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1. What can be said about the impact of Russia and Ukraine's war on the global food system?

- (a) Only Russia and Ukraine are experiencing a shortage of food supply.
- (b) The war is affecting not only the global food system but polluting groundwater also.
- (c) The war is further worsening an already battered global food system.
- (d) Global food supply is unaffected by the war but has some impacts of Covid-19.
- (e) None of these

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2. What can be inferred about Russia and Ukraine's contribution on the global food trade?

- (a) A major part of basic agro-commodities supply comes from both countries.
- (b) Russia and Ukraine both export approximately 12% of food calories traded globally.
- (c) Ukraine alone meets more than half of the global demand for wheat, maize, and rice.
- (d) All of these
- (e) Only (a) and (b)

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3. According to European Commission what action should be taken to meet global food demand for the current and the next year?

- (a) Wheat-oriented farming should be the priority from now onwards.
- (b) To persuade Russia not to halt the supply of wheat and rice.
- ☒ (c) Up to 25 million tonnes of wheat would need to be substituted.
- (d) Mitigating the various tax rates to facilitate the global supply chain.
- (e) None of these

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4. Which of the following statements mentions the first factor that affects the global food supply?

- (a) Damage of basic agro-commodities in Ukraine due to Russia's invasion.
- (b) Financial sanctions imposed on Russia by developed as well as developing countries.
- (c) Decline in exports and production of essential goods from Ukraine and Russia due to war.
- (d) Disruption in global supply chain of agricultural inputs such as fertilizers and chemicals
- (e) None of these

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5. What is/are the possible consequence(s) of international response to the rise in price and decrease in food supply from Russia?

- (a) There will be a huge difference in the prices of the same commodities in different countries.
- (b) The effects of food crises would be aggravated mainly because of uncoordinated export bans.
- (c) The number of cases of starvation and malnutrition will rise sharply throughout the world.
- (d) Experience in tackling food crises would help in mitigating the effects of current food crisis.
- (e) Both (b) and (d)

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6. Which of the following sentences is FALSE as per the information given in the passage?

(i) Many countries intend to impose control over exports of essential agricultural commodities

(ii) Food prices and agricultural input prices have declined due to the Russia-Ukraine war.

(iii) The world has already experienced a global food crisis in 2007-2008.

(a) Only (i)

(b) Both (ii) & (iii)

(c) Only (ii)

(d) Both (i) & (ii)

(e) Only (iii)

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7. Which of the following statements has/have the correct usage of the word 'keep' used in the passage?

- (i) Always keep hard to fulfill your dreams. (ii) Doctors recommended medicines that keep aches and pains at bay.
(iii) I promised him to keep his personal matter a secret.

- (a) Both (ii) & (iii) (b) Only (i) (c) Only (ii) (d) Both (i) & (ii) (e) Only (iii)

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8. Which of the following words is an antonym of 'retreat' given in the passage?

(a) engage

(b) bolster

(c) arduous

(d) withdraw

(e) None of these



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9. Which of the following words is a synonym of 'pushed' given in the passage?

(a) jerk

(b) ambit

(c) propel

(d) collapse

(e) None of these

Phrase Replacement / Sentence Correction (Q10 - Q13)

Directions (10-13): In the following question, sentences are given with a part in bold. The given phrase in bold may or may not contains an error. The options following can replace the incorrect phrase. The correct phrase that is to be replaced will be your answer. If the sentence is correct then select 'No improvement required' as your answer.

10. Water overuse is a huge issue that a lot of peoples are dealing with.

(a) a lot of people is

(b) lot of people have

☒ (c) a lot of people are

(d) a lot of people had

(e) No improvement required

People
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11. Teams made up of a number of instructors working together are crucial in fostering creativity.
- (a) Teams make up of
 - (b) Team made up in
 - (c) Teams made up by
 - (d) Team making up of
 - (e) No improvement required

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12. He was promoted to the rank of major in recognising of his valour during the battle.

- (a) with recognising of his
- (b) in recognition of his
- (c) in recognising to its
- (d) on recognition to his
- (e) No improvement required

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13. **Every** individual have rights which **must never be taken away.**

(a) individuals **has** rights which

(b) individual **had** rights that

(c) individual has rights which

(d) individuals **have** rights **that**

(e) No improvement required

Directions (14-18): 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 number of that part is the answer. If there is 'No error', the answer is 'e'. (Ignore errors of punctuation, if any)

14. India continues to face (A)/ several inherent challenges (B)/ to the realm of sustainable (C)/consumption and production (D).

