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Directions (1-50): In the question below is a statement followed by two conclusions numbered I and II. You have to assume everything in the statement to be true, then consider the two conclusions together and decide which of them logically follows beyond a reasonable doubt from the information given in the statement.

1). Statement: Sadly, because of the pandemic that interrupted Liverpool's charge to the title, the fans missed out on what would have been a momentous night at Anfield stadium.

Conclusions:

I. Due to the covid-19 pandemic, fans were not allowed to enter the stadium.

II. Liverpool would have won the title earlier but matches were suspended due to the covid-19 pandemic.

- a) Only conclusion I follows
- b) Only conclusion II follows
- c) Neither I nor II follows
- d) Both I and II follow

2). Statement: Every year, lakhs and lakhs of people are left homeless due to the floods in Assam.

Conclusions:

I. Assam receives very heavy rainfall every year in monsoon season.

II. Assam is having shortage of dams and barrages.

- a) Only conclusion I follows
- b) Only conclusion II follows
- c) Neither I nor II follows
- d) Both I and II follow

3). Statement: Chinese forces remain ensconced several KMs inside Indian Territory in both Pangong lake and Depsang.

Conclusions:

I. There have been incursions into Indian territory by Chinese armed forces in multiple locations.

II. India is facing a serious border situation.

- a) Only conclusion I follows
- b) Only conclusion II follows
- c) Neither I nor II follows
- d) Both I and II follow

4). Statement: With the cases of coronavirus spiralling upwards ever since lockdown norms were relaxed, several states are going back to strict lockdowns for limited periods to curb the spread of the infection.

Conclusions:

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I. Despite lockdown, coronavirus cases have continued to increase.

II. Strict enforcement of lockdown is able to contain the spread of coronavirus.

- a) Only conclusion I follows
- b) Only conclusion II follows
- c) Neither I nor II follows
- d) Both I and II follow

5). Statement: England have been bolstered by the return of Joffra Archer from suspension for the final test. Archer was suspended for violating covid-19 protection norms and missed the 2nd test although his absence didn't affect England's performance as it was feared.

Conclusions:

I. Archer was suspended for applying saliva to the ball in contradiction of new playing rules brought on by the covid-19 pandemic.

II. England were able to secure a favourable result in the second test match.

- a) Only conclusion I follows
- b) Only conclusion II follows
- c) Neither I nor II follows
- d) Both I and II follow

6). Statement: Tea estates across Dooars are also facing prolonged power cuts due to the heavy rain and water logging which is hampering tea production.

Conclusions:

I. Dooars is being slashed by heavy rainfall.

II. Without continuous electricity, operations of tea garden is difficult.

- a) Only conclusion I follows
- b) Only conclusion II follows
- c) Neither I nor II follows
- d) Both I and II follow

7). Statement: Double decker buses were introduced in Calcutta in 1926 and became a popular means of public transport but were decommissioned from service in the 1990s.

Conclusions:

I. Double decker buses were in operation in Calcutta for about 70 years.

II. Double decker bus service was closed down to becoming financially non-viable.

- a) Only conclusion I follows
- b) Only conclusion II follows
- c) Neither I nor II follows
- d) Both I and II follow

8). Statement: While most of the attention India's fight against novel Coronavirus is understandably directed at states like Maharashtra, Karnataka or Andhra Pradesh, which have very high caseloads, what has been of equal concern is the fact that the disease has become quite widespread in the relatively smaller states as well.

Conclusions:

I. Coronavirus infection has spread to both large and small Indian states.

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II. Although smaller states are also witnessing rapid spread of coronavirus, the same is not receiving sufficient coverage.

- a) Only conclusion I follows
- b) Only conclusion II follows
- c) Neither I nor II follows
- d) Both I and II follow

9). Statement: L&T said that its revenues were impacted by the nationwide lockdown that halted manufacturing and construction activities, created a labour crunch and disrupted the supply chain ecosystem.

Conclusions:

I. L & T's business volumes were adversely affected due to the nationwide lockdown.

II. The lockdown had a negative impact on manufacturing and construction sectors.

- a) Only conclusion I follows
- b) Only conclusion II follows
- c) Neither I nor II follows
- d) Both I and II follow

10). Statement: In Siberia and across much of the Arctic, profound changes are unfolding more rapidly than scientists anticipated only a few years ago.

Conclusions:

I. Global temperatures are rising worrisomely.
II. Rate of climate change is getting accelerated in recent years in the Arctic.

- a) Only conclusion I follows
- b) Only conclusion II follows
- c) Neither I nor II follows

d) Both I and II follow

11). Statement: A former official who left the Trump administration last year said that Trump often pushed back on advisers who urged him to impose tougher punitive measures on China out of concern that it would jeopardize trade negotiations.

