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Direction (Q. 1 - 8): In the question given below a sentence is given and is divided into three parts I, II and III. For each part, a correction statement is also given. You have to determine which part requires correction and mark it as your answer.

- 1. Oil supply, led by US producers, is growing faster than demand and to preventing a / build-up of unused fuel such as the one that emerged in 2015, the Organization of the Petroleum / Exporting Countries is expect to start trimming output after a meeting on December 6.
- I. Oil supply, led by US producers, is growing faster than demand and to prevent a
- II. build-up of unused fuel such in the one that emerged in 2015, the Organization of the Petroleum
- III. Exporting Countries is expected to start trimming output after a meeting on December 6.

1. I, II and III 2. Both I and III 4. Both I and II 3. II only

5. I only

- 2. On the other hand, sector and thematic funds have a fewer number of stocks exposed to similar business risks and are more suited for investors who are aware along how to manage sharp risks.
- I. On the other hand, sector and thematic funds having a
- II. fewer number of stocks expose to similar business risks and are

III. suited for investors who are aware of how to manage sharp risks.

1. Both II and III 2. II only 4. Both I and II 3. I, II and III

5. III only

- 3. Given that diversified equity funds are spreads out / across stocks and sectors, they are considered to being less risky and, / hence, more suitable from the average individual investor.
- I. Given that diversified equity funds are spread out
- II. across stocks and sectors, they are considered to be less risky and III. hence, more suitable for the average individual investor.

1. I only 2. II only 3. I, II and III

4. Both I and II

5. Both II and III

- 4. Kindliness for fellow human beings is being smothered in them,/ taken as a class, by the arrogance of worldly position, which among the/ Bengalis who show this snobbery is often only a third-class position.
- I. Kindliness for fellow human beings has been smothered in them, II. taken as a class, by arrogance of worldly position, which

III. Bengalis who showed this snobbery is often only a third-class position.

1. Only I 2. Only II 3. Only III 4. Both II and III

5. Both I and II

- 5. From Macau, the Embassy sailed up the Chinese/ coast to Tianjin where they disembark, only for/ transfer to river barges for most of the journey to Peking.
- I. From Macau, the Embassy sailed to the Chinese

II. coast to Tianjin where they disembarked, only to

III. transferring to river barges for most of the journey to Peking

1. Only III 2. Both II and III 3. Both I and III 4. Both Land II

5. Only II

- **6.** What should be of greater interest to the guardians of the weak in a / democracy like India is that increasingly the political movements, tactics / and sentiments of the socially weak are being crushed by the strong.
- I. What shall be of greater interest to the guardians of the weak in a II. democracy like India's is that increasingly the political movements, tactics

III. and sentiments of the socially weak are being adopted by the strong.

2. Both I and II 1. I only 3. III only 4. Both II and III

5.I, II and III

- 7. Free Exchange, a blog of The Economist, once argued that the most important / aspect of the theory of the second best, is that it shows that the best ideal is often an impractical one and / that the second-best ideas are doomed for they try to imitate the qualities of the best idea.
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- II. aspect of the theory of the second best, is that it shows that the best idea is often an impractical one and

III. that the second-best ideas are doomed should they try to imitate the qualities of the best idea.

1. I only 2. II only 3. Both I and II 4. Both II and III

5. I, II and III

- 8. Whilst the Prime Minister had set an ambitious target to double / the existing farm income, the average Indian farmer has witnessed a / steady erosion in his prosperity and well-being over the past few
- I. While the Prime Minister has set an ambitious target to double
- II. the existing farm income, the average Indian farmer, however, witnessed a

III. steady erosion in his prosperity and well-beings over the past few years.

1. Both II and III 2. II only 3. Both I and II 4. I only

5. I, II and III

Direction (Q. 9 - 17): Choose the sentence from the given options that is grammatically correct. Note here that the context of the sentence should remain same.

