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SENTENCE CONNECTORS – TOUGH

In the questions given below few sentences are given which are grammatically correct and meaningful. Connect them by the word given above the statements in the best possible way without changing the intended meaning. Choose your answer accordingly from the options to form a correct, coherent sentence.

1. WHILE

(A) The accused is reportedly involved in a land dispute with his brother.

(B) The ITF announcement comes as a huge relief for Indian tennis.

(C) The reason for his brutal action of killing the 37-year-old woman is still to be ascertained.

(D) The Supreme Court expressed concern over violation of privacy rights of people.

- a. Only C-D
- b. Only B-C
- c. Only A-C
- d. Both A-C and B-D
- e. None of these

2. AS

(A) The game of nerves between the Shiv Sena and the BJP threatens to drag on.

(B) There was no indication that the alliance partners are ready to engage in serious discussions to resolve differences.

(C) Airports witnessed long queues and thousand of flyers faced delays of several hours.

(D) There was no evidence to back the allegations made by anonymous whistle blowers.

- a. Only C-D
- b. Only B-C
- c. Only A-B
- d. Both A-C and B-D
- e. None of these

3. AS WELL AS

(A) Indian markets have shrunk, credit flows have choked, and competition has squeezed margins.

(B) Imagine a gathering of business titans of the western world in the Alpine village of Davos in January 1914.

(C) It may exhibit emerging concerns about India's economic and political trajectory.

(D) Chancellor Angela Merkel's visit last week highlights expanding European interest in partnering Delhi.

- a. Only C-D
- b. Only B-C
- c. Only A-B
- d. Both A-C and B-D
- e. None of these

4. DESPITE

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(A) Manifest founder and CEO Alex Myers said influencer marketing works best when talent becomes a genuine advocate of a brand.

(B) There have been changes wrought in the business landscape over the past 150 years or so.

(C) The milestones of correcting the disrupted business process are the markers confirming that the companies are heading in the right direction.

(D) Bayer and BASF controlled 80 percent of the global trade in chemical and pharmaceutical products.

- a. Only C-D
- b. Only B-C
- c. Only A-B
- d. Both A-C and B-D
- e. None of these

5. AMIDST

(A) There is unpredictability of the current US security policies Trump's attack on world trading system.

(B) There were factors that allowed businessmen to master the paradigmatic changes of the first and second industrial revolutions.

(C) The current market environment of the "Fourth Industrial Revolution" is very different from that of the first three industrial revolutions.

(D) The rapid economic expansion of China into Europe is leading to increasing assertiveness of the Sino-Russian political axis.

- a. Only C-D
- b. Only B-C
- c. Only A-D
- d. Both A-C and B-D
- e. None of these

6. THUS

(A) Shakib Al Hasan was banned for two years by the International Cricket Committee for failing to report multiple approaches by a bookie.

(B) The sentiment of deepening distrust towards the established systems and governments.

(C) With a GDP growth hovering above 8 percent, Bangladesh is outperforming India by a considerable margin.

(D) The NGO Extinction Rebellion issued a call to the public to compel government to act more forcefully to contain carbon emissions.

- a. Only B-D
- b. Only B-C
- c. Only A-B
- d. Both A-C and B-D
- e. None of these

7. ALTHOUGH

(A) The MEIS was meant to incentivise merchandise exports by compensating them for various kinds of cost inefficiencies faced by them.

(B) Delhi's failure to calm things at home and in the region and show some decisive forward movement on the economic front could have serious consequences for India's near term prospects.

(C) The new scheme announced by the government is based on the notion that whatever taxes are levied on products that are exported, should not be passed on.

(D) The bulk of CSR funds are directed towards time-bound, measurable projects like school, health clinics and toilets.

- a. Only C-D
- b. Only A-C
- c. Only A-B

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- d. Both A-C and B-D
- e. None of these

8. EVEN THOUGH

- (A) The Naga rebels have climbed down from their demand for full independence.
- (B) Chief Minister has announced in the house that school students will be mandatorily taught about the constitution.
- (C) The public transportation and travel restriction could be affecting upward of 35 million people in China.
- (D) Naga Rebels have persisted with the demand for Nagalim, a territorial entity much larger than the present state of Nagaland.
- a. Only C-D
 - b. Only B-D
 - c. Only A-B
 - d. Both A-C and B-D
 - e. None of these

9. INSPITE OF

- (A) Manifest founder and CEO Alex Myers said influencer marketing works best when talent becomes a genuine advocate of a brand.
- (B) Stately camels came from the Bikaner camel corps of the BSF line the red sand stone ramparts.
- (C) Emmanuel Macron's has promised about moving away from fossil fuels and the dangers of global warming.
- (D) France is lagging behind in its international commitments in reducing emissions.
- a. Only C-D
 - b. Only B-C
 - c. Only A-B
 - d. Both A-C and B-D

- e. None of these

10. YET

- (A) The BJP MP's announcement was not taken too kindly by Congress loyalists.
- (B) Prior to the Lok Sabha polls, a politician had announced that he would soon be entering the Congress after being denied a ticket for the Pune Lok Sabha.
- (C) The rapidly spreading novel corona virus has killed 26 people and sickened more than 800 people across China.
- (D) The increasing weakness of the Indian democracy lies in the perpetually emaciating opposition that keeps scoring self-goals.
- a. Only C-D
 - b. Only B-C
 - c. Only A-B
 - d. Both A-C and B-D
 - e. None of these

11. THOUGH

- (A) Some weather models showed that Delhi's pollution could also impact south India.
- (B) The growth of gross domestic product (GDP) grew by 7.3 percent in the second quarter of the current financial year.
- (C) The period to be accounted for should have been a few some months prior to demonetisation.
- (D) The growth is slower than the 7.6 percent notched up in the same quarter last year.
- a. Only C-D
 - b. Only B-C
 - c. Only A-B
 - d. Both A-C and B-D

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e. None of these

12. EVEN IF

(A) Mankind has already mitigated evils such as famine, war and disease.

(B) It seems ironic to say this in the era of Islamic State and Zika.

