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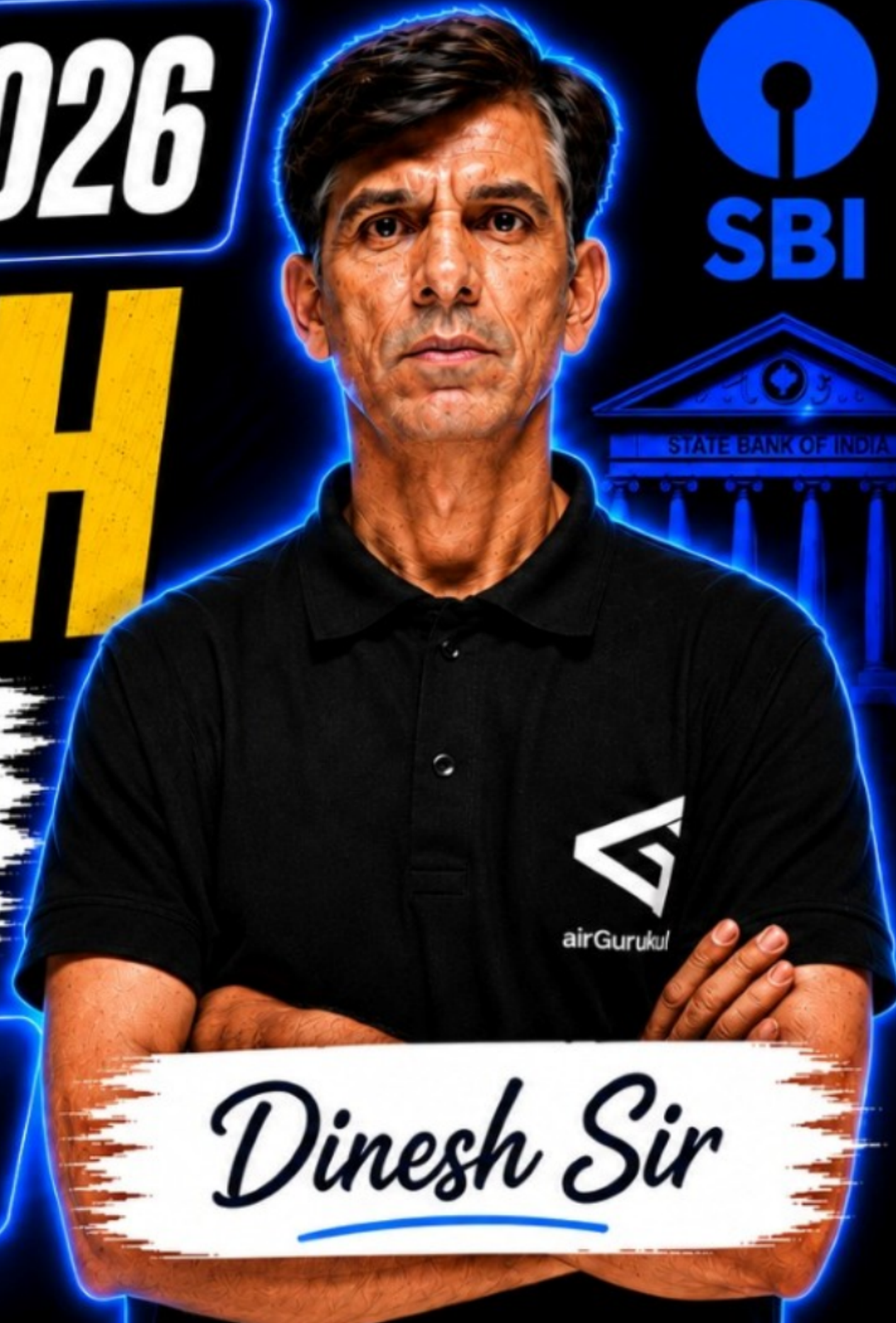
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Q1. In the given question, two words are omitted, which are replaced by blanks. Choose the best combination of the words that can fit into the given blank at the same order so to make a grammatically and logically correct statement.

