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Direction (1-5): Read the given passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

When Hurricane Harvey loomed off the coast of my home state of Texas, it seemed to fill the entire Gulf of Mexico. When it roared on land, it pummelled the towns of Rockport and Port Aransas, whose tawny beaches I've walked with my kids, pointing out the indigo sails of Portuguese man o' war jellyfish. Harvey's eye took direct aim at the University of Texas' Marine Science Institute, flattening not just the facility itself, but priceless samples awaiting analysis. After Harvey left Port Aransas, it spun back into the Gulf of Mexico over record sea temperatures as great as 4 degrees Fahrenheit above normal. Thermodynamic laws require that warmer air holds more water vapor. The heat armed the storm with a mighty arsenal of water vapor. Then Harvey returned to land, dumping a catastrophic amount of rain on Houston. My Facebook feed filled with pleas for rescue from the rising waters. Friends' houses flooded — houses that had always been on dry land before. A chemical plant blew up, twice. Toxic chemicals oozed from Superfund sites. Dozens died in the deluge, mostly by drowning. And all the while, alongside the heartbreak and horror, I kept thinking about a strange harbinger: jellyfish. Diaphanous in form yet menacing in sting, jellyfish have a powerful capacity to capture our imagination. They undulate in a primal rhythm, blinking open and closed like eyes that can peer into the soul of the sea. And what they are seeing are changes produced by us here on land. Because we burn fossil fuels, which release greenhouse gasses, not just the atmosphere but ocean waters are warming. At the same time, our ship traffic transports animals to new places, and sometimes these exotics find home-like conditions where in the past those conditions would have been unsuitable. That's likely what happened off the coast of Italy, where gas platforms are thought to be the home for a new invasion of jellyfish. In the twentieth century in the Adriatic Sea, moon jellies, pinkish with their characteristic four-leafed clover on top, were a rarity. Now they are ubiquitous. And as we wash pollution into our waters, we create low oxygen environments. Some jellyfish, with their low

metabolic rate due to their a-cellular jelly insides, can survive more easily there than fish, with their oxygen-guzzling muscled tissues. The fierce stings of these animals chase beach-goers out of the water. Their gooey bodies clog machinery at power plants, halting operations. Rampant coastal development provides new habitat for a jellyfish stage called a polyp that looks like a sea anemone. When it finds a hard surface like a dock or a jetty to grow on, a single polyp can proliferate into a dozen or even more medusae. And fields of polyps grow on those hard structures. And our lack of oversight of the fishing industry, which has removed more than 90% of the large fish from the seas, has depleted the predators of jellyfish as well as their competitors. Jellyfish are eaten by some fish, and jellyfish eat the same small zooplankton that fish do. The ecological vacuum left by unrestrained fishing can allow jellyfish to expand their influence in marine ecosystems. That's what happened off the coast of Namibia, once one of the world's most productive fisheries.

1. Jellyfish can survive in polluted water better than other fishes. Why?

- (I) They have oxygen gulping muscled tissues.
- (II) They have low metabolic rate.
- (III) They eat zooplankton for survival.
- (a) Only I
- (b) Only II
- (c) Both I and II
- (d) Both II and III
- (e) All are correct

2. Why Hurricane Harvey is termed as devastating?

- (a) Many houses got flooded during the hurricane.
- (b) Many people died due to drowning.
- (c) Toxic chemicals got released from superfund sites.
- (d) Chemical plants got blown up.
- (e) All of the above

3. What is the main idea of the passage?

- (a) Jellyfish is an endangered species.
- (b) Low oxygen content due to water pollution has caused changes in aquatic ecosystem.
- (c) Informing some unknown facts about jellyfish.
- (d) Destruction caused by Hurricane Harvey.
- (e) How to improve ecological balance.

4. Pick up the fact(s) about Jellyfish that is(are) related with Namibia.

- (a) Low oxygen content has caused reduction in the number of jellyfish.
- (b) Jellyfish can extensively increase their population in case of ecological imbalance.
- (c) Unregulated fishing activities has led to a stark decrease in number of Jellyfish predators.
- (d) Both B and C.
- (e) All are correct

5. Which of the following statement(s) is(are) true in the context of the given passage?

- (a) Moon Jellyfish is found in Yellow sea where pollution is unchecked.
- (b) Hurricane Harvey with strong winds battered the entire Gulf of Mexico.
- (c) Jellyfish sweeping from China have afflicted Japan's coast.
- (d) Jellyfish survive more than other fishes in low oxygen environment.
- (e) Only B and D

Direction (6-15): The given question contains one statement that is divided into five parts, out of which the first part is correct. There is some error in the three of the remaining four parts of the statement, while one part is correct. The correct part is your answer. In case all the parts are incorrect, the last option is your answer.

6. The trouble with/ mental illness are/ that it is rarely/ diagnosed latter than/ it should suitably be.

- (a) mental illness are
- (b) that it is rarely
- (c) diagnosed latter than
- (d) it should suitably be
- (e) All are incorrect

7. Recurrence of scams/ in the recent/ decades can be credited by/ the increasing in/ the bureaucratic lenient.

- (a) in the recent
- (b) decades can be credited by
- (c) the increasing in
- (d) the bureaucratic lenient
- (e) All are incorrect

8. The proactive approach of/ a city authorities / have led to the reduction/ with unwanted federal expenses/ in tax collection.

