



Error Detection

Directions: The given sentence has been broken up into four different parts. The error, if any, will be in any one part of the sentence. Select the option which contains the part of the sentence which has an error (spelling, grammatical or contextual). If there is no error, choose option E.

- (1). Parts of northern France were also (A) / put in drought alert, with (B) / water supplies to businesses, (C) / farmers and ordinary residents restricted. (D) / No error (E)

- A) Parts of northern France were also
- B) put in drought alert, with
- C) water supplies to businesses,
- D) farmers and ordinary residents restricted.
- E) No error

Answer: B

The fragment B of the sentence is erroneous. In this context, the word 'put' must be followed the preposition 'on' instead of 'in' so as to make the sentence correct.

The correct sentence would therefore be:

Parts of northern France were also **put on drought alert**, with water supplies to businesses, farmers and ordinary residents restricted.

Hence, option B is the correct answer.

- (2). As the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) points out, (A) / drawing over large amounts of carbon dioxide from the atmosphere (B) / is essential if we are to stand any chance of preventing (C) / more than 1. 5C or even 2C of global heating. (D) / No Error(E)

- A) As the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) points out,
- B) drawing over large amounts of carbon dioxide from the atmosphere
- C) is essential if we are to stand any chance of preventing
- D) more than 1. 5C or even 2C of global heating.
- E) No error

Answer: B

Usage of the phrasal verb 'draw over' which means 'to cover someone or something with something by pulling it on top' in fragment B is inappropriate.



'Draw down' which means 'withdraw water, oil, or gas from a reservoir or repository' would be suitable in the context.

Eg: The state began drawing down some of its stored water.

The correct sentence would therefore be:

As the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) points out, **drawing down** large amounts of carbon dioxide from the atmosphere is essential if we are to stand any chance of preventing more than 1.5°C or even 2°C of global heating.

Hence, option B is the correct answer.

- (3). We hypothesized that the (A) / trustworthiness of the original source (B) / might be an element that contributed to the (C) / accuracy of people's judgment about online images.
(D) / No error (E)

- A) We hypothesized that the
- B) trustworthiness of the original source
- C) might be an element that contributed to the
- D) Accuracy of people's judgment about online images.
- E) No error

Answer: B

The error is in fragment B. The word 'trustworthiness' is incorrect.

The correct spelling is 'trustworthiness'.

The correct sentence would therefore be:

We hypothesized that the **trustworthiness** of the original source might be an element that contributed to the accuracy of people's judgment about online images.

Hence, option B is the correct answer.

- (4). Local gold prices hit a record 35,960 rupees per 10 grams (A) / on Tuesday, having jumped more than (B) / 10 percent over the past month, rising in lines with (C) / international prices on tensions in the Middle East.
(D) / No error (E)

- A) Local gold prices hit a record 35,960 rupees per 10 grams
- B) on Tuesday, having jumped more than
- C) 10 percent over the past month, rising in lines with
- D) International prices on tensions in the Middle East.
- E) No error



Answer: C

The correct idiomatic expression is 'in line with' and not 'in lines with'. The error hence is in fragment C.

In line with (Idiom):

In agreement with

E. g. The new policy is in line with the plans that were discussed last year.

The correct sentence would therefore be:

Local gold prices hit a record 35,960 rupees (\$519) per 10 grams on Tuesday, having jumped more than 10 percent over the past month, rising **in line with** international prices on tensions in the Middle East.

Hence, option C is the correct answer.

(5). **Farmers like Baburao Tadas from Wardha district in Maharashtra (A) / is praying for normal monsoon rains after (B) / their incomes were hit by erratic weather and (C) / lower crop prices over the past few years. (D) / No error (E)**

- A) Farmers like Baburao Tadas from Wardha district in Maharashtra
- B) is praying for normal monsoon rains after
- C) their incomes were hit by erratic weather and
- D) lower crop prices over the past few years
- E) No error

Answer: B

The error is in fragment B. The subject 'farmers' is plural. Hence the plural verb 'are' should be used instead of 'is' in order to make the sentence correct.

The correct sentence would therefore be:

Farmers like Baburao Tadas from Wardha district in Maharashtra **are praying** for normal monsoon rains after their incomes were hit by erratic weather and lower crop prices over the past few years.

Hence, option B is the correct answer.

