Direction (1-5): In each of the questions given below, a set of sentences is given, which when properly sequenced, form a coherent paragraph. Arrange the sentences in the correct sequence and answer the questions that follow.

I. The Congress has set the ball rolling for organisational elections in a period of great uncertainty in the party.

II. The post of the president has been vacant after Rahul Gandhi resigned in the aftermath of the Lok Sabha election debacle in 2019, Sonia Gandhi filled in as interim president but the leadership vacuum has aggravated the morbidities of the party since then.

III. Its performance in the recent Bihar election was abysmal, made stark by the fact that Mr. Gandhi chose to go on a vacation in the midst of the campaign.

IV. The Central Election Authority of the party hopes to have a session of the All India Congress Committee by February 2021 that will elect the Congress Working Committee and possibly a new president.

V. In an extremely difficult political environment, the party has been drifting, aimless and rudderless.

VI. The edifice that held the party together from 2004 to 2014 when it was in power at the Centre has crumbled.

1. Which from the following is the first sentence after rearrangement?
   
   A. I
   B. II
   C. III
   D. IV
   E. None of the above

2. Which from the following is the third sentence after rearrangement?

   A. I
   B. II
   C. III
   D. IV
   E. V

3. Which from the following is the second sentence after rearrangement?

   A. II
   B. IV
   C. V
   D. VI
   E. None of the above

4. Which from the following is the fifth sentence after rearrangement?

   A. II
   B. IV
   C. V
   D. VI
   E. None of the above

5. Which from the following is the fifth sentence after rearrangement?
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A. I
B. III
C. IV
D. V
E. None of the above

5. Which from the following is the sixth sentence after rearrangement?
A. II
B. III
C. IV
D. V
E. VI

Directions (6–8): In each of the following questions a grammatically correct and meaningful sentence is given with four words given in bold in each. Which of the following words should replace each other to form a meaningful and grammatically correct sentence. The meaning can be different from the one in question.

6) Also, important (A) down notes (B) for your seniors on ward rounds (C) is probably not the most jotting (D) thing.
   a) A-D
   b) C-D
   c) A-C, B-D
   d) A-B, C-D
   e) B-D

8) Urgent (A) that all these measures (B) are true, the fact remains that there is an Assuming (C) need to check the accelerated costs and initiate suitable reasons (D).
   a) A-D
   b) C-D
   c) A-C, B-D
   d) A-B, C-D
   e) B-D

Direction (9-12): In each of the questions given below a part of the sentence is given in bold. It is then followed by three options. Find the alternative that can replace the given bold part to make the sentence grammatically and contextually correct. If none of the alternatives is correct and the sentence is correct as it is then select option (E) as your choice.

9. Most often, reports prepared for the RBI’s internal working groups barely draw much attention beyond the relevant circles in the banking and financial services industries and rarely ever evoke protest.
   I. reports prepared by the
   II. reports prepared in the
   III. reports prepared of the
   A. Both I and II

   I. reports prepared by the
   II. reports prepared in the
   III. reports prepared of the
   A. Both I and II
10. The panel, which was tasked within reviews ownership norms and corporate structure for private sector banks, has made worthwhile suggestions including ways to harmonise licensing norms for all banks including older legacy lenders and newer entrants.

I. with reviewing ownership norms
II. with reviews ownership norms
III. at reviewing ownership norms
A. Both I and II
B. Both II and III
C. Both I and III
D. Only I
E. No correction required

12. For all its regulatory powers and supervision capabilities, the RBI failed to spot the build-up of troubled exposures at Yes Bank in time.

I. powers and supervisory capabilities
II. authorities and supervisory capabilities
III. powers with supervisory capabilities
A. Both I and II
B. Both II and III
C. Both I and III
D. Only II
E. No correction required

Direction (13-16): The following question carries a statement with two blanks. From the given options, choose the word that would fit in both the blanks to make the sentence grammatically correct and meaningful.

13) She had to _________ her neck out of the window outside to see the _________ sitting in a herd near the pond.

