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S1. Ans.(b)

Sol. The first paragraph of the passage is about the ways to establish a consistent saving habit through various ways and the second paragraph further gives a smarter way to save through the use of certificates of deposit (CDs). Hence, option (b) is the correct theme of the passage.

S2. Ans.(b)

Sol. 'Even' will be the correct word to replace 'yet'.

S3. Ans.(c)

Sol. The tone of writing in the passage is Didactic because the author tries to teach or instruct through his writing.

S4. Ans.(d)

Sol. Before the blank it is given that CDs usually offer higher interest rates, which is a positive phrase. Further, 'but' is used which means that next part of sentence will be something contradictory. Hence, 'penalties' will be the correct word.

S5. Ans.(c)

Sol. The correct chronology of steps is Budgeting-Saving-Investment.

S6. Ans.(b)

Sol. The paragraph deals with improving savings and limiting expenses. 'Curtail' means reduce in extent or quantity; impose a restriction on. So, 'curtail' should replace 'increase'.

S7. Ans.(c)

Sol. The correct way of writing the line without changing its intended meaning is 'Make sure that the income is greater than the expenses by a margin as wide as possible.'

S8. Ans.(a)

Sol. The paragraph tells about the better ways to save and what all should be considered while spending or maintaining your expenses. So, the statement in option (a) can be the best inference from the passage.

S9. Ans.(d)

Sol. 'Moneywise' here means in regard of money and so it is the perfect fit for the blank.

S10. Ans.(d)

Sol. "Expenses or needs that have to be met at a point of time in the future are called goals." This will be the last line in continuation to the last line of the passage as the last line is an example to set aside money to buy a watch in the future.

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S11. Ans. (b)

Sol. Let's read the clause '*Pakistan's Army and political leadership are on "one page" to take dialogue with India forward*'. What is the need for mentioning the clause? Could political leadership of Pakistan independently take dialogue with India forward, why had the clause been mentioned?

It means that the statement (III) is a wrong assumption.

In Pakistan, to take dialogue with India forward, there must be consensus between the Pakistan's Army and the political leadership of Pakistan.

Only the statement (I) is the correct assumption to be drawn.

Hence, the option (b) is the correct answer.

S12. Ans. (a)

Sol. Option (a) is the correct answer.

Let's re-read the sentence where the given reference was made.

'Mr. Khan also struck a discordant note Kashmir, referring to the dispute as the "single issue" between India and Pakistan.'

Had there been more than one unresolved issue between India and Pakistan, then Mr. Khan wouldn't have referred to the Kashmir dispute as the "single issue" between India and Pakistan.

It means that according to Mr. Khan, there is one and only one unresolved issue between India and Pakistan.

Hence, the option (a) is the correct answer.

S13. Ans. (d)

Sol. 'Discordant' [adjective] means '*disagreeing or incongruous*';

Clashing [adjective] means '*in conflict with each other; incompatible*';

Concurred means '*be of the same opinion; agree*';

Accord means '*give or granting someone power*';

Endorsement means '*the action of endorsing someone or something*';

Among the given options, the option (d) is the correct answer.

S14. Ans. (b)

Sol. The answer to the question can be derived from the last paragraph where it is given that '*airlines were allowed to unbundle fares and charge separately for preferential seating, meal-on-board, check-in baggage and use of airline lounges*'. Only option (b) mentions this.

There is no mention of any information given in the options (a) and (c) in the passage.

So, the option (b) is the correct answer.

S15. Ans. (e)

Sol. The statement (I) says that keeping web check-in free would help in keeping the number of passenger in an airport and would help security personnel in the security management. This is a very good motivation for the government to convince the airlines to take back the said fees.

The statement (II) says that levying fee to web check-in would make air-travel costly, might discourage people to opt for air travel and would be in contradiction to the aspiration of the government to increase the overall number of air-travel passengers.

Because the government wants to increase the overall number of air-travel passengers and levying web check-in fees might decrease that number. So, the government would be encouraged to stop this.

In the statement (III), the government wants that people use internet or digital means to avail important services in an increasing number. But levying web-check-in fees would discourage passengers to opt for it and would be against the objective of the Digital India Initiative. So, the government would be encouraged to stop this.