- 1. Forty thousand troops has been deployed to ensure the safety of
- 2. Forty thousand troops having been deployed to ensure the safety of citizens.
- 3. Forty thousand troops have been deployed to ensure the safety of citizens.
- 4. Forty thousand troops been deployed to ensure the safety of citizens.
- 5. Forty thousand troops being deployed to ensure the safety of citizens.





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10.

- 1. Fiscal deficit is observed to have come down, along with the rate of inflation.
- 2. Fiscal deficit is observed to having came down, along with the rate of inflation.
- 3. Fiscal deficit is observed to had came down, along with the rate of inflation.
- 4. Fiscal deficit is observed to have came down, along with the rate of inflation.
- 5. Fiscal deficit is observed to came down, along with the rate of inflation.

11.

- 1. The apex court has been ruled that Aadhaar is not mandatory for opening bank accounts.
- 2. The apex court had been ruled that Aadhaar is not mandatory for opening bank accounts.
- 3. The apex court have been ruled that Aadhaar is not mandatory for opening bank accounts.
- 4. The apex court has ruled that Aadhaar is not mandatory for opening bank accounts.
- 5. The apex court having been ruled that Aadhaar is not mandatory for opening bank accounts.

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- 1. The minister would expressed confidence in the move being made by the government.
- 2. The minister expressed confidence in the move being made by the government.
- 3. The minister will expressed confidence in the move being made by the government.
- 4. The minister would be expressed confidence in the move being made by the government.
- 5. The minister would be express confidence in the move being made by the government.

13.

- 1. Major social and economic changes have have transformed India into an ideal investment destination.
- 2. Major social and economic changes have had transformed India into an ideal investment destination.
- 3. Major social and economic changes have transformed India into an ideal investment destination.
- 4. Major social and economic changes having transformed India into an ideal investment destination.
- 5. Major social and economic changes have been transformed India into an ideal investment destination.

14.

- 1. The announcement seem to hit the masses just when they were expecting it.
- 2. The announcement seemed to hit the masses just when they were expecting it.
- 3. The announcement seem to hit the masses just when they was expecting it.
- 4. The announcement seem to hit the masses just with they were expecting it.
- 5. The announcement seemed for hit the masses just when they were expecting it.

15.

- 1. The new format of the affidavit would had a column to display the rules.
- 2. The new format of the affidavit will had a column to display the rules.
- 3. The new format of the affidavit will have a column to display the rules.
- 4. The new format for the affidavit will had a column to display the
- 5. The new format of the affidavit will be had a column to display the rules.

16.

If we have had enough money I would have built a house a long time ago.

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If we has enough money I would have built a house a long time ago.

If we had had enough money I would have built a house a long time ago.

If we has had enough money I would have built a house a long time ago.

17.

- 1. Commentator speak unanimously of its being Shakespeare's most enigmatic work.
- 2. Commentators speak unanimously of its being Shakespeare's most enigmatic work.
- 3. Commentators speak unanimous of its being Shakespeare's most enigmatic work.
- 4. Commentator speak unanimously of it's being Shakespeare's most enigmatic work.
- 5. Commentators speak unanimously of its been Shakespeare's most enigmatic work.

Direction (Q. 18 - 20): Out of the given options, choose the sentence, which, in your view, is the most grammatically and structurally correct. Please note that the meaning or the context of the sentence must not change.

18.

- 1. Sylvester left at once from the grim room, he couldn't bare to remain there anymore.
- 2. The longer he waited the more he realised the futile of his passion.
- 3. No man can change his forefathers, but one can become richer even if he is born poor.
- 4. The applications are then processed thorough the given selection criteria set by the commmittee.
- 5. The day was getting wearisome and I decided to lay on the bed for a while.

- 1. Hadn't it being these very endeavours that so fervently stirred him before?
- 2. I might as well don a hat now, lest I should be recognized in the streets.
- 3. Have being displaced was the primary reason that bound them all together.
- 4. I should keep these under wraps unless someone should swipe them.
- 5. He had had more troubles than he could care to recounted.





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20.

