

Stagger 

(most opposite word)

walk or move unsteadily

(a) Sap 

weaken, feeble

 (b) Lurch

 (c) Teeter

 (d) Flounder

 (e) None of these

- **Directions (1-5) :** The following question has two blanks, each blank indicating that something has been omitted. Choose the set of words for each blank that best fits in the context of the sentence.



1) Civilians need to focus, laser-like, perhaps by creating a Defence Reforms Unit _____ within the National Security Council, to push the military to adopt necessarily painful organizational _____.

A) nested, reforms

B) boarded, improves

C) housed, refines

D) resided, changes

E) quartered, alters

- **2)** For instance, the _____ of the Emergency discredited the appeal of authoritarianism among most Indians and the 1991 _____ of payments crisis led to first-generation economic reforms.

A) damage, stability

B) trauma, balance

C) injury, equilibrium

D) wounds, footing

E) sore, parity

- **3)** This also applies to our military _____. The 1962 defeat led to massive militarization and helped achieve a more _____ outcome in the 1965 war and a famous victory in the 1971 war.

A) incident, viable

B) occurrence, valid

C) experience, credible

D) event, tenable

E) affair, feasible

- **4) Distracted by the pandemic, the government took a while and eventually came up with an appropriate tit-for-tat _____ in end-August. Second, the Indian military has just embarked on perhaps its most significant institutional reform, _____ by the prime minister's (PM)'s decision to create a Chief of Defence Staff (CDS).**

A) operation, set off

B) activity, trip

C) exercise, activating

D) manoeuvre, triggered

E) move, induct

- **5)** For instance, one of the offensive strike cops, historically tasked to operate on the western border, is now being given a _____ towards the north. Such “rebalancing,” as Army Chief General MM Naravane, put it, was long _____ but raises more questions.

A) power, awaited

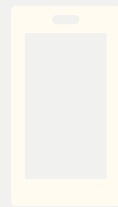
B) control, delayed

C) leadership, belated

D) duty, tardy

E) responsibility, overdue

- **Direction (6-10):** in each of the following questions a grammatically correct and meaningful sentence is given with four words given in bold in each. Which of the following words should replace each other to form a meaningful and grammatically correct sentence. The meaning can be different from the one in question.



6) But while fruition (A) that robots will replace human workers haven't come to fears (B), there are growing concerns that morale (C) up with the pace of the latest artificial intelligence technology is taking a toll on human workers' health, safety and keeping (D).

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- 1) A-D
- 2) C-D
- 3) A-C, B-D
- 4) A-B, C-D
- 5) B-D

A-D

7) A former NTPC official said that when the power **producer (A)** sold overseas bonds, it gave an **withdraw (B)** that if the government **stake (C)** in the company comes down below 50%, then investors can **undertaking (D)** their money.

1) A-D

2) C-D

3) A-C, B-D

4) A-B, C-D

5) B-D

8) Stressed asset investors believe that non-banking financial companies (NBFCs), real estate, and consulting (A) energy firms have a high likelihood of slipping (B) into distress over the next five years, according to a report by restructuring (C) and turnaround renewable (D) firm Alvarez and Marsal.

1) A-D

2) C-D

3) A-C, B-D

4) A-B, C-D

5) B-D

9) Mint **meltdown (A)** on 28 December that deals of more than \$100 million are expected to slow down, with investors turning **provider (B)** on companies with high burn rate, following the **reported (C)** of co-working space **cautious (D)** We Work.

1) A-D

2) C-D

3) A-C, B-D

4) A-B, C-D

5) B-D

10) However, in **terms (A)** of deal volume, only **11** companies used the QIP route in 2019, as against **25** in 2018, **indicating (B)** that only large companies were able to tap the market this year, which was **headwinds (C)** by volatility due to various macro **characterized (D)**.

