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**Direction (1): Rearrange the parts of the sentence in correct order.**

1. There were no surprises in the second bimonthly monetary policy announcement by the Reserve Bank of India.

A. With inflation well under the benchmark figure of 4%, the stage was probably set for the RBI to spring a surprise but it chose to play conservative.

B. A 25 basis point cut was widely expected, and the RBI delivered that.

C. Whether a deeper 50 basis point cut was necessary, given the sharp slowdown in the economy, is now a purely scholastic question.

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

**Direction (2): In the following question, out of the four alternatives, choose the word which is opposite in meaning to the given word and click the button corresponding to it.**

**SCHOLASTIC**

(a) scholarly (b) naïve (c) shrewd (d) academic

**Direction (3): Improve the bracketed part of the sentence.**

If the economy (**failures**) to recover well enough from its slumber by August, the onus will, after all, shift back to the RBI.

(a) fail (b) failure (c) fails (d) failing

**Direction (4): In the following question, the sentence given with blank to be filled in with an appropriate word. Select the correct alternative out of the four and indicate it by selecting the appropriate option.**

When Sudanese dictator Omar al-Bashir was toppled on April 11 after a months-long popular \_\_\_\_\_, the generals had two options before them.

(a) revolts (b) uprising (c) transformation (d) exploit

**Direction (5): Four words are given, out of which only one word is spelt correctly. Choose the correctly spelt word and click the button corresponding to it.**

(a) pharaoh (b) liaison  
(c) convalesce (d) supercede

**Direction (6): In the following question, out of the four alternatives, select the alternative which is the best substitute of the phrase.**

Maybe the idea is to **keep the powder dry** for a further rate cut, if needed, in the next policy.

(a) remain silent, especially so as not to reveal a secret.

(b) remain cautious and ready for a possible emergency.  
(c) maintain the momentum or interest value of something.  
(d) remain calm and under control.

**Direction (7): Rearrange the parts of the sentence in correct order.**

1. It is evident that the military will not easily give up power.

A. But there is no immediate plan to transfer power to a civilian transitional government, a key demand of the protesters.

B. If he had done so he would have upturned an earlier plan of a two-year transition.

C. After the crackdown, Lt. General Abdel Fattah al-Burhan, the military ruler, has offered to hold elections in nine months.

(a) ABC (b) BCA (c) CBA (d) CAB

**Direction (8): In the following question, out of the four alternatives, choose the word which best expresses the meaning of the given word.**

**INTERREGNUM**

(a) continuity (b) hiatus  
(c) continuum (d) synthesis

**Direction (9): In the following question, one part of the sentence may have an error. Find out which part of the sentence has an error. If the sentence is free from error, your answer will be "No error" option.**

(a) Arab countries as well as the UN should put meaningful pressure on the military council to pay heed to popular demands.

(b) They also must pressurise to hold those responsible for the June 3 massacre accountable.

(c) There is no easy solution to the crisis.

(d) No error.

**Direction (10): In the following question, out of the four alternatives, choose the word which is opposite in meaning to the given word and click the button corresponding to it.**

**DEDUCTIBLE**

(a) allowable (b) permissible (c) loss (d) gainful

**Direction (11): In the following question, one part of the sentence may have an error. Find out which part of the sentence has an error and click the button corresponding to it. If the sentence is free error, click the "No error" option.**

(a) Unfortunately, the Sudanese generals chose the latter, set the stage for a prolonged showdown.

- (b) The protesters had demanded a transfer of power to a transitional civilian government, followed by free and fair elections.
- (c) But the generals used the crisis to concentrate more powers in their own hands.
- (d) No error.

**Direction (12): Four words are given, out of which only one word is spelt correctly. Choose the correctly spelt word and click the button corresponding to it.**

- (a) skilful (b) millionaire  
(c) questionnaire (d) ransid

**Direction (13): In the following question, out of the four alternatives, choose the word which best expresses the meaning of the given word and click the button corresponding to it.**

**ABSTRUSE**

- (a) recherche (b) moderate  
(c) effortless (d) commonplace

**Direction (14): In the following question, out of the four alternatives, select the alternative which best expresses the meaning of the idiom/phrase.**

**A penny for your thoughts**

- (a) When an attempt fails and it's time to start all over.  
(b) A way of asking what someone is thinking  
(c) To further a loss with mockery or indignity; to worsen an unfavourable situation.  
(d) Speak of an issue (mostly current) which many people are talking about and which is usually disputed

**Direction (15): In the following question, a sentence has been given in Direct/Indirect speech. Out of the four alternatives suggested, select the one which best expresses the same sentence in Indirect/Direct speech.**

"I've been working for the same company since 1960," he said to me.

