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A-The first line [A] of each question is fixed. Arrange the other four lines in a logical sequence.

1.A. As the recession deepens, people across the ideological spectrum declare that capitalism has failed.

B. Yet, recessions are not aberrations of capitalism but an intrinsic part of it.

C. A bust is an occasion for cleaning out deadwood and failed experiments, and re-inventing capitalism.

D. Almost every economic news report carries Countries in recession words like 'crisis' and 'disaster'.

E. Markets create boom and bust cycles, arising from human tendencies to swing from euphoria to fear and back.

(a) ECDB (b) EDCB (c) DBEC
(d) BECD (e) DCEB

2.A. Building new towns is the key to raising productivity of the Indian economy as well.

B. Expensive real estate makes education and health care costly as well.

C. This jacks up the cost of quality healthcare and education, and these higher costs feed into business costs, affecting India's competitiveness in the global marketplace.

Right now, artificial shortage of urban land has put a premium on the cost of real estate. Office rentals, hotel accommodation, land for factories, all these cost the earth and add to the cost of the goods and

services emerging from these expensive sites of production.

E. Hospitals and schools in urban areas will find that upwards of 50 per cent of their capital cost is accounted for by real estate.

(a) DECB (b) BCDE (c) DCEB (d) DEBC
(e) CBED

3. A. In other words, instead of more "reservations", with the resentment that breeds, let us make it easier for minorities to join the police.

B. Unless young people from minorities see that the police service offers real career opportunities and a good quality of life in the workplace; they will not overcome their negative perceptions.

C. In India, the promotion of minority police personnel at senior and middle levels and using them as visible symbols of the police force would constitute a powerful model to the minority community.

D. The fact that, in many Western countries, there are several officers from the visible minorities now at senior officer rank, sends a powerful message to these communities.

E. But let's not stop with recruitment; we also need to focus on the retention and progression of minority officers.

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(d) **DBCE** (e) ECDB

4. A. So when fear happens, just become totally aware and don't get identified with that thought.

B. You feel insecure because you have a concept of what is security and from that concept you are seeing life.

C. Anything that does not fit that concept makes you insecure.

D. With wordless awareness, just watch. This is called objective watching.

E. This watching will not allow the previous fears to have a snow balling effect.

- (a) DECB (b) DCBE (c) **DEBC**
(d) CDEB (e) CDBE

5. A. I'm a huge fan of Vikas Swarup's novel, one of the most delightful reads I've enjoyed in years.

B. He's rescued by a female lawyer who gets him to tell his life story and explain how he, an uneducated slum kid, knew the answers to such difficult questions.

C. But he has retained the novel's structure and premise, and Danny Boyle has brought its spirit alive in a way that I believe even Swarup would appreciate.

D. Screenwriter Simon has changed pretty much all of Swarup's stories, introduced a romantic element and even re-baptised the hero.

E. It's about an orphan boy called Ram Mohammed Thomas who is about to win a TV quiz show based on Kaun Banega Crorepati and is arrested on suspicion of having got that far by cheating. Ram then tells a number of stories, each of which explains how he knew what he happened to know.

- (a) **EBDC** (b) EDBC (c) CEDB (d) EBCD
(e) ECDB

6. A. Over a span of less than two years, some have been displaced at least a dozen times and are haunted by memories of sleepless nights spent in bunkers, constant bombardment and an uncertain future.

B. The worst nightmare for them was the possibility of forcible recruitment of their young boys and girls by the Tigers as the military began to corner them from mid-2008.

C. Reporters who visited the village heard horror tales of innocent citizens caught in the crossfire.

D. Every one of the 500-odd families in the village has gone through more or less the same trauma.

E. The choice before them was the known devil, the Tigers, and the unknown deep sea, the military.

- (a) CEBD (b) **CEDB** (c) CBED
(d) CDBE (e) CBDE

7. A. US President Barack Obama made a significant commitment to reversing the previous president's attitude

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towards combating climate change earlier this week.

B. The California regulations would force automakers to reduce vehicle emissions by a third by 2016, four years before new federal standards take effect.

C. The move would increase fuel efficiency by as much as eight miles per gallon.

D. If, as expected, California receives permission from the EPA to move ahead, it would mean that both US and other automakers would have to produce cars that are more fuel-efficient than current models.

E. He directed the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to reconsider allowing the state of California to set stricter fuel-emission standards on vehicles than federal limits.