Conclusions:

I. President Trump desisted from tough punitive measures against China for fear of adverse impact on bilateral trade.

II. China holds the upper hand on bilateral trade terms with US.

- a) Only conclusion I follows
- b) Only conclusion II follows
- c) Neither I nor II follows
- d) Both I and II follow

12). Statement: Airlines are taking extreme measures to survive the pandemic, with Asiana Airlines Inc. flying the world's biggest commercial plane more than 20 times, going nowhere and carrying no passengers, just to keep trainee pilots certified.

Conclusions:

I. Aviation sector has been hit really hard due to the ongoing pandemic.

II. Asiana Airlines could go out of business as a result of the pandemic.

- a) Only conclusion I follows
- b) Only conclusion II follows
- c) Neither I nor II follows
- d) Both I and II follow

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13). Statement: Mr Jenner has dinner at 10 pm and went to sleep at 11.30 pm. He stays with his nephew in his house. The next morning, he was found dead in his bed by the nephew.

Conclusions: I. Mr Jenner's nephew had murdered Mr Jenner.

II. Mr Jenner had a rare heart condition.

- a) Only conclusion I follows
- b) Only conclusion II follows
- c) Neither I nor II follows
- d) Both I and II follow

14). Statement: Perforce, the army will need to remain deployed for long in large numbers at heights above 14,000 feet, even during the unforgiving winter, to deter China's People's Liberation Army (PLA) that is refusing to pull back from Indian territory it invaded in May.

Conclusions:

I. Chinese armed forces have violated the border arrangement between the two countries.

II. India will have to increase the strength of personnel deployment at the Chinese border.

- a) Only conclusion I follows
- b) Only conclusion II follows
- c) Neither I nor II follows
- d) Both I and II follow

15). Statement: The scientists have estimated that global average human-made seismic ambient noise dropped by 50% from March to May as people worked

from home, industrial activity and traffic reduce, fewer aircraft flew and tourism ceased.

Conclusions:

I. Human activities contribute to increase the ambient noise levels globally.

II. Such drop of noise levels have never been observed before.

- a) Only conclusion I follows
- b) Only conclusion II follows
- c) Neither I nor II follows
- d) Both I and II follow

16). Statement: Some police officers attributed the success of the lockdown to their persistent campaign over the past 48 hours. Others cited the huge police deployment since 530 am for the same.

Conclusions:

I. Lockdown cannot work without strict police action.

II. Public awareness campaigns and police presence both play a role in ensuring a successful lockdown.

- a) Only conclusion I follows
- b) Only conclusion II follows
- c) Neither I nor II follows
- d) Both I and II follow

17). Statement: Both Bharat Biotech and Zydus were granted permission for phase I and II clinical trials of covid-19 vaccine and administered first doses of their vaccine candidates to volunteers on July 15th.

Conclusions:

I. Bharat Biotech and Zydus have an edge over all other vaccine candidates globally.

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II. Vaccine development involves trials in two phases.

- a) Only conclusion I follows
- b) Only conclusion II follows
- c) Neither I nor II follows
- d) Both I and II follow

18). Statement: The covid-19 pandemic has sounded a possible death knell for many single screen movie halls across Bengal, said owners.

Conclusions:

I. Due to the covid-19 pandemic, several single screen movie halls in Bengal may be forced to close down.

II. The entertainment industry has been one of the worst affected due to the pandemic.

- a) Only conclusion I follows
- b) Only conclusion II follows
- c) Neither I nor II follows
- d) Both I and II follow

19). Statement: There will be “complete” lockdown in Barasat for seven days to reduce the spread of the coronavirus.

Conclusions:

I. The coronavirus has been spreading rapidly in Barasat

II. Other than essential services, the lockdown will have no exemptions and will be 100%.

- a) Only conclusion I follows
- b) Only conclusion II follows
- c) Neither I nor II follows
- d) Both I and II follow

20). Statement: Container trains save time and trade costs apart from making trade safer and more organized.

Conclusions:

I. Despite their obvious advantages, container trains are not used sufficiently

II. Container trains have obvious advantages over most other forms of cargo transportation

- a) Only conclusion I follows
- b) Only conclusion II follows
- c) Neither I nor II follows
- d) Both I and II follow

21). Statement: With Chinese reluctance to step back further from Pangong Tso and Patrolling Point 17A at Gogra stalling the disengagement of troops along the Line of Actual Control in Ladakh, Indian and Chinese diplomats held talks Friday, and New Delhi said both sides agreed on “early and complete disengagement”.

Conclusions:

I. Despite not reaching agreement on border tension de-escalation, high level talks between India and China have been progressing.

II. It is believed that a breakthrough in the talks is near

- a) Only conclusion I follows
- b) Only conclusion II follows
- c) Neither I nor II follows
- d) Both I and II follow

22). Statement: The United States announced Friday it will not take in any new foreign students seeking online-only study, after rescinding a hotly contested order to

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expel those already here and preparing for that because of the pandemic.

