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Directions (1-5) Read the given passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

The withdrawal of Houthi rebels from three of Yemen's ports as part of the December 2018 ceasefire agreement should have been the basis for further talks to expand the truce to other parts of the country. But while the withdrawal was under way last week, Houthis, who are reportedly getting support from Iran, carried out a drone attack on a Saudi pipeline, and in retaliation Riyadh launched airstrikes on Sanaa, the capital city controlled by the rebels, killing at least six civilians, including children. Yemen now risks falling back to the pre-ceasefire days of conflict with fighting having broken out in parts of the government-controlled south. What makes the resumption of hostilities more dangerous is the regional angle. Tensions are on the rise in West Asia over the U.S.-Iran standoff. The U.S. had earlier warned against possible attacks by either Iran or Iran-backed militias against American interests or its allies in the region, and has deployed an aircraft carrier and a bomber squad to the Gulf. Immediately after the pipeline was attacked, the Saudis blamed Iran for ordering it, an allegation which both Tehran and the Houthis have **refuted**. Whether Iran was actually behind the attack or not, the incident and the subsequent Saudi airstrikes show how the Yemeni conflict is entangled with the regional rivalry between Iran and Saudi Arabia.

Saudi Arabia started its Yemen military campaign in March 2015 with the goal of driving Houthis out of territories they captured. Four years of war have devastated the country. According to the UN, at least 7,000 civilians have been killed. Thousands of others have died due to disease, poor health care and malnutrition. The blockade Saudi Arabia imposed on Yemen steadily worsened the country's hunger problem and health-care crisis. The country is on the brink of a famine. It's a shame that even when the ceasefire was holding, the Saudis did not halt bombing Yemen. Saudi Arabia appears to be frustrated that it is not able to defeat the Houthis even after years of heavy bombing. The Houthis, on their part, continue to provoke the Saudis through cross-border rocket and drone attacks. The Yemenis are stuck in between. The way forward is the Hodeida model. The December ceasefire took effect in the Red Sea port city and both the rebels and government forces stuck to it till the rebels pulled out last week. They should continue talks under international mediation and replicate the Hodeida model elsewhere in Yemen. For this to be achieved, the Houthis should decouple themselves from the regional politics, and stay focussed on resolving differences with the government and rebuilding the war-torn country, while Saudi Arabia should get out of Yemen.

1. Choose the option which is most opposite to the word in the question, as mentioned in the passage.

"refuted"

- a) negated — ✓
- b) disputed — ✓
- c) confuted — ✓
- d) verified + ✓
- e) None of these

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

I. According to the author, the withdrawal of Houthi rebels from three of Yemen's ports as part of the December 2018 ceasefire agreement should have been the basis for further talks to expand the truce to other parts of the country.

II The December ceasefire took effect in the Red Sea port city and both the rebels and government forces stuck to it till the rebels pulled out previous week.

III. Saudi Arabia started its Persian military campaign in March 2018 with the goal of driving Houthis out of territories they captured.

a) only II

b) II and III

c) I and II

d) I only

e) None of these

- 3. Which of the following is/are incorrect according to the passage?**
- I. Four years of war have devastated the country of Iran.**
 - II. The U.S. had warned against probable attacks by either Iran or Iran-backed militias against American interests or its allies in the region, and has deployed an aircraft carrier and a bomber squad to the Indian ocean.**
 - III. It was not confirmed if Iran was actually behind the attack or not, but the subsequent Saudi airstrikes show how the Yemeni conflict is entangled with the regional rivalry between Iran and Saudi Arabia.**
- a) Only II**
 - b) II and III**
 - c) I and II**
 - d) I only**
 - e) None of these**

4. "The country is on the brink of a famine."

Which of the following options explain the above statement of the author?

- a) The government has been exploiting the civilians and the present state of the country is in shambles.
- b) Thousands of civilians have been killed and others have died due to disease, poor health care and malnutrition.
- c) Thousands of civilians have left the country and emigrated to Europe via the Red sea.
- d) Thousands of children have been rendered orphans because their families have been killed in the war.
- e) None of these

5. Why did Riyadh launch airstrikes on Sanaa, the capital of Yemen?

- a) Riyadh had retaliated to the recent violation of the truce between US and Iran by the rebels in Iran.
- b) Saudi Arabia wanted to capture the oilfields in the oil-rich northern province of Iran.
- ☒ c) The Houthis, who have been getting support from Iran, carried out a drone attack on a Saudi pipeline, so Riyadh launched airstrikes in retaliation.
- d) Saudi Arabia wanted to capture the strait of Hormuz which is a strategic location with respect to transport of oil to other nations.
- e) None of these

Directions (6-12): Match the following sentences in Part - I with those given in Part - II:

6.