- 1. Rapid industrial growth in their respective states will no doubt be a priority for theirs.
- 2. Whomever wins, it is almost certain that regional parties will exercise much power.
- 3. No sooner had the bell rung then all the children came rushing in.
- 4. The new political alignments will influence, astound other things, the pattern of industrial growth across Indian states.
- 5. Had it not been for the doctor, she would have gone to them much sooner.

Direction (21 - 27): In the following questions three sentences are given. Some of these may or may not contain grammatical error. Choose the option which denotes the sentences that have grammatical error(s). If all the given sentences are correct, choose (E), i.e., "All are correct" as your answer.

21.

- (i) Last month, amendments to the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act ("UAPA"), allowing the Central government to designate individuals to "terrorists", caused a furore.
- (ii) The committee that thought of the outrageous ordinance should understand that a distinguished academic position comes with hard work.
- (iii) The Central government appears keen on adopting a carrot and stick approach in Jammu and Kashmir.

1. Only (i)

2. Only (iii)

3. Both (i) and (iii)

4. Both (ii) and (iii)

5. All are correct

22.

- (i) The economy is sluggish and unless corrective actions is taken, there could be recession.
- (ii) Beefing up the presence of security forces and snapping communication links for days on end were measures that indicated the government's inclination to used the big stick.
- (iii) The move seems to have its roots in vendetta politics in order to target critics of the government.

1. Only (i)

2. Only (iii)

3. Both (i) and (ii)

4. Both (ii) and (iii)

5. All are correct

23

- (i) For Anglo-American policymakers, a long cherished dream of isolating Russia and pulling China back into their orbit became a real
- (ii) Falling private consumption has drastically reduced demand in all major sectors.
- (iii) The government's ban on the JeI, J&K was based on it's opinion that the association was "supporting extremism and militancy", "indulging in anti-national and subversive activities",

1. Only (i)

2. Only (iii)

3. Both (i) and (iii)

4. Both (ii) and (iii)

5. All are correct

24.

- (i) Targeting risk factors is key to reducing deaths due to cardiovascular diseases.
- (ii) Government job creation has a multiplier effect on the economy thus; major employment sectors need focus and assistance.
- (iii) For India, there is indeed valuable learnt from the results of the

Prospective Urban Rural Epidemiology (PURE) study published in The Lancet this week.

1. Only (i)

2. Only (iii)

3. Both (i) and (iii)

4. Both (ii) and (iii)

5. All are correct

25.

- (i) The administrative in Jawaharlal Nehru University has shown great disrespect to its emeritus professors by asking for their curriculum vitae for evaluation.
- (ii) In substance and without ruffling Beijing's feathers, Russia is already shaping the geopolitics of the Indo-Pacific.
- (iii) The deliberate attempt by the government to push through radical reforms in taxation and regulation has had a debilitating affect on the economy.

1. Only (i)

2. Only (iii)

3. Both (i) and (iii)

4. Both (ii) and (iii)

5. All are correct

26.

- (i) The need of the hour is out-of-the-box solutions combined with inspiration from models of those who seem to have belled the cat.
- (ii) Despite the Donald Trump administration's posturing on China and its attempt to redefine the terms of that relationship, we do not yet see a credible and sustainable strategy to respond to China's rise.
- (iii) While most of the predominant risk factors for cardiovascular disease present no startling medical revelation, it is significant that the single largest risk factor is a low education level.

1. Only (i)

2. Only (iii)

3. Both (i) and (iii)

4. Both (ii) and (iii)

5. All are correct

27

- (i) Household air pollution is the third top risk factor in low-income countries, according to the study.
- (ii) Justice Chander Shekhar observed that he had "opened the sealed covers and carefully examined each and every document", and that it was convinced that these were "credible documents."
- (iii) As the 1960s unfolded, the Sino-Soviet ideological struggle culminated in an ugly spat in the Communist world.

1. Only (i)

2. Only (ii)

3. Both (i) and (iii)

4. Both (ii) and (iii)

5. All are correct

Direction (Q. 28 - 34): In of the question given below, there are four statements. Out if these statements, one of the statements may contain grammatical error. Identify the statement that contains error. If all the given statements are correct, mark (E), 'All are correct' as your answer.

