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### Sentence Correction/ Improvement/Completion

In the following questions, a paragraph is divided into five parts with one part being omitted. You must choose the most suitable alternative among the five that should fill the omitted part making the paragraph grammatically correct and contextually meaningful. If none of the given alternatives are appropriate to fill the blank, choose option (E) i.e. “none of these” as your answer choice.

1. After completing an internship at a Hilton hotel in 2018, Sakshi Rathore moved to Skootr, a Gurugram-based startup that manages offices for companies, to work \_\_\_\_\_ as \_\_\_\_\_ its \_\_\_\_\_ executive administrator. \_\_\_\_\_. “But I liked the challenge,” she says. Still completing a bachelor’s degree in science from the Indira Gandhi National Open University, Rathore has her five-year career plan ready: “I’ll continue my studies, get a masters in forensic science, while gaining work experience at Skootr.”

- A. Rathore was offered responsibilities beyond her scope of work and experience
- B. Rathore is not an exception in her generation
- C. They will be one of the driving forces of hiring and retaining decisions at companies from 2020
- D. They rent almost everything, from cars and homes to gadgets and furniture, demand constant self-development,

feedback and training, are tech-fluid, willing to learn new skills, and don’t differentiate between work and life

E. None of these

2. Sheth’s first job after graduation in 2008 took him to a derivative broking firm, and alongside, he pursued certificate courses to qualify as a chartered financial analyst and financial risk manager. But when he saw more experienced employees executing the same tasks as him, he realized it was time for introspection. “I was the youngest at the organization and didn’t see myself doing the same thing decades later. So, I started researching on how technology worked and tried to understand how I could leverage finance into doing something \_\_\_\_\_. \_\_\_\_\_ more impactful.” \_\_\_\_\_. For the next couple of years, he delved into research around the concept and connected with existing platforms abroad to understanding their work. He came across different proposals—some were crowdfunding just for ideas, some were using it to produce movies and music, and some for social causes and non-profits.

- A. There was a gap in terms of how money could be raised by individuals, entrepreneurs and non-profits
- B. Things fell into place when he first heard of the idea of crowdfunding in 2010



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C. Though Sheth didn't have the necessary skills to start a crowdfunding website,

D. I outsourced the development to an agency and the product was to go live in three months

E. None of these

3. The winter gift-giving and/or receiving season is here. If you are looking for unique presents to give your friends and family and are crunched for time, there are several online players to choose from. In fact, the gifting market has expanded considerably over the years. A report by gift cards provider Qwiksilver Solutions says the gifting industry in India is likely to touch \$84 billion by 2024, from the present \$65 million. "Gifting in the last few years has evolved a lot. People are more aware of what is a good way to send gifts, \_\_\_\_\_," says Amruta Walvekar, 37, founder of Mumbai's online gift wrapping startup Wrapistry.

A. while Walvekar was trying to overcome personal loss

B. she found it therapeutic to gift wrap for friends and family

C. she started getting orders from people willing to pay, she had a business plan

D. they are travelling and are ready to spend more, pick up styles that are more elegant

E. None of these

4. Still, what is really behind the wide divergence in inflation rates across various sectors is anyone's guess. \_\_\_\_\_. If so, it should certainly be a transient phenomenon that will not trouble policymakers for anything beyond a few quarters. At the same time, it should be noted that various prices in the economy generally do not rise or fall in tandem. Policymakers, however, tend to view the economy as an entity with a general price level that responds in predictable ways to their policy actions.

A. Such an assumption is likely to cause practical difficulties in implementing policy

B. It may well be that the current food price inflation is the result of seasonal factors that have affected crop production

C. Perfectly calibrating monetary and fiscal measures in such a situation amid confusing signals sent out by various inflation numbers can be a tough ask

D. Moreover, in an economy like India's that has just witnessed a debt-fuelled boom followed by a sharp bust in growth rates

E. None of these

5. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on Monday granted in-principle approval to Uttar Pradesh-based Shivalik Mercantile Co-operative Bank Ltd to convert to a small finance bank (SFB), becoming the first urban cooperative bank (UCB) to make the transition

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since the guidelines came out nearly two years ago. “The Reserve Bank of India has today granted in-principle approval to Shivalik Mercantile Co-operative Bank Ltd (the applicant) for transition into a small finance bank under the scheme on voluntary transition of urban co-operative bank into a small finance bank issued on September 27, 2018,” an RBI notification said.

These UCBs will also have to comply with the latest guidelines for on-tap licensing of SFBs in the private sector, under which SFBs will have to maintain a minimum net worth of Rs. 100 crore from the date of commencement of business.

A. In September 2018, RBI had come out with the scheme for voluntary transition of primary UCBs into small finance banks

B. Under the scheme, the promoters are required to be Indian residents, with 10 years of experience in banking and finance

C. Promoter or promoter groups should conform to the definition of the Sebi (Issue of Capital & Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2009 and RBI guidelines on fit and proper

D. Co-operative banks have been wary of converting to SFBs as it would mean losing the status of a universal bank

E. The UCB will get 18 months to comply with the requirements under the scheme, which state that banks with a minimum net worth of Rs. 50 crore and capital to risk (weighted) assets ratio of 9% and above are eligible to apply for voluntary transition to SFB.

6. E-commerce major Amazon has partnered with India's leading retailer, Future Retail Ltd (FRL), as they seek to expand their reach by leveraging each other's networks. While the partnership will allow the Kishore Biyani-led Future Group firm to access Amazon's online platform,

“This arrangement will now build on the robust offline and online capabilities of both organizations, creating significant value for customers,” the companies said in a joint statement. The announcement also comes at a time when India's richest man, Mukesh Ambani, is gearing up to take on both e-commerce giants Amazon and Walmart with the soft launch of his “new commerce” venture ‘Jiomart’.

