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*My student, you are the best  
Of all the rest  
Promise me that you will never admit defeat  
Your dedication is visible to everyone you meet  
So soothing is your smile  
I am amazed for a while  
I have students everywhere  
But like you are very rare  
I can never forget you  
Because you are like a drop of shining dew  
From a leaf split apart  
Your fond memories will always shine in my heart  
Yes, I believe in you  
Yes, I am proud of you  
Don't ever give up  
Yes, you can and you will do it*





**Direction (1-78): Some statements are given below, which are jumbled in any random order. These statements will form a coherent and meaningful paragraph, when arranged in the correct sequence. Arrange the sentences in the right order and answer the questions that follow.**

### Set 1

(a) During landing, the rover will plunge through the thin Martian atmosphere at more than 12,000 mph (about 20,000 kph).

(b) NASA is inviting the public to take part in virtual activities and events as the agency's Mars 2020 Perseverance rover nears entry, descent, and landing on the Red Planet.

(c) But, a parachute and powered descent will slow the rover down to about 2 mph (3 kph).

(d) Live coverage and landing commentary from NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Southern California will begin at 2:15 p.m. on the NASA TV Public Channel.

(e) During what is known as the sky crane maneuver, the descent stage will then lower the rover on three cables to land softly on six wheels at Jezero Crater, on Mars.

1. Which of the following options should form a consecutive pair after the correct rearrangement?

- A. a c
- B. d c
- C. b a
- D. a e
- E. None of the above options

(Answer - A. a c

The correct arrangement is -

b d a c e )

2. Which of the following options is the **SECOND LAST** statement, after the correct rearrangement?

- A. d
- B. a
- C. c
- D. e
- E. None of the above options

(Answer - C. c)

### Set 2

(a) So this time, Coca-Cola is to test a paper bottle as part of a longer-term bid to eliminate plastic from its packaging entirely.

(b) The barrier must also ensure no fibres flake off into the liquid.





(c) The prototype is made by a Danish company from an extra-strong paper shell that still contains a thin plastic liner.

(d) Coca-Cola was ranked the world's number one plastic polluter by charity group Break Free From Plastic last year, closely followed by other drink-producers Pepsi and Nestle.

(e) That would pose a risk of altering the taste of the drink - or potentially fall foul of health and safety checks.

(f) But the goal is to create a 100% recyclable, plastic-free bottle capable of preventing gas escaping from carbonated drinks.

**(flake off** - To fall from something in small bits or pieces.

**fall foul of** - to come into conflict with.)

1. Which of the following statements is the statement, **immediately ensuing the second statement**, after the correct rearrangement?

- A. a
- B. d
- C. e
- D. c
- E. None of the above options

**(Answer - D. c**

**immediately ensuing(coming afterwards) the second statement - THIRD statement.**

**The correct arrangement is -**

**d a c f b e)**

2. Which of the following statements **comes first at the rear end**?

- A. e
- B. b
- C. d
- D. c
- E. None of the above options

**(Answer - A. e comes first at the rear end - Last statement)**

### **Set 3**

(a) And they predict that similar coronaviruses may be present in bats across many Asian nations and regions.

(b) They have discovered a virus that is a close match to the virus that causes Covid-19 in bats at a wildlife sanctuary in eastern Thailand.

(c) That area includes Japan, China and Thailand, the researchers said in a report







published in Nature Communications.

(d) The discovery extends the area in which related viruses have been found to a distance of 4,800km (2,983 miles).

(e) Scientists say coronaviruses related to Sars-CoV-2 may be circulating in bats across many parts of Asia.

1. Which of the following combinations is the combination of three consecutive statements?

- A. d c e
- B. a d c
- C. e a d
- D. b d c
- E. None of the above options

**(Answer - B. a d c)**

**The correct arrangement is -**

**e b a d c**

2. Which of the following statements is the **penultimate statement**?

- A. e
- B. b
- C. d
- D. c
- E. None of the above options

**(Answer - C. d)**

**penultimate** - second last.)

## Set 4

(a) And, it is believed to have been constructed by a small Roman community that used to live alongside that route.

(b) It is also one of only three found as part of an archaeological dig rather than by metal detectorists.

(c) A 2,000-year-old Cupid figurine has been unearthed along the route of a new bypass in the Cotswolds, UK.

(d) According to the reports, there are fewer than 50 known figurines of this kind found in the entire UK.

(e) The figurine is made of solid bronze with wings and holding a flaming torch and was discovered in a deposit of charcoal on that route alongside the bypass.

**(figurine** - a small carved or molded statue, especially one in the shape of a person.

**unearth** - find (something) in the ground by digging.)

1. Which of the following statements immediately precedes the fourth statement?





- A. a
- B. e
- C. d
- D. b
- E. None of the above options

(Answer - A. a

immediately precedes the fourth statement - **THIRD** statement.

The correct arrangement is -

**c e a d b )**

2. Which of the following pairs is the pair of the **THIRD** and **LAST** statement?

- A. e d
- B. a b
- C. c b
- D. e d
- E. None of the above options

(Answer - B. a b )

## Set 5

(a) For doing so, families will need to upload the death certificates of their loved ones or provide their phone number for verification.

(b) An online memorial - nationalcovidmemorial.in - to commemorate Indians who have

lost their lives to Covid-19 has been launched by a group of doctors and social workers.

(c) It's also believed that the memorial will also restore some dignity of the people who died and were cremated without even their families being allowed to attend the funeral.

(d) The virtual memorial will allow family members and friends of the victims to pay their tributes.

(e) It's true that the tragedy and emotional trauma Covid caused will stay with the affected families for decades but this is one place people can visit and relive memories.

**(commemorate** - recall and show respect for (someone or something).

**memorial** - A memorial is an object which serves as a focus for the memory or the commemoration of something, usually an influential, deceased person or a historical, tragic event.)

1. Which of the following pairs is the pair of the **penultimate** and **concluding** statement, respectively?

- A. a e
- B. d e





- C. a c
- D. c e
- E. None of the above options

**(Answer - D. c e**

**The correct arrangement is -**

**b d a c e)**

2. Which of the following statements is the **antepenultimate** statement?

- A. d
- B. a
- C. c
- D. e
- E. None of the above options

**(Answer - B. a**

**antepenultimate** - third from the last statement.)

## Set 6

(a) The calamity also sparked speculations on what caused the deluge.

(b) Rescue efforts are still continuing, with more than 170 people missing.

(c) Now a team of scientists investigating the incident believe a piece of a Himalayan glacier did

fall into water and trigger the huge flood in the state.

(d) Did a landslide cause a glacial lake to burst, or did ice blocks break off a glacier due to a rise in temperature?

(e) A devastating flash flood in India's northern state of Uttarakhand killed at least 32 people and trapped workers in underground tunnels.

**(deluge - a severe flood.)**

1. Which of the following statements is placed in the **middle** position in the entire arrangement?

- A. b
- B. d
- C. a
- D. c
- E. None of the above options

**(Answer - C. a**

**The correct arrangement is -**

**e b a d c)**

2. Which of the following combinations is the combination of two consecutive statements?

- A. b a
- B. e a





- C. a c
- D. b d
- E. None of the above options

(Answer - A. b a )

## Set 7

(a) Therefore, when flying resumed two months later with restrictions, the government stepped in to help by fixing different price bands depending on the duration of flights.

(b) It was an imperfect arrangement but the context justified government intervention in the most fundamental aspect of a market economy.

(c) The lockdown announced last March to combat the pandemic led to substantial collateral damage.

(d) In other words, the minimum and maximum fares were fixed.

(e) Among the worst hit was the aviation industry which was forced to shut down.

1. Which of the following statements should be the FOURTH statement, after the correct rearrangement?

- A. c
- B. e
- C. d

- D. b
- E. None of the above options

(Answer - C. d

The correct arrangement is -

c e a d b )

2. Which of the following statements is the pair of FIRST and THIRD statements, after the correct rearrangement?

- A. c a
- B. e a
- C. c b
- D. a d
- E. None of the above options

(Answer - A. c a )

## Set 8

(a) Second, India's first choice batting lineup is on its last legs as most of the players are in their 30s.

