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Directions (1-5): Which of the phrases (A), (B), (C), and (D) given below should replace the phrase given in bold in the following sentences to make the sentences grammatically correct? If the sentence is correct as it is mark (D) as the answer.

- Do take an umbrella with you **lest you do not get wet**.
(A) lest you should get wet
(B) lest you would get wet
(C) lest you shall get wet
(D) No improvement
- We **have not attended** any class since the term began.
(A) had not attended
(B) have not been attending
(C) have been not attended
(D) No improvement
- There have been** a spurt in the number of cases of atrocities on women during the last three months.
(A) it had been
(B) There are
(C) There has been
(D) No improvement
- This is one of the most remarkable stories **that has been told** so far.
(A) which has been told
(B) that has been telling
(C) that have been told
(D) No improvement
- As soon as **I will reach** Bangalore, I will repay the loan.
(A) I shall reach
(B) I should reach
(C) I reach
(D) No improvement

Directions (6-10): Choose the correct alternative and fill in the blanks in the following sentences.

- The more you read this book the more you will like.....
(A) that
(B) that book
(C) it
(D) this book
- Between you and he is a rouge.
(A) I
(B) me
(C) mine
(D) ours
- of the three candidates are fit for the post.
(A) Neither
(B) No
(C) None
(D) Either
- They give more importance to material rather than..... advancement.
(A) intellectual
(B) spiritual
(C) emotional
(D) wordly
- wins this civil war, there will be little rejoicing at the victory.
(A) Whichever
(B) Whoever
(C) Whatever
(D) Wherever

Directions (11-15): In the following questions, the 1st and the last sentences of the passage are numbered 1 and 6. The rest of the passage is split into four parts and named

P, Q, R and S. These four parts are not given in their proper order. Read the sentence and find out which of the four combinations is correct.

- (1) Space technology:
(P) a socio-economic revolution
(Q) that can transform
(R) even revolutionise
(S) has created
(6) stagnant societies.
(A) QRSP
(B) SRQP
(C) SPQR
(D) SPRQ
- (1) A minor ailment can be:
(P) to the doctor, but if neglected
(Q) serious trouble requiring
(R) easily cured with just a timely visit
(S) it may spell
(6) numerous trips to the hospital
(A) QSPR
(B) SQRP
(C) PQRS
(D) RPSQ
- (1) Commercial energy:
(P) increasing trend
(Q) shown an
(R) consumption
(S) and poses the major
(6) challenge for the future.
(A) PQSR
(B) SRPQ
(C) QPRS
(D) RQPS
- (1) My friend suggested:
(P) my future plans
(Q) to succeed
(R) well in advance
(S) that I must chalk out
(6) in my life.
(A) SPRQ
(B) SRQP
(C) QRPS
(D) SRPQ
- (1) One of the most widely spread of bad habits:
(P) Which is now smoked or chewed by men
(Q) and even by children
(R) often by women
(S) is the use of tobacco
(6) almost all over the world.
(A) SPRQ
(B) PQRS
(C) SRQP
(D) PQSR

Directions (16-20): In each of the following questions, four words are given in each questions, out of which only one word is correctly spelt. Find the correctly spelt word.

- (A) embarass
(B) embarrass
(C) embaras
(D) embarras
- (A) biscuit
(B) biscuit
(C) biskit
(D) biscket
- (A) Interrupt
(B) interrept

- (C) interrupt (D) intrrupt
 19. (A) accessibility (B) accessiblity
 (C) accessebility (D) acesibility
 20. (A) sugestion (B) suggestion
 (C) suggesstion (D) suggestion

Directions (21-25): In the following passage some of the words have been left out. Read the passage carefully and choose the correct answer to each question out of the four alternative and fill in the blanks.

There's been some buzz lately around the not so new idea that emerging technology is destroying jobs and will —[21]— destroy the middle class. Fears about a shrinking job pool are —[22]— our economy is still recovering from the recession, and jobs have not returned to pre recession levels. Meanwhile, technology is —[23]— some low-skilled jobs. Yet, changes to the job landscape, while they may require some adjustments, are not bad news for the middle class, —[24]— advances in innovation and technology promise to make life better for everyone, both professionally and —[25]—.

21. (A) not (B) ultimately
 (C) securely (D) publicly
 22. (A) understandable (B) weird
 (C) unjust (D) remanded
 23. (A) dicing (B) acquiring
 (C) replacing (D) lifting
 24. (A) But (B) Instead
 (C) Fact (D) Since
 25. (A) workplace (B) shortly
 (C) personally (D) morosely

Directions (26-30): Read the passage carefully and choose the best answer to each question out of the four alternatives.

India records the world's highest per-capita incidence of waterborne diseases such as diarrhoea, typhoid and hepatitis, in spite of which concern for safe drinking water is still abysmally low even among educated Indians. This alarming indifference was borne out in a survey conducted by market research agency Research International Ltd. based on a study of 3,000 households spread across all major cities in India. The Survey found that over 73 per cent of all households in the highest income categories (SEC A&B) drink tap water without boiling it and as many as 55 percent of the same group drink tap water after filtration through a cloth, but without boiling.