1) A-D

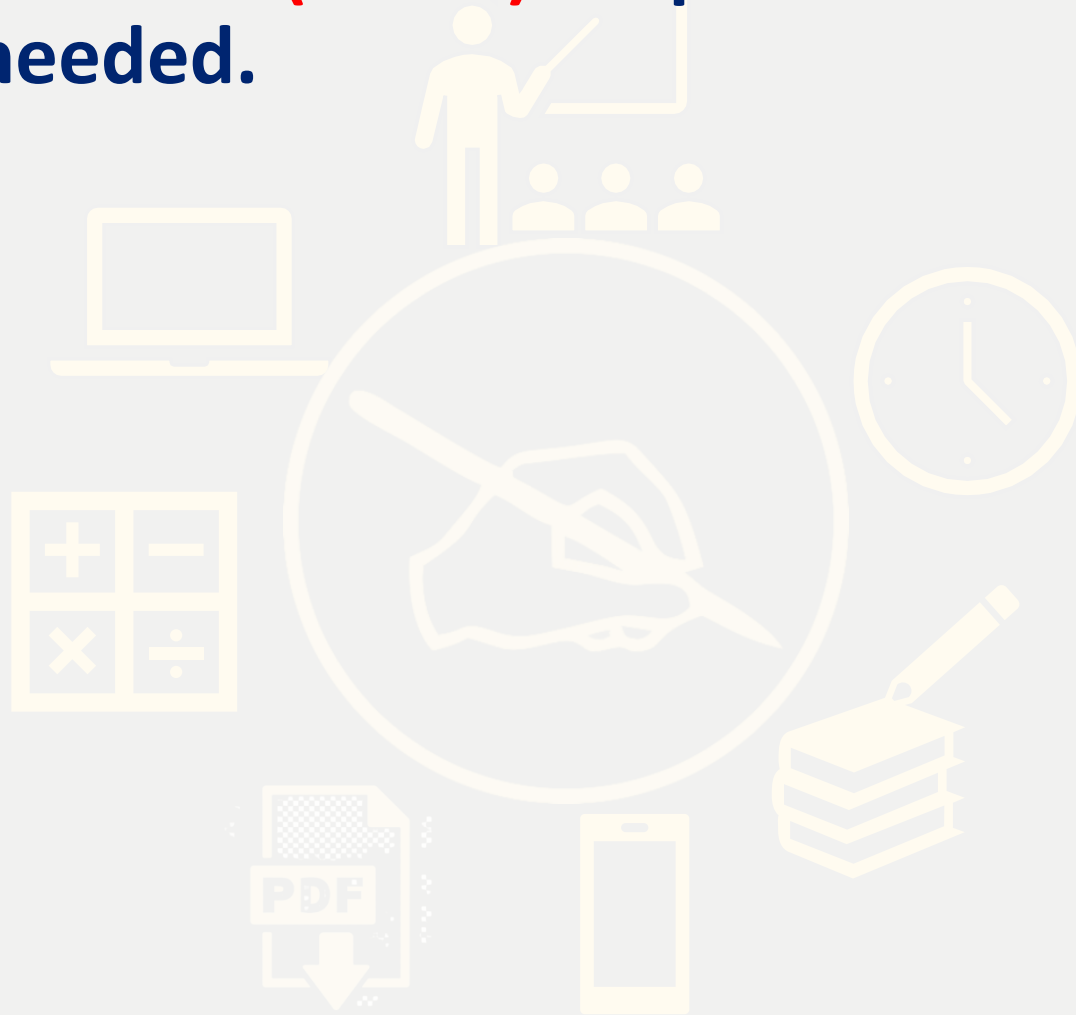
2) C-D

3) A-C, B-D

4) A-B, C-D

5) B-D

- **Directions (11-15):** Improve the bold part in the following sentences, if needed.



11) . He **made** himself master of practically every branch of medieval learning, and **has a thoroughly knowledge** of the sources and the bibliography of his subject.

- 1) having a thorough knowledge of
- 2) **has** had a thorough knowledge to
- 3) Have a thoroughly knowledge for
- 4) had a thorough knowledge of
- 5) No Change required

12). Gionee has been found guilty for intentionally inflicting malware in over 20 million phones by a Chinese court.

guilty 

- 1) had been found guilty for
- 2) has been found guilty of
- 3) has been found being guilty with
- 4) have found to guilty for
- 5) No Change required

13) Visiting a temple is a good if you are not going just because it has become a habit; rather go there as a conscious seeker, then your visit will help purify your mind.

