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I.

- (A) Most farmers depend on
- (B) It is important to plan recruitments in advance
- (C) As the city has experienced a continuous downpour

II.

- (D) for the past two days, the condition of the roads has deteriorated.
- (E) a rather than waiting until a vacancy occurs.
- (F) urban markets to secure their livelihoods
- (a) B-E and C-F
- (b) A-E, B-F and C-D
- (c) A-F and C-D
- (d) B-F
- (e) A-E and C-F

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I.

- (A) What you see typically in a workplace is that
- (B) You may be well equipped to go for an excursion
- (C) More often than not it is the PR that is responsible II.

II.

- (D) but that doesn't safeguard from all possible hurdles in your journey.
- (E) only a fewer people shoulder most responsibilities.
- (F) for the image and valued of a celebrity
- (a) A. B-D
- (b) B. A-E and C-F
- (c) C. CE
- (d) D. A-E, B-F and C-D
- (e) E. C- D and A- F

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- (A) Determining and planning your staff needs
- (B) The study documents the impacts of corruption
- (C) Acquiring quality certificates and patents is

II.

- (D) is crucial for run the department effectively.
- (E) a must for business in order for them to safeguard their products.
- (F) for both smaller and larger sized firms.
- (a) A. B-F and C-E
- (b) B. A-D and C-D
- (c) C. C-D and A-F
- (d) D. C-E
- (e) B- D

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- (A) A skilled supervisor is an effective communicator
- (B) The fundamental right to asylum for
- (C) They had long suspected the existence of a neutral atomic

II.

- (D) particles, the neutron, which James Chadwick found in 1932.
- (E) problem- solving and employee motivating
- (F) for the politically persecuted knows no upper limit.
- (a) A. A-E and B-D
- (b) B. A-F, A-E and B- D
- (c) C. B-F
- (d) D. C- D
- (e) E. C-D and B-F

- 5. Direction: The given sentences, when properly sequenced, form a coherent paragraph. Each sentence is labelled with a letter. Choose the most logical order of the sentences from among the five given choices to construct a coherent paragraph keeping 1 as the first statement**

- 1) Worthless currency is not necessarily useless.
- (A) It can be a pointed way of shaming someone who asks for a bribe.
- (B) The members of the 5th pillar, the group which founded the anti-bribery campaign that launched the notes, calls them a non-violent weapon of non-co-operation.
- (C) They look roughly like 50 rupee notes and people are encouraged to hand them to corrupt officials, signalling resistance to sleaze.
- (D) That is the thinking behind zero rupee notes, an anti-corruption Indian gimmick now attracting worldwide interest.
- (a) BDAC
- (b) ADCB
- (c) CDAB
- (d) DABC
- (e) ACDB

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- 1) Besides the loss of life, infrastructure destruction is by far the most obvious type of damage that comes to mind when we think about natural disasters.
- (A) Reuters reported that after a series of earthquakes hit Japan, factories for manufacturers like Sony, Honda, and Toyota were closed.
- (B) Thus, one of the biggest problems for areas affected by natural disasters is business disruption.
- (C) In today's increasingly interconnected economy, the economic fallout from a natural disaster is rarely relegated to the geographic area that it hits; in fact, even natural disasters that take place thousands of miles away can shake up your portfolio here at home.
- (D) With road, communication infrastructure, and building damage common after sizable disasters, it's not uncommon for local businesses to be shut down for some time after the aftershocks settle.
- (a) ABDC
- (b) BDAC
- (c) ACDB
- (d) DBAC
- (e) BACD

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- 1) One of the traditional arguments for a free market economy is that it provides businesses with a tangible incentive to offer goods and services that people want.
- (A) Such a system, they say, necessarily creates clear winners and loser
- (B) That is, firms that successfully respond to the needs of the consumer get rewarded with higher profits.
- (C) This is because the means of production are in private hands and those who own them not only accumulate a disproportionate share of wealth but have the power to suppress the rights of those they employ.
- (D) Nevertheless, some economists and political philosophers have contended that the capitalist model is inherently flawed.
- (a) BDAC
- (b) BCAD
- (c) DCAB
- (d) DBCA
- (e) BCDA