I	II
A. The collegium has now repeated its recommendations, emphasising that there is nothing adverse against the two judges in terms of their	D. keen to fill up the current vacancies.
B. In systemic terms, the advisability of retaining	E. "conduct, competence and integrity" and that there is no reason to agree with the government.
C. The Supreme Court is	F. collaborative process involving the executive and the judiciary, and there cannot be a time frame for it.

a) A-D

b) B-D

c) C-E, B-F

d) A-E, C-D

e) None of these

Directions (6-12): Match the following sentences in Part - I with those given in Part - II:

7.

I	II
A. It is true that the filling up of vacancies is a continuous and	D. the collegium system of appointments is a major concer
B. Were tensions in trade policy to flare up again, it could result	E. borne by American consumers and could result in U.S.
C. The cost of these tariffs will, after all, eventually be	F. in large disruptions to global supply chains and pose downside risks to global growth, the IMF warned.

a) A-D

b) B-D

c) C-E, B-F

d) A-E, C-D

e) None of these

Directions (6-12): Match the following sentences in Part - I with those given in Part - II:

8.

I	II
A. In the face of growing U.S. aggression on the issue, the government that takes office after the election will have	D. will have to work closely with other countries to build alternative financial structures to avoid U.S. sanctions.
B. Where a compromise is not possible, the government	E. to urgently consider its options ahead.
C. A call by Afghanistan's Loya Jirga, a grand assembly of senior politicians and tribal and religious leaders,	F. want to resolve the 17-year-long conflict.

a) A-E

c) C-E, B-F

b) B-D

d) A-F, C-D

e) None of these

Directions (6-12): Match the following sentences in Part - I with those given in Part - II:

9.

I	II
A. Afghanistan's leaders, from its rulers to tribal chieftains,	D. should be ready to push back on unreasonable demands.
B. Over a four-day meeting that ended on May 2, the Jirga	E. by the political class amid the Taliban's rising clout.
C. It also backed women's rights, a critical issue being debated	F. asked the government to set up a negotiating team with members from the assembly for talks with the insurgents.

a) A-D

b) B-D

c) C-E, B-F

d) A-F, C-D

e) None of these

Directions (6-12): Match the following sentences in Part - I with those given in Part - II:

10.

I	II
A. It is unlikely that the Trump administration will temper its "my way or the highway" approach to Iranian oil sales, and New Delhi	D. was that Washington may not be willing to meet India halfway on trade issues.
B. Perhaps the most worrying signal from Mr. Ross's outburst	E. the labelling of non-vegetarian dairy products.
C. The U.S. must understand the cultural differences over	F. for a ceasefire between government troops and the Taliban underscores the mood in Kabul.

a) A-D

c) C-E, B-F

b) B-D, C-E,

d) A-F, C-D

e) None of these

Directions (6-12): Match the following sentences in Part - I with those given in Part - II:

11.

I	II
A. The Taliban, for its part, immediately shot down the proposal,	D. its capacity to strike anywhere, including in the most fortified of locations.
B. Without the Taliban's reciprocity,	E. vowing to continue attacks through the Ramzan month
C. The group controls half of Afghanistan and has shown	F. no ceasefire will hold.

a) A-E, B-F, C-D

c) C-E, B-F

b) B-D

d) A-F, C-D

e) None of these

Directions (6-12): Match the following sentences in Part - I with those given in Part - II:

12.

I	II
A. The Taliban's intransigence	D. the U.S. special representative, are primarily focussed on withdrawing foreign troops from Afghanistan.
B. The talks between Taliban representatives and Zalmay Khalilzad,	E. Reversing course is a dire necessity to stave off disaster.
C. The Taliban will change tack only if it is forced to do so	F. has darkened the prospects for peace.

a) A-D

c) C-E, B-F

b) B-D, A-F

d) A-F, C-D

e) None of these

Direction (13-18): In each of the questions given below a sentence is given which is divided into five parts. Out of which, one is grammatically correct and the rest are not. It is then followed by options which give one of the options as a correction. Choose the option which is grammatically correct.

- 13.** After a US president through a presidential a)/ proclamation withdrew duty free benefits to b)/ India exporters worth \$6 billion, Indian government c)/ termed the move unfortunate but vowed d)/ to protect the country national interest e)

a) a

b) b

c) c

d) d

e) e

14. Several members of the US Congress and **a)/** US manufacturers have urged Trump not to **b)/** withdrew GSP benefits available to India since **c)/** India is a strategically and the move would **d)/** increase input cost for American producers **e)**

a) a

b) b

c) c

d) d

e) e

15. SpiceJet, which operate narrow a)/ body and turboprop planes, does b)/ not have firmed plans to become a c)/ wide body operator with long-range d)/ flights in the wake of Jet collapse in April e)/

a) a

b) b

c) c

d) d

e) e

✓ 16. The Indian trade ministry in a)/ a statement said India as part of our bilateral b)/ discussions have offered resolution on c)/ significant US requests in the effort to d)/ find a mutual acceptable way forward e)/

a) a

b) b

c) c

d) d

e) e

17. Budget airline SpiceJet Ltd ¹⁵was examining a)/ the prospect of taking off widebody jets b)/ previously operated by Jet Airways Ltd, but ~~c)~~/ initial studies show they needed significant d)/ maintenance work, it's chairman said on Saturday e)/

a) a

b) b

~~c) c~~

d) d

e) e

18. India has time and again denounce a)/ Trump charge of being a tariff b)/ king and has maintained that its c)/ tariff levels are on accordance with WTO d)/ rules applicable to developed countries e)/

a) a

b) b

☒ c) c

d) d

e) e

Directions (19-20): Below is a given passage.

