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Direction: In the questions you are required to do as directed.

Theresa May's Brexit deal suffered a [A] _____ defeat in the British Parliament. Leavers who think the deal does not go far enough in [B] _____ the European Union joined Remainers [C] _____ by a majority of 230, the largest defeat of a government on record. [D] Hoping to trigger an election that it thinks it can win, the opposition Labour Party called for a motion of no confidence in the government, which it survived like Tory rebels returned to the fold. Mrs May will have to return to Parliament with a new Brexit blueprint on January 21st.

1. Which of the following words given in the option should come at the place marked as [A] in the above paragraph to make it grammatically correct and meaningful. Also, the word should fill in the blanks given in the two sentences below to make them contextually correct and meaningful.

- I. She entered the forest, and the darkness was _____, suffocating her.
- II. If he could only be sure it wasn't Lydia who'd chased Billy Langstrom down the mountain, siren screaming, to his rolling, _____ death.
(a) crushing (b) desperate (c) profound
(d) rigorous (e) All

2. Fill in the blanks created in [B] with appropriate option. Then choose the correct option.

- A. disentangling Britain from
- B. unsnarling United Kingdom from
- C. entrapping Britain out of
(a) Only A (b) Only B (c) Only C
(d) Only B & C (e) None

3. A sentence is missing from [C] in the above paragraph, which is to be selected from the options given below.

- a) in bringing new government
- b) about the changing the course of the development of the nation
- c) in voting against the government
- d) in bringing down the government
- e) in relieving the government of the tension with the EU.

4. Below sentences have been taken from [D]. One of them contain/s an error, which is to be found.

- a) Hoping to trigger an election that it thinks it can win,
- b) the opposition Labour Party called for a motion of no confidence in the government,

- c) which it survived like Tory rebels returned to the fold.
- d) Mrs May will have to return to Parliament with a new Brexit blueprint on January 21st.
- e) All are correct.

5. Rearrange the following into a coherent paragraph.

Starter: Macedonia's parliament voted to approve the change of the country's name to North Macedonia,

- A. The odds for that improved after the Prime Minister,
- B. Alexis Tsipras, narrowly saw off a vote of no confidence.
- C. part of a deal that is meant to see Greece lift its opposition to the country's membership of the EU and NATO.
- D. The agreement still needs to be approved by Greece.

- (a) BACD (b) ACDB (c) DCBA
(d) CDAB (e) No arrangement required

6. Fill in the blanks with appropriate option.

The mayor of Gdansk, Poland's sixth-largest city, was _____ by a knife _____

_____ in front of a horrified crowd at a charity event. Pawel Adamowicz had been one of the country's most prominent liberals.

- a) killed, holding, assassin
- b) murdered, wielding, assailant
- c) slain, possessing, attacker
- d) hacked, hurling, raider
- e) axed, furling, invader

7. Rearrange the following into a coherent paragraph.

Starter: Nicolás Maduro was sworn in for a second term as Venezuela's president.

- A. In a speech that lasted nearly four hours, Mr Maduro promised to quadruple the monthly minimum wage,
- B. which would bring it to \$7 at black-market rates, and said the distressed economy would boom.
- C. Agents of the country's intelligence service briefly detained the newly elected speaker of the opposition-controlled national assembly as well as two journalists.
- D. The national assembly declared Mr Maduro a "usurper".

- (a) BACD (b) ACDB (c) DCBA
(d) CDAB (e) No arrangement required

8. Fill in the blanks created in the below paragraph with appropriate option. Then choose the correct option.

Jair Bolsonaro, Brazil's far-right President, _____ . Brazilians without a criminal record will be able to buy guns more easily and to keep them at home. Mr Bolsonaro said the measure would give Brazilians a

“legitimate right of defence”. In 2017 the number of murders in Brazil reached a record of nearly 64,000.

- A. inked a decree that mars gun-control laws
- B. struck a decree that moderates gun-control laws
- C. signed a decree that eases gun-control laws
- (a) Only A & B (b) Only B & C (c) Only A & B
- (d) All A, B & C (e) None

9. **Rearrange the following into a coherent paragraph.**

Starter: A court in northern China sentenced a Canadian to death for smuggling drugs.

