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Directions: Read the given passage carefully to answer the following questions. Each question will have five alternatives as its answer. Choose the correct option as your answer.

The India Employment Report (IER) 2024 by the Institute for Human Development and International Labour Organization poses questions on the trickle-down effect of benefits to the working class in the backdrop of a 5.4% average real economic growth, from 2015-16 to 2022-23. It also shows a divergent trend between rural and urban areas in terms of employment and income. It demonstrates a relatively higher unemployment rate in urban areas, at 4.8% in 2000 over the 1.5% in rural areas. However, average monthly earnings are higher by 76% for self-employed, 44% for regular employed and 22% for casual labour in urban areas in 2022. The coexistence of higher unemployment and wages requires further investigation to understand its implications for the urban poor. This article looks at the dynamics of employment and wages in pockets of deep urban poverty, such as slums, and juxtaposes these with the findings of the IER 2024.

The higher income in urban areas and a better life have **underrated** rural-urban migration in the past. As in the IER 2024, although overall migration has increased, the migration of males has declined by 1.2% during 2000-08 and further marginally in 2021. This implies that migration for economic mobility is losing its sheen. **An analysis of income and employment trends among slum dwellers in urban India reveals prospects for economic mobility, and decent work, as poor rural households often migrate to slums rather than formal settlements.** This writer and a team surveyed 37 slums across different parts of Kolkata in 2012. These slums were again surveyed in 2022-23. However, we could track only 29 slums as the other slums had either been redeveloped or evicted. We surveyed 513 slum households in 2012 and 396 in 2021-22. To get the overall trends from 2012, we collected data on income and employment in slums in 2019, the pre-COVID-19 year, to avoid the COVID-19-affected years of 2020-22, for comparison.

The major occupations in slums in Kolkata have remained the same over the decade, with a fourth of the working population taking on unskilled labour. It is the most stable and significant occupation in slums. The IER 2024 also finds that a fourth of workers in India were engaged in unskilled work during this period. Other major occupations in slums were skilled or semi-skilled labour work, and people as employees in private organisations, and owning petty businesses or small shops. Unlike unskilled labour, the share of employment in skilled and semi-skilled labour was reduced by 6%, and in private organisations by 3% between 2012-19. On the other hand, employment has increased by 9% in petty businesses or small shops. Surprisingly, the share of other self-employed has also declined by 3%. Among occupations that were less popular earlier but which gained momentum in the last 10 years are truck driving and cleaning, by 5%, and construction and related work, by 4%. The number of people employed in construction and related work was minuscule in 2012.

- 1. What does the passage reveal about the evolution of major occupations in Kolkata's slums over the past decade?**
1. There has been a significant shift towards skilled and semi-skilled labour occupations.
2. Unskilled labour remains the most stable and predominant occupation in slums.
3. Employment in private organizations has consistently increased over the years.
4. The number of self-employed individuals has declined steadily since 2012.
5. Truck driving and cleaning declined in popularity compared to construction work.

✓ **2. What does the passage suggest about the migration patterns in India based on the IER 2024?** ✓

1. Female migration is increasing, contributing to urbanization without slum settlement preference.
2. Economic factors are driving increased migration to rural areas instead of urban centres.
3. Migration patterns are stable, with no significant changes observed in rural-urban migration trends.
4. Economic factors are driving increased migration to urban centres instead of rural areas.
5. ✓ Male migration for economic reasons is decreasing, leading to increased migration to urban slums. ✓

3. Which of the following sentence(s) can be inferred from the passage?

- A. Over the decade, the proportion of individuals engaged in skilled and semi-skilled labour decreased by 6%.**
- B. Higher unemployment rates in urban areas are juxtaposed with significantly higher average monthly earnings.**
- C. Migration for economic mobility among males declined by 1.2% during 2000-08 and marginally in 2021.**

1. Only A

2. Both B and C

3. Only C

4. All A, B, and C

5. None of these

4. What trend does the IER 2024 highlight regarding unemployment rates between rural and urban areas?

1. Urban areas consistently have lower unemployment rates compared to rural areas.
2. Urban areas experience higher unemployment rates compared to rural areas.
3. There is no significant difference in unemployment rates between rural and urban areas.
4. Unemployment rates have been declining steadily in both rural and urban areas.
5. Urban areas witness a surge in unemployment rates while rural areas remain stable.

5. Which of the highlighted words from the passage is grammatically/contextually incorrect?

- 1. coexistence
- 2. underrated
- 3. petty
- 4. momentum
- 5. All are correct

6. Which of the following inferences can be drawn from the underlined sentence from the passage?

1. Migration to urban slums in India offers potential economic advancement and job opportunities for poor rural households.
2. Stagnation in urban slums' economy persists, with a significant portion engaged in unskilled labour for over a decade.
3. Choosing formal settlements over urban slums limits economic mobility and work prospects for poor rural households in India.
4. Investigating simultaneous high unemployment and wages is crucial for understanding urban poverty dynamics.
5. Income and employment conditions in urban slums tend to perpetuate rather than alleviate systemic poverty and inequality.

