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Directions (1-5): Read the following passage carefully. After the passage, a few phrasal verbs are listed. Match each phrasal verb with the most appropriate option by selecting the correct letter.

The Earth is changing. Over the past few decades, human activity has released billions of tons of greenhouse gases into the atmosphere. These emissions **(A)** temperature rises, rising sea levels, and more frequent natural disasters. Climate scientists agree: the damage is real, and it's accelerating.

To mitigate the crisis, global leaders introduce policies **(B)** carbon emissions, promote renewable energy, and reduce dependency on fossil fuels. Environmental organizations also take steps **(C)** waste, pollution, and irresponsible consumption through education and grassroots initiatives.

Some countries, recognizing the urgency, undertook aggressive climate targets years ago. They **(E)** the challenge of building wind farms, transitioning to electric public transport, and conserving forests. These examples inspire others to act with similar resolve.

Still, no strategy is complete without enforcement. Governments around the world now **(F)** laws on industrial emissions and deforestation. Cities **(G)** standards on construction, vehicle emissions, and public energy use, ensuring accountability from both corporations and individuals.

On the home front, people **(H)** on energy usage, reduce water waste, and adopt sustainable habits like using reusable goods. Restaurants and retailers also **(I)** their packaging and embrace eco-conscious practices. While the impact of each action may seem small, together they matter.

Sustained action begins to **(J)** positive outcomes—cleaner air, restored green spaces, and healthier communities. Though the journey is long, countries that once **(K)** difficult reforms now witness progress.

The momentum continues as new groups rise **(L)** emerging threats—melting ice caps, food insecurity, and biodiversity loss. As more governments **(M)** environmental codes and companies adapt, there's growing hope.

If the world commits to reduce harmful habits, **(N)** practical reforms, and uphold the courage of those who once undertook this challenge early, we can rewrite our future. It's time to treat climate change not as a distant threat—but as the defining issue of our time.

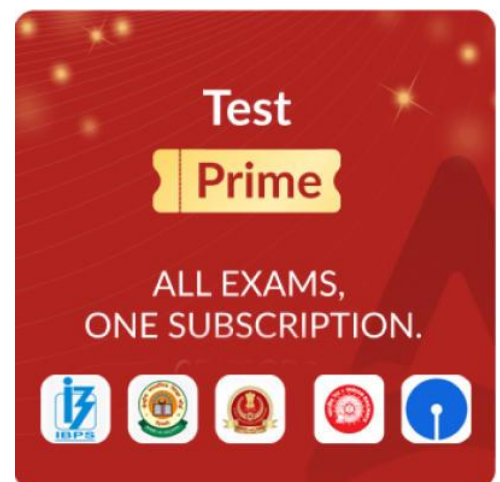
- (1) took on
- (2) bring about
- (3) to address
- (4) enforce stricter
- (5) cut down

Q1. Which of the following blanks are suitable for word (1)?

- (a) J-K
- (b) F-L
- (c) E-K
- (d) A-B-N
- (e) B-C-D

Q2. Which of the following blanks are suitable for word (2)?

- (a) F-H-L
- (b) K-L-M
- (c) A-N
- (d) B-K
- (e) A-J-N



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Q3. Which of the following blanks are suitable for word (3)?

- (a) B-C-L
- (b) A-H-I
- (c) H-I-K
- (d) C-L-N
- (e) M-N

Q4. Which of the following blanks are suitable for word (4)?

- (a) J-K
- (b) F-G-M
- (c) C-D-L
- (d) H-I
- (e) C-L-K

Q5. Which of the following blanks are suitable for word (5)?

- (a) A-H-I
- (b) C-D-L
- (c) K-L-M
- (d) H-I
- (e) E-N

Directions (6-14): Read the following passage and answer the given questions.

While social media has _____ global communication, its misuse continues to raise serious alarms across nations. What began as a platform for connection and free expression has, in many instances, become a breeding ground for misinformation, cyberbullying, and hate speech.

According to DataReportal's 2024 Global Digital Report, over 5.04 billion people worldwide now use the internet, with 4.80 billion active on social media. Countries like India, Brazil, and the Philippines have seen the highest year-on-year growth in user engagement. However, this increase has also led to a surge in harmful online behavior.

