

All India Mock for IBPS SO Prelims 2024 (English Section)

Directions (1-4): In each of the questions given below a sentence is given with three words in bold. Choose the option which gives the correct sequence of these words to make the sentence grammatically and contextually correct.

Q1. Despite being in the spotlight, a range of issues in the **unaddressed (A)** remain **development (B)**, such as the delay in shifting of the mofussil bus stand, lack of industrial **constituency (C)**.

- (a) CBA
- (b) None of these
- (c) CAB
- (d) BCA
- (e) ACB

Q2. Peak summer **interior (A)** is yet to begin but several **season (B)** places are already in the **grip (C)** of a heatwave.

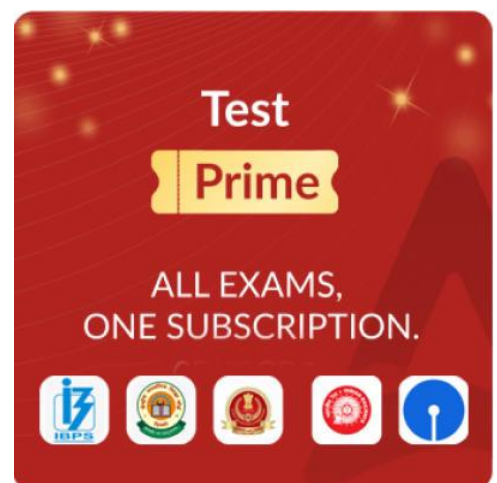
- (a) CBA
- (b) BAC
- (c) ACB
- (d) None of these
- (e) BCA

Q3. The interns have **indefinitely (A)** to **boycott (B)** work **decided (C)** until their demands were met.

- (a) None of these
- (b) CAB
- (c) ABC
- (d) BCA
- (e) CBA

Q4. BioNTech-Pfizer said their vaccine showed 100% **efficacy (A)** against the coronavirus in 12- to 15-year-olds, as they eye **adolescents (B)** for **approval (C)** to get the jabs before the next school year.

- (a) BCA
- (b) ACB
- (c) CAB
- (d) BAC
- (e) None of these



Directions (5-7): Which of the phrase/ word from the options (a), (b), (c) and (d) given below each sentence should replace the phrase printed in bold letters to make the sentence grammatically correct? If the sentence is correct as it is, mark (e) i.e., “No replacement required” as the answer.

Q5. High Court directed the Election Commission of India **to forming new policies** to prevent double voting.

- (a) to reveal the winner
- (b) conduct elections
- (c) by take strict actions
- (d) to take all possible steps
- (e) No replacement required

Q6. Last month the government **were announcing the policy** lagged revision in small savings rates.

- (a) is mandating the
- (b) has effected a substantial
- (c) must be controlling inflation
- (d) will pay heed to many
- (e) No replacement required

Q7. In the absence of taxi services, air-passengers **are relying on** private vehicles.

- (a) cancelling ticket
- (b) were worried
- (c) was hiring
- (d) are believable
- (e) No replacement required

Directions (8-15): Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions given below it. Certain words have been printed in bold to help you locate them, while answering some of the questions.

By the end of May 2021, only 2.1% of Africans had received at least one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine. We need to close the vaccination gap between advanced economies and developing countries to avoid what the World Health Organization (WHO) Director-General, Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesu has called “vaccination apartheid”. Doing so is both morally right and in everyone’s interest. Therefore, we need global multilateral action to increase the production of vaccines and **accelerate** the roll-out worldwide. Since the beginning of the novel coronavirus pandemic, this is the path chosen by the European Union (EU). It is now also the path defined by the G20 leaders at the Global Health Summit in Rome on May 21.

The pandemic is still killing thousands of people every day and at the current pace, the whole world will not be vaccinated before 2023. Yet, a widely vaccinated world population is the only way to end the pandemic; otherwise, the multiplication of variants is likely to **undermine** the effectiveness of existing vaccines. Vaccination is also a prerequisite for lifting the restrictions that are holding back our economies and freedoms. These restrictions penalise the whole world, but they weigh even more heavily on developing countries. Advanced countries can rely more on social mechanisms and economic policy levers to limit the impact of the pandemic on their citizens.

If the vaccination gap persists, it risks reversing the trend in recent decades of declining poverty and global inequalities. Such a negative dynamic would hold back economic activity and increase geopolitical tensions. The cost of inaction would for sure be much higher for advanced economies than what we collectively would have to spend to help vaccinate the whole world. Therefore, the EU welcomes the \$50 billion plan proposed by the International Monetary Fund in order to be able to vaccinate 40% of the world population in 2021 and 60% by mid-2022.

To achieve this goal, we need closely coordinated multilateral action. We must resist the threat posed by linking the provision of vaccines to political goals and “vaccine nationalism”. The EU has rejected both since the beginning of the pandemic. The EU has been vaccinating its own population, while exporting large volumes of vaccines and contributing **substantially** to the vaccines roll-out in low-income countries. Europeans can be proud of this record. India’s “Vaccine Maitri” is another example of global solidarity. In 2020, the EU supported the research and development of vaccines on a large scale and contributed significantly to the new generation of mRNA vaccines. The EU then became a major producer of COVID-19 vaccines with, according to WHO, around 40% of the doses used globally so far. The EU has also exported 240 million doses to 90 countries, which is about as much as we have used within the EU.

Q8. Why there is a need to increase the pace of production and vaccine drive?

