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- 1. In the following passage, there are blanks each of which has been numbered. These numbers are highlighted below the passage and against each five groups of words have been suggested, one of which fills the blanks appropriately.**

The 6th Regiment Massachusetts Volunteer Militia was a (Q.31) infantry regiment that was activated only for civil services in the Union army for three separate terms during the American Civil War. The regiment (Q.32) notoriety as the first unit in the Union army to suffer fatal casualties in action during the Civil War in the Baltimore Riot and the first militia unit to arrive in Washington D.C. in response to President Abraham Lincoln's initial call for 75,000 troops. Private Luther C. Ladd of the 6th Massachusetts is often (Q.33) to as the first Union soldier killed in action during the war. In the years immediately preceding the war and during its first enlistment, the regiment (Q.34) primarily of companies from Middlesex County. During its first term of service, four out of ten companies of the regiment were from Lowell, Massachusetts. Colonel Edward F. Jones commanded the regiment during its first term. He later (Q.35) the 26th Massachusetts and was awarded the honorary grade of brevet brigadier general. During its second and third terms of service, the unit was commanded by Colonel Albert S. Follansbee. The regiment first (Q.36) for a "90-day" term of service which lasted from April 16 to August 2, 1861. Following their engagement in the Baltimore Riot, the 6th Massachusetts (Q.37) to Washington and then returned to Baltimore to guard locations within the city as well as the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad station at Elkridge, Maryland. Their second term of service (Q.38) nine months from August 1862 to June 1863. During this time the 6th Massachusetts was attached to the VII Corps and participated in several expeditions and actions in the vicinity of Suffolk, Virginia, most notably the Siege of Suffolk and the Battle of Carrsville in April and May 1863. Private Joseph S.G. Sweatt's bravery at Carrsville (Q.39) him the Medal of Honor. The 6th Massachusetts served a third term in response to the call for troops to defend fortifications around Washington. During this term, which lasted 100 days from July to October 1864, the 6th Massachusetts garrisoned Fort C. F. Smith was in Arlington, Virginia and (Q.40) Confederate prisoners of war at Fort Delaware near the mouth of the Delaware River.

- A. Choose the correct answer from the given options to be filled in the blank (32).**

A Polished

B Abducted

C Gained

D Surrendered

E Subdued

Solution

The correct answer is option C i.e. Gained.

a) Polished: characterized by a high degree of development, finish, or refinement.

b) Abducted: to take hold of somebody and take him/her away illegally

c) Gained: to obtain or win something, especially something that you need or want

d) Surrendered: to stop fighting and admit that you have lost

e) Subdued: (used about a person) quieter and with less energy than usual

Gained is the best apt. option to be used here.

"Notoriety" refers to the state of becoming famous for a bad quality.

The mention of 'as the first unit in the Union army to suffer fatal casualties in action' indicates that the regiment earned the notoriety of being so.

Hence, the chosen option is correct.

B. Choose the correct answer from the given options to be filled in the blank (36).

A Protected

B Promoted

C Enlisted

D Serviced

E Engorged

Solution

The correct answer is option C i.e. Enlisted.

a) **Protected:** to keep somebody/something safe; to defend somebody/something

b) **Promoted:** to encourage something; to help something to happen or develop



c) Enlisted: to get help, support, etc.

d) Serviced: to examine and, if necessary, repair a car, machine, etc.

e) Engorged: cause to swell with blood, water, or another fluid.

The given passage is concerned about the armed force and the sentence in question talks about a term period.

Enlisted is the best apt. option to be used here.

C. Choose the correct answer from the given options to be filled in the blank (38).

A Began

B Succeeded

C Postponed

D Lasted

E Surprised

Solution

The correct answer is option D i.e. Lasted

- a) Began: to start doing something; to do the first part of something.
- b) Succeeded: to manage to achieve what you want; to do well.
- c) Postponed: to arrange that something will happen at a later time than the time you had planned; to delay.
- d) Lasted: to continue for a period of time
- e) Surprised: feeling or showing surprise

Lasted is the best apt. option to be used here.

As the blank space is immediately followed by 'nine months' which indicates time, therefore 'lasted' is the best fit word to be used here.

Thus, option D is the correct answer.

D. Choose the correct answer from the given options to be filled in the blank (39).

A Earned

B Coasted

C Perplexed

D Mortified

E

Imputed

Solution

The correct answer is option A i.e. Earned

"Coasted" means to move easily without using power.

"Perplexed" means to make someone feel completely baffled.

"Mortified" means to cause someone to feel very embarrassed or ashamed.

"Imputed" means to represent something, especially something undesirable as being done or possessed by someone; attribute.

