

Directions (1-5): The following passage given below has words and phrases highlighted as they might need a change. Also, there might be blanks that need to be completed. Read the given paragraph carefully and answer the questions that follow:

Is the world (A) at the cusp of another cataclysmic change? The world order which was sketched by the integration of the Soviet Union is up for another paradigm shift. If that happens then the uncertainty will redefine the new international norms for some time. Every change in the world has been followed by a spell of violence and human wickedness that increases the $\qquad$ of the smaller and weaker states. Before the new norms settle down and solidify, the restlessness of the society, the anxiety of the individual and the anguish of the civilisation can always cause greater havoc. The first and second world wars are examples and reflections of the changes ( $\mathbf{B}$ ) that were causing by deep anxieties. But those are tales of a century back when the world was not technologically as advanced, and neither was it so vastly open; half of the civilisation was still under darkness. But today the world is so strongly interconnected thanks to the internet, social media and smartphones that it is creating a new puzzle. At a time when so many choices are available, when the human mind is flooded with information, then why has so much negativity and bitterness enveloped the mind space; why are the demons of hatred and selfishness ruling the human brain?
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1. Which of the following options would best improve the phrase in (A)?
A. For the cusp in
B. At the cusp for
C. On the cusp of
D. In the cusp
E. No replacement required
2. Which of the following options would best replace the word 'integration' as used in the paragraph?
A. Unification $x$
B. Demilitarisation
C. Upsurge $X$

D Collapse
E. No replacement required $X$
3. Which of the given options will fill the blank given in the paragraph appropriately?

Inclusion
Vulnerabilities
C. Fortunes
D. Quandary
E. None of the above
4. Which of the following options replaces the phrase (B) to make it grammatically correct and meaningful?
that were caused by deeper anxieties
B. Those causing deep anxiety
C. Towards creating deeper anxieties
D. By causing deep anxiety
E. No replacement required
5. Which of the following would replace the word 'enveloped' as used in the paragraph?
A. Disregarded
B. Ensued
C. Faded
D. Developed

No replacement needed
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6. Vision the Quad signs up to in the (a)/ cooperation across countries in the Indo-Pacific ${ }^{\mathbf{3}(\mathbf{b}) / \text { Indo-Pacific region, }}$ and the multinational defence exercise, MILAN, held in Visakhapatnam $\qquad$ the (c)/ India is clearly the natural leader in the region in terms of the (d)/ Australian High Commissioner to India, Barry O'Farrell said (e).
dacbe; demonstrates
B. edcba; showing

C. edcab; refutes $x$
D. cabde; demonstrates $X$
E. badec; verifying

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7. To use his good offices and urged the Centre to come (a)/ to the aid of Indian students believed (b)/ the Supreme Court asked Attorney- General K.K. Venugopal (c)/ the Ukrainian border even as the crisis $\qquad$ (d)/ to be stuck without food, water and money at (e).
A. cadbe; boosts $X$
B. edcba; augments $x$
C. edcab; strengthens $X$
D. cabed; deepens
E. cbade; amplifies $x$

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8. Revealed the Naveen Patnaik-led (a)/ Odisha's ruling Biju Janata Dal is heading towards a (b)/party had
$\qquad$ its strong grip in the coastal state (c)/ BJP and Congress far behind as counting on Monday 3 (d)/landslide victory in the three-tier panchayat polls leaving opposition (e).
A. adcbe; tightened
B. decba; increased
D. abecd; elaborated
E. bcade; developed

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9. Home Minister Amit Shah saying the party would (a)/the BJP $\qquad$ confidence over its (b)/ chances in the five Assembly elections, with (c)/ form the government in Uttar Pradesh, Goa, Manipur and Uttarakhand(d)/ and improve its performance in Punjab (e)
A. adobe; cited
B. decba; issued $x$
C. bedac; radiated $x$
D. abecd; cited
blade; exuded

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10. India on Friday $\qquad$ ned commission of inquiry as a result of (c)/ Russia's aggression against Ukraine (d)/ establish an independent international (e).
A. adcbe; halted
B. decba; rejected
C. bedac; refused
D. abecd; abstained
E. blade; declined

Directions (11-14): The following questions have a sentence each that has been divided into five parts which have been jumbled. There are certain words as well that have been highlighted and might need to be swapped with each other in order for the sentence to become meaningful. You need to rearrange the parts of the sentence carefully and choose the option that provides the best rearrangement and swapping pair.
11. industry (I) ban at least $60 \%$ of its products could (A)/ not be (II) produced without this chemical (B)/ the globe, is a (III) concern as the (C)/ the (IV) claims on barium nitrate, (D)/ an oxidising agent, used in making fireworks across (E).

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12. travel came to a (I) halt. The (A) /domestic and international (B) /people were not (II) travelling and (C)/ revenue (III) severely from (D)/ international travels dropped (IV) earned (E).
A. ADCBE; I-IV
B. BECED; II -IV
C. CEADB; I-III
D. CADE; III-IV
E. ABCDE; No swapping needed

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13. Yadav, stole what was their (I) rightful mandate (A)/ leadership, especially party president Akhilesh (B)/ primarily (II) against the electronic voting machines, which, as (C)/ per the (III) disbelief built by the SP (D)/ the (IV) narrative soon turned into anger, (E).