- (a) because the medication is not enough efficient to fight COVID-19 infection
- (b) it is imperative both ethically right and for everyone’s well being
- (c) as the government is seeking to give approval to many more vaccine manufacturer companies
- (d) because an increase in the number of cases has become threefold than before
- (e) None of these

Q9. Which of the following will be the consequence of lack of sufficient supply of vaccine?

- (a) the existing vaccine will not be efficient for an outbreak of new variants of infections
- (b) the economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic in India will be largely disruptive
- (c) the perpetuate Covid-19 pandemic will erode all the available necessary resources
- (d) enlarging the variant will wear away the efficacy of the available vaccine
- (e) None of these

Q10. Which of the following is/are the contribution(s) of international organizations to fight pandemics?

- (I) continuous efforts have been put by them in order to provide vaccines throughout the world.
- (II) financial aid has been given for the coverage of population for vaccine
- (III) by ensuring food security to everyone to make sure minimum death due to starvation

- (a) Only (i)
- (b) Both (i) and (ii)
- (c) Both (i) and (iii)
- (d) Only (iii)
- (e) All are correct

Q11. Although patriotism is praiseworthy, why it is not like the same in the case according to the passage?

- (a) global politics during pandemic making it more challenging to control the spread of the virus
- (b) nationalism is necessary for national security and cannot be compromised by any nation
- (c) promote the interest of own nation only will contradict the idea of vaccination drive for everyone
- (d) EU is exporting vaccines to many countries and setting it as an example of global cooperation
- (e) None of these

Q12. Which of the following statements can be concluded from the passage as a solution?

- (a) more financial aids are required as there is a lack of resources for the manufacturers of the vaccine
- (b) Immunisation needs cooperation and is rudimentary for abolishing the international restrictions
- (c) the restrictions need to be extended to stop people from gathering and spread of the transmitted virus
- (d) the production of vaccines should be increased as its supply is much lesser than the demand
- (e) None of these

Q13. Among the given options, choose the word which can replace the highlighted word in the given passage.

UNDERMINE

- (a) dawdle
- (b) cripple
- (c) supervene
- (d) draconian
- (e) None of these

Q14. Among the given options, choose the word with the most similar meaning of the given word.

ACCELERATE

- (a) expedite
- (b) noxious
- (c) fervent
- (d) fitful
- (e) None of these

Q15. Among the given options, choose the word with the opposite in meaning of the given word.

Substantially

- (a) flout
- (b) offensive
- (c) flawed
- (d) paltry
- (e) None of these

Directions (16-20): In the following questions, a sentence is divided into four parts consisting of a highlighted word in each part. Choose the option reflecting the word which is either misspelt or grammatically incorrect. If all the highlighted words are correct, choose option (e) i.e. "all are correct" as your answer choice.

Q16. The Supreme Court has **cautioned (A)** courts against **mechanical (B) granting (C)** bail in heinous **offences (D)**.

- (a) cautioned
- (b) mechanical
- (c) granting
- (d) offences
- (e) All are correct

Q17. We do not have **adequate (A)** knowledge about the virus and should be very **careful (B)** about **extrapolating (C)** its **behaviour (D)** during the last wave.

- (a) adequate
- (b) careful
- (c) extrapolating
- (d) behaviour
- (e) All are correct

Q18. The Finance Ministry has put to rest all **spectulation (A)** about the inflation **targeting (B)** framework that will guide the **interest (C)** rate **decisions (D)** of the RBI's Monetary Policy Committee over the five-year.

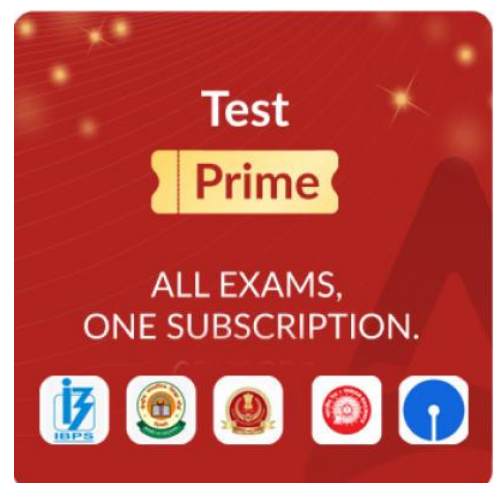
- (a) speculation
- (b) targeting
- (c) interest
- (d) decisions
- (e) All are correct

Q19. The **optimism (A)** that India might have beaten the COVID-19 **pandemic (B)** has given way to **pesimism (C)** from a sharp increase in new cases and deaths from the **disease (D)**.

- (a) optimism
- (b) pandemic
- (c) pesimism
- (d) disease
- (e) All are correct

Q20. Though the diasporas are always active, it is an international civil society made up of a whole **arrey (A)** of **disparate (B)** groups that **dominate (C)** the **agitational (D)** space of the Human Rights Council.

- (a) arrey
- (b) disparate
- (c) dominate
- (d) agitational
- (e) All are correct



Directions (21-25): In the following questions, a grammatically correct and meaningful sentence is given which is divided into four parts namely (A),(B),(C) and (D) You have to arrange the four parts to make a contextually and grammatically meaningful sentence. If no such rearrangement is possible mark (e) as your answer i.e. 'No rearrangement required'.

Q21.

- (A) a free, open and
 - (B) we are united by our democratic
 - (C) values and our commitment to
 - (D) inclusive Indo-Pacific.
- (a) DABC
 - (b) BCAD
 - (c) CDAB
 - (d) ADCB
 - (e) No rearrangement required

Q22.

