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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



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)

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

Solutions

S1. Ans.(c)

Sol.

- (E): “They **took on** the challenge...” — Correct use of “took on” to mean accepting a responsibility or task.
- (K): “Countries that once **took on** difficult reforms...” — Again, refers to accepting challenging actions.
- Both blanks refer to taking responsibility, aligning perfectly with “took on.”

S2. Ans.(e)

Sol.

- (A): “These emissions **bring about** temperature rises...” — Fits the meaning of causing something to happen.
- (J): “Sustained action begins to **bring about** positive outcomes...” — Matches perfectly.
- (N): “**Bring about** practical reforms...” — Implies causing or initiating change.
- All three blanks correctly use “bring about” to indicate producing an effect or result.

S3. Ans.(a)

Sol.

- (B): “Policies **to address** carbon emissions...” — Fits the need to tackle or deal with a problem.
- (C): “Take steps **to address** waste, pollution...” — Same context.
- (L): “Groups rise **to address** emerging threats...” — Clearly means dealing with issues.
- All blanks represent efforts to tackle environmental challenges, fitting “to address.”

S4. Ans.(b)

Sol.

- (F): “Governments **enforce stricter** laws...” — Matches use of regulatory enforcement.
- (G): “Cities **enforce stricter** standards...” — Again, suitable for local regulations.
- (M): “Governments **enforce stricter** environmental codes...” — Perfect use in policy context.
- All three refer to the imposition of more rigorous laws and standards.

S5. Ans.(d)

Sol.

- (H): “People **cut down** on energy usage...” — Proper usage indicating reduction.
- (I): “Retailers also **cut down** their packaging...” — Again, reducing quantity.
- Both blanks show reduction efforts, making “cut down” the correct choice.

S6. Ans.(d)

Sol. The passage states:

“Studies show that hate-based tweets are 70% more likely to be retweeted than neutral ones.”

This supports inference (d) directly.

S7. Ans.(c)

Sol. Country X is adopting the NetzDG model to enforce fast takedown and penalties.

“By mandating rapid content takedown... and enforcing penalties for non-compliance, Country X hopes to curb the unchecked spread of hate speech.”

Hence, (c) is a valid assumption.

S8. Ans.(c)

Sol.

- (I) is incorrect. The passage largely focuses on **negative impacts** like hate speech.
- (II) is false. Country X is adopting a **similar model**, not NetzDG itself.
- (III) is correct as per:

“...experts stress... promoting digital literacy, encouraging ethical online behavior...”

S9. Ans.(c)

Sol. In the passage, “**records**” is used in the sense of **files/documents stored for reference or tracking**, so “**files**” is a suitable synonym.

“**Put in place**” means to establish or implement something. The opposite of this would be **to dismantle**—meaning to take something apart or undo a system or setup.

S10. Ans.(b)

Sol.

- (I) is directly supported:
 - *“Algorithms often promote controversial or divisive content because it drives engagement...”*
 - (II) is implied in:
 - *“...experts stress that technology alone cannot solve the problem...”*
 - (III) is **not stated or implied**. The passage doesn’t mention *delay* in implementation as a cause.
- Only (I) and (II) are valid, making (b) the correct choice.

S11. Ans.(b)

Sol.

(I) is **not mentioned** in the passage.

(II): The passage says, *“Algorithms often promote controversial or divisive content because it drives engagement...”*

(III) is **unsupported** by the text.

S12. Ans.(e)

Sol. All three statements present logical limitations of legal approaches and align with the passage’s concluding idea that **law is not enough**.

The author notes:

“Experts stress that technology alone cannot solve the problem.”

This invites a broader critique of legal measures.

Hence, Option (e) is correct.

S13. Ans.(b)

Sol. The passage starts with:

“While social media has revolutionized global communication...”

Word meanings:

- (a) complicated – made difficult
- (b) revolutionized – dramatically changed
- (c) curtailed – restricted
- (d) industrialized – adapted for industry
- (e) jeopardized – endangered

S14. Ans.(c)

Sol. The passage explicitly states:

“Algorithms often promote controversial or divisive content because it drives engagement, indirectly encouraging inflammatory posts.”

