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Directions : Read the following information carefully and answer the questions given below:

The Competition Commission of India's reported plan to probe Google's alleged abuse of dominance in India **(A)** the confused way in which India regulates its booming tech and telecom industry. The CCI said it would investigate into whether the US-based tech giant had used the monopoly of its Android mobile operating system — which powers more than 80 per cent smartphones globally and over 90 per cent in India — to block service providers. **(B)** *The allegation is that device makers are essentially being forced to pre-install Google Search and Chrome at Android devices.* The CCI's move, based on a 'complaint' of which little is known so far, is not the first such step against Google. **(C)** Last year, the CCI (1) **monopolistic** a nearly \$20 million fine on Google after it found that the (2) **commercial** had tweaked its (3) **latter** flight search function for (4) **slapped** ends. However, the current move leaves room for ambiguity. Technically, the complaint with CCI **(D)** Google faced in Europe, which led to the European authorities slapping a whopping \$5 billion fine on the search giant. Considering that India generally follows the EU model when it comes to **(E)** issues such as data security and privacy, the probe against Google, which reports say will be completed in about a year, is likely to follow the EU route. To avoid a hefty penalty, Google had to **(F)** **altercate** its business model in the EU. Given that the CCI can fine the guilty up to 10 per cent of its turnover for the past three fiscals, the current probe is serious business. *That said, it is a fact that Android, which Google offers 'free' for manufacturers and developers to customize and distribute, has made mobile computing extremely hassle-free and accessible in a market like India.* **(G)** *If that happens, that can hurt the smartphone industry.* **(H)** Early (1) **systems** of mobile phones would be (2) **alarmingly** with the cumbersome operating (3) **users** that were (4) **familiar** weak and guzzled energy. It was Android's entry that let the smartphone revolution catch up in India, as elsewhere. It is also not clear how Google used Android to stifle competition. **(I)** *If forcing manufacturers to bundle services and embed them as default in mobiles in return for it offering Android for free, is the charge against Google, the same can be said of data providers including Reliance Jio.* Singling out Google for such behaviour might sound prejudiced. It would _____ **(J)** _____ users to doubt the government's motives, considering the allegations from industry insiders that the Centre wanted more access to user data, a demand Google has resisted. It is not in the best interests of India's emerging smart products industry that a ubiquitous services provider like Google is dragged into a legal dispute over an issue that is better sorted out through negotiations.

1. Which of the following word given in the options should come at the place marked as **(A)** in the above paragraph to make it grammatically correct and meaningful. Also, the word should fill in the two sentences given below to make them contextually correct and meaningful.

(i) The new regulation of FDI in e-commerce _____ the way in which the government is handling the businessmen of the country.

(ii) It _____ the dire state of finance in this particular region of the country.

A. Implicates

B. Exposes

C. Rectifies

D. Determines

E. None of the above

2. In the passage given, a sentence (B) is given in italics. There may or may not be an error in one part of the sentence. Choose the part which has an error in it as your answer. If there is no error then choose option (e) as your answer.

- A. The allegation is that device makers
C. Google Search and Chrome
- B. are essentially being forced to pre-install
D. at Android devices
- E. No Error

3. The sentence given in (C) has four words given in bold. Amongst the given bold words which of the following must replace each other to make the sentence contextually correct and meaningful?

- A. 1-4
E. Other than those given in options
- B. 1-3
C. 2-3
- D. Both A and C

4. Which of the following phrases should fill the blank in (D) to make it contextually correct and meaningful?

- A. looks very similar to the one
B. resonates with the government authorities for inaction
C. expresses the state of consequences of internet service providers
D. determines the last known truth of the same
E. None of the above

5. Which of the following word given in the options should come at the place marked as E in the above paragraph to make it grammatically correct and meaningful? Also, the word should fill in the two sentences given below to make them contextually correct and meaningful.

(i) _____ the crowd present at the venue, he announced that he would not let it happen at any cost.

(ii) You need to find out a viable alternative of _____ these petty issues plaguing the operation of our company.

- A. Addressing
B. Terminating
C. Yielding
D. Caring
E. None of the above

6. A word is given in bold in (F). Choose the word which should replace the word given in bold to make the sentence correct and meaningful. If no change is required, choose option (e) as your answer.

- A. Alter
B. Allocate
C. Allure
D. Abjure
E. No change required

7. Two sentences are given in italics on both sides of (G). Which of the following statements can come in between the two sentences in place of (G) and maintain the continuity of the paragraph?

- A. Unbundling such services may imply that Google will have to rethink about giving the android services for free.
- B. If the government does not need the company and its applications it can blacklist it any day without any problem.
- C. The technology world is a small one and nothing much can be done here without attracting much noise.
- D. If Google rethinks its business strategy it should take into account the technology it is using at present.
- E. None of the above

8. The sentence given in (H) has four words given in bold. Amongst the given bold words which of the following must replace each other to make the sentence contextually correct and meaningful?

- A. 2-4
- B. 1-2
- C. 1-4
- D. 1-3
- E. Both A and D

9. In the passage given, a sentence (I) is given in italics. There may or may not be an error in one part of the sentence. Choose the part which has an error in it as your answer. If there is no error then choose option (e) as your answer.

