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1. Which of the following words is apt for blank (a)?
I. proclamation
II. prominent $x$
III. procurement
A. Only I B. Only II $X$

C Only III
D. Both I and II $X$
E. Both II and III $X$
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2. Which of the following words is inapt for blank (b)?
I. coincided $X$
II. rescinded $x$
III. accorded
A. Only I B. Only II X
C. Only III Both I and II E. Both II and IIIX

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3. Which of the following words is apt for blank (c)?

ب. snipers
II. snippet
III. sniper

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4. Which of the following words is inapt for blank (d)?
I. concord $X$
II. truce $x$
III. combat
$\begin{array}{llllll}\text { A. Only I } & \text { B. } & \text { Only II } & & \\ \text { C. } & \text { Only III } & \text { D. } & \text { Both I and II } & \text { E. } & \text { Both II and III }\end{array}$
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5. Which of the following words is apt for blank (e)?
I. abate
II. accelerate
III. augment
A. Only III B. None I, II and III
C. All I, II and III
D. Both I and II

Both II and III

Directions (6-10): A small passage is divided into seven parts, but only four parts of the passage is given. You have to identify the missing parts of the sentence from the following options. And also answer the questions asked from the given parts of the sentence.

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A. The rainy season is (A)/ one of the worst (B)/ seasons for hair (C)/ due to access moisture in the environment (D)/ and rainwater causeghair to fall (E)
B. $\qquad$ (H)
C. It is grown naturally in many parts of the world especially in warm and moist land
D. $\qquad$ (I)
E. In Southeast Asia, the dried whole plant is used in traditional medicine, $\qquad$ there is no high-quality clinical research to indicate such uses are effective F. $\qquad$ (J)
G. This plant is used in India from ancient period, it is regarded as a kayakalapa hearb, meaning incredibly effective herb
6. Which of the following options can fill the blank (H)?
a) People who are suffering from major hair fall are suggested to use Mahabringraj.
b) To overcome hair fall during the rainy season Ayurveda suggests Bhringraj oil made with Bhringraj plant. c) But most commonly this plant is used for making Ayurvedic hair oil.
A. Only (a)
B. Only (b)
C. Only (c)

Both (a) and (b)
Both (b) and (c)
7. Which of the following options can fill the blank (I)?
a) It is used in different parts of the world for different purposes
b) The juice obtained from the fresh leaves is said to be useful in treating cough
c) n

Bhringraj also stops greying of hair it conditions your hair naturally and make it shiny $X$
Only (a)
Only (b)
B. Only (b)
C. Only (c)
D. Both (a) and (b)
E. Both (b) and (c)

## 8. Which of the following options can fill the blank (J)?

a) Siddha saints have praised the herb for its medicinal properties in the Siddha texts hundreds of years ago.
b) It improves the blood flow to the roots by increasing vasodilation it opens the hair follicles and promotes hair growth. $X$
c) In parts of South India it is used to grind traditional chutney from the plants grown in the paddy field.
A. Only (a)
B. Only (b) $X$
C. Only (c)
D. Both (a) and (b) $X$

ᄃ. Both (a) and (c)
9. The statement (A) is divided into five parts, in which only one part of the sentence contains error. Mark that part of the sentence.
A. A
B. B
C. C
D. D
E. E
10. In statement (E) a blank is given; choose the correct words from the following options.
A. Hence

Thereupon $X$
Although
D. Consequently $x$
E. Yet $X$

## Directions (11-16): Below a paragraph has been given in jumbled parts. These parts are not in proper

 sequence. Some words are highlighted and blanks are also there. You are required to arrange these jumbled sentences in order to form a meaningful and coherent paragraph. Also answer the questions given below.
## UTSCR $P$

P. Furthermore, the President and the Vice- President are also set to be elected during this Monsoon Session. 6
Q. In addition to 24 Bills, a further eight Bills are already pending before both Houses. 4
R. Two separate bills for Constitution amendment to revise the list of Scheduled Castes (SCi) and Scheduled Tribes (CTs) for Chhattisgarh and Tamil Nadu are also listed for introduction. 5
S. During the session, the Centre is ready to announce 24 Bills, including the Cantonment Bill and the Multi-State Cooperative Societies Bill. 3

