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Paragraph Completion Questions Bank Exams (Canara Bank PO, IBPSPO, RBI Grade B, SBIPO & Syndicate Bank PO)

Paragraph Completion Quiz 2

Directions: In each of these questions, a paragraph is given that has a blank in it. Out of the given options, only one fits in with the context of the paragraph. Select that as the answer.

1. The European economy has performed significantly better than expected this year _____

I. propelled by resilient private consumption, stronger growth around the world, and falling unemployment.

II. Investment is also picking up amid favourable financing conditions and considerably brightened economic sentiment as uncertainty has faded.

III. but the expansion will slow somewhat next year as well as in 2019.

A. Only I and III

B. Only II and III

C. Only III

D. Only I and II

E. All of the above

2. While, in a sign that the economy remains robust, consumer inflation picked up pace _____

I. Some analysts expect price pressure as the government's crackdown on smog hurts factory output.

II. Beijing is already in the second year of a campaign to reduce high levels of debt, keeping liquidity conditions relatively tight as it seeks to flush out speculative financing.

III. Growth, however, has remained strong this year, thanks to a construction boom that has driven up raw materials prices and in part fed inflationary pressures.

A. Only I

B. Only I and III

C. Only III

D. All are correct

E. None of the above

3. As per the World Gold Council, India's gold consumption is likely (I)/ to drop to its lowest in eight years in 2017, hit by government moves to (II)/make bullion trading more transparent and by faltering demand from some rural areas. (III)_____

I. As per the World Gold Council, India's gold consumption was likely
II. to drop upto its lowest in eight years in 2017, hit by government moves to
III. make bullion trading more transparent and by faltering the demand from some rural areas.

- A. Only I B. Only II and III C. Only III D. All I, II and III
E. No correction required

4. Mr. Xi's penchant for the dominance of the party_____

I. suggests that he will pack the politburo standing committee — the highest echelon of Chinese power — with officials loyal to his cause.
II. changed virtually all Provincial Party Secretaries in the months ahead of the 19th Congress, and appointments since the Congress have underlined his sway over personnel matters.
III. while he is positioning China as a defender of globalisation, it comes with a strong dose of mercantilism.

- A. Only I B. Only III C. Only II and III D. Only I and III E. None of the above

5. The communist movement that eventually gave birth to the Russian Revolution_____

I. Was premised on the promise of power to the people.
II. Gave rise to a bureaucracy, the rationale of which was to maintain the regime perpetrated by the communist party.
III. Has distilled the revolution – and the idea of revolution more generally – into a single frightening adjective: totalitarianism.

- A. Only I and III B. Only I and II C. Only II D. Only I
E. All of the above

6. The Gujarat election, which was expected to be an easy win for the BJP _____

I. Has unexpectedly developed into a possibly close and certainly engrossing contest.

II. Seems to have infused new life into Congress vice-president Rahul Gandhi's floundering political career just weeks before his likely elevation as the party president.

III. Has gone all out since then to broadcast and publicise the social media campaign captured by the image of an upturned state transport bus with its wheels off.

- A. Only III B. Only II and III C. Only I and III D. Only I and II
E. None of the above

7. India has been ambivalent on tackling political issues in its region _____

I. adding to the sense that it is unsure of its next steps when dealing with neighbours on political issues.

II. for it allowed a five-month-long blockade at the Nepal border, calling for a more inclusive constitution — but in the case of Myanmar, it lost precious ground in Bangladesh when Mr. Modi refused to mention the Rohingya refugee situation during a visit to Nay Pyi Taw.

III. often trapped between the more interventionist approach of the U.S., which has openly championed concerns over 'democratic values' and the approach of China, which is to turn a blind eye to all but business and strategic interests.