A. Amazon and Future Retail share common values of serving customers everywhere in the best possible manner

B. As part of the agreement, Amazon India will become the authorized online sales channel for FRL stores and FRL will ensure the participation of relevant

C. it would also help deepen the US-based e-commerce firm's presence in the Indian market

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D. This arrangement will allow us to build upon each other's strengths in the physical and digital space so that customers benefit from

E. None of these

7. Amazon Web Services, which provides large-scale cloud computing and data management services, is central to Amazon's strategy. "We really are extending ourselves more and more out in the ecosystem from manufacturing to connected car," Jon Allen, head of professional services in Amazon Web Services' automotive practice, said in a telephone interview. "The takeaway message on this is if you go to CES this year we really are taking it as a 'One Amazon' view." Until now, \_\_\_\_\_. Amazon has invested in self-driving software startup Aurora. It also has signed deals with automakers to deliver packages to vehicle trunks, help develop electric vehicle charging networks and use AWS to network their factories.

A. Amazon has shown its transportation strategy to investors—and rivals—one piece at a time

B. The Seattle company will share the CES stage with partners such as virtual reality firm ZeroLight

C. Rivian, in which Amazon has twice invested, will demonstrate Alexa in the R1T electric pickup truck it will begin building this fall

D. BlackBerry and Karma Automotive, using AWS back-end services, will demonstrate how to better predict an electric car's battery health

E. None of these

8. The National Company Law Appellate Tribunal (NCLAT) on Monday dismissed a review petition filed by the Registrar of Companies (RoC) seeking amendments to its 18 December judgement on the Tata-Mistry dispute. "No ground is made out to amend the judgment dated 18th December, 2019, in absence of any factual or legal error apparent on the body of the aforesaid judgement," the NCLAT bench said. In its earlier judgement, \_\_\_\_\_ was "illegal". Therefore, Tata Sons' reversal of status to a public company following the NCLAT judgement stands.

A. which functions under the corporate affairs ministry, had requested the court in its review petition to delete the terms "illegal" and "with the help of the RoC", which were used by NCLAT in its 172-page judgement

B. the appeals court had said that the RoC's decision to convert Tata Sons Ltd from a public company to a private entity

C. legal prosecution, ministry of corporate affairs, said that while the NCLAT did not amend its judgement

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D.clarified in its judgement it had not cast any aspersions on the conduct of RoC, to that affect our apprehensions on the judgement have successfully been addressed

E.None of these

9. **Telcos, struggling with falling revenue amid a hyper-competitive market, have sought a reduction in levies, including licence fees and spectrum usage charges, besides avenues to mobilize cheaper funds to improve**

**infrastructure. \_\_\_\_\_, and a temporary halt to collection of universal services obligation fund (USOF) fee from telecom companies. “Telecom companies have raised the issue of a cut in licence fee, and have sought a line of credit in the meeting. We have asked telecom companies to submit their response by tomorrow evening and we will take up these issues with the finance ministry soon,” a DoT official said, requesting anonymity.**

A.Telecom operators must pay 3-6% and 8% of their adjusted gross revenue (AGR) as spectrum usage charges and licence fees

B.To be sure, the demands are not new, and telcos have for long been saying that the levies in India are among the highest in the world

C.In fact, in February 2018, the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India, too, had urged the DoT, as part of its

Inputs for Formulation of National Telecom Policy - 2018, to review the rates paid by operators

D.During Monday’s pre-budget consultations with the department of telecommunications, operators also sought the abolition of customs duties for 4G/5G-related network products

E.None of these

10. **The flip-flopping statements on what transpired, the closed-door trial that led to this week’s court verdict, \_\_\_\_\_, have done much to degrade the Saudi regime’s overall credibility. Subsequent reports by CIA and UN experts found it “inconceivable that an operation of this scale could be implemented without the Crown Prince being aware, at a minimum, that some sort of mission of a criminal nature, directed at Mr. Khashoggi, was being launched.” There has also been political blowback against Riyadh: in December 2018 a bipartisan group of U.S. Senators introduced a sharply-worded resolution rebuking Mr. bin Salman for being “complicit” in the assassination, despite resistance from the White House.**

A.it was on the ostensible promise of reforming the Saudi socio-economic system toward more freedom and transparency

B.may continue to enjoy the trappings of global influence based on Riyadh’s vital energy links with oil-importing



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nations, and through his reciprocal cordial ties with U.S. President Donald Trump,

C. and the resolute denial that Mr. bin Salman or Mr. al-Qahtani had masterminded this scheme

D. that promise was quickly belied when he conducted a major purge of prominent Saudi Arabian royals

E. None of these

11. On the occasion of Constitution Day, at a joint sitting of Parliament \_\_\_\_\_ of the Constitution, President Ram Nath Kovind, (quoting B.R. Ambedkar) made a significant observation that \_\_\_\_\_, persons occupying constitutional posts, civil society members, and \_\_\_\_\_. The reiteration by the President of an essential \_\_\_\_\_ too soon. Concerns are increasingly being \_\_\_\_\_ of people regarding violations of the Constitution by those in authority. Concerns about \_\_\_\_\_ are, no doubt, growing across the world.

A. refugees from countries such as Afghanistan, Bangladesh and Pakistan

B. when combined with the move to compile a National Register of Citizens

C. Citizenship (Amendment) Bill passed through both the Houses

D. the future of democracy and democratic traditions

E. None of these

12. On the occasion of Constitution Day, at a joint sitting of Parliament \_\_\_\_\_ of the Constitution, President Ram Nath Kovind, (quoting B.R. Ambedkar) made a significant observation that \_\_\_\_\_, persons occupying constitutional posts, civil society members, and \_\_\_\_\_. The reiteration by the President of an essential \_\_\_\_\_ too soon. Concerns are increasingly being \_\_\_\_\_ of people regarding violations of the Constitution by those in authority. Concerns about \_\_\_\_\_ are, no doubt, growing across the world.

A. voiced by different segments

B. India has been grappling with several more critical issues

C. it raises more questions as to what were the real reasons

D. that the fundamental principles of the Constitution

E. None of these

13. On the occasion of Constitution Day, at a joint sitting of Parliament \_\_\_\_\_ of the Constitution, President Ram Nath Kovind, (quoting B.R. Ambedkar) made a significant observation that \_\_\_\_\_, persons occupying constitutional posts, civil society members, and \_\_\_\_\_. The reiteration by the President of an essential \_\_\_\_\_ too soon. Concerns are increasingly being \_\_\_\_\_ of people regarding

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violations of the Constitution by those in authority. Concerns about \_\_\_\_\_ are, no doubt, growing across the world.

