Directions (1-5): Rearrange the following sentences in the proper sequence to form a meaningful paragraph and then answer the questions given below.

- (A) But Mr. Austin's trip preceded an unannounced stop in Kabul where the U.S. is undertaking a major review of its troop's pull-out schedule and peace plan.
- **(B)** The timing of U.S. Secretary of Defence Lloyd Austin's visit to New Delhi over the weekend was significant for many reasons.
- **(C)** As a result, all three areas: bilateral ties, the Indo-Pacific and Afghanistan came up for discussion during talks.
- **(D)** Also, the visit, just after the first ever Quad leaders' summit, confirms the U.S.'s focus on greater maritime cooperation in the Indo-Pacific.
- **(E)** Finally, Mr. Austin was careful not to make any direct reference to Beijing or about the LAC dispute, which New Delhi considers a bilateral issue.
- **(F)** As the first senior ranking official of the Biden administration to meet with the Modi government, his visit in the new President's tenure indicates the place India holds.
- **Q1**. Which of the following statements does not form a part of a coherent paragraph, after rearranging the given statements?
- A. B
- B. F
- C. C
- D. D
- E. None is coherent.
- **Q2**. Which of the following pair of statements will appear in similar sequence after rearrangement, as given in the option?
- A. A-E
- B. C-D
- C. B-F
- D. D-E
- E. A-F

Q3. Which of the following is the SECOND statement after rearrangement?

A. B B. C C. F D. A E. E
Q.4.Which of the following is the THIRD statement after rearrangement?
A. D B. A C. F D. E E. C
Q.5. Which of the following is the FIFTH statement after rearrangement?
A. F B. C C. B D. A E. E
Q1. Answer: E Among the given sentences, (B) is the first sentence after rearrangement as it sets the theme of all other sentences which are based on Mr. Austin's visit to India. Further, it will be followed by (F) for which the hint can be drawn from 'his visit this early'. Statement (D) will follow (F) because the hint for this will be drawn from sentence (C), which mentions the sequence of areas. The statement (F) indicates the bilateral ties;

Q2. Answer: C

The correct sequence will be BFDACE. Hence, option (C) is the most suitable answer choice.

(F) indicates the Indo-Pacific and finally (A) hints towards the Afghanistan issue. To conclude the passage (E) will be placed at last which mentions 'finally' indicating towards the concluding statement. Therefore, the correct sequence will be BFDACE.

Hence, option (E) is the most suitable answer choice.

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The correct sequence will be BFDACE. Hence, option (C) is the most suitable answer choice.

Q.4. Answer: A

The correct sequence will be BFDACE. Hence, option (A) is the most suitable answer choice.

Q.5. Answer: B

The correct sequence will be BFDACE. Hence, option (B) is the most suitable answer choice.

Directions (Q.6-Q.10): In each of the following questions, a sentence has been divided into five parts out of which one part is erroneous. You are required to choose the option which is grammatically or contextually incorrect.

Q.6.Union Home Minister Amit Shah conducted an (a)/ aerial survey of rain-ravaged areas (b)/ of Uttarakhand to assessing the (c)/ damage which the state government (d)/ has pegged at Rs. 7,000 crore. (e) A. a B. b C. c D. d
D. d E. e

Q.7.As much as 150 Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs) (a)/ which were upgraded by (b)/ Tata Technologies Limited under (c)/ Karnataka's UDYOGA program are set (d)/ to be inaugurated in two weeks.(e)

D. d
E. e
Q.8 .Excessive rainfall has thrown (a)/ normal life out of gear in Uttarakhand (b)/
Torrential rainfall and floods (c)/ have lead to food scarcity (d)/ and lack of

A. a B. b C. c

transportation.(e)

D. d

A. a B. b C. c

E. e

Q.9. The Madhya Pradesh Police arrested (a)/ four people, including (b)/ a professional Kabaddi player, (c)/ for their alleged (d)/ involving in arms trafficking.(e)

- A. a
- B. b
- C. c
- D. d
- E. e
- Q.10.Addressing the nation, (a)/ Prime Minister Narendra Modi said (b)/ India's vaccination programme (c)/ were science-born, (d)/ science- driven and science based. (e)
- A. a
- B. b
- C. c
- D. d
- E. e

Q.6. Answer: C

Out of the five given parts, part (c) has a grammatical error. Usage of (ASSESSING) is incorrect because here "to+first form of verb" i.e. to assess will be followed. So "assess" will be the correct word. Correction- "of Uttarakhand to assess the" Hence option C is the correct answer.

Q.7. Answer: A

Out of the five given parts, part (a) has a grammatical error. Usage of (MUCH) is incorrect because for countable nouns we always use 'many'. So "many" will be the correct word. Correction- "As many as 150 Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs)" Hence option A is the correct answer.

