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**DIRECTIONS Q. 1 to Q. 6:** 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.

1. Would you like to have \_\_\_\_\_ cold drink?  
(A) much  
(B) more  
(C) some  
(D) many  
  
(a) A-B  
(b) A-D  
(c) B-C  
(d) C-D  
(e) A-C
2. The veteran members of the committee assert that they are investigating threats made \_\_\_\_\_ the authorities and concerned people.  
  
(A) Towards  
(B) Against  
(C) For  
(D) After  
  
(a) A-B  
(b) A-D  
(c) B-C  
(d) C-D  
(e) A-C
3. The other day I was going \_\_\_\_\_ to greet him when suddenly I realized that couldn't even remember his name.  
(A) beyond  
(B) Over  
(C) Through  
(D) Across  
  
(a) A-B  
(b) A-D  
(c) B-C  
(d) C-D  
(e) B-D
4. The result of the vote poses a serious \_\_\_\_\_ to the government's credibility.  
(A) Dispute  
(B) Question  
(C) Confront  
(D) Challenge  
  
(a) A-B  
(b) A-D  
(c) B-C  
(d) C-D  
(e) B-D
5. The government ought to abolish the tax altogether. \_\_\_\_\_.  
(A) Together

- (B) Laterally
- (C) Completely
- (D) Altogether

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

6. The governing body has \_\_\_\_\_ its authority to restore law and order 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

**DIRECTIONS Q. 7 to 15:** 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.

7. He **comes across** as a bit of a bore in interview.

- (a) Relies
- (b) Expresses
- (c) Behaves
- (d) Bends
- (e) Provides

8. The bidding process was completely fair and **above board**.

- (a) Costly
- (b) Profitable
- (c) Precious
- (d) Sacred
- (e) Honest

9. Demonstrators **turned on** police, overturning vehicles and setting fire to them.

- (a) Approached
- (b) Attacked
- (c) Addressed
- (d) Directed
- (e) Collaborated

10. The company made a **takeover** bid for one of its rivals.

- (a) Spend
- (b) Consumed
- (c) Endorsed
- (d) collaborated
- (e) Buyout

11. She had hoped the couple would **put on** a show of unity.

- (a) Pretend
- (b) Spread
- (c) Circulate
- (d) Convey
- (e) Elaborate

12. I don't know how he **puts up with** their constant complaining.  
(a) Displays  
(b) Forgets  
(c) Invites  
(d) Announces  
(e) Tolerates
13. The government finally **gave in** to the company's plea for help.  
(a) Abandoned  
(b) Dealt  
(c) Ignored  
(d) Agreed  
(e) Resigned
14. The cooling system **cuts in** when the temperature gets too high.  
(a) operates automatically  
(b) Slows down  
(c) Stagnates  
(d) Moves  
(e) Bursts
15. The effects of the drug were **wearing off**  
(a) Amplifying  
(b) fading  
(c) Circulating  
(d) Harming  
(e) Passing

**DIRECTION Q. 16 to Q. 25:** In each of the questions given below a sentence is given which is then divided into five parts out of which last part is correct. There is an error in three part of the sentence and only one part is correct. You have to choose the part as your answer.

16. Find the error free part.  
(a) Neither the famine  
(b) or the fire  
(c) were able to  
(d) destroy a  
(e) **spirit of the people.**
17. Find the error free part.  
(a) Fundamentally, Make In India  
(b) is meant to  
(c) enhance manufacturing, attract investments,  
(d) create jobs and increasing  
(e) **technical depth.**
18. Find the error free part.  
(a) No sooner  
(b) teacher entered  
(c) the classroom  
(d) then the students  
(e) **stood up.**
19. Find the error free part.  
(a) The Johnson is  
(b) among few people  
(c) in the class  
(d) which didn't blindly follow  
(e) **the path of others.**
20. Find the error free part.