(6). **This is an egregious example (A) / of the worst inequalities of (B) / the housing crisis, but (C) / also not as unusual as you may think. (D) / No error (E)**

- A) This is an egregious example
- B) of the worst inequalities of
- C) the housing crisis, but



- D) Also not as unusual as you may think.
- E) No error

Answer: E

The sentence is absolutely correct and thus has no error in it.

Hence, option E is the correct answer.

(7). Lower purchases by India, (A) / the world's second big consumer after China, (B) / could limit a rally in global prices (C) / that hit a 6-year high earlier this week. (D) / No error (E)

- A) Lower purchases by India,
- B) the world's second big consumer after China,
- C) could limit a rally in global prices
- D) That hit a 6-year high earlier this week.
- E) No error

Answer: B

The error is in fragment B. The superlative degree of adjective should be used here. So 'biggest' should be used instead of 'big' in order to make the sentence correct.

The correct sentence would therefore be:

Lower purchases by India, **the world's second biggest consumer** after China, could limit a rally in global prices that hit a 6-year high earlier this week.

Hence, option B is the correct answer.

(8). The company wants to stay in (A) / the fossil fuel business, but it needs (B) / to fend for the regulation (C) / that might threaten this business. (D) / No error (E)

- A) The company wants to stay in
- B) the fossil fuel business, but it needs
- C) to fend for the regulation
- D) that might threaten this business
- E) No error

Answer: C

Usage of the phrasal verb 'to fend for' which means 'to defend' in fragment C is inappropriate.

'Fend off' which means 'to defend oneself against (someone or something)' would be suitable in the context.



Eg: He managed to fend off his attackers with a stick.

The correct sentence would be:

The company wants to stay in the fossil fuel business, but it needs to **fend off** the regulation that might threaten this business.

Hence option C the correct answer.

(9). A set of eminent statisticians (A) / jumped the fray, (B) / vehemently defending their (C) / colleagues and their findings. (D) / No error (E)

- A) A set of eminent statisticians
- B) jumped the fray,
- C) vehemently defending their
- D) Colleagues and their findings.
- E) No error

Answer: B

The correct idiomatic expression is 'jumped into the fray' and not 'jumped the fray'. The error hence is in fragment B.

Jump into the fray (Idiom):

To join the fight or argument

E. g. The group of politicians jumped into the fray and started criticizing each other on social media.

The correct sentence would therefore be:

A set of eminent statisticians **jumped into the fray**, vehemently defending their colleagues and their findings.

Hence, option B is the correct answer.

(10). She is expected to abide to a checklist (A) / taped to the back of the front door, which insists (B) / that hair straighteners are turned off and lists the various doors, (C) / windows and skylights that must be locked prior to leaving. (D) / No error (E)

- A) She is expected to abide to a checklist
- B) taped to the back of the front door, which insists
- C) that hair straighteners are turned off, and lists the various doors,
- D) windows and skylights that must be locked prior to leaving.



E) No error

Answer: A

The fragment A of the sentence is erroneous as the word 'abide' must be followed the preposition 'by' instead of 'to'. Here, 'abide by' means 'to follow a rule, decision, or instruction'.

The correct sentence would therefore be:

She is expected to **abide by** a checklist taped to the back of the front door, which insists that hair straighteners are turned off, and lists the various doors, windows and skylights that must be locked prior to leaving.

Hence, option A is the correct answer.

(11). The RBI rules led to an aggressively (A) / lobbying effort from the United States government and American companies (B) / who said the directive would increase infrastructure costs (C) / and hurt firms' investment plans. (D) / No error (E)

- A) The RBI rules led to an aggressively
- B) lobbying effort from the United States government and American companies
- C) who said the directive would increase infrastructure costs
- D) and hurt firms' investment plans.
- E) No error

Answer: A

The error is in fragment A. The adjective form of the noun 'aggression' should be used here.

So the adjective 'aggressive' should be used instead of the adverb 'aggressively' in order to make the sentence correct.

The correct sentence would therefore be:

The RBI rules led to an **aggressive lobbying effort** from the United States government and American companies who said the directive would increase infrastructure costs and hurt firms' investment plans.

Hence, option A is the correct answer.