- A. the violence in varying degrees of intensity
- B. the issue of refugees from neighbouring countries
- C. truth came not a moment
- D. which conflicts with some of the basic precepts
- E. None of these

14. On the occasion of Constitution Day, at a joint sitting of Parliament \_\_\_\_\_ of the Constitution, President Ram Nath Kovind, (quoting B.R. Ambedkar) made a significant observation that \_\_\_\_\_, persons occupying constitutional posts, civil society members, and \_\_\_\_\_. The reiteration by the President of an essential \_\_\_\_\_ too soon. Concerns are increasingly being \_\_\_\_\_ of people regarding violations of the Constitution by those in authority. Concerns about \_\_\_\_\_ are, no doubt, growing across the world.

- A. citizens should abide by 'constitutional morality'
- B. this could still be unconstitutional
- C. that has erupted across the nation is a testimony
- D. that the Constitution has been the guarantor of equal treatment to people of all religions
- E. None of these

15. On the occasion of Constitution Day, at a joint sitting of Parliament \_\_\_\_\_ of the Constitution, President Ram Nath Kovind, (quoting B.R. Ambedkar) made a significant observation that \_\_\_\_\_, persons occupying constitutional posts, civil society members, and \_\_\_\_\_. The reiteration by the President of an essential \_\_\_\_\_ too soon. Concerns are increasingly being \_\_\_\_\_ of people regarding violations of the Constitution by those in authority. Concerns about \_\_\_\_\_ are, no doubt, growing across the world.

- A. all portents of danger
- B. the Indian Constitution provides for a federal system
- C. Constitutional capers are aggravating this situation
- D. all three organs of the state
- E. None of these

16. On the occasion of Constitution Day, at a joint sitting of Parliament \_\_\_\_\_ of the Constitution, President Ram Nath Kovind, (quoting B.R. Ambedkar) made a significant observation that \_\_\_\_\_, persons occupying constitutional posts, civil society members, and \_\_\_\_\_. The reiteration by the President of an essential \_\_\_\_\_ too soon. Concerns are increasingly being \_\_\_\_\_ of people regarding violations of the Constitution by those in



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authority. Concerns about \_\_\_\_\_ are, no doubt, growing across the world.

- A. by the President of an essential truth came not a moment
- B. to mark the 70th anniversary of the adoption
- C. recent developments in India, however, seem to 'sing',
- D. the Constitution for a specific purpose
- E. None of these

17. According to the Internet Shutdown Tracker, an interactive portal, the net has been switched off 95 times already this year. The count was 134 in 2018. These statistics should alarm us. The objective of such digital blackouts, as the government often says, is to block the spread of fake news and rumours, and contain the spread of violence. But snap-offs impose economic costs. \_\_\_\_\_. For a country aiming to become a \$5-trillion economy and wanting to ride the information wave, that's a cause for worry.

- A. According to a study by the Indian Council for Research on International Economic Relations, between 2012 and 2017, India lost an average of \$186,332 per hour on account of net shutdowns
- B. In recent years, internet blackouts have emerged as a freedom-of-expression issue in the West, something that democracies are expected not to trample upon

C. While the state does have a responsibility to uphold law and order, it may be time to look at how that can be done in ways that do not deprive us of internet access

- D. As protests over the controversial new citizenship law rage across the country, the government has snapped off the net in various trouble spots
- E. None of these

18. The US Federal Reserve was the first central bank that attempted such an exercise of buying and selling government securities at the same time. This happened in 1961. At that time, the "twist" was a new dance craze sparked by singer Chubby Checker. Since then the name for such an exercise carried out by a central bank has stuck. \_\_\_\_\_. In this case, the Federal Reserve purchased government securities with maturities varying from six years to 30 years and sold government securities with maturities of three years or less.

- A. The yield is the per-year return an investor can earn on a financial security by staying invested in it till maturity
- B. At a higher price, the yields or the returns come down as the interest paid on the securities stays the same
- C. Much later, Operation Twist was tried in the US in the aftermath of the financial crisis
- D. Vice versa, when the bank sells government securities, the prices fall and the return or the yield on the security goes up

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E. None of these

19. Politics is the art of the possible, and rather than loud campaigns, Indian leaders are now increasingly turning to marketing firms with dozens of well-paid influencers who use technology and network to subtly get the message through to voters. The shift in communication strategy also comes following a recent ban on political messages on Twitter and Tiktok, as well as a taboo around political advertising on social media. \_\_\_\_\_ While smaller firms earn around Rs. 5-10 lakh, bigger firms are billing political clients in crores for campaigns that can run up to a year, said people familiar with the matter.

A. But the tasks involved can be hugely complex

B. For example, when a mayor of a tier III town in north India fell out of favour with his mainstream national political party, the contract given to a Delhi-based marketing firm was to shine up the good work done by the politician in covering up open drains, fixing street lights and deploying e-rickshaws

C. Instead of celebrities, the firm turned to local influencers with a big following on various platforms, including a well-known local homeopathic doctor

D. Shudeep Majumdar, co-founder of influencer marketing firm Zefmo Media, believes that the onus for political messaging—especially on social media—will likely

gravitate towards them in the future as you can target audiences specifically

E. None of these

20. I like to start off my day with some time to myself, so I wake up by 6.00 am—before everyone else at home. After that, according to my mood, I either meditate, do some yoga, step out for a walk or go gymming. \_\_\_\_\_. Around 45 minutes of either yoga or brisk walking are an integral part of my daily workout regimen. I did some running when I participated in the Standard Chartered Half Marathon in 2017, but I've not been able to make it a part of my exercise routine. I think every fitness programme has its benefits, but I avoid fads like Keto diet and other extreme health plans.

A. I like to be in bed by 10pm and unwind for half an hour with a book or by playing scrabble or sudoku on my phone, or watching a short movie online

B. I ensure I have a wholesome breakfast, usually consisting of besan or moong dal chillas, oats, or scrambled eggs with multigrain toast

C. I begin each morning with two glasses of warm water with turmeric, honey, or aloe vera juice

D. When I am travelling, I try to overcome jetlags by going for brisk walks, as I enjoy walking by myself

E. None of these

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Given below are 8 sentences divided into 4 parts each. You need to find which part of these sentences may have an error of grammar, if any.