- (a) Despite of  
(b) India's recent progress,  
(c) it's international influence  
(d) is never commensurate on  
(e) **with its size, might and tradition.**
21. Find the error free part.  
(a) Direct plans of mutual fund's  
(b) have become the big hit  
(c) due to low charges,  
(d) but an uber low cost instrument remain largely  
(e) **undiscovered by investors.**
22. Find the error free part.  
(a) The origin of Indias foreign trade  
(b) can be traced back for  
(c) the age of the Indus Valley civilization,  
(d) and the growth of foreign trade gained momentum  
(e) **during the British rule**
23. Find the error free part.  
(a) Experience truck drivers  
(b) often travel in the convoy  
(c) a group of trucks that are traveling  
(d) from the same part of the country,  
(e) **as Convoys can help truckers to stay alert.**
24. Find the error free part.  
(a) A President wanted to  
(b) promulgate the success  
(c) for the treaty negotiations,  
(d) as he had to wait until Congress  
(e) **formally approved the agreement.**
25. Find the error free part.  
(a) Vegetarians argues  
(b) that man is chauvinism  
(c) in his belief that  
(d) animals does not consciously feel  
(e) **the pain we humans do.**

**DIRECTIONS Q. 26 to Q. 30:** Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions given below

Once again, a vigorous monsoon so vital to India's economic fortunes has left some States in a shambles. From Assam to Karnataka, heavy rainfall in a short span of time has created paralysing floods that have taken a heavy toll of life, wiped out crops and destroyed hard-earned assets. When the waters recede, a familiar cycle of assessment of damage by Central teams, preparation of loss estimates and expensive restoration work such as repairs to river embankments, will follow. In Assam, where 31 deaths have been recorded already, there are projects to strengthen the embankments of the heavily silted Brahmaputra; the Flood Control Department as well as the disaster relief force have well-funded budgets. Yet, the hundreds of crores of rupees periodically spent on flood preparation, relief and mitigation research in the State have not yielded a protocol that reduces the impact of heavy rain. The swollen river invariably dissolves the weak earthen embankments overnight. Now that another furious season is providing fresh insight into the causes, effects and impact of rain and floods in north-eastern India and elsewhere, it is time the Centre took a coordinated view in tackling the crisis. To begin with, it has to review the efficacy of the flood forecasts issued by nearly 180 specialised stations now in operation, and the pattern of responses of the 19 States and Union Territories that receive these alerts.

Urban India is no less traumatised by floods, but city governments have not learnt too many lessons from devastation and losses. The scenes of gridlock and frustration in Gurgaon, Bengaluru and Delhi last week travelled around the world, just months after the disaster in Chennai. Can there be a surgical solution to sclerotic urban planning? Bengaluru is the epitome of governmental indifference to wetlands, most of which have been severely encroached upon or polluted. Being able to live with floods in today's dense cities requires that these lakes be desilted and restored on a war footing. New artificial

wetlands may have to be created to compensate for those that have already been built over. The spectacle of flooding and destruction should convince the Environment Ministry that it is retrograde to sanction large real estate projects without an environmental impact assessment. Some real estate companies have been slapped with penalties by the National Green Tribunal for encroaching upon lakes, but urban planning agencies are equally responsible and must also be called to account for tacitly sanctioning the violations. Provision of relief to those affected by the latest floods has to go beyond patronage politics, and meet the actual needs of the people, particularly those who have suffered extreme losses.

26. Which among the following is TRUE according to the passage given above?
- (a) The hundreds of crores of rupees spent on flood preparation, relief and mitigation research have failed to reduce the impact of heavy rain.
  - (b) Urban India is has also been victimised by floods,
  - (c) The urban or city governments have taken a lesson from the devastation and losses
  - (d) Both (a) and (b)
  - (e) None of the above
27. Which among the following is FALSE according to the passage given above?
- (a) Bengaluru is the epitome of governmental indifference to wetlands, most of which have been severely encroached upon or polluted
  - (b) New artificial wetlands may have to be created to compensate for those that have already been built over
  - (c) Being able to live with floods in today's dense cities requires that these lakes be desilted and restored on a war footing
  - (d) Both (b) and (c)
  - (e) None of the above
28. What does the phrase 'take a toll' mean in the passage?
- (a) To have a bad effect on something or cause a lot of suffering.
  - (b) To have a salubrious effect on something
  - (c) To have a mesmerising impact on something
  - (d) To be in great numbers
  - (e) None of the above
29. What is the meaning of the phrasal verb 'wipe out'?
- (a) To leave huge gaps or discrepancies in something
  - (b) To enhance the impact of something
  - (c) To destroy or be destroyed completely.
  - (d) To add greatly to
  - (e) None of the above
30. Which of the following companies have been slapped with penalties by the National Green Tribunal for encroaching upon lakes?
- (a) A Textile Industry
  - (b) An urban planning agency
  - (c) Some real estate companies
  - (d) Both (b) and (c)
  - (e) None of the above



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