(b) The defeat to England in the first test, held in Chennai, of the ongoing series has brought to the surface a couple of challenges to the Indian Cricket Team.

(c) This problem was apparent even in Australia but the extraordinary performance of the bench resulted in a historic victory.







(d) First, the return of Virat Kohli to the test team strengthened the batting but his leadership gives the team an unsettled feel.

(e) But that performance cannot paper over the cracks that have been visible for a while.

**(paper over** - to hide an unpleasant situation, especially a problem or disagreement, in order to make people believe that it does not exist or is not serious.)

1. Which of the following statements should come **right after the FOURTH statement**?

- A. b
- B. d
- C. a
- D. c
- E. None of the above options

**(Answer - E. None of the above options)**

**Statement (e)** should come right after the fourth statement.

**The correct arrangement is -**

**b d a c e)**

2. Which of the following options is the combination of the last two consecutive statements, after the correct rearrangement?

- A. b d
- B. a c
- C. c e
- D. d a
- E. None of the above options

**(Answer - C. c e)**

**The correct arrangement is -**

**b d a c e)**

### **Set 9**

(a) Separately, data of a seroprevalence study was released in Tamil Nadu, a state which recorded a relatively high number of confirmed cases in the early days.

(b) For the first time since May, over 50% of the states reported that there were no Covid fatalities on 9th February.

(c) It has raised the hope that large parts of India may be heading towards herd immunity, a stage that would diminish the threat of virus transmission significantly.

(d) Tamil Nadu's seroprevalence in October-November was about 32% of the population and more than 35 times higher than the recorded positive cases.

(e) Recent data on the transmission of the novel





coronavirus has given cause for cheer.

**(seroprevalence** - the frequency of individuals in a population that have a particular element (such as antibodies to HIV) in their blood serum.)

1. Which among the following, is a combination of three consecutive statements, according to the final arrangement?

- A. e b a
- B. b a c
- C. a d e
- D. b d c
- E. None of the above options

**(Answer - A. e b a**

**The correct arrangement is -**

**e b a d c )**

2. Which of the following statements is the **pioneering statement**?

- A. b
- B. e
- C. a
- D. c
- E. None of the above options

**(Answer - B. e**

**Pioneering statement** - starting statement / first statement)

## Set 10

(a) In India too, it is rapidly rising.

(b) The gender disparity in access to healthcare is also well-documented.

(c) Today, one in 22 urban women and one in 60 rural women in India is at risk of the disease.

(d) Breast cancer is now the most commonly diagnosed cancer in the world, making up 11.7% of all new cancer diagnoses.

(e) We need to undo this skew urgently, so that all women have a fighting chance of a full life.

(f) Delays in detection and treatment are the main reasons it becomes a more complex and life-threatening situation here.

**(skew** - a bias towards one particular group or subject.)

1. Which of the following statements should come **immediately before the LAST statement**?

- A. c
- B. f
- C. b





- D. e
- E. None of the above options

**(Answer - C. b**

**The correct arrangement is -**

**d a c f b e)**

2. Which of the following statements is **equidistant** from the **FIRST** and **FIFTH** statement, after the correct rearrangement?

- A. a
- B. c
- C. d
- D. f
- E. None of the above options

**(Answer - B. c**

**The correct arrangement is -**

**d a c f b e)**

## **Set 11**

(a) On the other hand, the state government has promised to make budget allocations for dealing with some of the consequences of the bill.

(b) Recently, the Karnataka Legislative Council has cleared this bill, through a voice vote, amidst protests by JD(S) and Congress.

(c) The bill now awaits the governor's assent.

(d) The essence of Karnataka Prevention of Slaughter and Preservation of Cattle Bill, 2020, is that it closes the door for disposal of cows to slaughter houses even after they have stopped producing milk.

(e) But, none of the government's assurances deal with the core problem which is that the bill hurts the economic interests of farmers.

1. Which of the following statements is the statement, immediately antecedes the second statement, after the correct rearrangement?

- A. d
- B. b
- C. a
- D. c
- E. None of the above options

**(Answer - A. d**

**immediately antecedes the second statement - FIRST** statement.

**The correct arrangement is -**

**d b c a e)**

## **Set 12**





(a) This is expected to be the springboard of economic growth.

(b) Building blocks for this approach were put in place before the pandemic, when the National Infrastructure Pipeline (NIP) was launched in December 2019.

(c) A highlight of finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman's Budget speech was setting out the government's intent to develop infrastructure.

(d) It now has a pipeline of 7,400 projects.

(e) And it requires major funding expansion from both the government and private sector.

1. Which of the following statements is the **hindmost** statement?

- A. a
- B. b
- C. d
- D. e
- E. None of the above options

**(Answer - D. e hindmost - last.**

**The correct arrangement is -**

**c a b d e )**

## Set 13

(a) Whatever may be the motivation, any rapprochement between India and Pakistan has to be predicated on Islamabad's genuine moves to dismantle the terror infrastructure on its soil.

(b) In a surprising change in tone, Pakistan army chief General Qamar Bajwa remarked that it was time to extend a hand of peace in all directions and that India and Pakistan must resolve the Kashmir issue.

(c) And, it may also constitute a signal to the new Joe Biden administration in the US, in an attempt to curry favour with Washington.

(d) Then again, Bajwa's remark could also be indicative of the intense pressure that he and Prime Minister Imran Khan are facing from an alliance of Pakistani opposition parties.

(e) It remains to be seen if this softening of tone will actually lead to concrete action on Pakistan's part

1. Which of the following combinations is the combination of **three successional statements**?

- A. e d a





- B. d c a
- C. b d c
- D. e c a
- E. None of the above options

**(Answer - B. d c a**

**Successional** - consecutive.

**The correct arrangement is -**

**b e d c a )**

b e d c a

## Set 14

(a) And when it does, this is through infected live birds or contaminated surfaces.

(b) It is spread basically through infected feces and saliva carrying the disease from live birds to live birds, in the air as much as on land.

(c) But so rare is such a jump that experts point out in the one and half decade history of bird flu in India, not a single instance has been reported when the infection was passed on to humans.

(d) But, it rarely jumps to humans.

(e) Bird flu spreads from migratory or wild birds to commercial poultry.

1. Which of the following statements is the pair of the introductory statement and the fourth statement from the last?

- A. e b
- B. e d
- C. b d
- D. a c
- E. None of the above options

**(Answer - A. e b**

**The correct arrangement is -**

**e b d a c )**

## Set 15

(a) Last month, Telangana police requested Google to take down a whopping 158 such apps from its Play Store.

(b) At least five suicides in Telangana and one in Delhi have been linked to extreme harassment over failure to repay loans disbursed by instant loan apps.

(c) The mushrooming of such apps without RBI recognition as NBFCs, typically disbursing small loans at short repayment windows, initially caught police unawares.

(d) A Chinese link to many apps has also surfaced, with the arrest







of four Chinese nationals by various police teams.

(e) These incidents underline a new headache for law enforcement agencies across the country.

1. Which of the following statements is the pair of the **penultimate statement** and the **pioneering statement**, respectively?

- A. a e
- B. c b
- C. a b
- D. d b
- E. None of the above options

**(Answer - C. a b**

**The correct arrangement is -**

**b e c a d )**

### **Set 16**

(a) After all, widespread 5G services are still months, if not years, away in India.

(b) The world is rolling out the fifth-generation technology standard for cellular networks, or 5G.

(c) However, 5G is a big opportunity for India's thriving

startup ecosystem, to devise and design new use cases, such as the retail industry solution jointly unveiled recently by Verizon Business, Deloitte and SAP.

(d) But its appeal in India is only limited to being a future-ready feature on a fancy phone.

(e) It uses 5G's capacity for extensive machine-to-machine communication, in conjunction with Edge computing and advanced data analytics.