Some sentences begin with a number (corresponding to the question number) and some words are highlighted in bold. One of the highlighted words is grammatically incorrect. Choose the word from the option as your answer. If all the highlighted words are correct, mark 'All correct as your answer

19. Concern over incidents of attack on cash carrying vans, the government has proposed that ATMs should not be replenished with cash after 9 pm in cities and private cash transportation agencies must collect money from the banks in the first half of the day, officials said. **20.** The deadline for putting money in the ATMs in rural areas would be 6 pm, and 4 pm in Naxal-affected districts. Also, specially design cash vans, fitted with CCTVS and GPS, must not carry more than Rs 5 crore per trip.

a) concern

c) must

e) No correction required

b) should

d) in

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a) putting

b) design

c) carry

d) be

e) No correction required

Direction (21-25): Each question below contains a statement with three blanks followed by four options. Choose the option that can fill the three blanks and mark it as your answer.

- 21.** Eitherway, whether Mr. Gandhi finally_____ on quitting or allows himself to be persuaded otherwise, the party cannot look away from a dilemma that has shadowed it for long:
the double-edged sword of the dynasty.

- a) Culpable
- b) Insists**
- c) Reproach
- d) Cossets
- e) Alleviate

22. The decline of the Congress is symptomatic of the fading appeal of the old ways of conducting politics and of the _____ with opaque and unaccountable power-wielding by political dynasties

- a) Orator**
- b) Entice**
- c) Paradoxical**
- d) Disenchantment**
- e) None of these**

23. Pyongyang would cease its _____ for intercontinental nuclear weapons capability in lieu of a gradual normalization of ties with the U.S. along with a lifting of multilateral economic sanctions.

- a) Animosity**
- b) Quest**
- c) Delude**
- d) Imbibe**
- e) None of these**

24. One option is to encourage schools to identify students with an aptitude and interest in teaching, and then____ and fund them through higher education and training, and bring them back as teachers.

a) Nurture

b) Stigma

c) Sheer

d) Dismal

e) None of these

25. Her soft touch and _____ skills will be critical if states are to agree to further reduce the number of items in the higher GST brackets; unless this happens, **it is difficult to see GST taking off as planned.**

- a) Ritual
- b) Propound
- c) Adamant
- d) Persuasive
- e) None of these

Directions (26-30): In the following passage, some of the words have been left out, each of which is indicated by a number. Find the suitable word from the options given against each number and fill up the blanks with appropriate words to make the paragraph meaningfully complete.

Without this gene the defence system would fail. In the case of people with multiple sclerosis, absence of this gene (26) them twice as likely to die early.

There are two copies of the gene in every person. In the case of one baby girl both the copies of the gene were disabled (27)..... in the other baby, only one copy was disabled. So the baby with one functional copy of the gene (28) still be susceptible to HIV infection. The decision to (29)..... the embryo with only one disabled copy makes the work all the more unethical. Though Dr. He claimed the babies were born in early November last year, The New York Times reported that the babies were born premature in October.

The day Associated Press broke the story, the Chinese national health commission asked the Guangdong health commission to start an (30)..... On January 21 this year, Dr. He was fired from the university where he worked after a probe by the Guangdong health commission found that he had violated the national regulations against using gene-editing for reproductive purposes.

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- a) Makes
- b) Make
- c) Describe
- d) Rivulet
- e) None of these

- 27.** There are two copies of the gene in every person. In the case of one baby girl both the copies of the gene were disabled (27) in the other baby
- a) Although
 - b) Though
 - c) As well as
 - d) But
 - e) None of these

28. Only one copy was disabled. So the baby with one functional copy of the gene (28) still be susceptible to HIV infection.

- a) May
- b) Might
- c) Should
- d) Shall
- e) None of these

29. The decision to **(29)**..... the embryo with only one disabled copy makes the work all the more unethical.

- a) Meddle**
- b) Invoke**
- c) Implant**
- d) Pound**
- e) None of these**

30. The day Associated Press broke the story, the Chinese national health commission asked the Guangdong health commission to start an **(30)**

- a) Investigation**
- b) Investigate**
- c) Vengeance**
- d) Revenge**
- e) None of these**

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