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# VA - 18

**CEX-V-0254/18****Number of Questions :** 30

## Test Drive

**Time Limit****5 Minutes**

**Directions for questions 1-5:** In each of the following questions, a part of the sentence has been underlined. From the given options, choose the one that can best replace the underlined part in the sentence to make the sentence grammatically correct.

- Net neutrality is the principle that internet service providers need not be able to charge different content providers at different prices for transmitting data to their consumers.
  - that internet service providers dare not be able to charge different content providers different prices
  - that internet service providers should not be able to charge different content providers on different prices
  - that internet service providers should not be able to charge different content providers different prices
  - that internet service providers must not be able to charge different content providers for different prices
- The effort and reward involved in real cards is modest, but the hour or two you may spend on them this weekend transcends all aspects of the soulless electronic Christmas card, the receipt of which is insulting by comparison.
  - and the hour or two you may spend on them this weekend transcends all aspects of the soulless electronic Christmas card
  - still the hour or two you may spend on them this weekend transcends all aspect of the soulless electronic Christmas card
  - although the hour or two you may spend on them this weekend transcends all aspects of soulless electronic Christmas card
  - but the hour or two you may spend on them this weekend transcends all aspects of the soulless electronic Christmas card
- The Ministry of Information has said that the reporters "illegally acquired information with the intention of sharing these with foreign media".
  - illegally acquired information with the intention to share it
  - have illegally acquired information with the intention to share them
  - are illegally acquiring information with the intention to share it
  - illegally acquired information with the intention to share these
- So ends a disgraceful policy of rounding out EU citizens here entirely lawfully, often working, detaining them without access to justice and then removing them, simply because they could not afford a bed for the night.

- (1) So ends a disgraceful policy of rounding about EU
- (2) So ends a disgraceful policy of rounding up EU
- (3) So ends a disgraceful policy of rounding off EU
- (4) So ends a disgraceful policy of rounding on EU

5. Some schools manipulate admissions to keep after children with learning difficulties in the first place; others move them “off roll” by excluding them so their results do not count towards a school’s position in the league tables.

- (1) to keep down children with learning difficulties
- (2) to keep to children with learning difficulties
- (3) to keep in children with learning difficulties
- (4) to keep out children with learning difficulties

### Para Jumble – Subjective

- This question type has been a fixture of CAT since 2014. However, majority of the students find these questions to be extremely tough.
- To tackle such questions, one needs to be familiar with the basic concepts of Para Jumble. So, revise the rules related to mandatory pairs.
- While solving the questions, one needs to be careful. One also has to crosscheck the answers.

#### Activity 1 – Find the OPENING / TOPIC sentence:

**Directions for questions 6-8:** In each of the following questions, a five sentence paragraph is given from which sentence no 1 is missing. From the given options, choose the one that can be the first sentence of the given paragraph.

6. A. \_\_\_\_\_  
 B. But the company have not simply knocked out another version of the same: the SNES iteration is an improvement in every regard.

- C. The build quality is just as excellent but what elevates it are the 21 games, plus the addition of a second controller, essential for Super Mario Kart.
- D. The titles cover a broad range, featuring cult favourites such as Secret of Mana and EarthBound, but Star Fox 2 is the headline act.
- E. The 1995 game was never released due to fears of unfavourable comparison to PlayStation titles, so this is its first outing and it’s great – even if it’s been bettered by subsequent releases.

- (1) Xbox One X and Nintendo Switch may be the shiny new consoles this year, but the SNES Mini offers a complete package that won’t break the bank.
- (2) This is a retro-lover’s dream, combining some of Nintendo’s best efforts into the same compact package that proved so successful for last year’s NES mini.
- (3) Even for those not struck by 1990s nostalgia, the SNES Mini (RRP £69.99) is a worthwhile purchase.
- (4) It’s been 13 years since the last 2D Metroid game was released, and fans of the series can finally rest easy.