**(roll out - introduce.**

**in conjunction with - together with.)**

1. Which of the following combinations is the combination of **three consecutive** statements?

- A. b d a
- B. d a e
- C. d c e
- D. b a e
- E. None of the above options

**(Answer - A. b d a**

**The correct arrangement is -**

**b d a c e )**

### **Set 17**





- (a) It has happened before and sadly, this trend undermines the rightful roles of the judiciary, as well as of the executive.
- (b) It is certainly a case of judicial overreach and transgression into the executive's domain.
- (c) The Kerala High Court is directing the state government to set up Campus Police Units to tackle drug use in educational institutions and their campuses.
- (d) The courts should stay the arbiters and upholders of the law and Constitution they were designed to be, not policymakers.
- (e) And, this is not the first time that courts in India have stepped beyond their remit to take on the functions of the executive.

**(undermine** - to make someone less confident, less powerful.

**overreach** - the act of doing more than your authority allows.

**transgression** - the act or process of breaking a law or moral rule, or an example of this.

**arbiter** - a person who settles a dispute or has ultimate authority in a matter.

**remit** - the task or area of activity officially assigned to an individual or organization.)

1. Which of the following pairs is the pair of the **introductory**

**statement** and the **fourth statement**?

- A. b d  
B. c a  
C. c d  
D. b a  
E. None of the above options

**(Answer - B. c a**

**The correct arrangement is -**

**c b e a d)**

## **Set 18**

- (a) Rising temperatures have led to the retreat of glaciers and formation of proglacial lakes.
- (b) What is clear is that steady warming of the planet has played a role.
- (c) And when breached, it can result in flash floods like the one in Uttarakhand.
- (d) Scientists are investigating the cause of the flash floods near Chamoli in Uttarakhand on Sunday that have killed 25 people and left nearly 200 missing.
- (e) The flash flood is a reminder that the world in which India seeks rapid growth is constrained by climate change.





**(retreat** - an act of moving back or withdrawing.

**breach** - make a gap in and break through (a wall, barrier, or defence).

**constrained by** - severely restricted in scope, extent, or activity by.)

1. Which of the following pairs is **not the pair of two consecutive statements**?

- A. d b
- B. b a
- C. a e
- D. a c
- E. None of the above options

**(Answer - C. a e**

**The correct arrangement is -**

**d b a c e )**

2. Which of the following statements **comes first in the posterior side**?

- A. b
- B. d
- C. a
- D. c
- E. None of the above options

**(Answer - B. d**

**comes first in the posterior side - FIRST statement.)**

## Set 19

(a) On the other hand, the overall integrity of the draft law will remain intact.

(b) In fact, the Australian government announced that it would amend the draft law after its ministers held discussions with Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg and Google's chief executive Sundar Pichai.

(c) This is welcome as the Australian move creates a helpful template for revenue sharing between online platforms and news publishers.

(d) By doing so, publishers would be paid lump sums rather than per click on news articles.

(e) Australia is pressing ahead with its News Media Bargaining Code that would make internet giants Google and Facebook pay for news content.

**(lump sum** - a single payment made at a particular time, as opposed to a number of smaller payments or instalments.

**press ahead** - to continue doing something in a determined way, despite difficulties.)

1. Which of the following pairs is the pair of the **concluding**





**statement and second statement from the beginning?**

- A. e c
- B. c d
- C. a d
- D. c b
- E. None of the above options

**(Answer - D. c b**

**The correct arrangement is -**

**e b d a c)**

## **Set 20**

(a) For one, the linkages between telemarketers and those fraudulently peddling financial products has to be more thoroughly investigated.

(b) A data protection law to prevent the leakage of consumer telecom and financial information in the possession of telecom and banking companies is hence necessary.

(c) The recent crackdown on mobile lending apps revealed that these used fully equipped call centres to act as collection agents to force debtors to repay.

(d) The digital intelligence unit to investigate mobile frauds will have its hands full.

(e) On top of this there is an easy access to personal data, which makes it simple for telemarketers to commit financial fraud on gullible consumers, especially the elderly.

**(for one** - used to say that you think your opinion or action is right, even if others do not.

**fraudulently** - in a way that involves deception, especially criminal deception.

**peddling** - the activity of selling an illegal or stolen item.

**have hands full** - be busy.)

1. Which of the following combinations is the combination of **four sequent statements?**

- A. d c e b
- B. a d e b
- C. d a c e
- D. a c e d
- E. None of the above options

**(Answer - C. d a c e**

**The correct arrangement is -**

**d a c e b )**

## **Set 21**





(a) It signifies that social distancing measures like masking should still continue to be followed strictly.

(b) The discovery of the South African and Brazil coronavirus variants in international returnees is an indicator that these mutations could already be circulating in the Indian population.

(c) But, India has been unlocking faster in the new year with colleges reopening and school students in higher grades also returning to classrooms.

(d) Their high contagiousness and potential to cause re-infections and beat antibodies produced by vaccinations is a cause for worry.

(e) A setback to these unlocking efforts would be devastating, so emphasis should remain on compulsory masking in the days ahead.

**(setback** - a reversal or check in progress.)

1. Which of the following statements is the **penultimate statement**?

- A. b
- B. d
- C. c

- D. e
- E. None of the above options

**(Answer - C. c**

**The correct arrangement is -**

**b d a c e)**

## **Set 22**

(a) However, the toolkit at the centre of the case spreads basic information on the protests but doesn't incite violence, which is an essential ingredient for invoking the sedition charge.

(b) The young climate change activist told the court, crying, that she was not involved in any conspiracy and was merely supporting farmers agitating against the farm laws.

(c) Delhi Police's arrest of 22-year-old Disha Ravi on charges of sedition and criminal conspiracy in the Greta toolkit case is shocking to say the least.

(d) With doubts also being raised about the procedure followed in her arrest and remand to custody, the Delhi High Court must examine whether Disha's legal rights were compromised.

(e) On the other hand, Delhi Police are accusing Disha of







collaborating with a Khalistani group by working on the toolkit.

**(sedition** - conduct or speech inciting people to rebel against the authority.

**to say the least** - used as an understatement (implying the reality is more extreme, usually worse).

**remand** - to send someone accused of committing a crime away from court until their trial begins.)

1. Which of the following statements is the **precursory statement**?

- A. b
- B. e
- C. d
- D. c
- E. None of the above options

(Answer - D. c

**Precursory statement - FIRST statement.**

**The correct arrangement is -**

**c b e a d )**

## Set 23

(a) Over-the-top tackles have gone unpunished and outrageous

dives have rarely been questioned.

(b) There's growing agreement that referees have been far too lenient throughout the competition.

(c) Also, most referees' propensity to keep their cards in their pockets has led several teams to complain about the quality of officiating.

(d) Notwithstanding the exciting build-up to Fifa World Cup semi-finals, refereeing at the marquee tournament has come under a cloud.

(e) In a World Cup with most teams evenly matched, such refereeing errors can be the difference between victory and defeat.

**(lenient** - merciful.

**propensity** - an inclination or natural tendency to behave in a particular way.

**under a cloud** - under suspicions.)

1. Which of the following statements **immediately antecedes the third statement**?

- A. b
- B. a
- C. d





- D. c  
E. None of the above options

**(Answer - A. b**

**immediately antecedes the third statement - SECOND** statement.

**The correct arrangement is -**

**d b a c e )**

## Set - 24

(a) This deepened distrust and led to significant opportunity costs for the neighbours.

(b) For decades New Delhi has allowed the India-China bilateral relationship to be coloured by the Nehruvian legacy.

(c) However, today the Narendra Modi government has an opportunity to break free from the shackles of the past and script a fresh chapter in ties between the world's two most populous nations.

(d) As a result, China came to be viewed through the prism of the 1962 war.

(e) In this regard, the meeting between Prime Minister Modi and the Chinese president, on the sidelines of the Brics summit in

Brazil, can be ground for a fresh start.

**(deepened** - increased.

**Nehruvian legacy** - something transmitted by or received from Jawaharlal Nehru.

**shackles** - restraints.

**populous** - densely populated.

**prism** - a medium to view through.

**sideline** - an activity done in addition to one's main job.)

**(The correct arrangement is -**

**b d a c e )**

## Set - 25

(a) It's also an art - selfie-takers figuring the finest angles, the right light, the shadow play, that best captures them against the Qutub Minar.

(b) Nowadays brands are even redesigning their mobile phones and their cameras to help selfie-takers nurture the art in a better way.

(c) The 'selfie' or self-taken picture was invented in 1839 — but its time is now.