- 1. The government did what it could; it is now up to India Inc. to take the ball and run.
- 2. It is clear that India's concerns over the U.S.-Taliban peace process will also be high on the agenda.
- 3. Pakistan was carved out of India because sections of Muslims believed that they could not live equitably with the majority Hindu community.
- 4. With internet and landline services shut, there are hardly any reports of protest for the government coming out.
- 5. All are correct





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29.

- 1. Smart cities will now be allowed to issue municipal bonds to raise funds for development.
- 2. Mutual funds with offshore funds can invest in India as FPIs to avail certain tax benefits now.
- 3. Chidambaram and Singh discussed about the corporate tax cut and GST concessions recently announced by the government.
- 4. The League party, a junior member in the coalition, came first in Italy in the election to the EU Parliament with 34% vote.
- 5. All are correct

30

- 1. The current crisis was triggered by Mr. Salvini's decision to withdraw from the coalition.
- 2. The more times you get to play together, the better and easy it gets.
- 3. The 5-Star Movement has indicated that it is open for talks with the centrist Democratic Party.
- 4. The Taliban, which controls the mountainous hinterlands, wants to expand its reach to the urban centres.
- 5. All are correct

31.

- 1. The 5-Star Movement doesn't have an ideological programme.
- 2. Attacks against civilians, especially the Shia minority, are the central part of Talibans' brutal military tactics.
- 3. Bhutan's unequivocal support to India on strategic issues has meant a lot to India on the international stage and at the United Nations
- 4. Representatives from the breweries will be down to pour and discuss their beers.
- 5. All are correct

32.

- 1. FPIs can now also engage in the off-market sale of their shares with fewer restrictions.
- 2. It will be left to the Taliban and the government to have their ownpeace talks and settle differences.
- 3. On the specific issue of penalties, the committee has proposed that non-compliance be de-criminalised and made a civil offence.
- 4. It is not difficult to surmise that infirmities were built into the case in advance.
- 5. All are correct

33.

- 1. The committee's suggestion to offer a tax break for expenses on CSR makes sense as it may incentivise companies to spend.
- 2. The Additional District Judge of Alwar has given the benefit of doubt to the six men charged with Khan's murder.
- 3. There is ample evidence to suggest that the institutional bias in favour of cow vigilantes is working against the interest of justice.
- 4. Ever since the royal wedding, many people forgot about another royal who is definitely no stranger to scandal.
- 5. All are correct

34.

- 1. The societal and economic challenges that minorities face in the U.S. are already immense $\,$
- 2. The National Rifle Association quietly hands around \$6 million annually to lawmakers in Washington to retain its pro-gun agenda as a top priority.

- 3. An amendment in the Rajya Sabha allows for RTOs to visit dealerships to register vehicles.
- 4. According to EcoPassenger, a journey from London to Madrid would emit 43kg (95lb) of CO2 per passenger by train, but 118kg by a plane.
- 5. All are correct

Direction (35 - 45): In each of the following questions, various sentences are given and you have to choose the one which does not have any grammatical error in it. In the questions where option (E) is all are correct and all the sentences are grammatically correct choose option (E) as the correct choice.

- 1. We offers electronic toys as well as rent out video games.
- 2. This investigation is not only one that is continuing and worldwide but also one that we expect to continue for quite some time
- 3. These bank mergers, and the ones already carried out, will be lead to the creation of big banks with an enhanced capacity to give credit
- 4. The largest of the mergers announce is that of Punjab National Bank with Oriental Bank of Commerce and United Bank.
- 5. All are correct

36.

- 1. The amalgamation entity to be called Punjab National Bank will become the second-largest public sector bank in India, after the State Bank of India.
- 2. The West Bengal Legislative Assembly on Friday passed a Bill preventing and punish incidents of mob assaults and lynching.
- 3. The Central government should have bring a law against moblynching.
- 4. The Uttar Pradesh government counsel informed the Bench that the woman had been found in Rajasthan and was being taken to Shahjahanpur.
- 5. All are correct

37.