Conclusions:

I. Non US citizens who are already pursuing such courses will have to drop out.

II. Courses which are offered online only will be reserved for American citizens only going forward.

- a) Only conclusion I follows
- b) Only conclusion II follows
- c) Neither I nor II follows
- d) Both I and II follow

23). Statement: Pandemic induced lockdown roiled the revenue from the cigarette, hotel and paper & paperboard businesses during the first quarter of the fiscal for ITC Ltd that posted a 14.29 dip in total income and 25.5 percent fall in net profits despite 61.5 percent jump in profitability in its non-tobacco FMCG businesses.

Conclusions:

I. ITC Ltd is a conglomerate with presence in several businesses.

II. Overall as an entity, it is much more dependant on cigarette, hotels etc. for profitability than on non-tobacco FMCG businesses

- a) Only conclusion I follows
- b) Only conclusion II follows
- c) Neither I nor II follows
- d) Both I and II follow

24). Statement: Homemade face masks should ideally be made from multiple layers of fabric to trap the viral-

laden droplets from the nose and mouth associated with the spread of Covid-19, a study found.

Conclusions:

I. Homemade masks are more effective than ones sold at chemist shops in preventing spread of covid-19.

II. Masks are 100% effective in protection from covid-19

- a) Only conclusion I follows
- b) Only conclusion II follows
- c) Neither I nor II follows
- d) Both I and II follow

25). Statement: Ollie Pope and Jos Buttler made their first big scores of the series in putting together an unbeaten stand of 136 runs to rebuild England's innings against the West Indies on day one of the deciding test that started on Friday.

Conclusions:

I. West Indies dominated the day's play.

II. England were in trouble before Ollie Pope and Jos Buttler came together.

- a) Only conclusion I follows
- b) Only conclusion II follows
- c) Neither I nor II follows
- d) Both I and II follow

26). Statement: Hurricane Douglas, the strongest storm on the planet right now, is approaching the Hawaii Islands but is forecast to weaken considerably before it reaches the chain this weekend.

Conclusions:

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I. Devastation to Hawaii from hurricane Douglas may not be as bad as originally feared.

II. Douglas is the strongest storm to hit Hawaii this year.

- a) Only conclusion I follows
- b) Only conclusion II follows
- c) Neither I nor II follows
- d) Both I and II follow

27). Statement: Intel was one of the worst-performing stocks on Friday morning, falling as much as 18% after the company announced its next-generation chips will be delayed indefinitely.

Conclusions:

I. Intel's commercial future is highly dependent on the introduction of next-generation chips.

II. Intel's competition have surged ahead on the question of next generation chips.

- a) Only conclusion I follows
- b) Only conclusion II follows
- c) Neither I nor II follows
- d) Both I and II follow

28). Statement: Celebrations got underway as Liverpool captain Jordan Henderson lifted the trophy on a specially built podium on Anfield's Kop after the match as ticker tape fell on the players and fireworks lit up the night sky.

Conclusions:

I. Liverpool's success was long awaited and hence special.

II. Special celebration arrangements had been made in anticipation of Liverpool winning the trophy.

- a) Only conclusion I follows
- b) Only conclusion II follows
- c) Neither I nor II follows
- d) Both I and II follow

29). Statement: The United States (US) said on Thursday it had intercepted an Iranian passenger plane as it flew over Syria, after Iranian state television accused Israel of being behind the encounter.

Conclusions:

I. The US has objections to Iranian aircraft using Syrian air space.

II. Iran and Israel have unfriendly relations.

- a) Only conclusion I follows
- b) Only conclusion II follows
- c) Neither I nor II follows
- d) Both I and II follow

30). Statement: In 2010, Washington and Moscow signed the New START, which stipulates the limits to the numbers of deployed nuclear warheads and strategic delivery systems by both.

Conclusions:

I. The use of nuclear weapons by USA and Russia is subject to an agreement between both countries.

II. Russia has been accused of not following the agreement stipulating use of nuclear weapons governing itself and USA.

- a) Only conclusion I follows

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- b) Only conclusion II follows
- c) Neither I nor II follows
- d) Both I and II follow

31). Statement: The domestic banking sector could be staring at a spike in their bad loans this fiscal as indicated by the stress tests of the RBI with the central bank on Friday projecting the gross NPA ratio of banks to rise to 14.7 % by March 2021.

Conclusions:

I. The RBI is concerned about the immediate future of India's banking system.

II. Banks are expected to be highly cautious in disbursal of loans in the coming days.

- a) Only conclusion I follows
- b) Only conclusion II follows
- c) Neither I nor II follows
- d) Both I and II follow

32). Statement: So far New South Wales has resisted returning to a harder lockdown, with case numbers much lower than Victoria, and more success in tracing cases to known outbreaks.

Conclusions:

I. Anti-pandemic measures are proportional to spread and severity of the infection.

II. Tracing of cases is important for containing the spread of the infection.

- a) Only conclusion I follows
- b) Only conclusion II follows
- c) Neither I nor II follows

- d) Both I and II follow

33). Statement: Analysts argue that there is no way the satellite imagery would not have revealed the massive PLA exercise on the Tibetan plateau close to the LAC January onwards, that also included howitzers, Type-15 light tanks and assorted multiple rocket launchers, all of which failed to return to base once the manoeuvres had been completed.