(d) But, for cynics who argue this is pure self-love, why not?

(e) It works in wondrous ways — it says hello to the world while recording intimate histories.





(f) It's nice to love yourself and your life — and to share this through a selfie of your times.

**(cynic** - a person who believes that people are only interested in themselves and are not sincere.)

**(The correct arrangement is -**

**c e a b d f )**

## Set - 26

(a) The question is: why aren't checks conducted periodically so that violations can be detected and action taken before a tragedy takes place?

(b) So are drills where not only the fire brigade but other agencies such as the police, the Coast Guard and the Navy, which may be called upon to help as they were in the case of the Andheri building, are involved.

(c) Needless to say, regular fire safety audits of high-rises across Mumbai are a must.

(d) The Andheri incident must be treated as a wake-up call; if it isn't, the horror could be repeated at other high-rises in the city, with far more disastrous consequences.

(e) An examination of the 22-storey Andheri tower Lotus Business Park in Mumbai - whose top floors were destroyed by fires recently - by the fire department and the BMC building proposals department, has revealed many additions and alterations.

**(drill** - instruction or training in military exercises.

**Needless to say** - obviously.

**wake-up call** - a thing that alerts people to an unsatisfactory situation and prompts them to remedy it.

**high-rise** - a building with many storeys.

**(The correct arrangement is -**

**e a c b d )**

## Set 27

(a) It's unlikely that another round of incentives and tax benefits for tiny enclaves, in the hope they would eventually have a positive impact on the rest of the country, will work.

(b) As the concept evolved over time we moved to creating a legal framework for SEZs about a decade ago.

(c) But the record of SEZs has hardly been impressive.





(d) We may all have heard of China's Special Economic Zones (SEZs), but India was an early mover in trying to boost exports by setting up enclaves with special facilities.

(e) Instead, the emphasis should be on improving the general economic environment across the country.

**(enclave** - a place or group that is different in character from those surrounding it.

**mover** - a person who instigates or organizes something.

**emphasis** - special importance, value, or prominence given to something.)

**(The correct arrangement is -**

**d b c a e )**

## Set 28

(a) While sympathy and instinct do goad us to take this step, it may not yet be the best prescription to follow.

(b) Given our dismal health profile, it is indeed a great idea to clone Delhi's All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) and have at least four more in the country.

(c) At a little over 60, AIIMS is prematurely aged and unfit for the stress test.

(d) This is also what the latest Union budget announced, and it seems like an utterly reasonable thing to do.

(e) Even if further decay is halted, and steady state achieved, it can hardly pose as an institutional stud rearing for reproduction.

**(goad** - to provoke.

**dismal** - depressing.

**prematurely** - too soon.

**decay** - deterioration.

**halted** - stopped.

**institutional stud rearing for reproduction** - institutionally capable and strong enough to form control new branches.)

**(The correct arrangement is -**

**b d a c e )**

## Set 29

(a) He even reiterated his government's support for India's place in an expanded UN Security Council.

(b) Kerry's message reflects a perceptible change in Washington's attitude towards





India-US ties, which had hit a rough patch in recent years.

(c) In interesting remarks ahead of the fifth India-US Strategic Dialogue, US secretary of state John Kerry has described India as an indispensable partner for the 21st century.

(d) It's clear that the US administration now wants to turn the page on the phase of resentment that had marked bilateral relations.

(e) Furthermore, Kerry stressed that the new Indian government's vision of 'Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas' was praiseworthy.

**(reiterate** - state again.

**perceptible** - noticeable.

**phase of resentment** - phase of bitterness.)

**(The correct arrangement is -**

**c e a b d )**

### Set 30

(a) One railway minister after another has promised over the years that all unmanned crossing will soon be eliminated.

(b) It is all very well to boast about a modern railway system with bullet trains, anti-collision devices,

but this is a simple goal that must be taken up as the topmost priority.

(c) Yet, we still have over 11,000 of these death traps which account for about two-thirds of all deaths in railway accidents.

(d) And, it does not require advanced technology or enormous sums of money, but the political will to walk the talk.

(e) It is a matter of national shame that well into the 21st century Indians are still dying because of accidents at unmanned railway crossings.

**(unmanned** - unguarded.

**boast** - talk with excessive pride.

**walk the talk** - To do what one said one could do, or would do, not just making empty promises.)

**(The correct arrangement is -**

**e a c b d )**

### Set 31

(a) Players will be able to download the game onto their computers, or smartphones, from the EC's official website.

(b) Each time a player wins a point, 'tidbits of information' about our electoral process will pop up







on the screen, according to an EC spokesperson.

(c) The game, being designed by a professional communications company and partly financed by the United Nations Development Programme, will be made available later this year.

(d) In that yet-to-be-titled game, players must negotiate a maze through several doors which lead on to higher levels, depending on the number of points scored by the participant.

(e) In order to encourage children and teenagers to learn more about elections and other aspects of our political system the Election Commission (EC) is reportedly planning to launch an 'edutainment' video game to achieve this laudable end.

**(tidbits of information** - small pieces of information.

**yet-to-be-titled game** - the game hasn't got its name/title yet.

**laudable end** - praiseworthy goal.)

**(The correct arrangement is -**

**e c a d b )**

**Set 32**

(a) The Bill takes note of this debate and moves forward in modernising applicable laws.

(b) This is a welcome move coming in the wake of shocking crimes involving juveniles — the most infamous being the Nirbhaya case, where the worst perpetrator was allegedly a juvenile offender, due to walk free soon after a three-year stint in a remand home.

(c) The Juvenile Justice Bill, now cleared by the Union cabinet, gives the Juvenile Justice Board the power to decide if a juvenile above 16 years, involved in a heinous crime, should be tried in a regular court.

(d) Altogether, this new Juvenile Justice Bill is expected to improve understanding of vulnerability and offence.

(e) That incident sparked debate on the need to change punishments given to youth old enough to know the nature of violent crimes they're participating in.

**(take note of** - pay attention to.

**in the wake of** - as a result of.

**juvenile** - a young person.

**infamous** - famous for something considered bad.

**perpetrator** - someone who has committed a crime.





**allegedly** - reportedly.

**three-year stint** - a period of three years.

**remand** - custody.

**heinous** - evil.

**vulnerability** - 1the quality or state of having little resistance to some outside agent.)

**(The correct arrangement is -**

**c b e a d )**

### **Set 33**

(a) So it's imperative that Indian airports need to be on alert and screen passengers coming from these affected parts of the world.

(b) An epidemic like Ebola with a high fatality rate that was once confined to isolated rural pockets in Africa has now begun to show up in urban areas and crossed national frontiers on account of air travel.

(c) These should include establishing diagnostic centres and testing facilities.

(d) Indian government has said that 44,700 Indians live in Ebola-affected countries.

(e) Health minister Harsh Vardhan says he is personally supervising preventive measures.

(f) Treatment centres and isolation wards too must be available if someone tests positive, while efforts need to be made to trace who they came in direct contact with.

**(It's imperative** - it's very important.

**confined to** - restricted to.

**rural pockets** - rural areas.

**national frontiers** - national borders.)

**(The correct arrangement is -**

**b d a e c f )**

### **Set 34**

(a) Because people define, experience and communicate happiness in a gazillion different ways.

(b) But, the challenge would still be to draw a conclusion independent of all the internal and environmental factors that determine the workings of each individual brain - no math equation could accurately solve the paradox of finding happiness in unhappiness.

(c) Among them are researchers who boast that their mathematical equation can calculate exactly how happy anyone is at any given time.





(d) The gazillions of people who have seen Mona Lisa, can't agree on whether she's happy or sad.  
(e) But ignoring this infinite complexity of human emotions, some scientists continue to seek out an empirical, universal formula for happiness.

**(gazillion** - a very large number or quantity.

**paradox** - a situation or statement that seems impossible or is difficult to understand.

**boast** - talk with excessive pride.

**empirical** - experimental.)

**(The correct arrangement is -**

**d a e c b )**

### **Set 35**

(a) Arguments like India was prosperous before English came to the country, as some leaders are saying, are patently retrograde.

(b) The government must recognize its mistake and take back its decision.