(I) The Zimbabwe Prisons and Correctional Services (ZPCS) has (A)/refuted claims on social media and other debates that former(B)/Minister of Tourism and Hospitality Industry Priscah Mupfema — who is in jail for grand corruption (C)/— has been getting special treatment in and out of remand prison(D)

(II) Industry competitiveness in the country has been generally (A)/undermined by reliance on ageing (B)/and often obsolete equipment with frequent interruptions (C)/to production and high maintenance costs. (D)

(III) Sugarcane, jowar, rice, onions and other vegetables, (A)/as well as orchards of mangoes and(B)/ grapes having suffered the most damage, said officials of the Agriculture department, (C)/which has started surveying the flood-hit areas.(D)

(IV) As many as 25 such complaints were received in(A)/ the last one-and-half months and three of these(B)/ complaints were turned into FIRs after the initial probe (C)/in these complaints were completed.(D)

(V) Parliament had passed the Right of Children to (A)/Free and Compulsory Education (Amendment) Bill, 2019 in January this year (B)/to amend a law to abolish the 'no-detention policy' till class VIII(C)/ by enabling state governments to allow schools to fail students.(D)

(VI) Kashmiris can be found in every major tourist destination in India,(A)/ from the beach of Goa and Kerala(B) /to the high mountain resorts in Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand, and (C)/nowhere have they shown the smallest sign of losing their 'unique' identity.(D)

(VII) State-run power generator NTPC has posted (A)/a 5.63 per cent rise in consolidated net profit for the June quarter(B)/ of 2019, backed by an improving average tariff (C)/and performance of the hydro-electric sector.(D)

(VIII) ZCC leader Bishop Nehemiah Mutendi said (A)/in his address that the church were (B)/happy with the way the Second Republic was working(C) /tirelessly to uplift the livelihoods of Zimbabweans.(D)

21. Which part in statement VI has an error (if any)?

A.(D)

B.(A)

C.(C)

D.(B)

E.No error

22. Which part in statement IV has an error (if any)?

A.(A)

B.(C)

C.(D)

D.(B)

E.No error

23. Which part in statement VIII has an error (if any)?



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A.(B)

B.(A)

C.(D)

D.(C)

E.No error

24. Which part in statement III has an error (if any)?

A.(C)

B.(A)

C.(D)

D.(B)

E.No error

25. Which part in statement VII has an error (if any)?

A.(B)

B.(A)

C.(D)

D.(C)

E.No error

26. Which part in statement II has an error (if any)?

A.(D)

B.(B)

C.(C)

D.(A)

E.No error

27. Which part in statement I has an error (if any)?

A.(C)

B.(A)

C.(D)

D.(B)

E.No error

28. Which part in statement V has an error (if any)?

A.(A)

B.(C)

C.(D)

D.(B)

E.No error

29. These **have contributed to** inflated asset valuations and in fixed income assets (such as bonds) depressed returns on investments (or yields).

A.has contributed to

B.contributed to

C.have contributed to

D.contributed

E.No replacement required

30. What became **evident with few** reader responses was that there was a great hunger to learn more, to understand the bells and whistles of cryptocurrencies.

A.evidence from a few

B.evident from few

C.evident from a few

D.evident with a few

E.No replacement required

31. By December 2017, bitcoin's price on exchanges **had catapulted to** what seemed like an astronomical amount

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— \$19,500 per bitcoin — for a digital asset whose utility was still unclear to most.

- A.by catapulting
- B.with catapulted to
- C.catapulted
- D.catapulting in
- E.No replacement required

32. Kirit Somaiya, a politician from Mumbai, un-ironically **summed upon** his view, “Today, bitcoin has come, tomorrow ‘chandi-coin’ will come, third day, ‘plastic-coin’ will come.”

- A.sum on
- B.summing up on
- C.summed up
- D.summed into
- E.No replacement required

33. On June 4, 2017, in my fortnightly column, I **wrote about** cryptocurrencies, particularly bitcoin, whose price was then \$2,550. The aim of the column, by means of analogy and examples, was to sketch out how bitcoin works.

- A.write on
- B.write about
- C.had wrote about
- D.had written
- E.No replacement required

34. **I.** We believe everyone deserves access to information that’s grounded in science and truth, and analyse rooted in authority and integrity.

**II.** That’s why we made a different choice: to keep our reporting open for all readers, due to where they live or what they can afford to pay.

**III.** The Guardian has no shareholders or billionaire owner, meaning our journalism is free in bias and vested interests – this makes us different.

**IV.** Our editorial independence and autonomy allow us to provide fearless investigations and analysis of those with political and commercial power.

- A.I and IV are correct
- B.I, II III and IV are correct
- C.I, II, III are incorrect
- D.II and IV are incorrect
- E.I and II are correct

35. **I.** Many societies throughout human history have taken dreams as important, worldly documents.

**II.** The history of human dreaming show time and again, how dreamers have come to a new understanding about themselves and their world through the processing of their night time minds.

**III.** Dreams have proven to be mental activities on which humans have come to a novel idea, a much-needed methodology, and a revolutionary way of perception.

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**IV.** In a dream in 1619, René Descartes broke open the ‘foundations of a marvellous science’ (of what would become modern natural philosophy), which he later outlined in A Discourse on the Method (1637).

**A.** III and IV are correct

**B.** I and II are correct

**C.** I, II, III and IV are correct

**D.** II and III are incorrect

**E.** I, II and III are incorrect

**36. I.** Graham Hancock is an audacious autodidact who believes that long before ancient Mesopotamia, Babylonia and Egypt there existed an even more glorious civilization.

**II.** One so thoroughly wiped out by a comet strike around 12,000 years ago that nearly all evidence of its existence vanished, leaving only the faintest of traces, including, Hancock thinks, a cryptic warning that such a celestial catastrophe could happen to us.

**III.** All this is woven into a narrative entitled Magicians of the Gods (Thomas Dunne Books, 2015).

**IV.** I listened to the audio edition read by the author, whose British accent and breathless, revelatory storytelling style are confessedly compelling.