So, the information present in (I), (II) & (III), if true, would encourage the government to stop air lines to levy web check-in fees.

Hence, the option (e) is the correct answer.

S16. Ans. (e)

Sol. 'Withdraw' [verb] means '*discontinue or no longer provide (something previously supplied or offered)*';

Abolish [verb] means '*do away with or put an end to*';

Rescind [verb] means '*declare null and void*';

From above, it could be understood that the word '**approve**', option (e), has a meaning which is SIMILAR to the meaning of the word '**approve**'.

Hence, the option (e) is the correct answer.

S17. Ans. (c)

Sol. The phrase 'dark chapter' usually mean something that shouldn't have happened, meaning the events caused regret, sadness of an extremely high extent.

Among the given options, only option (c) clearly indicate the correct meaning of the phrase.

Hence, the option (c) is the correct answer.

S18. Ans. (b)

Sol. The Delhi High Court expressed her opinion about the manner of prosecution of the anti-Sikh riots in the last paragraph.

The meaning of the word 'emulate' is '*Match or surpass (a person or achievement), typically by imitation*'; *imitation*.

'Not emulate' would mean '*not to imitate*'.

According to the Delhi High Court, the manner in which prosecution of the 1984 anti-Sikh riots has been going on ***must never be emulated***'.

The option (b) is saying the same thing and hence, option (b) is the correct answer.

S19. Ans. (d)

Sol. Absconded [abscond, verb] means '*leave hurriedly and secretly, typically to escape from custody or avoid arrest*';

Emulated [emulate, verb] means '*match or surpass (a person or achievement), typically by imitation*'; *imitate*;

From above, it could be understood that the word '*escaped*' conveys a meaning which is SIMILAR to the word '*absconded*'.

Hence, the option (d) is the correct answer.



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S20. Ans. (e)

Sol. Justice Kurian Joseph said that the courts had been imposing the death penalty “arbitrarily and freakishly”. If courts are imposing penalty “arbitrarily and freakishly”, then it would mean that the courts have failed to uphold the principle of justice.

Among the three judges, Justice Kurian Joseph, Justice Deepak Gupta and Justice Hemant Gupta, Justice Kurian Joseph said that courts had been imposing the death penalty “arbitrarily and freakishly” but the other two judges, Justice Deepak Gupta and Justice Hemant Gupta, disagree that death penalty was “freakishly” imposed.

So, among the three judges mentioned in the passage, only Justice Kurian Joseph believes that courts have failed to uphold the principle of justice.

Hence, the option (e) is the correct answer.

S21. Ans. (d)

Sol. Disagreed [disagree, verb] means ‘have or express a different opinion’;

Haggled [haggle, verb] means ‘dispute or bargain persistently, especially over the cost of something’;

Bickered [bicker, verb] means ‘argue about petty and trivial matters’;

Contended [contend, verb] means ‘compete with others in a struggle to achieve (something)’; ‘assert something as a position in an argument’;

Concurred [concur, verb] means ‘be of the same opinion; agree’;

Feuded [feud, verb] means ‘a prolonged and bitter quarrel or dispute’;

From above, it could be understood that the word ‘**concurred**’ has a meaning which is SIMILAR to the meaning of the word ‘**disagreed**’.

Hence, the option (d) is the correct answer.

S22. Ans.(c)

Sol. 'Verge' means an extreme limit beyond which something specified will happen. So, 'verge' is an appropriate choice here.

S23. Ans.(c)

Sol. Error is in the part given in option (c). 'shut' is to be used in place of 'shutted'. There is no such word as 'shutted' in English dictionary. Further, 'has been' takes third form of verb and third form of 'shut' is 'shut' itself.

S24. Ans.(a)

Sol. 'destitution' and 'demise' should replace each other. 'Demise' means the end or failure of an enterprise or institution.

'Destitution' means poverty so extreme that one lacks the means to provide for oneself.

S25. Ans.(e)

Sol. 'such as a lack of money caused by benefit payment problems' is the correct phrase her. the preceding statement talks about hardships and this phrase explains the type of hardship, thus maintaining the continuity of the sentence.

