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Directions (1-5): In the following passage there are blanks, each of which has been numbered. These numbers are printed below the passage and against each, five options are given. Find out the appropriate word which fits the blank appropriately.

Q1. Mysterious findings inside an ____ (11) cave in Mexico shed some light on ancient Maya rituals. Dozens of black and red handprints cover the walls of the cave, and they are believed to be ____ (12) with a coming-of-age ritual of the ancient Maya. The handprints are mostly made by children, and they date back more than 1,200 years when Maya's advanced culture was at its zenith.

According to ____ (13), the colours have a meaning. The black colour symbolized death; however, it didn't mean that the children were going to be killed but rather death from a ritual ____ (14). The colour red referred to war or life when children went out and they came in ____ (15) with the rest of society in a safe way. The cave is located near the northern tip of the Yucatan peninsula that houses the popular archaeological tourist site, Chichen Itza. Several million Maya still live in communities across south-eastern Mexican states as well as Guatemala and Belize.

(a) underground

(b) capability

(c) endowed

(d) aristocratic

(e) None of the above

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(a) mustered

(b) innovative

(c) motivated

(d) associated

(e) None of the above

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(a) physicians

(b) archaeologists

(c) actors

(d) cardiologists

(e) None of the above

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(a) vicinity

(b) omnipotent

(c) reliant

(d) perspective

(e) None of the above

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(a) notorious

(b) contact

(c) jurisdiction

(d) collaborate

(e) None of the above

Directions (6-10): In each of the questions given below four words are given in bold. These four words may or may not be in their correct position. The sentence is then followed by options with the correct combination of words that should replace each other in order to make the sentence grammatically and contextually correct. Find the correct combination of the words that replace each other. If the sentence is correct as it is then select option (E) as your choice.

Q6 ✓ The Ministers ^{discussed} inculcating (A) how to change the existing (B) rote-learning set up and work on discussed (C) positive mindsets (D) in students.

(a) A - D

(b) B- D

(c) C- D

(d) A-C

✓ (e) No error

Inculcating.

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Q7. The vaccination (A) programme is completely voluntary (B) and government cannot ask anyone to registered (C) take the shot even if the person has compulsorily (D) for it

(a) D- B

(b) A-D

(c) C-D

(d) A-C

(e) No error

registered

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Q8. The High Court has held that parents are dependent (A) on their children at some stage of their life and it would be inequitable (B) to deny wards (C) to those who lost their compensation (D) in road accidents

(a) C-D

(c) C- A

(e) No error

(b) B- D

(d) A-C and B-D

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Q9. The government expected (A) the unions to come up with a implementation (B) other than the revocation (C) of the laws as the court had stayed the proposal (D) of the laws.

(a) A - B

(b) B- D

(c) C- D

(d) A - C

(e) No error

implementation

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✓ Q10. The Health Ministry has **conduct** (A) the States and the Union Territories to **advised** (B) **vaccination** on only four days a week to minimise **disruption** (C) **to** routine (D) **health services**.

(a) D- B

(b) A- D

(c) C- D

(d) A - B

(e) No error

Directions (11-15): In the following questions, a sentence is divided into four parts. One of these parts may have grammatical or idiomatic error in it. Choose the part containing error as your answer. If there is no error in the given sentence then choose option (E) as your answer.

Q11 ✓ India is all set to join (A)/ World Health Organization's "solidarity trial" (B)/ aimed at rapid global search (C)/ for drugs to treat COVID-19 (D)/ No Error.

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

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✓ **Q12.** The Union Health Ministry announced (A)/ that it was scaling up measures to combat (B)/the virus by bring in ~~(C)~~/40,000 more ventilators in the next three months (D)/ No Error.

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

P + Gerund
(by + V + ing)

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Q13. India will setting up an electronic platform (A)/ to help member-countries of the (B)/South Asian Association for Regional (C)/ Cooperation fight the COVID-19 pandemic (D)/ No Error.

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

(will + v')

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✓ Q14. The Union government has asked (A)/ all the States and Union Territories to (B)/ensure that caregivers of persons with (C)/disabilities was able to reach them during the lockdown (D)/No Error.

