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Reasoning Ability

Direction(1-3): In the following questions assuming the given statement to be true, find which of the conclusion(s) among given conclusions is/are definitely true and then give your answers accordingly.

1). Statement:
$F \geq U; G < B = C > F; D \leq S \leq F = R \leq G$
Conclusion:
I. $B > S$
II. $U \leq C$

(a) Only I follows   **(b)** Only II follows

(c) Either I or II follows   **(d)** Both I and II follow

(e) Neither I nor II follow

2). Statement:

$O = K \geq N > V; L < H \leq I > O; Y = F \geq G = L$

Conclusion:

I. $O < G$
II. $Y \geq H$

(a) Only I follows   **(b)** Only II follows

(c) Either I or II follows   **(d)** Both I and II follow

(e) Neither I nor II follow

3). Statement:

$O \geq U = Y; F < G = H \geq J; Y < T \leq F$

Conclusion:

I. $T < O$
II. $H > Y$

(a) Only I follows   **(b)** Only II follows

(c) Either I or II follows   **(d)** Both I and II follow

(e) Neither I nor II follow

Direction(4-8): Study the following information carefully and answer the given questions.
Seven people i. A, B, C, D, F, G, and H were born in different years i. 1969, 1974, 1984, 1990, 1995, 1997 and 1999 but not necessarily in the same order.
(Note: Consider the base year as 2021.)
The difference between the age of B and D is 5. B is younger than Two people were born between D and G who is not the youngest. The difference between the age of G and F is 5. The number of people born after H is the same as the number of people born before F. The difference between the age of H and C is 2.

4). What is the age of A?

(a) 31   **(b)** 37   **(c)** 52   **(d)** 26   **(e)** None of these

5). Which of the following statements is true?
I. A is younger than B
II. Two people were born before F
III. C was born in 1997

(a) Only III   **(b)** Both I and II   **(c)** Both II and III

(d) Only II   **(e)** None

6). Four of the following five are alike in a certain way and hence form a group. Find the one that doesn't belong to that group.

(a) G-D   **(b)** A-H   **(c)** B-A   **(d)** F-B   **(e)** C-D

7). Who amongst the following is 24 years old?

(a) C   **(b)** A   **(c)** H   **(d)** B   **(e)** None of these

8). How many people were born after A?

(a) More than three   **(b)** One   **(c)** Three   **(d)** Two

(e) None

Direction(9-13): Study the following data carefully and answer the questions accordingly.

5 € 8 % M V ¥ © 4 # µ @ 2 3 Z B N £ β 9 X C $ ∞ 6 7 & ®

9). How many symbols are there in the series each of which is immediately preceded by a consonant and immediately followed by a symbol?

(a) Three   **(b)** One   **(c)** None   **(d)** Four

(e) More than four

10). How many symbols are there in the series

5 € 8 % M V ¥ © 4 # µ @ 2 3 Z B N £ β 9 X C $ ∞ 6 7 & ®

(a) Four   **(b)** Five   **(c)** Three   **(d)** One   **(e)** None

11). How many elements are there between M and C if all the symbols are dropped down from the given series?

(a) Eleven   **(b)** Ten   **(c)** Six   **(d)** Nine   **(e)** Three

12). Which amongst the following element is 8th to the left of 4th number from right end?

(a) N **(b)** V **(c)** M **(d)** % **(e)** None of these

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13). How many letters are there between 5th element from left end and 6th element from right end?

(a) Seventeen **(b)** Five **(c)** Six **(d)** Ten

(e) None of these

Direction(14-15): Study the following data carefully and answer the questions accordingly.

O 5 8 U V K L 4 % G @ © M O 6 Q 2 9 V $ F 3 E D 7 # 9 A R 9 Z * N B

14). Which of the following element is seventh to the left of the fourteenth from the left end in the given arrangement?

(a) @ **(b)** % **(c)** 4 **(d)** L **(e)** None of these

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15). How many such digits are there in the given arrangement each of which is immediately preceded by a consonant but not immediately followed by a letter?

