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7. However, if it is clear that the largest single party has no potential ally (A) / or enough independent members to ensured a (B) / majority, he may despite invite the leader of the (C) / largest pre-poll combination or alliance. (D)

A. AD B. AC C. BC D. BD E. No error

8. Apart from plugging revenue leakages and reducing the cost (A) / of delays and fuel consumption, which is also lookalike to cut down the nation's GDP loss, (B) / according to the government, the RFID tag helps remove (C) / bottlenecks, ensures seamless moving of traffic and saves time. (D)

A. CD B. BD C. AD D. BC E. No error

9. Transgender people have a different gender identical (A) / than what was assigned to them at birth, (B) / while the term 'intersex' indicating diversity of gender based (C) / on biological characteristics at birth. (D)

A. AD B. BD C. CD D. AC E. No error

10. The popularity of packaging air began around (A) / four years ago when a Canadian company (B) / launched 'canned air' for people in China when (C) / air pollution in many cities became alarmed high. (D)

A. BC B. CD C. BD D. AD E. No error

Correct Answers

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



Explanations:

1. Previous studies have shown that, since the 1950s, (A) / rates of sea level rise along Atlantic coast of (B) / North America were fast than the global average -- leading (C) / to this region coming to be known as a sea level rise hotspot. (D)

Fragment B is erroneous.

Here, the definite article 'the' is absent before 'Atlantic coast'.

Correct 1st fragment: rates of sea level rise along **the** Atlantic coast of

Fragment C is erroneous.

Here, as the fragment is made in comparative degree (presence of 'than') the adjective 'fast' should be made in comparative degree too.

Correct 2nd fragment: North America were **faster** than the global average – leading

Correct Sentence:

Previous studies have shown that, since the 1950s, rates of sea level rise along **the** Atlantic coast of North America were **faster** than the global average -- leading to this region coming to be known as a sea level rise hotspot.

Option D is hence the correct answer.

2. A few of the technology to reduce emissions from (A) / agriculture and farming, and to optimise feed yields, (B) / are already available but (C) / adoption of the science is lagging. (D)

Fragment A is erroneous.

As 'technology' is uncountable, 'A few' should be replaced by 'Much' to make the fragment grammatically correct.

Correct 1st Fragment: **Much** of the technology to reduce emissions from

Fragment C is erroneous.

The subject in the sentence implies to be 'Much of technology' which is singular in number. Thus, usage of 'are' in this fragment C is ungrammatical. 'Is' should be used here to make the fragment grammatically correct.

Correct 2nd Fragment: **is** already available but

Correct Sentence:

Much of the technology to reduce emissions from agriculture and farming, and to optimise feed yields, **is** already available but adoption of the science is lagging.

Option A is hence the correct answer.

3. Fragment B is erroneous here.

The preposition 'as' is absent before the noun phrase 'The Harappan Civilisation' in the fragment.

Correct 1st fragment: which is now more popularly referred to **as** the Harappan Civilisation

Fragment C is erroneous too.

First of its 'site' must be replaced by first of its 'sites'.

Correct 2nd fragment: after Harappa, the first of its **sites** to be excavated

Correct Sentence:

No child growing up in India fails to study the Indus Valley Civilisation, which is now more popularly referred to **as** the Harappan Civilisation after Harappa, the first of its **sites** to be excavated in the 1920s by British archaeologist Sir Mortimer Wheeler.

Therefore, option (B) is the correct answer.

4. Fragment B is erroneous here.

'democratically' is an adverb and 'counterweight' is a noun.

An adverb always describes a verb or an adjective, but a noun is described by an adjective only.

So 'democratically' is not correct here. It must be replaced by 'democratic'.

Correct 1st fragment: market, a **democratic** counterweight

Fragment C is erroneous too.

The usage of 'for' is ungrammatical in this fragment. The appropriate preposition is 'of'.

Correct 2nd fragment: to China, and a source **of** stability in the

Correct Sentence: The US began seeing India as a valuable market, a **democratic** counterweight to China, and a source **of** stability in the US-dominated international system.

Therefore, option (A) is the correct answer.



5. Fragment A is erroneous here.

The pronoun 'it' is used to refer a nation. The usage of 'they' in the fragment is wrong.

