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### Error Spotting

**Direction (1-15):** Read each of the following sentences to find out if there is any grammatical error in it. The error, if any, will be in one part of the sentence. The number (A, B, C or D) of this part is your answer. If there is no error in the statement, then mark option (E) as your answer choice.

1. A moot question is that, if IDs are considered to be the foremost (A)/ tools for ensuring corporate governance, why have this non-compliant companies (B)/ been allowed to remain listed and traded without (C)/ the

safeguard of IDs, in many cases, for very long periods of time? (D)

- A) B
- B) A
- C) C
- D) D
- E) No correction required

2. ONGC, one of the largest listed company, citing lack of powers (A)/in deciding upon the board's composition including the appointment of (B)/independent directors



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and board's evaluation, has sought exemption (C)/from the related regulations on corporate governance. (D)

- A) A
- B) C
- C) B
- D) D
- E) No correction required

3. It needs to be highlighted that (A)/compliance and disclosures are far superior (B)/at the IPO stage across many aspects, (C)/but falls significantly post listing. (D)

- A) D
- B) A
- C) B
- D) C
- E) No correction required

4. Coupled with the uncertainty caused by a pandemic (A)/ that is still taking a growing toll, more gathering clouds and a global scenario (B)/that is equally dismal, the nation has to brace (C)/ himself for a long grind. (D)

- A) C
- B) D
- C) B
- D) A
- E) No correction required

5. Over the course of about five months since the Covid19 pandemic (A)/struck, policymakers have choose fiscal (B)/and monetary stimulus particularly , in the same(C)/ manner as they did in the aftermath of global financial crisis of 2008-2009. (D)

- A) A
- B) B
- C) C
- D) D
- E) No correction required

6. The uncertainty and the risk of a severe health disaster will (A)/jeopardized the traditional demand management stimulus (B)/interventions, and in our considered view, (C)/the pandemic triggered economic crisis will be in all possibility be 'U' shaped(D).

- A) A
- B) D
- C) C
- D) B
- E) No correction required

7. What's happening isn't hard to decipher :the supply shock (A)/has dragging demand down with it, through loss (B)/of jobs, and that is further pulling down (C)/the productive forces in a negative spiral. (D)

- A) B
- B) D
- C) C
- D) A
- E) No correction required

8. Three years ago , if State governments had the premonition that(A)/ embracing GST would lead them to a situation wherein (B)/they would have to borrow to make good revenue (C)/shortfalls, they would have opted out of one tax regime. (D)



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- A) A
- B) C
- C) D
- D) B
- E) No correction required

9. Just as organizations will be looking at minimizing costs and (A)/growing revenues by increasing their geographic footprint and entered (B)/new market segments taking advantage of the digital transformation (C)/sweeping the world, families will need to operate as a business unit to maximise their its earning capacity(D)

- A) A
- B) B
- C) C
- D) D
- E) No correction required

10. While banks almost always (A)/meets the overall target, keepingup with the (B)/subtargetswas getting (C)/difficult for banks with limitedexpertise in certain sectors. (D)

- A) D
- B) C
- C) B
- D) A
- E) No correction required

11. The GST reform was hailed as a (A)/great experiment in “cooperative federalism” (B)/with all the states and UTs with legislatures (C)/joining the Centre in the reform to harmonise domestic trades. (D)

- A) B
- B) D
- C) A
- D) C
- E) No correction required

12. The agency is understood to be (A)/ confronted the official with the (B)/digital evidence it had extracted from the(C)/ gadgets it seized from the accused in the case. (D)

- A) C
- B) A
- C) D
- D) B
- E) No correction required

13. The action against non-compliance (A)/, at present, lies mainly (B)/in the imposition of fines, through(C)/ there are paltry, on the errant companies. (D)

- A) C
- B) B
- C) D
- D) A
- E) No correction required

14. While private initiative should (A)/not be de-legitimised, it has had only a (B)/limited impacted on building capabilities (C)/ in India as it has focused on those with the ability to pay. (D)