Conclusions:

I. The PLA was involved in massive exercises on the Tibetan plateau since beginning of the year.

II. It was impossible for Indian agencies to detect the motive behind such activities.

- a) Only conclusion I follows
- b) Only conclusion II follows
- c) Neither I nor II follows
- d) Both I and II follow

34). Statement: Amala Shankar won many recognitions and prestigious awards for her extraordinary feat in the field of dancing. In 1991, she was conferred the Padma Bhushan.

Conclusions:

I. Amala Shankar was one of the top dance proponents to be born in India.

II. Amala Shankar's success opened up opportunities in the field of dance for other women.

- a) Only conclusion I follows
- b) Only conclusion II follows
- c) Neither I nor II follows

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d) Both I and II follow

35). Statement: Despite a blanket ban on fires inside the Amazon rain forest, images released by Greenpeace International reveal that fires to illegally clear green cover to carry out commercial activities has been ongoing without much hindrance in Brazil.

Conclusions:

I. Forest fires are an annual occurrence in the Amazon rainforests.

II. Brazil government's ban on illegal wildfires has not been enough to prevent such occurrences on the ground.

a) Only conclusion I follows

b) Only conclusion II follows

c) Neither I nor II follows

d) Both I and II follow

36). Statement: Australia is known for a large number of unprovoked shark encounters with humans and Saturday's attack was the country's 10th so far in 2020, according to data published by the Taronga Conservation Society.

Conclusions:

I. Australia is the only country which faces the hazard of shark attack on swimmers.

II. The Australian government is accused of not taking sufficient measures to protect swimmers from shark attacks.

a) Only conclusion I follows

b) Only conclusion II follows

c) Neither I nor II follows

d) Both I and II follow

37). Statement: The eagerly awaited Indian Premier League (IPL) is now slated to start from Sep-19th in the UAE, but closed-door matches with no stadium attendance are likely to hit revenues of official broadcaster STAR India.

Conclusions:

I. Current conditions in India are not favorable for organization of large sports events.

II. It is feared that with matches set to be held without audiences, the same is likely to affect television viewership of the event.

a) Only conclusion I follows

b) Only conclusion II follows

c) Neither I nor II follows

d) Both I and II follow

38). Statement: As the level of floodwater continues to rise in Bihar, train services were suspended between Sugauli-Majhowalia section due to overflowing of water at bridge no 248, said the Indian railways.

Conclusions:

I. Rising river water levels pose a major risk to train travel.

II. Some parts of Bihar are receiving excessive rainfall right now.

a) Only conclusion I follows

b) Only conclusion II follows

c) Neither I nor II follows

d) Both I and II follow

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39). Statement: An accident at the blowout natural gas well in eastern Assam's Baghjan on Wednesday left three of the six foreign experts, flown in more than a month ago to control the disaster, injured.

Conclusions:

I. This is not the first time team trying to control the blowout have suffered casualties.

II. The disaster at the Baghjan oil field has not been controlled in over a month's time.

a) Only conclusion I follows

b) Only conclusion II follows

c) Neither I nor II follows

d) Both I and II follow

40). Statement: Ethiopia sees the hydroelectric project as crucial for its economic growth and a vital source of energy but Egypt and Sudan, which are downstream, fear the \$4bn (£3bn) dam will greatly reduce their access to water.

Conclusions:

I. Ethiopia and Egypt & Sudan are at loggerheads over construction of a dam by Ethiopia.

II. The dam project is vital for Ethiopian people.

a) Only conclusion I follows

b) Only conclusion II follows

c) Neither I nor II follows

d) Both I and II follow

41). Statement: Indoor gyms, swimming pools and sports facilities in England have started to reopen in the latest easing of the coronavirus lockdown.

Conclusions:

I. The coronavirus situation in England is much improved than what it was sometime ago.

II. There is no fear of coronavirus anymore in England.

a) Only conclusion I follows

b) Only conclusion II follows

c) Neither I nor II follows

d) Both I and II follow

42). Statement: With the presidential elections 100 days away, this unsettled atmosphere is seen in diametrically opposite ways by people on other side of it.

Conclusions:

I. The USA is facing internal disturbances in an election year.

II. The disturbances are raging for several months.

a) Only conclusion I follows

b) Only conclusion II follows

c) Neither I nor II follows

d) Both I and II follow

43). Statement: To counter these poor poll results, Trump had made some changes to his campaign management earlier this month with Bill Stepien replaced by Brad Parscale as Trump's top advisor heading into the elections.

Conclusions:

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I. Donald Trump has given up in his bid to get re-elected to the White House.

II. Donald Trump's re-election bid is struggling on date.

- a) Only conclusion I follows
- b) Only conclusion II follows
- c) Neither I nor II follows
- d) Both I and II follow

44). Statement: Israel will soon send a high level research delegation to India to conduct a series of "final stages of testing" as part of the joint effort to develop the rapid testing kits for COVID-19 .