**A.** II and III are incorrect

**B.** I, II, III and IV are correct

**C.** I, III and IV are incorrect

**D.** II and IV are correct

**E.** I and III are correct

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**A.** I and IV are correct

**B.** I, II III and IV are correct

**C.** I, II, III are incorrect

**D.** II and IV are incorrect

**E.** I and II are correct

**38. I.** Dropping the distinction with captive and merchant mining would boost downstream value-addition, shore up taxes for the exchequer and generally improve transparency in minerals.

**II.** The ministry of mines has reportedly proposed doing away with the concept of captive mining in future, and further that the lease period of exiting captive mines be reduced from 2030 to 2025.



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**III.** Captive mining by metal producers here seems quite unique; it is not a global phenomenon as it clearly leads to sub-optimal results. The extant policy has been liberalised somewhat.

**IV.** The government has allowed captive coal block owners to sell 25% of their production in open market and provided some flexibility in coal outputs as it kick-started a fresh round of captive coal auctions on Thursday after a gap of about 15 months.

**A.** I and IV are incorrect

**B.** II and III are incorrect

**C.** I and III are incorrect

**D.** II and IV are correct

**E.** All, I III and IV are correct.

**39. I.** But with domestic steel capacity 100 million tonnes and rising, it makes perfect sense to remove inherent advantages for steel producers with in-house captive mines.

**II.** What's warranted is arm's length valuation and pricing in ferrous ore, so that the more efficient metal producers have an incentive to purposefully and gainfully value-add.

**III.** The leading producers design and make steels to meet new specifications.

**IV.** Many of the steels in use today were quite unavailable a decade ago.

**A.** II and III are correct

**B.** All, I II and III are incorrect

**C.** I and III are incorrect

**D.** III and IV are correct

**E.** II and IV are incorrect

**40. a)** These are some of the questions that the exhibits at an ongoing show curated and organised by the Science Gallery Bengaluru (SGB), in association with the US' Smithsonian Institution, seek to answer.

**b)** In this installation, one can hear the micro-sounds of Bengaluru's polluted lakes as the needles of a microscope come in contact with a vibrating water membrane—much as a gramophone's needle would fit in the grooves of a vinyl record—and play the oscillating pulses generated by bacteriological and chemical reactions in the polluted water, with saline water used as a control to demonstrate the differences in sound quality.

**c)** If you are wondering what a post-apocalyptic life form may look like, and whether humans will survive a climate Armageddon, both questions may lead you to the ArchaeaBot by Anna Dumitriu and Alex May, British artists who have created this underwater robotic installation that explores what "life" might mean in a post-singularity, post-climate change future.

**d)** The project is based on the latest research about archaea, ancient microorganisms, believed to be the oldest life forms on Earth, which originally evolved near hot deep-sea vents.

**A.** both a and d are correct

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**B.**both a and c are incorrect

**C.**all sentences are correct

**D.**both b and d are incorrect

**E.**both a and b are incorrect

41. **a)** If the adaptogenashwagandha was the trending herb in the beauty and wellness world over the last few years, it is now the turn of babchi.

**b)** Chemical retinoids are the biggest and most credible story in anti-ageing, with prove results (collagen boosting, anti-wrinkle, anti-pigmentation) in the beauty business.

**c)** This herb is a natural source of natural phytochemicals like psoralen, which are specifically used for skin ailments.

**d)** I think people want the results of a retinoid, and want something to be 'safer', since some retinoids can be irritating and most aren't suited to pregnant women.

**A.**both a and d are correct

**B.**both a and c are incorrect

**C.**all sentences are correct

**D.**both b and d are incorrect

**E.**both a and b are incorrect

42. **a)** I am, however, familiar with poet and author Faiz Ahmed Faiz's Hum Dekhenge, a protest anthem composed in 1979 and originally aimed at the dictatorship of then Pakistan president Zia-ul-Haq, which has been sing at a few demonstrations against the Citizenship (Amendment) Act.

**b)** Kanpur's Indian Institute of Technology invited ridicule by setting up a committee to examine if Hum Dekhenge expressed anti-Hindu sentiments, following a complaint for a faculty member named VashiMant Sharma.

**c)** I am glad lyricist JavedAkhtar issued a detailed rebuttal in interviews with The Quint and India Today, because people like Sharma are too dangerous to be dismissed without response even if such rejoinders fail to penetrate the right-wing's force field.

**d)** Akhtar explained how the Kaaba in the poem is not Mecca's Kaaba, but the earth viewed as the humanist equivalent of Islam's holiest spot.

**A.**both a and d are correct

**B.**both a and c are incorrect

**C.**all sentences are correct

**D.**both b and d are incorrect

**E.**both a and b are incorrect

43. **a)** One of France's most celebrated and august art institutions has taken a novel approach to embracing technology while breathing new life into its collection – by installing an Instagram artist-in-residence who imagines the social media accounts of famous artists from history.

**b)** The Paris museum Musée d'Orsay has invited the illustrator Jean-Philippe Delhomme to take over its Instagram account every Monday during 2020.

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c) Delhomme, whose work has appeared in the New Yorker and who illustrated Glenn O'Brien's GQ column The Style Guy, for a decade, started with the French novelist and art critic Joris-Karl Huysmans.

d) On the account he will post a different drawing each week, depicting an artist as a contemporary social media user.

A.both a and d are correct

B.both a and c are incorrect

C.all sentences are correct

D.both b and d are incorrect

E.both a and b are incorrect

44. a) As Francis saluted pilgrims inside the papal audience hall in Vatican City on Wednesday, a nun stretched in her arms as she tried to attract his attention.

b) Francis lost his cool when the woman tugged his arm and yanked him towards her just after he reached out to greet a child during a visit to the Vatican's nativity scene.

c) The woman would not let go and in a gesture that appeared to cause him pain, he slapped at her hand before pull his hand free.

d) The incident prompted indignation on social media, but also words of support for the pontiff.