A) Turn
B) Crane
C) Run
D) Take
E) Strain

14) The boy took the girl out for a _________ and treated her to her favourite dessert of ice-cream and _________
15) The pencil has a sharp ___________ but it is dangerous to _________ a sharp object at anyone.
A) Weapon  
B) Edge  
C) Point  
D) Journalist  
E) News

16) You were absolutely _______________ in making a quick ______________ turn at the next crossroad in order to avoid the forest area.
A) Cargo  
B) Mantle  
C) Onus  
D) Right  
E) Liability

Direction (17-23): Read the passage carefully and answer the questions given below it. There are some blanks given in the passage based on which some questions are framed, and some words are highlighted as well to help you answer some of the questions.

It is illegal to hoard, for black marketing, essential goods in drought-affected areas. Overcharging of commodities and services during any natural disaster is always a ..................(A). It is a crime against humanity to make a profit during any human tragedy. On the contrary, there is (and should be) empathy and concern about human suffering. (B) Such solidarity(1) is a belongings(2) of the need to: prevent further damage and destruction, rescue and evacuate(3) affected people to safer zones, and salvage recognition(4) and meet their minimal survival needs. For this nobody is charged. Instead, it is considered as relief work which comes out profusely as charity; a humane gesture.

The COVID-19 pandemic is also a human tragedy and needs global solidarity. It is definitely not a time to be doing business and making a fast buck. Making enormous profit out of a human tragedy is shameful. Unfortunately, such a sense of shame is missing in the international trade market. (C) When economies crumbled in much countries, e-commerce and gadget-based gaming business boomed/ and in the novel coronavirus pandemic,/ there are numerous examples of companies having made enormous profits/ in the supply of personal protective equipment and kits and ventilators./

In a liberalised economy, there is a shocking silence in the global market trying to do business out of human suffering. Business lies in selling technologies around COVID-19, the diagnostics, drugs and vaccine candidates. This is where organisations of the United Nations and global networks for people should come together in one voice. The World Health Assembly, in May 2020, in .................(D) of the obstacles to equitable access to COVID-19
technologies such as vaccines, diagnostics, medicines, PPE kits and machines, set up mechanisms to counter it. (E) When the entire global population, estimated to be nearly eight billion people, is in need of a vaccine (still being tested and yet to be approved) then production at full capacity and supply to every country will take time.

We cannot allow the rich and the strong to grab everything first. (F) The advance purchase agreements that some countries have negotiated with _________________. Such vaccine nationalism undermines equitable access to vaccines. (G) There has to be prioritisation for high-risk groups in all countries, especially in the least developed, low- and middle-income nations, that framework has to be dispute by the global community without accepted. In this, the COVAX partnership is a mechanism for ensuring that.

GAVI, or the Global Alliance for Vaccine Initiative, was in existence during the pre-COVID-19 period to ensure the pooled procurement and equitable supply of life-saving vaccines to low- and middle-income countries. It has been roped in for the COVID-19 vaccine too.

17. Which of the following word given in the options should come at the place marked as (A) in the above passage to make it grammatically correct and meaningful? Also, the word should fill in the two sentences given below to make them contextually correct and meaningful?
(I) : Government officials were caught in an embezzlement _________________.
(II) : Her behavior caused a _________________. at school.
A) condemn
B) scandal
C) gratify
D) parleys
E) None of these

18. The sentence given in (B) has four words given in bold. amongst the given bold words which of the following must replace each other to make the sentence contextually correct and meaningful?
A) Both 2-1 and 3-4
B) Both 1-3 and 2-4
C) Both 2-3 and 1-4
D) 1-3
E) 2-4

19. In the above passage, sentence (C) may or may not have an error in one part of the sentence, select the part having error in it as your answer.
A) When economies crumbled in much countries, e-commerce and gadget-based gaming business boomed
B) and in the novel coronavirus pandemic,
C) there are numerous examples of companies having made enormous profits
D) in the supply of personal protective equipment and kits and ventilators.
E) No error
20. Which of the following should fill the blank given in (D) to make it contextually correct and meaningful?
A) reprimand
B) debate
C) smacks
D) cognisance
E) None of these

21. A sentence with four bold words is given marked as (E). These are numbered (a), (b), (c) and (d). One of these words printed in bold might either be wrongly spelt or inappropriate in the context of the sentence. Find out the word that is inappropriate or wrongly spelt, if any.
A) Only a
B) Only a & c
C) Only a & d
D) Only b
E) All correct

22. Which of the following phrase should fill the blank (F) to make it contextually and grammatically correct and meaningful?
A) having nothing less than vaccines
B) public good must definitely be the long-term goal
C) pharmaceutical companies exemplify such adverse trends
D) exert pressure on TRIPS. This is a pragmatic step for the time being
E) None of these