- 1. While international organisations and rights groups have panned the government for targeting migrant Muslims, Home Department officials said the exclusion list could be having more Hindus.
- 2. "The initial probe suspected 'rat holes' causing damage to the canal," said a government statement released on Friday.
- 3. Unannounced power cuts and fluctuation seem to be the order of the day at the Industrial Model Township in Manesar, causing the industry to suffering.
- 4. In the event of the victim's death, the perpetrators can punish with death sentence or rigorous life imprisonment.
- 5. All are correct

- 1. Another ASI posted near Connaught Place recalled how an offender, a truck driver from Haryana, tore his uniform when he was stopped for jumping red light.
- 2. In 1978, the then Governor of undivided Bihar, Jagannath Kaushal, laid the foundation of the project, but due to several reasons the project got delayed.
- 3. Traffic police officers on the ground are also anticipating a decline of the number of challans because of the increase in the amount of traffic violations.





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- 4. The Supreme Court Collegium leading Chief Justice of India Ranjan Gogoi has made a slew of recommendations to fill four vacancies in the Supreme Court and for appointments of Chief Justices in eight High Courts across the country.
- 5. All are correct

39.

- 1. We are looking at promote tourism and celebrating India through photographs.
- 2. This havebeing the fourth orbit manoeuvre since the orbiter-lander reached the moon's vicinity on August 20.
- 3. "Our policy interventions, introduction of several novel schemes and increased funding played an important role in the State's improved health outcomes," he said.
- 4. There are perhaps two caricatured folklore narratives about this increase transfer of RBI surplus.
- 5. All are correct

40

- 1. The issue became all the more controversial after the resignation of Mr. Patel in December 2018 citing personal reasons.
- 2. In line with the methodology of the Jalan Committee, the amount of transfer of the RBI's surplus to the government has been placed at $\Box 1.76$ lakh crore this year.
- 3. The call for "bandh" under the banner of Guru Ravidas Jayanti Samaroh Samiti evoked a mixed response in Punjab.
- 4. Five star hotels charging exorbitant rates for food items like bananas and eggs is an "unfair trade practice" and the government will seek an explanation from them.
- 5. All are correct

41.

- 1. Applying its recommendations to the RBI's 2017-18 balance sheet would results in RBI's risk equity levels in a range of 25.4% to 20.8% of balance sheet.
- 2. Even some western nations, had privately admitted that multiculturalism was "no longer tenable".
- 3. The Russian President's position is that 'his country had a specific and different kind of civilisation, where sovereignty trumps democracy and national unity, and stability trumps human rights'.
- 4. In the lingo of a caricatured two-handed economist, several pointer can be flagged towards deciphering the folklore narratives.
- 5. All are correct

42

- 1. Not only did he endorse Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision of bumping up annual GDP by 80% in five years to \$5 trillion, but also endorsed a \$10 trillion Indian economy by 2033.
- 2. The success of these mergers, will hinge on how well these banks handle the sensitive issue of staff rationalisation.
- 3. Mergers are driven by synergies in products, costs, business, geographies or technology and the most important, cost synergies.
- 4. The Central government's decision to convert Ladakh into a Union Territory sets off celebrations in Leh, but raised concerns in Kargil.
- 5. All are correct

43.

1. We asked for Union Territory status precisely because we didn't had the protections.

- 2. Policemen in plain clothes, who identify themselves as 'CID' men, referring to the State Police's Intelligence Wing, walk up and down the streets.
- 3. Nawang Rigzin Jora, Leh's Congress MLA and former Jammu and Kashmir Cabinet Minister, have fought for Union Territory status for Ladakh for decades.
- 4. The BJP's sincerely will be tested on whether it provides this constitutional guarantee," he says.
- 5. All are correct

44.

- 1. We did a hartal and it causes us losses, but we will keep our shops closed for a month if we have to.
- 2. The phone doesn't connect though it has been a few days since the government announce restoration of landline connectivity in the Valley.
- 3. Mr. Khan, an ardent critic of instant triple talaq and advocate of reforming the Muslim personal law, will be replacing Justice P. Sathasivam (retired).
- 4. During the summit, besides holding talks, the leaders are likely to make a visits to the ancient monument in the coastal town.
- 5. All are correct

45.