Conclusions:

I. India and Israel are co-working in several sectors like defense, aeronautics and health & healthcare.

II. India is dependent on Israel for development of rapid testing kits for Covid-19.

- a) Only conclusion I follows
- b) Only conclusion II follows
- c) Neither I nor II follows
- d) Both I and II follow

45). Statement: Sikkim, a state that was untouched by the novel coronavirus pandemic until recently is now witnessing a sharp rise in confirmed cases of infection with the geography of the state posing a major obstacle in delivering healthcare on time.

Conclusions:

- I. Sikkim is one of the smallest states of India.
- II. Many parts of Sikkim are remote with difficult accessibility.

- a) Only conclusion I follows
- b) Only conclusion II follows
- c) Neither I nor II follows
- d) Both I and II follow

46). Statement: Construction of dams has led to obstruction of the natural flow of the river and further accentuated flood situations in many cases.

Conclusions:

I. Construction of dams has backfired leading to more flood occurrences in many cases.

II. Dams are the only way to prevent flooding of river banks.

- a) Only conclusion I follows
- b) Only conclusion II follows
- c) Neither I nor II follows
- d) Both I and II follow

47). Statement: Interestingly, nature has shaped the Sunderban tigers by lending them unique traits not seen in tigers elsewhere so that they can thrive in their ruthless habitat.

Conclusions:

I. The Sunderban tigers are distinctive from tiger populations anywhere else.

II. The tigers of Sunderban have to contend with a difficult living environment.

- a) Only conclusion I follows
- b) Only conclusion II follows
- c) Neither I nor II follows
- d) Both I and II follow

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48). Statement: The field staff of Kerala Forest Department alleged that working regulations that have been in effect for other uniformed services like the police, the Fire Force and the Excise Department haven't been implemented in the Forest Department.

Conclusions:

I. Forest department staff allege that they are facing discrimination.

II. There has been discontentment among Kerala Forest department staff for a long time

- a) Only conclusion I follows
- b) Only conclusion II follows
- c) Neither I nor II follows
- d) Both I and II follow

49). Statement: Countries around the world are reimposing lockdowns and implementing new health checks at their borders in an effort to curb a resurgence of the coronavirus before it spins even further out of control.

Conclusions:

I. The coronavirus infection is likely to recur in places thought to be freed of the disease.

II. Many governments are being cautious in their handling of the pandemic.

- a) Only conclusion I follows
- b) Only conclusion II follows
- c) Neither I nor II follows
- d) Both I and II follow

50). Statement: A group of female celebrities including tennis star Serena Williams and led by Hollywood star Natalie Portman has founded a women's professional soccer team set to debut in 2022, the women's pro soccer league said Tuesday.

Conclusions:

I. Serena Williams and Natalie Portman are owners of the first women's soccer team in USA.

II. Prominent female celebrities have come together to form a new women's soccer team.

- a) Only conclusion I follows
- b) Only conclusion II follows
- c) Neither I nor II follows
- d) Both I and II follow

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ANSWERS

1) Answer: D

Solution: Conclusion I follows because it is mentioned in the statement that the fans missed out on being part of the celebrations due to fears of the pandemic. It is also mentioned that Liverpool's winning journey was interrupted due to the pandemic – which would imply that the matches were suspended. So conclusion II also follows.

Therefore option D is the correct answer choice to this question.

2) Answer: A

Solution: Conclusion I follows because it is mentioned in the statement that every year Assam floods lead to large of people becoming homeless. Very heavy rainfall is the primary reason for floods. So it is a logical conclusion. But the conclusion II is erroneous because no where in the given statement is such a thing referred to. It is possible for a state to have sufficient number of dams and barrages but still facing flood scenario.

Therefore option A is the correct answer choice to this question.

3) Answer: D

Solution: Conclusion I follows because it is mentioned in the statement that Chinese forces are several KMs inside Indian territory in two places. Having a neighbouring country's army enter Indian territories is obviously a worrisome border situation. So, conclusion II also follows.

Therefore option D is the correct answer choice to this question.

4) Answer: B

Solution: The statement says that the cases of coronavirus have gone up since lockdown norms were relaxed. Therefore, it stands to logic that such increase was contained when lockdown was in place. Hence, conclusion I is erroneous. On the other hand, states are reinforcing lockdown to prevent rapid spread of infection. This would imply that earlier experience with lockdown was positive. Thus, conclusion II is logical.

Therefore option B is the correct answer choice to this question.

5) Answer: B

Solution: The statement says that Joffra Archer was suspended due to violation of covid-19 protection norms. But it doesn't specify the exact nature of his offense. Therefore, conclusion I will be erroneous basis available information. The last part of the 2nd sentence mentions that Archer's absence didn't have the kind of impact on team performance as feared. This would mean that despite Archer not playing, England were able to secure a favourable result. Therefore, conclusion II is logical and correct.

Therefore option B is the correct answer choice to this question.