- (a) He told to me that he had been working for the same company since 1960.  
(b) He told me that he had had been working for the same company since 1960.  
(c) He said to me that he had been working for the same company since 1960.  
(d) He told me that he had been working for the same company since 1960.

**Direction (16): In the following question, out of the four alternatives, select the alternative which best expresses the meaning of the idiom/phrase.**

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- (a) Avoiding the main topic. Not speaking directly about the issue.  
(b) Looking in the wrong place. Accusing the wrong person  
(c) Be happy when a person leaves.  
(d) When an attempt fails and it's time to start all over.

**Direction (17): In the following question, out of the four alternatives, select the alternative which is the best substitute of the phrase.**

The tea building, in London's hip Shoreditch district, **used to holding factories to make** biscuits and bacon.

- (a) uses to holding factories to making  
(b) used to holding factories making

- (c) used to hold factories making  
(d) No improvement required

**Direction (18): In the following question, the sentence given with blank to be filled in with an appropriate word. Select the correct alternative out of the four and indicate it by selecting the appropriate option.**

The mass resignation of two Muslim governors and nine Ministers in Sri Lanka \_\_\_\_\_ a new fault line that has \_\_\_\_\_ in the island nation after the Easter Sunday blasts perpetrated by a fanatical Islamist group.

- (a) strengthens, stemmed (b) bolsters, originated  
(c) fortifies, unfolded (d) deepens, emerged

**Direction (19): In the following question, a sentence has been given in Active/Passive Voice. Out of the four alternatives suggested, select the one which best expresses the same sentence in Passive/Active Voice.**

**He was born in Patna.**

- (a) He took birth in Patna.  
(b) His mother bore him in Patna.  
(c) His parents were born in Patna.  
(d) No passive is possible.

**Direction (20): Improve the bracketed part of the sentence.**

Ever in need of new enemies and a blameworthy 'outsider', the majoritarian impulse in any society is **(likely to be awakened)** by an event as catastrophic as a religiously motivated attack.

- (a) liked to awaken  
(b) likely to awaken  
(c) likely to be awakening  
(d) No improvement required

**Direction (21-25): In the following passage some of the words have been left out. Read the passage carefully and choose the correct answer for the given blank out of the four alternatives.**

The tea building is now home to tech startups and media firms. Yet their ideas require space, too. In the outsized lifts, still **—[21]—** by push buttons as big as traffic lights, a pair of movers have just finished a job. TransferWise, which rents Floor 6, is taking over another level, barely three years after moving in.

On May 22nd the cross-border payments firm, which was founded in 2011, said it had **—[22]—** \$292m in fresh capital. The fundraising round, led by Lead Edge Capital, Lone Pine Capital and Vitruvian Partners, venture-capital firms known for backing tech stars such as Uber, Snap and Spotify, valued it at \$3.5bn—a doubling in 18 months. Now Europe's most valuable private fintech firm, it plans to add 750 staff in the next 12 months to its **—[23]—** 1,600.

TransferWise allows users to send money along 1,600 currency routes at 15% or less of the fee banks typically **—[24]—**. Unburdened by old itsystems and focused on moving money, it has automated many of the steps required. It also aggregates transfers and nets them out against payments going the other ways, which means it need borrow less currency offshore to meet customers' requests. And it **—[25]—** to build direct relationships with multiple banks, even

as those lenders are trimming the old “correspondent” banking networks they use to send money across borders.

21. (a) run (b) done  
(c) operated (d) improvised
22. (a) collected (b) raised  
(c) mobilised (d) hoarded
23. (a) existed (b) extant  
(c) exiting (d) exited
24. (a) charge (b) impose  
(c) repose (d) exact
25. (a) wishes (b) wants  
(c) requires (d) seeks

**DIRECTION (Q. No. 26-30): Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions given below it.**

Everybody knows Monty Python’s “cheese shop” sketch— everybody who is over 50 and a comedy **nerd**, that is. The shopkeeper, played by Michael Palin, asks a customer, played by John Cleese, what cheese he would like. Do you have Red Leicester? Sold out. Caerphilly? On order. Cheddar? Not much call for it. Each increasingly testy request for a different cheese (43 of them) is cheerfully met with a “no”, “sorry” or feeble excuse. Pressed to back up his claim to the best cheese shop around, the shopkeeper replies: “Well, it’s so clean, sir!”

This leads us, as smoothly as a Python **segue**, to a frequent complaint about the main stock index for investors in emerging markets. The opportunity is as clear as a sign saying “Cheese Shop”. Most of the growth in the world’s GDP over the next five years will be in developing countries, says the IMF. You might like to buy a basket of stocks from a broad range of countries that taps into this growth. But the benchmark MSCI emerging-market index does not really offer that.