7. A. \_\_\_\_\_  
 B. They are fifteen years old.  
 C. During the week, they arrive, by bus or on foot, singly or in pairs or in clusters, and they make their way up the west side of Madison—they call it the “cool” side—toward their schools: Dalton, on East Eighty-ninth; Sacred Heart and Spence, on East Ninety-first; Nightingale-Bamford, on East Ninety-second; the Lycée Français, on East Ninety-fifth.  
 D. Brearley and Chapin are farther east; Collegiate, Columbia Prep, and Trinity are in the west; Browning is south; Horace Mann, Riverdale, and Fieldston are in the north.  
 E. On the weekends, the tenth graders from all points will find a way to get together. Today is only Tuesday.

- (1) The walking tenth graders greet one another in soft, kindly rhythms, in polite, gentle tones.
- (2) Most of the tenth graders are in the habit of leaving home without eating any breakfast.
- (3) The tenth graders heading up Madison Avenue at 7:30 A.M. to the private high schools are freshly liberated from their dental braces, and their teeth look pearly and magnificent.
- (4) Whenever the tenth graders have a break in their school program, and daily at 12:35 P.M., they head for one of their hangouts.

8. A. \_\_\_\_\_
- B. Despite the eighty-six-degree heat, he wore a gray suit, a lavender dress shirt, a purple tie, and a City Council lapel pin.
- C. He stopped to look, through a tall black fence, at the golf course, which opened last year.
- D. The weekend rate to play a round there is about two hundred dollars, which is almost half the average monthly rent for an apartment in public housing.
- E. To Torres, the course is an “egregious misallocation of resources.”
- (1) Water leaked through the ceilings and mold grew on the bathroom walls in Torres’s apartment, and the elevators broke down so often that he had nightmares about being stuck in them.
  - (2) Torres, who calls himself Afro-Latino—his family is originally from Puerto Rico—is tall and slim and dresses stylishly.
  - (3) Torres was sworn into office in early 2014, at what seemed a propitious moment.
  - (4) Torres, now twenty-eight, is a member of the New York City Council, where he represents the Fifteenth District, in the central Bronx, one of the poorest in the city.

## Activity 2 – Find the CLOSING sentence:

**Directions for questions 9 – 11:** In each of the following questions, a five sentence paragraph is given from which sentence no 5 is missing. From the given options, choose the one that can be the last sentence of the given paragraph.

9. A. Also, despite all the effort, your lifestyle will be classified as “sedentary”, with all its accompanying risks.
- B. Hitting the gym is a popular concept among the fitness conscious.
- C. Unfortunately, studies show that gym memberships in India are more expensive than in Australia or the US.
- D. The timings are often inconvenient and the commute problematic. Motivation often dips after a few months.
- E. \_\_\_\_\_
- (1) Many of us cannot spare that much time!
  - (2) As a result, people become fixated on numbers and try to frantically complete the requirement.
  - (3) The question, however, is “Just how much exercise is enough?”
  - (4) Since many gyms insist on advance payment for the whole year, money is often wasted.
10. A. There a woman wrapped in faded linen opened the door. Kauka embraced her dully and they sat down under a fluorescent bulb.
- B. But then Kauka remembered something and took the older woman’s hand.
- C. A ripple crossed her face: there was a scar.
- D. Her mother had broken her hand when Kauka was still a child, one of the details about her family that was burned into her mind when she was put on a one-way ship to Indonesia.
- E. \_\_\_\_\_

- (1) "This is my mum," she said. "This is my mum."
- (2) Kauka looked utterly blank. She did not seem to remember them at all.
- (3) One young woman came up to Kauka, curious about the hijabi visitor in a district that rarely sees new faces.
- (4) If this was her mother, then that was her brother, and that other woman standing in the corner was her sister-in-law, and this two-year-old girl was her niece, and all these people were, in fact, her people.
11. A. Was there ever a time of greater certitude, when so many were so utterly convinced of so much? Brexiteers, vegans, doomsayers, Putinistas, people of faith, people of no faith, terrorists, trolls, football pundits ...
- B. From the occasional below-the-line firestarter right up to the leader of the free world himself, minds are made up, closed for new business.
- C. No one, it seems, is open to the subtle arts of persuasion, discussion, debate, exchange.
- D. No one, it seems, apart from me.
- E. \_\_\_\_\_
- (1) I've trained my mind more than once.
- (2) And then there are the things I change my mind about every day.
- (3) I seem to be more biddable than ever.
- (4) I do these all the time.