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T. Presidential elections in the (a)/ see MPs voting for the (b)/ the first day of the session will (c) /by counting of votes on July 21 (d)/ polling booths in Parliament, followed (e). 2

U . The central government is
 commence on July 18, Monday and will conclude on August 12. 1
11. Which of the following phrasal verbs will be apt for the blank given in statement "U"?
A. gearing for
B. gearing to
C. gearing on gearing up
E. None of the above
12. Rearrange the statement " $T$ " in a meaningful order.
A. aedbc
B. aedcb cbaed
D. cbead
13. Which of the following statements comes in between $S$ and $Q$ after rearrangement?
A. $\quad P$
B. $\quad \mathrm{R}$
C. $\quad \mathrm{T}$
D. U

None
14. Find the odd word with the context of the word highlighted in statement $R$.
'Revise'
A. amend
B. alter
fix
D. change
E. edit
15. Which of the following statements is the fifth statement after rearrangement?
A. $\quad P$
B. $\quad \mathrm{Q}$

R
D. $\quad \mathrm{S}$
E. $\quad T$
16. Which of the following statements is the conclusion statement after rearrangement?
A. $P$
B. $\quad Q$
C. $\quad \mathrm{R}$
D. $\quad \mathrm{S}$
E. T
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17. that are made with $\qquad$ and (A)/ Section 295A punishes only insults to religion (B)/ the Supreme Court has laid down that (C)/ unwittingly or without malice is not an offence (D)/ malicious intention, and anything said (E).
A. AEDCB; superficial

B CBAED; deliberate
C. BEDCA; conscious
D. ABDCE; thoughtful
E. CEDBA; unintentional

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18. They could have created a small (A)/ like Handa Bhoda or Jatayu and ' $B$ )/ they offer her a Jubilee Sandesh (C)/ film where the Queen meets some (D)/ $\qquad$ Bengali comic character (E).
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A. BEADC; iconic
B. CEDBA; hallowed
C. ADEBC, beloved
D. BEDCA; exemplary
E. ABCDE; lovable

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19. they had been $\qquad$ through face-to- face teaching (A)/ made almost all students stay back at (B)/ and learning programmes in their schools (C)/ School closures during the pandemic in our country (D)/ home, foregoing the learning that (E). 3
A. DBEAC, acquiring
B. ABEDC; learning
C. BEDCA; studying
D. DEABC; monitoring
E. No rearrangement needed, preparing

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20. near complete baby woolly mammoth (A)/ of Canada's far north have (B)/ up the mummified remains of a (C)/ made a rare discovery, digging (D)/ miners in the Klondike gold fields (E).


ABEDC; excavating
B. BEDCA; finding
C. AECDB; making
D. EBDCA, digging
E. ABCDE; burying

Directions (21-25): In each of the following questions a sentence has been divided into five parts, these parts are given in jumbled form out of these parts one part is fixed which has been highlighted in bold. You are required to rearrange the remaining parts in order to make the sentence complete and coherent.
21.
P. network even at heights up to 18,000 feet
Q. is giving a boost to its communication
R. keeping pace with China, the Indian Army
S. infrastructure in remote high altitude
T. areas looking to have 4G and 5G
A. TQSPR
B. RQPTS
C. SQRPT
D. RQSTP
E. PQTSR

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22.
P. a batch of petitions by private tour operators 2
Q. seeking exemption from GST for 3
R. offered by them to pilgrims 5
S. the Hajj and Umrah services 4
T. the Supreme Court has dismissed I
A. PTQSR
B. RQPST
C. TPRSQ
D. QPRST TPQSR

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23.
P. the Maharashtra Anti Terrorism Squad 1
Q. to terror outfit Babbar Khalsa 4
R. has arrested a 30-year-old 2
S. man with alleged links 3
T. from a jail in Punjab 5
$\triangle$ PRSQT
B. PSQRT
C. QRPST
D. QPRST
E. No rearrangement required

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24.
P. to whom it has issued eviction notice 4
Q. India informed the Bombay HC that it will 1
R. the Public Premises Act against its employees 3
S. to vacate their official quarters at Kalina 5
T. take steps in accordance with law under 2
A. TQRSP
B. QTRPS
C. QTRSP
D. PSRQT
E. SPRTQ