ECDBA; III-IV
B. ABDCE; IIIV
C. BEDAC; II-III
D. EDACB; I-IV
E. CADEB; IIIV
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14. His wisdom, his (I) sense of (A)/ humour, his joie de vivre, (B)/ his easy (II) sociability, and his (C)/ wonderful gift of being a good (III) raconteur, (D)/(IV) endeared him to all who came across him (E).
A. EDCBA; I-IV
B. ADCBE; II-III
C. $A B C D E ;$ No swapping needed
D. CEBDA; III-IV
E. EBCAD; No swapping needed

## Directions (15-18): Five sentences have been given in each question below one of which is an odd man out.

 You are required to read the same carefully and choose the option with the odd sentence as your answer.15. 

A. On March 29, Assam and Meghalaya partially resolved a 50-year-old dispute along their 884.9 km boundary.
B. Meghalaya was carved out of Assam as an autonomous State in 1972.
C. It was facilitated by Home Minister Amit Shah who urged the States to resolve their boundary disputes by August 15, 2022.
D. According to the partial boundary deal, Assam will get 18.51 sq. km of the 36.79 sq. km disputed area.
©. Apart from Meghalaya, the other States are Arunachal Pradesh, Mizoram, Nagaland, Tripura and West Bengal.
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16.
A. Germany would not "preach or teach" India about its position on Russia's war in Ukraine.
B. Eor the success of this platform, we require all countries to be present.
C. If the Russian action goes unchecked, I think it will be really devastating for all of us.
D. Mr. Plotner's visit coincides with a number of other visits to Delhi carrying a similar message on Russia.
E. All the statements are related to each other

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17.
A. The BJP had constituted a five-member team in the aftermath of the violence in which eight people were burnt alive.
B. The five members on the panel include Rajya Sabha member and former Utter Pradesh Director General of Police Brajlal.
C. Following an order of the Calcutta High Court, the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) has taken over the probe into the Birbhum violence.
D. West Bengal BJP chief Sukanta Majumdar - met BJP president J.P. Nadda and presented the report on Wednesday.
E. Claiming that "state-sponsored extortion, goonda tax and cut-money" were the main reasons for the violence, the report said the Centre should intervene.
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18.
A. A World Cup like no other in its 92-year history will take shape this week.
B. Qatar will be the top-seeded team in Group A, taking position A1 in the schedule.
C. Qatar's debut opens the tournament, Nov. 21 at Al Bayt Stadium.

D The entry list for the forthcoming Federation Cup athletics has been released.
E. It means in the group stage Qatar avoids the world's top-ranked teams, from Nos. 1 to 7

## Directions (19-23): In each question below, a sentence followed by a table with two columns has been given.

 The sentence has got two blanks that would take words from the columns respectively. Choose the correct combination of words that complete the given sentences meaningfully.19. I followed the $\qquad$ of the elections in three of the five states and shall therefore $\qquad$ my observations to those states.

Column I Column II
A. Mandate $X$
D. Confide $x$
B. Course
E. Obstruse $X$
C. Trend
F. Restrict

| A. | A-D $\propto$ |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| B. | C-E |  |
| C. | $B-D \quad X$ |  |
| D. | A-E $X$ |  |
| E. | $B-F$ |  |

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20. Tamil Nadu students pursuing MBBS in Ukraine have returned home after $\qquad$ and $\qquad$ .
Column I Column II
A. Checks D. Endeavours
B. Diplomacy E. Tribulations
C. Trials F. Balances

| A. | B-D |
| :--- | :--- |
| B. | A-F |
| C. | C-E |
| D. | B-E |
| E. | A-D |

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| Column I | Column II |
| :--- | :--- |
| A. Level | D. Bias |
| B. Syllabus | E. Moderation |
| C. Difficulty | F. Normalization |

A. A-D
B. B-E
C. C-E
D. A-F

Both (c) and (d)

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| Column I | Column II |
| :--- | :--- |
| A. Myriad | D. Speaking |
| B. Diverse | E. Enunciate $\times$ |
| C. Proletariat | F. Articulating $\times$ |
|  |  |
| A. | C-E |
| B. | A-F |
| C. | B-D |
| D. | A-E |
| E. | None of the above |

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| Column I | Column II |
| :--- | :--- |
| A. Annexation | D. Sought after |
| B. AttackX E. Populous <br> C. Invasion F. Looked upon <br> A. C-E |  |
| B. A-D |  |
| C. | B-F |
| D. | C-D |
| E. | None of the above |