### Activity 3 – Find the OPENING / TOPIC sentence:

12. Match the sentence in Column A with its correct successor in Column B. The two sentences together should make a mandatory pair.

Column A	Column B
1. Given the triumphal academic setting here, an obvious question is how much of this work of adjusting our default- setting involves actual knowledge or intellect.	A. This is as true today as it was nearly 90 years back.
2. Rabindranath Tagore once said, "The imposing tower of misery which today rests on the heart of India has its sole foundation in the absence of education."	B. For that to happen, our public-school system must be swiftly and radically revamped, while our teacher training institutions, of which the District Institutes of Education and Training constitute an important part, speedily re-jigged to turn out world-class teachers, of the kind that will encourage children to stay on in, not drop out of, school.
3. It is government schools that should be the drivers of change by becoming the first, not the last, choice of parents to send their children to.	C. But we should ask ourselves whether test scores are the only way to assess how well education systems are performing; whether teachers are the only ones to blame for low-performing systems; and whether 'blame' itself is the right approach at all.
4. Everyone seems to have suggestions about "fixing" education by holding teachers accountable for student test scores.	D. This question gets tricky.

## Class Exercise

### Level: Easy

13. 1. There are different types of pollution and includes water, soil, air, and sound pollution and all these continue to cause major problems.
2. In our quest to better, our lives we forget or rather ignore the negative impacts such deeds can have on the environment.
3. Pollution as is described is the addition of substances to the environment faster that the environment can dispose, recycle, decompose, or store in a harmless state.
4. Mostly the cities where there is a lot of population are most affected.
5. The fumes that emanate from factories and vehicles not only make it difficult to breathe but affect the ozone layer.

Hint 1: Mandatory pair 1 (Based on definition and explanation)

Hint 2: Mandatory pair 2 (Based on definition and explanation)

14. 1. The Three Witches gave Macbeth a path to follow of how to obtain the goal that he had wanted for a long time, to become king
2. Macbeth is most guilty of his own destruction and evil, but other characters played a significant part in his reasoning behind the crimes he committed.
3. His wife, Lady Macbeth, too, was a huge incentive to commit the crimes he committed.
4. Even considering all of that, Macbeth is most guilty because he and only he can control his actions.
5. She manipulated Macbeth in many ways.

Hint 1 – Opening and closing sentences

Hint 2 – 1 first or 3 first

15. 1. Vaidhyanathan, who interacted with civic officials at its headquarters here on Monday, mooted the proposal.
2. Students of middle school, or secondary sections, will benefit from the exchange programme, which is a part of a sister city initiative.
3. Cupertino and its other sister city, Toyokawa, Japan, already have a student exchange programme.
4. Savita Vaidhyanathan, the first Indian-origin mayor the US city, is in the state capital to promote cultural ties with Bhubaneswar.
5. According to the proposal, students from Bhubaneswar will travel to Cupertino and vice versa, creating and strengthening the bond between the two cities.

Hint - Find three clue words

16. 1. Judith Sikade envisioned escaping the townships, where the government had forced black people to live.
2. More than two decades later, Ms. Sikade, 69, lives on the garbage-strewn dirt of Crossroads township.
3. "I've gone from a shack to a shack," Ms. Sikade says.
4. She aimed to find work in Cape Town, trading her shack for a home with modern conveniences.
5. The end of apartheid was supposed to be a beginning.