23. The sentence given in (G) has four words given in bold. Among the given bold words, which of the following must replace each other to make the sentence grammatically correct and meaningful?
A) 1-3
B) 1-4
C) 2-3
D) 2-4
E) 3-4

Directions (24-28): In the following sentence, one part of the sentence has an error. Find out that particular part and select the appropriate option. If there is no error in the sentence, choose E as your answer:

24) Doctors on Lagos State embarked on a (A)/ three-day strike from July 13 to 15, (B)/ to protest the absence of adequate safety and welfare (C)/ measures for doctors working with COVID-19 patients. (D)/ NO Error (E)

A. Doctors on Lagos State embarked on a
B. three-day strike from July 13 to 15
C. to protest the absence of adequate safety and welfare
D. measures for doctors working with COVID-19 patients
E. no error

25) Liberian fishing communities are threatened (A)/ by Chinese super trawlers capable of catching (B)/ about twice the nation’s sustainable catch (D)/ potentially decimating vital fish stocks in just a few years. (D)/ No error. (E)
A. Liberian fishing communities are threatened
B. by Chinese super trawlers capable of catching
C. about twice the nation’s sustainable catch –
D. potentially decimating vital fish stocks in just a few years.
E. No error

26) With the decline in the Thai and worldwide economy, (A) businesses and factories have closed and migrant workers have been (B) among the first people lay off. As Thailand has entered the worst economic recession (C) at its history, migrants who normally work for daily wages are facing tough times. (D) No Error. (E)
A. With the decline in the Thai and worldwide economy
B. businesses and factories have closed and migrant workers have been
C. among the first people lay off. As Thailand has entered the worst economic recession
D. at its history, migrants who normally work for daily wages are facing tough times.
E. no error

27) Dalai also stated that the Department will be (A) issuing a dedicated phone number were people (B) can inform the department if they come across any such sick tree. (C) The department will then send experts for the treatment of the tree. (D) No error (E)
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B. issuing a dedicated phone number were people
C. can inform the department if they come across any such sick tree
D. The department will then send experts for the treatment of the tree.
E. No error

28) The contract is a part of the MoU signed (A) among India and the Maldives in 2019 to set up three neighbourhood (B) fish processing plants costing around USD 1.5 million (C) in Maradhoo, Hithadhoo and Hulhudhoo. (D) No errors (E)
A. The contract is a part of the MoU signed
B. among India and the Maldives in 2019 to set up three neighbourhood
C. fish processing plants costing around USD 1.5 million
D. in Maradhoo, Hithadhoo and Hulhudhoo.
E. No error

Directions (29-30): In each of the questions given below, a word is given followed by 3 sentences, each with a blank. Find out which of the sentences the given word or any form of it would fit the blank and mark your answer.

29) Ubiquitous
A) When I was a child, I thought my parents were ________________because it seemed as if they knew every mischief I did.
B) Since my best friend loves the color white, she made sure the hue was ________________ during her wedding.
C) As evidenced by the increased number of shootings, violence has become a __________________ epidemic in America.
A) C and A
B) Only B
C) B and C
D) A and B
E) A, B and C

30) Serenade
A) More than anything my dad wants my mom to ________________ him by singing her favorite song at their anniversary dinner.
B) Before Sheldon decides to ________________ his date, he should know she is deaf and may not appreciate his gesture.
C) As a ________________, the department store offered free chocolates and drinks to all its patrons.
A) only A
B) only B
C) B and C
D) A and B
E) A, B and C

Answers

1) Answer: A
Solution: After rearrangement of the sentences the paragraph seems to highlight about the organisational elections within Congress. It also pointed out certain reasons and facts what has happened to the working committee presidential post. Thus, the correct sequences of the sentences are I-IV-II-III-V-VI
In this context the first sentence should be an introductory one explaining what topic is to be discussed inside the paragraph, and sentence I seems perfect fit.
Therefore, option A is the correct answer.

2) Answer: B
Solution: After rearrangement of the sentences the paragraph seems to highlight about the organisational elections within Congress. It also pointed out certain reasons and facts what has happened to the working committee presidential post. Thus, the correct sequences of the sentences are I-IV-II-III-V-VI
In this context the third sentence should highlight the reason why the organisational elections must take place, and sentence II provides one of the chief reasons.
Therefore, option B is the correct answer.