Though every school child knows that unboiled tap water contains unseen disease causing germs, and is unsafe to drink, the high level of indifference to boiling water has come as a surprise to many. Comments Dr. S.S. Narvekar, Deputy Director, Directorate of Health Services, Government of Maharashtra. "We regularly monitor water quality in all major urban centres in this State. During 1995-96, we found that 9,730 out of 159,233 samples of water were contaminated with disease causing organisms, representing a high 6.00 per cent of the total number of samples collected and analyzed. This is an alarmingly high level of contamination considering that Maharashtra is one of the more developed states in India and it may be higher in other states. Also during late summer months when there is water scarcity, and during these months it is doubly important to ensure drinking water is adequately sanitized.

26. In India the concern of safe drinking water is
 (A) very low (B) good
 (C) enough (D) more than expected

27. In the highest number of categories the number of people drink tap water without boiling it is
 (A) about half of the households
 (B) all the households
 (C) nearly three fourths of the households
 (D) one fourth of the households
 28. During rainy season, drinking water should be
 (A) cleaned (B) sanitised
 (C) stored (D) used
 29. There is a high level of _____ to boiling water.
 (A) interest (B) indifference
 (C) care (D) curiosity
 30. According to the passage, un-boiled tap water contains_____.
 (A) Impurities (B) chemicals
 (C) germs (D) waste matter

Directions (31-35): In each of the following question, out of the given alternatives, choose the one which is most nearly the same in meaning to the word given in bold in the sentence.

31. Everybody laughed at the **puerility** of his statement.
 (A) inaccuracy (B) childishness
 (C) insincerity (D) falsehood
 32. His visit to foreign countries brought about a **sea change** in his outlook and his attitude to the people.
 (A) favourable change (B) complete change
 (C) unfavourable change (D) partial change
 33. "I have learnt a great deal working in factories and for a time I've been a weaver. Here are my **testimonials**, Mr. Davis."
 (A) credentials (B) tokens
 (C) testimonials (D) witness

34. The notice said that the meeting would begin **precisely** at 9:00 am.
 (A) concisely (B) approximately
 (C) exactly (D) accurately
 35. The prince fell in love with a **comely** young maiden.
 (A) elegant (B) homely
 (C) pretty (D) delightful

Directions (36-40): In the following questions, out of the four alternatives, choose the one which best expresses the meaning of the given word.

36. Propel
 (A) drive (B) jettison
 (C) burst (D) acclimatize
 37. Massive
 (A) lump sum (B) strong
 (C) huge (D) gaping
 38. Stumbling Block
 (A) argument (B) frustration
 (C) advantage (D) hurdle
 39. Absolve
 (A) absorb (B) agree
 (C) acquit (D) abort
 40. Behest
 (A) command (B) see
 (C) attach (D) harm

Directions (41-45): In each of the following sentences, an idiomatic expression or a proverb is highlighted. Select the alternative which best describes its use in the sentence.

41. After getting a severe scolding from his mother. Raghu **got down to business**.
 (A) began to work seriously
 (B) joined his father's business

- (C) started a business
(D) became businesslike
42. We must **husband our resources** against hard times.
(A) save (B) support
(C) sing (D) concede
43. After his business failed, he had to work very hard to **keep the wolf from the door**.
(A) keep away extreme poverty
(B) earn an honest living
(C) regain his lost position
(D) defend from enemies
44. US secretary of state made it clear that time **running out** for diplomacy over Iran's nuclear programme and, said that talks aimed at preventing Tehran from acquiring a nuclear weapon would resume in April.
(A) runs out (B) was running out
(C) ran out (D) run
45. While the war of the generals **rage on**, somewhere in small town India, wonderful things are happening, quietly and minus funfare.
(A) rage (B) raging
(C) rages on (D) raged on

Directions (46-50): In the following questions out of the four alternatives choose the one which can be substituted for the given words/sentences.

46. One who is neither intelligent nor dull.
(A) ordinary (B) average
(C) fair (D) mediocre
47. Person leading a life of strict discipline.
(A) hedonist (B) disciplinarian
(C) atheist (D) ascetic
48. A person who loves everybody.
(A) egoist (B) fatalist
(C) humanist (D) altruist
49. A small village or a group of houses.
(A) community (B) settlement
(C) hamlet (D) colony
50. More like a woman than a man in manners and habits.
(A) Unmanly (B) Effeminate
(C) Womanish (D) Delicate

Directions (51-55): Find out the error in each of the following sentences, if any. If there is no error, your answer is 'E'.