6) Answer: D

Solution: Conclusion I is correct as the statement mentions heavy rains in Dooars affecting tea gardens. On the other hand, it is also mentioned that tea garden operations getting hampered due to prolonged power cuts. So, conclusion II is also correct.

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Therefore option D is the correct answer choice to this question.

7) Answer: A

Solution: Conclusion I is correct as the statement mentions that double decker buses were introduced on 1926 and decommissioned in 1990s – making their duration of operation around 70 years. However, the statement doesn't mention any reason for closure of double decker bus service. Hence, conclusion II is not correct basis given information.

Therefore option A is the correct answer choice to this question.

8) Answer: D

Solution: Conclusion I is correct as the statement mentions the infection has affected both large states and smaller states. The first part of the statement also says that most of the attention has been focused on big states like Maharashtra, Karnataka or Andhra Pradesh. Thus it is fair to conclude that spread of infection in smaller states is receiving less attention comparatively. Hence, conclusion II is also logical.

Therefore option D is the correct answer choice to this question.

9) Answer: D

Solution: Conclusion I is logical as the statement mentions it explicitly. Given that a nationwide lockdown was in place, it is not incorrect to assume that the disruption in manufacturing and construction activities was not limited to L&T only but also impacted other players in the sector. Hence, conclusion II is also correct.

Therefore option D is the correct answer choice to this question.

10) Answer: B

Solution: Conclusion I is not correct as there is no mention of global temperature rise in the given statement. Conclusion II is correct as it is alluded to in the statement.

Therefore option B is the correct answer choice to this question.

11) Answer: A

Solution: Conclusion I is correct as the given statement makes a mention of the fact that President Trump pushed back advisors recommending strict penalties on China. But there is no reference to China having any advantage over USA in bilateral trade. Hence, we cannot make conclusion II from this statement.

Therefore option A is the correct answer choice to this question.

12) Answer: A

Solution: Conclusion I is correct since the statement opens with the words that airlines are having to resort to drastic measures to survive the ongoing pandemic. However, the statement doesn't make any mention of Asiana Airlines facing closure as a result of the pandemic. Hence, conclusion II is not correct.

Therefore option A is the correct answer choice to this question.

13) Answer: C

Solution: Here, we cannot conclude either conclusion I or II from the given statement. The cause of Mr Jenner's

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death is actually unknown and not much information regarding it, is given.

Therefore option C is the correct answer choice to this question.

14) Answer: D

Solution: Conclusion I is correct as the statement mentions that Chinese forces are refusing to withdraw from Indian territories which they have wrongfully entered in May. Conclusion II is also correct as it as we can make out that due to the Chinese incursions, the Indian army will have to deploy in higher numbers to ensure no further incursions happen.

Therefore option D is the correct answer choice to this question.

15) Answer: A

Solution: Conclusion I is correct as it is mentioned that ambient noise dropped by 50% due to reduction in different human activities. Thus, it is fair to conclude the reverse. But conclusion II cannot be drawn from the given statement.

Therefore option A is the correct answer choice to this question.

16) Answer: B

Solution: The statement is in form of an expression of opinions. Hence, to draw conclusion I basis it is not entirely correct. Conclusion II on the other hand does follow since the two opinions expressed do mention making people aware and large police deployment as possible explanations of success of lockdown.

Therefore option B is the correct answer choice to this question.

17) Answer: C

Solution: The statement mentions that two companies – Bharat Biotech and Zydus have received permission for covid-19 vaccine trialing. However, it doesn't make any mention of other possible candidates for the vaccine. Hence, with this limited information, it would be erroneous to conclude that these 2 cos. have an edge. On the other hand, while the statement does mention two phases of trial, it doesn't state that there are “only” two phases of vaccine trial. Hence we cannot make a conclusion that vaccine development involves two stages/phases. Thus, neither of the conclusions given is correct.

Therefore option C is the correct answer choice to this question.

18) Answer: A

Solution: Conclusion I is correct as the statement quotes hall owners as saying that the pandemic could be a possible “death knell” for the single screen halls. *Death knell* means the tolling of a bell to signify someones death which in this case would be equivalent to the halls closing down. But conclusion II is not correct as there is insufficient information to make such an inference.

Therefore option A is the correct answer choice to this question.

19) Answer: D

Solution: Conclusion I is correct as the stated purpose of the lockdown is to contain the spread of coronavirus. It is logical to infer that this decision is arrived at post observing a rapid spread in the infection. With its emphasis on “complete”, it is logical to infer that the

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lockdown will have very little exemption other than essential services. Hence, conclusion II is also correct.

Therefore option D is the correct answer choice to this question.

20) Answer: B

Solution: Conclusion I is not correct as the statement doesn't make any mention regarding usage and adoption of container trains. Only conclusion II is correct as multiple advantages of container trains is mentioned.

Therefore option B is the correct answer choice to this question.

21) Answer: D

Solution: While making note of Chinese reluctance to "pull-back" i.e. withdraw, the statement does talk about talks happening between diplomats from both countries. Hence, conclusion I is correct. Also, the statement ends with the information that the two parties have reached an agreement for "early and complete" disengagement. This implies that things are proceeding positively.

