1) **Answer:** D  
**Verified**  
Refuted means prove (a statement or theory) to be wrong or false; disprove. Thus option d) is the correct choice here.

2) **Answer:** C  
I and II  
Saudi Arabia started its Yemen military campaign in March 2015 with the goal of driving Houthis out of territories they captured.

3) **Answer:** C  
I and II  
Four years of war have devastated the country of Yemen. The U.S. had warned against probable attacks by either Iran or Iran-backed militias against American interests or its allies in the region, and has deployed an aircraft carrier and a bomber squad to the Gulf region.

4) **Answer:** B  
Thousands of civilians have been killed man others have died due to disease, poor health care and malnutrition. As given in the passage, at least 7,000 civilians have been killed in the four year old war, according to UN. Thousands of others have died due to disease, poor health care and malnutrition. The blockade imposed by Saudi Arabia on Yemen has worsened the country’s hunger problem and health-care crisis.

5) **Answer:** C  
The Houthis, who have been getting support from Iran, carried out a drone attack on a Saudi pipeline, so Riyadh launched airstrikes in retaliation. It is clearly mentioned in the passage that The Houthis, who have been reportedly getting support from Iran carried out a drone attack on a Saudi pipeline so Riyadh, in vengeance, launched airstrikes in Sanaa.

6) **Answer:** D  
A-E, C-D  
The collegium has now repeated its recommendations, emphasising that there is nothing adverse against the two judges in terms of their “conduct, competence and integrity” and that there is no reason to agree with the government. The Supreme Court is keen to fill up the current vacancies.

7) **Answer:** C  
C-E, B-F  
Were tensions in trade policy to flare up again, it could result in large disruptions to global supply.
chains and pose downside risks to global growth, the IMF warned.

The cost of these tariffs will, after all, eventually be borne by American consumers and could result in U.S.

8) Answer: A
A-E
In the face of growing U.S. aggression on the issue, the government that takes office after the election will have to urgently consider its options ahead.

9) Answer: C
C-E, B-F
Over a four-day meeting that ended on May 2, the Jirga asked the government to set up a negotiating team with members from the assembly for talks with the insurgents. It also backed women’s rights, a critical issue being debated by the political class amid the Taliban’s rising clout.

10) Answer: B
B-D, C-E
Perhaps the most worrying signal from Mr. Ross’s outburst was that Washington may not be willing to meet India halfway on trade issues. The U.S. must understand the cultural differences over the labelling of non-vegetarian dairy products.

11) Answer: A
A-E, B-F, C-D
The Taliban, for its part, immediately shot down the proposal, vowing to continue attacks through the Ramzan month.

Without the Taliban’s reciprocity, no ceasefire will hold.

The group controls half of Afghanistan and has shown its capacity to strike anywhere, including in the most fortified of locations.

12) Answer: B
B-D, A-F
The Taliban’s intransigence has darkened the prospects for peace. The talks between Taliban representatives and Zalmay Khalilzad, the U.S. special representative, are primarily focussed on withdrawing foreign troops from Afghanistan.

13) Answer: B
After the US president through a presidential proclamation withdrew duty free benefits to Indian exporters worth $6 billion, Indian government termed the move unfortunate and vowed to protect the country’s national interest.

14) Answer: A
Several members of the US Congress and US manufacturers had urged Trump not to withdraw GSP benefits available to India since India is a strategic ally and the move will increase input costs for American producers.

15) Answer: B
SpiceJet, which operates narrow body and turboprop planes, does not have firm plans to become a widebody operator with longer-range flights in the wake of Jet's collapse in April.

16) Answer: A
The Indian trade ministry in a statement said India as part of our bilateral discussions had offered resolution on significant US requests in an effort to find a mutually acceptable way forward.

17) Answer: C

Budget airline SpiceJet Ltd is examining the prospect of taking over widebody jets previously operated by Jet Airways Ltd, but initial studies show they need significant maintenance work, its chairman said on Saturday.