(a) Two **(b)** Five **(c)** Three **(d)** Four

(e) None of these

Direction (16-18): Study the following information and answer the given questions.

A & B (16) = A is 9 m to the North of B
A * B (12) = A is 7 m to the South of B
A $ B (44) = A is 23 m to the East of B
A @ B (50) = A is 26 m to the West of B
P&Q (16), T&U (20), R$Q (44), S$T (28), R*S (12), V @ U (26)

16). What is the distance between S and V?

(a) 37m **(b)** 28m **(c)** 31m **(d)** 43m **(e)** 56m

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17). What is the direction of P with respect to T?

(a) South **(b)** Northeast **(c)** Northwest

(d) Southwest **(e)** Southeast

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18). If A is 4m north of U then what is the distance between A and Q?

(a) 7m **(b)** 9m **(c)** 11m **(d)** 8m **(e)** None of these

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Direction(19): Study the following information and answer the given questions.
There are nine members in a family of four generations and four married couples. It is known that either both or no parents of each member is alivI is the son of G who is the daughter of F. D is married to H. C is a male person. B is the daughter-in-law of A, who is the father of F. E has no grandson. H is a father of no chilF has no siblings.

19). Who among the following is the youngest member in the family?

(a) D **(b)** G **(c)** Cannot be determined **(d)** I

(e) None of the above

Direction (20): Study the following questions and answer the given questions.
In a family of seven members either one or both the parent of each member is alive X is the sister of A, who is the brother-in-law of C is the sister of P who is the brother-in-law of O is granddaughter of X has a son. Both A and P are unmarried.

20). How many members are male in the family?

(a) 3 **(b)** 2 **(c)** 4 **(d)** 1 **(e)** None of the above

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Direction (21-25): Study the following information and answer the given questions.
Eight people A, B, C, D, E, F, G and H were born on four different months i. , January, April, July and October of two different years i. , 2009 and 2010. They all belong to eight different countries i. , Japan, Russia, Spain, France, Italy, Germany, Ukraine and Turkey. All the information is not necessarily in the same order.

The one who belongs to Germany was born in the month having 30 days. Two people were born between D and the one who belongs to Germany. Number of people born before D is same as number of people born after A. Three people were born between A and the one who belongs to Spain. Number of people born after C is same as number of people born before the one who belongs to Spain. The one who belongs to Japan born in July. Two people were born between the one who belongs to Japan and H. H and G born in the same month. B belongs to Russia. Two people were born between B and the one who belongs to FrancE was born before the one who belongs to UkrainThree people were born between the one who belongs to Ukraine and the one who belongs to Tukey.

21). How many people born between G and the one who belongs to Italy?

(a) Five **(b)** None **(c)** One **(d)** Three **(e)** Four

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22). Who amongst the following was born in October?

(a) E **(b)** The one who belongs to Germany

(c) The one who belongs to Spain **(d)** B **(e)** D

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23). Which amongst the following statement is true?

(a) H belongs to France **(b)** Two people born after D

(c) A was born in July

(d) Two people were born between F and D

(e) All are true

24). Who amongst the following belongs to Italy?

(a) H   **(b)** D   **(c)** A   **(d)** F   **(e)** None of these

25). Which amongst the following pair was born in 2009?

(a) E, A, D and C   **(b)** C, G, E and A

(c) G, A, D and F   **(d)** H, B, C and F

(e) None of these

Direction(26-30): Study the following data carefully and answer the questions accordingly.
There are fourteen people sitting in two rows parallel containing seven seats in each row. In row 1 – A, B, C, D, E, F and G are sitting, facing north and in row 2 – P, Q, R, S, T, U and V are sitting, facing south (but not necessarily in the same order).
Three persons are sitting between T and the one, who is sitting opposite Four people are sitting between R and T. Three persons are sitting between U and V, which is sitting to the right of S. P and E are not sitting opposite to each other. The one, who is sitting opposite R, sits three places away from F. Two people are sitting between G and S is not sitting opposite to G. S sits in the middle of the row. The one, who is sitting opposite S, sits three places away from B sits four places away from The one, who is sitting opposite D, sits two places away from Q. A sits to the right of Q does not sit opposite A.