- A. Only II B. Only III C. Only II and III D. Only I and II E. All of the above

8. The problems faced in filing returns and uploading documents by those paying GST_____

- I. has forced the government to extend the last date for uploading yet again.**
- II. exposes the claims of government departments that the GST structure and GST Network (GSTN) were ready for immediate implementation.**
- III. has also created confusion by giving taxpayers the option to directly file their returns on the GSTN website.**

A. Only II B. Only III C. Only II and III D. Only I and II E. None of the above

9. Continuing on a downward trajectory this fiscal_____

- I. India's drug exports declined 5 per cent to \$1,391.9 million, in July, compared to the same period last year.**
- II. the overall export numbers for India are not encouraging either with having fallen significantly below 10 per cent since last year and growing at a decelerated pace since then.**
- III. India's drug imports from China, the largest source market, which accounts for around 41 per cent share in the total imports, saw a decline of 11.9 per cent.**

A. Only I and II B. Only II and III C. Only II D. Only III E. All of the above

10. It is interesting to note that_____

- I. the series of attacks that has been carried out against intellectuals and rationalists in the country has been perpetuating every passing year.**
- II. The BJP which is running a "nation building project" has remained tightlipped on the series of attacks against intellectuals, journalists, and student activists.**
- III. Anand Teltumbde examining the attack against Kancha Ilaiah Shepherd by putting his critical arguments on the theoretical formation of "social smugglers" by the latter.**

A. Only III B. Only II and III C. Only I and II D. Only I and III
E. All of the above

Correct Answers:

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

Explanations:

1.

I. The European economy has performed significantly better than expected this year, propelled by resilient private consumption, stronger growth around the world, and falling unemployment.

This is contextually meaningful and hence correct.

II. The European economy has performed significantly better than expected this year Investment is also picking up amid favourable financing conditions and considerably brightened economic sentiment as uncertainty has faded.

This does not make sense and appears very dis-jointed.

III. The European economy has performed significantly better than expected this year but the expansion will slow somewhat next year as well as in 2019.

This is correct.

Hence, option A is correct.

2. The original fragment contains while. This indicates the fragment following should be contradictory in nature.

I. While, in a sign that the economy remains robust, consumer inflation picked up pace, some analysts expect price pressure as the government's crackdown on smog hurts factory output.

Statement I conveys the same point that the inflation is expected to go further up. Thus, both the fragments go in the same direction and do not make sense.

II. While, in a sign that the economy remains robust, consumer inflation picked up pace, Beijing is already in the second year of a campaign to reduce high levels of debt, keeping liquidity conditions relatively tight as it seeks to flush out speculative financing.

Statement II is incorrect as inflation and debt levels do not make sense together and there is no continuity.

III. While, in a sign that the economy remains robust, consumer inflation picked up pace, growth, however, has remained strong this year, thanks to a construction boom that has driven up raw materials prices and in part fed inflationary pressures.

The original fragment conveys that growth remains robust. However, the second fragment also states the same but uses however to indicate that the previous fragment conveys the opposite.

This does not make sense and is incorrect.

Hence, option E is correct.

3. All the statements are correct.

Hence, option E is the answer.

4. Penchant means desire/liking.

I. Mr. Xi's penchant for the dominance of the party suggests that he will pack the politburo standing committee — the highest echelon of Chinese power — with officials loyal to his cause.

The statement is contextually and grammatically correct.

II. Mr. Xi's penchant for the dominance of the party changed virtually all Provincial Party Secretaries in the months ahead of the 19th Congress, and appointments since the Congress have underlined his sway over personnel matters.

The statement seems disjointed and irregular. Mr Xi's liking for dominance cannot by itself change Secretaries. His penchant would have led to the party changing all Secretaries. Hence, this is incorrect.

III. Mr. Xi's penchant for the dominance of the party while he is positioning China as a defender of globalisation, it comes with a strong dose of mercantilism.

This is absurd and meaningless.

Hence, option A is correct.

5.

I. The communist movement that eventually gave birth to the Russian Revolution was premised on the promise of power to the people.

The statement is correct.

II. The communist movement that eventually gave birth to the Russian Revolution gave rise to a bureaucracy, the rationale of which was to maintain the regime perpetrated by the communist party.