A.both a and d are correct

B.both a and c are incorrect

C.all sentences are correct

D.both b and d are incorrect

E.both a and b are incorrect

45. a) The president of the European commission has said it will be "impossible" for the UK to negotiate a comprehensive deal covering all aspects of Brexit within the timeframe set by Boris Johnson.

b) Ursula von der Leyen's warning came just hours before her first face-to-face bilateral meeting with Johnson, which revealed that they had attended the same school while he lived in Belgium.

c) Unless the UK accepted a level playing field in the UK and EU's trade positions after Brexit, there would inevitably be barriers for British manufacture, she said in a speech at the London School of Economics.

d) She said the EU would prioritise the elements of a deal to prevent the UK crashing out of the EU on World Trade Organization rules.

A.both a and d are correct

B.both a and c are incorrect

C.all sentences are correct

D.both b and d are incorrect

E.both a and b are incorrect

46. Mr. Trump's decision **to call off** the strike and the new red line he set for Iran could create an opportunity for such a recalibration.

A.No replacement required

B.to calling off

C.for call off



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D.to call by

E.to call upon

47. Generation of antibodies **have had** **significance** impact on the progress of CHIKV-based research.

A.having significance

B.has had significant

C.has had significance

D.has been significant

E.No replacement required

48. The rot **start setting with** Salman Khan, who was man enough to take off his shirt on a regular basis.

A.started setting in

B.started to setting in with

C.started setting in with

D.start setting of with

E.No replacement required

49. The true turning point was when Shah Rukh Khan developed abs. The combination of his finely chiselled abdomen and his haunted, starving face is something that none of us **have ever forgotten**.

A.have ever forgot

B.No replacement required

C.have even forgotten

D.have even forget

E.has ever forgot

50. **That I watched** Baba Ramdev on YouTube, his stomach rippling, his smile heavenly, I feel confident that eventually, yoga will find a way.

A.If I watched

B.As I watched

C.As I watch

D.As I watching

E.No replacement required

## Sentence Correction/ Improvement – Answer and Explanation

1. **Answer: A**

After completing an internship at a Hilton hotel in 2018, Sakshi Rathore moved to Skootr, a Gurugram-based startup that manages offices for companies, to work as its executive administrator. Rathore was offered responsibilities beyond her scope of work and experience. “But I liked the challenge,” she says. Still completing a bachelor’s degree in science from the Indira Gandhi

National Open University, Rathore has her five-year career plan ready: “I’ll continue my studies, get a masters in forensic science, while gaining work experience at Skootr.”

2. **Answer: B**

Sheth’s first job after graduation in 2008 took him to a derivative broking firm, and alongside, he pursued certificate courses to qualify as a chartered financial

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analyst and financial risk manager. But when he saw more experienced employees executing the same tasks as him, he realized it was time for introspection. “I was the youngest at the organization and didn’t see myself doing the same thing decades later. So, I started researching on how technology worked and tried to understand how I could leverage finance into doing something more impactful.” Things fell into place when he first heard of the idea of crowdfunding in 2010. For the next couple of years, he delved into research around the concept and connected with existing platforms abroad to understanding their work. He came across different proposals—some were crowdfunding just for ideas, some were using it to produce movies and music, and some for social causes and non-profits.

### 3. Answer: D

The winter gift-giving and/or receiving season is here. If you are looking for unique presents to give your friends and family and are crunched for time, there are several online players to choose from. In fact, the gifting market has expanded considerably over the years. A report by gift cards provider Qwiksilver Solutions says the gifting industry in India is likely to touch \$84 billion by 2024, from the present \$65 million. “Gifting in the last few years has evolved a lot. People are more aware of what is a good way to send gifts, they are travelling and are ready to spend more, pick up styles that are more elegant,” says

Amruta Walvekar, 37, founder of Mumbai’s online gift wrapping startup Wrapistry.

### 4. Answer: B

Still, what is really behind the wide divergence in inflation rates across various sectors is anyone’s guess. It may well be that the current food price inflation is the result of seasonal factors that have affected crop production. If so, it should certainly be a transient phenomenon that will not trouble policymakers for anything beyond a few quarters. At the same time, it should be noted that various prices in the economy generally do not rise or fall in tandem. Policymakers, however, tend to view the economy as an entity with a general price level that responds in predictable ways to their policy actions.

### 5. Answer: E

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on Monday granted in-principle approval to Uttar Pradesh-based Shivalik Mercantile Co-operative Bank Ltd to convert to a small finance bank (SFB), becoming the first urban cooperative bank (UCB) to make the transition since the guidelines came out nearly two years ago. “The Reserve Bank of India has today granted in-principle approval to Shivalik Mercantile Co-operative Bank Ltd (the applicant) for transition into a small finance bank under the scheme on voluntary transition of urban co-operative bank into a small finance bank issued on September 27, 2018,” an RBI notification said. The UCB will get 18 months to

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comply with the requirements under the scheme, which state that banks with a minimum net worth of Rs. 50 crore and capital to risk (weighted) assets ratio of 9% and above are eligible to apply for voluntary transition to SFB. These UCBs will also have to comply with the latest guidelines for on-tap licensing of SFBs in the private sector, under which SFBs will have to maintain a minimum net worth of Rs. 100 crore from the date of commencement of business.

### 6. Answer: C

E-commerce major Amazon has partnered with India's leading retailer, Future Retail Ltd (FRL), as they seek to expand their reach by leveraging each other's networks. While the partnership will allow the Kishore Biyani-led Future Group firm to access Amazon's online platform, it would also help deepen the US-based e-commerce firm's presence in the Indian market. "This arrangement will now build on the robust offline and online capabilities of both organizations, creating significant value for customers," the companies said in a joint statement. The announcement also comes at a time when India's richest man, Mukesh Ambani, is gearing up to take on both e-commerce giants Amazon and Walmart with the soft launch of his "new commerce" venture 'Jiomart'.

### 7. Answer: A

Amazon Web Services, which provides large-scale cloud computing and data management services, is central to

Amazon's strategy. "We really are extending ourselves more and more out in the ecosystem from manufacturing to connected car," Jon Allen, head of professional services in Amazon Web Services' automotive practice, said in a telephone interview. "The takeaway message on this is if you go to CES this year we really are taking it as a 'One Amazon' view." Until now, Amazon has shown its transportation strategy to investors—and rivals—one piece at a time. Amazon has invested in self-driving software startup Aurora. It also has signed deals with automakers to deliver packages to vehicle trunks, help develop electric vehicle charging networks and use AWS to network their factories.