Hint 1: Full name – Part name

Hint 2: Chronological sequence

17. 1. The movie stands with "The Remains Of The Day" (1993), "A Room with a View" (1985) and "A Soldier's Daughter Never Cries" (1998) among the best work by the team of director James Ivory and producer Ismail Merchant, who between 1961 and Merchant's death in May 2005, made a series of films that could be described as "Merchant-Ivory" and everyone would know what you meant.

2. There are two conversations in "Howards End" (1992) between Henry Wilcox, a wealthy businessman, and Margaret Schlegel, who becomes his second wife.
3. Around these conversations revolves a story involving those dependable standbys of circa 1900 British literature: class, wealth, family, hypocrisy and real estate.
4. They made high-end films with low-end budgets, which gave them freedom from studio interference, and they often began with novels by such as Henry James and E.M. Forster that had the advantage of being out of copyright.
5. The first is amusing, the second desperate, and they express the film's buried subject, which is the impossibility of two people with fundamentally different values ever being able to really communicate.

Hint 1: Find three clue words

Hint 2: Find two mandatory pairs

Level: Moderate

18.
  1. She says in south India the issue of surnames does not arise as people use initials.
  2. Men too experience difficulties when they go abroad.
  3. The expansion of initials given in the passport in place of surnames poses problems outside India.
  4. "What's in a name" written by Kalpana Sharma highlights the problems faced by women when their names change after marriage.
  5. The "surname" appears first. The actual name comes next under "Given name".
19.
  1. For obvious reasons the former never feel out of place and the latter, never a part of the place.
  2. The other group goes to countries with a different culture, such as the U.S., the U.K., Germany, and so on.
  3. There are the other pleasures, besides the grandchildren: the spur-of-the-moment decisions to go out, especially to the movies.

4. One set have their children in almost-feel-Indian places like Dubai and also Singapore.
5. Still, for people like us, there are many advantages: we don't have to plan the day or the daily chores, so no tension about the maid's non-appearance.
20.
  1. These write-ups are laced with adjectives describing the geography of the region and filled with minute details of the author's days in that remote place.
  2. How no connectivity is what you need to reconnect with yourself!
  3. And, ironically, they all end with a strange advice to travel, and tell no one.
  4. How leaving your watch and phone behind and going into the world of no check-ins and no updates would bring you solitude!
  5. Many a travelogues I read nowadays are about how the traveller went on a road less travelled or some off-the-track trek or to an unknown destination or simply into the wild.
21.
  1. In Iraq the key paradox was that "identity politics" became the American strategy for influence and control over that country, but it also contributed to shaping the identity of ISIS on sectarian lines.
  2. In this part of the world, once a group – be it defined by ethnicity or creed – acquires the status of a nation it can become intolerant of all others.
  3. ISIS thrives on discord. Its ability to turn latent divisions into bloody slaughter should not be underestimated.
  4. Afghanistan's government, weakened by a grinding war, is making similar mistakes and is vulnerable to polarising forces.
  5. Hence the need to find a space for all identities.
22.
  1. It doesn't come in a packet with a massive sign saying "Facebook kills" or "Pregnant women should abstain from Instagram".
  2. In fact, many of us don't consider checking social media multiple times a day to be a bad habit – it is normal, isn't it?