26). Who among the following is sitting diagonally opposite to V?

(a) G   **(b)** E   **(c)** F   **(d)** B   **(e)** None of these

27). Find the odd one.

(a) V, C   **(b)** E,P   **(c)** R, A   **(d)** Q,F   **(e)** U, B

28). If all the persons sitting in row 1 are arranged alphabetically from right to left then which of the following will be sitting opposite to A?

(a) P   **(b)** U   **(c)** Q   **(d)** V   **(e)** None of these

29). How many people sit between R and P?

(a) One   **(b)** Two   **(c)** None   **(d)** Four

(e) None of these

30). Who among the following sits third to the right of U?

(a) S   **(b)** P   **(c)** Q   **(d)** R   **(e)** None

Direction(31-35): Study the following data carefully and answer the questions accordingly.
Nine people live in a nine-story building. The ground floor is numbered 1 and the top floor is numbered 9. Only three people live below H. Two people live between H and F. Four people live between F and U, who lives immediately above V. Three people live between V and R, who lives below Q. T lives immediately above Y. G lives below Q.

31). Who lives on the top?

(a) V   **(b)** F   **(c)** T   **(d)** Y   **(e)** None of these

32). How many people live between F and V?

(a) Three   **(b)** Four   **(c)** Five   **(d)** One

(e) None of these

33). Who among the following lives two floors below Q?

(a) G   **(b)** H   **(c)** U   **(d)** F   **(e)** None of these

34). Y lives on which of the following floors?

(a) Ninth   **(b)** Eighth   **(c)** Fifth   **(d)** Third

(e) None of these

35). Four from the following are similar in a certain way and forms a group. Find out the one, which does not belong to that group.

(a) T   **(b)** R   **(c)** G   **(d)** F   **(e)** H

Numerical Ability

Direction (1-9): What will come in the place of the question mark (?) in the following question?

1). $483\frac{1}{3} \times 183 \div 100 + 31.25 \times 128 \div 100 = ?$

(a) 525. 5   **(b)** 640. 5   **(c)** 724. 5   **(d)** 840. 5

(e) 924. 5

2). $\frac{1}{7}$ of 93% of $1\frac{4}{31}$ of 1240 = ? + 123

(a) 63   **(b)** 120   **(c)** 186   **(d)** 93   **(e)** 73

3). 60% of 375 + 45% of 220 = 75% of ?

(a) 484   **(b)** 366   **(c)** 432   **(d)** 275   **(e)** 330

4). $(7 \times 7)^3 \div (343 \div 7)^4 \times (49 \times 7)^4 = (49)^{1/2} + ?$

(a) 5. 5   **(b)** 4. 5   **(c)** 4   **(d)** 5   **(e)** 3. 5

5). 45% of (35 × 75) + 438. 25 = 848. 5 + ?

(a) 871   **(b)** 673   **(c)** 751   **(d)** 771

(e) None of these

6). $\sqrt[3]{?} = (48 \times 64) \div (32 \times 12)$

(a) 64   (b) 512   (c) 8   (d) 256   (e) None of these

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7). $(345.\,6 \times 5)4 \div (108 \div 9)8 \div (28.\,8 \times 5)5 = (0.\,75 \times 16)? - 6$

(a) 12   (b) -6 (c) 0   (d) 6   (e) 10

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8). $[(3975 \div 159)1/2 + (1856 \div 29)2] = (?)2 + 132$

(a) 59   (b) 73   (c) 53   (d) 69   (e) 63

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9).

$$\sqrt{\sqrt{4900} + \sqrt{900} + \sqrt{441}}$$

= (?)1/3

(a) 1331   (b) 11   (c) $\sqrt{19}$ (d) $\sqrt{31}$

(e) None of these

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10). Arpit borrows Rs. 6000 at rate of 20% compounded annually. At the end of each year, he pays back Rs. 2000. How much amount should he pay at the end of the 3rd year to clear all his dues?