- A) D
- B) A
- C) B



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- D) C  
E) No correction required
15. Pointing to the incongruence among (A)/India's low level of human development(B)/ and its status as a democracy (C)/evokes the response that this is to see the latter in instrumental terms. (D)
- A) A  
B) B  
C) C  
D) D  
E) No correction required
16. In India, the state's ritualistic attachment (A)/with the procedures of democracy (B)/has not been matched by an (C)/awareness of their implicit goal of a fulfilling life for Indians. (D)
- A) A  
B) D  
C) C  
D) B  
E) No correction required
17. Dystopia will imagined as a place (A)/where the people experience great suffering (B)/ as they fend for themselves (C)/under the watchful eyes of an authoritarian state. (D)
- A) C  
B) D  
C) B  
D) A  
E) No correction required
18. Modi has assured farmers the (A)/support will stay by announcing prices against the (B)/winter crop, though as farmer activists (C)/have noted, the 2.6% increase for wheat is only half the cost escalation(D)
- A) A  
B) D  
C) C  
D) B  
E) No correction required
19. The pressure of feed India's (A)/1.3 billion people has led to suboptimal choices, (B)/ like a water-guzzling rice crop (C)/grown in abundance in Punjab that bleeds aquifers dry. (D)
- A) A  
B) C  
C) B  
D) D  
E) No correction required
20. The criticism together Gillian Flynn's (A)/portrayal of women has barely subsided (B)/and now she must (C)/batten down the hatches for another onslaught. (D)
- A) A  
B) B  
C) D  
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E) No correction required
21. Even though Cusack's character — Dr Kevin Christie — is (A)/an American, I'm worried that Utopia (B)/movie might played into the Trumpsters'



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(C)/narrative that the Covid-19 virus was manufactured in a Chinese laboratory. (D)

- A) A
- B) B
- C) C
- D) D
- E) No correction required

22. Trump has campaigning (A)/against large-scale use of mail-in ballots for (B)/the upcoming elections, alleging, without any (C)/evidence, that it will be used for election fraud by Democrats. (D)

- A) A
- B) B
- C) D
- D) C
- E) No correction required

23. There are two kinds of mailing ballot (A)/systems: universal mail-in voting, when states (B)/send ballots to all eligible voters; (C)/and absentee balloting, when a voter was sent a mail on request. (D)

- A) A
- B) C
- C) D
- D) B
- E) No correction required

24. The absconding foreigners make up 90% of (A)/foreign nationals who were enlarged on bail (B)/pending trial and has fled the country or otherwise

made (C)/themselves scarce and not available to face prosecution. (D)

- A) B
- B) C
- C) D
- D) A
- E) No correction required

25. Six months after a man in Odisha's Kandhamal (A)/district lodged a complaint from Lok Adalat (B)/after failing to get his Aadhaar card after more than 20 (C)/attempts, the hearing in the case is yet to begin. (D)

- A) A
- B) B
- C) C
- D) D
- E) No correction required

26. With virus cases on the rise and private diagnostic (A)/centres taking at least 24 hours to (B)/provide available slots, many people are now lining (C)/up outside mohalla clinics to get themselves tested. (D)

- A) A
- B) D
- C) C
- D) B
- E) No correction required

27. In a circular that factors in the uncertainties (A)/surrounding COVID-19, the UGC has (B)/offered institutions the option in (C)/offline, online or blended modes of instruction. (D)



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A) A

B) D

C) B

D) C

E) No correction required

28. India's move to unlock education coincides (A)/with a reported reduction in overall daily (B)/incidence of infection, although (C)/absolute numbers is frighteningly high. (D)

A) D

B) C

C) A

D) B

E) No correction required

29. Globally, unpreparedness to handle (A)/the pandemic and near collapse to the health (B)/systems denuded our (C)/ability to focus on health. (D)