### Level: Difficult

3. We might joke about being addicted to social media, but we rarely think of it as a real addiction, as something that can seriously affect our health.
  4. Because we are all hooked, it can be hard to recognise your social media habits as problematic.
  5. After all, it is not illegal. You can't overdose on it.
- 23.
1. From the blunt use of force by the powerful to the state's deployment of propaganda dressed up as news and the crude pursuit of business interests!
  2. Andrew Pettegree's history *The Invention of News* demonstrates how the sphere evolved over centuries and yet how many current issues are recognisable in its early days.
  3. The instinct to share information has always been matched by the instinct to prevent its spread.
  4. That maxim is overly reductive – would a medical breakthrough make the cut? – but captures an essential truth.
  5. "News is what someone wants suppressed; all the rest is advertising."
- 24.
1. Friends ask me about being a parent who also remains politically involved.
  2. The idea that political work is for young, idealistic, childless adults is one way to keep such work carefully controlled, to cast it as exceptional, a hobby for the privileged few, when of course it's neither.
  3. In the camps at Standing Rock, children were everywhere.
  4. It's ordinary and necessary. So is parenting.
  5. They ask me what it's like to bring my kids with me to demonstrations, meetings and trainings, to breastfeed while facing a cop in riot gear, to be peed on by my baby at a direct-action training, to carry my toddler piggyback while marching through the streets.
- 25.
1. I started to know that you're such a person when I read what your sister, Reem, said about you, and your attitude to life: 'To think that you are a part of the world around you; to feel that you are not a lonely tiny creature compared to the universe; is a great start to be a human being.'
  2. How many cases of torture and abduction and killings in Syria had you documented by this point?
  3. I have to confess I'm sometimes suspicious of optimists. I think, 'these people don't want to see the reality of the world, how bad it truly is.'
  4. And then I found an interview with you, from a time when you were in hiding from those seemingly all-powerful forces who were threatened by the work you were doing.
  5. But then I come across people who do see the reality of the world, those who look the worst of humanity right in the eye, and still hold on to optimism – and I know those people, the ones whose optimism is forged in fire, are the ones that we need in dark times as much as we need air to breathe or water to drink.
- 26.
1. He didn't really want to go back, but he knew he had to.
  2. In the wake of the United States Supreme Court's school-integration decisions in the mid-1950s, Warren — novelist, poet, critic, professor — accepted an assignment from *Life* magazine to return to his native South from Connecticut, where he lived and taught at Yale, to explore the current state of the world of his childhood and youth.
  3. A Southern-born friend of Warren's in New York told him: "I'm glad it's you going, and not me."
  4. Enraged white Southerners were flying the Confederate battle flag and carrying signs that read "Keep Our Schools White."
  5. Bearing witness, seeking to understand, confronting past and present in their complexity and pain: It was all part of what Robert Penn Warren had called "the awful responsibility of Time" in his 1946 novel "All the King's Men."

27. 1. As Amadeo consoled him, the sick man muttered back in words that no one else on Earth still understood.  
 2. *Je'intavea'*, he said that sweltering day in 1999. *I am so ill.* The words were Taushiro.  
 3. A mystery to linguists and anthropologists alike, the language was spoken by a tribe that vanished into the jungles of the Amazon basin in Peru generations ago, hoping to save itself from the invaders whose weapons and diseases had brought it to the brink of extinction.  
 4. A bend on the "wild river," as they called it, sheltered the two brothers and the other 15 remaining members of their tribe.  
 5. Juan writhed in pain and shook uncontrollably as his fever rose, battling malaria.
28. 1. If, as expected, the Democratic-controlled State Legislature approves his appointment by the governor-elect, Philip D. Murphy, Mr. Grewal, 44, would become the first Sikh in the United States to hold the position of statewide attorney general.  
 2. On a back wall in Gurbir Grewal's office, three portraits of Japanese-Americans detained at the Manzanar internment camp in California hang above his desk, a reminder for Mr. Grewal of when the power of domestic law went horribly awry.  
 3. The notion to combat this type of injustice has helped inspire Mr. Grewal, a Sikh, throughout his career, an arc that has seen him rise through the ranks of the federal justice system and now has him poised to become New Jersey's top law enforcement official.  
 4. "It's important for someone like me to do this job that's front-line law enforcement, to show people that you don't have to look a particular way to love this country," he said in an interview.  
 5. Though the portraits are from decades ago, Mr. Grewal sees alarming parallels to the current political environment, where patriotism is sometimes measured by race, faith or political affiliation.
29. 1. The longer-term livelihood needs of refugees and displaced people are not systematically addressed.  
 2. This means that refugees are often omitted from national poverty surveys and other crucial studies, and so are left out of efforts to track the progress of people moving out of poverty.  
 3. Given the burgeoning scale and protracted nature of the crisis, there is a pressing need for data on refugees and migrants to be a poverty and development issue – not just a humanitarian or migration concern.  
 4. The crux of the issue is that collecting data on refugees has traditionally been the domain of humanitarian organisations, on the one hand, as they sought to address immediate needs, and national asylum and immigration systems, on the other hand, as they tracked and processed claims.  
 5. The complexity of refugees' needs demands a more sophisticated understanding of poverty and a repertoire of political, humanitarian and socio-economic responses, as well as evidence on the actual and potential economic contribution of refugees in their host countries.
30. 1. All a last-minute exercise!  
 2. It would momentarily lighten us up as we sat hunting for that one fugitive rupee, not letting us tally the crores.  
 3. The brightly coloured candies kept coming, popping up on the table, on top of the file, at the most unexpected moment.  
 4. At other times it would be in the midst of compiling a report... figures, periods anywhere from two to ten years, the umpteenth number of time to be passed on to the Minister for Zero Hour.  
 5. All this while hurried calls continued incessantly from the panicky voice sitting on the other end... no, perhaps standing and lunging at the phone, or better still, not to lose out on that one nano-second, the phone wire coiled around his neck like Lord Siva's Vasuki and bellowing from the Secretariat.