One of the most disturbing trends is the proliferation of hate speech through social platforms. From racist slurs to targeted harassment of minorities, social media has enabled hate to spread faster than ever before. Algorithms often promote controversial or divisive content because it drives engagement, indirectly encouraging inflammatory posts. Studies show that hate-based tweets are 70% more likely to be retweeted than neutral ones.

In response, several countries have introduced legislation to counter this wave of digital toxicity. Germany's Network Enforcement Act (NetzDG), enacted in 2017, is considered a benchmark policy. It requires platforms like Facebook, YouTube, and Twitter to remove "obviously illegal" content within 24 hours of notification, or face heavy fines. These platforms must also maintain internal **records** of user complaints and content takedown actions for transparency and future audits.

Country X, recognizing the growing online hostility within its borders, is now adopting a similar model to Germany's NetzDG. By mandating rapid content takedown, establishing grievance redressal mechanisms, and enforcing penalties for non-compliance, Country X hopes to curb the unchecked spread of hate speech on social media. It has also **put in place** digital compliance protocols to track violations and ensure swift corrective action.

While such steps are commendable, experts stress that technology alone cannot solve the problem. Promoting digital literacy, encouraging ethical online behavior, and holding platforms accountable are all essential to making social media a safer space.

Q6. Which of the following can be inferred from the passage about hate-based tweets?

- (a) They are immediately flagged and removed by AI tools.
- (b) They tend to remain unnoticed by users.
- (c) They are less likely to be shared than neutral tweets.
- (d) They are significantly more likely to be reshared than neutral content.
- (e) They are usually posted by verified accounts only.

Q7. What assumption underlies the policy response of Country X?

- (a) Hate speech is more prevalent in offline spaces than online.
- (b) All social media platforms are equally effective at moderating content.
- (c) Quick takedown and penalties can effectively deter the spread of toxic content.
- (d) Citizens will voluntarily reduce their social media usage.
- (e) Digital platforms have already self-regulated successfully.

Q8. Identify the CORRECT statement based on the passage.

- (I) The passage discusses only the positive impacts of social media.
 - (II) Country X has already enacted NetzDG laws.
 - (III) Promoting ethical online behavior is considered crucial in curbing online hate.
- (a) Only (I)
 - (b) Both (I) and (II)
 - (c) Only (III)
 - (d) Both (II) and (III)
 - (e) All (I), (II), and (III)

Q9. Choose the synonym of “records” and antonym of “put in place” as used in the passage.

- (a) tape – remove
- (b) archives – organize
- (c) files – dismantle
- (d) notes – install
- (e) reports – assemble

Q10. Identify the statement(s) that logically explain why hate speech thrives on social media despite existing laws:

- (I) Social media algorithms prioritize engagement, inadvertently amplifying hateful content.
 - (II) Legal interventions alone are insufficient without parallel social awareness and ethical education.
 - (III) The delayed implementation of regulations in most countries has allowed hate speech to dominate.
- (a) Only (I)
 - (b) Both (I) and (II)
 - (c) Only (III)
 - (d) Both (II) and (III)
 - (e) All (I), (II), and (III)

Q11. Which of the following statement(s) reflect the unintended consequences of social media algorithms, as presented in the passage?

- (I) Algorithms unintentionally create echo chambers that reinforce divisive ideologies.
 - (II) Platforms reward inflammatory posts with more visibility, leading to a spike in hate speech.
 - (III) Content moderation systems are being manipulated to suppress neutral information.
- (a) Only (I)
(b) Only (II)
(c) Both (I) and (II)
(d) Both (II) and (III)
(e) All (I), (II), and (III)

Q12. Which of the following statement(s) challenge the long-term effectiveness of legal interventions like NetzDG?

- (I) The compliance of platforms depends heavily on user reports, which may not always be timely or accurate.
 - (II) Legislation often struggles to keep pace with the evolving tactics of online hate groups.
 - (III) Removing content does not address the underlying attitudes and beliefs driving hate speech.
- (a) Only (I)
(b) Only (III)
(c) Both (II) and (III)
(d) Both (I) and (II)
(e) All (I), (II), and (III)

Q13. Choose the most appropriate word to fill in the blank:

- (a) complicated
(b) revolutionized
(c) curtailed
(d) industrialized
(e) jeopardized

Q14. Why are algorithms said to contribute to the spread of hate speech on social media?

