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Directions (Q1-Q7): Read the following passage and answer the questions based on the available information.

The National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 has rightfully identified 21st century skills as fundamental to developing creators. Critical thinking and problem solving, communication and collaboration, creativity and innovation, flexibility and adaptability, initiative and self- direction, social and cross- cultural interactions, productivity and accountability all strengthen the individuals' abilities at the workplace.

Relying on traditional literacy and numeracy alone will not suffice and tends to marginalize differently abled learners. Educators could consider a design-based approach where students concentrate on a subject for two-three weeks to examine how it can be applied in the real world. But does our current classroom and content heavy syllabus enable deep work? Also, how do we retrain teachers who have been trained in traditional systems? They know terms like 'constructivism' but do not know how it should be used in a classroom that is focused on exams rather than learning. And how ready are our future educators?

In a semester-long study that used Wikipedia as a pedagogical tool for teacher training, 65 pre- service (B.Ed.) teachers were asked to improve the pages on Wikipedia related to educational concepts. Excluding a few, the content created by most participants was either sent back to them or deleted by neutral editors of Wikipedia. The content, it was found, was plagiarised, did not provide citations, lacked basic writing and grammar skills, etc. After three iterative cycles that were emotionally intense, the teachers were able to contribute content to over 75 Wikipedia articles in English and over 50 articles in Kannada, Tamil, Telugu, Hindi, Malayalam, Gujarati, Assamese and Punjabi. All the content was related to educational technology. The critical feedback from various Wikipedia editors was crucial because it was unbiased. This feedback forced the learners to re-evaluate their skills. This shows that constant engagement, an emotional connection, and immersive learning are important parts of education. EdTech apps can deliver content that caters to multiple learning styles, learning curves and pace of learning. The pandemic has shown that traditional teacher and brick-and-mortar schools may become obsolete if radical pedagogical changes do not follow.

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Q.1. Which of the following measures has been suggested in the given passage for improvement of the education system?

- A. Educators will have to find ways to minimize their engagement strategies while integrating technology into their approach.
- B. Both (A) and (C)
- C. Educators can use a method in which students focus on a topic for a few weeks to see how it might be used in actuality.
- D. An individual must be motivated enough to remain immersed in a specific activity to be creative and happy.
- E. All are correct.

Q.1. Answer: C

Refer to the first paragraph- "Educators could consider a design-based approach where students concentrate on a subject for two-three weeks to examine how it can be applied in the real world." Referring to the quoted text, we can infer that the statement given in option (C) is the correct answer choice.

Q.2. Which of the following were not among the shortcomings in the content provided by the teachers for the first time?

- A. Copying was found in the content.
- B. They just stated the obvious facts.
- C. There were no references in the material.
- D. Basic grammar and writing abilities were lacking in the text.
- E. None is incorrect.

Q.2. Answer: B

Refer to the third paragraph- "Excluding a few, the content created by most participants was either sent back to them or deleted by neutral editors of Wikipedia. The content, it was found, was plagiarised, did not provide citations, lacked basic writing and grammar skills, etc." Here, among the given options, only (B) does not find any reference. Hence, option (B) is correct.

Q.3. The author is in line with-

- A. Children have lost all personal contact with their social group due to the pandemic.
- B. The field of education is not evolving over time, with contemporary methods not able to find place in the classroom in a traditional setup.
- C. Over-reliance on technology comes at a cost.
- D. Education requires continual involvement, emotional connection, and deep learning.
- E. None of these.

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Q.3. Answer: D

Refer to the third paragraph- "The critical feedback from various Wikipedia editors was crucial because it was unbiased. This feedback forced the learners to re-evaluate their skills.

This shows that constant engagement, an emotional connection, and immersive learning are important parts of education." Referring to the quoted text, we can infer that the statement given in option (D) is the correct answer choice.

Q.4. Which of the following ironies have been mentioned in the given passage?

- A. The disruptive nature of digital tools has thrown up interesting challenges to the traditional education system.
- B. Teachers are familiar with concepts like "constructivism," but are unsure how to use it in the classroom.
- C. Parents are forced to rely upon technology to provide their children constant gratification to keep them engaged.
- D. Both (A) and (B)
- E. None of these.

Q.4. Answer: B

Refer to the second paragraph- "They know terms like 'constructivism' but do not know how it should be used in a classroom that is focused on exams rather than learning." Referring to the quoted text, we can infer that the statement given in option (B) is the correct answer choice.

Q.5. Which of the following is not among the qualities that can support an individual to develop his abilities at the workplace?

- A. Teamwork and interaction
- B. Interactions on a social and cross-cultural level
- C. Versatility and flexibility
- D. Problem-solving and critical thinking
- E. None is incorrect.