- A. The situation has been such since Canada’s detention in December of a senior Chinese executive of Huawei, a technology company.
- B. He accused China of “arbitrarily” imposing the death penalty.
- C. Canada’s Prime Minister, Justin Trudeau, said this was a matter of “extreme concern”.
- D. Relations between the two countries have been tense.
- (a) CBDA (b) ADBC (c) DBCA
- (d) CADB (e) No arrangement required.

10. **Fill in the blanks with appropriate option.**

China _____ the building of a large new dam on the Jinsha river, as the upper _____ of the Yangzi is known. The Lawa hydroelectric project, on the border between Sichuan and Tibet, is _____ to cost more than 30bn Yuan (\$4.6bn) and have a total _____ of two gigawatts.

- a) endorsed, extend, expected, capability
- b) approved, stretch, expected, capacity
- c) ratified, extension, hoped, ability
- d) approved, expanded, estimated, capacity
- e) granted, expansion, projected, hold

11. **One of below sentences contains an error. Find it out.**

If all the sentences are correct as they are, your answer will be (e) i.e. All are correct.

- a) Thai officials said that a long-awaited election to restore democracy,
- b) scheduling for February 24th, would be pushed back again.
- c) But the prime minister and leader of the country’s military junta promised
- d) that the ballot would take place before May.
- e) All are correct.

Sol.: b). Replace ‘scheduling’ with ‘scheduled’.

12. **One of below sentences contains an error. Find it out.**

If all the sentences are correct as they are, your answer will be (e) i.e. All are correct.

- a) Protests against official corruption gathered strength in Mongolia.
- b) Perhaps 20,000 people gathered in Ulaanbaatar,
- c) the capital, despite the fact that the winter freeze to denounce the conduct of the country’s two biggest political parties.
- d) More demonstrations are planned.
- e) All are correct.

13. **Fill in the blanks created in the below paragraph with appropriate option. Then choose the correct option.**

The latest eruption of Mount Merapi, a volcano in central Java, _____ its slopes. The Indonesian

authorities have not yet issued an evacuation order, but are rushing to repair damaged roads in case of an exodus.

- A. escalated, sending lava up
- B. lessened, sending lava down
- C. intensified, sending lava down
- (a) Only A (b) Only B (c) Only C
- (d) Only B & C (e) Only A & B

14. **Rearrange the following into a coherent paragraph.**

Starter: Members of al-Shabab,

- A. Attacked a hotel and office complex in a normally secure neighbourhood of Nairobi, Kenya’s capital.
- B. A jihadist group with ties to al-Qaeda,
- C. One attacker was a suicide-bomber.
- D. The assailants were armed with grenades and guns;
- E. At least 21 people were killed, including several foreigners.
- (a) BEACD (b) AEDBC (c) BAEDC
- (d) EBDCA (e) No arrangement required.

15. **From the paragraph given below, the sentence not contributing to the central theme of the paragraph has to be found out.**

- a) News of a violent crackdown emerges despite the government blocking social media sites.
- b) The government of Zimbabwe launched a crackdown on protesters after widespread unrest linked to a rise in fuel prices.
- c) Access to the internet was blocked, as soldiers patrolled the streets of big cities, arresting and beating young men.
- d) At least eight people were killed and hundreds injured.
- e) NGOs reported human-rights violations across the country. The government blamed the unrest on the opposition.

16. **From the paragraph given below, the sentence not contributing to the central theme of the paragraph has to be found out.**

- a) The International Criminal Court at The Hague took another knock when its judges acquitted Laurent Gbagbo.
- b) He is a former president of the Ivory Coast, who had been charged with crimes against humanity.
- c) Last year a Congolese former vice-president, Jean-Pierre Bemba, was also acquitted.
- d) A case against Kenya’s current president, Uhuru Kenyatta, had been dropped four years earlier.
- e) The court’s authority is increasingly questioned, especially in Africa.

17. **Rearrange the following into a coherent paragraph.**

Starter: A suicide-bomb attack in northern Syria killed at least 15 people.