- (a) a city authorities
- (b) have led to the reduction
- (c) with unwanted federal expenses
- (d) in tax collection
- (e) All are incorrect

9. It has always been/ difficult with the political/ machinery to meshing with/ the judiciary because/ of the conflicts of interest.

- (a) difficult with the political
- (b) machinery to meshing with
- (c) the judiciary because
- (d) of the conflicts of interest
- (e) All are incorrect

10. My driver revved the engine/ hard in an attempt to increasing/ the available power over/ the engine, but failed/ due to the favorable weather.

- (a) hard in an attempt to increasing
- (b) the available power over
- (c) the engine, but failed
- (d) due to the favorable weather
- (e) All are incorrect

11. There has been/ a unprecedented increase in/ the number of adoption/ requests into the last/ few years of collect statistics.

- (a) a unprecedented increase in
- (b) the number of adoption
- (c) requests into the last
- (d) few years of collect statistics
- (e) All are incorrect

12. The incumbent Greek government/ is willing to make most sacrifices/ than their predecessors in/ order to impress financial/ situation in the troubled economics.

- (a) is willing to make most sacrifices
- (b) than their predecessors in
- (c) order to impress financial
- (d) situation in the troubled economics
- (e) All are incorrect

13. Removing the trash from/ the street was being always/ consideration a prerequisite/ for improvement the overall/ ambience of the city.

- (a) the street was being always
- (b) consideration a prerequisite
- (c) for improvement the overall
- (d) ambience of the city
- (e) All are incorrect

14. Referring to the attention/ received for the pilot project,/ the district collector commemoration/ the social workers involved in/ the execution of an crucial plan.

- (a) received for the pilot project
- (b) the district collector commemoration
- (c) the social workers involved in
- (d) the execution of a crucial plan
- (e) All are incorrect

15. Living under the shadow/ of the revolting must have/ has deteriorating effect in/ the personalities of the childrens/ growing over these years.

- (a) of the revolting must have
- (b) has deteriorating effect on
- (c) the personalities of the childrens
- (d) growing over these years
- (e) All are incorrect

Directions (16-24): In each of the question given below a/an idiom/phrase is given in bold which is then followed by five options which then tries to decipher its meaning as used in the sentence. Choose the option which gives the meaning of the phrase most appropriately in context of the given sentence.

16. She comes across really well on television.

- (a) Discover
- (b) Express
- (c) Behave
- (d) Offers
- (e) Provide

17. The deal was completely open and above board.

- (a) Mislead
- (b) Profitable
- (c) Dupe
- (d) Respect
- (e) Honest

18. For most businessmen, the central questions will turn on taxation.

- (a) Matter
- (b) Consider
- (c) Attack
- (d) Concern
- (e) Unsettle

19. They sought a controlling interest rather than a takeover

- (a) Spend
- (b) Partnership
- (c) Endorse
- (d) Approve
- (e) Buyout

20. I think he was just putting on an act to get sympathy

- (a) Tolerate
- (b) Assume
- (c) Perform
- (d) Deceive
- (e) Effect

21. I can put up with the house being messy, but I hate it if it's not clean

- (a) Ignore
- (b) Forget
- (c) Delay
- (d) Remain
- (e) Bear

22. He gave in to my suggestion after I had shown him the plans.

- (a) Leave
- (b) Defeated
- (c) Defy
- (d) Agree
- (e) Resign

23. She cut in on a station wagon, forcing the driver to brake.

- (a) Interrupt
- (b) Stop
- (c) Collide
- (d) Too close
- (e) Carve

24. Most patients find that the numbness from the injection wears off after about an hour.

- (a) calm
- (b) Inflate
- (c) Deepen
- (d) Fade
- (e) Emerge

- (a) A-B
- (b) A-D
- (c) B-C
- (d) C-D
- (e) B-D

Directions (25-30): In each of the questions given below a sentence is given with one blank. Below each sentence **FOUR** words are given out of which **two** can fit the sentence. Five options are given with various combinations of these words. You have to choose the combination with the correct set of words which can fit in the given sentence.

25. Would you like to have _____ coffee?

- (A) much
- (B) more
- (C) some
- (D) many
- (a) A-B
- (b) A-D
- (c) B-C
- (d) C-D
- (e) A-C

26. The Dysart Unified School District says they are investigating threats made _____ the district and Dysart High School.

- (A) Towards
- (B) Against
- (C) For
- (D) After
- (a) A-B
- (b) A-D
- (c) B-C
- (d) C-D
- (e) A-C

27. I was going _____ to say hello when I realised that I couldn't remember his name.

- (A) beyond
- (B) Over
- (C) Through
- (D) Across

28. In 1997 the sales tax was lowered to 4%, then in 2001 it was abolished _____.

- (A) Together
- (B) Laterally
- (C) Completely
- (D) Altogether
- (a) A-B
- (b) A-D
- (c) B-C
- (d) C-D
- (e) B-D

29. Children _____ their parents' authority far more nowadays than they did in the past.

- (A) Dispute
- (B) Question
- (C) Confront
- (D) Challenge
- (a) A-B
- (b) A-D
- (c) B-C
- (d) C-D
- (e) B-D

30. The United Nations has _____ its authority to restore peace in the area.

- (A) Used
- (B) blown
- (C) Exercised
- (D) refused
- (a) A-C
- (b) A-D
- (c) B-C
- (d) C-D
- (e) B-D