(c) But, here we have a situation where a section of UPSC candidates are refusing to be tested in rudimentary knowledge of the language and the government has weakly buckled under their pressure.

(d) Also, the argument that bureaucrats in countries like Germany or Japan don't need to know English is specious because none of them come close to being the multi-cultural, multi-lingual melting pot that India is.

(e) In today's world the importance of English can't be over-emphasized. Besides, in India English is the link language.

**(prosperous** - doing well.

**retrograde** - backward and unprogressive.

**rudimentary knowledge** - basic knowledge.

**buckled under** - bent/collapsed under.

**specious** - misleading.

**melting pot** - a place where different peoples, styles, theories, etc. are mixed together.

**link language** - A common language linking various people groups or ethnicities, where the adopted language is not a native language of any of the speakers using it.)

**(The correct arrangement is -**

**e c a d b )**

### **Set 36**

(a) In many cases, sub-registrars themselves are hand in glove with





touts, so there's no guarantee all documents are in order.

(b) As a result, people won't have to worry about middlemen taking them for a ride and know the genuineness of a property offer from the sub-registrar's office.

(c) The Karnataka State government has brought peace to property buyers by integrating software of two crucial departments.

(d) Worse, how does one know if the government database has not been tampered with?

(e) However, this is not enough, as details of property can be accessed only by officials, and not by the public.

(f) The government has to ensure there are no lacunae in the system to help property buyers.

**(hand in glove** - in close association.

**tout** - illegal salesman.

**taking them for a ride** - deceiving or cheating them.

**tampered with** - manipulated.

**lacunae** - gap or loophole.)

**(The correct arrangement is -**

**c b e a d f )**

## Set 37

(a) Those will suffice for the home's water heating needs.

(b) If the government is serious about promoting the use of renewable energy, it needs to go beyond just providing incentives for people to do so.

(c) These are small steps that can be immediately taken and can go some way towards addressing the ecological concerns that any modern society must face up to.

(d) As an initial step, it could make it mandatory for all builders' apartments and residential plots beyond a certain size to at least have enough solar panels installed.

(e) A similar approach needs to be adopted also towards rainwater harvesting.

**(suffice for** - be enough for.

**face up to** - to deal with.)

**(The correct arrangement is -**

**b d a e c )**

## Set 38

(a) It has been known as Teachers' Day for as long as any of us can remember and there is really no reason to change it, particularly since words like 'teacher' have become very much





part of the vocabulary of all Indian languages.

(b) The ministry would do better to focus on these than on renaming occasions.

(c) There is much in our country's education system that needs to be set right, from high dropout rates to low enrolment in higher education to teacher absenteeism in schools and much else.

(d) The move to rename Teachers' Day by the Education Ministry, as 'Guru Utsav' betrays a mindset that sees only one language – Sanskrit – as the repository of 'Indian' culture.

(e) That apart, it also suggests that the Education Ministry's priorities need urgent resetting.

**(absenteeism** - the practice of regularly staying away from work or school without good reason.

**betray** - here it means - to reveal.

**repository** - a place where things are stored and can be found.

**that apart** - apart from that.)

**(The correct arrangement is -**

**d a e c b )**

## Set 39

(a) Be it smart glasses, bracelets, clothes or watches, technology

that consumers can wear represents the next stage in the evolution of the human-machine interface.

(b) Apart from helping consumers send and receive messages, browse emails, and post on social networking sites, smart watches can also monitor one's heartbeat, serve as a pedometer, measure one's daily calorie intake and facilitate cashless payments.

(c) Currently they are mostly an extension of the smartphone, exemplifying a unique blend of accessory and technology.

(d) There is no denying the fact that after smartphones, smart wearable tech is the next big thing.

(e) In this regard, smart watches not only offer a range of benefits but also revive a dying romance with the watch.

(f) Add to this the fact that smart watch producers are now encouraging developers to create apps specifically for the wrist, and it is easy to see that the possibilities are endless.

**(facilitate** - make (an action or process) easy or easier.

**exemplify** - be a typical example of.

**revive** - restore to life.)







(The correct arrangement is -

d a e c b f )

### Set 40

(a) Research shows that no matter how much you pound across treadmills morning or evening, it's still unhealthy to spend the rest of the day in an office chair.

(b) If you do hard labour, it's nice to be rewarded with a nice sit-down.

(c) To recharge it take a little walk intermittently, stretch a bit or even switch to a stand-up desk.

(d) Without some level of physical activity through eight or more hours your metabolism slows down, your back starts acting up, insulin effectiveness decreases, grey cells start congealing — basically your body starts powering down.

(e) But for everyone who's moving into the knowledge economy — for whom sitting has become the most common waking activity — the fitter thing is to do your work standing up.

**(pound across** - to walk or run with heavy and regular steps.

**sit-down** - a short period of sitting in order to rest.

**intermittently** - at irregular intervals.

**congealing** - clotting or thickening.)

(The correct arrangement is -

b e a d c )

### Set 41

(a) Because that's not giving, that's an expectation or job or role that they're now resenting.

(b) Which means that if there is anything about the giving that causes pain to themselves, they value themselves enough to convince themselves that they choose to give, but not at the cost of feeling burdened or unhappy.

(c) "Good people" give for the joy of giving, because it makes them feel good about giving.

(d) "Good people" are also good to themselves.

(e) Hence joy is their reward.

**(resent** - feel bitter about.)

(The correct arrangement is -

c e d b a )

### Set 42





(a) But now, by initially opting for routes where the volume of women passengers is high, the transport department hopes not to face the same reaction.

(b) Earlier the plan fell through due to poor response.

(c) At a time when no place, including public transport, is seen to be safe for women, moves like these instil confidence and ease of commuting during rush hour.

(d) It's also hoped that such services will act as a safe and enabling factor for more women to take up job opportunities.

(e) Bringing back women-only buses in cities is a good initiative.

**(opt for - choose.**

**fell through - failed.**

**instill - gradually but firmly establish.**

**rush hour - a time during each day when traffic is at its heaviest.)**

**(The correct arrangement is -**

**e b a d c )**

### Set 43

(a) The result was a pejorative classification as one of 'Fragile Five' nations.

(b) Now it is time to build on these gains and grapple with the challenge of reviving economic growth.

(c) They make for an effective first line of defence against shocks, thereby insulating us from a situation where a crisis always seemed around the corner.

(d) Last year India's weak macroeconomic indicators, particularly fiscal and current account deficits, made the country vulnerable to economic shocks stemming from outside.

(e) Today, current account and fiscal deficits are under control and inflation has begun gradually trending downwards.

**(pejorative - derogatory or suggesting that something is not good or is of no importance.**

**grapple with - to try hard to understand a difficult idea or to solve a difficult problem.**

**insulate - protect.**

**stemming from outside - have/has roots in other countries.)**

**(The correct arrangement is -**

**d a e c b )**

### Set 44

(a) Similarly, India has now created history with its





Mangalyaan now having entered into orbit around Mars.

(b) When John F Kennedy told the US Congress in 1961 that America must go for the moon, it not only led to the Apollo 11 moon landing in 1969 but also inaugurated decades of American innovation, ingenuity and progress.

(c) It also spent the least money to do so — its \$72 million budget was less than what it took to produce the Hollywood film Gravity.

(d) India is the third country to achieve this, the first in its maiden attempt, the first in Asia.

(e) The moon shot was as much about conquering frontiers of space as about conquering odds on earth.

(f) Now that we have had our Mars shot, we need a Mangalyaan for the economy — like the Americans did with their moon shot.

**(ingenuity** - creativity and originality.

**moon shot** - a spacecraft mission to the moon.)

**(The correct arrangement is -**

**b e a d c f )**

## Set 45

(a) As a lesson, visitors to the zoo must realize that their attempts to get closer to animals than the rules permit are both foolhardy and irritating for the animals.

(b) Its subsequent behaviour is hardly abnormal, even if the consequences have been truly tragic.

(c) The tragic death of a young adult in the Delhi zoo raises some very serious concerns about how things are managed at the zoo and also how visitors to the place behave.

(d) Not only did the boy enter the enclosure, but it appears that there were stones thrown at it to try and scare it away.

(e) This is not a case of an animal attacking a human being unprovoked.

