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Q1. (I) The athlete had been training rigorously for the national championship

(II) She could not participate due to an unexpected knee injury

In the question below, two sentences are given which are grammatically correct and meaningful. Connect them with the most suitable word given below the statements in the best possible way without changing the intended meaning. Choose the answer accordingly from the options given to form a correct, coherent sentence.

- (a) so
- (b) hence
- (c) moreover
- (d) however
- (e) since

Ans.(d)

Q2. The treaty expedited the process of securing the fugitive's extradition from the offshore jurisdiction.

In the following sentence, four words have been highlighted which may be misspelt or inappropriate in their usage. Mark the erroneous word as your answer and if all the words are correct in their spellings and usage, choose 'All are correct' as the answer.

- (a) expedited
- (b) securing
- (c) extradition
- (d) offshore
- (e) All are correct

Ans.(c)

Q3. The debtor began to waveir in his commitment once the guarantor obligations were enforced.

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- (a) debtor
- (b) waveir
- (c) commitment
- (d) guarantor
- (e) All are correct

Ans.(b)

Q4. Juresdiction over maritime disputes rests with specialised admiralty courts operating under federal statute.

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- (a) Juresdiction
- (b) disputes
- (c) admiralty
- (d) federal
- (e) All are correct

Ans.(a)

Q5. The officer instructed all deponents to give forthright and strait answers without circumlocution.

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- (a) deponents
- (b) forthright
- (c) strait
- (d) circumlocution
- (e) All are correct

Ans.(c)

Q6. Choose the most appropriate word to fill in the blank given in the passage.

Read the following passage and answer the given questions.

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- (a) previously
- (b) occasionally
- (c) entirely
- (d) broadly
- (e) rarely

Ans.(c)

Q7. Choose the word most similar in meaning to "authenticity" as used in the passage.

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(a) popularity

(b) genuineness

(c) fiction

(d) vision

(e) accuracy

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Q8. Choose the word most similar in meaning to " acknowledgement " as used in the passage.

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(a) celebration

(b) permission

(c) circulation

(d) approval

(e) disclosure

Ans.(e)

Q9. What does the passage identify as the deeper problem with AI-assisted research writing?

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- (a) AI tools produce grammatically incorrect content that misleads readers about research quality
- (b) Publishing bodies refuse to accept research papers that show any signs of AI-assisted drafting
- (c) Academic institutions have completely banned AI tools making research writing unnecessarily difficult
- (d) AI tools are too expensive for most researchers making their adoption inherently unfair and unequal
- (e) Readers have no reliable means of knowing the extent of AI involvement in content they consume

Ans.(e)

Q10. Which of the following statement(s) is/are correct according to the passage?

(I) Writing has historically been regarded as a deeply human activity reflecting the thoughts and emotions of its creator.

(II) Several academic institutions have introduced disclosure guidelines requiring authors to declare AI usage in writing.

(III) Enforcement of AI disclosure guidelines has been consistent and widely adopted across all publishing bodies.

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(a) Only (I)

(b) Both (I) and (II)

(c) Only (III)

(d) Both (II) and (III)

(e) All (I), (II) and (III)

Ans.(b)

Q11. Which of the following statement(s) is/are incorrect according to the passage?

(I) Critics argue that AI generating substantial portions of research raises genuine questions about authorship.

(II) Most readers currently have a reliable and transparent way of identifying AI-generated content they encounter.

(III) The passage suggests AI usage in research writing will likely decline significantly in the coming years.

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(c) Only (II)

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Q12. What does the passage suggest is the most important question facing the research writing industry regarding AI?

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- (a) Whether AI tools should be completely banned from academic and professional writing globally
- (b) Whether AI can eventually replace human researchers entirely across all disciplines
- (c) Whether publishing bodies should develop proprietary AI tools rather than using external platforms
- (d) Whether public disclosure of AI involvement in content creation is a responsibility that cannot be ignored
- (e) Whether governments should legislate controls over AI writing technology development internationally

Ans.(d)

Q13. . What does the passage suggest about the contradiction created by hidden AI involvement in content creation?