3) Answer: B
Solution: After rearrangement of the sentences the paragraph seems to highlight about the organisational elections within Congress. It also pointed out certain reasons and facts what has happened to the working committee presidential post.
post. Thus, the correct sequences of the sentences are I-IV-II-III-VI.
The second sentence should hold the objective for organizational elections, and in this context, sentence IV seems perfect fit.
Therefore, option B is the correct answer.
4) Answer: D
Solution: After rearrangement of the sentences the paragraph seems to highlight about the organisational elections within Congress. It also pointed out certain reasons and facts what has happened to the working committee presidential post. Thus, the correct sequences of the sentences are I-IV-II-III-VI.
The penultimate sentence of the paragraph must describe the present scenario of the part and at the same time highlight it as another reason for the organisational election. To this sentence V seems perfect fit.
Therefore, option D is the correct answer.
5) Answer: E
Solution: After rearrangement of the sentences the paragraph seems to highlight about the organisational elections within Congress. It also pointed out certain reasons and facts what has happened to the working committee presidential post. Thus, the correct sequences of the sentences are I-IV-II-III-VI.
The conclusive sentence is no doubt a extension of the pre conclusive sentence, putting up a statement about the present condition of the party. To which sentence VI seems perfect fit.
Therefore, option E is the correct answer.
6) Answer: A
After rearrangement correct sentence will be “Also, jotting down notes for your senior son ward rounds is probably not the most important thing.”
7) Answer: B
After rearrangement correct sentence will be “Its chief feature is that the reader is given the opportunity to play along and engage in the process of deduction.”
8) Answer: C
After rearrangement correct sentence will be “Assuming that all these reasons are true, the fact remains that there is an Urgent need to check the accelerated costs and initiate suitable measures.”
9) Answer: C
Solution: ‘By’ is the correct preposition to use before the noun in identifying the agent performing an action. All other prepositions are incorrect to the context.
Therefore, option C is the correct answer.
10) Answer: D
Solution: ‘within reviews’ change the meaning of the sentence, as the panel was formed to review the norms. The sentence is in past perfect continuous and thus ‘with reviewing’ is the best option to use.
Therefore, option D is the correct answer.
11) Answer: C
Solution: ‘Arguing’ infers no meaning to the context of this sentence, thus out of context. The word ‘intriguing’ should be followed by an article to make it grammatically correct in this context, thus ‘is’ is the only choice. Therefore, option C is the correct answer.

12) Answer: A

Solution: ‘powers’ meaning authority that is given or delegated to a person or body, has similar meaning with authorities, thus, both sentences are correct. ‘With’ is the incorrect preposition to use in this context. Therefore, option A is the correct answer.

13) Answer: B

Here, we need to select the word from the given options, such that the word perfectly fits both the blanks and makes it grammatically and contextually correct.

‘Crane your neck’ in the first blank means ‘put the neck out to see something’ [Fits in the first blank]
Crane in the second blank means a Bird [Fits in the second blank]
Hence, “crane” is the correct answer.

14) Answer: A

Here, we need to select the word from the given options, such that the word perfectly fits both the blanks and makes it grammatically and contextually correct.

Here in the first blank means “date” means to go for an outing [fits in the first blank]

In the second blank means ‘date’ means a fruit (fits in the second blank)
Thus, “date” is the correct answer.

15) Answer: C

Here, we need to select the word from the given options, such that the word perfectly fits both the blanks and makes it grammatically and contextually correct.

Point in the first blank means edge [fits in the first blank]
Point in the second blank means to show (fits in the second blank)
Thus, “point” is the correct answer.

16) Answer: D

Here, we need to select the word from the given options, such that the word perfectly fits both the blanks and makes it grammatically and contextually correct.

Right in the second blank means Correct (fits in the first blank).
Right turn in the second blank means Direction (fits in the second blank)
Thus “right” is the correct answer.

17) Answer: B

Solution:
In the given sentence, only ‘scandal’ makes it grammatically as well as contextually correct.
Option A is incorrect because condemn means express complete disapproval of; censure which is contextually wrong.
Option B is the correct alternative among the following as scandal perfectly fits in the blank both grammatically and contextually.
Option C is incorrect because gratify means give (someone) pleasure or satisfaction.
Option D is incorrect because parleys means a conference between opposing sides in a dispute, especially a discussion of terms for an armistice which is contextually wrong.