- A. If forcing manufacturers to bundle services and embed them
- B. as default in mobiles in return for it offering
- C. Android for free, is the charge against Google, the same can
- D. be said of data providers including Reliance Jio
- E. No Error

10. Which of the following words should fill the blank given in (J) to make it contextually correct and meaningful?

- A. Clarify
- B. Function
- C. Prompt
- D. Reiterate
- E. None of the above

Correct Answers:

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
B	D	D	A	A	A	A	E	E	C

Explanations:

1. According to the given context, we are talking about the issue of regulation of the telecom and the internet service providers in the country. The government is certainly not handling them well and it will definitely hamper the future growth of the country.

Among the given options, we may consider Option B to be placed there since the other given words are completely out of context here.

Now coming to the given two statements, the first one is regarding the e-commerce regulation in India whereas the second one is about the finances of a particular region of the country and both can be considered to be expressing a negative sentiment regarding the government and its machinery. Therefore, the same word we have chosen for the passage will be applicable here also.

This makes Option B the correct choice among the given options.

2. There is an error in Part D of the given statement. We are here talking about the issue that Google has made the mobile phone makers to install the products of the company only and by this way it has actually abused its position of monopoly in this segment. The Indian lawmakers are looking into this problem only. Here, we can see that we are talking about pre-installation of Google products on the android phones. The preposition *at* is not correct in this context and *on* should have been used here.

Therefore the correct statement would have been:

The allegation is that device makers are essentially being forced to pre-install Google Search and Chrome *on Android devices*.

This makes Option D the correct choice among the given options.

3. According to the given context we can understand that the CCI has imposed fine on Google for abusing its dominant position in the market in the previous year and the same is happening now also since again the same complaint is being probed by the competition watchdog of the country.

If we look at the words, we shall find that 1 and 4 should be replaced with each other but that will also make the whole sentence meaningful. If we add 2-3 pair also for replacement we shall understand that the sentence is making sense that the CCI has already fined Google once for the same reason last year.

The correct statement would have been:

Last year, the CCI *slapped* a nearly \$20 million fine on Google after it found that the *latter* had tweaked its *commercial* flight search function for *monopolistic* ends.

This makes Option D the correct choice among the given options.

4. From the given context, it is clear that we are talking about the similar case in which Google was fined by the European authorities last year. If we understand this we would get to know that Google is facing the similar kind of situation in India now. It is facing the music for forcing the mobile phone makers install its applications and products. This actually abolishes the spirit of competition in any market and it also hampers the consumer benefits received if there is fair and healthy competition in the market.

Among the given options, we can decide based on Option A only since we already know the context and we know that we need a phrase that will say that the case in India and the one in Europe can be considered as similar in nature. Other options can be ruled out without much consideration.

This makes Option A the correct choice among the given options.

5. According to the given context, we shall understand that here mainly the context is that India follows the European model for taking care of issues concerning the telecom sector, data privacy etc. Therefore we are mainly looking for a word in this context that will imply that India follows the same procedure while looking for solutions in this arena.

Among the given options, the clear cut choice is A and others will not even fit in the given context and they can be eliminated. Now we have to see if the same will fit in the given two blanks or not.

If we go through the first statement, we can see that *addressing* can be used here in the connotation that a formal speech has been given to the crowd whereas for the second statement it will imply that the company needs to find out some solutions to take care of the small and trivial issues. Hence, the same word can be used in these two cases also.

This makes Option A the correct choice among the given options.

6. According to the given context we are talking about the need for Google to make sure that its business model does not come under scrutiny time and again since it will hamper its long term growth perspective and also reputation. It will be difficult to tide over the whole thing time and again.

Now coming to the given context, we shall see that we have used a word that implies *dispute or argue noisily* and this will not go in this context. Among the other options, *alter* will definitely fit in this context. *Allure* refers to *entice somebody* whereas *abjure* refers to *solemnly renounce a belief*.

Therefore, we can consider Option A as the correct choice among the given options.

7. In the given context, the preceding statement implies that Google is now providing the services for free or nominal cost and manufacturers all over the world are taking the advantage of the same whereas the succeeding statement is regarding the consequences on Indian market if something against its interest takes place due to the case in hand against Google.

Among the given options, Option B can be ruled out since it may seem okay as per the succeeding sentence but it is certainly not the correct one as per the preceding sentence. Option C is out of context whereas Option D will not go with the succeeding statement. Only Option A is there that will justify both the given statements. Therefore, this is our correct answer.

It makes Option A the correct choice among the given options.

8. According to the context of the statement, we are talking about the early era of smartphones when there were a lot of issues regarding the operating systems. Now all such issues have been taken care of due to Google and its applications.

We need to interchange 1 and 3 and 2 and 4 so that the whole statement becomes meaningful. It can be understood if we just go through the given sentence.

Therefore the correct statement would be:

Early users of mobile phones would be *familiar* with the cumbersome operating systems that were *alarmingly* weak and guzzled energy.

This makes Option E the correct choice among the given options.

9. There is no error in the given statement as no grammatical and contextual error could be found here.

This makes Option E the correct choice among the given options.

10. According to the given context, we are talking about the intention of the government behind the issue with Google. The author has pointed out that similar allegation may also be leveled against service providers such as Reliance Jio. But the government has not done anything to control such companies.

Among the given options, we can easily single out Option C because others are not at all going with the context here. *Prompt* will imply that the users will doubt the intention of government if it does not question other companies also. *Reiterate* implies *repeating something*.

This makes Option C the correct choice among the given options.





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