1) Visiting a temple is good if you are not going just because it has become a habit; rather

2) Visit a temple is good if you are not going just because it has become a habit; rather

3) Visiting a temple is good if you are not going just because it has become a habit; rather

4) Visiting a temple is good unless if you are not going just because it has become a habit; rather

5) No correction required

14) Political leaders, social ideologists and the utopians were promising him the same thing — not in paradise but here on earth, somewhere far away in the future when society goes through a total revolution and there is no poverty, no classes, no government and man is absolutely free and has everything that he needs.

1) was promising him the same thing — not in paradise but here on earth, somewhere far away in the future when society goes through a total revolution and there is no poverty, no classes, no government

2) were promising him the same thing — not in paradise and here on earth, somewhere far away in the future when society goes through a total revolution and there is no poverty, no classes, no government

3) were promising him the same thing — not in paradise but here on earth, somewhere far away in the future when society goes through a total revolution and there is any poverty, no classes, no government

4) were promising him the same thing — not in paradise but here on earth, somewhere far away in the future when society goes through an total revolution and there is no poverty, no classes, no government

5) No correction required

20) Witnessing is pure perception — see the things as they are — unlike the sensory perception of seeing thing with our past memory.

1) see the things as they are — unlike the sensory perception of seeing things with

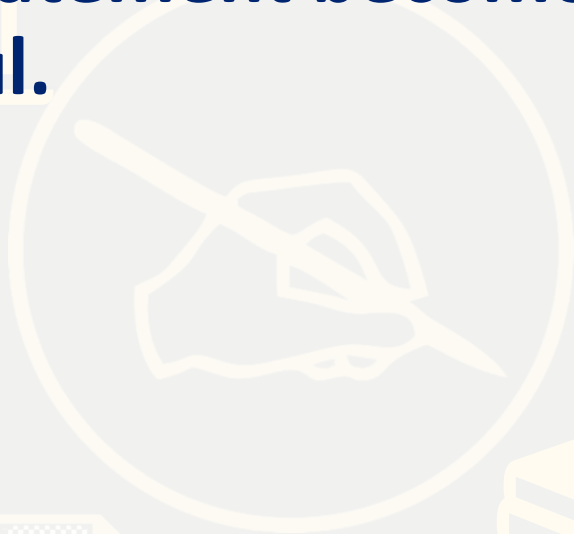
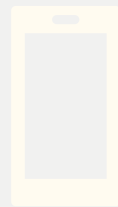
2) seeing the thing as they are — like the sensory perception of seeing things with

3) seeing the things as they are — unlike the sensory perception to seeing things with


4) seeing the things as they are — unlike the sensory perception of seeing things with

5) No correction required

- **Directions (16-17):** In each of the questions given below, four words have been highlighted which may or may not be at their correct positions. Pick the most suitable option to interchange the words, so that the statement becomes grammatically correct and contextually meaningful.



16) . The MNM's promise to directly pay women a monthly amount may be **competitive (A)** as a **landscape (B)** to grab attention in an over-crowded, highly **viewed (C)** electoral **strategy (D)**.

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- ✓ 1) CDAB
 - 2) No change required
 - 3) BDCA
 - 4) ADCB
 - 5) CABD

17). With the Indian economy gradually **debating (A)** its feet after a historic contraction, economic commentators have **finding (B)** themselves with **viability (C)** the need for fiscal expansion and the **busied (D)** of a “V-shaped recovery”.

1) CADB

2) ABDC

3) No rearrangement required

4) BDAC

5) DBAC

- **Directions (18-21):** In each of the following questions, four sentences are given and you have to choose the one which has some or any grammatical error in it. If all the given four sentences are correct choose option (e) as your choice.



18) (1) The government acknowledged that the Form 27 format was problematic and provided an undertaking to the court to effect appropriate amendments.

(2) Opacity in communication is dangerous when there is high vaccine hesitancy

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(3) Hong Kong should no sooner erase its colonial past. Beijing should demolish the Forbidden City

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(4) We need to improve the availability and affordability of energy-efficient appliances.