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

were

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✓ Q15. British Prime Minister Boris Johnson said (A)/ he has tested positive for the coronavirus, (B)/ while the number of infection in (C)/ the U.S. surged to the most in the world (D)/ No Error.

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

Directions (16-20): In each of the following 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.

✓ Q16. The Supreme Court in its recent **acquisition** (A) **upheld** the land **highway** (B) **deal** related to **Chennai-Salem** **verdict** (C).

- (a) ACB
- (b) BCA
- ✓ (c) CAB
- (d) CBA
- (e) No correction required

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✓ Q17. The Indian ^{form} structure (A) of political form (B) is democratic, pluralistic and parliamentary (C).
Structure

(a) ACB

✓ (b) BAC

(c) CAB

(d) CBA

(e) No correction required

Directions (16-20): In each of the following 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.

Q18. The High court has shown livelihood (A) sensitivity to possible concerns (B) and ecological greater (C).

(a) ACB

(b) BAC

(c) CAB

(d) CBA

(e) No correction required

greater

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✓ **Q19. While states (A) such as West Bengal and Uttar Pradesh feature prominently(B) in the media for notorious reasons(C).** ✓

- Adv.
- (a) ACB
 - (b) BAC
 - (c) CAB
 - (d) CBA
 - (e) No correction required

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✓ **Q20.** The country needs to retain (A) **its financial** earmarked (B) **for** nutrition schemes it has commitments (C).

- (a) **ACB**
(b) **BAC**
(c) **CAB**
(d) **CBA**
(e) No correction required

Directions (1-10): Read the following passage and answer the given questions.

OCD, also known as Obsessive Compulsive Disorder is a type of mental illness which leads to repeated thoughts and the urge to do something over and over again. The 'obsession' is concerning the recurring unwanted thoughts, while the 'compulsion' is the urge to do something multiple times. The disorder can start from a really early age, while some people develop it at a later stage of life. The obsession or compulsion habits might fluctuate or change with time. You must be able to detect OCD correctly, as people often confuse it with their normal habits. A doctor is the best person to consult in such a scenario. He can not only correctly determine the status of your condition but also suggest the kind of treatment needed. Many people ignore this disorder and several are not even aware whether they have it or not. They unknowingly suffer in silence and don't know that their condition is because of a neurological problem. It is neither a matter of shame nor something to be afraid of, as a large amount of the population have this disorder.

According to the World Health Organization, OCD is one of the top 20 causes of illness-related disability, worldwide, for individuals between 15 and 44 years of age. Many other health conditions, such as anxiety issues, depressive episodes, attention deficiency, eating disorder, bipolar condition might also co-exist with OCD. People with OCD already deal with a lot, which is why they need the support of their near ones. Social stigma is a big issue, which is why many patients shy away from seeking medical help. OCD cannot be prevented as people might develop this habit at any age.

However, if diagnosed early, this disorder can be easily treated. If not detected or treated, the disorder can turn worse and might disrupt your day-to-day activities. With proper treatment, it can not only be controlled but also managed well. In simpler words, the brains of some people might function differently which gives rise to OCD, as there is no exact reason the disorder.

OCD is a neurological disorder, which is why the treatment might take longer as compared to other diseases. Here are a few treatment options you can consider, only after consulting your doctor first. In Psychotherapy, your doctor will place you in a situation designed to create tension or resolve compulsions. You will learn to reduce your OCD thoughts or actions through this method. It works on the principle of cognitive behavioural therapy, which can help change your way of thinking.

Medicines and drugs can also aid the process of controlling OCD. Meds which have selective serotonin reuptake inhibitors help many people control obsessions and compulsions. The effect of the medicines might take at least 2 months to show and the treatment might continue for a long-time frame. Some common medicines given to OCD patients are- citalopram (Celexa), escitalopram (Lexapro), fluoxetine (Prozac), fluvoxamine, paroxetine (Paxil), and sertraline (Zoloft).

In rare cases, when treatment and medication do not make much difference, certain devices might be used that alter electrical activity in a specific area of your brain. It is called Neuromodulation.