(12). The index is a useful tool as it helps identify (A) / the problems as well as the success stories (B) / and provides an opportunity for states to learn (C) / from each other's successes as well as failures. (D) / No error (E)

- A) The index is a useful tool as it helps identify
- B) the problems as well as the success stories



- C) and provides an opportunity for states to learn
- D) from each other's successes as well as failures.
- E) No error

Answer: D

The error is in fragment D. The reciprocal pronouns 'each other' is used when we refer to two entities and 'one another' is used when referring to more than two.

Here 'one another' should be used instead of 'each other' in order to make the sentence correct.

The correct sentence would therefore be:

The index is a useful tool as it helps identify the problems as well as the success stories and provides an opportunity for **states to learn from one another's** successes as well as failures.

Hence, option D is the correct answer.

(13). Demand usual picks up (A) / in the second half of (B) / the year due to (C) / the wedding season. (D) / No error (E)

- A) Demand usual picks up
- B) in the second half of
- C) the year due to
- D) the wedding season.
- E) No error

Answer: A

The error is in fragment A. The adverb form of the word 'usual' should be used as it qualifies the verb 'picks up'. So 'usually' should be used instead of 'usual' in order to make the sentence correct.

The correct sentence would therefore be:

Demand usually picks up in the second half of the year due to the wedding season.

Hence, option A is the correct answer.

(14). Even India is (A) / feeling the pinches (B) / and it has increasingly (C) / weighed on business confidence. (D) / No error (E)

- A) Even India is
- B) feeling the pinches
- C) and it has increasingly
- D) weighed on business confidence.



E) No error

Answer: B

The correct idiomatic expression is 'feeling the pinch' and not 'feeling the pinches'. The error hence is in fragment B.

Feel the pinch (Idiom):

To have problems with money because you are earning less than before

E. g. When my father lost his job and we had to live on my mother's earnings, we really started to feel the pinch.

The correct sentence would therefore be:

Even **India is feeling the pinch** and it has increasingly weighed on business confidence.

Hence, option B is the correct answer.

(15). While the tooth fairy continues to lag ahead (A) / tech developments, there are already piggy bank apps, (B) / ones for pocket money with contactless cards, and (C) / schools use cashless payment systems for lunches and trips. (D) / No error (E)

A) While the tooth fairy continues to lag ahead

B) tech developments, there are already piggy bank apps,

C) ones for pocket money with contactless cards, and

D) schools use cashless payment systems for lunches and trips.

E) No error

Answer: A

The fragment A of the sentence is erroneous. The expression 'lag ahead' is absurd.

The correct phrasal verb is 'lag behind' which means 'to move at a slower pace than someone or something'

The correct sentence would be:

While the tooth fairy continues to **lag behind tech developments**, there are already piggy bank apps, ones for pocket money with contactless cards, and schools use cashless payment systems for lunches and trips

Hence, option A the correct answer.

(16). Parties were counselled (A) / to advice new (B) / entrants to (C) / refrain from heckling. (D) / No error (E)

A) Parties were counselled



- B) to advice new
- C) entrants to
- D) refrain from heckling.
- E) No error

Answer: B

The error is in fragment B. The noun 'advice' has been wrongly used instead of its verb form.

Here the verb 'advise' should be used instead of the noun 'advice' in order to make the sentence correct.

'Advise' means 'to give advice'.

The correct sentence would therefore be:

Parties were counseled **to advise new entrants** to refrain from heckling.
Hence, option B is the correct answer.

(17). These restrictive ads amply (A) / underline the extent to which power, (B) / like wealth, is (C) / concentrated in the hands of landlords. (D) / No error (E)

- A) These restrictive ads amply
- B) underline the extent to which power,
- C) like wealth, is
- D) concentrated in the hands of landlords.
- E) No error

Answer: E

The sentence is absolutely correct and thus has no error in it.

Hence, option E is the correct answer.

(18). The new Government has made a good beginning by (A) / turning its front on dubious statistics and (B) / officially endorsing the unflattering unemployment figures (C) / and marking down the GDP for the January-March quarter. (D) / No error (E)

- A) The new Government has made a good beginning by
- B) turning its front on dubious statistics and
- C) officially endorsing the unflattering unemployment figures
- D) and marking down the GDP for the January-March quarter.
- E) No error



Answer: B

The correct idiomatic expression is 'turning its back on' and not 'turning its front on'. The error hence is in fragment B.