This line shows that **engagement-focused algorithms** amplify hateful or polarizing content not out of malice, but because such content generates more interactions (clicks, shares, comments).

Let’s eliminate the others:

- **(a)** and **(d)** are not mentioned at all.
- **(b)** is irrelevant to the passage’s focus.
- **(e)** is not supported — although advertising might influence content, it's **not the mechanism explained** here.

Therefore, the most accurate choice is **(c)**.

S15. Ans.(c)

Sol. All three sentences describe moments when a person's **attention is captured** by something they see — an ad, a detail in text, or a painting.

- (I) “her eyes were instantly drawn...”
- (II) “drawn in by a sudden detail...”
- (III) “something... caught her eye”

These all reflect the idea of **noticing** something.

S16. Ans.(d)

Sol. Each sentence revolves around something that is **regularly practiced, familiar, or routine**:

- (I) Test patterns echo previously seen questions.
- (II) Doctors using abbreviations as a **standard practice**.
- (III) Wearing ID badges as a **routine behavior**.

The idea conveyed is something **commonly done or accepted**.

S17. Ans.(d)

Sol. All three sentences show individuals pushing through effort and time to **improve or master something**, despite difficulty:

- (I) She refines her painting **daily**.
- (II) He **practices** piano for hours.
- (III) The athlete **trains relentlessly**.

The underlying theme is **persistent effort** — or **perseverance**.

S18. Ans.(c)

Sol. Being in a *quandary* means being in a state of confusion or uncertainty, especially when faced with a difficult decision — which perfectly matches the girl's dilemma.

S19. Ans.(c)

Sol. Let's analyze the given parts:

- (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*

Step-by-step arrangement:

1. **(E)** sets the topic and is clearly the introductory part:
2. "*education is not merely a means to...*"
3. **(C)** logically follows:
4. "*...a means to employment, but a powerful...*"
So, (E) → (C)
5. **(A)** continues the thought:
6. "*...but a powerful catalyst that reshapes mindsets...*"
So, (E) → (C) → (A)
7. **(B)** adds another function:
8. "*...dismantles inequality...*"
9. **(D)** completes the idea with the broader effect:
10. "*...drives lasting social transformation.*"

Correct sequence: E → C → A → B → D

Final Answer: (c) ECABD

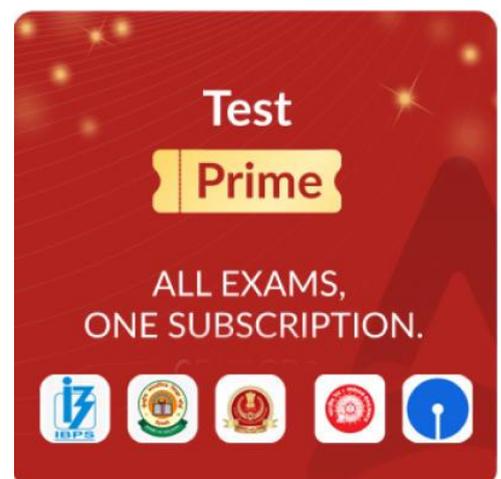
S20. Ans.(d)

Sol. Let's analyze the parts of the sentence:

- **(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*

Step-by-step arrangement:

1. **(B)** is a natural starting point with "while":
"*while technology has bridged...*"
2. **(A)** follows:
"*...bridged distances like never before, it...*"
So far: **B → A**
3. **(E)** continues with the contrasting clause:
"*...it also challenges us to preserve the...*"
Now: **B → A → E**



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4. (D) makes sense next:
 "...preserve the depth and authenticity of our..."
5. (C) completes the sentence:
 "...of our human connections in a digital age."

Final sequence: B → A → E → D → C

✓ Correct Answer: (d) BAEDC

S21. Ans.(b)

Sol. Let's first examine the **highlighted words**, their meanings, an example sentence, and whether their current position in the sentence is appropriate or not.