Q.5. Answer: E

Refer to the first paragraph- "Critical thinking and problem solving, communication and collaboration, creativity and innovation, flexibility and adaptability, initiative and self-direction, social and cross-cultural interactions, and productivity and accountability all strengthen the individuals' abilities at the workplace." All the given qualities can support an individual to develop his abilities at the workplace. Hence, option (E) is correct.

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Q.6. Which of the following words is a synonym of “intense”, as highlighted in the given passage?

- A. Catalytic
- B. Impactful
- C. Vehement
- D. Holistic
- E. None of these

Q.6. Answer: C

Among the given words, ‘intense’ is synonymous with ‘vehement’. Hence, option (C) is correct.

Intense- having or showing strong feelings or opinions; extremely earnest or serious.

Vehement- showing strong feelings; forceful, passionate, or intense.

Holistic- characterized by the belief that the parts of something are intimately interconnected and explicable only by reference to the whole.

Impactful- having a major impact or effect. Catalytic- relating to or involving the action of a catalyst.

Q.7. Which of the following words is an antonym of “obsolete”, as highlighted in the given passage?

- A. Contemporary
- B. Archaic
- C. Bygone
- D. Superannuated
- E. None of these.

Q.7. Answer: A

Among the given words, ‘contemporary’ is the antonym of ‘obsolete’. Hence, option (A) is correct.

Contemporary belonging to or occurring in the present.

Obsolete- no longer produced or used, out of date. (Synonyms- Archaic, Bygone, Superannuated)

Directions (Q.8-Q.11): In each of the questions given below four words are highlighted which may or may not be in their proper place. You are required to interchange these words in order to form meaningfully correct sentences.

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Q.8. The **motto (a)** of the US state of New Hampshire is “Live Free or Die”. Appropriately enough, NH is currently the only US state offering legal **certification (b)** for flying cars. But while such a vehicle sounds like a **technology (c)** of science fiction, it could soon become perfectly normal **figment (d)**.

- A. a-c
- B. c-d
- C. b-d
- D. a-b
- E. No interchange required

Q.8. Answer: B

Option B, c-d, “figment” and “technology” need to be interchanged to make the sentence contextually and grammatically correct.

Q.9. The **withdrawal (a)** down of tensions between Assam and Mizoram, at least at the **leadership (b)** level, with the **respective (c)** governments announcing the **drawing (d)** of FIRs against the Chief Minister of Assam and a Rajya Sabha MP from Mizoram, among other steps, comes as a great relief.

- A. a-d
- B. b-d
- C. a-c and b-d
- D. a-b and c-d
- E. No interchange required

Q.9. Answer: A

Option A, a-d, “withdrawal” and “drawing” need to be interchanged to make the sentence contextually and grammatically correct.

Q10. A Dayer taking the bold decision to **scrap (a)** all retrospective tax demands and refund money collected, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said the move shows his government's **consistency (b)** to providing businesses stability of investment **climate (c)** and policy **commitment (d)**.

- A. a-c
- B. b-d
- C. a-c and b-d
- D. a-b and c-d
- E. No interchange required

Q10. Answer: B

Option B, b-d, “commitment” and “consistency” need to be interchanged to make the sentence contextually and grammatically correct.

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Q.11. Happy at a permanent commission for Air Quality Management in the National Capital Region and Adjoining Areas for better coordination, research, **regulations(a)**, and resolution of problems **surrounding (b)** the air quality index, experts are also **wary (c)** of the fact that mere **identification (d)** would not help in the long run. A. a-c
B. b-d
C. a-d
D. b-c
E. No interchange required

Q11. Answer: C

Option C, a-d, “regulation” and “identification” need to be interchanged to make the sentence contextually and grammatically correct.

Directions (12-16): Which of the following phrases (A), (B), (C) and (D) can replace the phrase in bold so as to make the statement correct grammatically and contextually? If the statement does not need any correction then mark option E as your answer.

Q12. England **cruised for a second successive victory** at the ICC Twenty20 World Cup, defeating Bangladesh by eight wickets.

- A. cruises on a second successive victory
- B. cruised to a second successive victory
- C. cruise to a second successive victory
- D. crushed to a second successive victory
- E. no replacement required

Q12. Answer: B; cruised to a second successive victory’ Here, ‘cruise’ depicts to proceed to something. The correct phrase will be ‘cruised to’. So the correct answer is B.

Q13. The Delhi Disaster Management Authority **has issued orders permit schools to reopen**, after a gap of 19 months, for students from nursery to Class XII from November 1.

