

**Instructions (Q.1 to Q.7):** Choose the option that best improves the underlined part of the sentence by correcting grammar, punctuation, word choice, or sentence structure.

(TCS)

1. The series of articles published in the journal over the past decade have sparked debates among historians about the nature of colonial resistance.

- A. have sparked debates
- B. has sparked debates
- C. are sparking debates
- D. had sparked debates

**Answer: B**

**Hint:** "Series" is singular, so use "has."

2. Although the data analyst's report was thorough and well-documented, some board members expressed concern that it fail to account for the most recent market fluctuations.

- A. fail to account
- B. fails to account
- C. had failed to account
- D. did not account

**Answer: D**

**Hint:** The phrase is in the past; use simple past: "did not account."

3. Neither the regulatory body nor the corporate stakeholders were aware of the irregularities in the accounting procedures until the audit report was released.

- A. were aware of the irregularities
- B. was aware of the irregularities
- C. had been aware of the irregularity
- D. are aware of the irregularities

**Answer: B**

**Hint:** When "neither... nor" is used, the verb agrees with the subject closer to it. "Stakeholders" is plural, but since it follows "nor," the verb takes singular "was."

4. The new legislation, which has just been passed, aims at ensuring that all financial transactions within the corporate sector are transparent and accountable.

- A. aims at ensuring
- B. is aiming to ensure
- C. aims to ensure
- D. aim for ensuring

**Answer: C**

**Hint:** "Aim to ensure" is correct and more concise than "aims at ensuring."

5. By the time the research team concludes its study, it will have gathered sufficient data to draw meaningful comparisons across various demographic groups.

- A. will have gathered
- B. will gather
- C. shall be gathering
- D. would have been gathering

**Answer: A**

**Hint:** Future perfect fits best with "by the time..."

6. The committee insisted that the proposal be revised to reflect the recent policy updates and stakeholder feedback.

- A. be revised
- B. will be revised
- C. is revised
- D. was revised

**Answer: A**

**Hint:** Subjunctive mood after "insisted that" requires base form.

7. The novelist's latest work, though acclaimed by critics, fail to resonate with the general reading public due to its complex narrative structure.

- A. fail to resonate with
- B. fails to resonate with
- C. has failed resonating with
- D. was failing to resonate with

**Answer: B**

**Hint:** Subject is singular; use "fails."

**Instructions (Q.8 to Q.12):** Read the argument carefully. Choose the option that best strengthens or weakens it.

**(KPIT)**

8. A tech start-up claims its latest health monitoring app can reduce hospital visits by predicting early symptoms of lifestyle diseases. However, in the first six months, no significant decline in hospital visits was observed among users.

Which of the following, if true, most weakens the start-up's claim?

- A. Users reported high satisfaction with the app's interface and notifications.
- B. Most users did not change their behaviour even after receiving app warnings.
- C. The app was downloaded by thousands of users within the first month.
- D. Many users combined app usage with traditional health check-ups.

**Answer: B**

**Hint:** If warnings were ignored, the app's ability to reduce visits is undermined.

9. A new city-wide recycling initiative claims to reduce plastic waste by 30% within the first year. City officials justify the claim by pointing to a rise in recycling bin use.

Which of the following, if true, would most seriously undermine the claim?

- A. The total amount of plastic waste collected at landfills remained unchanged.
- B. Citizens report they find the new recycling system convenient.
- C. The city launched several environmental awareness campaigns.
- D. Recycling bins were placed in more locations across the city.

**Answer: A**

**Hint:** If plastic waste didn't decrease, the claim fails.

10. It is often argued that longer school hours will improve academic outcomes. However, recent studies show that students in schools with longer hours are not outperforming their peers in schools with standard hours.

Which of the following, if true, best explains the above paradox?

- A. Teachers in longer-hour schools are more experienced.
- B. Students in longer-hour schools receive less time for homework and sleep.
- C. Parents of students in standard-hour schools are less involved in academics.
- D. Longer hours allow more extracurricular activities.

**Answer: B**

**Hint:** If longer hours reduce sleep and homework time, performance might suffer.

11. A retail chain implemented AI-driven inventory systems to improve efficiency. Six months later, sales remained flat.

Which of the following, if true, would most strongly support the continued use of the AI system?

- A. The system reduced instances of overstock and understock.
- B. Employees were not trained to use the AI system effectively.
- C. Customer complaints about product availability increased.
- D. Sales were flat due to overall economic downturn.