Highlighted Words:

(A) question

- **English Meaning:** An inquiry or a doubt
- **हिंदी अर्थ:** सवाल या शंका
- **Example:** *She asked a simple question about the policy.*

✗ **Incorrect here:** The sentence talks about *freedom of expression*, not *freedom of question*. "Question" is not the right noun for this phrase.

(B) collective

- **English Meaning:** Done by people acting as a group
- **हिंदी अर्थ:** सामूहिक, समूह द्वारा किया गया
- **Example:** *Climate change needs a collective global response.*

✓ **Correct position in sentence:** It appropriately modifies "conscience" to imply shared national values.

(C) expression

- **English Meaning:** The act of conveying thoughts or feelings
- **हिंदी अर्थ:** अभिव्यक्ति
- **Example:** *Freedom of expression is a fundamental right.*

✓ **Correct word for the phrase "freedom of ___" → "freedom of expression"**

(D) contribute

- **English Meaning:** To give something for a purpose
- **हिंदी अर्थ:** योगदान देना
- **Example:** *They contribute to charity every year.*

✓ **Correct verb for "critique, and contribute to..."**

(E) vibrant

- **English Meaning:** Full of energy and enthusiasm
- **हिंदी अर्थ:** जीवंत, उत्साहपूर्ण
- **Example:** *The market was vibrant with activity.*

✓ **Correct modifier for "democracy" – a "vibrant democracy" is a common expression.**

Rearranged Words in Sentence:

Now place the correct words in their **proper positions**.

Original sentence (with rearranged correct words):

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

✔ **Correct Sequence: C-E-A-D-B**

Hence, the correct answer is **option (b)**.

✔ **Summary:**

Word	Position	Meaning (Eng)	Meaning (Hindi)	Correct in Sentence?
question (A)	3rd	Inquiry	सवाल	✔ After "empowering citizens to"
collective (B)	5th	Group-based	सामूहिक	✔ Describes "conscience"
expression (C)	1st	Act of expressing	अभिव्यक्ति	✔ Goes with "Freedom of __"
contribute (D)	4th	Give/offer	योगदान देना	✔ Follows "critique, and"
vibrant (E)	2nd	Full of energy/enthusiasm	जीवंत	✔ Modifies "democracy"

S22. Ans.(e)

Sol. Let's analyze each **highlighted word**, explain its meaning in **English and Hindi**, provide an **example sentence**, and evaluate whether it's in the **correct position** in the given sentence.

Original 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).

Highlighted Words:

(A) innovation

- **English Meaning:** The introduction of new ideas, methods, or devices
- **हिंदी अर्थ:** नवाचार, नए विचारों या तरीकों का प्रयोग
- **Example:** *Innovation drives growth in technology companies.*
- ✔ **Correct Placement:** Follows "energy" and precedes "idealism" – all are qualities of youth.
- ✔ **Correct**

(B) driving

- **English Meaning:** Motivating or pushing something forward
- **हिंदी अर्थ:** प्रेरक, आगे बढ़ाने वाली शक्ति
- **Example:** *Curiosity is the driving force behind scientific discovery.*
- ✔ **Correct Placement:** "Driving forces" is a commonly used phrase.
- ✔ **Correct**

(C) redefine

- **English Meaning:** To give a new meaning or interpretation
- **हिंदी अर्थ:** पुनर्परिभाषित करना
- **Example:** *Social media has helped redefine communication.*
- ✔ **Correct Placement:** Matches the clause "that can redefine a nation's future"

- ✓ Correct

(D) steer

- **English Meaning:** To guide or direct
- **हिंदी अर्थ:** मार्गदर्शन करना, दिशा देना
- **Example:** *A good leader can steer a company through crisis.*
- ✓ **Correct Placement:** "...and steer it toward progress..." is grammatically and contextually accurate.