- (a) They fail to recognize hateful content and instead delete neutral posts.
(b) They are programmed to promote government-backed narratives only.
(c) They prioritize content that triggers engagement, including divisive posts.
(d) They penalize users who report offensive content.
(e) They focus exclusively on advertising-based content moderation.

Directions (15-17): In the following question, few sentences are given, choose the word that best describes the situation.

Q15. (I) As the girl stepped gracefully out of the car, her eyes were instantly drawn to a vibrant advertisement glowing on the nearby billboard.

(II) The boy remained still at his desk, drawn in by a sudden detail in the text that held his focus more tightly than before.

(III) As she walked past the painting, something about its faded colors and hidden signature caught her eye.

- (a) ignore
- (b) distract
- (c) notice
- (d) describe
- (e) approach

Q16.(I) The test was filled with familiar patterns, each question echoing the kind commonly seen in past exams.

(II) Doctors often rely on abbreviations in prescriptions, as it's a practice widely accepted and regularly followed in the medical field.

(III) Wearing ID badges in the office has become a routine part of daily work, expected and followed by everyone without question.

- (a) frequent
- (b) rare
- (c) optional
- (d) common
- (e) personal

Q17.(I) Despite the challenges, she continued to refine her painting day after day, determined to improve her technique.

(II) He practiced the piano for hours, slowly mastering each note with unwavering dedication.

(III) The athlete trained relentlessly, pushing beyond limits to perfect his routine before the big event.

- (a) talent
- (b) patience
- (c) luck
- (d) perseverance
- (e) hesitation

Q18. Read the situation below and select the idiom that best describes it.

A girl had received two job offers — one with an excellent salary and the other with a supportive work culture. Torn between financial gain and workplace happiness, she struggled to make a decision.

Which word best describes her situation?

- (a) skeptical
- (b) contemplative
- (c) in a quandary
- (d) indifferent
- (e) analytical

Q19. The following question gives a sentence which has been divided into five parts which may not be in their correct order of narrative. The sentence is then followed by five options, one of which gives the sequence of the rearranged parts to make the sentence meaningful. Choose the option which gives the correct sequence of the parts. If the sentence is already arranged in the correct sequence, mark option " No rearrangement required " as the answer.

- (A) catalyst that reshapes mindsets,
 - (B) dismantles inequality, and
 - (C) employment, but a powerful
 - (D) drives lasting social transformation
 - (E) education is not merely a means to
- (a) BDAEC
 - (b) EDABC
 - (c) ECABD
 - (d) ADEBC
 - (e) BCAED

Q20. The following question gives a sentence which has been divided into five parts which may not be in their correct order of narrative. The sentence is then followed by five options, one of which gives the sequence of the rearranged parts to make the sentence meaningful. Choose the option which gives the correct sequence of the parts. If the sentence is already arranged in the correct sequence, mark option " No rearrangement required " as the answer.

- (A) distances like never before, it
 - (B) while technology has bridged
 - (C) human connections in a digital age
 - (D) depth and authenticity of our
 - (E) also challenges us to preserve the
- (a) CBAED
 - (b) BDCEA
 - (c) CABED
 - (d) BAEDC
 - (e) No rearrangement required

Q21. A sentence with five highlighted words is given in the following question. These words are may not be placed in their proper positions. Select the correct sequence of the highlighted words from the options given below to make a grammatically correct and contextually coherent sentence.

Freedom of **question (A)** is the cornerstone of a **collective (B)** democracy, empowering citizens to **expression (C)**, critique, and **contribute (D)** to the **vibrant (E)** conscience of the nation.

- (a) DBCEA
- (b) CEADB
- (c) EACDB
- (d) ADCBE
- (e) No rearrangement required

Q22. A sentence with five highlighted words is given in the following question. These words are may not be placed in their proper positions. Select the correct sequence of the highlighted words from the options given below to make a grammatically correct and contextually coherent sentence.

The energy, **innovation (A)**, and idealism of youth are the **driving (B)** forces that can **redefine (C)** a nation's future and **steer (D)** it toward progress and **inclusivity (E)**.

