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6. In the wake of the destruction wreaked by cyclone Aila in 2009, about half the (A)/ men from the most affected blocks of the Indian Sundarbans, migrated to (B)/ other parts of the country in search of livelihood (C)/ while the women were left alone to shoulder the entire (D)/ burden of running the household and dealing with the disastrous effects of the cyclone. (E)

- A. Only C B. Only C and D C. Only A, B, D and E D. Only C, D and E
E. Only A, B, C and E

7. With frequent droughts and uncertain (A)/ farm production conditions, high (B)/ participation of women in land-based activities (C)/ appears to reflect conditions of distress, (D)/ posing threats to food security and gender equity.(E)

- A. Only D B. Only A, C and E C. Only B, D and E D. Only A, B, D and E
E. All of the above

8. It is difficult to achieve the sustainable development goals for (A)/ food security and sustainable agriculture, and gender (B)/ equality, without reducing the adverse impacts of weather-based (C)/ shocks like droughts on agriculture and other (D)/ land-based activities who accommodate a sizeable proportion of the rural poor.(E)

- A. Only C B. Only C and E C. Only A, B and D D. Only A, B, C and E
E. Only B, C, D and E

9. As services now accounts for almost 50% of GDP, it is debatable that (A)/ the movements in IIP trends give a true picture of changes in the (B)/ extent of economic activity, unless one assumes a perfect correlation between (C)/ economic activity in the manufacturing and service sectors and (D)/ a one-to-one correspondent between the organised and unorganised sectors. (E)

- A. Only C B. Only A and E C. Only B and D D. Only A, C and E
E. Only B, C, D and E

10. In order to remove the free supply of electricity, it (A)/ would be necessary to make agricultural and rural (B)/ income growth much more stable and broad-based than it currently (C)/ is as in the absence of stable rural growth, there is likely to be strong (D)/ electoral reactions to any attempt to eliminate free electricity. (E)

- A. Only E B. Only A and C C. Only B, C and D D. Only A, B and E
E. Only A, D and E

Correct Answers:

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

Explanations :

1. All of the fragments are correct and hence have no error.

Hence, option E is correct.

2. Fragment E is incorrect due to use of 'will came'. **Came** is the simple past tense form of **come** and does not need the auxiliary verb 'will'. Also, **will** depicts the future while **came** portrays the past and logically, both cannot be used together.

The rest of the fragments are correct.

Correct Statement: India has surmounting pressure on its existing resources to meet food security and malnutrition targets under agreed Sustainable Development Goals set by the United Nations, which came into effect in January 2016.

Hence, option C is correct.

3. Fragment A has an error due to use of incorrect preposition **in** instead of adverb **as**. Fragment B has an error due to subject verb disagreement. Here, **issues** is in plural and needs a plural verb **need**.

Fragment C has an error due to use of **is** instead of **are**. There are multiple issues mentioned and thus **are** would be used.

Fragment D has an error due to use of **with**. US workers need to be protected **from** Chinese workers.

Fragment E is correct.

Correct Statement: If economic development of the country as a whole is the goal, the principal problem the US and other advanced economies need to solve are delivering the training, and upskilling that will protect US workers from Chinese competition in a fundamental, sustainable way.

Hence, option B is correct.

4. Fragment A is incorrect due to use of *allege* which means *claim/assertion*. The correct form of the word would be the *past participle*-alleged.

Fragment B is incorrect due to the use of incorrect form of *build*. We need to use the *present participle*-*building*.

Fragment C is incorrect due to use of *around* instead of *round*. The fragment tries to convey that one more round/volley of strikes against Syrian government would soon begin.

Correct statement: The killing of civilians in an alleged use of chemical weapons by the Syrian government, has led to the building of momentum to begin another round of military strikes against the Bashar al-Assad-led government by the United States (US) and its allies.

Hence, option D is correct.

5. The error lies in fragment C- use of *of* instead of *for*. The statement tries to say that using 2011 figures would result in some states getting a smaller share *from* the common pool of resources.

Correct statement: Apart from the controversy about the use of the 2011 population instead of 1971, which may result in smaller shares from the common pool of revenues for some states, the Terms of Reference of the fifteenth Finance Commission are heavily loaded in favour of the union government.

Hence, option D is correct.

6. Fragment A is incorrect. The correct phrase is *in the wake of* which means *doing something as a consequence of another*.

Fragment B is incorrect as the correct word here would be affected (influenced/impacted) and not effected (resulted).

Fragment E is incorrect as the correct word here would be effects (result/consequence) and not affects (impact).

Fragments C and D are correct.

Correct statement: In the wake of the destruction wreaked by cyclone Aila in 2009, about half the men from the most affected blocks of the Indian Sundarbans, migrated to other parts of the country in search of livelihood while the women were left alone to shoulder the entire burden of running the household and dealing with the disastrous effects of the cyclone.

Hence, option B is correct.

7. All of the fragments are correct with no error.

Hence, option E is correct.

8. Fragments A, B and D are correct.

Fragment C is incorrect due to use of the word *averse* which means *having a strong dislike of or opposition to something* and does not fit here. The correct word would be *adverse* which means *harmful/unpleasant* and is a perfect fit.

Fragment E is incorrect due to use of *who*. *Who* is used for animate objects while for inanimate objects, we use *that/which*.

Correct statement: It is difficult to achieve the sustainable development goals for food security and sustainable agriculture, and gender equality, without reducing the adverse impacts of weather-based shocks like droughts on agriculture and other land-based activities that accommodate a sizeable proportion of the rural poor.

Hence, option C is correct.

9. Fragment A is incorrect as *services*, being plural, needs a *plural verb*. Thus, the correct form would be *account*.

Fragment B is correct.

Fragment C is incorrect due to use of the word *extend* which means *cause to last longer*. The correct word is *extent* meaning *the particular degree to which something is or is believed to be the case*.

Fragment D is correct.

Fragment E is incorrect due to use of *correspondent* which is a noun and refers to a *person* while we need the noun *correspondence* which refers to *communication between someone/something*.

Correct statement: As services now account for almost 50% of GDP, it is debatable that the movements in IIP trends give a true picture of changes in the extent of economic activity, unless one assumes a perfect correlation between economic activity in the manufacturing and service sectors and a one-to-one correspondence between the organised and unorganised sectors.

Both B and D are correct.

Hence, option C is correct.

10. Fragment A is incorrect due to use of incorrect preposition *for* which renders the statement meaningless. The correct preposition is *to* here.

Fragment B is incorrect due to use of an incorrect verb *is* while the correct verb would be *'be'*.

Fragment C is incorrect due to use of *then* instead of *than*.

Fragment D is incorrect due to use of *'is'* which is incorrect as *'reactions'* is plural. Hence, *'are'* would be used here.

Fragment E is correct.

Correct statement: In order to remove the free supply of electricity, it would be necessary to make agricultural and rural income growth much more stable and broad-based than it currently is as in the absence of stable rural growth, there are likely to be strong electoral reactions to any attempt to eliminate free electricity.

Hence, option A is correct.



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