(a) Rs. 3088   (b) Rs. 5088   (c) Rs. 2088

(d) Rs. 3808   (e) None of these

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11). The CI and SI for two years on a sum of Rs. 1600 are Rs. 900 and Rs. 640 respectively at two different rates. What will be the percentage point difference between the two rates?

(a) 2%   (b) 0%   (c) 10%   (d) 5%

(e) None of these

Direction(12-13): In the following question two equations are given in variables x and y. You have to solve these equations and determine the relation between x and y.

12). I. $x2 - 1240 = 441$

II. $y - \sqrt{1225} = 6$

(a) x > y   (b) x ≤ y   (c) x < y   (d) x ≥ y

(e) x = y or relationship between x and y can't be established

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13). I. $x^2 - 28x + 195 = 0$

II. $y^3 - 1728 = 0$

(a) x > y   (b) x ≤ y   (c) x < y   (d) x ≥ y

(e) x = y or relationship between x and y can't be established

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14). Rahul and Rohan entered into a partnership Rs. 24000 and Rs. 18000. After four months. Rahul withdrew Rs. 6000 while Rohan invested Rs. 6000 morAfter another four months, Rakesh joins the business with a capital of Rs. 30000. If total profit after one year is Rs. 35100 then by how much the share of Rohan exceeds that of Rakesh?

(a) Rs. 8000   (b) Rs. 8500   (c) Rs. 7500

(d) Rs. 8100   (e) None of these

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15). Two trains A and B are moving in the opposite directions at speed of 65 km/h and 34 km/h respectively. The time taken by the train A to cross a man sitting in the train B is 16 seconds. What is the length (in metres) of the train A?

(a) 440 m   (b) 360 m   (c) 450 m   (d) 540 m

(e) None of these

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16). Three employees of a company P, Q and R are assigned a piece of work for Rs 675 based on their work. P and Q together are supposed to do 2/3 of the work and R finished the remaining of the work. If efficiency ratio of P and Q is 9 : 1, find the amount received by Q?

(a) Rs 15   (b) Rs 25   (c) Rs 45   (d) Rs 75

(e) None of these

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17). Boat A can cover 132 km downstream and 78 km upstream in 12 hours. Downstream speed of the boat B is 25% more than the speed of the boat B in still water. Boat B whose speed is (100/3)% more than the speed of boat A goes downstream and comes back upstream up to a certain distance which is 60% of the distance covered by it downstream. Total time taken by boat B to go downstream and upstream is 13 hours.

Which of the following statement is true?

I. The total distance covered by the boat B is 312 km.

II. Upstream speed of boat B = 18 km/h

III. Difference between the speed of boat A in still water and the speed of boat B in still water is 6 km/h.

(a) only I   (b) only II   (c) only I and II

(d) only II and III   (e) All I, II and III

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18). Three drums P, Q, and R have mixtures of diesel and kerosene in the ratio of 3 : 1, 2 : 5, and 3 : 2, respectively. The ratio of the quantities of mixtures in these three drums is 4 : 2 : 5. If these three mixtures are mixed, then find the ratio of diesel and kerosene in the final mixture.

(a) 20 : 13   (b) 46 : 31   (c) 9 : 7   (d) 23 : 17

(e) 5 : 3

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19). The income of Akshat is Rs. 30000 and his expense is 64%. The ratio of saving of Akshat to

Aryansh is 9 : 7 and Aryansh saves 21% of his incomThe income of Akshat is how much percentage of the income of Aryansh?

(a) 80%   (b) 64%   (c) 75%   (d) 70%

(e) None of these

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20). The ratio of the present age of Ajay and Vijay is 6 : 5 . After nine years, ratio of their age will be 9 : 8 . What will be the present age of Ajay's sister if her age is two-third of the present age of Vijay?

(a) 3 years   (b) 15 years   (c) 9 years   (d) 12 years

(e) 10 years

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21). What is the GCD of 0. 18, 3. 6 and 0. 24?