(a) BCDE (b) EDCB (c) **EDBC**
(d) ECBD (e) CDEB

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B. The first line[1] and last line [6] of each question are fixed. Arrange the other four lines in a logical sequence.

1. 1. First, take five minutes to meditate for peace.

B. Allow them to radiate from your stillness out into your body.

C. Bring into your mind anyone against whom you have a grievance and let it go.

D. Close your eyes.

E. Put your attention on your heart and inwardly repeat the words: peace, harmony, laughter, love.

6. Then introduce the intention of peace in your thoughts. After a few moments of silence, repeat this prayer: let me be loved, happy and peaceful; let my friends, my perceived enemies, all beings in the world be happy, loved, and peaceful too.

(a) CBED (b) CDEB (c) EBDC
(d) **DEBC** (e) DBEC

2.1. India is fast losing its low-cost position. In Mumbai, executive compensation levels for the financial

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sector are higher than in London, rental costs are above those in New York and electricity is dearer than in Tokyo.

B. The software sector will have to aspire to be the poet, not just the scribe. Indian exports of its own software, or licensing of its own intellectual property (IP), amounted to only about \$450 million in the year ending March 31, 2007.

C. Increasingly, Indian companies will have to do more with their intellectual resources.

D. As Azim Premji, chairman of Wipro, mentioned, in the crucial IT sector, cost arbitrage is one entry point but the continued growth of the sector will have to be based on quality.

E. Indian companies will need to evolve from their low-cost position.

6. This is a tiny fraction of India's IT service exports. India's IT sector must go beyond "renting out IQ and start creating IP" if it is to compete in the face of ever-rising costs.

(a) BDCE (b) EDCB (c) DBCE

(d) ECDB (e) BCDE

3.1. However, the ground realities are far from satisfactory.

B. However, at the moment only one camp, which can accommodate 500 families, is ready. The rest are housed in schools and other public buildings.

C. To give one example, minutes away from the model village, several hundred people are housed in a school.

D. The government has been talking for months about its preparedness to accommodate the displaced in temporary camps.

E. A group of foreign and local media personnel who were flown in to the government "model village" on the outskirts of Vavuniya returned with the impression that the government was simply not geared to meet the gigantic task.

6. The visiting journalists were taken to the school after they insisted on looking at least one other facility. Each classroom in the school is packed with at least 40 persons. Their belongings are kept on benches along the walls.

(a) BCDE (b) EDBC (c) BCED

(d) DEBC (e) EDCB

4.1. The government is working on a project close to the model camp to create facilities to accommodate more people.

B. Informed sources suggest that shortage of funds is a serious hurdle.

C. The authorities are not sure how long it will take to complete the facility.

D. There is no clarity at the moment on how long the people will stay in the camps.

E. On paper, the government is gearing up to accommodate 200,000 displaced people.

6. The government's argument is that it will take time to rebuild infrastructure and remove landmines

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before the people can return to their original places.

(a) BCDE (b) BDCE (c) **CEBD** (d) CEDB (e) CBDE

5.1. Given that the Indian armed forces have an overwhelming dependence on Russian defence equipment, the news that Russia has grounded its entire fleet of MiG-29 aircraft due to structural defects and subsequently found a large percentage unsafe to fly is ominous.

B. And in a larger context, this is the latest in a series of developments over the past few years that suggest it is time for India to diversify its sources of defence equipment.

C. Russia's defence manufacturing base is facing shortfalls in capabilities and capacities, leading to contract deadline overruns and increased costs, as seen repeatedly in the case of the Gorshkov.

D. The immediate implications for India are worrying. The IAF operates over 60 of the aircraft and is in the midst of procuring 45 more to fly off the much-delayed Admiral Gorshkov and indigenous Cochin-built carriers.

E. Poor quality and a lack of spare parts only worsen the situation, as do its moribund R&D facilities which compel it

to rely on technology dating back to the 1970s and 1980s

6. India's ambitious plans to upgrade its military technology and the changing profile of its requirements mean that it can no longer afford to persist with a strategy that depends on Russia as its primary supplier.

(a) CEBD (b) **DBCE** (c) BDCE (d) CEDB (e) DBEC

6.1. Obama allows federal funding for stem cell research in the US. The controversy in America over the ethics of using embryonic stem cells to heal the sick hasn't deterred US President Barack Obama from making a new policy announcement.

B. By issuing an executive order on March 9, Obama has reversed George W Bush's policy that no federal funding would be available to promote research in human embryonic stem cells.

C. Stem cells are undefined cells present in adults; they are also found in abundance in embryos and umbilical cord blood.