(C) The political parties of Manipur have sought a guarantee from the Centre that the settlement of the Naga peace process would signal the end of extortions and illegal taxation by Naga insurgents.

(D) A high alert has been issued to security forces across the country by central intelligence agencies.

- a. Only C-D
- b. Only B-C
- c. Only A-B
- d. Both A-C and B-D
- e. None of these

13. WHEREAS

(A).The eruption of the needless controversy underlined the precarious point where our democracy stands.

(B).Crops on at least 30 lakh hectares in Marathwada have been destroyed due to unseasonal rain.

(C) Evolution Game Theory explains altruism in life forms as a benefit for species.

(D) Survival of the fittest at the individual level leaves little room for altruism.

- a. Only C-D
- b. Only B-C
- c. Only A-B
- d. Both A-C and B-D
- e. None of these

14. BESIDES

(A) The delay of one and a half years to pass an order on the activists by the Pune court was clearly a case of 'justice delayed is a justice denied'.

(B) Wuhan was suddenly quarantined at a short notice and residence were given deadline before transports link were served indifferently.

(C) We don't even know the veracity of these allegedly incriminating documents submitted by the police.

(D). The Maharashtra government made it compulsory for students in the state schools to read out the preamble.

- a. Only C-D
- b. Only A-C
- c. Only A-B
- d. Both A-C and B-D
- e. None of these

15. INSTEAD OF

(A) The lesson to be learnt from electoral politics is to read the mind of the public correctly and adapt one's strategy.

(B) State assemblies emanate from an obvious desire to extend the power base of the ruling party.

(C) There has been no Maoist violence in Kerala since the emergency.

(D) Hundreds of people have lost their lives in political violence, mainly in targeted killings by the RSS and the CPI (M).

- a. Only C-D
- b. Only B-C
- c. Only A-B
- d. Both A-C and B-D
- e. None of these

16. SIMILAR TO

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(A) Thousands of students of JNU continued their protest against a revised hostel manual that proposes a “mammoth” increase in hostel fees.

(B) Discipline by coercion may help a party to stay in power or attain office.

(C) Within days of the state-run telecom operator BSNL opening its Voluntary retirement scheme, 18400 employees have opted for it.

(D) Attaining power by enticing political opponents with the offer of offices and perks normally turns out to be a pyrrhic victory.

- a. Only C-D
- b. Only B-C
- c. Only A-B
- d. Only B-D
- e. None of these

17. MOREOVER

(A) Policymakers have tragically allowed e-cigarette companies to foster a new generation of nicotine users who are now hooked to their products.

(B) The industry says the norms are unscientific and that packaged food is made to cater to the “taste” of people.

(C) The packaged industry argues, immense quantities of junk food – are consumed in the country with no check on their nutritional status.

(D) The army began inducting the indigenously upgraded Dhanush artillery guns.

- a. Only C-D
- b. Only B-C
- c. Only A-B
- d. Both A-C and B-D
- e. None of these

18. THOUGH

(A) The Madras High Court is all set to get a regular Chief Justice, after having functioned under an Acting Chief Justice for more than 40 days.

(B) The complicity of mainstream and new media in the coarsening of discourse has led to offline mobs.

(C) The Supreme Court has ordered that an “acting arrangement” should not ordinarily exceed more than a month in any of the High Courts in the country.

(D) The BSF has literally gone underground to keep a watch on trafficking in the Dhubri sector of India-Bangladesh border.

- a. Only C-D
- b. Only B-C
- c. Only A-B
- d. Only A-C
- e. None of these

19. THUS

(A) Manifest founder and CEO Alex Myers said influencer marketing works best when talent becomes a genuine advocate of a brand.

(B) A large explosion shook the US city of Houston, Texas shocked residence woken before dawn as houses were badly damaged.

(C) Indian and China have been misusing their “developing country” status at WTO to subsidise domestic producers.

(D) This is putting American producers at a terrible disadvantage.

- a. Only C-D
- b. Only B-C
- c. Only A-B
- d. Both A-C and B-D
- e. None of these

20. EVEN THOUGH

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(A) Competition between producers is usually considered good.

(B) Competition could cause some of the producers to lose out to benefit consumers who buy cheaper and better goods.

(C) Donald Trump's election as US president on the mandate of exclusivity for white men was unexpected in a country known for its liberalism.

(D) Smuggling is usually done at night and through blind spots that are difficult to monitor.

- a. Only C-D
- b. Only B-C
- c. Only A-B
- d. Both A-C and B-D
- e. None of these

21. YET

(A) The 2019 edition of Pan American Games was only the second time it failed to reach the final.

(B) Schools in Chattisgarh will have to discuss different aspects of the Indian Constitution before their classes.

(C) India managed to edge it out of the knockouts the last time the two played, at the 2018 World Cup.

(D) The deadlock was on the insistence for a separate flag and constitution by the NSCN (IM) to make way for India and Nagaland to be independent allies.

- a. Only C-D
- b. Only B-C
- c. Only A-B
- d. Only A-C
- e. None of these

22. STILL

(A) The Deodhar Trophy may seem to have lost a lot of relevance.

(B) The Bharat Hotel Group runs over a dozen luxury hotels across the country.

(C) The Houston fire department said one person had been taken to hospital as fire fighter.

(D) It provides a valuable platform for promising youngsters like Devdutt Padikkal, Vishnu Vinod and Yashashvi Jaiswal.

- a. Only C-D
- b. Only B-C
- c. Only A-D
- d. Both A-C and B-D
- e. None of these

23. MOREOVER

(A) The reductionism of public discourse is partly the consequence of our media.

(B) The steps by poor and rich countries to get rid of the most egregious sources of waste in their economies could dramatically improve the welfare of their citizens.

(C) The Scotland yard formally identified the three men killed in a stabbing incident.

(D) The poor can think beyond their immediate circumstances.

- a. Only C-D
- b. Only B-C
- c. Only B-D
- d. Both A-C and B-D
- e. None of these

24. DESPITE

(A) Defending national champion Gaurav Gill, who was seventh in the table, came up with a stunning drive.