Turn your back on (Idiom):

To refuse to accept someone or something that you have previously accepted

E. g. He turned his back on his former beliefs.

The correct sentence would therefore be:

The new Government has made a good beginning by **turning its back on dubious statistics** and officially endorsing the unflattering unemployment figures and marking down the GDP for the January-March quarter.

Hence, option B is the correct answer.

(19). Most people are used in (A) / abiding by rules (B) / and good manners (C) / when cohabiting with others. (D) / No error (E)

- A) Most people are used in
- B) abiding by rules
- C) and good manners
- D) when cohabiting with others.
- E) No error

Answer: A

The fragment A of the sentence is erroneous as the word 'used' must be followed the preposition 'to' instead of 'in'. Here, 'used to' means 'be accustomed to' or 'be familiar with'.

The correct sentence would therefore be:

Most people are used to abiding by rules – and good manners – when cohabiting with others.

Hence, option A is the correct answer.

(20). There is a tendency among legislators to seek greener pastures (A) / at a time of crisis for their parties, but the nature of these defections (B) / suggest that this was not a simple case of leaving a party (C) / whose political strength had considerably diminished. (D) / No error (E)

- A) There is a tendency among legislators to seek greener pastures
- B) at a time of crisis for their parties, but the nature of these defections
- C) suggest that this was not a simple case of leaving a party



- D) whose political strength had considerably diminished.
- E) No error

Answer: C

The error is in fragment C. The subject 'nature (of defections)' is singular and should be qualified by a singular verb.

Hence, 'suggests' should be used instead of 'suggest' in order to make the sentence correct.

The correct sentence would therefore be:

There is a tendency among legislators to seek greener pastures at a time of crisis for their parties, but **the nature** of these defections **suggests that** this was not a simple case of leaving a party whose political strength had considerably diminished.

Hence, option C is the correct answer.

(21). Weather scientists say (A) / the initial phase of the monsoon (B) / was marred by (C) / adverse climactic conditions (D) / No error (E)

- A) Weather scientists say
- B) the initial phase of the monsoon
- C) was marred by
- D) adverse climactic conditions.
- E) No error

Answer: D

The error is in fragment D. The word 'climactic' which means 'consisting of or causing a climax' makes this sentence absurd.

The correct word to be used here is 'climatic' which means 'of or relating to climate'.

The correct sentence would therefore be:

Weather scientists say the initial phase of the monsoon was marred by **adverse climatic conditions**.

Hence, option D is the correct answer.

(22). People whom are (A) / concerned can avoid products (B) / that contain triclosan by (C) / reading the labels. (D) / No error (E)

- A) People whom are
- B) concerned can avoid products
- C) that contain triclosan by
- D) reading the labels.



E) No error

Answer: A

The error is in fragment A. Subject here is 'people'. The pronoun 'who' is used with subjects and 'whom' is used with objects. Here 'who' should be used instead of 'whom' in order to make the sentence correct.

The correct sentence would therefore be:

People who are concerned can avoid products that contain triclosan by reading the labels.

Hence, option A is the correct answer.

(23). With temperatures in northern Spain and southern France (A) / set of exceed 44C, governments urged their citizens (B) / to take the utmost precaution, warning that (C) / in some areas the worst was yet to come. (D) / No error (E)

A) With temperatures in northern Spain and southern France

B) set of exceed 44C, governments urged their citizens

C) to take the utmost precaution, warning that

D) in some areas the worst was yet to come.

E) No error

Answer: B

The fragment B of the sentence is erroneous as the word 'set' must be followed the preposition 'to' instead of 'of' in this context. The expression 'set to' means 'begin doing something vigorously'.

The correct sentence would therefore be:

With temperatures in northern Spain and southern France **set to exceed** 44C, governments urged their citizens to take the utmost precaution, warning that in some areas the worst was yet to come.

Hence, option B is the correct answer.

(24). The US may want to pass laws about (A) / Hong Kong's special position, but with (B) / US and China now at loggerheads, Hong Kong residents (C) / will have to decide where their ultimate loyalty lies. (D) / No error (E)

A) The US may want to pass laws about

B) Hong Kong's special position, but with

C) US and China now at loggerheads, Hong Kong residents

D) will have to decide where their ultimate loyalty lies.



E) No error

Answer: C

The error is in fragment C. The word 'logerheads' is incorrect.

The correct spelling is 'loggerheads'.