D. Though all stem cells have the potential to heal—because they can be coaxed to grow into specific kinds of tissues or organs with cloning technology—it is embryonic stem cells that have greater potential on account of their ability to grow into virtually any body part.

E. Will the US Congress now allow taxpayers' money to be used for human embryo experiments involving their creation and destruction, overturning

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the legislative ban it has been renewing every year since 1996?

6. That's why researchers prefer to work with embryonic stem cells that have greater scope than adult stem cells with their limitations.

(a) BEDC (b) CDBE (c) EBCD

(d) BECD (e) BCDE

7.1. Embryonic stem cells are controversial because the embryos are discarded once the cells are extracted from them. Critics object to creation of embryos for the purpose of harvesting their cells.

B. Researchers are sourcing these to-be-discarded embryos for stem cells, and not creating new ones for the purpose.

C. The other objection is that the technology could be used in human reproductive cloning.

D. However, given the growth of infertility treatments and with more people opting for assisted reproductive techniques, fertility clinics end up with more embryos than they require.

E. Fears of reproductive cloning—as opposed to therapeutic cloning—are unfounded, too, since the US, like most countries, expressly prohibits it.

6. The Indian Council of Medical Research has laid down guidelines on stem cell research, following a proposal to set up a national apex committee for this purpose.

(a) DBCE (b) BDCE (c) CEDB

(d) CEBD (e) DBEC

Exercise 3

1-1) Either way, it's a red flag that should prompt further questioning and discussion.

2) It can, however, indicate either faulty thinking and flawed logic, if used unintentionally, or an attempt to manipulate the truth to be more persuasive, if used deliberately.

3) That includes, crucially, in your own thinking – and in arguments that you're inclined to agree with.

4) Using a logical fallacy doesn't necessarily mean someone is wrong.

A) 1234 (B) 2413 **(C) 4213**

(D) 4231 (E) 1324

2-S1 - Fukuyama is the professor, writer, and former State Department official who famously predicted the “end of history” in a 1989 article and then a 1992 book of that name.

1) He was careful to stipulate that conflict and competition would not end in the “real or material world.”

2) But monarchy, feudalism, theocracy, autarchy, fascism, communism, and the other challengers to liberalism had all failed as governing systems and intellectual frameworks.

3) “The triumph of the West, of the Western idea, is evident ... in the total exhaustion of viable systematic alternatives to Western liberalism,” he wrote in 1989.

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4) Only Western-style liberalism had proven it can work on a large scale, in many places, and over time.

S6- "There are powerful reasons for believing that it is the ideal that will govern the material world in the long run".

A) 3412 (B) 3124 (C) 2341 (D) 1342
(E) 1234

3-1) We are just beginning to glimpse the extraordinary complexity and subtlety of plants' relations with their environment, with each other and with other living beings.

2) Plants could be fascinating in their own right, of course, but they lacked much of what made animals and humans interesting, such as agency, intelligence, cognition, intention, consciousness, decision-making, self-identification, sociality and altruism.

3) It was once common, in Western societies at least, to think of plants as the passive, inert background to animal life, or as mere animal fodder.

4) We owe these radical developments in our understanding of plants to one area of study in particular: the study of plant behaviour.

5) However, groundbreaking developments in the plant sciences since the end of the previous century have blown that view out of the water.

A) 35412 (B) 12453 (C) 23514 (D) 32514
(E) 14523

4-1) The oddity that we all perceive most readily is its spelling, which is indeed a nightmare.

2) But English is not normal.

3) For a normal language, spelling at least pretends a basic correspondence to the way people pronounce the words.

4) English speakers know that their language is odd. So do people saddled with learning it non-natively.

5) In countries where English isn't spoken, there is no such thing as a 'spelling bee' competition.

A) 51324 (B) 413 25 (C) 53241 (D) 25314
(E) 41532

5-1) One single image - say, the photograph of my cat Henry on my desktop - is represented by a very specific pattern of a million of these bytes ('one megabyte'), surrounded by some special characters that tell the computer to expect an image, not a word.

2) The information first has to be encoded into a format computers can use, which means patterns of ones and zeroes ('bits') organised into small chunks ('bytes').

3) Side by side, those three bytes form the word dog.

4) Computers, quite literally, process information - numbers, letters, words, formulas, images.

5) On my computer, each byte contains 8 bits, and a certain pattern of those bits stands for the letter d, another for the letter o, and another for the letter g.

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