(B) Gaurav Gill lost much time with gearbox problems to race to the lead after the opening day in the two-day rally.

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(C) The political mobilization of Dalit-Bahujans in India is in midst of an epistemic crisis.

(D) The uproar after the arrest of J & K DSP Devendra Singh fails all too familiar.

- a. Only C-D
- b. Only B-C
- c. Only A-B
- d. Both A-C and B-D
- e. None of these

25. AS SOON AS

(A) It took six herpetologists working across States and countries to determine that a tree frog found commonly in urban habitats of West Bengal was a new brand species.

(B) The Central Statistics Office proposes to replace the gross domestic product (GDP) series of 2011-12 base year with a new set of National Accounts using the 2017-18 as the base year.

(C) The new consumer expenditure survey and the Annual Survey of Industries (ASI) results become available.

(D) The elected government at the Centre is supposed to represent the will and support the people of all times and not just on the day of election.

- a. Only C-D
- b. Only B-C
- c. Only A-B
- d. Both A-C and B-D
- e. None of these

26. EVEN WHEN

(A) The opposition parties went to the polls with tired faces and old slogans.

(B) They had known well how to manipulate with emotional tactics.

(C) With pollution rising in cities, farmers are seeking government support to get over the environmental crisis.

(D) The intricacies of government formation in Maharashtra should not push rain-hit farmers towards existential crisis.

- a. Only C-D
- b. Only B-C
- c. Only A-B
- d. Both A-C and B-D
- e. None of these

27. NOT ONLY – BUT ALSO

(A) The appointment of two auditors on specific instructions from the Wadhawans was a contravention of the Multi-State Co-operative Societies Act.

(B) The Bharat Hotels group has been on IT department's radar for having substantial undisclosed foreign assets.

(C) It indicated that the whole fraud was planned well in advance by the Wadhawans and the PMC Bank officials.

(D) The Kalasa Banduri project aims to provide drinking water to three north Karnataka districts by diverting water from the river.

- a. Only C-D
- b. Only B-C
- c. Only A-B
- d. Only A-C
- e. None of these

28. SINCE

(A) Economic status and educational attainment is not a buffer.

(B) Prahlada grew up in an atmosphere that was strongly antagonistic to his belief in Lord Vishnu.

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(C) His father had an inborn tendency to have enmity to Vishnu.

(D) India's interest lies in expanding relations with other regional powers.

- a. Only C-D
- b. Only B-C
- c. Only A-B
- d. Both A-C and B-D
- e. None of these

29. IN CONTRAST TO

(A) The order will be effective across all the educational institutional of the department.

(B) The Supreme Court ordered the Centre to prepare a comprehensive scheme to wean small and marginal farmers away from stubble burning.

(C) In Tier-II and Tier-III cities, the working class has ample time to go back home during lunch hours.

(D) In other parts of Asia, People hardly get any time to eat out in a pattern of time every day.

- a. Only C-D
- b. Only B-C
- c. Only A-B
- d. Both A-C and B-D
- e. None of these

30. IN ADDITION TO

(A) The Congress and the Shiv Sena made 152 and 89 complaints respectively alleging malfunctioning of EVMs in Maharashtra.

(B) Iyer launched one over long off to get a six and that settled it for the over.

(C) An hour-long server problem with IndiGo's booking system led to flight delays and overcrowding at airport terminals.

(D) 120 other complaints pertaining to EVMs were reported about malfunctioning of VVPAT machines and mismatch in printed slips and the votes cast.

- a. Only C-D
- b. Only B-C
- c. Only A-B
- d. Both A-C and B-D
- e. None of these

31. DESPITE

(A) Several villagers also reached the office of the Puri Collector to air their grievances.

(B) Employment generation has been dismally low reaching an all time high.

(C) The government is making feeble protestations to the low generation of employment.

(D) It may not be preposterous to suggest that even the polls to the Lok Sabha should be scattered, with one-fifth of the seats going to the polls every year.

- a. Only C-D
- b. Only B-C
- c. Only A-B
- d. Both A-C and B-D
- e. None of these

32. HOWEVER

(A) It was expected that growth would leap from second quarter to touch an elusive eight-percent mark.

(B) A Supreme Court bench did not allow the plea of Vikas who had sought parole for four weeks on the grounds that it was his constitutional right.

(C) The real concern in this growth rate might just be the best that the economy will achieve after the disruption caused by demonetisation.

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(D) The perilous use of Manja remains pervasive, endangering human lives and making a mockery of the multiple bans on its manufacture and sale.

- a. Only C-D
- b. Only B-C
- c. Only A-B
- d. Only A-C
- e. None of these

33. IN LIEU OF

(A) The CBI had lodged a complaint against an officer to demand a bribe of Rs 150000.

(B) Brazil has been a close multilateral partner in Indian foreign policy.

(C) The builder was asked to pay a bribe for permitting him to construct a building.

(D) It is an ambitious endeavor for someone whose day begins at 5 am with an unvarying routine.

- a. Only C-D
- b. Only B-C
- c. Only A-B
- d. Both A-C and B-D
- e. None of these

34. WHILE

(A) The daily wager was caught red-handed while accepting part payment of bribe from the builder during a trap.

(B) Our persistent tendency in our key strategies to mainstream AYUSH medicine has been to regard that the problem lies simply in there being 'less' of AYUSH.

(C) The implications of joining RCEP on the regional integration front and for Mr. Modi's 'Act East' policy were acute.

(D) The Junior Engineer was also caught when he came to meet the bribe acceptor.

- a. Only C-D
- b. Only B-C
- c. Only A-B
- d. Both A-C and B-D
- e. None of these

35. EVEN THOUGH

(A) The All Assam Students' Union accused PM Modi, Amit Shah and CM Sarbananda Sonowal of misleading the people of Assam that their identity, language and land are secure.

(B) The experienced Tim Southee bowled the next over which was a crucial one in the chase.

(C) Bangladeshis are being settled in Assam through the contentious CAA.

(D) Opposition leaders raised the issue of MPs not being allowed to visit J & K after the removal of its special status under Article 370.