- A. issued orders permitting schools to reopening
- B. issued orders permitting schools to reopen
- C. issue orders permitting schools to reopen
- D. issuing orders permitting schools to reopen
- E. no replacement required

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Q13. Answer: B; 'issued orders permitting schools to reopen' 'Has' is followed by past participle form of verb. 'Permitting' is used as a gerund.

Q14.With limited water resources and increasing water demand, it becomes **imperatively to strategize to the sustained use of water** in various sectors.

- A. imperial to strategize for the sustained use of water
- B. imperative to strategize for the sustained use of water
- C. imperative to strategize for the sustainable use of water
- D. prior to strategize for the sustained use of water
- E. no replacement required

Q14. Answer: B; 'imperative to strategize for the sustained use of water' Imperative means important or essential while imperial means royal.

Sustainable means continuous. It is contextually incorrect.

Prior to – until, before

According to the context, it is important to make strategy to encourage limited use of water.

E.

Q15.Scientists have identified a compound that **shows potentially in easing the symptoms** of COVID-19 infection in laboratory and animals.

- A. show potential in easing the symptoms
- B. shows potential to easing the symptoms
- C. shows potential in easing the symptoms
- D. showed potential in easy the symptoms
- E. no replacement required

Q15. Answer: C; 'shows potential in easing the symptoms' Here, 'potential' acts as a noun and preposition 'in' will be followed by present participle. The correct answer is option C.

Q16.The **Indian team had defeat hosts** England by 36 runs to lift the T20 Physically Disabled Cricket Series in August last year.

- A. Indian team has being defeated hosts
- B. Indian team was defeated hosts
- C. Indian team had defeated hosts
- D. Indian team had have defeated hosts
- E. No correction required

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Q16. Answer: C

The sentence is in past perfect tense as the Indian team had defeated the England team in the last year. Thus, options A and B are incorrect. In case of option D, 'India' must be replaced with 'Indian' as it is used as an adjective. The only correct statement is option C. Thus, option C is the correct answer.

Directions (Q.17-Q.20): Given below is a highlighted word followed by 4 sentences. You need to understand whether the sentences are using the word correctly or not. Mark the incorrect sentence with the incorrect word usage as your answer.

Q17. Adamant

- A. The doctors at Apollo hospital had been absolutely **adamant** that Meena's grandmother was not going to get better.
B. Raani is so **adamant** in her political beliefs that no one can change her mind!
C. Kunal is a very sweet, amiable and **adamant** boy. D. Unemployed youths of this country are **adamant** about finding a suitable job.

- A. Only B
B. Only A
C. Only D
D. Only C
E. All are correct

Q.17. Answer: D

Adamant means refusing to be persuaded to change one's mind.

If we look at the sentences given here, we can easily understand that in sentence C the context does not quite match with the word adamant.

We need a word which has a positive sense. So, it is incorrectly used here. Therefore, the correct answer is option D.

Q18. Enervate

- A. The lecture on calculus was **enervating** to the new students.
B. If you are idle then it will definitely **enervate** your progress towards success.
C. The energy drink **enervated** him to such an extent that he ran faster than the others.
D. The long journey from Kolkata to Bhubaneswar is quite **enervating**.

- A. Only A
B. Only B
C. Only C
D. Only D
E. All are correct

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Q.18. Answer: C

Solution: Enervate means (lacking) or drained of energy or vitality. In sentence C it gives just the opposite sense of enervate and hence is incorrect. Therefore, in the given question the correct answer is option C.

Q.19. Ubiquitous

- A. Digital payments are becoming increasingly **ubiquitous**.
- B. Greenery is becoming **ubiquitous** in urbanized towns.
- C. The presence of these men is slowly becoming **ubiquitous**.
- D. Raghu's **ubiquitous** influence is always felt by his family.

- A. Only A
- B. Only B
- C. Only C
- D. Only D
- E. All are correct

Q19. Answer: B

Ubiquitous means present, appearing, or found everywhere.

In statement B, the word 'scarce' could have been used. The context and sense is completely opposite. Therefore, in the given question the correct answer is option B.

Q.20. Negligent

- A. Piangshuk is quite punctual and **negligent** when it comes to official works.
- B. I was utterly shocked to find out how **negligent** Arun had been during these years.
- C. Please do not be **negligent** in your work else you will suffer. D. Pulak seems quite **negligent** about his health.

- A. Only A
- B. Only B
- C. Only C
- D. Only D
- E. All are correct

Q20. Answer: A

Negligent means failing to take proper care over something.

In the very first question we can see that there is a clear contradiction of senses. A person cannot be punctual as well as negligent both. Hence we can understand that it is incorrectly used here. Therefore, in the given question the correct answer is option A.