- (a) BDEAC
- (b) DBEAC
- (c) DCBAE
- (d) ADCBE
- (e) No rearrangement required

Q23. The following question gives a sentence which has been divided into five parts which may not be in their correct order of narrative. The sentence is then followed by five options, one of which gives the sequence of the rearranged parts to make the sentence meaningful. Choose the option which gives the correct sequence of the parts. If the sentence is already arranged in the correct sequence, mark option " No rearrangement required " as the answer.

- (A) societal imperative to foster
- (B) raising awareness about mental health is
- (C) not just a medical necessity but a
- (D) ensure holistic well-being
- (E) compassion, break stigma, and

- (a) BDAEC
- (b) EDABC
- (c) ECABD
- (d) ADEBC
- (e) BCAED

Q24. A sentence with five highlighted words is given in the following question. These words are may not be placed in their proper positions. Select the correct sequence of the highlighted words from the options given below to make a grammatically correct and contextually coherent sentence.

As cities **ensure (A)** to expand rapidly, sustainable urban **development (B)** becomes essential—not just to meet the **spaces (C)** of growing populations, but to **continue (D)** that future generations inherit **needs (E)** that are livable, inclusive, and environmentally responsible.

- (a) DBCEA
- (b) CEADB
- (c) DBEAC
- (d) CBEDA
- (e) No rearrangement required

Q25. A sentence with five highlighted words is given in the following question. These words are may not be placed in their proper positions. Select the correct sequence of the highlighted words from the options given below to make a grammatically correct and contextually coherent sentence.

In an age of information **opinion (A)**, the media holds **imperative (B)** power to shape public **overload (C)**, making it **immense (D)** that it **upholds (E)** truth, objectivity, and ethical responsibility over sensationalism.

- (a) BDAEC
- (b) BCAED
- (c) CABDE
- (d) CDABE
- (e) No rearrangement required

Directions (26-28): Given below are two columns with phrases. A part of each phrase in column I is highlighted in bold and may be grammatically or contextually incorrect. Select the appropriate combination to form a correct sentence, and also identify the correct replacement for the incorrect phrase, if any.

Q26.

Column I	Column II
A. The work has been done	D. to complete the assignment
B. She is not willingly	E. by the laborers
C. They visited the museum	F. with great clarity today

- (a) A-D
- (b) B-D, A-E, B - reluctant
- (c) A-E, B-F, A- had done
- (d) C-F
- (e) B-D, C-F, C- went

Q27.

Column I	Column II
A. He waited patiently	D. as she greeted the old man.
B. The teacher explained	E. in the room next door.
C. The children played with silence	F. while she looked for her keys.

- (a) A-D
- (b) B-D, A-E,
- (c) A-E, B-F,
- (d) C-E, A-F, C- quietly
- (e) B-D, C-F, B-explains

Q28.

Column I	Column II
A. The children laughed loudly	D. to pass her upcoming final exams.
B. The gardener watered the plants	E. throughout the entire noisy thunderstorm.
C. The baby slept restful	F. carefully every single morning.

- (a) A-D, A- noisily
- (b) B-D, A-E,
- (c) C-E, B-F, C- soundly
- (d) C-E, C-peacefully
- (e) B-D, C-F,

Directions (29-38): Read the following passage and answer the given questions.

A recent study by the OED Research Center has revealed a surprising contrast between adults and children when it comes to practical knowledge. Unlike traditional assessments that focus on aptitude and analytical abilities, this research emphasized real-life problem-solving and day-to-day decision-making. Participants were presented with situations that mirrored common life experiences—such as handling minor crises, interpreting emotions, and solving everyday challenges. Surprisingly, the results showed that while adults were highly qualified in terms of academic degrees and certifications, their ability to navigate practical situations was notably lower than that of children.

Children, though not formally educated to the same extent, demonstrated remarkable insight, adaptability, and intuition. Their responses were realistic, creative, and grounded in observation. They approached problems with open-mindedness and curiosity—traits that often diminish in adults due to structured thinking and _____ educational systems. This revealed an important distinction: qualifications do not always equate to real-world competence. Adults often rely on theoretical knowledge that doesn't translate well into spontaneous or practical situations, while children, free from overthinking and academic pressure, tend to grasp and respond to reality more naturally.