(a) 0. 6   (b) 0. 06   (c) 0. 9   (d) 1. 8

(e) None of these

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22). In a family the ratio of salaries of father, mother and son is 3 : 4 : 6 respectively. If their salaries were increased by 20%, 15% and 25% respectively. What will be the new respective ratio of their salaries?

(a) 36 : 46 : 75   (b) 12 : 14 : 15   (c) 33 : 46 : 75

(d) 33 : 45 : 65   (e) None of these

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23). An article is sold at a certain fixed pricBy selling it at $\frac{1}{3}$ of that price, one losses 40%. What is the gain percent on selling it at the original price?

(a) 65%   (b) 45%   (c) 55%   (d) 80%   (e) 70%

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24). Pipes A, B and C alone can empty a filled tank in 15 hours, 12 hours and 30 hours respectively. The three pipes are opened simultaneously in a filled tank. If pipe B is closed after 2 hours, then how much more time will pipe C need to be closed so that the tank is completely emptied in 10 hours?

(a) 2 hours   (b) 4 hours   (c) 3 hours   (d) 4. 5 hours

(e) 3. 5 hours

Direction (25-29): In the following number series, only one number is wrong.

25). Find out the wrong number.

488, 519, 580, 674, 798, 953

(a) 519   (b) 580   (c) 674   (d) 798   (e) 953

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26). 43, 50, 41, 52, 39, 54, 38, 56

(a) 50   (b) 41   (c) 52   (d) 38   (e) 56

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27). 24, 33, 46, 59, 80, 101

(a) 101   (b) 80   (c) 59   (d) 46   (e) 33

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28). 576, 144, 72, 56, 54, 67. 5

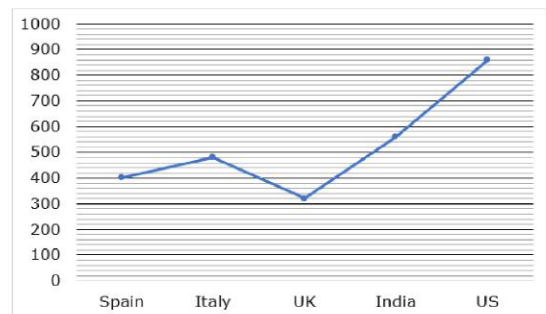(a) 56   (b) 144   (c) 72   (d) 54   (e) 67. 5

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29). Find out the wrong number.
17, 15, 28, 82, 326, 1620

(a) 15   (b) 28   (c) 82   (d) 326   (e) 1620

Direction (30-35): Direction: Study the given data carefully and answer the questions that follow.

The line graph given below shows the number of deaths by Corona-Virus in 5 different countries.

30). Find the total number of deaths in all the countries together.

(a) 2280   (b) 2620   (c) 2890   (d) 3070   (e) 2050

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31). The total number of deaths in US is how much percent more than the total number of deaths in Spain?

(a) 125%   (b) 115%   (c) 145%   (d) 105%

(e) 155%

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32). Find the ratio of total number of deaths in Italy and UK together to the total number of deaths in Spain.

(a) 2 : 3   (b) 2 : 1   (c) 5 : 2   (d) 1 : 1   (e) 3 : 5

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33). Find the difference between the total number of deaths in India and US together and the number of deaths in Italy and UK together.

(a) 620   (b) 790   (c) 530   (d) 820   (e) 720

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34). Find the total number of deaths in US and Spain are how much more or less than the total number of deaths in Italy and India.

(a) 110 more   (b) 190 less   (c) 220 more

(d) 280 less   (e) 320 more

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35). If the total number of deaths of males are 20% of females in Italy, then find the number of deaths of females in Italy.

(a) 100   (b) 200   (c) 300   (d) 400   (e) 500

English Language

The given question contains one statement that is divided into five parts, out of which the first part is correct. There is some error in the three of the remaining four parts of the statement, while one part is correct. The correct part is your answer. In case all the parts are incorrect, the last option is your answer.

1). The incumbent Greek government/ is willing to make most sacrifices/ than its predecessors in/ order to impress financial/ situation in the troubled economics.