The company's sudden announcement of layoffs was seen as _____ by many employees, who did not feel the decision had been _____ from the beginning.

(a) abrupt, predetermined

(b) strategic, unexpected

(c) transparent, concealed

(d) calculated, improvised

(e) reckless, justified

Q2. In the given question, two words are omitted, which are replaced by blanks. Choose the best combination of the words that can fit into the given blank at the same order so to make a grammatically and logically correct statement.

The government's response to the economic crisis was widely criticized as _____ and only served to _____ public frustration.

- (a) deliberate, intensify
- (b) prudent, alleviate
- (c) swift, suppress
- (d) ineffectual, exacerbate
- (e) measured, pacify

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Q3. In the given question, two words are omitted, which are replaced by blanks. Choose the best combination of the words that can fit into the given blank at the same order so to make a grammatically and logically correct statement.

The athlete's return to the field after a year-long injury was both _____ and _____ as fans wondered if he could regain his former strength.

- (a) unexpected, reassuring
- (b) anticipated, uncertain
- (c) disappointing, celebrated
- (d) inevitable, dismissed
- (e) predictable, unnoticed

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Q4. In the given question, two words are omitted, which are replaced by blanks. Choose the best combination of the words that can fit into the given blank at the same order so to make a grammatically and logically correct statement.

The whistleblower's testimony was so _____ that it left lawmakers scrambling to _____ the allegations before they could gain further traction.

(a) uninformative, dismiss

(b) baseless, ignore

(c) damning, counter

(d) neutral, endorse

(e) unfounded, deny

Q5. In the given question, two words are omitted, which are replaced by blanks. Choose the best combination of the words that can fit into the given blank at the same order so to make a grammatically and logically correct statement.

The new scientific discovery was hailed as _____ but also met with skepticism, as researchers sought to _____ the results through further experiments.

(a) revolutionary, replicate

(b) trivial, ignore

(c) debatable, obscure

(d) conclusive, pacify

(e) marginal, amplify

Directions (6-12): Read each sentence to find out whether there is any grammatical or idiomatic error in it. The error, if any, will be in one part of the sentence. The corresponding letter of that part is the answer. If the given sentence is correct as it is, then choose option 'No error' as your answer response. (Ignore errors of punctuation, if any).

Q6. The pack of wolves (A)/ were seen roaming (B)/ near the deserted village (C)/ at dawn. (D)

was

(a) A

(b) B

(c) C

(d) D

(e) No error

Q7. She narrowly escaped (A)/ to fall into the (B)/ deep trench (C)/ near the cliff's edge. (D)

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

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Q8. Despite being warned (A)/ about the storm, he insisted (B) to go for a (C)/ late-night drive. (D)

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

insisted = oh =

Q9. He pretended (A)/ that he knows nothing (B)/ about the secret plan (C)/ discussed in the meeting. (D)

(a) A

(b) B

(c) C

(d) D

(e) No error

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Q10. Not only he (A)/ ignore the warnings, (B)/ but he also
(C)/ mocked the elders. (D)

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

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Not only = but also

(Not only did he)

Q11. She found (A)/an unique solution (B)/ to the complex (C)/ logistical problem. (D)

(a) A

(b) B

(c) C

(d) D

(e) No error

Q12. The rebels planned (A)/ to blow out (B)/ the bridge before (C)/ reinforcements arrived. (D)

(a) A

☒ (b) B

(c) C

(d) D

(e) No error

blow up = to destroy

Directions (13-21): Read the following passage and answer the given questions.

With the United States recently lifting its ban on online betting, the digital gambling landscape has experienced a significant paradigm shift, redefining the intersection between technology and wagering. Once constrained by stringent regulations, platforms facilitating poker, online casinos, and sports betting are now flourishing, attracting an influx of new participants, particularly among the youth. This legislative reversal has catalyzed a global ripple effect, influencing betting dynamics in Europe and beyond. In response to this shift, several companies are launching innovative gambling platforms to capitalize on the growing demand.