- a. Only C-D
- b. Only B-C
- c. Only A-B
- d. Only A-C
- e. None of these

36. IN A BID TO

(A) The opposition parties, especially the Congress were accused of spreading misinformation.

(B) Scores of students of JNU participating in a "long march" to parliament were injured in police lathi-charge when they tried to break through barricades.

(C) It was disturbing peace across the country during recent protests which have claimed several lives.

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(D) Chief Electoral Officer ordered Delhi Police to file case against BJP leader after a huge row over his India v/s Pak tweet.

- a. Only C-D
- b. Only B-C
- c. Only A-B
- d. Only A-C
- e. None of these

37. AS A RESULT

(A) VE Commercial Vehicles Ltd. Hoped demand would improve in the January-March quarter.

(B) The centre withdrew the SPG cover for the Gandhi family and replaced it with Z plus category of security.

(C) There will be pre-buying by customers ahead of BS VI norms kicking in from the next financial year.

(D) Bhutan plans to levy charges on tourists from regional countries, who at present are exempted from any charges.

- a. Only C-D
- b. Only B-C
- c. Only A-B
- d. Only A-C
- e. None of these

38. YET

(A) It is pertinent to ask whether there is anything worth celebrating in the field of education.

(B) Every claim that one's own god is better than the other's was tantamount to the humiliation of one's own god.

(C) The anxiety that governance suffers due to election is imaginary for a government that works.

(D) The realisability of Gandhian secularism depends on the faith in popular wisdom traditions which is sustained by a certain idea of popular moral agency.

- a. Only C-D
- b. Only B-C
- c. Only A-B
- d. Only B-D
- e. None of these

39. LIKE

(A) The Indian woman has passed through all those early stages of training, moulding and transformation to utilise all her talents for the good for her creator, crown and country.

(B) Shreyas Iyer has solved India's number 4 problem and is expected to get a long rope in that position.

(C) Mr. Bolsonaro has made deeply objectionable statements about women and climate.

(D) The caterpillar gathers and stores up its precious material to encase itself in the shape of the chrysalis which after a few hours rest, bursts its fetter to become one of the most beautiful insects God has created.

- a. Only C-D
- b. Only B-C
- c. Only A-B
- d. Both A-C and B-D
- e. None of these

40. SINCE

(A) The BJP's own reading of their political situation going into the polls is not very positive.

(B) There is a feedback of stressed Left Wing Extremism districts to concentrate security personnel.

(C) Rapid advances in hardware and in few technologies of artificial intelligence have

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(D) The Delhi Cabinet passed a scheme to provide free sewer connections to residents in areas where sewer lines have been laid.

- a. Only C-D
- b. Only B-C
- c. Only A-B
- d. Both A-C and B-D
- e. None of these

41. HOWEVER

(A) Once a machine achieves superhuman competence in any given domain, that competence can be rapidly replicated multiple times.

(B) Rohit Sharma departed early and Virat Kohli was back in the hut with close to 90 runs.

(C) Having not received grants under multiple heads, the Municipal Corporation revised its estimated income for the current year downward by Rs 657 crore.

(D) The municipal corporation expects to end the current financial year with a surplus of Rs 1454 crore.

- a. Only C-D
- b. Only B-C
- c. Only A-B
- d. Both A-C and B-D
- e. None of these

41. MOREOVER

(A) Obviously, no revolution can sustain on 70-year-old slogans.

(B) With appropriate corrective mechanisms, natural selection can favour cooperation.

(C) This struggle has also seen violent splits, ugly divisive tribalism, fratricidal feuds and untold sufferings.

(D) There is no apparent reason a higher intelligence will treat us any better than we treat animals bred for meat, fur and milk.

- a. Only C-D
- b. Only B-C
- c. Only A-B
- d. Both A-C and B-D
- e. None of these

42. ALONG WITH

(A) The panel asked a travel agency to pay Rs 2.80 lakh to the complainants.

(B) The corporate world is no longer a minor player in the Indian economy and, by extension, in society.

(C) It also instructed the travel agency to pay additional amounts of Rs 26000 and Rs 10000 for harassment and mental agony.

(D) Mishra has triggered a political firestorm with a string of tweets that compared the election.

- a. Only C-D
- b. Only B-C
- c. Only A-B
- d. Only A-C
- e. None of these

43. INSTEAD OF

(A) The new industries which were established during the Congress tenure previously were being shut down.

(B) The SC began hearing petitions related to CAA.

(C) Bringing in investment and opening new industries have not been done in the BJP led state in the last five years.

(D) Embedding social messaging in a commercial is not an alien concept in the world of Indian advertising.

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- a. Only C-D
- b. Only B-C
- c. Only A-B
- d. Only A-C
- e. None of these

44. BUT

(A) The FSSAI CEO said that the regulation on food products is “inevitable” and there would be more scrutiny of nutrient levels.

(B) Good governance will improve the tally of the ruling party.

(C) The MNREGS is among the most crucial policy instruments of mass income generation.

(D) The regulations would give packaged food companies time to adapt to stricter norms.

- a. Only C-D
- b. Only B-C
- c. Only A-B
- d. Both A-C and B-D
- e. None of these

45. CONTRARY TO

(A) There has been faith professed in market by the proposed ‘Bharatiya Model’ under ‘Make in India’ programme.

(B) The Modi government has resuscitated a host of pre-1991 policy tools that shrinks markets – from price caps to import tariffs.

(C) It is hard to understand why Indian corporate leaders should choose to prostrate themselves to political leaderships either.

(D) The entire controversy around the tweet appeared to be part of BJP’s strategy.

- a. Only C-D
- b. Only B-C
- c. Only A-B
- d. Both A-C and B-D
- e. None of these

46. RATHER THAN

(A) Mobile/Electronic payment systems have suddenly attracted millions of new users.

(B) The cabinet decisions of November 2 are perceived as threatening the unions.

(C) The cabinet decisions were not received as a business plan to lift up a sinking bottom-heavy corporation.

(D) Given the unprecedented nature and scale of the enterprise, surely some weaknesses were bound to occur.