Therefore option D is the correct answer choice to this question.

22) Answer: B

Solution: Conclusion I is incorrect as the passage mentions explicitly that the government will not allow "new" students to join online-only courses. Which implies that existing students will not be affected. Conclusion II though is correct as with the new order, in the near future only American citizens can access online-only courses in the country.

Therefore option B is the correct answer choice to this question.

23) Answer: D

Solution: Conclusion I is correct as we learn from the statement that ITC Ltd has presence in several businesses. Conclusion II is also correct as we can see that despite a very significant jump in non-tobacco FMCG business' profitability, the overall profit position of the group has worsened considerably, thus indicating higher dependence on cigarette, hotels etc.

Therefore option D is the correct answer choice to this question.

24) Answer: C

Solution: None of the conclusions are correct. The statement says that homemade masks should be made from multiple layers of fabric to provide best possible protection from covid-19. However, it doesn't make any claim of homemade masks being better than those sold commercially. On the other hand, there is no claim either that only using a mask will keep a person safe from getting infected.

Therefore option C is the correct answer choice to this question.

25) Answer: B

Solution: Conclusion I is not correct as we can see that the two batsmen put on a big stand and remained unbeaten at end of day's play. So it cannot be said that West Indies dominated the play. On the other hand, there is mention of the partnership *rebuilding* the innings. Hence, it is logical to infer that West Indies were in trouble before Pope and Buttler came together.

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Therefore option B is the correct answer choice to this question.

26) Answer: A

Solution: The statement says that although currently very strong, the hurricane is expected to weaken considerably by the time it makes landfall. Hence, it is logical to conclude that the damage may not be as severe as thought if the hurricane didn't lose strength. So, conclusion I is correct. The statement only says that hurricane Douglas is the "strongest" storm right now on the planet – it makes no mention of any past storm to have hit Hawaii this year. So, conclusion II is not correct.

Therefore option A is the correct answer choice to this question.

27) Answer: A

Solution: Conclusion I is correct as it can be observed that the stocks of Intel on the exchange took a severe hit on the news that their launch of new-gen chips is indefinitely delayed, indicating the importance of the same for Intel's future. However, conclusion II is incorrect as there is no information to draw inference on Intel's competitive position.

Therefore option A is the correct answer choice to this question.

28) Answer: B

Solution: The statement only talks about celebrations in the stadium post Liverpool's victory and doesn't make any mention of Liverpool's success being awaited for a long time. Hence, conclusion I will be erroneous. Conclusion II is correct since we read about different types of celebrations for honoring Liverpool's victory.

Therefore option B is the correct answer choice to this question.

29) Answer: D

Solution: The fact that US officially announced that it used its aircraft to intercept an Iranian passenger jet flying over Syria shows that US has some reservations regarding the same. Hence, conclusion I is correct. On the other hand, Iran accusing Israel as the perpetrator of said incident shows that relationship between the two countries is uneasy. Thus, conclusion II is also correct.

Therefore option D is the correct answer choice to this question.

30) Answer: A

Solution: Conclusion I is correct as there is reference to a signed pact between the two nations imposing limits on number of nuclear warheads and delivery systems used by USA or Russia. But conclusion II is not correct as there is insufficient information to draw such an inference.

Therefore option A is the correct answer choice to this question.

31) Answer: D

Solution: Increase in non-performing assets (NPA) is not a positive sign for a bank. Hence, with the RBI's stress test indicating that such NPA is expected to go up, it is fair to infer that RBI's concern with the country's banking system is high right now. So, conclusion I is correct.

To minimize such NPAs, banks need to be extra vigilant in the loan disbursement process, establishing credibility of

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the loanee as much as possible. Thus, conclusion II is also correct.

Therefore option D is the correct answer choice to this question.

32) Answer: D

Solution: Conclusion I is correct as the statement says that New South Wales which has considerably lower number of cases than Victoria has not reverted to a harsh lockdown. Conclusion II can also termed to be correct since success in tracing cases is implied to be a factor in NSW being able to keep infection numbers lower than Victoria.

Therefore option D is the correct answer choice to this question.

33) Answer: A

Solution: Conclusion I is correct as the statement mentions that PLA undertook massive exercises near the LAC on the Tibetan plateau from January itself. It also says that analysts are of the view that satellite imagery would have clearly revealed such big scale of exercises. Also, it would have shown that once said exercises were complete, major weapons used in the exercise remained near the LAC and were not taken back to base thus indicating some kind of nefarious intent on part of the LAC. So, it was possible for Indian agencies to form some idea of such plans basis the satellite images. Hence, conclusion II is incorrect.

Therefore option A is the correct answer choice to this question.

34) Answer: A

Solution: Conclusion I is correct as the statement mentions Amala Shankar winning multiple accolades during her dancing career making her one of leading figures in the field. However, there is insufficient information to make conclusion II from the given statement.

Therefore option A is the correct answer choice to this question.