It is light on exposure to the fastest-growing bits of the world economy, notably in Africa. Instead it has a heavy tilt towards economies in the Asian supply chain to rich-world consumers. In short, it looks to some investors like a cheese shop that is so clean because it is uncontaminated by cheese. Yet the trouble lies not with the index compilers, but with the nature of public markets.

The matter turns on the different ways in which economies and markets are classified. With countries, it mostly comes down to income level: if GDP per person is above a certain threshold, an economy counts as developed. The criteria for financial-market development are different. Here, what matters is how easy it is for foreign investors to move large sums into and out of local stocks. That in turn depends on two things. The first is the stock market’s liquidity: the bigger the market, the better equipped it is to handle big purchases or sales of stock on any given day. The second is openness. A market with lots of biggish listed stocks, which trade frequently, might still fail to qualify for developed-market status because it has limits on foreign ownership or other barriers to cross-border trading.

**26. Which of the following excuses the shop owner does not give to the customer?**

- (a) He tells him to come next day.

- (b) To back up his claim to the best cheese shop around, the shopkeeper tells the customer that his shop is clean.
- (c) He says sorry to the customer for some of the cheese he asks for.
- (d) He also says that one cheese he sells on order.

**27. What is the purpose of the first paragraph of the passage?**

- (a) To present readers a nice comedy.
- (b) This is just an illustration of the condition going on in markets.
- (c) It is aimed at entertaining customers all around the world.
- (d) It is to show how a seller excuses when his inventory is empty.

**28. Which of the following, on the basis of the passage, is/are INCORRECT?**

- (a) According to the IMP, most of the growth in the world’s GDP over the next five years will be in developing countries.
- (b) Red Leicester is a variety of cheese to which the seller in the passage says that it is sold out.
- (c) According to the shop owner Cheddar is in demand.
- (d) The benchmark MSCI emerging-market index does not really offer much you want to purchase.

**29. Which of the following, on the basis of the above passage, is/are CORRECT?**

- (a) MSCI emerging-market index is light on exposure to the fastest-growing bits of the world economy, notably in Africa.
- (b) MSCI has a big indifference to economies in the Asian supply chain to rich-world consumers.
- (c) MSCI overlooks some investors like a cheese shop that is so clean because it is uncontaminated by cheese.
- (d) The trouble lies neither with the index compilers nor with the nature of public markets.

**30. Which of the following, on the basis of the above passage, gives the exact idea of market classification?**

- (a) Income level of countries decides their markets.
- (b) For financial markets, it is for foreign investors to move large sums into and out of local stocks.
- (c) The stock market’s liquidity and its openness are also important factors.
- (d) All of the above.

**Directions (31-40): 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 (e). i.e. ‘No error’. (Ignore the errors of punctuation, if any.)**

31. (a) Pakistan has for the first time admitted to the presence **/(b)** of India’s most wanted terrorist, Dawood Ibrahim, **/(c)** on its earth, but has said that **/(d)** he has now been chased out and could be in the UAE. **/(e)** No error

32. (a) The Delhi Government will set up seven laboratories  
/(b) in East Delhi to test, verify and calibrate /(c) the work  
and reference standards of different types of balances,  
/(d) weights and measuring equipments used in shops or  
establishments. /(e) No error
33. (a) Samajik Suvidha Sangam, also known as Mission  
Convergence, /(b) is the most unique initiative of NCT of  
Delhi /(c) for holistic empowerment of women from  
vulnerable and /(d) most vulnerable sections of the  
society. /(e) No error
34. (a) The Supreme Court has sought a response of the  
Centre /(b) on a PIL seeking effective functioning of the  
/(c) human rights courts in the country /(d) to further the  
cause of according social justice. /(e) No error
35. (a) Caught napping by the powerful mining Mafia after a  
bid /(b) on the life of the SDM, the police has now booked  
/(c) the driver of the tractor trolley and /(d) filed an FIR  
against him. /(e) No error
36. (a) A letter of credit is a guarantee issued /(b) by the  
importer's bank that it will honor /(c) payment up to  
certain amount of export bills /(d) to the bank of the  
exporter. /(e) No error.
37. (a) A private company is one which /(b) restricts transfer  
of shares and does not /(c) invite the public to /(d)  
subscribe its shares /(e) No error.
38. (a) Widows by far outnumber widowers, /(b) because  
studies show that women live longer /(c) than men and  
tend to marry /(d) men older than them. /(e) No error.
39. (a) Yesterday my car ran out of gas, /(b) and then my  
phone ran out of battery /(c) I was up a creek /(d) without  
a paddle /(e) No error.
40. (a) We couldn't set up the computer network /(b)  
ourselves, so we are banking with /(c) an IT engineer  
from the university /(d) to set it up for us. /(e) No error.