7. Which of the following sentences are TRUE/FALSE according to the passage?

A. Skilled and semi-skilled labour saw a 6% increase, unlike unskilled labour.

✓ B. Employment in skilled and semi-skilled labour decreased over the decade.

C. The urban unemployment rate decreased consistently from 2015-16 to 2022-23.

✓ D. The number of surveyed slum households decreased from 513 to 396.

✓ E. Urban areas exhibit higher unemployment rates compared to rural areas.

1. Both B and C are true

2. Only D is false

✓ **3. All B, D, and E are true**

4. Both B and D are false

5. All A, B, and C are true

8. Which of the following sentence(s) cannot be inferred from the passage?

- A. The lower wages in urban areas have resulted in a decrease in migration for economic mobility.**
- B. The survey revealed that all 396 households in 2021-22 had improved economically since 2012.**
- C. Truck driving and cleaning have decreased in popularity as occupations in slums in the last decade.**

1. Only A

2. Only B

3. Only C

4. All A, B, and C

5. None of these

9. What conclusion can be drawn from the third paragraph of the passage?

1. The divergence in employment and income trends between rural and urban areas is highlighted in the report, emphasizing the dynamics of slum economies.
2. The data collected from Kolkata's slums shows a shift towards formal employment and away from self-employment, contradicting the findings of the IER 2024.
3. While unskilled labour remains dominant in Kolkata's slums, skilled labour and formal employment have decreased, replaced by petty businesses.
4. The survey conducted in 2022-23 covered all 37 slums in Kolkata that were surveyed in 2012, although some slums had either been redeveloped or evicted.
5. The income and employment trends in slums were found to be unaffected by the COVID-19 pandemic during the pre-COVID-19 year of 2019.

✓ 10. **Directions:** In each of the questions below, four sentences are given that may or may not contain an error. Choose the one that is grammatically as well as contextually correct and meaningful. If all the sentences are correct, mark 'All are correct as your answer'.

1. Neither the contestants nor the principal were aware of the fire.
2. Instead criticizing why don't you help with the presentation?
3. It is requested that a detailed report be sent urgent on the representations and ongoing strike by the employees.
4. Neither Sameera nor Vinod knows anything about the accident.
5. All are correct.

11. Directions: In each of the questions below, four sentences are given that may or may not contain an error. Choose the one that is grammatically as well as contextually correct and meaningful. If all the sentences are correct, mark 'All are correct as your answer'.

1. The developers submitted building plans to the council for the approval.

2. The girl, with several others, was late for school.

3. She was heavily fined last month for coming lately.

4. Each of the ladies have a designer handbag.

5. All are correct.

✓ 12. **Directions:** In each of the questions below, four sentences are given that may or may not contain an error. Choose the one that is grammatically as well as contextually correct and meaningful. If all the sentences are correct, mark 'All are correct as your answer'.

1. I see you have eaten fewer than ten percent of your mashed potatoes
2. A different policeman has been assigned with the case.
3. No sooner had he arrived in Delhi than he was kidnapped.
4. Five kilograms of flour are all that I need for my baking.
5. All are correct.

13. Directions: In each of the questions below, four sentences are given that may or may not contain an error. Choose the one that is grammatically as well as contextually correct and meaningful. If all the sentences are correct, mark 'All are correct as your answer'.

1. Several members of the party have resurrected the idea of constitutional change.
2. I clearly empathize with the people who lives in those neighborhoods.
3. When the ship finally reached land, only a few of the crew was left to witness the event.
4. Everyone have their own ideas about the best way to bring up children.
5. All are correct.

✓ 14. **Directions:** In the following questions, there is a statement divided into five parts, when arranged properly forms a coherent sentence both grammatically and contextually. Choose the best alternative among the five options given below each statement as your answer.

were not protected in the epidemic, and (A)/ the outbreak was originally mistaken for Japanese encephalitis, (B)/who had been vaccinated against Japanese encephalitis (C)/ but physicians in the area noted that persons (D)/ the number of cases among adults was unusual (E)/

1. DABEC
2. ABCED
3. CBDAE
4. EDABC
5. BDCAE

BD

15. Directions: In the following questions, there is a statement divided into five parts, when arranged properly forms a coherent sentence both grammatically and contextually. Choose the best alternative among the five options given below each statement as your answer.

of petroleum-based jet fuel but with a fraction (A)/ of its carbon footprint, giving airlines solid footing (B)/ SAF made from renewable biomass and waste resources (C)/ for decoupling greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions from flight (D)/ has the potential to deliver the performance (E)/

1. AEDCB
2. CEABD
3. DCBAE
4. EDCBA
5. BCDEA

16. Directions: In the following questions, there is a statement divided into five parts, when arranged properly forms a coherent sentence both grammatically and contextually. Choose the best alternative among the five options given below each statement as your answer.

registered with the Bureau of Patents (A)/ first mass-produced commercially by (B)/ Magdalo V. Francisco Sr. who founded (C)/ in 1942, banana ketchup was (D)/ the brand name Mafran which he (E)/

1. BAEDC

2. EBACD

3. CAEBD

4. DBCEA

5. ADCBE

✓ 17. **Directions:** The question below has two blanks, each blank indicating that something has been omitted. Choose the set of words for each blank that best fit the meaning of the sentence as a whole.