51. They stayed in Switzerland (A)/ for a very short (B)/ period of time and then (C)/ they returned home. (D)/ No error (E).
52. She reimbursed back (A)/ the money which I had (B)/ spent during our (C)/ journey to Kathmandu. (D)/ No error (E).
53. Please remember that (A)/ Dr. Vijayshree, who is a surgeon, (B)/ is my cousin sister and (C)/ must be shown due respect. (D)/ No error (E).
54. I took a day's leave to attend (A)/ a dear departed friend's (B)/ funeral service which was (C)/ to be conducted by his family priest. (D)/ No error (E).
55. Unless you do not (A)/ go through your books (B)/ you cannot get through the examination. (C)/ so called officer. (D)/ No error (E).

Direction (56-60): In each of the following questions a short passage is given with one of the lines or a part of the sentence in the passage missing and represented by a blank. Select the best out of the five answer choices given to make the passage complete and coherent.

When the school-leaving certificate [56] _____
— outcome for a student at the end of a dozen years of study,

governments have a duty to ensure that it is accurate. [57] _____ in the Telangana State Board of Intermediate Education results this year, which have triggered 21 student suicides, show that policymakers and the bureaucracy can [58] _____. A few hundred students were declared absent and passed, without their marks being displayed, and in other cases, as absent and failed, [59] _____ the examination. In one case, apparently caused by human error, the student's marks statement recorded a zero, when in fact she had scored 99. The State-appointed inquiry committee that went into the examinations issue has pointed to errors on the part of the company that was chosen to handle the results, notably absence of checks on the system's performance and sufficient trials of the software application [60] _____. Chief Minister K. Chandrasekhar Rao has ordered free reverification of the papers, but the government's major concern should be the restoration of public confidence. It should review all the papers and make them available to candidates for scrutiny without any fee.

56. **Which of the following fits well into the blank?**

- a) are the most valuable
b) remains the most important
c) is the least appreciable
d) None of the above

57. **Which of the following fits well into the blank?**

- a) The blunders
b) The serious errors
c) Some unpardonable mistakes
d) All of the above

58. **Which of the following fits well into the blank?**

- a) badly fail at meeting their responsibilities
b) poorly fail at meeting their burden
c) squarely fails at meeting their responsibilities
d) All are correct.

59. **Which of the following fits well into the blank?**

- a) although the candidates had sat for
b) though the candidates had appeared at
c) although the candidates had marked their presence at
d) All of the above are correct

60. **Which of the following fits well into the blank?**

- a) to assess its robustness
b) assess its robustness
c) for appraising its soundlessness
d) None of the above

Directions (61-65): In the following sentences STARTER is fixed in its proper positions. Rearrange the next sentences in the proper sequence to form a meaningful paragraph; then select the proper sequence.

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

- Starter:** Among the issues raised after the Telangana fiasco is
- A. This year, over 8.7 lakh candidates took the Intermediate examination,
B. Which should have led to rigorous scrutiny of the technology.
C. Whether the private agency selected to process the results could handle the scale of the operation.
D. But the agency contracted to do the processing had encountered problems with data even during the collection of fees,
E. And the inquiry has determined that there was no significant variation in the pass percentage in some of the difficult subjects, compared with 2018.
- (a) CAEDB (b) BDEAC (c) CBDEA (d) AEDCB

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

Starter: There was also a lack of understanding among examiners,

- A. It is imperative that all school boards learn from Telangana's mistakes.
- B. The tragic consequence of examination muddles is a spate of student suicides.
- C. Since some errors were traced to wrong entries in machine-readable forms.
- D. But many families have lost loved ones and others have been deeply traumatised.
- E. Independent verification, review of results and future preparedness are now being pursued.

(a) CEDAB (b) ABCDE (c) DBEAC (d) DABCE

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

Starter: This distressing annual phenomenon is witnessed in many States,

- a. But governments have not addressed it with any degree of alarm.
- b. Students should be counselled at school that marks in the final examination are not the sole determinants of success.
- c. Policymakers should follow up such an assurance by creating more opportunities for all youth to acquire life-building skills that match their aptitude.
- d. Such counselling can also help parents, who view school-leaving marks as the make-or-break numbers for a child.
- e. A proper examination is important, but in a diversified, growing economy, sound learning and job skills hold the key to securing the future.

(a) ABCDE (b) BDEAC (c) CBDEA (d) AEDCB

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

Starter: Gross profit can be used to calculate the gross profit margin.

- a. Simply comparing gross profits from year to year or quarter to quarter can be misleading,
- b. Since gross profits can rise while gross margins fall,
- c. A worrying trend that could land a company in hot water.
- d. Expressed as a percentage of revenue,
- e. This metric is useful for comparing a company's production efficiency over time.

(a) AEDBC (b) ABEDC (c) EDCBA (d) DEABC

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

Starter: The British government reportedly gave the go ahead for Huawei to supply equipment for Britain's 5g networks.

- a. Which Washington believes to be a security threat because of alleged ties to China's army.
- b. The controversial decision comes after America urged its allies not to use telecoms hardware made by Huawei,
- c. Huawei will provide antennas and other transmission equipment for Britain's 5g infrastructure,
- d. But it is banned from more sensitive parts of the networks that handle customer data.

(a) ADBC (b) BACD (c) BDCA (d) DBAC