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25.
P. The Bombay HC, while hearing a petition regarding 1
Q. released movie Runway 34 to understand 4
R. the obstruction due to high rise buildings 2
S. how the air traffic really works 5
T. around the Mumbai airport, discussed the recently 3
A. PRQTS
B. PQRTS

PRTQS
D. PQTRS
E. PSRTQ

## Directions (26-30): In each of the following questions, two sentences are given below followed by three

 options. You are required to join these two sentences by using three options without changing the actual meaning.26) 

a) The Opposition side in the Lok Sabha during the debate on the Motion of Thanks on the President's address. b) Rahul Gandhi demanded an apology from Amit Shah while narrating how a political leader from Manipur got insulted.
I. Demanding an apology.... $\times$

While narrating how a political leader.....
III. Speaking first from the Opposition side
A. Only I
B. Both I and III $X$

Only II
D. Both I and II $X$
E. Only III

Directions (26-30): In each of the following questions, two sentences are given below followed by three options. You are required to join these two sentences by using three options without changing the actual meaning.
27)
a) Caseload in the metropolis rose to $10,48,521$ while death toll reached 16,640
b) The Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC) said in a release.
I. The caseload in the metropolis rose to.... $\times$ As the death toll reached 16,640..
III. The Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation.... $X$
A. Only I
B. Both I and III

Only II
D. Both I and II
E. Only III
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28)
a) Bharat Dynamics Limited (BDL) and the Indian Army have signed a contract worth Rs 3,131.82 crore b) The manufacture and supply of Konkurs-M anti-tank guided missiles.
(l. For the manufacture and supply of....
DII. Bharat Dynamics Limited and ....
III. The Indian Army with Bharat Dynamics...
A. None I, II and III
B. Both I and III
C. Both II and III
D. All I, II and III Both I and II

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29)
a)' Prime Minister Narendra Modi presented a 'chadar' to Minority Affairs Minister Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi.
b) Chadar will be offered at Ajmer Sharif Dargah on the 810th Urs of Khwaja Moinuddin Chishti.
I. While presenting a 'chadar' to....
11. On the 810th Urs of KhwajaMoinuddin...
III. Minority Affairs Minister Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi...
A. Only I
B. Both I and III

Only II
D. Both I and II
E. Only III

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30)
a) The Delhi police opposed the bail application of former JNU student Umar Khalid and six others before a court.
b) Police alleged that they conspired to incite violence and planned an attack on police officials during 2020 riots in the national capital.

Alleging that former JNU student Umar Khalid.....
II. The Delhi police opposed....
III. During 2020 riots in the national capital...
A. Only I
B. Both I and III
C. Only II
D. Both I and II

E. Only III

## Practice Test

Directions (1-5): In each of the following questions four words have been highlighted in bold which may or may not be in their correct positions. You are required to interchange them in order to form a meaningful and coherent sentence. If all the words are correctly placed mark "E" as your answer.

1. The National Statistical Office's first advance derail (a) for economic output in the current financial year is an optimistic (b) forecast that flags some positive trends as well as areas of concern that have the potential to estimates (c) the growth momentum (d).
A. dbca
B. acbd
cbad
D. cbda
E. No rearrangement required

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2. The NSO has projected (a) real GDP for the 12 months ending March 2022 at ₹ 147.54 lakh- crore, a 9.2\% fury (b) from the provisional estimate of ₹ 135.13 lakh-crore for the last fiscal year, when the full expansion (c) of the COVID- 19 pandemic had caused output to contract (d) by 7.3\%.
A. dbca
B. acbd
C. cbad
D. cbda
E. No rearrangement required

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3. It is a matter of considerable (a) relief that the Supreme Court has allowed the commencement (b) of counselling for post-graduate medical admissions under the all-India quota at a time when the long delay has caused a shortage (c) of junior residents in the midst (d) of an ongoing public health crisis.
A. dbca
B. acbd
C. cbad
D. cbda

E No rearrangement required

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4. Delhi Police recovered (a) two fraudsters for creating fake partner IDs of Shadowfaxcompany and causing (b) a loss to the tune of Rs 4 lakhs. Police also nabbed (c) two mobile phones and eight sim cards from their possession (d).
A. dbca
B. acbd
c. cbad
D. cbda
E. No rearrangement required

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5. In a bid to expedite (a) the farmers on the paddy procurement drive and to sensitize (b) the process, the Assam government will organize a special GaonSabha (Gram Sabha) across the state on January 16 and is aiming to procure (c) 10 lakh MT of paddy (d) from the farmers this year.
A. bcad
B. cbad
C. adcb
D. bacd
E. No rearrangement required

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6. For conducting Phase 3 clinical trials of (A)/ vaccine manufacturer Bharat Biotech approval (B)/ the Drugs Controller General of India (DCGI) has given (C)/ who have received both doses of Covaxin (D)/ an intranasal booster dose for those (E). |

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A.