Rekha's family hired _____ personnel to _____ her in daily tasks like bathing and preparing meals.

✓ 1. assistive, support

2. sabotage, antagonistic _____

3. undercut, hostile _____

4. weaken, fierce _____

5. controvert, scrape _____

18. Directions: The question below has two blanks, each blank indicating that something has been omitted. Choose the set of words for each blank that best fit the meaning of the sentence as a whole.

Red Cross workers usually _____ in the _____ of victims of natural disasters by providing medical care to those who are injured.

- 1. relapse, obstacle
- 2. regression, constraint
- 3. aid, recovery
- 4. loss, hindrance
- 5. misplace, drawback

19. Directions: The question below has two blanks, each blank indicating that something has been omitted. Choose the set of words for each blank that best fit the meaning of the sentence as a whole.

My supervisor won't _____ my day off because there is no one to _____ my shift.

1. bare, proscribe

2. approve, cover

3. expose, prohibit

4. omit, interdict

5. slur, neglect

20. Directions: The question below has two blanks, each blank indicating that something has been omitted. Choose the set of words for each blank that best fit the meaning of the sentence as a whole.

If you want to _____ your lawn, you will need to water it _____ so it stays nice and fresh.

1. rare, ignore
2. seldom, withdraw
3. perpetually, retract
4. maintain, frequently
5. constant, negotiate

21. Directions: Five sentences A, B, C, D, and E are given below, You need to rearrange the sentences so that the five sentences can together form a meaningful paragraph.

- A. Educated at the University of Pennsylvania in physics, Musk started getting his feet wet as a serial tech entrepreneur.**
- B. He is surpassed only by Jeff Bezos as the richest person in the world.**
- C. He was instrumental in creating the company that became PayPal.**
- D. Elon Musk is the charismatic co-founder and CEO of electric car maker Tesla and rocket manufacturer SpaceX.**
- E. His astounding success has given rise to comparisons to other visionary businessmen.**

Which of the following should be the FIRST sentence after rearrangement?

- | | |
|-------------|-------------|
| 1. A | 2. B |
| 3. C | 4. D |
| 5. E | |

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22. Which of the following should be the SECOND sentence after rearrangement?

1. A

2. B

3. C

4. D

5. E

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23. Which of the following should be the THIRD sentence after rearrangement?

1. A

2. B

3. C

4. D

5. E

Directions: Five sentences A, B, C, D, and E are given below, You need to rearrange the sentences so that the five sentences can together form a meaningful paragraph.

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- 4) E. His astounding success has given rise to comparisons to other visionary businessmen.

24. Which of the following should be the FOURTH sentence after rearrangement?

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|------|------|
| 1. A | 2. B |
| 3. C | 4. D |
| 5. E | |

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25. Which of the following should be the FIFTH sentence after rearrangement?

- 1. A
- 3. C
- 5. E

- 2. B
- 4. D

(D A C E B)

26. Directions: Select the phrase from the options below that should replace the underlined phrase in the sentence to make it grammatically correct. If the sentence is already correct, select 'No correction required' as your answer.

As a whole, the Malays are, however, remarkably healthy people, and deformity and hereditary diseases is rare between them.

1. Is rare among them
2. Was rare between them
3. Was rare among them
4. Are rare among them
5. No correction required

27. Directions: Select the phrase from the options below that should replace the underlined phrase in the sentence to make it grammatically correct. If the sentence is already correct, select 'No correction required' as your answer.

The location is one of the most important things to consider when buying a house.

1. Are one of the most important things
2. Is one of the most important thing
3. Are one of the most important thing
4. One of the most important thing
5. No correction required

28. Directions: Select the phrase from the options below that should replace the underlined phrase in the sentence to make it grammatically correct. If the sentence is already correct, select 'No correction required' as your answer.

It is also important to check to see if each resident has a pitcher of water in his or her room for reach of the bed.

1. Her room during reach
2. Her room within reach
3. Her room among reach
4. His room across reach
5. No correction required

29. Directions: In the following question, a sentence is given with four words marked as (A), (B), (C), and (D). These words may or may not be placed in the correct order. Four options with different arrangements of these words have been provided. Mark the option with the correct arrangement as the answer. If no rearrangement is required, mark option (5) as your answer.

If you want to **maintain**(A) your lawn, you will need to **fresh**(B) the grass and water it **frequently**(C) so it stays nice and **mow**(D).

1. A-C

2. B-D

3. C-D

4. A-B

5. No change required

30. Directions: In the following question, a sentence is given with four words marked as (A), (B), (C), and (D). These words may or may not be placed in the correct order. Four options with different arrangements of these words have been provided. Mark the option with the correct arrangement as the answer. If no rearrangement is required, mark option (5) as your answer.

Even though the alibi(A) could not substantiate(B) his defendant(C) for the night of the murder, he was still found innocent(D) of all charges.

1. D-A

2. C-B

3. B-D

4. A-C

5. No change required

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