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Instructions (Q.1 to Q.7): Identify the option that corrects the grammatical or structural error in the sentence. Focus on clarity, agreement, tense accuracy, and formal construction.

(Infosys)

1. The consortium of tech innovators, each specializing in distinct aspects of quantum computing, *have submitted a joint patent application for an integrated model.*

- A. have submitted a joint patent application for an integrated model.
- B. has submitted a joint patent application for an integrated model.
- C. submitted a joint patent application for a model that was integrated.
- D. were submitting joint patent applications for their integrated models.

Answer: B

Hint: "Consortium" is singular, so the verb should be "has submitted."

2. Not until the ecological data was independently verified *the conservationists began to re-evaluate their previous strategies.*

- A. the conservationists began to re-evaluate their previous strategies.
- B. did the conservationists began re-evaluating their previous strategies.
- C. did the conservationists begin to re-evaluate their previous strategies.
- D. the conservationists had begun to re-evaluate their earlier strategies.

Answer: C

Hint: This is an inversion sentence beginning with "Not until"; use "did" + base verb.

3. The researchers contend that the data collected from multiple field sites *provide compelling evidence of climate-driven behavioural adaptations in wildlife.*

- A. provide compelling evidence of climate-driven behavioural adaptations in wildlife.
- B. provides compelling evidences on behaviour adapted to climate in wildlife.
- C. have been providing compelling evidence for adapting wildlife behaviour.
- D. was providing compelling evidence on climate's drive for behavioural change.

Answer: A

Hint: "Data" is plural in academic usage; verb should be "provide."

4. The final manuscript, though endorsed by several peer reviewers, *contain multiple inconsistencies in citation style and theoretical framework.*

- A. contain multiple inconsistencies in citation style and theoretical framework.
- B. contains multiple inconsistencies in citation style and theoretical framework.
- C. has contained inconsistencies which are multiple in citation and theory.
- D. was containing inconsistencies in citations and frameworks theoretical.

Answer: B

Hint: "Manuscript" is singular, so the verb must be "contains."

5. Each of the invited speakers, regardless of their disciplinary background, *were allotted an equal amount of time for presenting their research.*

- A. were allotted an equal amount of time for presenting their research.
- B. are allotted equal time to present research.
- C. was allotted an equal amount of time for presenting their research.
- D. is being allotted equal time in presenting the research.

Answer: C

Hint: "Each" is singular, requiring "was allotted."

6. The advisory board recommended that the university *enhance its interdisciplinary initiatives while maintaining academic rigor.*

- A. enhance its interdisciplinary initiatives while maintaining academic rigor.
- B. must enhance interdisciplinary initiatives while keeping academic rigors.
- C. enhanced interdisciplinary initiatives with maintained rigor academically.
- D. shall enhance the initiative interdisciplinary for academic maintenance.

Answer: A

Hint: "Recommended that" uses the subjunctive: base verb "enhance."

7. Neither the principal investigator nor the postdoctoral fellows *has submitted the final report on the cross-continental research expedition.*

- A. has submitted the final report on the cross-continental research expedition.
- B. have submitted the final report on the cross-continental research expedition.
- C. has been submitting the final report about cross-continent expedition.
- D. are submitting reports of the cross-continental expedition already.

Answer: B

Hint: Verb agrees with the nearer subject "fellows" (plural); so "have submitted" is correct.

Instructions (Q.8 to Q.12): Choose the most suitable word or phrase to fill the blank. Focus on logical meaning, register, and academic precision.

(Cognizant)

8. Though the policy paper was initially dismissed, it later gained traction for its ____ treatment of a previously overlooked socio-political issue.

- A. superficial
- B. nuanced
- C. evasive
- D. disjointed

Answer: B

Hint: “Nuanced” = subtle and detailed, aligning with positive re-evaluation.

9. The analyst’s report was criticized for its ____, relying heavily on outdated models and disregarding recent economic shifts.

- A. timeliness
- B. prescience
- C. obsolescence
- D. precision

Answer: C

Hint: “Obsolescence” means out-of-date or no longer valid.

10. While his tone was measured, the minister’s speech carried a ____ message about the risks of prolonged political instability.

- A. conciliatory
- B. veiled
- C. complacent
- D. incoherent

Answer: B

Hint: “Veiled” means indirect or implied, which suits a subtle message.

11. The initiative was lauded not only for its ambition but also for the ____ with which it was executed under pressing circumstances.

- A. lethargy
- B. rigor

- C. improvisation
- D. hesitancy

Answer: B

Hint: “Rigor” = thoroughness and accuracy; fits with praise under pressure.