CEABD
CBAED
C. CAEDB
D. ACEDB
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7. The South Delhi Municipal Corporation (SDMC) on Friday(A)/ of the civic body's 'Waste to Wonder Park' (B)/ passed resolutions to construct the second phase (C)/ of ₹46 crore and ₹51 crore, respectively (D)/ and the 'Bharat Darshan Park' at an estimated cost (E).

ACBED
4
B. ACDBE
C. ACBDE
D. ADECB
E. No rearrangement required

Directions (6-10): In the questions given below, parts of a sentence are given in shuffled manner. Arrange the parts in a meaningful order and mark the correct option as the answer.
8. The Railways recruitment exam evoked a mixed response on Friday, ( A )/ the Bihar Bandh called by some student bodies and (B)/vehicles in different parts of the state ${ }^{(C)}$ / with protesters disrupting movement of trains and (D)/ supported by the Opposition parties over irregularities in (E).
A. 4 ABDEC
B. BAEDC
C. BEADC
D. EADBC
E. No rearrangement required

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9. In the number of micro, small and medium enterprises (MSME) (A)/ as many as 96,805 enterprises (B)/ the Scheduled Castes with (C)/ Maharashtra has topped India's list (D)/ owned by entrepreneurs from (E).
A. DCBEA
B. ABECD
C. ECDAB
D. DAECB
E. No rearrangement required

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10. Placed a large number of troops and heavy weapons (A)/ the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) has said India (B)/ where a tense military situation has erupted afte ${ }^{3}$ Russia (C)/ along Ukraine's frontiers, triggering worldwide fear of imminent military action (D)/ is monitoring the situation in eastern Ukraine (E).
A. BECAD

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B. BDEAC
C. DBEAC
D. CBEDA
E. No rearrangement required

Directions (11-15): In each of the questions given below, a sentence is given with two blanks. From the given options, choose the one that gives the correct combination of words that fits in the blanks.
11. The government's failure to $\qquad$ to the court what logic had $\qquad$ it to fix an annual income ceiling of Rs. 8 lakhs for selection of EWS had held up counselling for medical courses.
A. explain, prompted
B. untangle, rise $X$
C. play, induced $X$
D. guide, dissolved $x$
E. None of the above

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12. The Supreme Court on Friday $\qquad$ down a CBSE rule that said the marks $\qquad$ by students in their improvement exams would be final, even if they had secured higher scores in the regular exams.
A. plugged, derived $x$
B. smite, grabbed $X$
C. struck, obtained
D. punched, played $X$
E. None of the above

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13. Ethiopia's government says it will $\qquad$ several prominent opposition figures as the country Orthodox Christmas.
A. permit, brings $X$
B. free, marks
C. spare, spots $X$
D. loose, flecks $X$
E. None of the above

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14. The Assam government on Friday $\qquad$ that unvaccinated people would be $\qquad$ from public spaces and transport.
A. publicized, bared

B concealed, secured
8. supressed, reported announced, barred
E. None of the above
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15. The Human Rights group $\qquad$ a huge blow after the Court $\qquad$ to grant bail to a Rights activist. suffered, refused granted, diffused invaded, poised violated, alleged None of the above

Directions (16-20): In each of the following questions a sentence has been divided into five parts. You are required to find out which of the given part/s is/are grammatically incorrect from the given options.
16. Wم The U.S. declared community transmission (a)/ on February 2020 when (b)/ the source of infection (c)/ were untraceable in one instance (d)/; only 15 cases were detected then (e).
A. both $b$ and $c$
both $b$ and $d$
C. only b
D. only e
E. both a and e