- (A) the State Election Commission
 - (B) the duty of the State to not interfere
 - (C) with the functioning of
 - (D) under the constitutional mandate, it is
- (a) ADCB
 - (b) BACD
 - (c) CDBA
 - (d) DBCA
 - (e) No rearrangement required

Q23.

- (A) substantial volume of the vaccine
 - (B) the Serum Institute of India
 - (C) has an agreement with
 - (D) Novavax to manufacture a
- (a) ADCB
 - (b) BCDA
 - (c) CDBA
 - (d) DABC
 - (e) No rearrangement required

Q24.

- (A) at the helm will be under scrutiny
- (B) itself will vote for a chief ministerial
- (C) For the first time, the constituency
- (D) candidate, whose stint

- (a) DACB
- (b) ABDC
- (c) CBDA
- (d) BCDA
- (e) No rearrangement is required

Q25.

- (A) The daughter of a village temple priest,
 - (B) who was murdered along with his son for
 - (C) exposing encroachments on a waterbody district,
 - (D) has decided to take the political plunge
- (a) ABCD
 - (b) CADB
 - (c) DABC
 - (d) BACD
 - (e) BDAC

Directions (26-31): Given below is a paragraph that has blank spaces. Corresponding to each blank, five options are given, out of which only one is appropriate. Choose the option that fits most suitably in the given blank making sentence grammatically and contextually correct.

Q26. If anyone were to peruse the _____ (26) newspapers, and listen to the different television channels in the country, one would get an _____ (27) that India is approaching a new 'gilded' era. Unfortunately, electoral politics in the country appears to be out of sync with this _____ (28). Threats to the conduct of orderly elections are increasing, more so in some States than perhaps in others, and must not be underestimated. Pressing the stop button is not a viable option as of now, as it is a _____ (29) of the pervasive decline in political attitudes and behaviour in the nation. Violence, money power, and communal attitudes tend to exercise a disproportionately greater _____ (30) on the outcome of elections as of now. A great deal of this is attributable to the prevailing belief that winning elections is the sine qua non of democratic politics, and the raison d'être for any political party to exist. India's leading political party, which currently holds power at the Centre and a majority of States, has converted this into a fine art, and makes no secret of its _____ (31) to pursue this path.

- (a) standard
- (b) numerous
- (c) preserve
- (d) defection
- (e) absurdity

Q27. If anyone were to peruse the _____ (26) newspapers, and listen to the different television channels in the country, one would get an _____ (27) that India is approaching a new 'gilded' era. Unfortunately, electoral politics in the country appears to be out of sync with this _____ (28). Threats to the conduct of orderly elections are increasing, more so in some States than perhaps in others, and must not be underestimated. Pressing the stop button is not a viable option as of now, as it is a _____ (29) of the pervasive decline in political attitudes and behaviour in the nation. Violence, money power, and

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- (a) treasure
- (b) insulate
- (c) combat
- (d) stability
- (e) impression

Q28. If anyone were to peruse the _____ (26) newspapers, and listen to the different television channels in the country, one would get an _____ (27) that India is approaching a new 'gilded' era. Unfortunately, electoral politics in the country appears to be out of sync with this _____ (28). Threats to the conduct of orderly elections are increasing, more so in some States than perhaps in others, and must not be underestimated. Pressing the stop button is not a viable option as of now, as it is a _____ (29) of the pervasive decline in political attitudes and behaviour in the nation. Violence, money power, and communal attitudes tend to exercise a disproportionately greater _____ (30) on the outcome of elections as of now. A great deal of this is attributable to the prevailing belief that winning elections is the sine qua non of democratic politics, and the raison d'être for any political party to exist. India's leading political party, which currently holds power at the Centre and a majority of States, has converted this into a fine art, and makes no secret of its _____ (31) to pursue this path.

- (a) direct
- (b) disqualify
- (c) contrary
- (d) portrayal
- (e) reluctant

Q29. If anyone were to peruse the _____ (26) newspapers, and listen to the different television channels in the country, one would get an _____ (27) that India is approaching a new 'gilded' era. Unfortunately, electoral politics in the country appears to be out of sync with this _____ (28). Threats to the conduct of orderly elections are increasing, more so in some States than perhaps in others, and must not be underestimated. Pressing the stop button is not a viable option as of now, as it is a _____ (29) of the pervasive decline in political attitudes and behaviour in the nation. Violence, money power, and communal attitudes tend to exercise a disproportionately greater _____ (30) on the outcome of elections as of now. A great deal of this is attributable to the prevailing belief that winning elections is the sine qua non of democratic politics, and the raison d'être for any political party to exist. India's leading political party, which currently holds power at the Centre and a majority of States, has converted this into a fine art, and makes no secret of its _____ (31) to pursue this path.

- (a) delegate
- (b) constitute
- (c) acceptance
- (d) complex
- (e) reflection

Q30. If anyone were to peruse the _____ (26) newspapers, and listen to the different television channels in the country, one would get an _____ (27) that India is approaching a new 'gilded' era. Unfortunately, electoral politics in the country appears to be out of sync with this _____ (28). Threats to the conduct of orderly elections are increasing, more so in some States than perhaps in others, and must not be underestimated. Pressing the stop button is not a viable option as of now, as it is a _____ (29) of the pervasive decline in political attitudes and behaviour in the nation. Violence, money power, and communal attitudes tend to exercise a disproportionately greater _____ (30) on the outcome of elections as of now. A great deal of this is attributable to the prevailing belief that winning elections is the sine qua non of democratic politics, and the raison d'être for any political party to exist. India's leading political party, which currently holds power at the Centre and a majority of States, has converted this into a fine art, and makes no secret of its _____ (31) to pursue this path.