- 1. The last quarter's GDP growth rate of 5% signaling that we are in the midst of a prolonged slowdown.
- 2. The Centre had been planning to reduce the number of troops in J&K, sent in the past month to deal with the aftermath of the Article 370 decision.
- 3. Vice-President M. Venkaiah Naidu has underscore the need for ushering in a connectivity revolution for the nation to become developed.
- 4. A Chinese delegation is also to be apprised of the arrangements prior to Mr. Jinping's visit.
- 5. All are correct

Direction (Q. 46 - 50): From the options given below, select the option which states the combination of correct sentences.

- (A) He would shout at the boys, expecting from them perhaps the tenacity and grit.
- (B) It turned out that Darbeshwar Babu, like ordinary persons, have a foible.
- (C) Teachers are known for their erudition and sometimes also for their idiosyncrasies.
- (D) People often ask why do I use mustard to oil my hair?
- 1. (A) and (C) are correct
- 2. (B) and (C) are correct
- 3. (C) and (D) are correct
- 4. (A) and (B) are correct
- 5. (B) and (D) are correct

- (A) Some of the most successful historical figures and famous persons had no degrees to boast of.
- (B) In our day-to-day life we often come across such worldly-wise characters who may not have gone beyond middle school.
- (C) This naturally gives them a lots of practical experience which gets sufficiently sharpened by some common sense and a highly developed presence of mind.
- (D) It was a rather tricky affair but was handled by great confidence and aplomb by just a head constable.
- 1. (C) and (D) are correct
- 2. (B) and (D) are correct





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3. (A) and (C) are correct

4. (A) and (B) are correct

5. (B) and (C) are correct

(A) This was one case where our team did not thought it prudent to take the local police into confidence.

(B) Unobtrusive efforts were made by this team but the exact location of the house and the suspect remained elusive.

(C) Subsequent investigations took our team to Moradabad.

(D) We had been on the lookout for a wanted terrorist but was unable to get a worthwhile clue.

1. (C) and (D) are correct

2. (A) and (B) are correct

3. (B) and (C) are correct

4. (B) and (D) are correct

5. (A) and (D) are correct

(A) Some politicians had not even learnt the basics of alphabets.

(B) Spotting a man who looked like an airport official, I approached to him for help.

(C) Hassled and tired to the core, my first reaction was to retort.

(D) My accent proved more potent than the passport I was holding.

1. (A) and (D) are correct

2. (C) and (D) are correct

3. (B) and (C) are correct

4. (B) and (D) are correct

5. (A) and (B) are correct

(A) We seem to have forgotten his real message.

(B) Guru Nanak preached simplicity and laid emphasis on observing honesty in whatever one do.

(C) The question mark in my eyes must have told him what was I thinking.

(D) Punjabis are known to organise lavish parties on weddings, where liquor flows like water and non-vegetarian food is served.

1. (B) and (C) are correct

2. (A) and (B) are correct

3. (A) and (D) are correct

4. (B) and (D) are correct

5. (C) and (D) are correct







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ANSWER KEY

1. (2)	2. (5)	3. (3)	4. (1)	5. (5)	6. (3)	7. (4)	8. (2)	9. (3)	10. (1)
11. (4)	12. (2)	13. (3)	14. (2)	15. (3)	16. (4)	17. (2)	18. (3)	19. (2)	20. (5)
21. (1)	22. (3)	23. (3)	24. (2)	25. (1)	26. (5)	27. (2)	28. (4)	29. (3)	30. (2)
31. (4)	32. (5)	33. (4)	34. (4)	35. (2)	36. (4)	37. (2)	38. (1)	39. (3)	40. (5)
41. (2)	42. (5)	43. (2)	44. (3)	45. (4)	46. (1)	47. (4)	48. (3)	49. (2)	50. (3)