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India's gross domestic product (GDP) grew by 7.3 per cent, according to the official data. The figure fell short of the 7.4 per cent predicted by the Central Statistical Organisation (CSO). This is certainly a creditable achievement when the growth rate in many developed countries is not even half of it. However, what is most distressing is that the growth rate in the agriculture sector was a negligible 0.2 per cent during the same period. Had it performed better, the overall growth rate would have been far more creditable. As a majority of the people still depends on agriculture for their livelihood, the **niggardly** growth rate is nothing but a national disaster the consequences of which are difficult to be visualised. That the agricultural sector is in distress and some of the farmers are even forced to commit suicide is no news. The fact is that little has so far been done to strengthen agriculture. It is also well known that the agricultural output has close relations with the climatic



The recent unseasonal rains in many parts of India, followed by **searing** heat wave conditions, have caused extensive damage to the crops. In the weeks to come, demands for **waiving** of agricultural loans and increasing the procurement prices of food grains are bound to be taken up by political leaders. Eventually, the government would be forced to concede some of their demands. Needless to say, this will not help the agricultural sector to regain health. Instead, it will only perpetuate the dependency of the farmer on government subsidy, a problem that needs to be addressed in right earnest. What is needed is a shift in emphasis—from subsidy to investment. It is a fact that agriculture has not seen any investment worth the name during the last few decades. In fact, after the success of the Green Revolution, this sector has not seen much investment.



Cold storages that can protect perishable commodities like potato and onion and warehouses where grains can be kept protected from rains and moisture are just two areas where heavy investment is required. The insurance industry can be encouraged to come up with crop insurance policies which are imaginatively conceived to meet the needs of the farmer. If this kind of structural change is not attempted, Indian agriculture will remain **moribund** and the farmers will continue to **wallow** in distress.



1. According to the passage, the growth in the India's GDP is:

- a) More than the Estimated Rate.**
- b) Exactly same as the Estimated Rate.**
- c) Less than the Estimated Rate.**
- d) First Increased and then decreased as per the estimates.**
- e) None of the above**

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1. Answer: c)

Explanation: The passage clearly mentions that the growth in the India's GDP fell short of the 7.4 per cent predicted by the Central Statistical Organisation (CSO).



- 2. The growth rate in agricultures sector compared to other sector:**
- a) Contributes largely to the India's GDP.**
 - b) Contributes very less to the India's GDP.**
 - c) Helps in controlling inflation of the country.**
 - d) Indicates a boom in the agriculture sector.**
 - e) None of the above**

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2. Answer: b)

Explanation: It has been clearly mentioned in the passage that the growth rate in the agriculture sector is quite distressing and negligible (0.2 per cent).



3. According to the passage, what are the main reasons for the damage of the crops in India?

1. Unseasonal Rains

2. Lack of Financial Support

3. Lack of Irrigation Facility

4. Hot Climate

a) Only A and B

b) Only B and C

c) Only A and D

d) Only C and D

e) All of the above

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3. Answer: c)

Explanation: It has been clearly mentioned in the second paragraph that the unseasonal rains in many parts of India, followed by searing heat wave conditions, have caused extensive damage to the crops.



- 4. Due to distress in agriculture sector, the government can face which of the following demands from the farmers?**
- a) Waiving of agricultural loans.**
 - b) Increasing the procurement prices of food grains**
 - c) Increasing the agricultural loans.**
 - d) Waiving of agricultural loans and increasing the procurement prices of food grains.**
 - e) None of the above**

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4. Answer: d)

Explanation: It has been clearly mentioned in the second paragraph that demands for waiving of agricultural loans and increasing the procurement prices of food grains are bound to come from farmers due to damage in the crops.



- 5. At present, what is needed in the agriculture sector of India?**
- a) Infrastructural Development**
 - b) Investments**
 - c) Subsidies**
 - d) Technological Advancement**
 - e) All of the above**

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5. Answer: b)

Explanation: It has been clearly mentioned in the third paragraph that a shift in emphasis—from subsidy to investment is required at present in agriculture sector of India.



6. Which industry can be encouraged to enter agriculture industry for helping the farmers to meet their needs?

- a) Banking Industry**
- b) Automobile Industry**
- c) Small Scale Industry**
- d) Insurance Industry**
- e) None of the above**

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6. Answer: d)

Explanation: The last lines of the third paragraph clearly mention that the insurance industry can be encouraged to come up with crop insurance policies which are imaginatively conceived to meet the needs of the farmer.



The following questions have a word highlighted from the passage with four words following it. Choose the best word that matches the meaning of the highlighted word as your answer.