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(a) Readers appreciate AI-assisted content more because it tends to be better structured and more readable

(b) The hidden nature of AI involvement strengthens reader trust by ensuring consistently high content quality

(c) Readers are expected to trust content authenticity while the process behind its creation remains concealed

(d) Publishers benefit financially from AI involvement and therefore have no incentive to introduce disclosure rules

(e) The contradiction will resolve itself naturally as readers develop the ability to detect AI-generated writing

Ans.(c)

Q14. A. the Silk Road

B. across three continents for

C. over a thousand years

D. historians argue that

E. connected merchants

The following question gives a sentence which has been divided into five parts which may not be in their correct order of narrative. The sentence is then followed by five options, one of which gives the sequence of the rearranged parts to make the sentence meaningful. Choose the option which gives the correct sequence of the parts. If the sentence is already arranged in the correct sequence, mark option " No rearrangement required " as the answer.

(a) ACBED

(b) BEACD

(c) DAEBC

(d) CAEBD

(e) No rearrangement required

Ans.(c)

Q15. A. rates in nearby

B. significantly improved pollination

C. the horticulturist noted that

D. community gardens

E. rooftop beehives have

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(a) CEDAB

(b) ECBAD

(c) EDCAB

(d) CEBAD

(e) No rearrangement required

Ans.(d)

Q16. A. capital, while relevant

B. skills enhance its

C. education builds the

D. labour-market value

E. foundation of human

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(a) CEADB

(b) CEABD

(c) DEABC

(d) DCEBA

(e) No rearrangement required

Ans.(b)

Q17. A. practice that supports both

B. a powerful preventive

C. mind and body

D. a relaxation technique—it's

E. meditation is more than

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(a) CDBAE

(b) ADBEC

(c) DCABE

(d) EDBAC

(e) No rearrangement required

Ans.(d)

Q18. The child asked (A)/ his mother whether (B)/ he could went (C)/ out to play. (D)

The sentence is divided into four segments: (A), (B), (C), and (D). Identify the segment that contains a grammatical error. If the sentence is both grammatically and contextually correct, select "No error" as the correct answer.

(a) A

(b) B

(c) C

(d) D

(e) No error

Ans.(c)

Q19. The honest (A)/ shopkeeper returned (B)/ the extra money (C)/ to the customer himself. (D)

The sentence is divided into four segments: (A), (B), (C), and (D). Identify the segment that contains a grammatical error. If the sentence is both grammatically and contextually correct, select "No error" as the correct answer.

(a) A

(b) B

(c) C

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- (d) D
(e) No error

Ans.(d)

Q20. The newly opened (A)/ mall attracts thousand (B)/ of visitors every (C)/ weekend without fail. (D)
The sentence is divided into four segments: (A), (B), (C), and (D). Identify the segment that contains a grammatical error. If the sentence is both grammatically and contextually correct, select "No error" as the correct answer.

- (a) A
(b) B
(c) C
(d) D
(e) No error

Ans.(b)

Q21. The old couple (A)/have been living in this (B)/ house since thirty (C)/ years without any problem. (D)
The sentence is divided into four segments: (A), (B), (C), and (D). Identify the segment that contains a grammatical error. If the sentence is both grammatically and contextually correct, select "No error" as the correct answer.

- (a) A
(b) B
(c) C
(d) D
(e) No error

Ans.(c)

Q22. The weather was too cold for us to go for a walk in the evening.

In the question below, a part is highlighted in bold, which may not be grammatically correct. Choose the correct alternative for the highlighted part to make the sentence grammatically correct.

- (a) so cold for us to go
(b) too cold that we cannot go
(c) cold enough for us to go
(d) so cold that we could go
(e) No replacement required

Ans.(e)

Q23. It is the director himself who have approved the revised budget proposal for the upcoming infrastructure project in the northern region.

In the following question, a section of the sentence has been highlighted. If the sentence is grammatically and contextually incorrect, the error lies in the highlighted part and the correct substitution for that part is to be chosen from among the given options. If the sentence is correct, mark option "No improvement required" as the answer.

- (a) who has approved
(b) who had been approving
(c) whom has approved
(d) who approved of
(e) No improvement required

Ans.(a)

Q24. All candidates were required to complete the registration form prior to submitting their application documents to the recruitment cell of the organisation.

In the following question, a section of the sentence has been highlighted. If the sentence is grammatically and contextually incorrect, the error lies in the highlighted part and the correct substitution for that part is to be chosen from among the given options. If the sentence is correct, mark option "No improvement required" as the answer.

- (a) prior to submit
- (b) before to submitting
- (c) prior for submitting
- (d) prior of submitting
- (e) No improvement required

Ans.(e)

Q25. The organisation launched a dedicated helpline for senior citizens in addition of the existing welfare programmes already being run by the state government.

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- (a) in addition for
- (b) in additionally to
- (c) in addition to
- (d) in addition with
- (e) No improvement required

Ans.(c)