S26. Ans.(b)

Sol. 'Threadbare' means (of an argument, excuse, idea, etc.) used so often that it is no longer effective. Also, it means poor or shabby in appearance. So, threadbare fits in all the sentences correctly.

S27. Ans.(e)

Sol. No Change. 'Abdicate' means fail to fulfill or undertake (a responsibility or duty). Hence, it is correct in context of the sentence.

S28. Ans.(d)

Sol. The correct option is (d) 'Together they spent £46m on local welfare last year, compared with a national budget of £172m in 2013-14.' As the previous statement is about the councils spending on local welfare and the statement in (d) also discusses their collective spending. Hence, it is the correct choice.

S29. Ans.(a)

Sol. 1 and 4 should replace each other. 'Going' and 'devolved' should replace each other to make the sentence correct. 'Devolve' means transfer or delegate (power) to a lower level, especially from central government to local or regional administration.

S30. Ans.(a)

Sol. Error is in the part given in option (a). An adjective is to be used here so 'controversial' should be used in place of 'controversially'

S31. Ans.(d)

Sol. 'Purpose' is the most appropriate word here.

S32. Ans. (b)

Sol. The logical sequence of the sentences after the rearrangement is **BDAEFC**. Drawing a hint from the second statement, it can be illustrated that the paragraph is providing information on processed foods. If we carefully understand and arrange the other sentences we will articulate that the paragraph is describing about the changes the world has seen from traditional to industrial food processing. However, the paragraph does not mention anything about its benefits, harmful effects or objectives. Hence, option (b) "Reforms in food processing" becomes the most suitable answer choice.

S33. Ans. (c)

Sol. Drawing a hint from the second sentence, it can be illustrated that the paragraph is providing information on processed foods. If we carefully understand and arrange the other sentences we will articulate that the paragraph is describing about the changes the world has seen from traditional to industrial food processing. Thus, sentence (B) perfectly stands as the starter of the rearranged paragraph as it is describing about the objective or aim of food processing in the earlier days. Therefore, it coherently links with the second sentence (D) which states the broaden objectives of food processing. Sentence (A) should take the third position as it is contextually related with the previous statement which indicates a change in the food processing industry. Similarly, sentence (E) and (F) forms a coherent pair as they have mentioned about food processed and practices followed by traditional processors. Next comes, the concluding sentence (C) as it sums up the comparison by providing information on the non-traditional crops grown all over the world and how the demand for these products has increased. Hence, the logical and comprehensive sequence of these sentences after the rearrangement is **BDAEFC**. Therefore, sentence (E) becomes the fourth sentence in the sequence, and option (c) becomes the most viable answer choice.

S34. Ans. (a)

Sol. The logical sequence of the sentences after the rearrangement is **BDAEFC**. The last sentence i.e. sentence (C) of the paragraph describes about the changes in the food processing industry. It has also mentioned about the production of the non-traditional crops around the worlds and their rising demand due to mass communication. Thus, it becomes difficult for such products to survive in the local environment. Complying with the given context, option (a) perfectly complements sentence (C) as option (a) has described about the protection of these products to enhance their storage life. All the other options are either irrelevant to the context or fail to adhere to the theme of the paragraph. Hence, option (a) is the most suitable answer choice.



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S35. Ans. (d)

Sol. The logical sequence of the sentences after the rearrangement is **BDAEFC**. In order to add a sentence after the first sentence without altering the context of the paragraph, both the sentences should be analyzed. Sentence (B) perfectly stands as the starter of the rearranged paragraph as it is describing about the objective or aim of food processing in the earlier days. Therefore, it coherently links with the second sentence (D) which states the broaden objectives of food processing which is about generation of wealth for the producers as well as sellers. This implies that earlier this wasn't one of the objectives of food processing. Thus, option (d) perfectly links sentences (B) and (A) as it mentions about the trading of processed foods through barter system in the earlier days. Thus, the new sequence would be **B (d) DAEFC**. All the other options are either irrelevant to the context or fail to adhere to the theme of the paragraph. Hence, option (d) is the most suitable answer choice.