(a) A

(b) B

~~(c) C~~

(d) D

(e) No error

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15. *The* Poorest citizens of a (A)/ country frequently bear (B)/ the burden of the costs (C)/ associated with development. (D)

(a) A

(b) B

(c) C

(d) D

(e) No error

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16. Migration and environmental (A)/ changes are deeply interconnected (B)/ processes, intimately linked (C)/ to development pathways. (D)

(a) A

(b) B

(c) C

(d) D

(e) No error

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17. Women remaining in vulnerable (A)/ environments facing social and (B)/ economic challenges are having an (C)/ impact on its empowerment. (D)

(a) A

(b) B

(c) C

(d) D

(e) No error

Women →
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18. As a result of societal and (A)/ economic obstacles, women (B)/ continue to been marginalized and (C)/live in hazardous conditions. (D)

(a) A

(b) B

(c) C

(d) D

(e) No error

Directions (19-20): In each of the following questions, a sentence has been divided into four phrases. These phrases may or may not have been placed in their correct positions. Identify the correct rearrangement of the phrases to make the sentence grammatically correct and contextually meaningful and mark that option as your answer.

19. India operates the widest spectrum of (A)/ social security schemes which cater (B)/ people than any other country (C)/ to the largest number of (D)

(a) DABC

(b) ABDC

(c) CADB

(d) ACBD

(e) No rearrangement required

(A B C D)

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20. on the health security front, (A)/ there is the Ayushman Bharat Scheme (B)/ over a million beneficiaries (C)/ of the central government with (D)

(a) BDAC

(b) ACBD

(c) ABDC

(d) DABC

(e) No rearrangement required

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21. The BRICS provides an appropriate shape (A) model suitable for the 21st century where a dominated (B) group of states narrow (C) by one power will not governance (D) the agenda.

(a) B-C

(b) A-B

~~(c) A-D & B-C~~

(d) A-C & B-D

(e) No replacement required

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22. A lead (A) to exchange experiences on societal benefits (B) and growth as complementary goals would forum (C) to fresh thinking on employment (D) and the environment.

(a) B-C

(b) A-B & C-D

☒ (c) A-C

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23. Harnessing the potential (A) of the digital revolution requires redefining (B) digital access that goes beyond physical connectivity (C) to share specific opportunities (D) available.

(a) B-C

(b) A-B

(c) A-B & C-D

(d) A-C & B-D

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24. The Senate passed a bill that investment (A) the largest represents (B) ever made in the United States to advance rebate (C) energy and provide middle-class people with a tax sustainable (D).

(a) B-C

(b) A-B & C-D

(c) A-B

(d) A-C & B-D

(e) No replacement required

Directions (25-30): In the following passage there are blanks, each of which has been numbered. These numbers are printed below the passage and against each, a few options are given. Find out the appropriate word which fits the blank appropriately.

As the pandemic made its mark in 2022, the planet_____ (25) a series of growing environmental challenges. At the UN, the struggles of farmers and the global food system, the_____ (26) _____ loss of biodiversity, and the ever-heating planet dominated the agenda, culminating at November's COP26 climate conference. This challenge is especially _____ (27) _____ in India, where more than 700 million people depend on forests and agriculture for their sustenance. More than 85% of them are small and marginal landholders, leaving them especially _____ (28) _____ as the climate changes the world around them. Fortunately, pioneers across India are deploying a set of techniques, known as landscape restoration, that _____ (29) _____ damaged ecosystems and _____ (30) _____ biodiversity.

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| 25. (a) endured | (b) evaded | (c) relished | (d) adored | (e) deified |
| 26. (a) propitious | (b) felicitous | (c) congruous | (d) precipitous | (e) auspicious |
| 27. (a) affable | (b) genial | (c) stark | (d) embark | (e) ornate |
| 28. (a) fortified | (b) exposed | (c) shielded | (d) annexed | (e) braced |
| 29. (a) undermine | (b) recuperate | (c) perforate | (d) vanquish | (e) interlude |
| 30. (a) improve | (b) rectify | (c) resolve | (d) disapprove | (e) engage |

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