### 8. Answer: B

The National Company Law Appellate Tribunal (NCLAT) on Monday dismissed a review petition filed by the Registrar of Companies (RoC) seeking amendments to its 18 December judgement on the Tata-Mistry dispute. "No ground is made out to amend the judgment dated 18th December, 2019, in absence of any factual or legal error apparent on the body of the aforesaid judgement," the NCLAT bench said. In its earlier judgement, the appeals court had said that the RoC's decision to convert Tata Sons Ltd from a public company to a private entity was "illegal". Therefore, Tata Sons' reversal of status to a public company following the NCLAT judgement stands.

### 9. Explanation



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**Answer: D**

Telcos, struggling with falling revenue amid a hyper-competitive market, have sought a reduction in levies, including licence fees and spectrum usage charges, besides avenues to mobilize cheaper funds to improve infrastructure. During Monday's pre-budget consultations with the department of telecommunications, operators also sought the abolition of customs duties for 4G/5G-related network products, and a temporary halt to collection of universal services obligation fund (USOF) fee from telecom companies. "Telecom companies have raised the issue of a cut in licence fee, and have sought a line of credit in the meeting. We have asked telecom companies to submit their response by tomorrow evening and we will take up these issues with the finance ministry soon," a DoT official said, requesting anonymity.

**10. Answer: C**

The flip-flopping statements on what transpired, the closed-door trial that led to this week's court verdict, and the resolute denial that Mr. bin Salman or Mr. al-Qahtani had masterminded this scheme, have done much to degrade the Saudi regime's overall credibility. Subsequent reports by CIA and UN experts found it "inconceivable that an operation of this scale could be implemented without the Crown Prince being aware, at a minimum, that some sort of mission of a criminal nature, directed at Mr. Khashoggi, was being launched." There

has also been political blowback against Riyadh: in December 2018 a bipartisan group of U.S. Senators introduced a sharply-worded resolution rebuking Mr. bin Salman for being "complicit" in the assassination, despite resistance from the White House.

**11. Answer: D**

Concerns about the future of democracy and democratic traditions are, no doubt, growing across the world.

**12. Answer: A**

The reiteration by the President of an essential truth came not a moment too soon. Concerns are increasingly being voiced by different segments of people regarding violations of the Constitution by those in authority.

**13. Answer: C**

The reiteration by the President of an essential truth came not a moment too soon.

**14. Answer: A**

On the occasion of Constitution Day, at a joint sitting of Parliament to mark the 70th anniversary of the adoption of the Constitution, President Ram Nath Kovind, (quoting B.R. Ambedkar) made a significant observation that all three organs of the state, persons occupying constitutional posts, civil society members, and citizens should abide by 'constitutional morality'.

**15. Answer: D**

On the occasion of Constitution Day, at a joint sitting of Parliament to mark the 70th anniversary of the adoption

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of the Constitution, President Ram Nath Kovind, (quoting B.R. Ambedkar) made a significant observation that all three organs of the state, persons occupying constitutional posts.

**16. Answer: B**

On the occasion of Constitution Day, at a joint sitting of Parliament to mark the 70th anniversary of the adoption of the Constitution.

**17. Answer: A**

According to the Internet Shutdown Tracker, an interactive portal, the net has been switched off 95 times already this year. The count was 134 in 2018. These statistics should alarm us. The objective of such digital blackouts, as the government often says, is to block the spread of fake news and rumours, and contain the spread of violence. But snap-offs impose economic costs. According to a study by the Indian Council for Research on International Economic Relations, between 2012 and 2017, India lost an average of \$186,332 per hour on account of net shutdowns. For a country aiming to become a \$5-trillion economy and wanting to ride the information wave, that's a cause for worry.

**18. Answer: C**

The US Federal Reserve was the first central bank that attempted such an exercise of buying and selling government securities at the same time. This happened in 1961. At that time, the "twist" was a new dance craze

sparked by singer Chubby Checker. Since then the name for such an exercise carried out by a central bank has stuck. Much later, Operation Twist was tried in the US in the aftermath of the financial crisis. In this case, the Federal Reserve purchased government securities with maturities varying from six years to 30 years and sold government securities with maturities of three years or less.

**19. Answer: E**

Politics is the art of the possible, and rather than loud campaigns, Indian leaders are now increasingly turning to marketing firms with dozens of well-paid influencers who use technology and network to subtly get the message through to voters. The shift in communication strategy also comes following a recent ban on political messages on Twitter and Tiktok, as well as a taboo around political advertising on social media. Since it is early days yet, the payback is sometimes linked to success of campaigns with only a portion paid up front. While smaller firms earn around Rs. 5-10 lakh, bigger firms are billing political clients in crores for campaigns that can run up to a year, said people familiar with the matter.

**20. Answer: B**

I like to start off my day with some time to myself, so I wake up by 6.00 am—before everyone else at home. After that, according to my mood, I either meditate, do some yoga, step out for a walk or go gymming. I ensure I have

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a wholesome breakfast, usually consisting of besan or moong dal chillas, oats, or scrambled eggs with multigrain toast. Around 45 minutes of either yoga or brisk walking are an integral part of my daily workout regimen. I did some running when I participated in the Standard Chartered Half Marathon in 2017, but I've not been able to make it a part of my exercise routine. I think every fitness programme has its benefits, but I avoid fads like Keto diet and other extreme health plans.

**21. Answer: D**

In part B, we cannot use 'beach' for Goa and Kerala both. Rather we need to replace it with 'beaches'. This is because both the beaches of Goa and Kerala are clearly mentioned here.

**22. Answer: E**

The given sentence does not have any error.

**23. Answer: A**

In part B, use 'was' in place of 'were'. Here the subject (the church) is singular and hence we cannot use 'were'.

**24. Answer: A**

In part C, in place of 'having suffered', use 'have suffered'. If we do not use the present perfect tense, the sentence becomes grammatically incorrect.

**25. Answer: D**

In part C, 'improving average' is wrongly used. Replace it with 'improved average' to make the given sentence grammatically correct.