Directions (24-30): The following passage given below has questions that have been framed on the content of the same. You are required to read the same carefully and answer the questions that follow
Two contrasting issues concerning the legislature in two States appear to sum up the potential for political controversy when elected governments and Governors do not see eye to eye. In the West Bengal Assembly, Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee and legislators of her party had to virtually plead with Governor Jagdeep Dhankhar to start reading his customary address amidst a prolonged uproar by the Opposition BJP MLAs. Mr. Dhankhar appeared ready to give in to the protesters, but was ultimately persuaded into reading the first and last lines. In Telangana, on the other hand, the K. Chandrasekhar Rao government seems to have decided not to have Governor Tamilisai Soundararajan address the legislature before it presented this year's Budget. Instead, it is treating the current meeting of the legislature as a continuation of the last session. That the session, which last met some months ago, was not prorogued, has given scope for the government to contend that it is just a further meeting, and it is not necessary for the Governor to open it with an address. The ceremonial address is usually delivered in the first session of every year. Dr. Soundararajan has issued a rare statement to argue that the government's position was technical, and it would not be proper to commence the Budget session without her address. The episode appears to arise from points of conflict between the government secretariat and Raj Bhavan, as the ruling TRS seems aggrieved that the Governor deviated from the text of her address last year and on some other issues too.
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The Governor's address is a constitutional formality, albeit a significant one, as it is essentially a statement of policy of the regime of the day. That the formal occasion is mired in political wrangling is a sign of institutional decay and unwarranted poiliticisation of constitutional norms. That Ms. Banerjee saw the incidents in the Assembly, which almost resulted in the abandonment of the Governor's address, as "an attempt to create a constitutional crisis" shows that leaders still attach constitutional significance to the tradition. It will be desirable if the same recognition is seen in Telangana too. After all, if not now, the next session will have to open with the Governor's address. It is true that there are sound arguments that question the need and the relevance of the office of the Governor, or support the view that some incumbents are politically partisan. There may even be a case for doing away with the formality, or even arguing that the policy statement is better read out by the elected Chief Minister. However, as long as the current system is in vogue, there is a case for abiding by the norms. Politics notwithstanding, it is only in such formality that civility in public discourse is expressed.
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24. Three sentences have been given below. You have to read the same and choose which of the following would correctly take the idiom, 'see eve to eye' as used in the passage?
I. That house on the CP square certainly $\qquad$ . Should we take a look inside? ye
II. They said they were ending the contract because they didn't sel eye with theit clients.
III. After she found out about his latest relapse with drugs, she decided it was best to $\qquad$ .
A. Only (i)
B. Only (ii)
C. Only (iii)
D. Both (i) and (ii)
E. Both (ii) and (iii)
25. Which of the following options explains the opening line of the passage?
A. The governors in the mentioned states have forgotten their line of duty and need to be made aware of the same.
B. The elected governments are trying impose their superiority in the states as they do not wish to function in alignment with the centre.
C. Two states are facing the same issue of a visible tussle between the governor and the state government however, for completely opposite issues.
D. Both (b) and (c)
E. Other than the given options
26. With which of the following would Ms. Banerjee most likely agree as per the passage?
I. The traditional practices must be abided by as a mark of respect to our constitution if not anything else II. Things should be continued as they are since they are in fashion as, breaking of rules by the government is not desirable
III. Telangana and West Bengal are two entirely different geographies and what happens in one won't dictate what happens in the other
A. Only (ii)
B. Only (iii)
C. Both (ii) and (iii)
D. Only (i)
E. Both (i) and (iii)
27. Which of the following has been cited as the reason that justifies the actions of the Telangana governor not being allowed to address the budget session?
A. That the practice of addressing before the session in not valid as the head of the elected government should be the one who should open the discussion
B. The governor while addressing the last time made some derogatory remarks over the state of the affairs making the episode questionable
C. The West Bengal governor was found indicating in his address that the governors have now stopped interfering in the government's affairs
D. The state government found that the governor while addressing went awry leading to a conflict between the two authorities
E. None of the above
28. Which of the following statements is false as per the contents of the passage?
I. The Telangana government had discontinued the previous session without dissolving the same II. Ms. Banerjee was finally able to cajole the governor to at least read the first and the last lines to begin the session ~
III. Both the CMs mentioned have been known to have animosity towards the Centre and hence, their state governors behaved the like

A. Only (ii) Only (iii)
C. Only (i)
D. Both (i) and (iii)
E. All are true
29. Choose the best option based on the words given in the column I given below taken from the passage.

| Column I | Column II |
| :---: | :---: |
| A. Wrangling | I. The $\quad B$ president faces problems which began many years before he took office. |
| B. Incumbent | II. The movie KashmirFiles has caused an $\qquad$ on Twitter. |
| C. Uproar | III. We find some people in our housewho engage in $A_{\text {_ _ in order tosimply feel superior. }}$ |

A. A-II, B-III, C-I
B. $\quad B-I I, C-I I I$
C.
D.

A-III, B-I, C-II
A-III, B-II
E. A-II, B-I, C-III
30. Which of the following options can be marked as the central theme of the passage?

The differences between the leaders should not lead to politicising of constitutional norms
B. The constitution and its norms at risk of disrepute while the leaders decide not to give in
C. The rift between the centre and the states getting wider
D. The governors and their realm of powers should be re-thought about
E. The elected state governments and the need to co-operate with the administration

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