- (a) accountable
- (b) draft
- (c) influence
- (d) plunge
- (e) betrayed

Q31. If anyone were to peruse the _____ (26) newspapers, and listen to the different television channels in the country, one would get an _____ (27) that India is approaching a new 'gilded' era. Unfortunately, electoral politics in the country appears to be out of sync with this _____ (28). Threats to the conduct of orderly elections are increasing, more so in some States than perhaps in others, and must not be underestimated. Pressing the stop button is not a viable option as of now, as it is a _____ (29) of the pervasive decline in political attitudes and behaviour in the nation. Violence, money power, and communal attitudes tend to exercise a disproportionately greater _____ (30) on the outcome of elections as of now. A great deal of this is attributable to the prevailing belief that winning elections is the sine qua non of democratic politics, and the raison d'être for any political party to exist. India's leading political party, which currently holds power at the Centre and a majority of States, has converted this into a fine art, and makes no secret of its _____ (31) to pursue this path.

- (a) ostensible
- (b) determination
- (c) fora
- (d) detrimental
- (e) executive

Directions (32-35): There are three sentences given in each question. Find the sentence(s) which is/are grammatically correct and mark your answer choosing the best possible alternative among the five options given below each question. If all the sentences are correct, choose (e) as your answer.

Q32.

- (i) The provision was not limited to confidence motions or money bills.
- (ii) The Court correct observed that there was the possibility of the formation of a new government.
- (iii) Ambulances and other emergency services are enable to use the roads due to the encroachments.

- (a) Only (i)
- (b) Only (ii)
- (c) Only (iii)
- (d) Both (i) and (ii)
- (e) All are correct

Q33.

- (i) The document has been supported by animation to explain that the riots were the part of large-scale conspiracy.
 - (ii) The NIC has suggested a multidisciplinary learn that would include skill enhancement and research.
 - (iii) This article is a brief critique of the recommendations of the Fifteenth Finance Commission with regard to local government.
- (a) Only (i)
 - (b) Only (ii)
 - (c) Only (iii)
 - (d) Both (i) and (iii)
 - (e) All are correct

Q34.

- (i) If one contributed more than the limit prescribed, they did not get a tax break on the excess contribution.
 - (ii) It is vital to assess the performance of incumbent government.
 - (iii) The legality of the decision was questioned by an opposition politician.
- (a) Only (i)
 - (b) Only (ii)
 - (c) Only (iii)
 - (d) Both (i) and (iii)
 - (e) All are correct

Q35.

- (i) The Bench issued the directives while disposing of a writ petition filed by Leader.
 - (ii) The accidents not only resulted in damage to property but also led to the loss of precious lives.
 - (iii) For savers, the option with the highest returns at this point is the Sukanya Samriddhi Account Scheme.
- (a) Only (i)
 - (b) Only (ii)
 - (c) Only (iii)
 - (d) Both (i) and (iii)
 - (e) All are correct

Directions (36-42): In the following questions, a sentence is divided into four parts. Choose the part of the sentence which may contain a grammatical error in it. If all the parts of the sentence are grammatically correct and contextually meaningful, choose option (e) i.e., "no error" as your answer choice.

Q36. As a business counsellor, I spend my days (A)/ dolling out advices to entrepreneurs (B)/ and business owners about how to best (C)/ build and maintain their businesses. (D)/ No error (E)

- (a) As a business counsellor, I spend my days
- (b) dolling out advices to entrepreneurs
- (c) and business owners about how to best
- (d) build and maintain their businesses
- (e) No error

Q37. As the billionaire rode to work (A) each day, he closed his eyes (B) to avoid having the awareness (C) of the homeless crisis. (D) No error (E)

- (a) As the billionaire rode to work
- (b) each day he closed his eyes
- (c) to avoid having the awareness
- (d) of the homeless crisis
- (e) No error

Q38. Firefox, being open-source, (A) build up a following of people (B) who liked its independence and its (C) vast array of community-built add-ons. (D) No error (E)

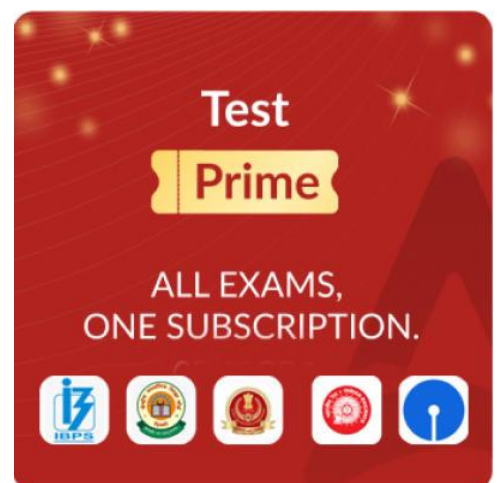
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- (b) build up a following of people
- (c) who liked its independence and its
- (d) vast array of community-built add-ons
- (e) No error

Q39. Prohibition aims (A)/ at reducing traffic accidents (B) / many of which is (C) /caused by drunkenness. (D)/ No error (E)