18) **Answer: E**
Solution:
‘Recognition’ means identification of someone or something or person from previous encounters or knowledge. ‘a recognition of the need’ will be the perfect choice here. 2-4 must be interchanged. So option E will be the correct choice here.
After making the replacements, the thus formed sentence is “Such solidarity is a recognition of the need to: prevent further damage and destruction, rescue and evacuate affected people to safer zones, and salvage belongings and meet their minimal survival needs. “

19) **Answer: A**
Solution:
‘Countries’ is a countable noun so ‘many’ should be used with it. So option A will be the correct choice here.

20) **Answer: D**
Solution:
In the given sentence, only ‘cognisance’ makes it grammatically as well as contextually correct.

Option A: is incorrect because reprimand means a formal expression of disapproval which does not fit here.
Option B: is incorrect as debate does not make any sense here.
Option C: is incorrect as ‘smacks’ means a sharp slap or blow, typically one given with the palm of the hand which does not fit here.
Option D: is the correct alternative among the following as ‘cognisance’ means knowledge or awareness which fits here both grammatically and contextually.

21) **Answer: D**
Solution:
‘Estemated’ spelling is incorrect. The correct spelling must be ‘estimated’ which means (of a value or number) roughly calculated; approximate. So option D will be the correct choice here.

22) **Answer: C**
Solution:
Before the blank it says ‘advance purchase agreements that some countries have negotiated with’ and part C says with whom. So option C will be the correct choice here.
After filling the blank, the correct sentence will be ‘The advance purchase agreements that some countries have negotiated with pharmaceutical companies exemplify such adverse trends.’.

23) **Answer: E**
Solution:
After ‘has to be’ we need a verb in past participle form. ‘has to be accepted’ makes perfect sense. 3-4 will be the pair. So option E will be the correct choice.

After the replacement the thus formed sentence is “There has to be prioritisation for high-risk groups in all countries, especially in the least developed, low- and middle-income nations, that framework has to be accepted by the global community without dispute.”

24) Answer: A

There is an error in the Part A of the given sentence. We are talking about Doctors in Lagos State going on strike. In this part the preposition that should be used is ‘in’ instead of ‘on’. There is no other error other than this.

The correct sentence would be:
Doctors in Lagos State embarked on a three-day strike from July 13 to 15, to protest the absence of adequate safety and welfare measures for doctors working with COVID-19 patients.

This makes Option A the correct choice among the given options.

25) Answer: E

There is no error in any part of the given sentence. Therefore no correction is required.
This makes Option E the correct choice among the given options.

26) Answer: D

There is an error in the Part D of the given sentence. We are talking about the decline in the economy of Thailand. In this part the preposition that should be used is ‘in’ instead of ‘at’. There is no other error other than this.

The correct sentence would be:
With the decline in the Thai and worldwide economy, businesses and factories have closed and migrant workers have been among the first people lay off. As Thailand has entered the worst economic recession in its history, migrants who normally work for daily wages are facing tough times.

This makes Option D the correct choice among the given options.

27) Answer: B

There is an error in the Part B of the given sentence. We are talking about providing treatment facility in Dalai District for sick trees. In this part the helping verb ‘were’ has to be replaced with ‘where’ as it indicates a place/position. There are no other changes to be made.

The correct sentence would be:
Dalai also stated that the Department will be issuing a dedicated phone number where people can inform the department if they come across any such sick tree. The department will then send experts for the treatment of the tree.

This makes Option B the correct choice among the given options.

28) Answer: B

There is an error in the Part B of the given sentence. We are talking about the agreement signed between India and Maldives. In this part the word ‘among’ is used which is wrong the correct word is ‘between’.

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When we compare two things we use between, and when we compare more than two things we use among. There are no other changes to be made.

The contract is a part of the MoU signed between India and the Maldives in 2019 to set up three neighbourhood fish processing plants costing around USD 1.5 million in Maradhoo, Hithadhoo and Hulhudhoo.

This makes Option B the correct choice among the given options.

29) Answer: E
Ubiquitous is described as existing or being everywhere at the same time. So, all the statements have used the word correctly.

30) Answer: D
Serenade is to perform a song for a special person while it does not fit contextually in statement C. So, only A and B employ the word correctly.