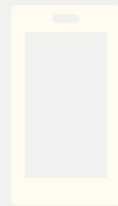
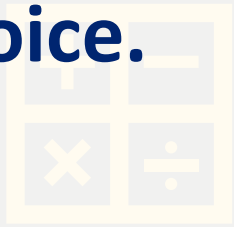
(5) All have no error

- 19). (1)** The growth conundrum that Kantibhai and Sureshbhai plan to solve is perhaps the same ~~which~~ ^{that} a majority of MSME owners in the country face.
- (2)** India needs a nationwide consumer awareness campaign on energy efficiency.
- (3)** Record GST inflows in December augur well, but the economy is still in a flux
- (4)** The country requires a new political instrument for governability
- (5)** All have no error

- 20). (1)** The government has significantly weakened the critical duty imposed by the law on patentees/licensees to disclose patent working information
- (2)** Too much of strong leadership has robbed India of its democratic exuberance and constitutional dynamism.
- (3)** Core sectors recorded yet another contraction in November, with cement and steel slipping back after a minor uptick.
- (4)** Many of his pieces have designs incised or in relief, and others are skilful decorated with gold and silver
- (5)** All have no error

- 21) (1) The gender gap in the agriculture sector will only widen more with the current farm laws**
- (2) Journalism focuses on a narrative of gloom that forces many people to avoid news altogether.**
- (3) Journalism creates a better-informed citizenry, which in turn creates a better collective future**
- (4) There will possibly be a unanimous rejection of the Republican objections to Joe Biden's electoral votes**
- (5) All have no error**

- **Directions (22-25):** In each of the questions given below a sentence is given in which a word is highlighted. Each sentence is then followed by three words. Choose the word(s) that can replace the given word in bold to make a grammatically and contextually meaningful sentence as your answer. If none of the words can replace the highlighted word then choose “None can replace” as the correct choice.



22). India and Japan have devised a **mechanism** for cooperation in the steel industry at the joint secretary level.

A) System (B) Method (C) tools X

(1) Only A

(2) Both (A) & (C)

(3) Both (A) & (B)

(4) Only (B)

(5) No replacement

23) . Your business premises which qualify for business asset taper relief have become too cramped.

(A) Hamper

(B) Measured

(C) Inclined

(1) No replacement

(2) Both (A) & (B)

(3) Both (A) & (B)

(4) Only (B)

(5) Only (C)

- **Directions (24-25):** Two columns are given in each question and each column has three phrases. Choose the most suitable pair of phrases, which makes a grammatically correct and contextually coherent statement.



24). COLUMN A

- A) The regulator did not wait for sufficient safety and efficacy data to be collected B). If there is already some degree of apprehension about the safety and efficacy of COVID-19 vaccines,
- C) If the answers to those questions are affirmative, then

COLUMN B

- D. the opaque nature of the approval process has done little to mitigate such concerns.
- E. and did not share information about the clinical trials before granting approval. F. made assumptions about increasing rates of technological progress is very reasonable.

- 1) B-D (2) A-E & B-D (3) C-D & B-F (4) A-E & C-F (5) A-E, B-D & B-F

25) COLUMN A

- A) These regulatory bodies and committees have remained silent**
- B) More than being a scientific methodology,**
- C) The coercive attempt to falsify a study participant's claims and intimidate him or her**

COLUMN B

- D. violates the agreed upon rules of clinical trials**
- E. clinical trials are a method of human cooperation**
- F. the impression that they are not independent**

- (1) B-D (2) A-E & B-D (3) C-D & B-F (4) A-E & C-F (5) B-E & C-D**

- **A.** This is partly linked to drop in payment rates, as consumers are struggling to pay their bills amid rising consumption and tight finances.
- **B.** Embracing energy efficiency can be a win-win solution as this can bring down household energy bills and reduce discoms' financial stress
- **C.** The Indian government has sanctioned liquidity relief to help discoms tide over this crisis, but these are just short-term fixes.
- **D.** The rules lay down uniform performance standards for power distribution companies (discoms) and make them liable to compensate consumers in case of violations.
- **E.** The well-intentioned rules come at a time when Indian discoms are struggling to manage their finances.
- **F.** The Power Minister, R.K. Singh, recently announced the Electricity (Rights of Consumers) Rules, 2020.