**Answer: A**

**Hint:** Reduced errors in stock handling support the system's usefulness.

**12.** A government asserts that a newly imposed carbon tax will significantly reduce greenhouse gas emissions within two years.

Which of the following, if true, most strengthens the government's position?

- A. Other countries that adopted similar taxes saw emissions drop.
- B. The tax caused public protests in several major cities.
- C. Large corporations claimed the tax would hurt profits.
- D. The revenue from the tax is being used to build new highways.

**Answer: A**

**Hint:** Evidence from other places showing effectiveness strengthens the claim.

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

**(Wipro)**

In an era increasingly defined by digital interconnectedness, the concept of privacy has evolved rapidly. Traditional notions of personal privacy hinged on physical boundaries and face-to-face interactions, but the advent of ubiquitous technology has blurred those lines. Now, individuals share personal information on social media platforms, allow location tracking on smartphones, and use smart devices that record behavioural data. Proponents argue this data collection enables convenience, personalization, and even safety. However, critics warn of erosion of individual autonomy, mass surveillance, and potential misuse by corporate or governmental entities. As societies grapple with this transformation, the challenge lies in striking a balance between innovation and civil liberties.

**13.** What is the primary concern expressed in the passage?

- A. Social media addiction in modern society.
- B. Inadequate safety regulations in the digital world.
- C. Balancing technological advancement with individual privacy rights.
- D. The decline of face-to-face interactions.

**Answer: C**

**Hint:** The passage weighs innovation against privacy.

**14.** According to the passage, why has the concept of privacy changed?

- A. Laws protecting privacy have become outdated.
- B. People are more open-minded today than in the past.
- C. The digital world has expanded the ways data is collected and shared.
- D. The government is more involved in surveillance than before.

**Answer: C**

**Hint:** Mentions smartphones, social media, and smart devices changing the nature of privacy.

**15.** The author most likely believes that the increasing use of smart devices:

- A. has made it easier to control digital boundaries.
- B. represents a dangerous trend that must be banned.
- C. enhances convenience but raises ethical and legal concerns.
- D. should be limited to commercial use only.

**Answer: C**

**Hint:** The passage highlights both pros and cons.

**16.** What does the author imply about civil liberties?

- A. They are no longer important in today's world.
- B. They can exist only in offline environments.
- C. They must be preserved even as innovation progresses.
- D. They are often promoted by tech companies.

**Answer: C**

**Hint:** The final sentence emphasizes balance between innovation and liberty.

**17.** In context, the phrase "blurred those lines" most nearly means:

- A. Erased social boundaries completely.
- B. Created new digital laws.
- C. Made distinctions less clear.
- D. Strengthened traditional barriers.

**Answer: C**

**Hint:** "Blurred" = unclear, indistinct.

**Instructions (Q.18 to Q.20):** The following questions consist of four sentences each. Choose the correct order in which the sentences form a coherent paragraph.

**(Infosys)**

**18.**

- A. They generate vast quantities of data every day.
- B. Social media platforms play a dominant role in modern communication.
- C. However, questions arise about how responsibly they handle user data.
- D. This data includes user habits, preferences, and even personal beliefs.

- A. BADC
- B. BACD
- C. BCAD
- D. ABDC

**Answer: B**

**Hint:** Sentence B introduces the subject; A and D expand on data, and C raises concerns.

**19.**

- A. Critics, however, argue that productivity has plateaued despite these technological tools.

- B. Organizations have adopted digital collaboration tools at an unprecedented scale.
- C. This shift has been accelerated by the rise of remote and hybrid work models.
- D. Many believe these tools enhance efficiency and communication.

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

**Answer: A**

**Hint:** B introduces the trend, C supports with context, D gives common belief, A introduces counterpoint.

**20.**

- A. Autonomous vehicles have the potential to reduce traffic congestion and increase road safety.
- B. Numerous companies are investing heavily in autonomous vehicle technology.
- C. Yet, the lack of clear legal frameworks raises ethical and regulatory concerns.
- D. The technology is progressing rapidly, but deployment faces significant hurdles.

- A. ABDC
- B. BACD
- C. ADCB
- D. ABCD

**Answer: A**

**Hint:** A introduces benefits, B supports with evidence, D notes rapid progress, C concludes with the main challenge.