7. **Searing**

- a) **Freezing**
- b) **Boiling**
- c) **Chilling**
- d) **Frosting**
- e) **None of the above**

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7. Answer: b)

Explanation: Both 'Searing' and 'Boiling' means extremely hot or intense.



8. **Waiving**

a) **Denying**

b) **Refusing**

c) **Holding**

d) **Stopping**

e) **Forgoing**

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8. Answer: e)

Explanation: Both 'Waiving' and 'Forgoing' means to give or let go.



The following questions have a word highlighted from the passage with four words following it. Choose the best word that is opposite in meaning to the highlighted word as your answer.



9. **Moribund**

- a) **Dying**
- b) **Fading**
- c) **Expiring**
- d) **Increasing**
- e) **None of the above**

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9. Answer: d)

Explanation: Moribund means something in terminal decline and 'Increasing' is the exact opposite word.



10. Wallow

a) Immerse

b) Sprawl

c) Steady

d) Flounder

e) Lurch

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10. Answer: c)

Explanation: Wallow means to indulge in an unrestrained way in something that one finds pleasurable and 'Steady' is the exact opposite word.



Rearrange the following sentences (A), (B), (C), (D), (E) and (F) to make a meaningful paragraph and then answer the questions which follow.



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- (A) In addition, the thrust on rural health programmes, life saving drugs and preventive vaccines also augurs well for the pharma companies.**
- (B) Moreover, the government has been taking several cost effective measures in order to bring down healthcare expenses.**
- (C) The growth in Indian domestic market will be on back of increasing consumer spending, rapid urbanisation, raising healthcare insurance, and so on.**
- (D) Going forward, better growth in domestic sales will depend on the ability of companies to align their product portfolio towards chronic therapies for diseases such as cardiovascular, anti-diabetes, anti-depressants and anti-cancers are on the rise.**
- (E) The Indian Pharmaceuticals market size is expected to grow to US\$ 85 billion by next year.**
- (F) Thus, governments are focusing on speedy introduction of generic drugs into the market.**



11. Which of the following sentence should be the 6th (Last) after rearrangement?

- a) C**
- b) B**
- c) A**
- d) E**
- e) F**

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11. Answer: c)



12. Which of the following sentence should be the 3rd after rearrangement?

- a) A**
- b) E**
- c) B**
- d) C**
- e) D**

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12. Answer: e)



13. Which of the following sentence should be the 5th after rearrangement?

- a) A**
- b) F**
- c) C**
- d) E**
- e) D**

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13. Answer: b)



14. Which of the following sentence should be the 1st after rearrangement?

- a) C**
- b) B**
- c) E**
- d) D**
- e) A**



14. Answer: c)



15. Which of the following sentence should be the 2nd after rearrangement?

- a) A**
- b) B**
- c) D**
- d) C**
- e) E**



15. Answer: d)

The proper sequence of sentences to make a meaningful paragraph will be 'ECDBFA':



Each question below has a blank indicating that something has been omitted. Choose the set of words for the blank which best fits the meaning of the sentence as a whole.



16. High _____ costs and a deficient monsoon will _____ the financial condition of cotton farmers.

- a) Output, Strengthen**
- b) Output, Worsen**
- c) Input, Worsen**
- d) Input, Strengthen**
- e) None of the above**

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16. Answer: c)

Explanation: As per the meaning of the sentence, the words 'Input' which means putting in something, and 'Worsen' which means making a situation bad, fits in the blanks.



17. Long term bonds are _____ from _____ regulatory norms like CRR and SLR, if the money raised by it is used for funding infrastructural projects.

- a) Hindered, Optional**
- b) Prevented, Optional**
- c) Prevented, Mandatory**
- d) Exempted, Mandatory**
- e) None of the above**

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17. Answer: d)

Explanation: As per the meaning of the sentence, the words ‘Exempted’ which means freed from some responsibility and ‘Mandatory’ which means required by law, fits in the blanks.



18. The government has been repeatedly asking people to _____ from buying gold and instead invest in other saving _____.

- a) Persist, Accounts**
- b) Desist, Instruments**
- c) Persist, Instruments**
- d) Desist, Accounts**
- e) None of the above**

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18. Answer: b)

Explanation: As per the meaning of the sentence, the words 'Desist' which means stop doing something and 'Instruments' which means a tradable asset or negotiable item, fits in the blanks.



19. The government had been forced to slash public _____ in the last quarter of the previous _____ year.

- a) Earning, Leap**
- b) Earning, Fiscal**
- c) Spending, Leap**
- d) Spending, Fiscal**
- e) None of the above**

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19. Answer: d)

Explanation: As per the meaning of the sentence, the words 'Spending' which means give money to pay for goods, services, or so as to benefit someone or something and 'Fiscal' which means the financial year, fits in the blanks.