- a. Only C-D
- b. Only B-C
- c. Only A-B
- d. Both A-C and B-D
- e. None of these

47. WHEN

(A) The RBI has directed banks to maintain 100 percent cash reserve ratio on the increase in deposits since demonetisation.

(B) Colonialism retreated to give birth to a number of new nation states at the end of the Second World War.

(C) Promises made during elections are to be backed up by performance, and results of good governance should gradually become visible to the public.

(D) It was widely believed that we were entering a phase where laws would be universal and their application, open and fair.

- a. Only C-D
- b. Only B-C

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- c. Only A-B
- d. Only B-D
- e. None of these

48. BECAUSE

- (A) The case of the Twitter account of Senior Supreme Court Lawyer Sanjay Hegde was suspended.
- (B) Higher customs duties are likely to hit goods such as mobile, chemicals, jewellery.
- (C) He used an ironic 1936 photo of Nazi Germany, which is celebrated as a brave display of dissent, sharing a poem titled 'Hang Him'.
- (D) There would probably be a short-term impact on economic growth, difficult to estimate.
- a. Only C-D
 - b. Only B-C
 - c. Only A-B
 - d. Only A-C
 - e. None of these

49. ALTHOUGH

- (A) The government is separately considering imposing quality standard on import as less than 10% of tariff lines regulated for safety.
- (B) The budget should make sure that such delays do not occur.

- (C) The growth performance of India, Bangladesh and Vietnam was most impressive during the past quarter century.
- (D) India and Bangladesh did not match the rest of Asia in slow social progress.
- a. Only C-D
 - b. Only B-C
 - c. Only A-B
 - d. Both A-C and B-D
 - e. None of these

50. WHILE

- (A) The predecessors of National Register of Citizens were counting "residents" rather than "citizens".
- (B) The objective of this latest initiative is to count citizens – specifically to sift and sort citizens from non-citizens.
- (C) The accounting for the number of Rs 1000 and Rs 500 notes not exchanged or deposited in the banks is an issue up for debate.
- (D) Modi's ruling party has also asked the government to increase duties on essential on non-essential items to boost local manufacturing.
- a. Only C-D
 - b. Only B-C
 - c. Only A-B
 - d. Both A-C and B-D
 - e. None of these

SOLUTION AND EXPLANATION:

1. WHILE

'While' is used to show difference in two sentences or clauses. Here, Statements (A) and (C) can be joined together using the connector "while" to form a coherent sentence. The sentence formed is "**While the accused is reportedly involved in a land dispute with his**

brother, the reason for his brutal action of killing the 37-year-old woman is still to be ascertained" None of the other sentences make a pair to make a meaningful and coherent sentence. Therefore, Option C – Only A-C is the answer.

2. AS

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The connector 'As' is used to show results for something. Here, Option A and B can be connected to convey a context of the same type. Both sentences show rivalry between two political parties. And we see, Option B gives the answer to how 'game of nerves' is dragged on between parties. The sentence formed is **"The game of nerves between the Shiv Sena and the BJP threatens to drag on as there was no indication that the alliance partners are ready to engage in serious discussions to resolve differences.** Option C – Only A-B is the answer.

3. AS WELL AS

"As well as" is used to show two actions of similar kind happening at the same time. Option C which shows the interest of the Chancellor in expanding European interest in Delhi finds a similarity with Option D about the concerns associated with it for the Indian economic and political trajectory. The sentence is formed **"Chancellor Angela Merkel's visit last week highlights expanding European interest in partnering Delhi as well as maybe to exhibit emerging concerns about India's economic and political trajectory."** Option A – Only C-D is the answer.

4. DESPITE THAT

"Despite" is used to show a negative statement and a positive statement showing contrast to each other. Sentence B shows changes in business landscape over 150 years, whereas Sentence C shows a growth of companies in a right direction. This pair fits best for the use of "DESPITE THAT" with it. The sentence formed is **"Despite that there have been changes wrought in the business landscape over the past 150 years or so, the milestones of correcting the disrupted business process are the markers confirming that the companies are heading in the right direction"**. Option B – Only B-C is the answer.

5. AMIDST

The connector 'Amidst' is used to express "in the middle of something". With unpredictability shown in the first sentence, a similar event happening is illustrated in statement D where rapid economic expansion of China is shown. No other parts of the sentence follow same context to each other. The sentence formed after using "Amidst" is – **Amidst the unpredictability of the current US security policies i.e. Trump's attack on world trading system, the rapid economic expansion of China into Europe is leading to increasing assertiveness of the Sino-Russian political axis.** Option C – Only A-D is the answer.

6. THUS

We use "Thus" in a sentence to conclude or to show result of an action. The consequence or result of statement B is explained perfectly in statement D as an NGO is seen to initiate to compel government to act amid the increasing distrust of people in governments. The sentence formed is **"The sentiment of deepening distrust towards the established systems and governments is growing, thus the NGO - Extinction Rebellion issued a call to the public to compel government to act more forcefully to contain carbon emissions."** Option A – Only B-D is the answer.

7. ALTHOUGH

"Although" is used to a contrast between two sentences. The sentence A that highlights compensation will be provided to exporters for inefficiencies faced by them. Even after this, the government has announced a new scheme that would give more relaxation to exports. The sentence formed is **"Although the MEIS was meant to incentivise merchandise exports by compensating them for various kinds of cost inefficiencies faced by them, the new scheme announced by the government is based on the notion that whatever taxes are levied on products that are exported, should not be passed on."** Option B – Only A-C is the answer.

8. EVEN THOUGH

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We use “even though” to show an action happening even after there seem to be constraints for it to happen.

Sentence B and D have a similar context of the demands of the Naga rebels. The combination of statement B and D shows that the Naga rebels have given up the demand for full independence. D which shows a new demand of Naga rebels seems to make a pair with sentence B. The sentence formed is **“Even though, the Naga rebels have climbed down from their demand for full independence, they have persisted with the demand for Nagalim, a territorial entity much larger than the present state of Nagaland.”** Option B – Only B-D is the answer.

