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Each question given below has five sentences. Each sentence has a pair of words that are highlighted. From these words, select the most appropriate words (A or B) to form correct sentences. The sentences are followed by options that indicate the words, which may be selected to correctly complete the set of sentences. From the options given, choose the most appropriate one.

1. 1) The queen's *imperious* (A)/ *impervious* (B) behavior has not endeared her to many.
- 2) The minister dismissed the protest against him as the handiwork of a small *click* (A) / *clique* (B) of disgruntled elements in his own party.
- 3) My friend was *loath* (A)/ *loathe* (B) to investing in shares of new companies.
- 4) The manufactured items are required to *conform* (A) / *confirm* (B) to certain standards set forth by the government.
- 5) The leaders of the party are trying to *coble* (A)/ *cobble* (B) together a coalition of likeminded parties.

A ABAAB

B AABBB

C BABAB

D BBAAB

E

None of these

Solution

The correct answer is option A i.e. ABAAB

In the first sentence, ‘imperious’ means ‘overbearing’ or ‘domineering’ whereas, ‘impervious’ means ‘not responsive to an argument, outside influence etc. hence, ‘imperious’ (A) is the correct option here.

In the second sentence, ‘click’ means ‘as slight sharp sound’ and ‘clique’ means ‘a small exclusive group of people’. Hence, ‘clique’ (B) is appropriate in the context.

In the third sentence, ‘Loath’ means disinclined, or reluctant and it is often followed by ‘to’ whereas, ‘loathe’ means ‘to detest’ or ‘to abominate’. Hence, ‘loath’ is the right word in the context.

In the four sentence, while ‘conform’ means to comply with rules, ‘confirm’ means to provide support for the truth or correctness of something”. Hence, conform (A) is the right word here.

In the fifth sentence, while ‘coble’ is a flat – bottomed fishing boat, ‘cobble’ means to join or assemble together. It is often followed by together.

Therefore, it is clear that ABAAB is the most apt. option to be used here.

Hence the chosen option is correct.

In the following questions, statements 1 and 6 are respectively the first and the last sentences of a paragraph. Statements A, B, C and D come in between them. Rearrange A, B, C and D in such a manner that they make a coherent paragraph together with the statements 1 to 6. Select the correct order from the given choices and mark its number as your answer.

2. 1) the institution of the moral sentiment is an insight of the perfection of the laws of the soul.

A. Thus, in the soul of man there is a justice whose retributions are instant and entire.

B. He who does a mean deed is by the action itself contracted.

C. They are out of time, out of space, and not subject to circumstances.

D. These laws execute by themselves.

6) He who does a good deed is instantly ennobled.

A CDAB

B ADCB

C DCAB

D DCBA

Solution

The correct answer is option C i.e. DCAB

While arranging sentences in a paragraph, it is important to understand the central theme of the paragraph so that the series of events can be well adjusted.

One method of arranging the sentences is by finding the link between any two given statements, and then look for this order in the choices.

Statement B is connected to statement 6.

Hence, statement B must precede statement 6.

So, options D and E can be eliminated.

‘Laws’ in statement 1 connects it to ‘these laws’ in statement D and ‘they’ in statement C refers to ‘laws’ in statement D.

Therefore, the correct sequence will be DCAB.

The paragraph formed after rearrangement is:

The institution of the moral sentiment is an insight of the perfection of the laws of the soul. These laws execute by themselves. They are out of time, out of space, and not subject to circumstances. Thus, in the soul of man there is a justice whose retributions are instant and entire. He who does a mean deed is by the action itself contracted. He who does a good deed is instantly ennobled.

Hence, option C is correct.

In the following questions, statements 1 and 6 are respectively the first and the last sentences of a paragraph. Statements A, B, C and D come in between them. Rearrange A, B, C and D in such a manner that they make a coherent paragraph together with the statements 1 to 6. Select the correct order from the given choices and mark its number as your answer.

- 3. 1) It is easier to be courageous when you do not have to function in a democracy.**

A. It is particularly so in a democracy, where there is never a dull electoral moment.

B. There is always some election round the corner where the large picture is going to be clouded over by the lurid stains of propaganda.

C. Seem soft on Punjab and the opposition will pummel you in the assembly elections.

D. So, restrain your hand and postpone a decision.

6) wait for another “opportune moment”, which of course never really comes.