The correct sentence would therefore be:

The US may want to pass laws about Hong Kong's special position, but with US and China now at **loggerheads**, Hong Kong residents will have to decide where their ultimate loyalty lies.

Hence, option C is the correct answer.

(25). Li and colleagues examined data on 1,848 women in the U. S. and found that (A) / those with the highest levels of triclosan in (B) / their urine were two and a half times as likely to have (C) / osteoporosis than women with the lowest triclosan levels. (D) / No error (E)

A) Li and colleagues examined data on 1,848 women in the U. S. and found that

B) those with the highest levels of triclosan in

C) their urine were two and a half times as likely to have

D) osteoporosis than women with the lowest triclosan levels.

E) No error

Answer: D

The error is in fragment D. The correct pair of correlative conjunctions should be used. In the fragment D, 'as' should be used instead of 'than' in order to make the sentence correct.

The correct sentence would therefore be:

Li and colleagues examined data on 1,848 women in the U. S. and found that those with the highest levels of triclosan in their urine were two and a half times **as likely** to have osteoporosis **as** women with the lowest triclosan levels.

Option D is hence the correct answer.

(26). This is not something that (A) / India would be able to forgo, (B) / however much the US (C)/ might oppose it. (D) / No error (E)

A) This is not something that

B) India would be able to forgo,]

C) however much the US

D) might oppose it.

E) No error



Answer: E

The sentence is absolutely correct and thus has no error in it.

Hence, option E is the correct answer.

(27). Some municipalities like Chennai, Mumbai and Hyderabad (A) / were forced to cutting water supplies (B) / to ensure their reserves lasted until (C) / monsoon rains replenished reservoirs. (D) / No error (E)

- A) Some municipalities like Chennai, Mumbai and Hyderabad
- B) were forced to cutting water supplies
- C) to ensure their reserves lasted until
- D) monsoon rains replenished reservoirs.
- E) No error

Answer: B

The error is in fragment B. 'Cut' should be used instead of 'cutting' in order to make the sentence correct.

The correct sentence would therefore be:

Some municipalities like Chennai, Mumbai and Hyderabad were forced **to cut** water supplies to ensure their reserves lasted until monsoon rains replenished reservoirs.

Option B is hence the correct answer.

(28). The United Airlines has suspended it's services (A) / between Newark and Mumbai (B) / amid heightened tensions (C) / in the Gulf of Oman. (D) / No error (E)

- A) The United Airlines has suspended it's services
- B) between Newark and Mumbai
- C) amid heightened tensions
- D) in the Gulf of Oman.

E) No error

Answer: A

The error is in fragment A. "Its" is a possessive pronoun whereas "it's" is the short form of "it is".

The possessive pronoun "its" should be used instead of "it's" in order to make the sentence correct.

The correct sentence would therefore be:

The United Airlines has suspended **its services** between Newark and Mumbai amid heightened tensions in the Gulf of



Oman.

Hence, option A is the correct answer.

(29). Other than RBI's directive for payment companies, (A) / India has also drafted an overarching law on (B) / data storage which calls out all personal data (C) / determined to be critical to be processed locally. (D) / No error (E)

- A) Other than RBI's directive for payment companies,
- B) India has also drafted an overarching law on
- C) data storage which calls out all personal data
- D) determined to be critical to be processed locally.
- E) No error

Answer: C

The fragment C of the sentence is erroneous. The expression 'calls out' which means 'shouts or utters aloud' does not make any sense here.

The correct phrasal verb to be used here is 'calls for' which means 'expresses the need or desire for.'

The correct sentence would be:

Other than RBI's directive for payment companies, India has also drafted an overarching law on data storage which **calls for** all personal data determined to be critical to be processed locally.

Hence option C the correct answer.

(30). The threat of El Nino (A) / has now ebbed, (B) / which had helped the (C) / monsoon regain momentum. (D) / No error (E)

- A) The threat of El Nino
- B) has now ebbed,
- C) which had helped the
- D) monsoon regain momentum.
- E) No error

Answer: C

The error is in fragment C. The use of 'had' is incorrect as the sentence is in present perfect tense.



Here 'has' should be used instead of 'had' in order to make the sentence correct.

The correct sentence would therefore be:

The threat of El Nino has now ebbed, **which has helped** the monsoon regain momentum.

Hence, option C is the correct answer.