A) D

B) C

C) A

D) B

E) No correction required

30. Erudite scholars and alumni from (A)/our University are being acknowledged amongst the (B)/ thought leaders of the (C)/country and they has carved a niche for themselves in different walks of life. (D)

A) B

B) C

C) D

D) A

E) No correction required

31. On the 75th anniversary of the UN's foundation, (A)/not only is great power rivalry rising to (B)/Cold War levels, but the world is under (C)/enormous forces of change, whether technological or environmental. (D)

A) B

B) D

C) A

D) C

E) No correction required

32. In the aftermath of the "letter bomb" (A)/in the Congress that didn't quite exploded, (B)/there has been much (C)/angst over the apparent lack of inner party democracy in the party. (D)

A) A

B) C

C) D

D) B

E) No correction required

33. The dreary evening of February (A)/23 saw parts of North-East Delhi (B)/gripped by a communal frenzy, (C)/reminiscent of the carnage during the days of Partition. (D)

A) A

B) D

C) C

D) B

E) No correction required



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34. The entire territories of the UTs of (A)/Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh have been and is (B)/an integral part of India and would remain so (C)/and Pakistan has no locus standi to comment on India's internal matters.

(D)

- A) C
- B) D
- C) A
- D) B
- E) No correction required

35. The Supreme Court on Thursday issued(A)/ a notice to the Centre and the Union Public (B)/Service Commission (UPSC) on a plea filed by UPSC (C)/aspirants urging the court to postponed the upcoming civil services exam. (D)

- A) A
- B) C
- C) D
- D) B
- E) No correction required

36. Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan said (A)/that a scheme to provide an interest-free loan (B)/from Rs 10,000 to rural street (C)/vendors of Madhya Pradesh has been implemented. (D)

- A) A
- B) B
- C) C
- D) D
- E) No correction required

37. The Islamic scholar Zakir Naik, who has (A)/courted controversy for his regressive remarks, (B)/is being closely monitored (C)/across the Narendra Modi-led government. (D)

- A) D
- B) B
- C) C
- D) A
- E) No correction required

38. The decision to withdraw tenders for the (A)/supply of ammunition ranging from (B)/rifles, fired grenades (C)/to artillery rounds is sure to dampen spirits in the industry. (D)

- A) B
- B) C
- C) D
- D) A
- E) No correction required

39. After 90 years of safekeeping, a Pakistani (A)/Sufi organisation has transferred 110-years old (B)/copies of rare manuscripts of the Guru Granth (C)/Sahib to a gurdwara in Sialkot, the media reported on Thursday.

(D)

- A) A
- B) D
- C) C
- D) B
- E) No correction required



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40. For the beleaguered hospitality(A)/ industry, the brisk business (B)/reported by hotels at the tourist (C)/hotspot of Kasauli will comes as a relief. (D)

- A) A
- B) D
- C) C
- D) B
- E) No correction required

41. Wherever agriculture is being opened to markets, (A)/the big capital have successfully (B)/managed to push out the majority (C)/farming population and concentrated its control over food. (D)

- A) B
- B) C
- C) D
- D) A
- E) No correction required

42. That Covid-19 has disrupted education in an (A)/unprecedented way is illustrated (B)/by the fact that schools reopened (C)/after a gap of six months on Monday to a lukewarm response. (D)

- A) A
- B) B
- C) C
- D) D
- E) No correction required

43. The schools, on their part, are not taking chances (A)/and have made mandatory the consent (B)/of guardians, besides putting in place the (C)/Covid

protocol to rule out chances of the infection being contract. (D)

- A) C
- B) D
- C) A
- D) B
- E) No correction required

44. As the UN has emphasises, getting students(A)/ safely back to the classroom must be a top (B)/priority as we confront a generational (C)/catastrophe that could waste untold human potential. (D)