**(foolhardy** - recklessly bold and careless.

**subsequent behaviour** - following/next behaviour.

**scare away** - to cause (someone or something) to go away and stay away because of fear or because of possible trouble, difficulty, etc.

**unprovoked** - not been caused by anything and is therefore unfair.)





(The correct arrangement is -

c e d b a )

### Set 46

(a) It's welcome, therefore, that the Centre is reportedly thinking about introducing enhanced safety standards for cars.

(b) Records show that 1,37,423 people died last year from accidents on Indian roads, the single biggest cause of accidental death by a long margin.

(c) Such a move will encounter resistance from automakers, but if they can export cars which meet enhanced safety standards, why can't they do the same for the domestic market?

(d) These should be made mandatory as soon as possible, so that Indian auto safety standards are in line with international norms.

(e) Contrary to a common misconception, we need to fear road accidents far more than terrorist bombs.

(Contrary to - in conflict with.)

(The correct arrangement is -

e b a d c )

### Set 47

(a) But self-aware AI would also be smarter than humans.

(b) Hitherto machines were designed to only surpass human physical limitations.

(c) Despite being an early adopter of technology himself, his cautious approach to AI is rooted in genuine fears.

(d) Distinguished physicist Stephen Hawking's warning that development of full-fledged, autonomous Artificial Intelligence (AI) could spell the end of the human race needs to be taken seriously.

(e) This would bring about a reversal of roles where machines become masters and treat humans the way we treat animals today.

**(self-aware** - having one's own personality and intelligence.

**Hitherto** - until now or previously.

**surpass** - be better/greater than.

**rooted in genuine fears** - made, or developed by using genuine fears as a basis.

**Distinguished** - famous and eminent.

**full-fledged, autonomous** - fully developed, having the power to make its own decisions.





**spell the end of** - lead to the end of.)

**(The correct arrangement is -**

**d c b a e )**

### **Set 48**

(a) And the government must ensure that touts are not able to 'sell' licences to aspiring drivers for a fee.

(b) That would be worse than an open admission that you take a cab or an auto rickshaw or any other public transport vehicle at your own risk.

(c) However, for it to serve the purpose for which it is intended, the process of verification must be made rigorous.

(d) Unless the process can be made rigorous and corruption-free, the verification may do little more than offering a false sense of security.

(e) The idea of making police verification mandatory for all licences for public service vehicles is in principle a good one.

**(tout** - illegal salesman.

**aspiring driver** - desiring to be a driver.

**open admission** - here it means

- public act of agreeing that something is true.

**rigorous** - strict.

**in principle** - in general.)

**(The correct arrangement is -**

**e c a d b )**

### **Set 49**

(a) While this compromise deals with the immediate problem, there remains a longer term issue to be addressed – the three-language formula insisting that the third language should be an Indian one.

(b) It is good that the government saw sense and allowed students to continue with German as the third language for the current academic session, if they so choose.

(c) In a fast globalising world, that makes sense and policy must be changed to allow it.

(d) To force them to make a change in the middle of the year would have amounted to penalising them for no fault of theirs.

(e) As both anecdotal evidence and a survey done, it's clear that a majority of students and parents





would like to have the option of foreign languages while choosing the third language, as well.

**(compromise** - settlement of a dispute.

**insisting** - demanding forcefully to have.

**see sense** - to be reasonable and have good judgment.

**anecdotal** - not based on facts or careful study.)

**(The correct arrangement is -**

**b d a e c )**

## Set 50

(a) The long arm of the law sometimes chooses not to stretch out and nab some influential accused.

(b) However, the shocking part is when someone of those accused, attends the assembly session and still the police claim that they have not been able to track the accused down.

(c) If law enforcing agencies want to portray a good image then they should stop turning a blind eye to such cases.

(d) And it's no secret how they manage to remain 'safe' from law enforcers.

(e) Even though the number of such cases is not alarming, in a country where politicians in power do not tire of saying how law is equal for all, even the few who manage to be on the run is not a healthy sign.

**(The long arm of the law (phrase)** - the police.

**nab** - catch (someone) doing something wrong.

**stop turning a blind eye** - stop neglecting.

**tire of** - to become bored by.

**be on the run** - to be trying to avoid being caught, especially by the police.)

**(The correct arrangement is -**

**a d b e c )**

## Set 51

(a) As a solution, it's not enough for the government to only issue safety guidelines for campuses.

(b) And it also displays all that's wrong with our education system and the reason why many children, especially slow-learners, are afraid of school.

(c) The incident exposed a shocking reality that school teachers still resort to corporal punishment to make students learn.







(d) An 11-year-old boy from Dharwad district suffered injuries after a woman school teacher beat him up for not reading out a lesson from his English textbook.

(e) It must also ensure that young minds are provided a good and free environment to which they would like to come every day.

**(resort to** - to use.  
**corporal punishment** - physical punishment.)

**(The correct arrangement is -**

**d c b a e )**

## Set 52

(a) And now, it sits on a heap of troubles with the deadline ticking away and residents raising their arms again.

(b) But it's still not late for the government to completely seize the issue, if it wants a clean Karnataka and gain some political capital too.

(c) When the government of Karnataka encountered the garbage issue, they began on the right note by glorifying segregation of waste but later ruined it with impossible deadlines and faulty implementation.

(d) Precious time has been lost and an opportunity to solve the issue scientifically and sensibly has been squandered.

(e) Then it sought to buy time from agitating villagers near landfills.

**(heap of troubles** - a great number of troubles.  
**deadline ticking away** - deadline passing.

**seize** - to take something quickly and hold it.

**segregation** - separation.

**squandered** - wasted.

**buy time** - delay an event temporarily so as to have longer to improve one's own position.

**landfill** - the disposal of waste material by burying it, especially as a method of filling in and reclaiming excavated pits.)

**(The correct arrangement -**

**c e a d b )**

## Set 53

(a) They must also ensure an adequate high quality infrastructure and faculty, otherwise there is no point in setting them up.

(b) It follows, therefore, that merely opening up more institutes with the same names is not good enough.





(c) But those are likely to be short-lived.

(d) It should be clear to the government that what attracts students to premier educational institutions like the IITs, IIMs or AIIMS is not merely the brand name they have but the quality of education they are able to give them.

(e) So, the Government must realise that the announcements of their being set up may yield some brownie points in the short run.

**(short-lived** - lasting only a short time.

**yield some brownie points** - to get praise or approval for something you have done.)

**(The correct arrangement -**

**d b a e c )**

### **Set 54**

(a) E-cigarettes, which were to aid smokers kick their habit, do not burn tobacco leaves.

(b) Nicotine is an addictive substance that may, according to studies, function as a "tumour promoter" and aid neuro-degeneration.

(c) Instead these battery-operated devices produce aerosol by heating a solution containing among other things - nicotine.

(d) Some other compounds too in the aerosol other than Nicotine, are toxic substances that have known deleterious effects, and might just be less harmful than cigarettes, not harmless.

(e) We all have heard about Electronic cigarettes(E-cigarettes), in all forms — Electronic Nicotine Delivery System (ENDS), vapes, and e-hookahs.

**(aid** - to help.

**deleterious** - harmful.)

**(The correct arrangement -**

**e a c b d )**

### **Set 55**

(a) And it's clearly reflected in the fact that biographies of non-Kannadigas sell more than the works of prominent Kannadigas due to their non availability in ebook format.

(b) And making works of Kannada literature available in ebook format for them, only makes the market bigger.





(c) Publishers should bear in mind that Kannadigas are among the most e-savvy of India's readers.

(d) It is sad that Kannada's rich literary tradition gets short shrift in the ebook market.

(e) Frankly, it's more a reflection of a lack of understanding of the publishers than the fault of readers, as making books available in ebook format is solely the publisher's job.

**(get short shrift** - be treated without sympathy and given little attention.)

**(The correct arrangement -**

**d a e c b )**

### **Set 56**

(a) Studying the case at hand, distance to the location, traffic situation and accessibility, the operator can quickly decide which ambulance to send out.

(b) It's also laudable that the government is launching these well-equipped vehicles in the districts as well.

(c) For a city notorious for its traffic snarls, it makes so much sense that mobile ambulances are entering the fray.