- (a) Prohibition aims
- (b) at reducing traffic accidents
- (c) many of which is
- (d) caused by drunkenness
- (e) No error

Q40. More than 50 years ago, (A)/ a Russian psychologist proposed that (B)/ children's thoughts and actions originate from their (C)/ social interactions, particular with parents. (D)/ No error (E)

- (a) More than 50 years ago
- (b) a Russian psychologist proposed that
- (c) children's thoughts and actions originate from their
- (d) social interactions, particular with parents
- (e) None of these



Q41. Because she depended on (A)/ her son to take out the trash, (B)/ Trina was disappointed to see that (C)/ he forgot two times in one week. (D)/ No error. (E)

- (a) Because she depended on
- (b) her son to take out the trash
- (c) Trina was disappointed to see that
- (d) he forgot two times in one week
- (e) No error

Q42. The bidding starts (A)/ on eleven o'clock, (B)/ but you can look at the items (C)/ over any time after ten. (D)/ No error.(E)

- (a) The bidding starts
- (b) on eleven o'clock
- (c) but you can look at the items
- (d) over any time after ten
- (e) No error

Directions (43-50): Read the passage carefully and answer the questions given below it. Certain words/ phrases are given in bold to help you locate them while answering some of the questions.

About 20 years ago, Thailand rolled out universal health coverage for its population at a per capita GDP similar to today's India. What made this possible was a three decade-long tradition of investing **gradually** but steadily in public health infrastructure and manpower. This meant that alongside the availability of funds, there also existed robust institutional capacity to assimilate those funds. For India, the lesson of COVID-19 entails setting forth on a steady and incremental path to universal health coverage; not attempting a sudden and giant leap. This is important because enough evidence exists on weak fund-absorbing capacities particularly in the backward States — at times, such unused funds have been to the tune of over half of the State's public health expenditure.

The Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare budget for 2021-22, viz. ₹73,932 crore, saw a 10.2% increase over the Budget estimate (BE) of 2020-21. Also, a corpus of ₹64,180 crore over six years has been set aside under the PM Atma Nirbhar Swasth Bharat Yojana, (PMANSBY), and ₹13,192 crore has been allocated as a Finance Commission grant. While the allocations still leave a lot to be desired, these could make the first steps of a journey that steadily builds towards sustainable universal health coverage through **incremental** strengthening of grass-root-level institutions and processes.

The BE for the Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (PM-JAY), which covers over 50 crore poor Indians for hospital expenses up to ₹5 lakh per annum, has stagnated at ₹6,400 crore for the current and the preceding couple of years. And so have the actuals and revised estimates at around 50% of the BEs, which should be a cause for concern. Large expenditure projections and time constraints involved in input-based strengthening of public health care have inspired the shift to the insurance route for achieving universal health coverage.

However, insurance does not provide a magic formula for expanding health care with measly levels of public spending. Available estimates have pegged the costs to be between ₹62,000 crore and ₹1,08,000 crore for 2021, if PM-JAY is to meet its stated commitments. Given these circumstances, making do with such paltry spending year after year would mean that the scheme benefits are being spread out too narrowly or too thin, implying the inability to afford enough protection against catastrophic health expenses to the poor.

Beyond low allocations, poor budget reliability merits attention. Another related issue is the **persistent** and large discrepancies between official coverage figures and survey figures (for e.g. the National Sample Surveys, or NSS, and National Family Health Survey) across Indian States, indicating that official public health insurance coverage fails to translate into actual coverage on the ground. This is particularly intriguing for forward States such as Maharashtra, Gujarat, and Karnataka, where state-level public health insurance schemes have been operational for around a decade. Robust research into the implementational issues responsible for such discrepancies and addressing them is warranted. Without the same, the PM-JAY's quest for universal health coverage is likely to be precarious.

Q43. Which of the following statements does the author want to convey in the first paragraph of the passage?

- (a) Thailand is a role model of India for medical infrastructure
- (b) Without proper absorption, the availability of funds does not guarantee proper health infrastructure
- (c) break out of Covid-19 in India shows the lack of proper infrastructure and budget allocation
- (d) there is a uniform distribution of funds and medical facilities throughout India
- (e) None of these

Q44. How can people tackle the laxity and expensiveness of the healthcare sector?

- (a) people become reluctant towards medical facilities
- (b) They tend to prefer other conventional methods of treatment and medicines
- (c) They are now moving to government hospitals where free medicines and treatments are provided
- (d) People are now opting for insurance as a safeguard for their health coverage
- (e) None of these

Q45. What is the aim of the government for increasing the health care budget in Budget allocation?

- (a) the number of employees under the governmental healthcare coverage has increased
- (b) to make free medical service available to all the people throughout India.
- (c) as India is committed to provide medical equipment to neighboring countries
- (d) to robust the healthcare sector especially medical infrastructure
- (e) None of these

Q46. Which of the following is/are the reason(s) for the precarious insurance schemes in India?

- (a) Only a few people are aware of the insurance and its benefits in the country
- (b) Meagre spending on healthcare reduces the capacity to fight against a catastrophic situation
- (c) Poor management of the records by several national surveys
- (d) Both (a) and (c)
- (e) Both (b) and (c)

Q47. Which of the following statement(s) is/are incorrect as per the information given in the passage?

