that the relationship is precious are poisonous. Love is a kind of feeling. All human need it. All are slave for love. But making it as a poison or precious is based on our behaviour. Remember one thing love is sweet poison. But don't forget it is poison. Too much of anything is good for nothing.
 - ii. I have more positive belief about love. Love is strong magical intangible feeling comprises of care, understanding, trust, respect and zero expectations. It exists everywhere and eternal. It doesn't want gifts, it just requires time, compromisation, understanding. Our reason of happiness is love.
 - iii. Love makes one's life beautiful with various colours. Life without love is like a body without soul. In one's life, a man comes across various types of love. As the proverb is "everyone is unique" in the same way love is unique to everyone. Everyone get this precious love according to their age.
- A) Only i
 - B) Only ii
 - C) Only iii
 - D) All of these
 - E) None of these.

View Answer

Option D

10. Up the Down Staircase

- i. I think everyone falls once in their life. It is the very aspect of life. Without falling you can't get back up and that is the recipe to become a successful person. The road may seem cumbersome and hard to come by but you need to keep moving up the ladder no matter how many times you fall down.
- ii. A staircase without stairs doesn't signify sense to us in similar way a success without failure does not feels you good. Its only our failure step that ultimately help us to achieve us success. And one more thing these failure and success these are the state of mind, I want to ask simple question after getting a success does we stop achieving things, does we stop competing with

others if so then this is also our failure.

iii. It's very difficult to climb up but higher person get respect in each and every field at point of failure person think about their mistakes to overcome these mistakes he can achieve great success.

- A) All except i
- B) Both i and ii
- C) Both ii and iii
- D) Both i and iii
- E) All of these

View Answer

Option E

Explanation:

The theme is a contradiction in itself. It actually means two faces of same coin. Hence all are correct.

Directions: In each of the following questions a passage is given in which there is a blank. Choose the most logical and appropriate option from the five options given that can be filled in the blank.

1. The (Fifty-Second Amendment) Act, 1985 introduced the Tenth Schedule to the Constitution. The ostensible reason for the introduction of the Tenth Schedule was to curb the so-called "aaya-ram-gaya-ram" practices of Indian legislators. The inspiration for this moniker is said to be Gaya Lal, a Haryana MLA who changed parties thrice in the space of one fortnight in 1967 while retaining his seat as an MLA. Defections thereafter reached such epidemic proportions that..... distracting from any semblance of good governance.
 - A) to make an impartial adjudication was a partisan one
 - B) the latest manifestation of the underlying problem is highlighted.
 - C) the stability of some state governments was always in question,
 - D) to votes on the budget and confidence/no-confidence motions.
 - E) None of these

View Answer

Option C

2. Spread over 10 acres of green, it is one of the biggest government hospitals in the heart of the city and a city doctor had just managed to convince the powers that be of the need to integrate mental health services within a general hospital setting. He wanted to take the stigma away from seeking care of mental health and drug abuse, both ever increasing in a city coping with conflict and human rights abuse.....
 - A) the lime-coloured building got a new additional wing in white
 - B) Gateway drugs, in common medical parlance, are substances that supposedly lead the user on to more dangerous drugs.
 - C) The percentage of men in the corresponding age group with the same information was just 22.22%

- D) For close to two years, doctors at SMHS have been treating a girl for Tramadol addiction, another painkiller.
E) None of these

View Answer

Option A

3. It was not the nature of the reports that was distressing. It was more the way the regime was reacting to it. It was a kind of repeat of its response to the farmers complaining about the long drought in Tamil Nadu. Watching the protest and its drama, one sensed the regime did not care..... The peasant as victim was dismissed as a futile clown, a failed trickster.
A) Information has not graduated to storytelling
B) the protest was dismissed as a colourful
C) The protest retreat into the realm of jokes, of slapstick or concentration camp humour.
D) I read sadly about farmers' protests across India
E) None of these

View Answer

Option B

4. The Korean crisis has worsened since President Donald Trump took office early this year. North Korea test-fired a number of missiles in defiance of international pressure, while the United States issued repeated warnings. Mr. Trump had put pressure on Beijing to rein Pyongyang in, and even praised it for its efforts. But the pressure does not seem to be working, with North Korea continuing with its nuclear missile programme..... He was arrested in Pyongyang in January 2016 while visiting as part of a tour group and later sentenced to 15 years of hard labour for the "hostile act" of trying to steal a propaganda poster.
A) Otto Warmbier, the 22-year-old American student who was imprisoned and later released
B) China is not completely on board or it is simply reluctant to use its leverage over North Korea
C) this may not seem like the ideal time to advocate diplomacy.
D) this was the backdrop to the release of warmbier
E) None of these