18) Answer: C

India has time and again denounced Trump’s charge of being a tariff king and has maintained that its tariff levels are in accordance with WTO rules applicable to developing countries.

19) Answer: A

Replace “concern” with “concerned”

20) Answer: B

Replace “design” with “designed”

21) Answer: B

Insists

In the given sentence, only ‘insists’ make it grammatically as well as contextually correct.

Option A) is incorrect because after adverb ‘finally’ we need a verb but ‘culpable’ is an adjective.

Option C) is incorrect because it is both grammatically and contextually wrong. As ‘Mr Gandhi’ is a name we use ‘s’/ ‘es’ form of verb.

Option D) is incorrect because ‘cossets’ does not make any sense.

Option E) is incorrect because ‘alleviate’ does not fit here contextually.

22) Answer: D

Disenchantment

In the given sentence, only ‘disenchantment’ make it grammatically as well as contextually correct.

Option A) is incorrect ‘orator’ does not make any sense here.

Option B) is incorrect because ‘entice’ is both grammatically and contextually wrong. After preposition ‘the’ we should use noun. But ‘entice’ is a verb.

Option C) is incorrect because ‘paradoxical’ does not make any sense.

23) Answer: B

Quest

In the given sentence, only ‘quest’ make it grammatically as well as contextually correct.

Option A): is incorrect ‘Animosity’ does not make any sense here.

Option C): is incorrect because ‘delude’ is contextually wrong.

Option D): is incorrect because ‘imbibe’ does not make any sense.

24) Answer: A

Nurture

In the given sentence, only ‘nurture’ make it grammatically as well as contextually correct.

Option B) is incorrect ‘stigma’ does not make any sense here.
Option C) is incorrect because ‘sheer’ is contextually wrong.
Option D) is incorrect because ‘dismal’ does not make any sense.

25) Answer: D

Persuasive
In the given sentence, only ‘persuasive’ make it grammatically as well as contextually correct.
Option A): is incorrect because before noun ‘skills’ we need an adjective. But ‘ritual’ is a noun.
Option B): is incorrect because ‘propound’ does not make any sense here.
Option C): is incorrect because ‘adamant’ is both grammatically and contextually wrong.

26) Answer: A

Makes
In the given sentence, only ‘makes’ make it grammatically as well as contextually correct.
Option B) is incorrect because ‘make’ is grammatically wrong.
Option C) is incorrect because ‘describe’ does not make any sense here.
Option D) is incorrect because ‘rivulet’ is contextually wrong.

27) Answer: D

But
In the given sentence, only ‘but’ make it grammatically as well as contextually correct.
Option A) is incorrect because ‘although’ makes complex sentence but from the formation of sentence we can see that this is a compound sentence.
Option B) is incorrect because ‘though’ makes complex sentence but from the formation of sentence we can see that this is a compound sentence.
Option C) is incorrect because ‘as well as’ is contextually wrong.

28) Answer: B

Might
In the given sentence, only ‘might’ make it grammatically as well as contextually correct.
Option A): is incorrect because according to the sense of the sentence ‘might’ will be more prominent.
Option C): is incorrect because ‘should’ does not make any sense here.
Option D): is incorrect because ‘shall’ is contextually wrong.

29) Answer: C

Implant
In the given sentence, only ‘implant’ makes it grammatically as well as contextually correct.
Option A): is incorrect because ‘Meddle’ does not make any sense here.
Option B): is incorrect because ‘invoke’ is contextually wrong.
Option D): is incorrect because ‘pound’ does not make any sense.

30) Answer: A

Investigation
In the given sentence, only ‘investigation’ makes it grammatically as well as contextually correct.
Option A) is incorrect because ‘although’ makes complex sentence but from the formation of sentence we can see that this is a compound sentence.
Option B): is incorrect because after article ‘an’ we need a noun but ‘investigate’ is a verb.
Option C): is incorrect because ‘vengeance’ is contextually wrong.

Option D): is incorrect because ‘revenge’ does not make any sense.