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# VA - 18 : Verbal Logic - 6

## Answers and Explanations

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1	3	2	4	3	1	4	2	5	4	6	2	7	3	8	2	9	4	10	1
11	3	12	-	13	31452	14	21354	15	42153	16	51423	17	25314	18	42135	19	42153	20	52413
21	25143	22	35124	23	54321	24	15243	25	35142	26	15243	27	51234	28	25314	29	42135	30	32451

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| <p>1. 3 There is an error of modals in option 1. "Dare or need" don't fit the theme of the sentence. Options 2 and 4 have incorrectly used the prepositions on and for before "different prices". No preposition is needed at this place. Hence, option 3 is the correct answer.</p> <p>2. 4 In option 1, "and" is not the correct conjunction as it doesn't fit the theme of contrast apparent in the sentence. Option 2 is incorrect as "all aspect" is wrong. It should be "all aspects". Option 3 is missing an article before Christmas card. So, option 4 is the correct answer.</p> <p>3. 1 The sentence has an incorrect pronoun. Information is singular. So, it should take the pronoun "it" and not "these". We can also eliminate option 4 on the same ground. Options 2 and 3 also have tense errors. As the first part of the sentence is in the Present Perfect form, the accusation has to be in the Past tense.</p> <p>4. 2 The sentence has an error of the incorrect phrasal verb. "Rounding something out" means "to make something more complete". "Round about" is a phrase which means "from all sides". So, option 1 is incorrect. "Round something off" means "to smooth the edges or complete something in a satisfactory manner". So, option 3 is incorrect. "Round on someone" means "to attack someone verbally and suddenly". So option 4 can be eliminated as the sentence talks about "arresting or driving a collective group of people". So the correct phrasal verb is "round up".</p> <p>5. 4 The sentence has an incorrect phrasal verb. "Keep someone after" is a way of describing detention in school. "Keep down" means "lie down or crouch". "Keep to" means "to avoid leaving". It doesn't fit the meaning as the children are already enlisted in the school. "Keep from" doesn't go with the word "manipulate". "Keep in" doesn't fit as it gives a positive meaning. So, option 4 is the best answer.</p> | <p>6. 2 The second sentence has the words "the company". So, 4 can be eliminated as it doesn't talk about any company. 1 and 3 come after the paragraph, thematically. So, 2 is the correct opening sentence.</p> <p>7. 3 1 is a very specific sentence as it talks about "The walking tenth graders". It can't be the opening sentence as the next sentence is specific too. 2 and 4 don't fit the blank in terms of chronological structure. The paragraph talks about "the students' morning walk towards their schools". So, 3 is the correct opening sentence.</p> <p>8. 2 Both 2 and 4 can be the opening sentences as they introduce Torres. However, the second sentence starts with "Despite" and it describes the dressing style of Torres. So, 2 is a better fit.</p> <p>9. 4 The preceding sentences talk about the problems people face while maintaining gym membership. 1 and 2 are vague and they can't follow the penultimate sentence. 3 asks a question which is not related to the preceding sentences. Only 4 talks about the same topic. So, 4 is the correct answer.</p> <p>10. 1 The preceding sentences talk about Kauka recognizing her mother. So 2 and 3 can be eliminated. Both 1 and 4 can come in place of the blank. But 1 is a better choice as thematically it makes a better mandatory pair with the penultimate sentence.</p> <p>11. 3 The paragraph looks abstract in its given form. However, the last two sentences talk about "no one being ready for debates". And sentence D says "no one but me". So, logically, the next sentence should talk about the author. 2 will require a sentence before it to justify "And" in the beginning. 1 talks about "training the mind" and not changing one's mind. It is beyond the scope of the paragraph. 4 has an undefined "these". So, 1 3 is the correct answer.</p> |
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12. 1 – D, 2 – A, 3 – B, 4 – C  
1 – D : Hint: “question”  
2 – A: Hint : “90 years ago”  
3 – B: Hint: “Government schools”  
4 – C: Hint: “Test scores”