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17. The Service and the sacrifices (a)/ of nameless and faceless (b)/ nation-builders have (c)/ formed the bedrock of the (d)/ modern India Republic (e).
A. both $b$ and $c$
B.
C. only e
D. only d
E. both c and e

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## set

18. The Karnataka government has setted up (部/ an expert committee to resolve (b)/ the issue involving wearing hijabs (c)/ inside classrooms as it go against (d)/ school uniform policy in Udupi(e).
A. both $b$ and $c$ both $a$ and $d$ only e
only d
E. both c and e

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19. The security forces had launched (a)/ a cordon-and-search operation (b)/ in the Check Nowgam area (c)/ of Shopian following information (d)/ about the present of militants there (e)
A. both $b$ and $c$
B. both a and d
presence
E. onlye
D. only d
E. both c and e

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20. Seven people lost (a)/ their live and 30 others (b)/ have tall ill after (c)/ consuming spurious liquor in a village (d)/ in Uttar Pradesh's Raebareli district (e).
both $b$ and $c$
B. both a and d
C. only e
D. only d
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21. Which of the following words is the most suitable word for blank (a)?
A. crossing
B. spanning
C. estimating
D. lasting
E. None of the above
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22. Which of the following words is the most suitable word for blank (b)?
A. harbor
B. defilement
C. deployment
D. devilment
E. None of the above

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23. Which of the following words is the most suitable word for blank (c)?
A. scattered
B. split
C. segment
D. bifurcate
E. None of the above
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24. Which of the following words is the most suitable word for blank (d)?
A. stuck
B. jammed
C. bound
D. adhered
E. None of the above
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25. Which of the following words is the most suitable word for blank (e)?
A. Denigrating
B. Expiring
C. Dismissing
D. Trimming
E. None of the above

## Directions (26-30): Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

Last week's New York Times article, 'People Now Spend More at Amazon than at Walmart', announced that the world's biggest brick-and- mortar retailer had been unseated by the e-commerce giant. The Wall Street Journal reported that 'Amazon Plans to Open Large Retail Locations akin to Department Stores'. The finer details of Amazon's planned entry to the regular retail sector, the very business that it disrupted, are not yet known. But one thing is for sure. How Amazon combines its digital and brick-and-mortar retailing strategies will define the future of shopping.
It is unlikely that Amazon will sell the same products in the two shopping environments. There could be a demarcation strategy as to what category of products will be sold through digital channels and what category mostly through the company's physical stores. There are several products that are bought by consumers routinely without much thinking. There is not much joy in shopping for them. It won't be a surprise if most of this sort of shopping moves fully into the digital space, a format that allows quick shopping.

There are categories where the shopper would like to try out products in person before deciding to purchase them. This is particularly beneficial in the apparel category, which can often be a guessing game for customers shopping online because of size and fit concerns. These are also categories where personal advice from an expert on what suits the customer best can add a lot of value. Such products are best shopped for in a brick-and-mortar store.
Big data analytics and artificial intelligence are already the backbone of both digital and physical-format shopping. In the future, the role of technology will only get more prominent, more so in the case of online shopping.

## 26. What will define the future of shopping according to the passage?

A. Combination of digital and brick-and-mortar retailing strategies by Amazon.
B. Brick-and-mortar retailing strategies of Walmart.
C. Amazon's entry to the regular retail sector.
D. Both A and C
E. Both B and C
27. Which of the following formats allow/s quick shopping according to the passage?
A. Digital shopping
B. Retail shopping
C. Departmental shopping
D. Both A and C
E. Both A and B
28. What are the advantages mentioned in the above passage of brick-and-mortar stores?
A. When consumers choose a brick-and-mortar store, they don't need to worry about waiting, handling fees, or damaged and lost packages.
B. The return policies available at brick-and- mortar stores offer a more simplistic and engaging process than their online counterparts.
C. Both A and B
D. The interactive service offered at brick-and-mortar stores helps shoppers to get second opinions, and more.
E. All A, B and D
29. Which of the following is the backbone of both digital and physical-format shopping?
A. Technology and consumers
B. Customers and artificial intelligence
C. Data analytics and artificial intelligence
D. Science and technology
E. Both A and C
30. Which of the following is the antonym to the given word "akin"?
A. Diverse
B. Parallel
C. Exact
D. Relevant
E. Uniform

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