A ABCD

B BDCA

C ACBD

D

DCBA

E

ADBC

Solution

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

While arranging sentences in a paragraph, it is important to understand the central theme of the paragraph so that the series of events can be well adjusted.

The word ‘easier to the courageous’ and ‘particularly so’ connect statement 1 and statement A.

Both sentences refer to the situation in a democracy.

Therefore, option B and D can be eliminated.

‘Never a dull electoral’ in statement A is clearly linked to ‘some election round the corner’ in statement B.

Statement C following statement B is clear because the words ‘propaganda’ in statement B and ‘pummel’ in statement C convey the idea of parties exploiting controversial issues during campaigning.

The words ‘postpone’ in statement D and ‘opportune moment’ in statement 6 serve as key words.

Therefore, the correct sequence will be ABCD.

The paragraph formed after rearrangement is:

It is easier to be courageous when you do not have to function in a democracy. It is particularly so in a democracy, where there is never a dull electoral moment. There is always some election round the corner where the large picture is going to be clouded over by the lurid stains of propaganda. Seem soft on Punjab and the opposition will pummel you in the assembly elections. So, restrain your hand and postpone a decision wait for another “opportune moment”, which of course never really comes.

Hence, option A is correct.

4. In the questions below, four different ways of writing a sentence are indicated. Choose the best way of writing the sentence.

A

Today majority of communication in the business world are accomplished over e-mails.

B

A majority of communication in the business world today, is accomplished over e-mails.

C

A majority of communication in the business world today are accomplished over e-mails.

D

A majority of communications today in the business world are accomplished over e-mails.

E

None of these

Solution

The correct answer is option B i.e. A majority of communication in the business world today, is accomplished over e-mails.

Declamatory an event comes first and time frame later, hence option 'A' is incorrect.

‘Majority of communication’ takes the verb ‘is’ since it is an uncountable noun.

Hence, ‘are’ is incorrect in option ‘C’ and ‘D’.

Further ‘communications’ in option ‘D’ is not correct.

In this way option ‘B’ has no error.

Therefore, it is clear that “A majority of communication in the business world today, is accomplished over e-mails.” is the most apt. to be used here.

Hence the chosen option is correct.

5. **Select the alternative from among the choices that best expresses the idea:**

A

A memo was issued by the director of the agency that had an insulting tone, according to the staff members.

B

The director of the agency, who issued a memo that had an insulting tone, according to the staff members.

C

The issuance of a memo by the director of the agency had an insulting tone, according to the staff members.

D

The director of the agency issued a memo that had an insulting tone, according to the staff members.

E

None of these

Solution

The correct answer is option D i.e. The director of the agency issued a memo that had an insulting tone, according to the staff members.

In all the given statements, the clause ‘that had an insulting tone’ is narrating different nouns.

We should find out the noun that has an insulting tone to answer this.

Agency, issuance in statements 'a' and 'c' do not have an insulting tone, as they are starting nothing.

Statement 'b' is incomplete.

Statement 'd' is correct, as the memo is in an insulting tone.

Memo means a usually brief written message or report.

Therefore, it is clear that option D is the most apt. option to be used here.

Hence the chosen option is correct.

In each of the following questions, a sentence has been given with some of its parts is highlighted. To make the sentence grammatically and idiomatically correct, you have to replace the highlighted part with the correct alternative given below. If the sentence is correct as it is, give 'e' as your answer.

6. Most folks who tuned into Budget 2019 may have come away with the impression that it was just a random bag of *good for Indian voters* from a government heading into general elections.

A goodness from Indian voters from

B goodies to Indian voters to

C goodies for Indian voters from

D goodies for Indian voters by

E no improvement

Solution

The correct answer is option C i.e. goodies for Indian voters from

Goodies means exciting things that are provided or given whereas 'Good' means of a high quality or standard.

Here, 'goodies' will be used in place of 'good'.

Therefore, it is clear that option 'C' is the most apt. option to be used here.

Hence the chosen option is correct.

7. **Select the alternative from among the choices that best expresses the idea:**

A The leader had always loyal supporters and they loved him.

B The leader always has loyal supporters who loved him.

C The leader always has loyal supporters and they are loving him.

D The leader always had loyal supporters who loved him.

E None of these

Solution

The correct answer is option D i.e. The leader always had loyal supporters who loved him.

Statement 'b' and 'c' are grammatically incorrect as has -loved (the verbs are in different tenses) and has-are loving (love is not written in continuous tense).