- A) A
- B) B
- C) C
- D) D
- E) No correction required

45. Decisions that impact the lives (A)/of billions requires scrutiny and fixing of (B)/accountability, yet dealing (C)/with a once-in-a-century pandemic is a tough call. (D)

- A) D
- B) C
- C) B
- D) A
- E) No correction required

46. While most question the (A)/severity of the shutdown, some fail to(B)/ comprehend the urgency to (C)/unlock trade and business activity. (D)

- A) A



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- B) B
- C) C
- D) D
- E) No correction required

47. The only sector in the Indian economy (A)/that survived the Covid contraction is now being (B)/forced to suffer needless anxiety, with the government (C)/refusing to address farmers' legitimate apprehensions. (D)

- A) A
- B) D
- C) C
- D) B
- E) No correction required

48. The Covid-19 pandemic has worryingly been (A)/relegated to the sidelines in Punjab, (B)/even though the state (C)/fatality rate continues to be among the highest in the country. (D)

- A) D
- B) B

- C) C
- D) A
- E) No correction required

49. IN a show of austerity, Parliament (A)/ has cut the salaries and allowances of (B)/ministers and MPs to (C)/meet the exigencies arising from of Covid-19. (D)

- A) A
- B) B
- C) D
- D) C
- E) No correction required

50. Truth and accuracy are the prime (A)/casualty when TV anchors and reporters (B)/stoop to new (C)/lows just to grab eyeballs. (D)

- A) A
- B) B
- C) C
- D) D
- E) No correction required

### Error Spotting – Answer and Explanation

1. The subject of this phrase is 'IDs' which is a plural, which requires a plural demonstrative noun to represent itself. Therefore, 'this' is incorrect here.

**The correct option is B.**

A moot question is that, if IDs are considered to be the foremost (A)/ tools for ensuring corporate governance,

why have these non-compliant companies (B)/ been allowed to remain listed and traded without (C)/ the safeguard of IDs, in many cases, for very long periods of time? (D)

2. 'Numeral (one/two/etc) + of' is always followed by a plural noun. Therefore, it should be 'companies' in (A).



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**The correct option is A.**

ONGC, one of the largest listed companies, citing lack of powers (A)/in deciding upon the board's composition including the appointment of independent directors and board's evaluation, has sought exemption from the related regulations on corporate governance.

3. The subject of the sentence is 'compliance and disclosures' which makes it a plural. Therefore, the verb or helping verb related to it should also be plural. 'Fall' should be written here.

**The correct option is D.**

It needs to be highlighted that (A)/compliance and disclosures are far superior at the IPO stage across many aspects, but fall significantly post listing.

4. 'Nation' is a non living thing. And it cannot be followed by a possessive pronoun of 'itself'.

**The correct option is D**

Coupled with the uncertainty caused by a pandemic (A)/that is still taking a growing toll, more gathering clouds and a global scenario that is equally dismal, the nation has to brace itself for a long grind.

**5. 'Have' is always followed by the 3<sup>rd</sup> form of verb.**

**Therefore, 'choosen' must be written.**

**The correct option is B**

Over the course of about five months since the Covid19 pandemic (A)/struck, policymakers have chosen fiscal and monetary stimulus particularly , in the same manner as they did in the aftermath of global financial crisis of 2008-2009.

6. Modals like 'will/shall/may/might etc' are always followed by a verb in its basic form. Therefore, 'jeopardize' must be written.

**The correct option is B**

This uncertainty and the risk of a severe health disaster will jeopardize the traditional demand management stimulus interventions, and in our considered view, the pandemic triggered economic crisis will be in all possibility be 'U' shaped.

7. 'Has' when used for perfect sentences is followed by 3<sup>rd</sup> form of Verb and when used for perfect continuous, it is followed by 'been + verb (ing)'. 'Has + Verb (ing)' is wrong.