13. 31452  
31452 is the correct order. 3 describes pollution. 1 follows 3, depicting the different types of pollution. 4 and 5 provide the place and the reasons behind pollution. It ends with 2 where it talks about human negligence being the root cause for pollution.  
Hint 1 – 3 and 1 – Definition of pollution and types of pollution  
Hint 2 – 1 and 4 – Major problems, further explanation
14. 21354  
21354 is the correct order. The argument in this paragraph is that Macbeth is guilty of his own destruction; 2 thus introduces the matter, followed by 1 which shows that Macbeth may have been manipulated, 3 and 5 as a pair also do the same. 4 ultimately reaches a conclusion which somehow introduces a new idea by holding Macbeth responsible for his actions.  
Hint 1 – 2 is the opening sentence and 4 is the closing sentence.  
Hint 2 – 3 will come after 1 because of “too”
15. 42153  
42153 is the correct order. 1 has to come after 4 because of “full name – part name” rule. 2 comes right after 4 because of “the exchange programme”. So, 421 make a mandatory sequence. 5 talks specifically about Bhubaneswar. 3 comes after 5 because of “Cupertino”.  
Hint: Some clue words are: Full name, part name, the programme, Cupertino, a sister city initiative etc.
16. 51423  
5 is the opening sentence as it talks about apartheid. “Beginning” in 5 is described in 1. “Her aim” is mentioned in 4. 2 shows what actually happened. “Two decades later” gives the hint. 3 is her statement which summarizes the paragraph.  
Hint 1 – Judith Sikade – Sikade – She (However, she is followed by Ms. Sikade due to the theme of the paragraph.)  
Hint 2 – More than two decades later
17. 25314  
This question can be solved by finding the opening sentence. 1, 3, 4, and 5 can't begin the paragraph. 2 is, thus, the opening sentence. 5 elaborates upon the “two conversations” mentioned in 2. 3 introduces the Ivory brothers and their work with “around these conversations”. “The movie” in 1 makes it the next sentence in the order. 4 comes next with “They” which refers to sentence 1.
- Hint 1 – The movie, They, The first / the second, These conversations  
Hint 2 – 2/5, 5/3, 3/2, 1/4
18. 42135  
Clearly 4 is the opening sentence as it introduces the article and its author's name. 2 follows next with “men too” as it adds to sentence 4. Then a new point related to the naming practices in South India is introduced. 3 and 5 create a mandatory pair (passport ...places in the passport) and these two follow sentence 1.
19. 42153  
There are two sets of pairs in this paragraph. 4 and 2 create a pair (one set – the other). 1 has to follow these two (former-latter). 5 and 3 create a mandatory pair too (people like us – other pleasures). As 5 starts with “Still”, it has to follow 421.
20. 52413  
5 is the opening sentence (many a travelogues) and 3 is the closing sentence (they all end). The order of 1, 2, and 4 is the main issue in this question. 1 creates a mandatory pair with 3 as “ironically” in the latter refers to the theme mentioned in 1. So, 2 and 4 have to come after 5. 2 is a broader sentence and 4 is a specific example. So 52413 is the correct order.
21. 25143  
25 is a mandatory pair as 5 (hence) gives a conclusion to 2. 1 and 4 make a mandatory pair as “similar mistakes” in 4 refers to 1. 3 is the closing sentence as it talks about ISIS's strategy to exploit the mistakes of the Afghan government. Thematically 2 is a broader sentence and it is the best fit for the topic sentence of the paragraph.
22. 35124  
3 is the topic sentence as it introduces social media. 5 is the best expansion of this idea and 1 gives examples for the idea mentioned in 5. 2 and 4 create a mandatory pair based on the theme (hooked – it is normal).
23. 54321  
5 and 4 create a mandatory pair as “this maxim” in 4 refers to 5. 3 further adds to the idea. 2 explains the concept of prevention of spreading of news. 1 is a logical extension of 2.
24. 15243  
1 is the topic sentence as the writer introduces the main theme of the paragraph i.e. “politically involved parents”. “They” in 5 refers to “friends” in 1. So 1 and 5 becomes a mandatory pair. 2 then introduces the commonness of such activities. 2, 4, and 3 create a mandatory sequence (it's neither – ordinary – children everywhere).