The phrases 'had always' in statement 'a' should read 'always had'.

Hence, only statement d is grammatically correct.

Therefore, it is clear that that option D is the most apt. option to be used here.

Hence the chosen option is correct.

8. **Select the alternative from among the choices that best expresses the idea:**

A

The panel narrowed the field of applicants to the three whom it thought were best qualified for the position.

B

The panel narrowed the field of applicants of the three whom it thought were best qualified for the position.

C

The panel narrowed the field of applicants to the three who it thought were best qualified for the position.

D

The panel narrowed the field of applicants to the three who it thought was best qualified for the position.

E

None of these

Solution

The correct answer is option C i.e. The panel narrowed the field of applicants to the three who it thought were best qualified for the position.

The pronoun 'whom' is used wrongly in 'a' and 'b'.

'narrowed.....of the three' in 'b' is incorrect.

Three is plural, so 'was best' in 'd' is also wrong.

Hence, only statement 'c' is grammatically correct.

The panel thought that 'they' were best qualified. 'They' is in the subjective case. Hence, 'who' is correct.

Therefore, it is clear that that option C is the most apt. option to be used here.

Hence the chosen option is correct.

For the word given on the top of the table. Match the dictionary definitions given in the left-hand column (A, B, C, D) with their corresponding usage given in the right-hand column (E, F, G and H). Out of the four numbered choices given in the boxes below the table, identify the one that has all the definitions and usages correctly matched and mark its number as your answer.

9. BLUFF

Meaning

A. Good-naturedly blunt, outspoken

B. Steep cliff

C. To mislead by display of false strength or confidence

D. An act or instance of misleading

Usage

E. He is such a glib talker, he can bluff his way out of anything.

F. When we called his bluff, he just panicked and ran.

G. Being situated on the edge of a sheer bluff, the house had a splendid view of the countryside.

H. I like uncle Sunil -he is nice, though a little bluff.

A

A-E, B-G, C-F, D-H

B

A-H, B-G, C-E, D-F

C

A-F, B-H, C-E, D-G

D

A-G, B-F, C-H, D-E

E

A-G, B-E, C-F, D-H

Solution

The correct answer is option B i.e. A-H, B-G, C-E, D-F

BLUFF Meaning:

A. Good-naturedly blunt, outspoken

Ex: I like uncle Sunil -he is nice, though a little bluff.

B. Steep cliff

Ex: Being situated on the edge of a sheer bluff, the house had a splendid view of the countryside.

C To mislead by display of false strength or confidence

Ex: He is such a glib talker, he can bluff his way out of anything.

D An act or instance of misleading

Ex: When we called his bluff, he just panicked and ran.

Therefore, it is clear that A-H, B-G, C-E, D-F correctly match the meaning, option B is the most apt. option to be used here.

Hence the chosen option is correct.

For the word given on the top of the table. Match the dictionary definitions given in the left-hand column (A, B, C, D) with their corresponding usage given in the right-hand column (E, F, G and H). Out of the four numbered choices given in the boxes below the table, identify the one that has all the definitions and usages correctly matched and mark its number as your answer.

10. FRET

Meaning

- A. To feel or express or discontent
- B. To cause corrosion
- C. To move in agitation commotion
- D. Interlaced angular design

Usage

- E. The sari border was a lovely fretted design.
- F. The acid fretted through the wood, leaving a gaping hole.
- G. The waterfall-with the water leaping in a seething, fretting mass over the edge of the precipice- was an awe-inspiring sight.
- H. Stop fretting – we will reach our destination soon.

A

A-H, B-G, C-F, D-E

B

A-H, B-F, C-G, D-E

C

A-F, B-E, C-H, D-G

D

A-F, B-H, C-E, D-G

E

A-G, B-H, C-F, D-E

Solution

The correct answer is option B i.e. A-H, B-F, C-G, D-E

FRET Meaning:

A. To feel or express or discontent

Ex: Stop fretting – we will reach our destination soon.

B. To cause corrosion

Ex: The acid fretted through the wood, leaving a gaping hole.

C. To move in agitation commotion

Ex: The waterfall-with the water leaping in a seething, fretting mass over the edge of the precipice- was an awe-inspiring sight.

D. Interlaced angular design

Ex: The sari border was a lovely fretted design.

Therefore, it is clear that A-H, B-F, C-G, D-E correctly match the meaning, option B is the most apt. option to be used here.

Hence the chosen option is correct.



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