View Answer

Option D

5. Building a forward-looking trade agenda: India's trade posture has been evolving rapidly since 1991 and further accelerated since PM Modi came to office. The government has cast a wide net on liberalisation to increase FDI inflows. Overall, the message is clear: India is open for business. Although....., these issues are ripe for negotiation at the bilateral dialogues such as the Trade Policy Forum and the US-India Strategic and Commercial

Dialogue.

- A) some protectionist measures remain in india
- B) the countries could establish a high-level Economic Opportunities Group to identify and address barriers to trade
- C) the Trump administration is keen on bilateral treaties instead of multilateral trade deals
- D) defence equipment sales to India could help reduce the US-India trade deficit
- E) None of these

View Answer

Option A

6. President Trump is meeting Prime Minister Modi more than five months after taking office, after summits with the leaders of not just Asia's two other major powers, China and Japan, but also diplomatic engagements in West Asia and Europe. India, it is clear, occupies only a peripheral place in the Trump world view, such as it is.that followed the joint statement of President Barack Obama and Prime Minister Modi in 2016, have been taken off the table by President Trump's decision to walk out of the Paris Agreements.
- A) The US's clean energy finance commitments have been publicly mocked by the new president.
 - B) climate and clean energy issues, placed upfront in the India-US joint statement
 - C) Though Modi and Trump may find common ground on terrorism, there is devil in the detail
 - D) India has done well, by any measure, in building its relationship with the US.
 - E) None of these

View Answer

Option B

7. Opposition by major political parties against the Bharatiya Janata Party's plans to establish its total dominance of the electoral landscape is still quite feeble.More importantly, the economy is in distress. There is hardly any job creation for the 12 million people who enter the workforce annually. This would surely be a source of disquiet for the middle classes who form the core support base of Prime Minister Narendra Modi
- A) Farmer protests have broken out in several States; Dalits are a disenchanted lot and have taken to active protests
 - B) combination of coercive and non-coercive means is being used to silence criticism
 - C) but public protests have surfaced to challenge its social and political agenda and the attempt to impose an exclusionary Hindu identity
 - D) Even supporters have begun to complain that despite the government loudly trumpeting its achievements
 - E) None of these

View Answer

Option C

8. It is true that violence is no occasional guest in Kashmir. Yet, even by its terrible standards, the lynching of police officer Mohammad Ayub Pandit in Srinagar's Jama Masjid is a horrific new low. The deputy superintendent of police, who was on security duty at the mosque on the packed special night of Shab-e-Qadr prayers, was stoned and beaten to death, and his clothes torn off his body. He died on the spot.
- A) the targeting of policemen by militants is almost personal
 - B) hundreds of Kashmiris still line up to join the police force
 - C) it has been a difficult year for policemen in Jammu & Kashmir
 - D) two people have been arrested so far
 - E) None of these

View Answer**Option D**

9. This is not for the first time that the political establishment in West Bengal has fallen short of coming to grips with the forces stirring up unrest in the Darjeeling hills where the quick-fix patches it had put in place are peeling off,The hill-plain divide that transcends geography has been exacerbated by the posturing of the powers that be on both sides; never has there been an attempt at addressing, let alone reconciling, the idiomatic differences underlying the political vocabulary of the two regions
- A) only to reveal the suppurating sores that had never really healed
 - B) single miscalculation on the part of those in power
 - C) as is the case in every venture of political gamesmanship
 - D) It would, indeed, be politically naive not to be able to see through Banerjee's sudden volte face
 - E) None of these

View Answer**Option A**

10. It is important to realise that there is a thin line between logic and irrationality and between faith and science. If we believe (and we have the right to continue to believe), in the existence of Ganesh, we are following a faith..... but we are also putting a question mark on our faith in him. Faith does not require the reasoning of science and hence we should always keep the two at a safe distance.
- A) The use of science to prove faith is not exclusive to one religion
 - B) The government should ensure that scientific discourse is not derailed even at the cost of electoral and political gains
 - C) the moment we try and explain him through science, we are not only misusing science
 - D) Promoting science over faith is necessary as the presence of a scientific culture helps in the

scrutiny of facts
E) None of these

View Answer

Option C