(a) is willing to make most sacrifices

(b) than its predecessors in

(c) order to impress financial

(d) situation in the troubled economics

(e) All are incorrect

Read each sentence to find out whether there is any grammatical error in it. The error, if any, will be in one part of the sentence The number of that part is the answer. If there is no error, the answer is 'No error'. (Ignore the errors of punctuation, if any.)

2). The car broke / down while he / was on his / way to work.

(a) The car broke   (b) down while he   (c) was on his

(d) way to work   (e) No error

Direction(3-4): The given question contains one statement that is divided into five parts, out of which the first part is correct. There is some error in the three of the remaining four parts of the statement, while one part is correct. The correct part is your answer. In case all the parts are incorrect, the last option is your answer.

3). Referring to the attention/ received for the pilot project,/ the district collector commemoration / the social workers involved in/ the execution of an crucial plan.

(a) received for the pilot project

(b) the district collector commemoration

(c) the social workers involved in

(d) the execution of a crucial plan

(e) All are incorrect

4). There has been/ a unprecedented increase in/ the number of adoption/ requests into the last/ few years of collect statistics.

(a) a unprecedented increase in

(b) the number of adoption   (c) requests into the last

(d) few years of collect statistics   (e) All are incorrect

Direction(5-6): In the given statement some words have been highlight These words may not be at the correct place making the sentence grammatically and contextually incorrect. Choose the option which represents the correct sequence of words, which will make the sentence grammatically and contextually correct. If the sentence is correct as it is, choose E i. 'No rearrangement required' as your answer.

5). The longing (A) citizens shared stories of the events (B) that made them the most nostalgic (C) and filled with senior (D) for the past.

(a) ACBD   (b) BACD   (c) ACDB   (d) DBCA

(e) No rearrangement required

6). In its original form (A) the text of Magna Carta was not division (B) into chapters, but in later times a divided (C) of this kind was adopte(D)

(a) DABC   (b) BACD   (c) ACBD   (d) DBCA

(e) No rearrangement required

Direction(7-9): In the given statement some words have been highlight These words may not be at the correct place making the sentence grammatically and contextually incorrect. Choose the option which represents the correct sequence of words, which will make the sentence grammatically and contextually correct. If the sentence is correct as it is, choose E i. 'No change required' as your answer

7). In its time the attacking (A), with its massive collared skull and three triceratops (B) horns, was one of the most dangerous (C) dinosaurs.

(a) ABC   (b) BAC   (c) CAB   (d) ACB

(e) No change required

8). Victoria will become (A) the first Australian state or territory to ban (B) the public display of (C) Nazi symbols.

(a) ACB   (b) BAC   (c) CAB   (d) BCA

(e) No change required

9). The shocking revealed (A) wealth gap between families, and its racial (B) on Black and Hispanic kids, has been impact (C) in ground-breaking new research.

(a) BCA   (b) CBA   (c) BAC   (d) ACB

(e) No change required

Direction(10-12): In the given question, a part of the sentence is printed in bold Below the sentence, alternatives to the emboldened part are given as (A), (B), (C) and (D), which may help improve the sentence Choose the correct alternative out of the given five options. In case the given sentence is correct, your answer will be option (E), i. , "No correction required".

10). The hostess had arranged for an elaborate meal for the gala and was praised for her exquisite tast

(a) had arranged for an elaboration meal

(b) had arranging for an elaborate meal

(c) had arranged to an elaborate meal

(d) have arranging for an elaborate meal

(e) No correction required

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11). It was difficult to surviving in such a hostile environment, but the campers were more resilient than anyone gave them credit for.

(a) difficulty to survive in such a hostile environment

(b) difficult to survive in such a hostile environment

(c) difficult to survival in such a hostile environment

(d) difficult to survive in most a hostile environment

(e) No correction required

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12). The object of the meeting was to pinpoint the flaws for the policy and attempt to find effective solutions for them.