- A. It includes four American servicemen and civilians.
- B. The attack was claimed by Islamic State, just weeks after Donald Trump said
- C. He would begin withdrawing American troops from Syria.
- D. The jihadist group was defeated and that
- (a) ABDC (b) BCDA (c) CDAB
- (d) BDCA (e) No arrangement required.

18. From the paragraph given below, the sentence not contributing to the central theme of the paragraph has to be found out.

- a) Turkey's president, Recep Tayyip Erdogan, said his troops would create a 32km-deep "safe zone" in northern Syria.
- b) It will serve to protect civilians.
- c) The announcement came after Mr Erdogan held a phone conversation with Mr Trump.
- d) The American president had threatened to "devastate Turkey economically" if it attacked America's Kurdish allies.
- e) Turkey considers Kurdish to be its allies.

19. Fill in the blanks with appropriate option.

The impasse over funding for a wall on the Mexican border entered its fourth week, becoming the longest-ever government shutdown. _____ . The Council of Economic Advisers said the shutdown was having a worse effect on the economy than it had expected. Opinion polls showed that voters blame the president for the shambles.

- A. It has led to the suspension of some public services in America.
 - B. As an aftermath, some public services in America have been suspended.
 - C. As a consequence, some public services in America have been suspended.
- (a) All A, B & C (b) Only A & B (c) Only C
(d) Only B & C (e) None

20. Fill in the blanks with appropriate option.

(_____). Although he has argued in favour of expansive powers for presidents, Mr Barr promised to allow Robert Mueller's investigation into Russian provocateurs to proceed unhindered. He also said that Mr Trump had not sought any "assurances, promises or commitments from me of any kind, either express or implied."

- a) The Senate held a hearing on whether to confirm Donald Trump's choice of William Barr as attorney-general.
- b) Defying President Donald Trump, senators sent a strong signal Wednesday they want to punish Saudi Arabia for its role in the murder of journalist Jamal Khashoggi.
- c) Secretary of State Mike Pompeo and Secretary of Defense James Mattis both came to Capitol Hill to urgently lobby against the resolution.
- d) Taking on both President Trump and the government of Saudi Arabia, the chamber voted 63 to 37 to advance a resolution that would end U.S. military support for the Saudi-led war effort in Yemen.
- e) The Senate on Wednesday delivered a historic rebuke of Saudi Arabia and President Trump's handling of the fallout over journalist Jamal Khashoggi's killing last month.

DIRECTION (21-30): Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions given below it.

Paragraph 1: Ever since IL&FS defaulted on its debt obligations last year and _____

the NBFC sector, mutual fund managers have faced strident questioning on their troubled corporate bond exposures. Mutual funds' open-ended nature, daily NAV disclosures and significant institutional participation have made sure that their doubtful credit calls **cannot be escaped public scrutinises**.

Paragraph 2: SEBI has _____ its regulatory framework for debt mutual funds to ensure prompt disclosure of losses, mark-to-market valuation and a side-pocketing mechanism to ensure that investor interests aren't compromised **when credit calls go awry**. But there seems to be no such standard operating procedure in place for pension funds, who are significant players in the corporate bond market and manage retirement savings of retail investors. These reports suggest that pension fund holdings in IL&FS amount to a sizeable ₹1,200 crore, with both the National Pension System (NPS) and Atal Pension Yojana featuring the paper.

Paragraph 3: Indian pension fund regulators have traditionally seen no reason to **ready** their regulatory framework to deal with default events, because these funds are bound by mandate to be quite conservative with their corporate bond exposures. PFRDA's investment guidelines, for instance, specify that the NPS money can only be deployed in government securities or corporate bonds rated AA and above by at least two credit rating agencies. But then, a string of recent defaults by AAA or AA-rated entities including IL&FS have shown that high investment-grade credit ratings, in the Indian context, are no guarantee that a corporate borrower will not **renege** on payments.

Paragraph 4: Rating agencies can _____ and once defaults or downgrades transpire, market liquidity for such corporate bonds completely dries up. Given that the **brewing** NBFC crisis may unleash more credit events, it is now imperative for PFRDA to rethink its valuation and risk management framework for NPS exposures in corporate bonds. There is even a case for barring such exposures in the Atal Pension Yojana, meant for low-income earners.