9. INSPITE OF

“Inspite of” is used to express that a negative action is carried out even with a positive action that is followed. With sentence C showing a positive message of working towards global warming, sentence D demonstrates a negative message for the same. The sentence formed is **“Inspite of the fact that Emmanuel Macron’s has promised about moving away from fossil fuels and the dangers of global warming, France is lagging behind in its international commitments in reducing emissions.”** Option A – Only C-D is the answer.

10. YET

We use “Yet” in negative statements to describe an action in contrast to other actions. Statement B shows an announcement by a politician while Sentence A makes it negative by showing that it was not taken too kindly for the announcement. The sentence formed is **“Prior to the Lok Sabha polls, a politician had announced that he would soon be entering the Congress after being denied a ticket for the Pune Lok Sabha, yet, his announcement was not taken too kindly by Congress loyalists.”** Option C – Only A-B is the answer.

11. THOUGH

We use “though” to show occurrence of a negative action even after the occurrence of a positive action or vice-versa. Statement A shows the growth of GDP while statement C shows a negative side of it i.e. it being lower than that of the previous year. The sentence formed is **“Though the growth of gross domestic product (GDP) grew by 7.3 percent in the second quarter of the current financial year, it is slower than the 7.6 percent notched up in the same quarter last year.”**

The coherent pair of statements is B and D. Only D option has Option B-D in it, but it also has A-C, which doesn’t make a coherent and meaningful sentence. Therefore, Option E – None of these is the answer.

12. EVEN IF

The sentences which show contrast to make the best use of “even if” in them are A and B where sentence A shows mitigation of famines, wars and diseases, sentence B shows the use of the word “mitigation” in a sarcasm in today’s world. The sentence formed is **“Even if Mankind has already mitigated evils such as famine, war and disease, it seems ironic to say this in the era of Islamic State and Zika.”** Option C – Only A-B is the answer.

13. WHEREAS

We use “whereas” to show contrast of an action with another. Sentence C shows explanation of Altruism by Evolution Game Theory and Sentence D shows no room for altruism for survival of the fittest. The sentence formed is **“Evolution Game Theory explains altruism in life forms as a benefit for species, whereas survival of the fittest at the individual level leaves little room for altruism.”** Option A – Only C-D is the answer.

14. BESIDES

We use “besides” in a sentence to show someone making an additional point or an action happening in addition to another action. Sentence A and C show the delay in delivering of justice and the lack of truth of documents

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submitted by police in investigation. The sentence formed is **“Besides that we don’t even know the veracity of these allegedly incriminating documents submitted by the police, the delay of one and a half years to pass an order on the activists by the Pune court was clearly a case of ‘justice delayed is a justice denied’.”** Option B – Only A-C is the answer.

15. INSTEAD OF

We use “instead of” to exclude an action making another action done on its place. Writing for hundreds of people killed in political violence between two political parties, we are excluding the fact that there has been no Maoist Violence since emergency. The sentence formed is **“Instead of the fact that there has been no Maoist violence in Kerala since the emergency, hundreds of people have lost their lives in political violence, mainly in targeted killings by the RSS and the CPI (M).”** Option A – Only C-D is the answer.

16. SIMILAR TO

Two sentences B and D which convey a similar message can be combined with the connector “similar to”. The sentence formed is **“Similar to attaining power by enticing political opponents with the offer of offices and perks normally turns out to be a pyrrhic victory, discipline by coercion may help a party to stay in power or attain office.”** Option D – Only B-D is the answer.

17. MOREOVER

We use “moreover” to add information or to tell about an additional action happened to make more of an action. Sentences B conveys information about packaged food. Adding more to it, sentence C says that there is no check in the nutritional status of junk food. The sentence formed is **“Moreover to the fact that the norms of industry are unscientific and that packaged food is made to cater to the “taste” of people, the packaged industry argues, immense quantities of junk food –**

are consumed in the country with no check on their nutritional status.” Option B – Only B-C is the answer.

18. THOUGH

We use “though” to show occurrence of a negative action even after the occurrence of a positive action or vice-versa. Sentence A describes about a directive by Supreme Court and Sentence C gives an example of breach of this directive by Madras high court. The sentence formed is **“Though, the Supreme Court has ordered that an “acting arrangement” should not ordinarily exceed more than a month in any of the High Courts in the country, the Madras High Court is all set to get a regular Chief Justice now, after having functioned under an Acting Chief Justice for more than 40 days.”** Option D – Only A-C is the answer.

19. THUS

We use “Thus” in a sentence to conclude or to show result of an action. Sentence C shows the misuse of developing country status by India and China, Sentence D shows the result because of this. The sentence formed is **“Indian and China have been misusing their “developing country” status at WTO to subsidise domestic producers, thus putting American producers at a terrible disadvantage.”** Option A – Only C-D is the answer.

20. EVEN THOUGH

We use “even though” to show an action happening even after there seem to be constraints for it to happen. Sentence A shows competition as negative for some producers whereas in sentence B, competition is shown good for producers. The sentence formed is **“Even though, competition could cause some of the producers to lose out to benefit consumers who buy cheaper and better goods, competition between producers is usually considered good.”** Option C – Only A-B is the answer.

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21. YET

We use “Yet” in negative statements to describe an action in contrast to other actions. Sentence A shows a positive message of victory of India in the knockouts; Sentence C makes a contrast by showing a negative point for Indian team. The sentence formed is **“Yet, India managed to edge it out of the knockouts the last time the two played, at the 2018 World Cup, the 2019 edition of Pan American Games was only the second time it failed to reach the final.”** Option D – Only A-C is the answer.

22. STILL

We use “still” to express contrast to an action. Sentence A states a negative message for the Deodhar Trophy to lose relevance, Sentence D shows a contrast by showing that it provides a valuable platform to many promising players. The sentence formed is **“The Deodhar Trophy may seem to have lost a lot of relevance; still it provides a valuable platform for promising youngsters like Devdutt Padikkal, Vishnu Vinod and Yashashvi Jaiswal.”** Option C – Only A-D is the answer.