(d) And that greatly helps in accident cases, where the initial critical treatment must be offered to a victim in a swift manner.

(e) With conventional ambulances not always available, it offers service operators the opportunity to weigh options in an emergency case.

**(laudable** - praiseworthy.

**notorious** - with a bad reputation.

**traffic snarl** - traffic noise.

**conventional** - regular.)

**(The correct arrangement -**

**c e a d b )**

### **Set 57**

(a) However, the country is beset with a monumental deficit of organs available for transplants.

(b) Many of these deaths could be averted by timely organ transplants.

(c) Similarly, 1,000 liver transplants take place while 50,000 die of end stage liver disease.

(d) Hundreds of thousands of Indians die of organ failure every year.





(e) According to the latest data, as against the demand for 1.75 lakh kidney transplants, only 5,000 are carried out.

(**beset** - troubled.  
**monumental** - huge.)

(The correct arrangement -

d b a e c )

### Set 58

(a) According to a 2010 McKinsey study, the two countries are expected to account for 62% of the growth in the continent's urban population between 2005 and 2025, and a staggering 40% of such growth worldwide.

(b) But it is equally important to acknowledge the critical differences between the two countries.

(c) Statistics like these underscore the urgency of urban planning and growth management.

(d) Variations in their urban growth paths, as well as differences in their approaches to environmental policy, are likely to make India's population challenges far more difficult to address.

(e) China and India are driving Asia's population and urbanization trends.

(**staggering** - deeply shocking.)

(The correct arrangement -

e a c b d )

### Set 59

(a) What the government does not seem to realize is that the use of internet services on mobile phones is not just for social media.

(b) Even if we accept that such a ban is legally tenable, it still cannot be banned merely to contain an agitation.

(c) Hence it is in some sense a very essential service.

(d) The state government's decision to ban mobile internet services across Gujarat is a disproportionate and ill-conceived response to some people's agitation.

(e) It's increasingly for e-commerce too.

(**tenable** - justifiable.

**disproportionate** - unreasonable.

**ill-conceived** - not carefully planned or considered.)





**(The correct arrangement -**

**d b a e c )**

### **Set 60**

(a) It is unlikely that any of the recent prize winners has as strong an India connection as his.

(b) For example the lesson about measurement being the key to enforcing accountability.

(c) And today various lessons from his work are quite relevant to Indian public policy, too.

(d) But, India, unfortunately, falls short when it comes to measurement.

(e) The winner of the 2015 Nobel Prize for economics, Angus Deaton, has had a long professional association with India.

**(The correct arrangement -**

**e a c b d )**

### **Set 61**

(a) Yet instead of heading down the lockdown road which hits the economy the hardest, the government must now look at other resources in its arsenal.

(b) Fresh daily cases there are now breaching the 10,000 barrier, but other states like Punjab, Madhya Pradesh, Gujarat and Delhi are also seeing smaller but worrying surges.

(c) Because, testing and vaccination would help prevent the surge from taking the infection to other areas.

(d) Maharashtra's announcement of limited lockdowns in Thane and Aurangabad district to curb the surge in Covid infections reveals the high degree of alarm among authorities.

(e) For example greater testing, and perhaps, even opening up vaccination for all age groups in areas witnessing surges.

**(arsenal - collection.  
head down the lockdown road -  
going with lockdowns.)**

**(The correct arrangement -**

**d b a e c )**

### **Set 62**

(a) Getting the design right and anticipating consequences are essential if these legislations are to have an impact.





(b) Also on the agenda is a bill to regulate crypto assets and introduce official digital currency.

(c) Among them is a bill to establish a new development financial institution.

(d) And for achieving those, these bills deserve an informed debate in Parliament and a thorough scrutiny through a parliamentary committee.

(e) In the current Parliamentary session, the government plans to table important economic legislations.

(f) Introducing laws in haste can not only undermine good intentions, it can also mask the extent of support they may draw from the silent majority and only Parliament can offset these risks.

**(offset** - nullify or compensate for.  
**legislation** - laws; bills; acts.  
**in haste** - in a hurry.)

**(The correct arrangement -**

**e c b a d f )**

## Set 63

(a) The team's dominance in home conditions was also highlighted by that success.

(b) India's recent emphatic Test series win over England has secured them a place in the World Test Championship (WTC) final in England this summer.

(c) It's a testimony to how far Indian cricket has evolved that our players are no longer seen as poor travellers or flat track bullies.

(d) However, the format of WTC is such that no team can go all the way on the strength of home advantage alone.

(e) This was India's 13th consecutive Test series victory at home.

**(emphatic** - done or said in a strong way and without any doubt.

**testimony** - demonstration or evidence.

**flat-track bully** - a sportsperson who dominates inferior opposition, but who cannot beat top-level opponents.)

**(The correct arrangement -**

**b e a d c )**

## Set 64

(a) Notable exclusions this year are Italy, the Netherlands and







USA, all of whom failed to make it through the qualifiers.

(b) This surely is the sign that footballing excellence is slowly but surely getting democratised.

(c) With the biggest sporting extravaganza kicking off in Russia, Fifa World Cup 2018 is set to capture the imagination of worldwide audiences for the next 30 days.

(d) Nonetheless, unpopular teams like Panama, Morocco and Peru are making the cut.

(e) A total of 32 teams will compete for the highest honour in world football ranging from tiny Iceland to traditional powerhouses Germany and Brazil.

**(exclusion** - elimination.

**democratised** - made (something) accessible to everyone.

**make the cut** - to be among the players allowed to continue playing.

**Nonetheless** - at the same time.)

**(The correct arrangement -**

**c e a d b )**

## Set 65

(a) However, Justice M Sundar quashed the speaker's order.

(b) The court's chief justice Indira Banerjee upheld the disqualification order passed by the speaker.

(c) Till that happens, the status quo remains, providing breathing space to the ruling party.

(d) The Madras high court bowled a googly in the much-anticipated disqualification case of the 18 rebel ruling party MLAs in Tamil Nadu by delivering a split verdict.

(e) This means the case will now be referred to a third judge whose opinion will determine the final outcome.

**(quash** - to cancel or revoke.

**uphold** - to approve.

**status quo** - the existing state of affairs.

**provide breathing space** -

provide an opportunity to pause, relax, or decide what to do next.

**(The correct arrangement -**

**d b a e c )**

## Set 66

(a) But now it's apparent the problem is more fundamental:





governance standards are appalling.

(b) The surge in bad loans over the last couple of years first raised questions about the quality of credit appraisal at banks.

(c) Among them, a fresh surge in the level of bad loans, is the most prominent one.

(d) On the other hand, large private sector banks have fared better when it comes to bad loans.

(e) Banks have been making headlines for all the wrong reasons.

(f) But after RBI audits showed that they have understated their bad loans, doubts emerged about their governance standards too.

**(fundamental** - underlying.

**appalling** - shocking.

**governance** - the action or manner of governing an organization, etc.

**understate** - describe or represent (something) as being smaller or less good or important than it really is.)

**(The correct arrangement -**

**e c b a d f )**

## Set 67

(a) And the latest postponement appears to be due to Trump's new fixation on putting together a summit with Russian President Vladimir Putin.

(b) Highlighting the unpredictable nature of the Donald Trump administration, Washington has once again put off the '2+2 dialogue' with New Delhi.

(c) But coming against the backdrop of the ongoing trade tussle between New Delhi and Washington, the rescheduling raises doubts about the Trump administration's commitment to India as a strategic partner.

(d) True, the US side has affirmed that it's looking at the earliest possible new dates for the '2+2 dialogue'.

(e) The dialogue was already rescheduled once earlier this year.

**(fixation** - the action or process of fixing or being fixed.

**put off** - postpone.

**against the backdrop** - The expression "against the backdrop of (something)" is a figurative and imaginative way to describe what's going on in the background or surrounding context when something else happens.





(The correct arrangement -

**b e a d c )**

### Set 68

- (a) Because, bans have only succeeded in driving these habits into flourishing underground businesses.
- (b) But if brought into the formal economy and regulated properly, these could become income earners for the government and boost tourism.
- (c) However it's true that moralistic positions on gambling and betting have clashed with personal choice for millenia.
- (d) The Law Commission of India's recommendation to legalise betting on sports and gambling should be accepted by the government.
- (e) Moreover, when criminalised, they became avenues for criminal rackets to take over, black money to proliferate, innocents falling victim to fraud and a temptation for law enforcers to make a fast buck.