8. **Direction:** The given sentences, when properly sequenced, form a coherent paragraph. Each sentence is labelled with a letter. Choose the most logical order of the sentences from among the five given choices to construct a coherent paragraph keeping 1 as the first statement

- 1) Science merely reflects the social forces by which it is surrounded and hence it is war and not science which is considered as the enemy of mankind.
 - (A) Our main problem, therefore, is not to curb science, but to stop war, to substitute law for force and international governments for anarchy in the relations between nations.
 - (B) It is found that there is peace, science is constructive; when there is war science is perverted to destructive ends.
 - (C) Until now, they have brought us to the doorstep of doom.
 - (D) The weapon which science gives us do not necessarily create war, these make war increasingly more terrible.
- (a) ADBC
(b) BADC
(c) CDAB
(d) DABC
(e) BDCA

9. **Direction:** The given sentences, when properly sequenced, form a coherent paragraph. Each sentence is labelled with a letter. Choose the most logical order of the sentences from among the five given choices to construct a coherent paragraph keeping 1 as the first statement

- 1) In the long run, national recognition of same-gender marriage is inevitable.
 - (A) It is only a matter of time before all state laws reflect that view.
 - (B) Prudence counsels that marriage equality should be allowed to continue gaining support in the states and that a federal resolution should be left for another day.
 - (C) Same-gender marriage rights, at first imposed by courts, have now been recognized by state legislatures and prevailed in all four states where they were on the ballot in last year's election.
 - (D) Young people overwhelmingly support it, and public opinion has shifted on this issue faster than on almost any other social issue in history.
- (a) CDAB
(b) ACBD
(c) BACD
(d) DCBA
(e) CDBA

10. **Direction:** The given sentences, when properly sequenced, form a coherent paragraph. Each sentence is labelled with a letter. Choose the most logical order of the sentences from among the five given choices to construct a coherent paragraph keeping 1 as the first statement

- 1) The Ganges is a trans-boundary river of Asia which flows through the actions of India and Bangladesh.
 - (A) It is the third largest river in the world by discharge, draining a large and a fertile basin with an area of about one million square kilometers.
 - (B) The 2,525 km (1,569 mi) river rises in the eastern Himalayas in the Indian state of Uttarakhand and flows south and east through the Gangetic Plain of North India into Bangladesh, where it empties into the Bay of Bengal.
 - (C) The Ganges is the most sacred river to Hindus Ganga along with being a symbol of divinity, spirituality, purity, and moksha.
 - (D) It is also a lifeline to millions of Indians who live along its course and depend on it for their daily needs.
- (a) BCAD
(b) BACD
(c) ABCD
(d) ABDC
(e) CBAD

Directions (11-15): Select the phrase/connector (it must be at the start) from the given three options which can be used to form a single sentence from the two sentences given below, implying the same meaning as expressed in the statement sentences.

11. **We see ourselves repeating our ordinary routine. We realize how much wealth surrounds our life.**

- (i) When we see ourselves
 - (ii) Our ordinary routine.....
 - (iii) Realizing how much wealth.....
- (a) Only (i)
(b) Both (ii) and (iii)
(c) Only (iii)
(d) Only (ii)
(e) None of these

12. **There is a growing influence of the Indian Diaspora on Capitol Hill. Trump will certainly see the advantages of doing business with India.**

- (i) As there is a growing influence of...
- (ii) The growing influence of the Indian...
- (iii) With the growing influence of the Indian..
- (a) Only (i) is correct
- (b) Only (iii) is correct
- (c) Both (i) and (ii) are correct
- (d) Both (i) and (iii) are correct
- (e) All are correct

13. There was no democracy in British India. The rulers could take bold decisions fearlessly without bothering about repercussions.