12. The keynote address ended with a ____ appeal to preserve democratic institutions through civic responsibility and informed participation.

- A. perfunctory
- B. hyperbolic
- C. fervent
- D. ambivalent

Answer: C

Hint: “Fervent” = passionate and intense.

Instructions (Q.13 to Q.17): Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

(TCS)

The philosophical debate over the value of suffering has occupied thinkers for centuries. In some traditions, suffering is seen not merely as an affliction to be avoided but as a crucible through which moral and spiritual development occurs. Contemporary discourse, however, often seeks to eliminate suffering entirely through technological, medical, and psychological means. While such efforts are ethically motivated, some critics argue that this pursuit creates a paradox: by shielding individuals from adversity, society may inadvertently diminish resilience, empathy, and perspective. Moreover, sanitized environments—physical and emotional—may leave people ill-equipped to process grief, failure, or discomfort. Supporters of mitigation counter that no moral justification can outweigh the duty to reduce avoidable pain, and that growth does not necessitate trauma. The debate persists, revealing deep tensions between compassion and the unintended consequences of overprotection.

13. According to the passage, how is suffering traditionally viewed in some philosophical or spiritual traditions?

- A. As an unnecessary obstacle to progress
- B. As a catalyst for personal and moral development
- C. As an affliction to be eradicated entirely
- D. As a punishment for ethical transgressions

Answer: B

Hint: The passage describes suffering as a “crucible” through which growth occurs.

14. What concern is expressed by critics of eliminating suffering through modern interventions?

- A. It will prolong emotional distress in the long run.
- B. It creates inequality in access to technology.
- C. It reduces individuals' ability to develop resilience and empathy.
- D. It increases reliance on spiritual doctrines.

Answer: C

Hint: Critics fear that avoiding adversity may impair emotional growth and perspective.

15. The phrase “sanitized environments” in the passage most likely refers to:

- A. Hospitals and clinics designed for sterilization
- B. Environments with minimal intellectual stimulation
- C. Settings where physical and emotional hardship is systematically minimized
- D. Workspaces devoid of creativity and innovation

Answer: C

Hint: The phrase describes conditions that remove challenges and discomfort.

16. What position do advocates of suffering mitigation uphold?

- A. That pain is inevitable and should be welcomed.
- B. That eliminating all forms of suffering is impractical.
- C. That moral growth depends on trauma.
- D. That avoidable pain should be reduced without negating the potential for growth.

Answer: D

Hint: Advocates argue pain reduction is a moral obligation, but growth can still occur.

17. What best describes the tone of the passage?

- A. Dogmatic and critical
- B. Analytical and balanced
- C. Whimsical and speculative
- D. Persuasive and idealistic

Answer: B

Hint: The author presents both sides and avoids taking a strong stance.

Instructions (Q.18 to Q.20): Arrange the given sentences into a coherent paragraph. Identify the logical flow and transitions.

(Wipro)

18.

- A. As misinformation spreads rapidly online, trust in journalistic institutions continues to erode.
- B. This environment creates confusion about what is factual, leading to polarization and apathy.
- C. Digital platforms amplify unverified claims far faster than corrections can be issued.
- D. In this climate, even credible sources are viewed with suspicion.

- A. ACBD
- B. CABD
- C. ABCD
- D. BDAC

Answer: A

Hint: Start with the issue (A), explain cause (C), consequence (B), result (D).

19.

- A. This shift challenges the longstanding dichotomy between human cognition and artificial processing.
- B. With AI now capable of composing music and generating visual art, the boundaries of creativity are being reconsidered.
- C. Philosophers and cognitive scientists are debating whether machine outputs qualify as “creative” in a meaningful sense.
- D. Historically, creativity was seen as uniquely human, grounded in emotion and lived experience.

- A. BDCA
- B. DABC
- C. BADC
- D. CBAD

Answer: A

Hint: Present new reality (B), historical context (D), raise debate (C), conclude implication (A).

20.

- A. In response, cities are investing in permeable pavements, green rooftops, and rainwater harvesting systems.
- B. Rapid urbanization has strained traditional drainage systems, making many metropolitan areas vulnerable to flash floods.

- C. Climate change has exacerbated the frequency and intensity of urban rainfall events.
D. These adaptations aim to build resilience and mitigate waterlogging during peak rainfall.

- A. BCAD
B. CBAD
C. BACD
D. ABCD

Answer: B

Hint: Begin with climate change (C), explain consequence (B), solution (A), and goal (D).