23. MOREOVER

We use “moreover” to add information or to tell about an additional action happened to make more of an action. Sentence D adds about poor to go beyond the worst circumstances to Sentence C which shows that to get rid of the most egregious sources of waste in economies could improve the welfare of their citizens. The sentence formed is **“Moreover to the fact that the steps by poor and rich countries to get rid of the most egregious sources of waste in their economies could dramatically improve the welfare of their citizens, the poor can think beyond their immediate circumstances.”** Option C – Only B-D is the answer.

24. DESPITE

“Despite” is used to show a negative statement and a positive statement showing contrast to each other or vice versa. Sentence B shows contrast to the champion who came up in the table from seventh by showing that he lost much time with gearbox problems after the opening day. The sentence formed is **“Despite that the defending national champion Gaurav Gill, who was seventh in the table, came up with a stunning drive, he lost much time with gearbox problems to race to the lead after the opening day in the two-day rally.”** Option C – Only A-B is the answer.

25. AS SOON AS

We use “As soon as” to show an action that happened or is done immediately after completion of another action. Sentence C shows the action that would be immediately followed after the release of the new consumer expenditure survey and the Annual Survey of Industries. The sentence formed is **“As soon as the new consumer expenditure survey and the Annual Survey of Industries (ASI) results become available, the Central Statistics Office proposes to replace the gross domestic product (GDP) series of 2011-12 base year with a new set of National Accounts using the 2017-18 as the base year.”** Option B – Only B-C is the answer.

26. EVEN WHEN

We use “even when” to show an action happening even after there seem to be constraints for it to happen. Sentence A shows that the opposition party was totally aware of not doing any show on polls day still it went to do the same to draw the attention of people and manipulate them with emotional tactics, which is shown in sentence B. The sentence formed is **“Even when the opposition parties went to the polls with tired faces and old slogans, they had known well how to manipulate with emotional tactics.”** Option C – Only A-B is the answer.

27. NOT ONLY – BUT ALSO

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We use “Not only – But also” to write about two events happening simultaneously giving more importance to the clause after “but also”. Sentence A and C when combined form a message that appointment of two auditors was on instructions of the accused “the Wadhawans” to be fraud. The sentence formed is “**Not only the appointment of two auditors on specific instructions from the Wadhawans was a contravention of the Multi-State Co-operative Societies Act, but also it indicated that the whole fraud was planned well in advance by the Wadhawans and the PMC Bank officials.**” Option D – Only A-C is the answer.

28. SINCE

We use “since” to express a reason for an action. The reason for Prahlada to grow up in antagonism to his belief in Lord Vishnu is well written in sentence B. The sentence formed is “**Since his father had an inborn tendency to have enmity to Vishnu, Prahlada grew up in an atmosphere that was strongly antagonistic to his belief in Lord Vishnu.**” Option B – Only B-C is the answer.

29. IN CONTRAST TO

We use “in contrast to” to put two or more sentences in opposition to each other. The Sentence C and D show difference between the eating habits of people in Tier II, Tier III cities and other parts of Asia. The sentence formed is “**In contrast to the working class in Tier-II and Tier-III cities which has ample time to go back home during lunch hours, in other parts of Asia, people hardly get any time to eat out in a pattern of time every day.**” Option A – Only C-D is the answer.

30. IN ADDITION TO

We use “In addition to” to add information or to add about another action in the sentence. Sentence A shows about the complaints made by the Congress and the Shiv Sena for malfunctioning of EVMs in Maharashtra.

Adding to it, sentence D shows that there were 120 more complaints regarding malfunctioning of other machines. The sentence formed is “**In addition to the fact that the Congress and the Shiv Sena made 152 and 89 complaints respectively alleging malfunctioning of EVMs in Maharashtra, 120 other complaints pertaining to EVMs were reported about malfunctioning of VVPAT machines and mismatch in printed slips and the votes cast.**” There is no option showing the combination of A-D. Therefore, Option E, none of these is the answer.

31. DESPITE

“Despite” is used to show a negative statement and a positive statement showing contrast to each other or vice versa. Sentence B shows that the employment generation has been reaching very low and Sentence C shows that even after this, the government is making weak efforts to cover it. The sentence formed is “**Despite that the employment generation has been dismally low reaching an all time high, the government is making feeble protestations to the low generation of employment.**” Option B – Only B-C is the answer.

32. HOWEVER

We use “However” to show contrast between two actions that one happened opposite to the other. Sentence A shows that the growth would expect to touch an eight percent mark whereas Sentence B shows that the real concern is to overcome the disruption caused by demonetisation. The sentence formed is “**It was expected that growth would leap from second quarter to touch an elusive eight-percent mark, however the real concern in this growth rate might just be the best that the economy will achieve after the disruption caused by demonetisation.**” Option D – Only A-C is the answer.

33. IN LIEU OF

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We use “In lieu of” to write in place of some action or something. Sentences A and C when combined show complaint registered against an officer for demanding bribe for a permission sought. The sentence formed is **“The CBI had lodged a complaint against an officer to demand a bribe of Rs 150000 in lieu of permitting him to construct a building.”** The coherent pair of statements is A and C. Only D option has Option A-C in it, but it also has B-D, which doesn’t make a coherent and meaningful sentence. Therefore, Option E – None of these is the answer.

34. WHILE

‘While’ is used to show an action happening at the same time of another action. Sentence A and D when combined with while, show incidents of two officers getting caught for taking/asking bribery. The sentence formed is **“While the daily wager was caught red-handed while accepting part payment of bribe from the builder during a trap, the Junior Engineer was also caught when he came to meet the bribe acceptor.”** There is no option showing the combination of A-D. Therefore, Option E, none of these is the answer.

35. EVEN THOUGH

We use “even though” to show an action happening even after there seem to be constraints for it to happen. Sentences A and C show contrast to each other. The sentence formed is **“Even though PM Modi, Amit Shah and CM Sarbananda Sonowal of spoke to the people of Assam that their identity, language and land are secure, Bangladeshis are being settled in Assam through the contentious CAA.”** Option D – Only A-C is the answer.