TMS(transcranial magnetic stimulation)is a device which is held above the head ofthe patient to induce a magnetic field. It targets some specific parts of the brain that regulate OCD symptoms.

The simplest of all methods, which incorporates yoga, exercising, meditation and chanting might also be helpful in mild to moderate cases of OCD. These methods relax the brain and also boosts its capacity.

Regularly practicing chanting, meditation or any kind of physical activity can bring about a significant difference.

Q21. According to the author, what is the reason for OCD not being recognized as a disorder by an individual?

- (a) The symptoms of OCD resemble our daily habits hence people get bemused in detection.
- (b) OCD is a mental illness which is very often portrayed in the media which leads to people not taking it seriously.
- (c) The lack of awareness about this disorder can have people not recognizing that it is a serious problem.
- (d) None of the above
- (e) All of the above

Q22. What does the author state is the reason for people not seeking a professional to help deal with OCD?

- (I) There is little to no help available while confronting this disorder since it is not a very well-researched phenomenon.
- (II) There are a lot of negative notions about OCD in society that can prevent the person suffering from it from seeking help.
- (III) OCD is not recognized by the medical industry as a real disorder/illness, hence, there are no professionals available to treat it.

(a) Statements (II) and (III)

(b) Only (II)

(c) Statements (1) and (III)

(d) Only (III)

(e) Only (1)

Q23. From the information given to us in the passage, we can conclude that the treatment takes longer to reach its end. Why is it so?

- (a) There are many different layers and steps to the treatment of OCD which makes it a longer procedure.
- (b) OCD is not recognised by the medical field and hence, does not have prominent methods of treatment to be performed.
- (c) This is a type of disorder that is neurological in nature, which needs more recovery time
- (d) None of the above
- (e) All of the above

Q24. Which of the following remedies is NOT mentioned by the author in the passage as a way to treat OCD?

- (a) Introduction of devices which help narrow down the electric activity of the brain and work upon them to change the functioning of the brain.
- (b) Many relaxation techniques (like yoga, meditation and chanting) have been proven to be effective for some OCD diagnosed individuals.
- ☒ (c) Activities like taking up newer hobbies (like reading, playing a sport, cooking, etc.) can help these individuals to divert their brains from obsessive-compulsive behaviours.
- (d) None of these
- (e) All of these

Q25. What is the core message of the passage that the author is trying to relay to the readers?

- (a) The author aims to spread awareness about the OCD disorder so that it can be taken seriously and then goes onto suggest different remedies to it which can be opted for after the diagnosis.
- (b) Explanation of how OCD is different than other mental disorders/illnesses and discusses parameters of the differences.
- (c) The passage talks about different mental illnesses and how they are active in society and the lack of awareness around them.
- (d) None of the above
- (e) All of the above

✓ Q26. If OCD were to be treated by psychotherapy, how does the treatment be done?

(I) Talking about OCD related thoughts in psychotherapy helps them give it a vent and that leads to a reduction in obsessive actions/thoughts.

✓ (II) An OCD diagnosed person is put in a case to create tension or resolve compulsion thereby helping them reduce the frequency of them.

(III) Psychotherapists refer these individuals to psychiatrists which are more efficient in dealing with disorders like OCD and such.

(a) Both (II) and (III)

(b) Only (II)

✓ (c) Both (I) and (III)

(d) Only (III)

(e) Both (I) and (II)

Q27. Select the synonym of detect as highlighted in the passage.

- (a) exploit
- (b) obscure
- ☒ (c) recognize
- (d) symbolic
- (e) None of the above

Q28. Select the antonym of create as highlighted in the passage.

- (a) cryptic
- (b) abolish
- (c) whimsical
- (d) remorse
- (e) None of the above

Q29. Which one of the following words will be used to complete the phrase 'reason _____ the disorder'?

(a) behind

(b) along

(c) carry

(d) almost

(e) at

✓ Q30. What is a word that is similar to disrupt as highlighted in the passage?

- (a) drastic
- (b) concede
- (c) attach
- (d) disturb
- ✓ (e) None of the above

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