25. 35142

There are two mandatory pairs in this paragraph. 3 and 5 (suspicion of optimists – But then (which contradicts 3)). “You are such a person” in 1 refers to 5. 4 expands this idea by “And”. 2 comes at the end and it is clear that this paragraph is not a complete one.

26. 15243

1 and 5 create a mandatory pair as 5 expands on the idea of “he didn’t want to go back”. 5 gives the full name of the person. So, it has to come before 2, 4, or 3. Thematically, 243 is a mandatory sequence.

27. 51234

The paragraph talks about a lost language and 5, 1, and 2 act as the build up sentences for the paragraph. “The sick man” in 1 refers to Juan in 5. 2 refers to the word spoken by the sick man. 3 comes next as “the language” in 3 refers to Taushiro in 2. 4 will come at the end thematically.

28. 25314

2 is the opening sentence as it gives the full name of the person under discussion: Gurbir Grewal. “The portraits” in 5 refers to the idea mentioned in 2. So, 2 and 5 become a mandatory pair. “this type of injustice” in 3 refers to 5. 1 and 4, sequentially, come next. So, the correct order is 25314.

29. 42135

4 is the opening sentence as it introduces the topic under discussion. “This means” in 2 refers to the problem mentioned in 4. 1 further explains the extent of the problem. “The crisis” in 3 refers to the problems mentioned in 4, 2, and 1. So, 3 and 5 will come after 4, 2, and 1. Hence, the correct order is 42135.

30. 32451

This is a difficult to understand paragraph. However, a closer reading of the paragraph suggests that that author is describing a government office and the people working in there. Somehow, a candy plays a role in calming these people who are working under a deadline. 3 has to be the opening sentence as it introduces “the brightly coloured candies” and how they impacted the people working in the office. 245 make a mandatory sequence (it would (refers to the candy)-at other times – all this while). 1 is the last sentence as it summarizes the frantic activities mentioned in 2, 4, and 5.