- (i) there is a modest increase in the budget allocation of the healthcare sector from the previous financial year
- (ii) India follows the conventional method of investing in the healthcare sector
- (iii) The only allocated healthcare budget is the Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare budget

- (a) All (i), (ii) & (iii)
- (b) Only (iii)
- (c) Only (iii) & (ii)
- (d) Only (i)
- (e) Only (i) and (iii)

Q48. Which of the following words is most similar in meaning to “gradually” as given in the passage?

- (a) squander
- (b) bolster
- (c) array
- (d) overwhelm
- (e) moderately

Q49. Which of the following words is most similar in meaning to “incremental” as given in the passage?

- (a) confine
- (b) progressive
- (c) preventive
- (d) prodded
- (e) unswervingly

Q50. Which of the following words is most opposite in meaning to “persistent” as given in the passage?

- (a) grant
- (b) assassination
- (c) ambitious
- (d) intermittent
- (e) conclude

Solutions

S1. Ans.(c)

Sol. CAB is the correct sequence hence the sentence will be “Despite being in the spotlight, a range of issues in the constituency remain unaddressed, such as the delay in shifting of the mofussil bus stand, lack of industrial development.”

S2. Ans.(b)

Sol. BAC is the correct sequence hence the sentence will be “Peak summer season is yet to begin but several interior places are already in the grip of a heatwave.”

S3. Ans.(e)

Sol. CBA is the correct sequence hence the sentence will be “The interns have decided to boycott work indefinitely until their demands were met.”

S4. Ans.(b)

Sol. ACB is the correct sequence hence the sentence will be “BioNTech-Pfizer said their vaccine showed 100% **efficacy** against the coronavirus in 12- to 15-year-olds, as they eye **approval** for **adolescents** to get the jabs before the next school year”

S5. Ans.(d)

Sol. The highlighted phrase is incorrect because of ‘forming’ which should be ‘form’ as ‘to’ follows ‘V1’. The correct choice is option (d). All other options are grammatically in contextually incorrect.

S6. Ans.(b)

Sol. In the highlighted phrase ‘were’ is incorrect because noun is singular. The correct choice is option (b). All other options are grammatically and contextually incorrect.

S7. Ans.(e)

Sol. The highlighted phrase is correct hence no replacement required.

S8. Ans.(b)

Sol. The correct choice is option (b) with reference to the first paragraph which mentions, “Doing so is both morally right and in everyone’s interest. Therefore, we need global multilateral action to increase the production of vaccines and accelerate the roll-out worldwide.”

S9. Ans.(d)

Sol. The correct choice is option (d) with reference to the second paragraph which mentions, “The pandemic is still killing thousands of people every day and at the current pace, the whole world will not be vaccinated before 2023. Yet, a widely vaccinated world population is the only way to end the pandemic; otherwise, the multiplication of variants is likely to undermine the effectiveness of existing vaccines.”

S10. Ans.(b)

Sol. Only (I) and (II) are correct with reference to the paragraph.

For statement (I), refer to the first and last paragraph in which it has been mentioned that how the international organizations such as EU and WHO have been making efforts to provide vaccine throughout the world

For (II), refer to the third paragraph which mentions, “Therefore, the EU welcomes the \$50 billion plan proposed by the International Monetary Fund in order to be able to vaccinate 40% of the world population in 2021 and 60% by mid-2022.”

S11. Ans.(c)

Sol. The correct choice is option (c) which can be inferred from the last paragraph which mentions, “To achieve this goal, we need closely coordinated multilateral action. We must resist the threat posed by linking the provision of vaccines to political goals and “vaccine nationalism”. The EU has rejected both since the beginning of the pandemic.”

S12. Ans.(b)

Sol. The correct choice is option (b), which can be inferred from second paragraph which mentions, “Vaccination is also a prerequisite for lifting the restrictions that are holding back our economies and freedoms.”

S13. Ans.(b)

Sol. The correct choice is option (b). “Undermine” means to make something weaker and “cripple” is similar word which means to seriously damage or harm somebody/something
dawdle means to go somewhere very slowly
supervene means occur as an interruption or change to an existing situation.
draconian means harsh and severe

S14. Ans.(a)

Sol. The correct choice is option (a). “Accelerate” means increase in rate, amount, or extent and “expedite” is synonym which means make (an action or process) happen sooner or be accomplished more quickly
noxious means harmful, poisonous, or very unpleasant.
fervent means having or displaying a passionate intensity.
fitful means active or occurring spasmodically or intermittently; not regular or steady.

S15. Ans.(d)

Sol. The correct choice is option (d). “Substantially” means to a great or significant extent and “paltry” is synonym which means very small or meagre.
flout means openly disregard
offensive means causing someone to feel resentful, upset, or annoyed.
flawed means having or characterized by a fundamental weakness or imperfection.

S16. Ans.(b)

Sol. Here “mechanical” is grammatically incorrect because we need the adverb ‘mechanically’ for the verb ‘granting’.

S17. Ans.(e)

Sol. All given highlighted words are correct here therefore the correct choice is option (e).

S18. Ans.(a)

Sol. Except ‘speculation’ all other words are correctly spelled here. The correct spelling is ‘speculation’ which means ‘the forming of a theory’.

