

S1. Ans (c)

Sol. Refer to the first paragraph of the passage where it is clearly mentioned, “Yet despite this overwhelming evidence, access to flexible work and careers is not widespread. Flexible work is still regarded as an add-on, something we do for mothers for a few months when they are back from parental leave.” Hence, option (c) will be the correct answer.

S2. Ans (e)

Sol. Refer to the second paragraph of the passage where it is mentioned, “In today’s workforce, fewer people identify with the stereotype of the ideal worker – a full-time, fully committed employee without personal or family commitments that impact on availability”. Hence, option (e) will be the correct answer.

S3. Ans (b)

Sol. Refer to the third paragraph of the passage where it is mentioned, “Similarly, technology is driving – and enabling – greater flexibility. It is dramatically reshaping our workplaces, blurring the boundaries between work and home and diversifying where, when and how employees work”. Hence, option (b) will be the correct answer.

S4. Ans (d)

Sol. Refer to the last paragraph of the passage where it is mentioned, “For example, a UK bakery sat down with their bakers and came up with a flexible system of two to three baking shifts a day to maintain a steady supply of fresh bread. The team agreed to rotate their hours each week so no team member permanently worked a shift that did not suit. After the change was made, bakery sales increased by more than 65% in the first year and employee satisfaction in the bakery has risen 10% since the change to 93%.” Option (III) will not be the answer because it was the result of the steps taken by the bakery, not the step itself. Hence, option (d) will be the correct answer.

S5. Ans (c)

Sol. Option (c), i.e. “The brightest workforce requires more flexible work” is the most appropriate title of the passage.

S6. Ans (b)

Sol. Predict means say or estimate that (a specified thing) will happen in the future or will be a consequence of something. Forecast has the same meaning as predict. Hence, option (b) will be the correct answer.

Recount means tell someone about something; give an account of an event or experience.

Narrate means give a spoken or written account of.

S7. Ans (e)

Sol. Temporary means lasting for only a limited period of time; not permanent. Permanent has the most opposite meaning to temporary. Hence, option (e) will be the correct answer.

Expedient means (of an action) convenient and practical although possibly improper or immoral

Provisional means arranged or existing for the present, possibly to be changed later.

S8. Ans (b)

Sol. In the second part of the sentence, the word “were” will be replaced by the word “was” because when two subjects are combined with ‘together with’, the main subject is the one which is written before together with, and the verb follows the main subject. All other parts of the sentence are correct. Hence, option (b) will be the correct answer.

S9. Ans (b)

Sol. In the second part of the sentence, the word “lived” will be replaced by “has lived” or “has been living” because “is watching” used in first part of the sentence and “has never created” used in the third part of the sentence signify that the sentence is in present tense. Hence, option (b) will be the correct answer.

S10. Ans (d)

Sol. In the fourth part of the sentence, “are” should be replaced by “is” because the subject of the statement starts with “Each of” and such sentences always follow singular Verb. Hence, option (d) will be the correct answer.

S11. Ans (c)

Sol. In the third part of the sentence, “when” will be replaced by “than” because ‘No sooner’ is always followed by ‘than’ and ‘Hardly/Scarcely’ is followed by ‘when/before’. Hence, option (c) will be the correct answer.

S12. Ans (d)

Sol. In the fourth part of the sentence, “cares” should be replaced by “care” because if two subjects are combined using ‘Either...or’ or ‘Neither...nor’ then the verb always follows the subject near to it, which in this case is ‘the city corporations’. So the verb will be plural. Hence, option (d) will be the correct answer.

S13. Ans (e)

Sol. All the parts of the given sentence are grammatically correct. Hence, option (e) will be the correct answer.

S14. Ans (d)

Sol. In the fourth part of the sentence, “greatest” should be replaced by “greater” because here we are comparing between two types of people, ‘Prime Minister’ and ‘Ministers’, and when we compare two types of people or things in Comparative Degree then the adjective used should also be of Comparative Degree. Hence, option (d) will be the correct answer.

S15. Ans. (a)

Sol. The error lies in the first part of the sentence where the usage of the words 'blunder' and 'mistake' together is superfluous as 'blunder' itself means 'a stupid or careless mistake'. Hence, option (a) will be the correct answer.