(31). The sowing of summer crops (A) / such as rice, soybeans and corn (B) / have been (C) / lagging as a result. (D) / No error (E)

- A) The sowing of summer crops
- B) such as rice, soybeans and corn
- C) have been lagging
- D) as a result.
- E) No error

Answer: C

The error is in fragment C. The subject 'sowing' is singular. Hence the singular form of the verb 'has' should be used instead of 'have' in order to make the sentence correct

The correct sentence would therefore be:

The **sowing** of summer crops such as rice, soybeans and corn **has been** lagging as a result.

Hence, option C is the correct answer.

(32). The Indian monsoon has been (A) / progressing slow with rainfall 37% (B) / below average since (C) / the start of the season on June 1. (D) / No error (E)

- A) The Indian monsoon has been
- B) progressing slow with rainfall 37%
- C) below average since
- D) the start of the season on June 1.
- E) No error

Answer: B

The error is in fragment B. The adverb form of the word 'slow' should be used as it qualifies the verb 'progressing'. So 'slowly' should be used instead of 'slow' in order to make the sentence correct.

The correct sentence would therefore be:

The Indian monsoon has been **progressing slowly** with rainfall 37% below average since the start of the season on June 1.



Hence, option B is the correct answer.

(33). The medical fraternity (A) / fears that the law (B) / would be adversely (C) / used against it. (C)/ No error (E)

- A) The medical fraternity
- B) fears that the law
- C) would be adversely
- D) used against it
- E) No error

Answer: E

The sentence is absolutely correct and thus has no error in it.

Hence, option E is the correct answer.

(34). The biggest platforms for budding (A) / singers in today's age (B) / are reality shows but they're (C) / a dime in dozen. (D) / No error (E)

- A) The biggest platforms for budding
- B) singers in today's age
- C) are reality shows but they're
- D) a dime in dozen.
- E) No error

Answer: D

The correct idiomatic expression is 'a dime a dozen' and not 'a dime in dozen'. The error hence is in fragment D.

A dime a dozen (Idiom):

Very common and of no particular value

E. g. People who can write good books are not a dime a dozen.

The correct sentence would therefore be:

The biggest platforms for budding singers in today's age are reality shows but they're **a dime in dozen**.

Hence, option D is the correct answer.

(35). At least four people died in (A) / bathing accidents in (B) / different parts in the (C) / country on Wednesday.



(D) / No error (E)

- A) At least four people died in
- B) bathing accidents in
- C) different parts in the
- D) country on Wednesday.
- E) No error

Answer: C

The fragment C of the sentence is erroneous.

The preposition 'of' should be used instead of 'in' in order to make the sentence correct.

The correct sentence would therefore be:

At least four people died in bathing accidents in **different parts of the country** on Wednesday.

Hence, option C is the correct answer.

(36). Without strong public support, you end up with (A) / weak governments and beleaguered civil servants, (B) / including the much vaunted police force, being caught (C) / daily in the media in an acusatory meat grinder. (D) / No error (E)

- A) Without strong public support, you end up with
- B) weak governments and beleaguered civil servants,
- C) including the much vaunted police force, being caught
- D) daily in the media in an acusatory meat grinder.
- E) No error

Answer: D

The error is in fragment D. The word 'acusatory' is incorrect.

The correct spelling is 'accusatory'.

The correct sentence would therefore be:

Without strong public support, you end up with weak governments and beleaguered civil servants, including the much vaunted police force, being caught daily in the media in an **accusatory** meat grinder.

Hence, option D is the correct answer.

(37). Chennai's aspirations to grow into (A) / a global economic hub (B) / appear considerable weakened (C) / as it struggles to find water. (D) / No error (E)

- A) Chennai's aspirations to grow into



- B) a global economic hub
- C) appear considerable weakened
- D) as it struggles to find water.
- E) No error

Answer: C

The error is in fragment C. The adjective 'considerable' makes the sentence incorrect.

The adverb 'considerably' should be used instead of the adjective 'considerable' in order to make the sentence correct.

The correct sentence would therefore be:

Chennai's aspirations to grow into a global economic hub appear **considerably weakened** as it struggles to find water.

Hence, option C is the correct answer.

(38). The immediate priority for the government should be (A) / to fix the country's dysfunctional and inefficient (B) / healthcare system, starting with provision of (C) / clean drinking water, sanitation and nutrition. (D) / No error (E)

- A) The immediate priority for the government should be
- B) to fix the country's dysfunctional and inefficient
- C) healthcare system, starting with provision of
- D) clean drinking water, sanitation and nutrition.
- E) No error

Answer: E

The sentence is absolutely correct and thus has no error in it.