**The correct option is B**

What's happening isn't hard to decipher: the supply shock has dragged demand down with it, through loss of jobs, and that is further pulling down the productive forces in a negative spiral.

8. No correction required.

**The correct option is E**

Three years ago , if State governments had the premonition that embracing GST would lead them to a situation wherein they would have to borrow to make good revenue shortfalls, they would have opted out of one tax regime. Asking States to borrow is precisely what has been recommended

by the GST Council in its latest meeting.



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9. The sentence is a continuous tense sentence, but 'entered' here is a past. Therefore 'entering' must be used here.

**The correct option is B**

Just as organizations will be looking at minimizing costs and growing revenues by increasing their geographic footprint and entering new market segments taking advantage of the digital transformation sweeping the world, families will need to operate as a business unit to maximise their its earning capacity

10. The subject of the sentence is 'banks' which is a plural. 'Always' when used after a plural uses a verb in its basic form without 's' after it. Therefore, 'meet' is correct here.

**The correct option is B**

While banks almost always meet the overall target, keeping up with the subtargets was getting difficult for banks with limited expertise in certain sectors

11. No correction required.

**The correct option is E**

The GST reform was hailed as a great experiment in "cooperative federalism" with all the states and UTs with legislatures joining the Centre in the reform to harmonise domestic trades.

12. The subject here is active and does the action by itself and not on itself. Therefore, 'confronting' should be used.

**The correct option is B**

The agency is understood to be confronting the official with the digital evidence it had extracted from the gadgets it seized from the accused in the case.

13. 'Though' should be used here instead of 'through' because here we require a connector to show two opposite sentences.

**The correct option is C**

The action against non-compliance, at present, lies mainly in the imposition of fines, though there are paltry, on the errant companies.

14. 'Impact' is here used for a noun, therefore, 'impact' is correct and not 'impacted' because this makes it a verb.

**The correct option is C**

While private initiative should not be de-legitimised, it has had only a limited impact on building capabilities in India as it has focused on those with the ability to pay.

15. 'Among' is used for more than two people or things. Here, we are mentioning the incongruence between only two. Therefore, 'between' fits here.

**The correct option is A**

Pointing to the incongruence between India's low level of human development and its status as a democracy evokes the response that this is to see the latter in instrumental terms.

16. 'India' is a singular non living thing. Therefore, the possessive adjective to it must be 'its' and not 'their'.

**The correct option is D**



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In India, the state's ritualistic attachment with the procedures of democracy has not been matched by an awareness of its implicit goal of a fulfilling life for Indians.

17. The sentence states a universal fact. And for a universal fact, we don't use past form or future form. Therefore, 'is imagined' is correct here.

**The correct option is A**

Dystopia was imagined as a place where the people experience great suffering as they fend for themselves under the watchful eyes of an authoritarian state.

18. Prices are announced 'for' and not 'against'.

**The correct option is B**

Modi has assured farmers the support will stay by announcing prices for the winter crop, though as farmer activists have noted, the 2.6% increase for wheat is only half the cost escalation

19. 'Feed' is used here for a continuous verb. Therefore, it must be written as 'feeding'.

**The correct option is A**

The pressure of feeding India's 1.3 billion people has led to suboptimal choices, like a water-guzzling rice crop grown in abundance in Punjab that bleeds aquifers dry.

20. 'Subsided' which is used in part (B) of the sentence uses the adverb 'around'. Therefore, 'together' is wrong here.

**The correct option is A**

The criticism around Gillian Flynn's portrayal of women has barely subsided and now she must batten down the hatches for another onslaught.

21. Modals like 'will/shall/may/might etc' are always followed by a verb in its basic form. Therefore, 'play' must be written.

**The correct option is C**

Even though Cusack's character — Dr Kevin Christie — is an American, I'm worried that Utopia movie might play into the Trumpsters' narrative that the Covid-19 virus was manufactured in a Chinese laboratory.