**26. Answer: E**

The given sentence does not have any error.

**27. Answer: C**

Use 'treatment' instead of 'treat' in part D of the given sentence, in order to make it grammatically correct.

**28. Answer: C**

In part D, in place of 'to allow', use 'allow'. Here if we use 'allow' the sentence becomes grammatically incorrect and hence makes no sense.

**29. Answer: C**

have contributed to

Option C has the grammatically correct form of the phrasal verb for the statement.

**Option A) is incorrect;** 'has' cannot be used for plural entities.

**Option B) is incorrect;** a helping verb 'have' is missing here.

**Option D) is correct;** there is no preposition to link it to the 2<sup>nd</sup> part of the statement.

**30. Answer: C**

Evident from a few

Option C has the grammatically correct form of the phrasal verb for the statement.

**Option A) is incorrect;** 'evidence' is an abstract noun, while we require a verb in that place.

**Option B) is incorrect;** 'a few' is grammatically correct- a few, a little etc. these are all correct form of phrases.



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**Option D) is correct;** 'evident with' has a grammatically erroneous of preposition.

31. **Answer: E**

No replacement required

The statement is grammatically and contextually correct.

So no error is there.

32. **Answer: C**

summed up

Option C has the grammatically correct form of the phrasal verb for the statement.

**Option A) is incorrect;** it has a grammatically erroneous form of verb.

**Option B) is incorrect;** 'summing up on' has a grammatically erroneous of preposition.

**Option D) is incorrect;** 'summed into' has a grammatically erroneous of preposition

33. No replacement required

The statement is grammatically and contextually correct.

So no error is there.

34. **Answer: C.**

In sentence I we should use 'access' in place of assess. Access refers to reach of something or entry to something where as assess refers to examine someone which is contextually wrong. Also 'analysis' should be used in place of 'analyse' in the sentence. Analyse is a verb and analysis is a noun. The noun form is supposed to be used in the sentence. The corrected sentence is "We believe

everyone deserves access to information that's grounded in science and truth, and analysis rooted in authority and integrity." In sentence II, phrase 'due to' is wrongly used as a connector. The connector should be something like 'regardless of' or 'in spite of'. The corrected sentence should be "That's why we made a different choice: to keep our reporting open for all readers, regardless of where they live or what they can afford to pay." Sentence III, incorrect pronoun is used. In the sentence it should be 'free of' instead of 'free in' which is an incorrect pronoun to use. The corrected sentence will be "The Guardian has no shareholders or billionaire owner, meaning our journalism is free of bias and vested interests – this makes us different." Sentence IV is grammatically and contextually correct.

So, the correct option is C.

35. **Answer: D.**

Sentence II uses a plural verb show to describe a single entity. The history of human dreaming is a single thing which takes a singular verb shows. So, the sentence is wrong. The sentence should be "The history of human dreaming shows time and again, how dreamers have come to a new understanding about themselves and their world through the processing of their night time minds." Sentence III has a contextual error. The sixth word of the sentence has been mis-spelt or a completely out-of-context word 'metal' is used instead of 'mental'. As we

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can notice from the sentences clearly that dreaming is a 'mental' activity not 'metal' activity. So, the corrected sentence will be "Dreams have proven to be mental activities on which humans have come to a novel idea, a much-needed methodology, and a revolutionary way of perception." The other sentences are correct contextually and grammatically.

### 36. Answer: B

All the sentences are grammatically and contextually correct. So, the correct option is B.

### 37. Answer: C.

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So, the correct option is C.

### 38. Answer: A

fragment I is incorrect as it uses *with* after 'distinction', it is incorrect preposition and should be replaced with *between* to infer two components.

Fragment IV is incorrect as it uses *outputs*, it is incorrect form, and should get replaced with *output*.

Fragments II and III are errorless

Therefore, option A is the correct answer.

### 39. Answer: D

fragment I is incorrect as it uses *for steel producers*, it is incorrect preposition and should be replaced with *of*.

Fragment II is incorrect as it uses *in ferrous*, it is incorrect preposition and should be replaced with *of*.

Fragments III and IV are error-less.

Therefore, option D is the correct answer.

### 40. Answer: A

Statement **b** is incorrect as 'would fit in' should be replaced with 'would fit into'.

Statement **c** is incorrect as 'might meant' should be replaced with 'might mean'.

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41. **Answer: D**

Statement **b** is incorrect as 'prove results' should be replaced with 'proven results'.

Statement **d** is incorrect as 'and' should be replaced with 'but'.

42. **Answer: E**

Statement **a** is incorrect as 'has been sing' should be replaced with 'has been sung'.

Statement **b** is incorrect as 'complaint for' should be replaced with 'complaint by'.

43. **Answer: C**

All sentences are correct

44. **Answer: B**

Statement **a** is incorrect as 'stretched in' should be replaced with 'stretched out'.

Statement **c** is incorrect as 'before pull' should be replaced with 'before pulling'.

45. **Answer: A**

Statement **b** is incorrect as 'which' should be replaced with 'who'.

Statement **c** is incorrect as 'manufacture' should be replaced with 'manufacturing'.

46. **Answer: A**

The statement is grammatically and contextually correct and meaningful. So, no error is there.

47. **Answer: B**

Option A) is incorrect; 'significance' is incorrect as we need an adjective here, instead of a noun.

Option C) is incorrect; because 'significance' is incorrect as we need an adjective here, instead of a noun.

Option D) is incorrect; because 'has been' incorrect, we have to define the 'impact', and not the 'generation'.

48. **Answer: C**

Option A) is incorrect; because this does not make a grammatically correct sentence.

Option B) is incorrect; the form of preposition used is incorrect, 'to setting' is wrong.

Option D) is incorrect; because the form of preposition 'of' used is incorrect.

49. **Answer: B**

The statement is grammatically and contextually correct and meaningful. So, no error is there.

50. **Answer: C**

Option A) is incorrect; because the form of verb 'watched' is incorrectly used here.

Option B) is incorrect; since the form of verb 'watched' is incorrectly used here.

Option D) is incorrect; because the sentence is grammatically incorrect; use 'I am'.





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