Correct 1st fragment: The end of the Cold War saw India reframe how it

Fragment B is erroneous too.

The sentence is in past indefinite tense. In the fragment, the past perfect tense 'had left' is inapt. 'had' must be omitted to make the sentence grammatically correct.

Correct 2nd fragment: viewed the world, and left it with

Correct Sentence: The end of the Cold War saw India reframe how it viewed the world, and left it with little choice but to deepen its engagement with the only superpower at the time.

Therefore, option (D) is the correct answer.

6. **Fragment A is erroneous:**

The usage of '**countries**' is incorrect as it is plural form of 'country,' however the sentence is referring to SBI as the largest lender of the country. Thus, it shall **be replaced by** possessive of country (i.e. **country's**).

Fragment B is erroneous:

The usage of '**reducing**' is incorrect as it is in gerund or present participle form of 'reduce.' However, we need 'reduce' in its past tense form as the sentence is in past tense and referring to an action that has already been taken. **(We can also refer to the preceding phrase 'promptly responded,' which is in past tense, thus making the fragment of the sentence incorrect.)** Thus, it shall **be replaced by 'reduced.'**

Correct Sentence:

State Bank of India, the **country's** largest lender, promptly responded to the RBI's action and **reduced** the lending rates linked to an external benchmark and the repo rate by 75 bps.

Option A is hence the correct answer.

7. **Fragment B is erroneous:**

The usage of '**ensured**' is incorrect as it is past tense form of 'ensure.' However, the sentence is in present tense thus this word shall be replaced by 'ensure.'

Fragment C is erroneous:

The usage of '**despite**' is incorrect as it is a preposition and it means 'without being affected by,' which makes no sense at its present position. Thus, it shall be replaced by 'also' or 'as well.'

Correct Sentence:

However, if it is clear that the largest single party has no potential ally or enough independent members to **ensure** a majority, he may **also** invite the leader of the largest pre-poll combination or alliance.

Option C is hence the correct answer.

8. Fragment B is erroneous:

The usage of '**lookalike**' is incorrect as it is a noun and it refers to 'a person or thing that closely resembles another, especially someone who looks very similar to a famous person,' which makes no sense in the given sentence. Thus, it shall **be replaced by 'likely'** or '**probably**' (*an adjective*) to make a coherent sentence.

Fragment D is erroneous:

The usage of '**moving**' is incorrect as it is in gerund or present participle form of 'move.' However, we require a noun at its place to make it grammatically correct. Thus, it shall **be replaced by 'movement'** which refers to 'an act of moving.'

Correct Sentence:

Apart from plugging revenue leakages and reducing the cost of delays and fuel consumption, which is also **likely** to cut down the nation's GDP loss, according to the government, the RFID tag helps remove bottlenecks, ensures seamless **movement** of traffic and saves time.

Option B is hence the correct answer.

9. Fragment A is erroneous:

The usage of '**identical**' is incorrect as it is an adjective and it means 'similar in every detail,' which makes no sense in the sentence. Thus, it shall **be replaced by 'identity'** which refers to 'the characteristics determining who or what a person or thing is.'

Fragment C is erroneous:

The usage of '**indicating**' is incorrect as it is in gerund or present participle form of 'indicate.' However, we require 'indicate' in its third person present form to make it grammatically correct. Thus, it shall **be replaced by 'indicates.'**

Correct Sentence:

Transgender people have a different gender **identity** than what was assigned to them at birth, while the term 'intersex' **indicates** diversity of gender based on biological characteristics at birth.

Option D is hence the correct answer.



10. Fragment A is erroneous:

The usage of '**packaging**' is incorrect as it is a noun or is in gerund or present participle form of 'package.' However, we require an adjective that describes the noun 'air.' Thus, it shall **be replaced by 'packaged'** which refers to something wrapped or put into a box for sale or transport.

Fragment D is erroneous:

The usage of '**alarmed**' is incorrect as it is a verb in its past tense and it doesn't fit grammatically at its position. We require an adverb to precede the noun 'high.' Thus, it shall **be replaced by 'alarmingly,'** meaning: 'to a worrying degree.'

Correct Sentence:

The popularity of **packaged** air began around four years ago when a Canadian company launched 'canned air' for people in China when air pollution in many cities became **alarmingly** high.

Option D is hence the correct answer.



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