22. 'Has' when used for perfect continuous sentences is followed by 'been + Verb (ing)' 'Been' is missed here.

**The correct option is A**

Trump has been campaigning against large-scale use of mail-in ballots for the upcoming elections, alleging, without any evidence, that it will be used for election fraud by Democrats.

23. The sentence is a universal fact which cannot be written in past or future forms. Therefore, 'is' must be used in D.

**The correct option is D**

There are two kinds of mailing ballot systems: universal mail-in voting, when states send ballots to all eligible voters; and absentee balloting, when a voter is sent a mail on request.

24. The subject of this sentence is 'foreigners' which is a plural. Therefore, 'have' must be used here.

**The correct option is C**



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The absconding foreigners make up 90% of foreign nationals who were enlarged on bail pending trial and have fled the country or otherwise made themselves scarce and not available to face prosecution.

25. The sentence shows a complaint lodged in Lok Adalat. Therefore, here we must have 'in Lok Adalat' and not 'from'.

**The correct option is B**

Six months after a man in Odisha's Kandhamal district lodged a complaint in Lok Adalat after failing to get his Aadhaar card after more than 20 attempts, the hearing in the case is yet to begin.

26. This sentence shows a present situation of rise of cases. Therefore, 'rise' must be used here and not 'rose'.

**The correct option is A**

With virus cases on the rise and private diagnostic centres taking at least 24 hours to provide available slots, many people are now lining up outside mohalla clinics to get themselves tested.

27. No correction required.

**The correct option is E**

In a circular that factors in the uncertainties surrounding COVID-19, the UGC has offered institutions the option of offline, online or blended modes of instruction.

28. 'Numbers' is a plural noun and therefore, must be followed by a plural helping verb. Therefore, 'are' must be used here.

**The correct option is D**

India's move to unlock education coincides with a reported reduction in overall daily incidence of infection, although absolute numbers are frighteningly high.

29. The sentence focuses on effects of pandemic on health and collapse of health systems. Therefore, 'to' after collapse is wrong here.

**The correct option is B**

Globally, unpreparedness to handle the pandemic and near collapse of the health systems denuded our ability to focus on health.

30. 'They' represent a plural number of living things. It must be followed by a plural helping verb only.

**The correct option is D**

Erudite scholars and alumni from our University are being acknowledged amongst the thought leaders of the country and they have carved a niche for themselves in different walks of life.

31. No correction required.

**The correct option is E**

On the 75th anniversary of the UN's foundation, not only is great power rivalry rising to Cold War levels, but the world is under enormous forces of change, whether technological or environmental.

32. 'Did' being already a past helping verb doesn't use the Verb in past forms. Therefore, Verb's first form must be used after it.

**The correct option is B**



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In the aftermath of the “letter bomb” in the Congress that didn’t quite explode, there has been much angst over the apparent lack of inner party democracy in the party.

33. No correction required.

**The correct option is E**

The dreary evening of February 23 saw parts of North-East Delhi gripped by a communal frenzy, reminiscent of the carnage during the days of Partition.

34. The subject of the sentence is ‘territories’ which is a plural while at one place in (B) we have used ‘is’ to represent the same, which is wrong.

**The correct option is B**

The entire territories of the UTs of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh have been and are an integral part of India and would remain so and Pakistan has no locus standi to comment on India’s internal matters.

35. ‘To’ when followed by a Verb makes an ‘infinitive verb’ and here, it is always followed by Verb in its 1<sup>st</sup> form only.

**The correct option is D**

The Supreme Court on Thursday issued a notice to the Centre and the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) on a plea filed by UPSC aspirants urging the court to postpone the upcoming civil services exam.

36. The word ‘from’ is wrong here because here, we are showing to give a loan and to show how much of the amount of the loan, we need to use ‘of’ and not ‘from’.

**The correct option is C**

Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan said that a scheme to provide an interest-free loan of Rs 10,000 to rural street vendors of Madhya Pradesh has been implemented.