S19. Ans.(c)

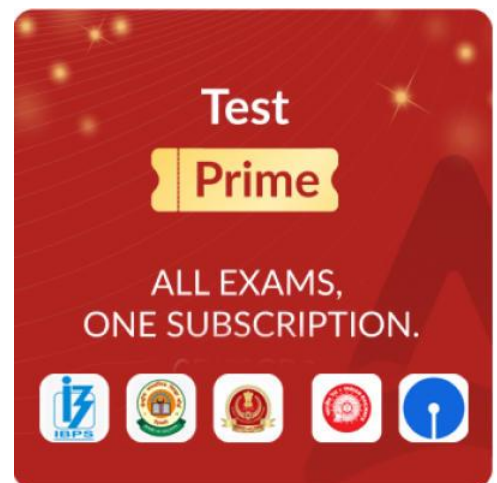
Sol. Except ‘pesimism’ all other words are correctly spelled here. The correct spelling is ‘pessimism’ which means ‘a tendency to see the worst aspect of things or believe that the worst will happen.’

S20. Ans.(a)

Sol. Except ‘arrey’ all other words are correctly spelled here. The correct spelling is ‘array’ which means ‘an impressive display or range of a particular type of thing.’

S21. Ans.(b)

Sol. The correct rearrangement of the parts of the statement will be “BCAD” which will make a grammatically correct and contextually meaningful statement. Hence, option (b) is the most suitable answer choice. The correct statement thus formed will be:
“We are united by our democratic values and our commitment to a free, open and inclusive Indo-Pacific.”



S22. Ans.(d)

Sol. The correct rearrangement of the parts of statement will be “DBCA” which will make a grammatically correct and contextually meaningful statement. Hence, option (d) is the most suitable answer choice. The correct statement thus formed will be:

“Under the constitutional mandate, it is the duty of the State to not interfere with the functioning of the State Election Commission.”

S23. Ans.(b)

Sol. The correct rearrangement of the parts of statement will be “BCDA” which will make a grammatically correct and contextually meaningful statement. Hence, option (b) is the most suitable answer choice. The correct statement thus formed will be:

“The Serum Institute of India has an agreement with Novavax to manufacture a substantial volume of the vaccine.”

S24. Ans.(c)

Sol. The correct rearrangement of the parts of statement will be “CBDA” which will make a grammatically correct and contextually meaningful statement. Hence, option (c) is the most suitable answer choice. The correct statement thus formed will be:

“For the first time, the constituency itself will vote for a chief ministerial candidate, whose stint at the helm will be under scrutiny.”

S25. Ans.(a)

Sol. The correct rearrangement of the parts of the statement will be “ABCD” which will make a grammatically correct and contextually meaningful statement. Hence, option (a) is the most suitable answer choice. The correct statement thus formed will be:

“The daughter of a village temple priest, who was murdered along with his son for exposing encroachments on a waterbody district, has decided to take the political plunge.”

S26. Ans.(b)

Sol. The above passage talks about the other means and tactics used by politicians to win an election. Hence, the correct word will be ‘numerous’ which means ‘many’. All other words are contextually and grammatically incorrect.

Defection means conscious abandonment of allegiance or duty.

Absurdity means extremely unreasonable.

Standard means a level of quality or attainment.

Preserve means to keep alive, intact, or free from decay.

S27. Ans.(e)

Sol. The above passage talks about the other means and tactics used by politicians to win an election. Hence, the correct word will be ‘impression’ which means ‘an idea, a feeling or an opinion that you get about somebody/something’. All other words are contextually and grammatically incorrect.

Treasury means a collection of very valuable objects, for example gold, silver, jewellery, etc.

Insulate means to protect something with a material that prevents electricity, heat or sound from passing through.

Combat means a fight, especially in war.

Stability means the quality, state, or degree of being stable.

S28. Ans.(d)

Sol. The above passage talks about the other means and tactics used by politicians to win an election. Hence, the correct word will be 'portrayal' which means 'description and image'. All other words are contextually and grammatically incorrect.

Contrary means completely different; opposite.

Reluctant means not wanting to do something because you are not sure it is the right thing to do.

Direct means without intervening factors or intermediaries.

Disqualify means declare (someone) ineligible for an office, activity, or competition because of an offence or infringement.

S29. Ans.(e)

Sol. The above passage talks about the other means and tactics used by politicians to win an election. Hence, the correct word will be 'reflection' which means 'a thing that shows what somebody/something is like'. All other words are contextually and grammatically incorrect.

Delegate means a person who has been chosen to speak or take decisions for a group of people, especially at a meeting.

Constitute means to be one of the parts that form something.

Acceptance means the action of consenting to receive or undertake something offered.

Complex means consisting of many different and connected parts.

S30. Ans.(c)

Sol. The above passage talks about the other means and tactics used by politicians to win an election. Hence, the correct word will be 'influence' which means 'the power to affect, change or control somebody/something'. All other words are contextually and grammatically incorrect.

Accountable means required or expected to justify actions or decisions; responsible.

Draft means a piece of writing, etc.

Plunge means to jump, drop or fall suddenly and with force.

Betrayed means to give information about somebody/something to an enemy; to make a secret known.

S31. Ans.(b)

Sol. The above passage talks about the other means and tactics used by politicians to win an election. Hence, the correct word will be 'determination' which means 'the quality of having firmly decided to do something, even if it is very difficult'. All other words are contextually and grammatically incorrect.

Ostensible means seeming or stated to be real or true, but not necessarily real or true.

Fora means a place or meeting where people can exchange and discuss ideas.

Detrimental means harmful.

Executive means concerned with managing, making plans, decisions, etc.

S32. Ans.(a)

Sol. In the given statements, only statement (i) is error free. In statement (ii), 'correct' should be 'correctly' as we need adverb here. In statement (iii), 'enable' which means 'to make it possible for somebody/something to do something' should be 'unable' which means 'stop someone/something from doing a task'.