- (i) As there was no democracy in British India...
- (ii) Since there was no democracy in British...
- (iii) With the rulers taking bold decisions...
- (a) Only (i) is correct
- (b) Only (ii) is correct
- (c) Both (i) and (ii) are correct
- (d) Both (ii) and (iii) are correct
- (e) All are correct

14. Twelve million youth enter the Indian work force every year. Eighty per cent of these youth are unskilled.

- (A) While eighty per cent
- (B) Since twelve million
- (C) Of the twelve million
- (a) Only (A)
- (b) Only (C)
- (c) Only (A) and (C)
- (d) All (A), (B) and (C)
- (e) None of these

15. Scientists build climate models—computer simulations of the climate system. They are doing this to further explore the causes and effects of global warming

- (i) To further explore...
- (ii) Scientists are building...
- (iii) Predicting effects of global warming...
- (a) Only (i) is correct
- (b) Only (ii) is correct
- (c) Only (iii) is correct
- (d) Both (i) and (ii) are correct
- (e) All are correct

Directions (16-21): Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions given below it. Certain words are given in bold to help you locate them while answering some of the questions.

Have you heard that the economy is like a car? It's the most popular **analogy** in financial reporting and political discourse. The American people are repeatedly told by financial pundits and politicians that consumption is an 'engine' that 'drives' economic growth because it makes up 70% of GDP. One notable Nobel-winning economics pundit with a penchant for bizarre growth theories even recently noted that an economy can be 'based on purchases of yachts, luxury cars, and the services of personal trainers and celebrity chefs.' Conversely, other economists including Nobel-winner Joseph Stiglitz claim that our economy is stuck in 'first gear' due to inequality: too much income is concentrated among too few rich people who tend to save larger share of their income and thus have a lower 'marginal propensity to consume'. The Keynesian message is clear: if you want to put the economic pedal to the metal, get out there and consume!

Not so fast, Speed Racer. The systematic failure by Keynesian economists and pundits to distinguish between consuming and producing value is the single most damaging fallacy in popular economic thinking. If the economy were a car, consumer preferences would surely be the steering wheel, but real savings and investment would be the engine that drives it forward.

Economic growth (booms) and declines (bust) have always been led by changes in business and durable goods investment, while final consumer goods spending has been relatively stable through the business cycle. Booms and busts in financial markets, heavy industry and housing have always been leading indicators of recession and recovery.

As John Stuart Mill put it two centuries ago, 'the demand for commodities is not the demand for labor.' Consumer demand does not necessarily translate into increased employment. That's because 'consumers' don't employ people. Businesses do. Since new hires are a risky and costly investment with **unknown** future returns, employers must rely on their expectations about the future and weigh those decision very carefully. As economic historian Robert Higgs' pioneering work on the Great Depression suggests, increased uncertainty can depress job growth even in the face of booming consumption. As recent years have demonstrated, consumer demand that appears to be driven by temporary or unsustainable policies is unlikely to induce businesses to hire.

16. Choose the word which is MOST SIMILAR to the word given in passage

UNKNOWN

- (a) Recognize
- (b) Perceived
- (c) Unpredictable
- (d) Unruly
- (e) Uncanny

17. Which of the following is the most suitable title for the passage above?

- (a) Recession and Recovery
- (b) Consumer: The driving force for Economy
- (c) Economy: a Distant Dream?
- (d) Is Consumption necessary for economic Growth?
- (e) None of the Above

18. In the statement "consumer preferences would surely be the steering wheel, but real savings and investment would be the engine that drives it forward", what can we infer from the line "consumer preferences would surely be the steering wheel"?