**(moralistic position** - a position characterized by or expressive of a concern with morality.  
**for millenia** - for a long time.

**proliferate** - increase rapidly in number; multiply.

**fast buck** - quick money.)

(The correct arrangement is -

**d a e c b )**

### Set 69

- (a) But, despite being the main source of economic activity and perhaps population, urban India is low in policy makers' priorities.
- (b) Census data indicates it is also home to 31% of the population.
- (c) This translates into big governance deficiencies where even stepping out during the monsoon can become dangerous.
- (d) However, it may be an underestimate as the World Bank believes that when India's urban sprawl is brought into the picture, it accounts for 55% of the population.
- (e) Urban India provides the lion's share of India's economy, with the services industry taking the lead.

**(underestimate - (also a noun)** - an estimate that is too low.

**sprawl** - a large area of land covered with buildings, especially





ones that have been added gradually over a period of time.

**lion's share** - major share of something.)

(The correct arrangement is -  
e b d a c )

## Set 70

(a) The idea here is to boost the operational viability of an ageing fleet till new fighters are inducted.

(b) However, over the years the fighters became obsolete in their original form and had to be given progressive upgrades of avionics and weapon systems.

(c) The Indian Air Force (IAF) is scrambling to acquire old jets for spares to bolster its existing fleet of fighters.

(d) For example, the IAF has 118 Jaguar fighters today and it began acquiring them way back in 1979 from the UK.

(e) But this in turn made those overweight, leading to several accidents and loss of lives.

(**viability** - ability to work successfully.

**fleet** - a number of vehicles or aircraft operating together or under the same ownership.

**inducted** - introduced to.

**avionics** - electronics as applied to aviation.

**scrambling** - competing with other people for something there is very little of.

**spare** - If something is spare, it is available to use because it is extra.

(The correct arrangement is -

c a d b e )

## Set 71

(a) It could also be a reflection of the fact that India's sporting institutions are working at some level.

(b) Plus, in 1982 most of the medallists came from Maharashtra, Punjab and Rajasthan.

(c) The changing composition exemplifies the growing popularity of sports in the country.

(d) A comparison of India's performance in the 1982 Asiad — when we hosted the Games — with the just concluded edition in Indonesia reveals that the country's 184 medallists this time truly come from all corners of the nation.

(e) This time around it's Haryana, Punjab and Tamil Nadu that dominate.





(f) India won a record 69 medals at the just-concluded Asian Games in Indonesia.

**(The correct arrangement -**

**f d b e c a )**

### **Set 72**

(a) The US cited the lack of decisive action in support of its anti-terror strategy as the reason for the cut in aid and they want Pakistan not to be selective in dealing with terrorists.

(b) The US government last week announced a permanent cut of \$300 million in aid to Pakistan.

(c) The timing could not have been worse as Pakistan's macroeconomic indicators are worsening and it will need help from the International Monetary Fund, where the US has a decisive say.

(d) Pakistan's establishment should heed this advice as its current path will lead to greater isolation and recurring economic crises.

(e) The announcement came just ahead of US Secretary of State Mike Pompeo's visit to the country and sends an unambiguous signal that America is no longer prepared

to tolerate duplicity in fighting terrorism.

**(The correct arrangement -**

**b e c a d )**

### **Set 73**

(a) Linking the retail price of fuel to crude is a reform we have supported.

(b) By any measure, there's no justification for the current incidence of taxes.

(c) But what's unjustifiable is the crippling incidence of taxes imposed on the retail price when crude prices collapsed in 2015.

(d) Consequently, consumers didn't benefit entirely from the downside and are today paying a record retail price.

(e) Retail fuel prices rose yesterday for the tenth straight day, driven by a combination of a weakening rupee and firming up of crude oil price.

**(The correct arrangement -**

**e a c d b )**

### **Set 74**

(a) Experts have pointed to clear structural reasons for this, such as





domestic violence, marital rape, lack of economic independence, differences among men and women in access to mental healthcare or other avenues for dealing with stress.

(b) This is a serious health challenge for both sexes in our country but women are significantly more vulnerable than men.

(c) Suicide is shockingly the most common cause of death in the age group of 15-39 years.

(d) Essentially, the entrenched patriarchy in institutions of marriage and family can be brutally traumatic, and drive a woman to despair.

(e) Some of them specifically blame the high incidence of underage marriages and various studies have also made it clear that the highest proportion of suicide deaths among women in India involves married women.

**(The correct arrangement -**

**c b a e d )**

### Set 75

(a) In this context, Sweden may provide an answer to India's accident problems.

(b) They borrowed a concept from nuclear plants which are designed on the assumption that if human errors are inevitable then risk can be minimised only by incorporating that into safety design.

(c) If the driver is the main cause of accidents, the solution lies in dealing with this fact.

(d) Police data show that the primary cause of accidents often involves the drivers.

(e) Two decades ago, Sweden overturned the traditional view of safety by accepting that human errors are inevitable.

(f) They account for 84% of accidents and 80% of deaths on all roads.

**(The correct arrangement -**

**d f c a e b )**

### Set 76

(a) This is unfortunate because Rajan's detailed response to the parliamentary committee contains the blueprint of banking reforms.

(b) His answers, which include potential sources of future risk, are in the public domain.

(c) That should be the focus of attention as the current system is







exacerbating the NPA crisis through lending mandated by NDA's banking policy.

(d) Raghuram Rajan, formerly governor of RBI and finance ministry's chief economic advisor, has, in response to a request from the parliamentary estimates committee, provided an overview of banks' NPA problems.

(e) Unfortunately they have triggered a political war of words between the ruling and the opposition party.

**(The correct arrangement -**

**d b e a c )**

### **Set 77**

(a) In a sense, Indian cricket in the long format resembles the Indian economy.

(b) Not since 2007 has India won a Test series in England.

(c) If the Indian team is to become effective in all conditions, these flaws need to be addressed.

(d) In challenging conditions, a lot of flaws show up.

(e) Statistically and in benign conditions, it's impressive.

**(The correct arrangement -**

**b a e d c )**

### **Set 78**

(a) The apex court partially struck down Section 57 of the Aadhaar Act thereby preventing private companies from using Aadhaar's biometric identification system to provide services.

(b) Nor can it be compulsory for school admissions.

(c) Similarly, the court also struck down Section 33 (ii) which allowed disclosure of identity information and Aadhaar authentication data in the interest of national security.

(d) Additionally, Aadhaar now is not mandatory for opening bank accounts or getting mobile phone connections.

(e) In a landmark judgment, the Supreme Court has upheld the constitutional validity of Aadhaar but struck down several contentious provisions to safeguard privacy and prevent misuse of data.

**(The correct arrangement -**

**e a c d b )**





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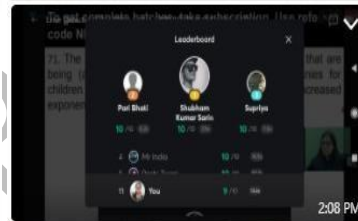
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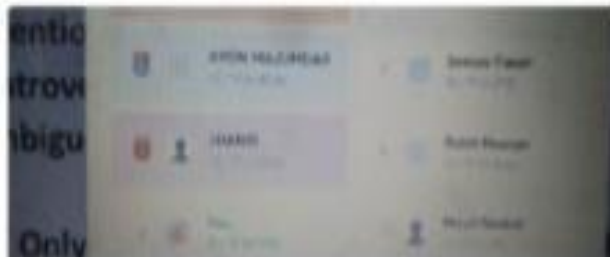




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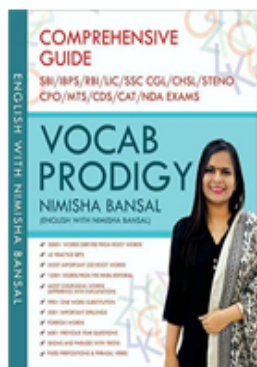
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