S16. Ans. (c)

Ans. The correct sequence of the other parts to form a grammatically correct and contextually meaningful sentence is BACD. Hence, option (c) is the most suitable answer choice.

S17. Ans. (a)

Sol. The correct sequence of the other parts to form a grammatically correct and contextually meaningful sentence is BADC. Hence, option (a) is the most suitable answer choice.

S18. Ans. (b)

Sol. The correct sequence of the other parts to form a grammatically correct and contextually meaningful sentence is CABD. Hence, option (b) is the most suitable answer choice.

S19. Ans. (d)

Sol. The correct sequence of the other parts to form a grammatically correct and contextually meaningful sentence is ADCB. Hence, option (d) is the most suitable answer choice.

S20. Ans. (e)

Sol. The given parts of the sentence are in their precise position forming a coherent sentence. Since, they do not require any rearrangement option (e) becomes the most suitable answer choice.

S21. Ans. (a)

Sol. The most appropriate word that would fill the blank is 'mistakes' which means an act or judgement that is misguided or wrong. All the other words do not fill the blank appropriately, hence option (a) is the most suitable answer choice.

Accuracies means the quality or state of being correct or precise.

Obstacles means a thing that blocks one's way or prevents or hinders progress.

Disputes means a disagreement or argument.

S22. Ans. (c)

Sol. The most appropriate word that would fill the blank is 'travel' which means journeys, especially abroad. All the other words do not fill the blank appropriately, hence option (c) is the most suitable answer choice.

Deportation means the action of deporting a foreigner from a country.

Transfer means move from one place to another.

S23. Ans. (d)

Sol. The most appropriate word that would fill the blank is 'discretion' which means the freedom to decide what should be done in a particular situation. All the other words do not fill the blank appropriately, hence option (d) is the most suitable answer choice.

Omission means someone or something that has been left out or excluded.

Affairs means an event or sequence of events of a specified kind or that has previously been referred to.

S24. Ans. (b)

Sol. The most appropriate word that would fill the blank is 'opportunity' which means a time or set of circumstances that makes it possible to do something. All the other words do not fill the blank appropriately, hence option (b) is the most suitable answer choice.

Negligence means failure to take proper care over something.

Surveillance means close observation, especially of a suspected spy or criminal.

S25. Ans. (e)

Sol. The most appropriate word that would fill the blank is 'estimation' which means a judgement of the worth or character of someone or something. All the other words do not fill the blank appropriately, hence option (e) is the most suitable answer choice.

Consideration means careful thought, typically over a period of time.

Suggestion means an idea or plan put forward for consideration.

Guidance means advice or information aimed at resolving a problem or difficulty, especially as given by someone in authority.

S26. Ans. (d)

Sol. The most appropriate phrase to replace the phrase given in bold is "despite being the most efficient". It is to be noted that "despite" does not take any preposition with it. It is always followed with a noun, pronoun or a gerund. Moreover, when we use a superlative adjective (most) before the noun, we generally use it with 'the'. This is because there's only one (or one group) of the things we are talking about. Since option (d) is in the precise grammatical syntax, it becomes the most suitable answer choice.

S27. Ans. (a)

Sol. The most appropriate phrase to replace the incorrect bold phrase in the sentence is "satisfactory number of contestants". It is to be noted that 'satisfactory' is an adjective which means 'fulfilling expectations or needs; acceptable, though not outstanding or perfect' while 'satisfactorily' is an adverb. Moreover, 'number of' reflects the plural nature of the noun, hence "contestant" should be replaced by "contestants". Therefore, option (a) becomes the most suitable answer choice.

S28. Ans. (b)

Sol. The most suitable phrase that should replace the phrase given in bold is “depending upon the power of”. Except for option (b) none other options are in absolute grammatical syntax. Hence, it becomes the most viable answer choice.

S29. Ans. (c)

Sol. The most appropriate phrase to replace the given phrase in bold to make the sentence grammatically correct is “had been teaching”. It is to be noted past perfect continuous tense is used for ongoing continuous events over a period of time before another action or event in the past. These must be continuous verbs, and cannot be actions that are still happening in the present. Hence, considering the given rationale option (c) becomes the most suitable answer choice.

S30. Ans. (e)

Sol. The given phrase in bold is accurate and does not require any corrections or replacement. Hence, option (e) becomes the most suitable answer choice.