"Earned" means to gain deservedly in return for one's behaviour or achievements.

The concerned sentence talks about what Private Joseph S.G. Sweatt's bravery at Carrsville do to him. And after the blank, it is stated, 'him the Medal of Honor'. This means that he obtained a medal.

Thus, option A is the best fit answer.

Earned is the best apt. option to be used here.

E. Choose the correct answer from the given options to be filled in the blank (40).

A

Stole

B

Guarded

C Banished

D Entertained

E Summed

Solution

The correct answer is option B i.e. Guarded

"Stole" means to take another person's property without asking.

"Banished" means to send someone away from a country or place as an official punishment.

"Confound" means to cause confusion or surprise in someone.

"Summed" means to add.

"Guarded" means to watch over in order to protect or control.

Guarded is the best apt. option to be used here.

The concerned sentence states what C. F. Smith did while he was in Arlington, Virginia. Since they are already prisoners, they need not be banished. 'Summed', 'entertained' and 'stole' are out of context. 'Guarded', on the other hand is the most appropriate word.

Therefore, option B is the best fit answer.

F. Choose the correct answer from the given options to be filled in the blank (37).

A Proceeded

B Courted

C Outnumbered

D Synchronized

E Obliterated

Solution

The correct answer is option A i.e. Proceeded

Courted: to do something that might have a very bad effect

Outnumbered: to be greater in number than an enemy, another team, etc.

Synchronized: to make something happen or work at the same time or speed

Obliterated: to remove all signs of something by destroying or covering it completely.

The mention of 'Following their engagement in the Baltimore Riot', indicates that the regiment performed an action to provide service. 'To Washington' indicates that they moved to Washington.

Proceeded is the best apt. option to be used here, also 'proceeded' can be followed by the preposition 'to'.

Hence, the chosen option is correct to be used here.

G. Choose the correct answer from the given options to be filled in the blank (35).

A Commanded

B Persuaded

C Enthralled

D Obligated

E Performed

Solution

The correct answer is option A i.e. Commanded.

a) Commanded: to tell or order somebody to do something

b) Persuaded: to make somebody do something by giving him/her good reasons

c) Enthralled: to hold somebody's interest and attention completely

d) Obligated: to constrain by physical, moral, or legal force or by the exigencies of circumstance

As per the language of the sentence it can be concluded that the sentence mentions 26th Massachusetts, which is the name of a regiment. So, Colonel Edward F. Jones must have also commanded this regiment.

Commanded is the best apt. option to be used here.

H. Choose the correct answer from the given options to be filled in the blank (34).

A Emptied

B Consisted

C Enlightened

D Punctuated

E Belittled

Solution

The correct answer is option B i.e. Consisted

a) Emptied: to remove everything that is inside a container, etc.

b) Consisted: be composed or made up of.

c) Enlightened: having an understanding of people's needs, a situation, etc. that shows a modern attitude to life.

d) Punctuated: to interrupt something many times

e) Belittled: to make somebody or the things he/she does, seem unimportant or not very good

As per the language of the sentence it can be concluded that it talks about the 6th Regiment Massachusetts Volunteer Militia as it existed before the war and during its first enlistment.

Therefore, Consisted is the best apt. option to be used here.

I. Choose the correct answer from the given options to be filled in the blank (33).

A Contained

B Sustained

C Composed

D Pondered

E Referred

Solution

The correct answer is option E i.e. Referred

We can see that the blank space is followed by the preposition 'to as the...', therefore 'referred' is the best apt option to be used here.

- a) Contained: to have something inside or as part of itself
- b) Sustained: to keep somebody/something alive or healthy
- c) Composed: made or formed from several different parts, people, etc.
- d) Pondered: to think about something carefully or for a long time
- e) Referred: to mention or talk about somebody/something

Hence, the chosen option is correct.

J. Choose the correct answer from the given options to be filled in the blank (31).

A Wartime

B Peacetime

C Mammoth

D Truce

E Exploit

Solution

The correct answer is option B i.e. Peacetime

- a) Wartime: a period of time during which there is a war
- b) Peacetime: a period when a country is not at war
- c) Mammoth means very big
- d) Truce: an agreement to stop fighting for a period of time
- e) Exploit: to use something or to treat somebody unfairly for your own advantage

It has been mentioned in the given sentence that the infantry was activated only for civil services. This means that this infantry did not serve during international wars. Thus, it can be said the infantry was non- military in nature or a peacetime infantry.

Peacetime is the best apt. option to be used here.

All other words does not agree with the context of the passage.

Thus, option B is the correct answer.



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