Hence, option E is the correct answer.

(39). The local fire service has (A) / warned that devices should (B) / not be charged on (C) / potentially unflammable surfaces (D) / No error (E)

- A) The local fire service has
- B) warned that devices should
- C) not be charged on
- D) potentially unflammable surfaces.
- E) No error

Answer: D



The error is in fragment D. The word 'unflammable' is incorrect. The correct word is 'flammable' which means 'easily ignited'.

The correct sentence would therefore be:

The local fire service has warned that devices should not be charged on potentially **flammable** surfaces.

Option D is hence the correct answer.

(40). It's possible that triclosan exposure could trigger changes (A) / in the production of thyroid hormones and estrogen (B) / that interrupts normal skeletal development and (C) / maintenance of healthy bones as women age. (D) / No error (E)

- A) It's possible that triclosan exposure could trigger changes
- B) in the production of thyroid hormones and estrogen
- C) that interrupts normal skeletal development and
- D) maintenance of healthy bones as women age.
- E) No error

Answer: C

The error is in fragment C. The subject 'changes (in the production of thyroid hormones and estrogen)' is plural. Hence the plural verb 'interrupt' should be used instead of 'interrupts' in order to make the sentence correct.

The correct sentence would therefore be:

It's possible that triclosan exposure could trigger **changes in the production of thyroid hormones and estrogen that interrupt** normal skeletal development and maintenance of healthy bones as women age.

Hence, option C is the correct answer.

(41). Most schools in Paris (A) / will stay open (B) / until the summer holidays (C) / start after Friday afternoon. (D) / No error (E)

- A) Most schools in Paris
- B) will stay open
- C) until the summer holidays
- D) start after Friday afternoon.
- E) No error

Answer: D

The fragment D of the sentence is erroneous. The preposition of time 'on' should be used before days and dates.



So 'Friday' must be preceded by the preposition 'on' instead of 'after'.

The correct sentence would therefore be:

Most schools in Paris will stay open until the summer holidays **start on Friday** afternoon.

Hence, option D is the correct answer.

(42). Though economic development does bear (A) / with the health condition of the nation in (B) / the wider canvas, it is the will and determination (C) / to act that is of paramount importance. (D) / No error (E)

- A) Though economic development does bear
- B) with the health condition of the nation in
- C) the wider canvas, it is the will and determination
- D) to act that is of paramount importance.
- E) No error

Answer: B

The fragment B of the sentence is erroneous. The expression 'bear with' which means 'be patient or tolerant with' does not make any sense here.

The correct phrasal verb to be used here is 'bear on' which means 'be relevant to'.

The correct sentence would be:

Though economic development does **bear on** the health condition of the nation in the wider canvas, it is the will and determination to act that is of paramount importance.

Hence, option B is the correct answer.

(43). Expecting prospective tenants to live (A) / under a quasi-feudal regime (B) / reflects the power wielded by (C) / landlords in our centric-property society (D) / No error (E)

- A) Expecting prospective tenants to live
- B) under a quasi-feudal regime
- C) reflects the power wielded by
- D) landlords in our centric-property society.
- E) No error

Answer: D

The error is in fragment D. The expression 'centric-property' is incorrect. The correct expression is 'property-centric'.



The correct sentence would therefore be:

Expecting prospective tenants to live under a quasi-feudal regime reflects the power wielded by landlords in our **property-centric** society.

Option D is hence the correct answer.

(44). What is clear is that State governments now have (A) / greater resources in their command under the new scheme (B) / of financial devolution, and, in partnership with the Centre, (C) / they must use the funds to transform primary health care. (D) / No error (E)

- A) What is clear is that State governments now have
- B) greater resources in their command under the new scheme
- C) of financial devolution, and, in partnership with the Centre,
- D) they must use the funds to transform primary health care.
- E) No error

Answer: B

The correct idiomatic expression is 'at their command' and not 'in their command'. The error hence is in fragment B.

At someone's command (Idiom):

Available for someone's use or needs

E. g. They used every resource at their command.

The correct sentence would therefore be:

What is clear is that State governments now have greater resources **at their command** under the new scheme of financial devolution, and, in partnership with the Centre, they must use the funds to transform primary health care

Hence, option B is the correct answer.