Unlike traditional casinos, which rely on physical establishments, online betting platforms leverage advanced digital algorithms, artificial intelligence, and blockchain technology to ensure seamless transactions and enhanced security. The immediacy of placing wagers from mobile applications, coupled with the gamification of betting interfaces, has rendered the experience far more engaging than conventional casino gambling. Furthermore, the integration of live-streaming services within sports betting platforms has heightened real-time interaction, thereby allowing users to engage with the experience in ways never seen before.

One of the most pronounced impacts of this digital transition is the surge in sports engagement. With online betting becoming more accessible, the younger demographic is demonstrating a heightened interest in various athletic competitions, including football, basketball, and eSports. Europe, a longstanding hub for both regulated gambling and sports culture, has particularly benefited from this trend. Increased viewership and participation in sporting events, coupled with a surge in revenue streams for clubs and leagues, have fortified the economic structure of professional athletics. Moreover, the adoption of responsible gambling initiatives across European jurisdictions has helped mitigate some of the potential downsides of digital wagering.

However, despite these apparent advantages, the rapid expansion of online betting carries inherent risks. The accessibility and anonymity afforded by digital gambling platforms can foster addictive behaviors, particularly among impressionable youth. A lack of financial literacy among new bettors exacerbates the potential for substantial monetary losses, while the gamified nature of online casinos may obscure the psychological toll of compulsive gambling. If left unchecked, what was once a recreational activity can quickly devolve into a destructive vice, draining financial resources and leading to social isolation. Additionally, concerns surrounding data privacy, fraudulent schemes, and unregulated markets persist, raising ethical questions about the long-term sustainability of online betting.

As the online gambling industry continues to evolve, striking a balance between economic benefits and responsible gaming policies will be paramount. Without adequate safeguards, the societal costs of unchecked digital betting could outweigh its economic and recreational merits.

Q13. Which of the following statements is/are correct according to the passage?

(I) The legalization of online betting in the United States has influenced global betting trends, including in Europe.

(II) Traditional casinos are becoming obsolete due to the growing popularity of online gambling platforms.

(III) The integration of technology, such as AI and blockchain, has improved security in online gambling.

(a) Only (I)

(b) Both (I) and (II)

(c) Only (III)

(d) Both (I) and (III)

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

Q14. Which of the following is a concern regarding online betting, based on the passage?

- (a) Traditional casinos will completely disappear in the near future.
- (b) Online gambling companies may manipulate algorithms to increase losses.
- (c) The increased engagement in sports may create biased betting outcomes.
- (d) A lack of proper financial education may lead to severe monetary losses for new bettors.
- (e) Governments will completely ban online betting again due to its risks.

Q15. Identify the INCORRECT statement based on the passage.

- (a) The U.S. legalization of online betting has influenced global gambling trends, impacting regulations and betting dynamics in other countries.
- ☒ (b) Online gambling companies have successfully eliminated gambling addiction through AI-driven detection and prevention systems.
- (c) The passage highlights that gamification in digital betting can make gambling more addictive by obscuring its long-term consequences.
- (d) Both A and B
- (e) All are incorrect

Q16. Identify the correct synonym for "engage" based on its usage in the passage.

- (a) Capture
- (b) Captivate
- (c) Emerge
- (d) Replace
- (e) Evolve

Q17. Based on the passage, how has the U.S. decision to legalize online betting impacted global gambling trends?

- (a) It has primarily benefited U.S. sports leagues, while the global gambling industry remains unaffected due to differing regulatory structures.
- (b) The passage suggests that U.S. legalization has caused a worldwide increase in problem gambling, overwhelming responsible gambling initiatives.
- (c) The ripple effect of this decision has influenced European markets by increasing sports engagement and enhancing revenue streams for clubs and leagues.
- (d) The passage implies that U.S. legalization has had minimal influence outside its borders, as most online gambling companies operate independently of U.S. laws.
- (e) The global sports industry has opposed this change, fearing that the rise of online betting could reduce traditional in-person viewership.