- ✓ Correct

(E) inclusivity

- **English Meaning:** The practice of including people from all backgrounds
- **हिंदी अर्थ:** समावेशिता
- **Example:** *Modern workplaces promote inclusivity and diversity.*
- ✓ **Correct Placement:** "...progress and inclusivity" makes sense as a compound object.
- ✓ Correct

✓ **Final Answer: (e) No rearrangement required**

Summary Table:

Word	Meaning (English)	अर्थ (हिंदी)	Example Sentence	Correct Position?
innovation (A)	New ideas, creativity	नवाचार	Innovation is key to modern education.	✓ Yes
driving (B)	Motivating, pushing forward	प्रेरक	Hope is the driving force of resilience.	✓ Yes
redefine (C)	To define again in a new way	पुनर्परिभाषित करना	The internet redefined how we shop.	✓ Yes
steer (D)	To guide or control the direction	मार्गदर्शन करना	Parents steer children through early education.	✓ Yes
inclusivity (E)	Act of including all	समावेशिता	Inclusivity strengthens a diverse society.	✓ Yes

S23. Ans.(e)

Sol. Let's break down the fragments to find the correct logical and grammatical sequence:

Given Parts:

- **(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*

Step-by-step Analysis:

1. **(B)** is a clear **starting point:**
"Raising awareness about mental health is..."
2. **(C)** logically follows it:
"...is not just a medical necessity but a..."

3. (A) follows naturally:
"...but a societal imperative to foster..."
4. (E) lists the **things we must foster**:
"...to foster compassion, break stigma, and..."
5. (D) completes the sentence:
"...and ensure holistic well-being."

✓ **Final Sequence: B → C → A → E → D**

✓ **Explanation of Flow:**

- **Subject:** *Raising awareness about mental health*
- **Verb + Modifier:** *is not just a medical necessity but a societal imperative*
- **Purpose:** *to foster compassion, break stigma, and ensure holistic well-being*

Final Answer: (e) BCAED ✓ **Correct Choice**

S24. Ans.(c)

Sol. Let's analyze each **highlighted word**, explain its meaning in **English and Hindi**, provide an **example sentence**, and evaluate whether it's in the **correct position** in the given sentence.

Original Sentence (with incorrect placements):

*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.*

Highlighted Words:

(A) ensure

- **English Meaning:** To make certain that something happens
- **हिंदी अर्थ:** सुनिश्चित करना
- **Example:** *We must ensure equal access to education for all.*
- ✗ **Incorrect Placement:** "As cities ensure to expand..." is ungrammatical. It should appear later before "that future generations inherit..."

(B) development

- **English Meaning:** The process of growth or improvement
- **हिंदी अर्थ:** विकास
- **Example:** *Urban development must prioritize sustainability.*
- ✓ **Correct Placement:** Appears after "sustainable urban..." - grammatically correct and contextually meaningful.
- ✓ Correct

(C) spaces

- **English Meaning:** Physical or abstract areas that can be occupied or used
- **हिंदी अर्थ:** स्थान, जगह
- **Example:** *Cities need more green spaces for recreation.*
- ✗ **Incorrect Placement:** "Meet the spaces of growing populations" is awkward. The correct phrase is "meet the **needs** of growing populations."

(D) continue

- **English Meaning:** To persist or go on
- **हिंदी अर्थ:** जारी रखना
- **Example:** *We must continue to innovate for a better future.*
- ✗ **Incorrect Placement:** "But to continue that future generations inherit..." is grammatically wrong. The correct verb here is **ensure**, not **continue**.

(E) needs

- **English Meaning:** Requirements or necessities
- **हिंदी अर्थ:** आवश्यकताएँ, ज़रूरतें
- **Example:** *We must address the basic needs of every citizen.*
- **✗ Incorrect Placement:** “Inherit needs that are livable...” doesn’t make clear sense. “Inherit spaces that are livable...” is more appropriate.