Paragraph 5: _____ mutual funds, offers a very low management fee to AMCs, locks in investors and attracts very little public scrutiny. Therefore, there need to be clearer deterrents to NPS managers taking on undue credit risks and delaying mark-downs of downgraded bonds. NPS investors still can't exit based on such disclosures, but they can certainly switch assets or managers to reduce risk.

Paragraph 6: *There has also been a clamour for Indian pension funds to increase their allocations to lower-rated bonds to aid in the development of the bond market. But experience so far suggests that relying on third party credit ratings to take such calls is fraught of risk. PFRDA should insist on pension fund managers beefing up its in-house credit assessment teams and risk controls, before considering changes in its investment norms.*

21. Which of the following fits well into the blank in the 1st paragraph?

- A. caused a liquidity crisis through out
- B. ceased a credit crunch all through
- C. flagged off a liquidity crisis across

- (a) All A, B & C (b) Only A & B (c) Only A & C
(d) Only B & C (e) None
22. Which of the following given as options can replace the bold part given in the 1st paragraph to make it grammatically correct and contextually meaningful? If the given sentence is correct as it is, your answer will be (e) i.e. No correct required.
- A. cannot escape public scrutiny
B. can't escape critical public observation
C. should not evade public adulation
(a) All A, B & C (b) Only A & B (c) Only A & C
(d) Only B & C (e) No correction required
23. Which of the following words given in the option should come at the place marked as blank in the 2nd paragraph to make it grammatically correct and meaningful. Also, the word should fill in the blanks given in the two sentences below to make them contextually correct and meaningful.
- I. As of this writing the game is nearing completion, so everything should be _____ out and in full magnificence on the next date.
- II. No matter what you do for a living, there is some way in which your labour could be _____ and performed in a more sustainable manner.
- (a) tweaked (b) transformed (c) magnified
(d) twisted (e) All are correct
24. Which of the following given as options can replace the bold part given in the 2nd paragraph to make it grammatically correct and contextually meaningful? If the given sentence is correct as it is, your answer will be (e) i.e. No correct required.
- A. when credit calls go awry
B. when credit requirements go in vain
C. as credit demands become oblivious
(a) All A, B & C (b) Only A & B (c) Only A & C
(d) Only B & C (e) No correction required
25. Which of the following can best replace 'READY' given in bold in the 3rd paragraph?
- (a) prepare (b) organise (c) equip
(d) put together (e) fix
26. Which of the following can best replace 'RENEGE' given in bold in the 3rd paragraph?
- a) go back on a promise
b) fail to deliver on a promise
c) fail to honour a commitment
d) back out of a contract
e) All are correct
27. Which of the following fits well into the blank in the 4th paragraph?
- A. effect multi-notch downgrades at whim
B. affect poly-angled rankings as per their wish
C. influence multi-positioned gradients arbitrarily
(a) Only A (b) Only B & C (c) Only C
(d) Only A & B (e) None
28. Which of the following can best replace 'BREWING' given in bold in the 4th paragraph?
- (a) receding (b) evolved (c) growing
(d) matured (e) puerile
29. Which of the following fits well into the blank in the 5th paragraph?
- A. The regulator must keep in mind that the NPS, alike debt
B. The regulator must beer in mind that the NPS, like debt
C. The regulator must bear in mind that the NPS, unlike debt
(a) All A, B & C (b) Only A & B (c) Only A & C
(d) Only B & C (e) None
30. Which of the following sentences given in italics in 6th paragraph contains an error? If all the sentences are correct as they are, your answer will be (e) i.e. No error.
- A. There has also been a clamour for Indian pension funds to increase their allocations to lower-rated bonds to aid in the development of the bond market.
B. But experience so far suggests that relying on third party credit ratings to take such calls is fraught of risk.
C. PFRDA should insist on pension fund managers beefing up its in-house credit assessment teams and risk controls, before considering changes in its investment norms.
(a) All A, B & C (b) Only A & B (c) Only A & C
(d) Only B & C (e) None