- (a) Consumer likings regulate the economy individually.
- (b) If you want to regulate the economy, consumption is the only force.
- (c) The Penchant of the consumers controls the economy.
- (d) The consumer preferences are not at par with savings and economy in driving the economy.
- (e) None of the Above

19. Which of the following statements is/are correct in context with the passage?

- (a) Economists fail to distinguish between consuming and producing value and form a mistaken belief.
- (b) Economic growth and declines have always been led by changes in business and durable goods investment.
- (c) Income distribution is evenly distributed among the rich and is compatible with the tendency to consume.
- (d) Only (a)
- (e) Both (a) and (b)

20. Which of the following is/are likely to induce businesses to hire?

- (a) Consumer Demand
- (b) Consumer Spending
- (c) Increased certainty in future returns.
- (d) Makeshift policies
- (e) Both (b) and (c)

21. Choose the word which is MOST OPPOSITE to the word given in passage

ANALOGY

- (a) Similarity
- (b) narrative

- (c) Contrast
- (d) Reciprocate
- (e) Variance

Directions Q.(22-25): In the questions given below, there is a sentence in which one part is given in bold. The part given in bold may or may not be grammatically correct. Choose the best alternative among the four given which can replace the part in bold to make the sentence grammatically correct. If the part given in bold is already correct and does not require any replacement, choose option (5), i.e. "No replacement required" as your answer.

22. Although it is easy to laugh off or flatly dismiss U.S. President Donald Trump's 'un-American' policies, a closer look at the larger context of his actions, articulations and their potential implications indicates the onset of a whole new world order, one that we may not necessarily like.

- (a) as it is easy
- (b) since it is easy
- (c) while it is easy
- (d) though it is easy
- (e) No replacement required

23. To the framers of our Constitution, who fought for political independence from colonial rule upon the Enlightenment principle of "have courage to use your reason", and who trusted the Indian people to make that most important of all decisions — the decision to choose their own rulers — we can only say that the transformation of the Supreme Court into the Supreme Censor would have come as an unpleasant shock.

- (a) since the colonial rule in the
- (b) from colonial rule on the
- (c) for colonial rule on the
- (d) henceforth the colonial rule upon the
- (e) No replacement required

24. Parliamentary practice and procedure speak only of motions of confidence, or of no confidence. The House expresses its confidence in the council of ministers led by the Chief Minister or Prime Minister, led to the continuance of the ministry. Alternatively, it expresses no confidence in them, leading to the ministry's resignation.

- (a) has led to the continuance of the
- (b) is been leading to the continuance of the
- (c) has had been lead to the continuance of the

- (d) leading to the continuance of the
- (e) No replacement required

25. While the world's "indispensable nation" may not go back to the days of interwar isolationism, there is a strong tendency in the U.S. today to shift focus inwards and be suspicious of free trade, military alliances and overseas commitments.

- (a) to make focus
- (b) in shifting focus
- (c) while shifting focus
- (d) by shifting the focus

Instructions

In the following passage, there are blanks, each of which has been numbered. These numbers are printed below the passage and against each, five words/phrases are suggested, one of which fits the blank appropriately. Find out the appropriate word/phrase in each case.

Technology is the technical ...(1)... people use to ... (2)... their surroundings. It also means knowledge of using tools and machines to do tasks ...(3)... . We use technology to control the world in which we live. Technology is people using knowledge, tools, and systems to make their lives easier and better. People use technology to refine their ability to do work. ...(4)... technology, people communicate better. Technology allows them to make more and better products.

Our buildings are better through the use of technology. We travel in more comfort and speed as a ...(5)... of technology. Yes, technology is everywhere and can make life better.

26. (1)

- (a) data
- (b) manpower
- (c) sound
- (d) humans
- (e) means

27. (2)

- (a) relate
- (b) capture
- (c) improve
- (d) grow
- (e) built

28. (3)

- (a) locally
- (b) centrally
- (c) efficiently
- (d) deeply
- (e) vaguely

29. (4)

- (a) Through
- (b) Without
- (c) Since
- (d) Help
- (e) Although

30. (5)

- (a) source
- (b) result
- (c) matter
- (d) precursor
- (e) fortune