Q.8. Answer: D

Out of the five given parts, part (d) has a grammatical error. Usage of (have lead) is incorrect because "have" is followed by third form of the verb and the third form of lead will be led. So "led" will be the correct word. Correction- "have led to food scarcity" Hence option D is the correct answer.

Q.9. Answer: E

Out of the five given parts, part (e) has a grammatical error. Usage of verb (involving) is incorrect. (Involving) will be replaced by the noun (involvement) Correction"involvement in arms trafficking" Hence option E is the correct answer.

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Q.10. Answer: D

Out of the five given parts, part (d) has a grammatical error. Usage of (were) is incorrect. Vaccination programme is singular so the verb that will be used is also singular. So "was" will be the correct word. Correction- "was science-born" Hence option D is the correct answer.

Directions (Q.11-Q.13) In each question, a word is omitted and with reference to that word five options are given. Choose the word from the given options that can most appropriately fit into the blank without changing the intended meaning.

Q.11. Delhi University on Wednesday declared ------ seats across colleges as a part of its last leg of undergraduate admissions.

- A .vacant
- B. expressed
- C. structured
- D. inanimate
- E. abandoned

Solution Q.11: A

Vacant – (of a place) not occupied; empty

Expressed – convey (a thought or feeling) in words or by gestures and conduct.

Structured – construct or arrange according to a plan; give a pattern or organisation to Inanimate – possessing none of the characteristics of life that an animal or pant has Abandoned – having been deserted or left.

Q.12. The redevelopment of the station will ------ the exponential growth in passenger traffic for upcoming years.

boost

- A. accelerate
- B. convey
- C. accommodate
- D. modify

Solution Q.12: D

Boost – help or encourage (something) to increase or improve

Accelerate – (especially of a vehicle) begin to move more quickly

Convey – transport or carry to a place

Accommodate – (of a building or other area) provide lodging or sufficient space for.

Modify – make partial or minor changes to (something)

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Q.13. The scheme will cater to the introduction of new ----- as well as the up gradation and replacement of existing resources.

Solution Q.13: B

Speciality – a pursuit, area of study skill to which someone has devoted time and effort. Amenities – a desirable or useful feature or facility

Rearrangements –the action or process of changing the position, time or order of something

Aid- help, typically of a practical nature

Acquisition – the learning or developing of a skill, habit or quality

Directions (Q.14-Q.15) In each sentence four words are given in bold in which one may be misspelt or contextually inappropriate. Choose the wrong word as your answer.

Q. 14. The **uranium** atom is the **heaviest** of all **naturally occuring** elements.

- A. uranium
- B. heaviest
- C. naturally D. occuring
- E. All are correct

Solution Q.14: D

The word "occuring" is wrongly spelt and correct spelling should be "occurring"

Q. 15. As a result, **bottlenecks** in the **retrival** process could well lead to an **underestimation** of true **storage** capacity

- A. bottlenecks
- B. retrival
- C. underestimation
- D. storage
- E. All are correct

Solution Q.15: B

In place of "retrival" it should be "retrieval" which means the process of getting something back from somewhere.

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Directions: (36-40): In these questions, a sentence or a part of sentence is underlined. Below are given alternatives to the underlined part which may improve the sentence. Select the option which best fits in the place of the underlined part making the sentence meaningfully complete. If no correction is required, mark option 5 as your answer.

Q.16 We has requested a meeting for Sunday morning, but were denied, and now we get this news.

- 1. have requested a meeting
- 2. has requested a meeting
- 3. had requested a meeting
- 4. has not request for a meeting
- 5. no correction required

Solution: Answer 3

We had requested a meeting for Sunday morning, but were denied, and now we get this news.

Q.17 It is unfortunate that the President take the decision in such haste, without even giving us a chance to speak.

- 1. took the decision
- 2. taken the decision
- 3. have taken the decision
- 4. has took the decision
- 5. no correction required

Solution: Answer 1

It is unfortunate that the President 'took the decision' in such haste, without even giving us a chance to speak.

Q.18 The authorities decide the suspended bus operations as a precautionary measure as protesters continue to block traffic at several places.

- 1. decide to suspend
- 2. decided to suspend
- 3. deciding to suspend
- 4. deciding to suspended
- 5. no correction required

Solution: Answer 2

The authorities decided to suspend bus operations as a precautionary measure as protesters continue to block traffic at several places.

Q.19 The current policy of ownership and governance in banking needs to be reviewed urgently to correct the outdated and distorted policies.

- 1. need to be reviewed
- 2. needing to review
- 3. needs to review
- 4. needed to review
- 5. no correction required

Solution: Answer 1

The current policy of ownership and governance in banking need to be reviewed urgently to correct the outdated and distorted policies.

Q.20 The Budget provision is one of the best initiative to promote holistic development of bamboo.

- 1. one of the good initiative
- 2. one of the best initiatives
- 3. one of the better initiative
- 4. one of the better initiatives
- 5. no correction required

Solution: Answer 2

We can select one from 'many' therefore 'one of the best initiatives'