35) Answer: B

Solution: While forest fires are in general a regular feature in forests, this statement talks about fires set illegally by humans for commercial interests. So, conclusion I is not correct as far as this statement is concerned. Conclusion II is correct as the statement says that despite a ban in place from authorities, illegal fires have carried on pretty much same as pre-ban levels.

Therefore option B is the correct answer choice to this question.

36) Answer: C

Solution: While the statement does say that Australia is known for large scale shark attacks, it doesn't say that it is the only country facing such hazard. So conclusion I is not correct. Neither is conclusion II correct as there is no mention of Government activity or lack thereof in the statement.

Therefore option C is the correct answer choice to this question.

37) Answer: D

Solution: Conclusion I is correct as the statement mentions that this year's event will take place not in India but in UAE. Conclusion II is also correct since it is

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mentioned that revenues of the official TV broadcaster are likely to be hit adversely on account of close-door matches without audiences.

Therefore option D is the correct answer choice to this question.

38) Answer: D

Solution: Conclusion I is correct as there is mention of flood water overflowing a rail bridge thus leading to suspension of train services. On the other hand, given that train services are severely affected in a particular area does seem to indicate that the region is receiving heavy rainfall. Hence, making conclusion II also follows.

Therefore option D is the correct answer choice to this question.

39) Answer: B

Solution: Since the statement doesn't make any reference to past accidents, conclusion I is incorrect. Conclusion II is correct as it is said that the foreign experts were flown in more than one month ago to control the blowout thus indicating that the disaster has been uncontrolled for over a month.

Therefore option B is the correct answer choice to this question.

40) Answer: D

Solution: There is a clear conflict of interest since Ethiopia views the dam as crucial while Sudan and Egypt are sceptical of the same. So conclusion I is correct. Conclusion II is also correct since it is mentioned that the dam will be crucial for Ethiopia's economic growth thus implying its importance for the country's population.

Therefore option D is the correct answer choice to this question.

41) Answer: A

Solution: Conclusion I is correct since the fact that lockdown is being eased and indoor gyms, pools and sports facilities are being allowed to reopen is a sign of improvement of coronavirus situation. However, it is said that lockdown is eased but not entirely over implying that threat of coronavirus is still present. So, conclusion II is wrong.

Therefore option A is the correct answer choice to this question.

42) Answer: A

Solution: Conclusion I is correct if we combine two pieces of information – (i) unsettled atmosphere and (ii) presidential elections 100 days away. But conclusion II is not correct since there is no reference as to how said disturbances are ongoing.

Therefore option A is the correct answer choice to this question.

43) Answer: B

Solution: Poll results for the presidential elections have not been in favour of Donald Trump thus making conclusion II correct. But Trump has acted basis those poll results indicating that he is not ready to give up his re-election hopes yet. Hence conclusion I is incorrect.

Therefore option B is the correct answer choice to this question.

44) Answer: C

Solution: Conclusion I is incorrect since given statement only mentions joint research for developing rapid test kit

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for Covid-19. And while, the two countries are co-working, there is nothing in the given statement to indicate India's dependence on Israel. So conclusion II is also incorrect.

Therefore option C is the correct answer choice to this question.

45) Answer: B

Solution: The given statement says that coronavirus cases have suddenly increased in Sikkim but there is no reference to the size of the state. So conclusion I is incorrect. On the other hand the statement does say that the geography of Sikkim makes timely healthcare delivery a challenge – so it is logical to assume that many parts of the state are remotely located.

Therefore option B is the correct answer choice to this question.

46) Answer: A

Solution: The statement argues that while dam construction is believed to be essential for controlling of flooding, in reality the reverse has happened in many cases. Hence, conclusion I can be termed as logical. But conclusion II is erroneous as there is no such information available.

Therefore option A is the correct answer choice to this question.

47) Answer: D

Solution: Conclusion I is correct as the statement mentions that tigers of Sunderbans have certain unique traits not seen in other tiger populations. Conclusion II is also correct since the end of the statement mentions to

the “ruthless” habitat of the tigers, indicating the difficulty of their living environment.

Therefore option D is the correct answer choice to this question.

48) Answer: A

Solution: Conclusion I is correct as there is mention of the same in the statement with the Forest department staff alleging that working regulations of other uniformed services were not implemented for them. But there is no evidence of such discontent having been in place for long time. Hence, conclusion II is incorrect.

Therefore option A is the correct answer choice to this question.

49) Answer: D

Solution: Both the conclusions are correct. There is mention of the resurgence of the pandemic indicating recurrence of the disease making conclusion I correct. It is also said that countries around the world are reintroducing strict checks to fight spread of the disease i.e. portraying a cautious approach. Hence, conclusion II is also correct.

Therefore option D is the correct answer choice to this question.

50) Answer: B

Solution: Conclusion I is incorrect since there is no indication that this new team is the first women's soccer team. In fact presence of a women's pro soccer league implies the opposite. Conclusion II is clearly the correct conclusion.

Therefore option B is the correct answer choice to this question.

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