36. IN A BID TO

We use “in a bid” to express “in an attempt/reason for” in a sentence. Sentence A shows that opposition parties were accused of spreading misinformation. Sentence C shows the reason for the same. The sentence formed is

“The opposition parties, especially the Congress were accused of spreading misinformation in a bid to disturbing peace across the country during recent protests which have claimed several lives.” Option D – Only A-C is the answer.

37. AS A RESULT

The sentence formed is **“As a result of the fact that there will be pre-buying by customers ahead of BS VI norms kicking in from the next financial year, VE Commercial Vehicles Ltd. hoped demand would improve in the January-March quarter.”** Option D – Only A-C is the answer.

38. YET

We use “Yet” in negative statements to describe an action in contrast to other actions. Sentence B and D show contrast to each other. The sentence formed is **“Yet, every claim that one’s own god is better than the other’s was tantamount to the humiliation of one’s own god, the realisability of Gandhian secularism depends on the faith in popular wisdom traditions which is sustained by a certain idea of popular moral agency.”** Option D – Only B-D is the answer.

39. LIKE

We use “like” to show similarity between two sentences. Sentences A and D are actions similar to each other. The sentence formed is **“Like the Indian woman has passed through all those early stages of training, moulding and transformation to utilise all her talents for the good for her creator, crown and country, the caterpillar gathers and stores up its precious material to encase itself in the shape of the chrysalis which after a few hours rest, bursts its fetter to become one of the most beautiful insects God has created.”** There is no option showing the combination of A-D. Therefore, Option E, none of these is the answer.

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40. SINCE

We use “since” to express a reason for an action. The reason for the feedback of stressed Left Wing Extremism is well written in sentence A. The sentence formed is **“Since, the BJP’s own reading of their political situation going into the polls is not very positive, there is a feedback of stressed Left Wing Extremism districts to concentrate security personnel.”** Option C – Only A-B is the answer.

41. HOWEVER

We use “However” to show contrast between two actions that one happened opposite to the other. The sentences C and D are opposite to each other, thus showing contrast. The sentence formed is **“Having not received grants under multiple heads, the Municipal Corporation revised its estimated income for the current year downward by Rs 657 crore, however the municipal corporation expects to end the current financial year with a surplus of Rs 1454 crore.”** Option A – Only C-D is the answer.

41. MOREOVER

We use “moreover” to add information or to tell about an additional action happened to make more of an action. To add more information to the sentence A which shows sustainability of a revolution, sentence C shows more information to it. The sentence formed is **“Moreover to the fact that obviously, no revolution can sustain on 70-year-old slogans, this struggle has also seen violent splits, ugly divisive tribalism, fratricidal feuds and untold sufferings.”** Option D – Only A-C is the answer.

42. ALONG WITH

We use “along with” to show an action happening simultaneously to another action. Sentence A which shows payment to the complainant connects with sentence C which shows more payments for the harassment and mental agony. The sentence formed is

“The panel asked a travel agency to pay Rs 2.80 lakh to the complainants along with instructing the travel agency to pay additional amounts of Rs 26000 and Rs 10000 for harassment and mental agony.” Option D – Only A-C is the answer.

43. INSTEAD OF

We use “instead of” to exclude an action making another action done on its place. The combined sentences A and C show how industries of Congress tenure were shut down rather than bringing investment and opening new industries. The sentence formed is **“The new industries which were established during the Congress tenure previously were being shut down, instead of bringing investment and opening new industries done in the BJP led state in the last five years.”** Option D – Only A-C is the answer.

44. BUT

We use “But” to show contrast or difference in two sentences. The sentence formed is **“The FSSAI CEO said that the regulation on food products is “inevitable” and there would be more scrutiny of nutrient levels but the regulations would give packaged food companies time to adapt to stricter norms.”** There is no option showing the combination of A-D. Therefore, Option E, none of these is the answer.

45. CONTRARY TO

We use “Contrary to” to express contrast or difference in two sentences. Statements A and B show contrast for what had been proposed by Modi government and what it was delivering. The sentence formed is **“Contrary to the fact that there has been faith professed in market by the proposed ‘Bharatiya Model’ under ‘Make in India’ programme, the Modi government has resuscitated a host of pre-1991 policy tools that shrinks markets – from price caps to import tariffs.”** Option C – Only A-B is the answer.

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46. RATHER THAN

We use “rather than” to show contrast or difference between two actions, i.e. despite a positive action, a negative action happened and vice versa. The sentence formed is **“The cabinet decisions of November 2 are perceived as threatening the unions, rather than not received as a business plan to lift up a sinking bottom-heavy corporation.”** Option B – Only B-C is the answer.

47. WHEN

The sentence formed is **“When colonialism retreated to give birth to a number of new nation states at the end of the Second World War, it was widely believed that we were entering a phase where laws would be universal and their application, open and fair.”** Option D – Only B-D is the answer.

48. BECAUSE

We use “because” to show reason for an action. The sentence formed is **“The Twitter account of Senior Supreme Court Lawyer Sanjay Hegde was suspended because he used an ironic 1936 photo of Nazi Germany, which is celebrated as a brave display of dissent, sharing a poem titled ‘Hang Him’.”** Option D – Only A-C is the answer.

49. ALTHOUGH

“Although” is used to a contrast between two sentences. Sentence C shows impressive growth performance of India, Bangladesh and Vietnam while Sentence D shows contrast to it showing India and Bangladesh not matching in the slow social progress. The sentence formed is **“Although the growth performance of India, Bangladesh and Vietnam was most impressive during the past quarter century, India and Bangladesh did not match the rest of Asia in slow social progress.”** Option A – Only C-D is the answer.

50. WHILE

‘While’ is used to show an action happening at the same time of another action. The combination of sentence A and B shows two actions happening at the same time i.e. residents were being counted instead of citizens, the objective was to count citizens and sort them from non citizens. The sentence formed is **“While the predecessors of National Register of Citizens were counting “residents” rather than “citizens”, the objective of this latest initiative is to count citizens – specifically to sift and sort citizens from non-citizens.”** Option C – Only A-B is the answer.

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