37. ‘Across’ is a wrong preposition here. The sentence shows monitoring of something by a government. Therefore, the correct preposition is ‘by’.

**The correct option is D**

The Islamic scholar Zakir Naik, who has courted controversy for his regressive remarks, is being closely monitored by the Narendra Modi-led government.

38. No correction required.

**The correct option is E.**

The decision to withdraw tenders for the supply of ammunition ranging from rifles, fired grenades to artillery rounds is sure to dampen spirits in the industry.

39. Here, we are not showing the numbers in plural. It is being used for an adjective to a noun. And when used like this, we use ‘year’ and not ‘years’.

**The correct option is B**

After 90 years of safekeeping, a Pakistani Sufi organisation has transferred 110-year old copies of rare manuscripts of the Guru Granth Sahib to a gurdwara in Sialkot, the media reported on Thursday.

40. Modals like ‘will/shall/may/might etc’ are always followed by a verb in its basic form. Therefore, ‘come’ must be written.

**The correct option is D**



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For the beleaguered hospitality industry, the brisk business reported by hotels at the tourist hotspot of Kasauli will come as a relief.

41. 'Capital' is a singular noun and therefore, must be followed by a singular helping verb only. Therefore, 'has' must be used here.

**The correct option is B**

Wherever agriculture is being opened to markets, the big capital has successfully managed to push out the majority farming population and concentrated its control over food.

42. No correction required.

**The correct option is E**

That Covid-19 has disrupted education in an unprecedented way is illustrated by the fact that schools reopened after a gap of six months on Monday to a lukewarm response.

43. 'Being' is used here to show a simple past sentences and not a continuous tense. Therefore, it must be followed by 'contracted' and not 'contract'.

**The correct option is D**

The schools, on their part, are not taking chances and have made mandatory the consent of guardians, besides putting in place the Covid protocol to rule out chances of the infection being contracted.

44. Has' when used for perfect sentences is followed by 3<sup>rd</sup> form of Verb and when used for perfect continuous, it is followed by 'been + verb (ing)'. 'Has + emphasises' is wrong.

**The correct option is A**

As the UN has emphasised, getting students safely back to the classroom must be a top priority as we confront a generational catastrophe that could waste untold human potential.

45. 'Decisions' which is the subject of the sentence is a plural noun and therefore, the helping verb related to it must be a plural verb or plural helping verb. Therefore, 'require' is correct here.

**The correct option is B**

Decisions that impact the lives of billions require scrutiny and fixing of accountability, yet dealing with a once-in-a-century pandemic is a tough call.

46. No correction required.

**The correct option is E**

While most question the severity of the shutdown, some fail to comprehend the urgency to unlock trade and business activity.

47. To' when followed by a Verb makes an 'infinitive verb' and here, it is always followed by Verb in its 1<sup>st</sup> form only.

**The correct option is C**

The only sector in the Indian economy that survived the Covid contraction is now being forced to suffer needless anxiety, with the government refusing to address farmers' legitimate apprehensions.

48. Here, we need to show fatality rate of state. And to represent the same, we need to use apostrophe + s ('s) after 'state' to show possession.



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**The correct option is C**

The Covid-19 pandemic has worryingly been relegated to the sidelines in Punjab, even though the state's fatality rate continues to be among the highest in the country.

49. 'From of' makes no sense and is never used together. To show the exigencies arising, we need to use 'out of' here.

**The correct option is D**

IN a show of austerity, Parliament has cut the salaries and allowances of ministers and MPs to meet the exigencies arising out of Covid-19.

50. The subject of the sentence is 'truth and accuracy' which is a plural noun. Therefore, it must be used in plural forms only in the further parts of the sentence. Therefore, 'Casualties' is correct here.

**The correct option is B**

Truth and accuracy are the prime casualties when TV anchors and reporters stoop to new lows just to grab eyeballs.

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