✓ **Correct Sequence:** D – B – E – A – C → Option (c)

✓ **Rearranged & Corrected Sentence:**

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

Summary Table:

Word	Meaning (English)	हिंदी अर्थ	Example Sentence	Correct Position?	Why / Why Not
ensure (A)	To make certain or guarantee	सुनिश्चित करना	<i>We must ensure transparency in all processes.</i>	✗ No	Used incorrectly at the start; belongs before “that future generations inherit...”
development (B)	Growth or progress	विकास	<i>Sustainable development is key to urban planning.</i>	✓ Yes	Fits well after “sustainable urban...”
spaces (C)	Usable areas or environments	स्थान, जगह	<i>Public spaces improve city life.</i>	✗ No	Should come at the end — “inherit spaces”
continue (D)	To keep going or persist	जारी रखना	<i>Efforts must continue for lasting change.</i>	✗ No	Misused in the original; doesn’t fit the grammatical structure
needs (E)	Requirements, necessities	ज़रूरतें	<i>Meeting the needs of the population is a top priority.</i>	✗ No	Placed where “spaces” makes more sense — doesn’t match context

✓ **Final Answer:** (c) DBEAC

S25. Ans.(d)

Sol. Original 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.*

This sentence is grammatically flawed and contextually confusing due to misplacement of the highlighted words.

✔ **Correct Sequence: C - D - A - B - E → Option (d)**

Rearranged Sentence:

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

Word-by-Word Explanation:

(A) opinion

- **English Meaning:** A belief or view held by people
- **हिंदी अर्थ:** राय, विचार
- **Example:** *Everyone has a right to their opinion.*
- ✗ **Incorrect Position:** "Information opinion" is awkward. Should be "shape public opinion" later in the sentence.
- ✔ **Correct Placement:** After "shape public..."

(B) imperative

- **English Meaning:** Absolutely necessary or urgent
- **हिंदी अर्थ:** अत्यावश्यक, अनिवार्य
- **Example:** *It is imperative to act swiftly during emergencies.*
- ✗ **Incorrect Position:** "Media holds imperative power" is slightly off — "immense power" makes more sense.
- ✔ **Correct Placement:** Appears before "that it upholds..." — "making it imperative" is correct usage.

(C) overload

- **English Meaning:** An excessive amount of something
- **हिंदी अर्थ:** अधिभार, अधिकता
- **Example:** *We are bombarded with an overload of information daily.*
- ✗ **Incorrect Position:** "Public overload" makes little sense.
- ✔ **Correct Placement:** Best fits "In an age of information overload".

(D) immense

- **English Meaning:** Extremely large or powerful
- **हिंदी अर्थ:** विशाल, अत्यधिक
- **Example:** *The CEO has immense influence over the board's decisions.*
- ✗ **Incorrect Position:** "Making it immense that..." is grammatically incorrect.
- ✔ **Correct Placement:** Used earlier to describe "immense power" of the media.

(E) upholds

- **English Meaning:** To support, maintain, or defend
- **हिंदी अर्थ:** समर्थन करना, बनाए रखना
- **Example:** *A true leader upholds justice and fairness.*
- ✔ **Correct Position:** "That it upholds truth..." is perfectly placed.
- ✔ **Correct**

Summary Table:

Word	Meaning (English)	हिंदी अर्थ	Example Sentence	Correct Position?	Why / Why Not
opinion (A)	A personal belief or viewpoint	राय, मत	<i>The article shaped public opinion.</i>	✗ No → ✓ After "shape public..."	Fits contextually there.
imperative (B)	Absolutely necessary, urgent	अनिवार्य, अत्यावश्यक	<i>It is imperative to act quickly.</i>	✗ No → ✓ Before "that it upholds..."	Needed for moral urgency.
overload (C)	Excess amount	अधिभार, अधिकता	<i>Information overload is a modern issue.</i>	✗ No → ✓ Beginning phrase	"Information overload" is a common expression.
immense (D)	Very large or powerful	विशाल, अत्यधिक	<i>He had immense courage.</i>	✗ No → ✓ Before "power"	Describes the media's influence correctly.
upholds (E)	To maintain or support	समर्थन करना	<i>We must uphold democratic values.</i>	✓ Yes	Grammatical and logical placement.

✓ **Final Answer: (d) CDABE**

S26. Ans.(b)

Sol. B-D: She is **reluctant** to complete the assignment

A-E: The work has been done by the laborers.