(a) pinpoint the flaws of the policy

(b) pinpointing the flaws of the policy

(c) pinpoint the flawed of the policy

(d) pinpointing the flawed of the policy

(e) No correction required

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13). In the given question, a part of the sentence is printed in bolBelow the sentence, alternatives to the emboldened part are given as (A), (B), (C) and (D), which may help improve the sentencChoose the correct alternative out of the given options.

The committee will take up three public interest litigating on Thursday.

(a) three public interest litigation

(b) three public interest litigations

(c) thrice public interest litigation

(d) three publics interest litigations

(e) three public interest litigation

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14). Keeping the church and the state separate are an act easier said than done.

(a) is an act easier said   (b) is an acting easier said

(c) is a act easier said   (d) is an act easier saying

(e) is an act easier said

Direction(15-22): Read the given passage and answer the questions that follow. Certain words are printed in bold to help you locate them while answering some of these.

Thousands of years ago, the Maya people of Central America believed that chocolate was the food of the gods. The Maya — who helped pioneer cultivation of the cocoa tree, along with the Toltec

and Aztec peoples — even used cocoa beans as a form of currency.

Fast forward to today, and chocolate is considered less of a rarity and more of an anytime treat. "Somehow the ancients understood that chocolate was special," says the owner and CEO of Seattle based chocolate Company in a talk. "Today, chocolate is the inexpensive darling of the candy aisl"

Worldwide people consume over 7 million tons of chocolate each year, with North America and Europe leading the way. In the US, the average person consumes 12 pounds (5. 5 kilograms) of the sweet per year, while the British, Germans and Swiss clock in at over 17 pounds (8 kilograms).

But while chocolate brings so many people so much pleasure, its widespread availability comes at a high pricGrowing and harvesting cocoa harms the environment, farmers and farm workers — and as global temperatures rise and weather patterns shift, climate change will dramatically reduce the land where cocoa can be grown and hurt those who rely on it.

Chocolate is made from cocoa beans which come from the pods of the Theobroma cacao, a tree that requires extremely specific climatic conditions to thrivAfrica is the leading producer of cocoa, followed by South America and Asia. In fact, all chocolate is grown in a narrow band within 20 degrees north and south of the equator. This also means the land where cacao trees can flourish is limited.

Our ravenous _____ for chocolate is driving people worldwide to clear forests for cacao farmlanIn the Côte d'Ivoire, for example, more than 80 percent of the country's forested areas have vanished between 1960 and 2010.

With suitable farmland dwindling and demand for chocolate projected to rise two to five percent each year, cacao plantations are also encroaching on protected lands. In the Côte d'Ivoire, an investigation by an environmental non-profit organisation found that almost half of Mont Peko and Marahoue national parks were lost to cocoa plantations since 2000. In Indonesia, 1. 7 million acres of forest — home to elephants and critically endangered orangutan, rhino and tiger populations — were cleared for cocoa plantations between 1988 and 2007. In Peru, which saw a five-fold increase in cocoa production between 1990 and 2013, satellite images revealed that thousands of acres of Amazon rainforest were cleared for cocoa trees.

What's more, this deforestation is helping drive climate change, which in turn is hurting cocoa production. Tropical rainforests have some of the highest carbon storage capabilities of any ecosystem on Earth, so they release massive amounts of carbon into the atmosphere when they're cut down. "A single dark chocolate bar made with cocoa from deforestation produces the same amount of carbon pollution as driving 4. 9 miles in a car — an outsized impact for a small afternoon treat," according to the organisation's report.

15). As per the passage, the Mayan people _____.

(a) Banned the cultivation of cocoa tree in Central America.

(b) Made cocoa beans as a form of currency, along with Toltec and Aztec peopl

(c) Was unaware the usage of the cocoa beans

(d) Traveled to North America for cocoa beans.

(e) None of the abov

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16). Which of the following statement is FALSE as per the passage?

(a) Unlike in the past, chocolate is very easily available today.

(b) 7 million tons of chocolate are consumed by people from around the glob

(c) North America and Europe is the leading consumer of chocolat

(d) In the US, the average person consumes more than 6 kilograms of chocolate every year.