(45). The El Nino phenomenon had started developing (A) / which delayed the offset of the (B) / southwest monsoon by a week and (C) / severely retarded its northward movement. (D) / No error (E)

- A) The El Nino phenomenon had started developing
- B) which delayed the offset of the
- C) southwest monsoon by a week and



- D) severely retarded its northward movement.
- E) No error

Answer: B

The error is in fragment B. The word 'offset' which means 'counterbalance' is incorrect in this context.

The correct word in this context is 'onset' which means 'the beginning'.

The correct sentence would therefore be:

The El Nino phenomenon had started developing which **delayed the onset of the southwest monsoon** by a week and severely retarded its northward movement.

Hence, option B is the correct answer.

(46). The RBI clarification comes days after India's commerce ministry, (A) / following a meeting with technology and payment companies, (B) / said the central bank would "look into" (C) / concerns raised by the industry. (D) / No error (E)

- A) The RBI clarification comes days after India's commerce ministry,
- B) following a meeting with technology and payment companies,
- C) said the central bank would "look into"
- D) concerns raised by the industry
- E) No error

Answer: E

The sentence is absolutely correct and thus has no error in it.

Hence, option E is the correct answer.

(47). Describing the Modi-Abe meeting as warm, (A) / Gokhale said the two leaders were old friends and (B) / they had cordially and fruitful discussions on (C) / the entire gamut of bilateral relationship. (D) / No error (E)

- A) Describing the Modi-Abe meeting as warm,
- B) Gokhale said the two leaders were old friends and
- C) they had cordially and fruitful discussions on
- D) the entire gamut of bilateral relationship.
- E) No error

Answer: C



The error is in fragment C. The adjective form of the word 'cordial' should be used to describe the noun 'discussions'. So 'cordial' should be used instead of the adverb 'cordially' in order to make the sentence correct.

The correct sentence would therefore be:

Describing the Modi-Abe meeting as warm, Gokhale said the two leaders were old friends and they had **cordial and fruitful discussions** on the entire gamut of bilateral relationship.

Hence, option C is the correct answer.

(48). The main factors that determined (A) / whether a person could correctly perceive (B) / each image as a fake was their level of (C) / experience with the internet and digital photography. (D) / No error (E)

- A) The main factors that determined
- B) whether a person could correctly perceive
- C) each image as a fake was their level of
- D) experience with the internet and digital photography.
- E) No error

Answer: C

The error is in fragment C. The subject 'factors' is plural. Hence the plural verb 'were' should be used instead of 'was' in order to make the sentence correct.

The correct sentence would therefore be:

The **main factors** that determined whether a person could correctly perceive each image as a fake **were their level of experience with the internet and digital photography.**

Hence, option C is the correct answer.

(49). Despite of the burst of interest in caps and (A) / bucket hats recently, the concept of (B) / a more decorative designer hat hasn't (C) / looked this likely to take off in years. (D) / No error (E)

- A) Despite of the burst of interest in caps and
- B) bucket hats recently, the concept of
- C) a more decorative designer hat hasn't
- D) looked this likely to take off in years.
- E) No error

Answer: A



The fragment A of the sentence is erroneous. The preposition 'despite' is never followed by a preposition.

The preposition 'of' should be eliminated to make the sentence correct.

The correct sentence would therefore be:

Despite the burst of interest in caps and bucket hats recently, the concept of a more decorative designer hat hasn't looked this likely to take off in years.

Hence, option A is the correct answer.

(50). Some observers have pointed out that the (A) / coastal expeditions will be much small (B) / than previous research hunts and would save hundreds (C) / of whales that Japan once caught in more distant waters. (D) / No error (E)

- A) Some observers have pointed out that the
- B) coastal expeditions will be much small
- C) than previous research hunts and would save hundreds
- D) of whales that Japan once caught in more distant waters.
- E) No error

Answer: B

The error is in fragment B. The adverb 'much' should be used to qualify comparative degree of the word 'small'.

So 'smaller' should be used instead of 'small' in order to make the sentence correct.

The correct sentence would therefore be:

Some observers have pointed out that the coastal **expeditions will be much smaller than** previous research hunts and would save hundreds of whales that Japan once caught in more distant waters.

Hence, option B is the correct answer.

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