This is correct.

III. The communist movement that eventually gave birth to the Russian Revolution has distilled the revolution – and the idea of revolution more generally – into a single frightening adjective: totalitarianism.

This is dis-jointed. The Communist movement along with distilled do not make sense together. This is incorrect.

Hence, option B is correct.

6.

I. The Gujarat election, which was expected to be an easy win for the BJP, has unexpectedly developed into a possibly close and certainly engrossing contest.

This is correct both contextually and grammatically.

II. The Gujarat election, which was expected to be an easy win for the BJP, seems to have infused new life into Congress vice-president Rahul Gandhi's floundering political career just weeks before his likely elevation as the party president.

This is correct both contextually and grammatically.

III. The Gujarat election, which was expected to be an easy win for the BJP, has gone all out since then to broadcast and publicise the social media campaign captured by the image of an upturned state transport bus with its wheels off.

This is incorrect. From the sentence structure, It looks like Gujarat itself has gone all out which does not make sense.

Hence, option D is correct.

7.

I. India has been ambivalent on tackling political issues in its region, adding to the sense that it is unsure of its next steps when dealing with neighbours on political issues.

This makes sense and is correct grammatically and contextually.

II. India has been ambivalent on tackling political issues in its region, for it allowed a five-month-long blockade at the Nepal border, calling for a more inclusive constitution — but in the case of Myanmar, it lost precious ground in Bangladesh when Mr. Modi refused to mention the Rohingya refugee situation during a visit to Nay Pyi Taw.

This makes sense and is correct grammatically and contextually.

III. India has been ambivalent on tackling political issues in its region, often trapped between the more interventionist approach of the U.S., which has openly championed concerns over 'democratic values' and the approach of China, which is to turn a blind eye to all but business and strategic interests.

This makes sense and is correct grammatically and contextually.

Hence, option E is correct.

8. I. The problems faced in filing returns and uploading documents by those paying GST has forced the government to extend the last date for uploading yet again.

This is grammatically incorrect due to use of singular has with plural problems.

II. The problems faced in filing returns and uploading documents by those paying GST has exposed the claims of government departments that the GST structure and GST Network (GSTN) will be ready for immediate implementation.

This is incorrect in terms of grammatical sentence structuring. The problems have been already faced, claims have been exposed and thus implementation has taken place. So use of will be ready for immediate implementation is erroneous.

III. The problems faced in filing returns and uploading documents by those paying GST has also created confusion by giving taxpayers the option to directly file their returns on the website.

This is incorrect in terms of context. The sentence appears disjointed. How/why will taxpayers be given the option to directly file returns on website when there is are problems faced in filing returns and uploading documents on it?

Hence, option E is correct.

9.

I. Continuing on a downward trajectory this fiscal, India's drug exports declined 5 per cent to \$1,391.9 million, in July, compared to the same period last year. This is correct.

II. Continuing on a downward trajectory this fiscal, the overall export numbers for India are not encouraging either with having fallen significantly below 10 per cent since last year and growing at a decelerated pace since then. This is correct.

III. Continuing on a downward trajectory this fiscal, India's drug imports from China, the largest source market, which accounts for around 41 per cent share in the total imports, saw a decline of 11.9 per cent. This is correct.

Hence, option E is correct.

10. I. It is interesting to note that the series of attacks that has been carried out against intellectuals and rationalists in the country has been perpetuating every passing year- This is contextually and grammatically correct.

II. It is interesting to note that the BJP which is running a "nation building project" has remained tightlipped on the series of attacks against intellectuals, journalists, and student activists- This is contextually and grammatically correct.

III. It is interesting to note that Anand Teltumbde examining the attack against Kancha Ilaiah Shepherd by put his critical arguments on the theoretical formation of "social smugglers" by the latter- This does not make sense as there is a tense mismatch throughout the sentence with examining and put being an example. Thus, the structure is incorrect.

Hence, option C is correct.



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