(e) Chocolate consumption is higher in Britain and Germany when compared with the US.

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17). Why does the widespread availability of chocolate come at a high price?

I. Growing and harvesting cocoa has a negative impact on the environment.

II. Huge areas of forested lands are converted to farmlands just to grow cacao.

III. The gradual change in climate is also impacting cacao farming.

(a) Only I **(b)** Only II **(c)** Only III **(d)** Both I and II

(e) All I, II and III

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18). Which of the following statement is TRUE as per the passage?

(a) South America leads in the production of cocoa.

(b) The demand for cocoa is projected to rise two to seven percent each year.

(c) In Côte d'Ivoire, the national parks were not impacted by cocoa plantation.

(d) In Indonesia, less than two million acres of forested land was cleared for the cocoa plantations.

(e) Amazon rainforests were not cleared for cocoa trees.

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19). The passage argues that cutting down of tropic forests leads to _____.

(a) Release of huge amounts of carbon into the atmospher

(b) Decrease in the demand of cacao.

(c) The benefit of elephants, orangutan, rhino, and tiger populations.

(d) Reduction in the global temperatur

(e) All of the abov

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20). Which of the following words can fill in the blank given in the passage?

"Our ravenous _____ for chocolate is…"

(a) Thrive **(b)** Demand **(c)** Thrift **(d)** Grant

(e) Concept

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21). Which of the following words has a similar meaning to the word highlighted in the passage?

Projected

(a) Predicted **(b)** Forgot **(c)** Applied **(d)** Removed

(e) Clustered

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22). Which of the following words has a opposite meaning to the word highlighted in the passage?

Hurting

(a) Damaging **(b)** Reducing **(c)** Harming

(d) Improving **(e)** Negating

Direction(23-26): The following question carries a statement with four highlighted words. The words are denoted by (A), (B), (C) and (D). One of these words may either be misspelt or incorrect in the given context. Identify the incorrect word If all of the words are correct, mark option E, 'All correct' as your answer.

23). I used to have an hour long commute (A) to get to work, but after I moved (B) to a new apartment (C) it is only fifteen minutes far (D).

(a) A **(b)** B **(c)** C **(d)** D **(e)** All correct

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24). During the imigration (A) process (B), the Chinese citizen (C) was permitted (D) to move to France.

(a) A **(b)** B **(c)** C **(d)** D **(e)** All correct

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25). The night (A) travelled throughout (B) the world while on his quest (C) for the holy grail. (D)

(a) A **(b)** B **(c)** C **(d)** D **(e)** All correct

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26). While wendering (1) to the edge of the forest (2) the lion noticed (3) a flock of sheep grazing. (4)

(a) 1 **(b)** 2 **(c)** 3 **(d)** 4 **(e)** All are correct

Direction(27-30): In the given question, a statement has been divided into five segments, each of which is denoted by (A), (B), (C), (D) and (E).

27). Rearrange all the segments to form a coherent statement.

A) that scientists are working

B) concrete has a massive carbon footprint

C) as the most widely used material on Earth,

D) in all sorts of ways

E) to chip away at

Options:

(a) AEDCB   **(b)** CABDE   **(c)** CBAED   **(d)** DECAB

(e) ABDEC

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28). A) at the larger picture that involves

B) far serious and long-term national interests

C) scoring brownie points and look

D) it is in the interest of political parties

E) across the spectrum to go beyond

Options:

(a) BCDEA   **(b)** ACBDE   **(c)** ABCDE   **(d)** DECAB

(e) ABDEC

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29). A) lands appropriated for

B) the resettlement of refugees

C) tiny Bluff Island and their

D) barely two years after Independence,

E) the indigenes were relocated to

(a) BCDEA   **(b)** ACBDE   **(c)** ABCDE   **(d)** DECAB

(e) ABDEC

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30). A) the book contains interactive

B) besides beautiful illustrations,

C) readers can access rare

D) QR codes through which

E) audio-visual recordings

(a) ABCDE   **(b)** BADCE   **(c)** ACDEB   **(d)** DACEB

(e) BCDEA