The study also pointed to deeper issues in how knowledge is taught and measured. Adults, having spent years in institutions that emphasize grades and credentials, may lose the ability to learn flexibly or think critically beyond a fixed curriculum. On the other hand, children learn through experience, observation, and continuous questioning of their surroundings. Their learning is organic, driven by curiosity rather than the need for validation through marks or degrees.

This research challenges traditional views on intelligence and highlights the limitations of measuring competence solely through academic achievement. It suggests a shift is needed—both in education systems and societal expectations—toward encouraging experiential learning and real-world problem-solving skills. By valuing curiosity, adaptability, and practical understanding, we may better prepare individuals of all ages for the complexities of life. In many ways, the findings remind us that knowledge is not defined by age or education, but by one's ability to engage with the world meaningfully.

Q29. Which of the following best captures the central paradox highlighted in the study?

- (a) Children, despite limited academic exposure, outperform adults in standardized assessments.
- (b) Adults' tendency to overthink is a byproduct of higher intelligence.
- (c) Practical intelligence does not always correlate with formal academic success.
- (d) Adults often face more complex decisions than children, justifying their poorer performance.
- (e) Children are innately superior in emotional and analytical intelligence.

Q30. According to the passage, what could be a potential reason children outperform adults in practical situations?

- (a) Children possess an inherent emotional maturity superior to adults.
- (b) Adults fail due to lack of exposure to practical situations.
- (c) The academic system trains children early in real-life problem-solving.
- (d) Children's unstructured learning fosters better adaptability.
- (e) Adults are conditioned to prioritize speed over accuracy.

Q31. Which of the following best explains **why** adults underperformed in the study, as per the passage?

- (a) They lacked access to the same resources provided to children.
- (b) They prioritized academic theory over flexible thinking.
- (c) Their formal training distorted their intuitive reasoning.
- (d) They were more emotionally volatile than children.
- (e) The test format favored the thinking patterns of children.

Q32. Which of the following statements is CORRECT according to the passage?

- (I) Children's creativity is often shaped by exposure to structured systems.
 - (II) Adults learn better when curiosity drives their learning process.
 - (III) Children demonstrate realism and creativity when solving daily challenges.
- (a) Only (I)
 - (b) All (I), (II), and (III)
 - (c) Both (II) and (III)
 - (d) Both (I) and (II)
 - (e) Only (III)

Q33. Which of the following is INCORRECT based on the information in the passage?

- (I) Adults' overreliance on credentials can reduce their critical thinking.
 - (II) Children benefit from learning systems that emphasize marks.
 - (III) Educational systems may hinder the natural adaptability of learners.
- (a) Only (II)
 - (b) All (I), (II), and (III)
 - (c) Both (II) and (III)
 - (d) Both (I) and (II)
 - (e) Only (III)

Q34. Determine which of the following statements are **true** based on the passage:

- (I) Adults tend to struggle with practical problem-solving despite their formal education.
 - (II) The study advocates a change in how intelligence and competence are measured.
 - (III) Children outperform adults mainly due to their access to advanced digital tools.
- (a) Only (I)
 - (b) Both (I) and (II)
 - (c) Only (III)
 - (d) Both (I) and (III)
 - (e) All (I), (II), and (III)

Q35. Which of the following statements can be inferred from the passage?

- (I) Adults' structured thinking may restrict their emotional interpretation of situations.
 - (II) The current educational approach may not fully prepare individuals for real-life unpredictability.
 - (III) The study implies that lowering academic standards would automatically enhance practical intelligence.
- (a) Only (I)
 - (b) Both (I) and (II)
 - (c) Only (III)
 - (d) Both (II) and (III)
 - (e) All (I), (II), and (III)

Q36. Match the items in Column A with the most appropriate description from Column B, based on the passage.

Column A	Column B
A. Children's problem-solving	1. Rely heavily on theoretical frameworks
B. Adults' approach to challenges	2. Encourages real-world adaptability and creativity
C. Traditional education systems	3. Often rigid, limiting spontaneous learning and curiosity
D. Curiosity-driven learning	4. Characterized by observation, flexibility, and intuitive decision-making

- (a) A-4, B-1, C-2, D-3
- (b) A-2, B-3, C-4, D-1
- (c) A-4, B-1, C-3, D-2
- (d) A-1, B-4, C-3, D-2
- (e) A-4, B-2, C-1, D-3

Q37. Choose the most suitable word to fill in the given blank.