S33. Ans.(c)

Sol. In the given statements, only statement (iii) is error free. In statement (i), 'explains' should be 'explain' because 'to' is always followed by 'V1'. In statement (ii), 'included' should be 'include' because modal verbs always followed by "V1".

S34. Ans.(c)

Sol. In the given statements, only statement (iii) is error free. In statement (i), 'then' should be replaced with 'than' and in statement (ii), 'excess' which means 'more of something than is necessary' should be 'access' which means 'the chance or right to use or have something'.

S35. Ans.(e)

Sol. All the given statements are error free. Hence, option (e) is the correct choice here.

S36. Ans.(b)

Sol. The error lies in part (b) of the sentence.

Since 'advice' is an uncountable noun, the right usage of the word would be 'doling out advice to entrepreneurs.'

Hence, the right choice for the answer is option (b).

S37. Ans.(e)

Sol. There is no error in the given sentence. It is grammatically and contextually correct.

S38. Ans.(b)

Sol. The error lies in part (b) of the sentence.

Instead of 'build, the correct form of the verb to be used here is 'built' since we can infer from the sentence that it is of the *past tense*.

Hence, the right choice for the answer is option (b).

S39. Ans.(c)

Sol. The error lies in part (c) of the sentence.

Here, 'are' will replace 'is' since 'many' is the antecedent and pronouns like few, many, several, both, all, some will always take *Plural form*.

Hence, the right choice for the answer is option (c).

S40. Ans.(d)

Sol. The error lies in part (d) of the sentence.

Here, 'particularly' will replace 'particular' because an adverb modifies an adjective, verb or adjective clause.

Hence, the right choice for the answer is option (d).

S41. Ans.(e)

Sol. There is no error in the given sentence. It is grammatically and contextually correct.

S42. Ans.(b)

Sol. The error lies in part (b) of the sentence.

'At' will replace 'on' because 'at' (preposition) is used for pointing out specific time.

Hence, the right choice for the answer is option (b).

S43. Ans.(b)

Sol. Throughout the first paragraph, statement (b) can be inferred. Refer to the lines of the first paragraph which mentions, "This is important because enough evidence exists on weak fund-absorbing capacities particularly in the backward States — at times, such unused funds have been to the tune of over half of the State's public health expenditure"

S44. Ans.(d)

Sol. Refer to the third paragraph of the passage which mentions, "Large expenditure projections and time constraints involved in the input-based strengthening of public health care have inspired the shift to the insurance route for achieving universal health coverage" therefore the correct choice is option (d).

S45. Ans.(d)

Sol. Option (d) is correct choice with reference to the second paragraph which mentions, "While the allocations still leave a lot to be desired, these could make the first steps of a journey that steadily builds towards sustainable universal health coverage through incremental strengthening of grass-root-level institutions and processes."

S46. Ans.(b)

Sol. The correct choice is option (b) For correct answer refer to the last paragraph which mentions, "Given these circumstances, making do with such paltry spending year after year would mean that the scheme benefits are being spread out too narrowly or too thin, implying the inability to afford enough protection against catastrophic health expenses to the poor. Beyond low allocations, poor budget reliability merits attention. Another related issue is the persistent and large discrepancies between official coverage figures and survey figures (for e.g. the National Sample Surveys, or NSS, and National Family Health Survey) across Indian States, indicating that official public health insurance coverage fails to translate into actual coverage on the ground."

S47. Ans.(b)

Sol. The correct choice is option (b). Only statement (iii) is incorrect.

For statement (i), refer to the second paragraph which mentions, "The Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare budget for 2021-22, viz. ₹73,932 crore, saw a 10.2% increase over the Budget estimate (BE) of 2020-21"

For statement (ii), refer to the first paragraph which mentions, "What made this possible was a three decade-long tradition of investing gradually but steadily in public health infrastructure and manpower."

For statement (iii) which is incorrect, refer to second paragraph which mentions, "The Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare budget for 2021-22, viz. ₹73,932 crore, saw a 10.2% increase over the Budget estimate (BE) of 2020-21. Also, a corpus of ₹64,180 crore over six years has been set aside under the PM Atma Nirbhar Swasth Bharat Yojana, (PMANSBY), and ₹13,192 crore has been allocated as a Finance Commission grant."

S48. Ans.(e)

Sol. 'Gradually' means 'proceeding by steps or degrees' and 'moderately' is synonym of it. squander means to waste time, money, etc.

bolster means to support or encourage somebody/something; to make something stronger

array means a large collection of things, especially one that is impressive and is seen by other people

overwhelm means to cause somebody to feel such a strong emotion that he/she does not know how to react

S49. Ans.(b)

Sol. 'Incremental' means 'increase' and 'progressive' is synonym of it which means 'happening or developing steadily'

confine means to stay within the limits of something

preventive means intended to stop or prevent something from happening

prodded means to push or press somebody/something with your finger or a pointed object

unswervingly means not changing or becoming weaker; steady or constant.

S50. Ans.(d)

Sol. 'Persistent' means 'determined to continue doing something even though people say that you are wrong or that you cannot do it' and 'intermittent' is antonym which means 'stopping for a short time and then starting again several times'

grant means to (officially) give somebody what he/she has asked for

assassination means murder

ambitious means having a strong desire to be successful, to have power, etc.

conclude means to form an opinion as the result of thought or study