Q18. What potential risk associated with online betting does the passage emphasize the most?

- (a) The complete lack of gambling regulations worldwide, which has allowed fraudulent activities to flourish.
- (b) The psychological and financial dangers of unchecked digital gambling, particularly among young and inexperienced users.
- (c) The negative impact of online betting on professional sports, leading to a decline in revenue and viewership.
- (d) The erosion of traditional casino culture due to the increasing preference for digital betting platforms.
- (e) The long-term economic instability of online gambling companies due to increasing competition and market saturation.

Q19. Which of the following words is the closest in meaning to the opposite of "vice" as used in the passage?

(a) Corruption

(b) Virtue

(c) Immorality

(d) Sin

(e) Depravity

Q20. Which of the following statements is/are correct according to the passage?

- (I) The reversal of online betting laws in the U.S. has only influenced gambling trends in the country itself.
- ✓ (II) The integration of live-streaming within sports betting platforms has transformed how users engage with betting.
- ✓ (III) Online betting platforms integrate live-streaming services to enhance real-time engagement.

- (a) Only (II)
- (b) Both (1) and (III)
- ✓ (c) Both (II) and (III)
- (d) All (I), (II), and (III)
- (e) Only (1)

Q21. Which of the following words is the closest in meaning to "launching" as used in the passage?

- (a) Terminating
- (b) Initiating
- (c) Encouraging
- (d) Preponing
- (e) Withdrawing

Directions (22-25): In each of the questions given below a sentence is given with three words in bold. Choose the option which gives the correct sequence of these words to make the sentence grammatically and contextually correct.

Q22. The ancient temple **torrential** (A) under the relentless force of the **majestic** (B) rain, leaving only fragments of its once **crumbled** (C) structure scattered across the valley.

(a) ACB

(b) CAB

(c) BAC

(d) BCA

(e) No rearrangement required

C A B

Q23. The commander's pivotal (A) to launch the offensive (B) at dawn cost the army a reluctance (C) strategic advantage in the battle.

(a) CBA

(b) ACB

(c) BAC

(d) CAB

(e) No rearrangement required

(C B A)

Q24. The detective's astute (A) observations led to a crucial (B) clue that unraveled (C) the mystery.

- (a) CAB
- (b) ACB
- (c) BAC
- (d) BCA
- (e) No rearrangement required

Q25. The leader's resilient (A) attitude in adversity (B) motivated his team to face challenges with fearless (C) determination.

(a) BCA

(b) CAB

(c) ACB

(d) BAC

(e) No rearrangement required

Directions (26-30): Rearrange the following statements to form a coherent paragraph and the answer the given questions.

- (A) Their persistent efforts led to a remarkable transformation, ensuring a steady water supply and revitalizing local farming.
- (B) In the 1990s, the crisis deepened, prompting a group of determined women to take matters into their own hands by developing innovative irrigation techniques.
- (C) Additionally, policymakers announced the formulation of new programs aimed at furthering women's empowerment in rural areas.
- (D) Recognizing their contribution, the government not only praised their work but also introduced incentives to support their initiatives.
- (E) This inspiring movement has set a precedent for sustainable development and gender-inclusive progress in the region.
- (F) For decades, a village struggled with severe water shortages, impacting agriculture and daily life.

Q26. Which of the following is the correct sequence after rearrangement?

- (a) FABCED
- (b) FRADCE
- (c) BAECDF
- (d) FADCEB
- (e) BCDEAF

FB

Q27. Which of the following is the FIRST statement after rearrangement?

- (a) A
- (b) B
- (c) C
- (d) F
- (e) E

Q28. Which of the following is the FIFTH statement after rearrangement?

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



Q29. Which of the following is the THIRD statement after rearrangement?

- (a) A
- (b) F
- (c) C
- (d) D
- (e) E

Q30. Which of the following is the LAST statement after rearrangement?

- (a) F
- (b) B
- (c) C
- (d) D
- (e) E

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