- (a) inclusive
- (b) progressive
- (c) rigid
- (d) creative
- (e) dynamic

Q38. Which of the following statements are supported by the passage?

- (I) The educational system may restrict critical and flexible thinking in adults.
 - (II) Curiosity-driven learning contributes significantly to children's practical intelligence.
 - (III) Adults outperform children when tasks require emotional interpretation.
- (a) Only (I)
 - (b) Both (I) and (II)
 - (c) Only (III)
 - (d) Both (I) and (III)
 - (e) All (I), (II), and (III)

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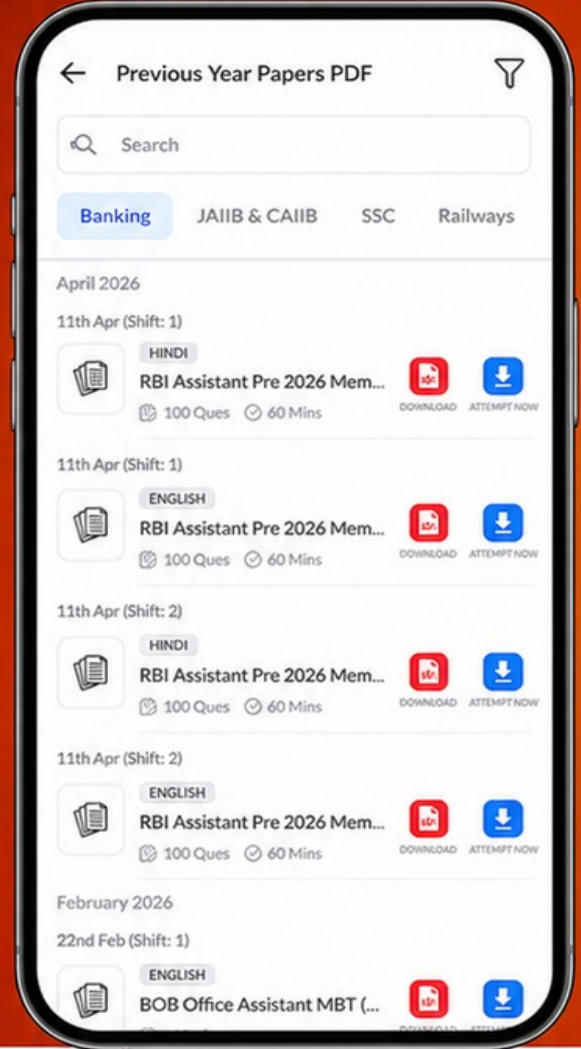
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Directions (39-40): Each question below contains phrases divided across three columns. Choose the correct combination to form a meaningful sentence.

Q39. Which option demonstrates the correct sentence structure?

Column I	Column II	Column III
A. Despite the heavy downpour that lasted throughout the night,	E. shed light on the long-term effects of	I. bring a printed copy of your confirmation email
B. The manager, who had recently been promoted,	F. the children were excited to go on	J. a quiet coastal town known for its scenic beauty and friendly locals
C. The article, which was published in a leading international journal,	G. make sure to register online before Friday and	K. their long-awaited school trip early in the morning
D. If you plan to attend the conference next week,	H. decided to implement several new policies aimed at	L. improving employee productivity and workplace satisfaction

- (a) B-G-I
- (b) C-E-L
- (c) D-H-J
- (d) A-F-K
- (e) None of these



Q40. How many complete sentences can be formed by connecting these phrases?

Column I	Column II	Column III
A. Despite the heavy downpour that lasted throughout the night,	E. shed light on the long-term effects of	I. bring a printed copy of your confirmation email
B. The manager, who had recently been promoted,	F. the children were excited to go on	J. a quiet coastal town known for its scenic beauty and friendly locals
C. The article, which was published in a leading international journal,	G. make sure to register online before Friday and	K. their long-awaited school trip early in the morning
D. If you plan to attend the conference next week,	H. decided to implement several new policies aimed at	L. improving employee productivity and workplace satisfaction

- (a) One
- (b) Two
- (c) Three
- (d) None
- (e) Four