20. Through vocational and technical training frameworks, the government can help in _____ existing skills and _____ new skills of youth of India.

- a) Degrading, Ignoring**
- b) Lowering, Dismantling**
- c) Upgrading, Creating**
- d) Decreasing, Breaking**
- e) Deteriorating, Concluding**

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20. Answer: c)

Explanation: As per the meaning of the sentence, the words 'Upgrading' which means raising something to a higher standard and 'Creating' which means to bring something into existence, fits in the blanks.



In the following passage, there are blanks each of which has been numbered. For each number some words are suggested below the passage, one of which fits the blank appropriately. Find the appropriate words.



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- 21. a) Absorb b) Cripple c) Anticipate
d) Revitalise e) Impede**

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21. Answer: d)

Explanation: The appropriate word should be 'Revitalise' which means to instill something with new life and vitality.



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- 22. a) Subsist b) Prevail c) Restructure
d) Survive e) None of the above**

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22. Answer: c)

Explanation: The appropriate word should be 'Restructure' which means to organize differently.



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24. a) Issued b) Released c) Furnish
d) Equipped e) None of the above

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Explanation: The appropriate word should be 'Issued' which means to supply or distribute something for use or sale.



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25. a) Divided b) Dissuaded c) Mobilised
d) Dispersed e) Separated

25. Answer: c)

Explanation: The appropriate word should be 'Mobilised' which means to organize and make something ready for action.

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- **Direction: In each of the question below two statements are given. You have to find which statement(s) contains error and choose the answer from the provided options accordingly.**
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26. (i) Hope you will stand by me when danger comes.

(ii) Are you sorry with what you have done?

A) Only statement (i) contains error

B) Only statement (ii) contains error

C) Both (i) and (ii) contains error

D) Both (i) and (ii) are error free

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Option B _____

Explanation: (ii) Are you sorry for what you have done?



27. (i) The approach to this part of the book is similar with that to the other part.

(ii) He complained of headache after reading the article.

A) Only statement (i) contains error

B) Only statement (ii) contains error

C) Both (i) and (ii) contains error

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Option A

Explanation: (i) similar with=> similar to



28. (i) The ministers should be made accountable for the common man.

(ii) He was discharged as there was no proof against his guilt.

A) Only statement (i) contains error

B) Only statement (ii) contains error

C) Both (i) and (ii) contains error

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Option C

Explanation: (i) for=> to

(ii) against=> of; (No proof against his guilt means he is guilty. So he cannot be discharged. But the author means that there was no proof that he was guilty.)



29. (i) The intelligence of many wildlife animals is indeed amazing.

(ii) Every man, woman, and child was taken from the town.

A) Only statement (i) contains error

B) Only statement (ii) contains error

C) Both (i) and (ii) contains error

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Option D

Explanation: Both are correct



30. (i) We have being staying in a rented apartment near my wife's office.

(ii) We have already made a reservation at the restaurant.

A) Only statement (i) contains error

B) Only statement (ii) contains error

C) Both (i) and (ii) contains error

D) Both (i) and (ii) are error free

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Option A

Explanation: (i) being=> been



31. (i) Since the train strike began, I drove to work every day.

(ii) The landlord will furnished the apartment by the time we moved in.

A) Only statement (i) contains error

B) Only statement (ii) contains error

C) Both (i) and (ii) contains error

D) Both (i) and (ii) are error free

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Option C

Explanation: (i) I drove=> have driven (Sentence is in present perfect)

(ii) will have furnished



32. (i) The company's success have been noticed by the financial press.

(ii) The entire project has been coordinated by a Special Task Force.

A) Only statement (i) contains error

B) Only statement (ii) contains error

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Option A

Explanation: have=> has



33. (i) She wasn't going to argue with him or bawl in his presence.

(ii) Priya needed to complete her mission, even if she wasn't sure how to do them.

A) Only statement (i) contains error

B) Only statement (ii) contains error

C) Both (i) and (ii) contains error

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Option B

Explanation: (ii) how to do them=> how to do it. [subject- mission]



34. (i) He was taken aback momentarily, but he recovered swiftly.

(ii) According to the invitation, the party will held in the main entrance near the Christmas tree.

A) Only statement (i) contains error

B) Only statement (ii) contains error

C) Both (i) and (ii) contains error

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Option B

Explanation: (ii) party will be held in



35. (i) Scientists have discovered a new Earth-like planet orbiting a red dwarf star about 40 light-years away.

(ii) There are two ways of the body to tackle infectious diseases – curing and prevention.

A) Only statement (i) contains error

B) Only statement (ii) contains error

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Option B

Explanation: (ii) for the body