S27. Ans.(d)

Sol. C-E: The children played **quietly** in the room next door.

A-F: He waited patiently while she looked for her keys.

S28. Ans.(c)

Sol. C-E: The baby slept **soundly** throughout the entire noisy thunderstorm.

B-F: The gardener watered the plants carefully every single morning.

S29. Ans.(c)

Sol. The passage's main contrast lies in the difference between *practical intelligence* and *academic achievement*. Line: "*qualifications do not always equate to real-world competence.*" eliminates options (a), (b), (d), and (e).

S30. Ans.(d)

Sol. The passage says: "*Their learning is organic, driven by curiosity...*" and that children have "*insight, adaptability, and intuition.*" Hence (d) is correct.

S31. Ans.(b)

Sol. Adults "*rely on theoretical knowledge that doesn't translate well...*" and lose flexibility. Hence, (b) best explains the underperformance.

S32. Ans.(e)

Sol. Line: *“Their responses were realistic, creative, and grounded in observation.”* This confirms (e). Others are either incorrect or not mentioned.

S33. Ans.(a)

Sol. Line: *“Their learning is organic, driven by curiosity rather than the need for validation through marks.”* shows (II) is incorrect.

S34. Ans.(b)

- Sol.**
- **Statement (I) is true:** Line – *“their ability to navigate practical situations was notably lower than that of children.”*
 - **Statement (II) is true:** Line – *“This research challenges traditional views on intelligence and highlights the limitations of measuring competence solely through academic achievement.”*
 - **Statement (III) is false:** The passage **does not mention digital tools** as a reason for children’s superior performance.

S35. Ans.(b)

- Sol.**
- **(I) is reasonably inferred:** Emotional interpretation is part of real-life problem-solving, which adults struggle with due to rigidity.
 - **(II) is explicitly implied:** *“...may lose the ability to think critically beyond a fixed curriculum.”*
 - **(III) is not implied:** The passage does not advocate lowering standards, but **restructuring** education to include **experiential learning**.

S36. Ans.(c)

- Sol.**
- **A-4:** Children’s problem-solving = *“realistic, creative, and grounded in observation”*
 - **B-1:** Adults rely on theory = *“rely on theoretical knowledge that doesn’t translate...”*
 - **C-3:** Traditional systems = *“rigid educational systems...”*
 - **D-2:** Curiosity-driven learning = *“encouraging experiential learning and real-world problem-solving”*
- Thus, the correct match is **A-4, B-1, C-3, D-2 → Option (c)**.

S37. Ans.(c)

- Sol.**
- From the passage: *“traits that often diminish in adults due to structured thinking and **rigid** educational systems.”*
 - “Rigid” means **inflexible** or **strictly structured**, which aligns perfectly with the sentence context.

Meaning of options:

- **(a) inclusive** – welcoming and open to all (not relevant here)
- **(b) progressive** – forward-thinking (opposite)
- **(c) rigid** – inflexible, unchanging (correct)
- **(d) creative** – imaginative (doesn’t fit the negative tone)
- **(e) dynamic** – constantly changing (opposite)

S38. Ans.(b)

Sol.

- **Statement (I) is true:** “Adults...may lose the ability to learn flexibly or think critically beyond a fixed curriculum.”
- **Statement (II) is true:** “Their learning is organic, driven by curiosity rather than the need for validation...”
- **Statement (III) is false:** The passage suggests **children were better** even in interpreting emotions.

S39. Ans.(d)

Sol. **A-F-K:** Despite the heavy downpour that lasted throughout the night, the children were excited to go on their long-awaited school trip early in the morning.

S40. Ans.(c)

Sol.

- (1) **A-E-K:** Despite the heavy downpour that lasted throughout the night, the children were excited to go on their long-awaited school trip early in the morning.
- (2) **B-H-L :** The manager, who had recently been promoted, decided to implement several new policies aimed at improving employee productivity and workplace satisfaction.
- (3) **D-G-I :** If you plan to attend the conference next week, make sure to register online before Friday and bring a printed copy of your confirmation email.

