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Paragraph Completion Quiz 8

Directions : In the question given below, a short paragraph is given. Select the answer choice that provides the combination of sentences that completes the passage that is contextually most correct as they are in the options.

1. Alphabet Inc's YouTube is creating scripted series and other original programming for international markets including France, Germany, Japan, Mexico and India to try to draw new customers to its paid subscription service. _____. It will be produced in local languages and subtitled or dubbed for other markets. Some of the programming will appear on YouTube Premium, the monthly subscription service formerly called YouTube Red. Other content will be available on YouTube's free service with advertising. YouTube will be competing with companies including Netflix Inc and Amazon.com Inc that are investing in local language programming for online audiences around the world.

- _____.
- A. YouTube already has released a handful of original shows in South Korea and one in India, a talk show in Hindi about cricket. / There are no current plans for more original children's programming as the company does not believe children's content will drive subscriptions to YouTube Premium at this time.
- B. The programmes will come in the form of multiple genres such as music documentaries, reality series, talk shows and scripted series/ In its bid to gain an edge over other streaming platforms YouTube has decided to collaborate with local streaming services.
- C. It's no secret that streaming giants Netflix and Amazon are spending large sums of money to strengthen their footholds in the digital video landscape./ The first original shows from YouTube debuted on its premium service in 2016, starting with series from some of the platform's most popular video creators.
- D. Both A and C
- E. None of the above

2. The Doklam plateau has become the unlikely scene of the latest India-China imbroglio. _____ . The Chumbi valley is vital for India, and any change is fraught with dangerous possibilities. The incident stems from differences between Bhutan and India on the one hand and China on the other as to the exact location of the tri-junction between the three countries. In 2007, India and Bhutan had negotiated a Friendship Treaty to replace an earlier one. China's current claims over the Doklam plateau should be seen as yet another instance of cartographic aggression, which China often engages in. It is, however, China's action of building an all-weather road on Bhutan's territory, one capable of sustaining heavy vehicles, that has prompted Bhutan and India to coordinate their actions in their joint national interests. _____ .

- A. The Doklam plateau has indirectly figured in the several rounds of border talks that have been held between China and Bhutan./ Reliable reports suggest that China is not unwilling to make generous concessions to Bhutan in return for a mutually acceptable border settlement.
- B. China has long eyed this area and it has been keen to establish its physical presence in a region that it claims belongs to China according to the 1890 Convention. / With China's Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) gaining momentum, and completion of infrastructure programmes such as the Lhasa-Shigatse Railway, China appears to have turned its attention to the Doklam plateau.
- C. The region falls within Bhutanese territory, but this is now questioned by China./ Many of the points involved in the current stand-off are disputed or disputable and the Sikkim (India)-China border was the only settled segment of the nearly 4,000-km-long India-China border.
- D. Both A and C
- E. None of the above

3. On the surface, United States Trade Representative Robert Lighthizer appears to have made an ironclad case against China in his report. _____ . It has quickly been accepted as foundational evidence in support of the tariffs and other punitive trade measures that President Donald Trump's administration has initiated against China in recent months. It is powerful ammunition in a potential trade war. But don't be fooled. The report is wide off the mark in several key areas. First, it accuses China of "forced technology transfer," arguing that US companies must turn over the blueprints of proprietary technologies and operating systems in order to do business in China. _____ .

- A. The USTR's indictment of China on charges of unfair trading practices regarding technology transfer, intellectual property, and innovation seems both urgent and compelling./ This transfer is alleged to take place within the structure of joint-venture arrangements with domestic counterparts in China.
- B. Portraying US companies as innocent victims of Chinese pressure is certainly at odds with the predatory practices of the US corporate world. /Significantly, US and other multinational corporations willingly enter into legally-negotiated arrangements for commercially sound reasons.
- C. For the USTR to claim that China alone relies on industrial policy as a means towards achieving competitive edge is the height of hypocrisy/ Like the rest of the world, the Chinese are tough competitors, and they do not always play by the rules.
- D. Both A and C
- E. None of the above

4. It may have been fitting that Russian President Vladimir Putin gifted a football to his American counterpart Donald Trump as they held their summit in Helsinki earlier this week. _____ . Propaganda and psychological operations have been part of the artillery of warring nations forever. But technological enhancers like social media platforms and military-grade hacking have taken such machinations to another plane, with artificial intelligence poised to add another dimension to it. After all, how many countries would launch an actual conventional war over a cyber-conflict that doesn't occupy real territory but encroaches upon mind-space? That immunity breeds a sort of impunity. _____ .

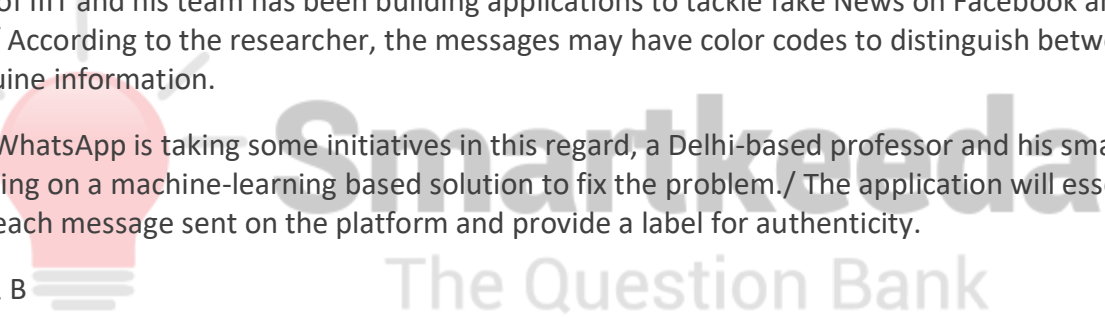
- A. Trump, of course, scored the perfect own goal. / It isn't just Russia alone, even China has repeatedly hacked America, as during the theft of nearly 21.5 million records of personnel between 2014 and 2015, to the recent stealing of naval data.
- B. This is the problem that democracies face since they cannot build their own versions of the Great Firewall to prevent such incursions, or shut down foreign platforms, or virtual private networks./ And, copying the Russian playbook, it is undertaking political in Cambodia, and other obvious targets like Taiwan and Tibetan activists.
- C. This is where the United States needs to step up. Instead, Trump has dumped the country's cyber-security czar. /At the United Nations, for instance, as the Council on Foreign Relations noted last year, the group of government experts that attempted to draft global norms including, holding a nation responsible for attacks that originated from its territory, was appreciated.
- D. Both A and C. E. None of the above

5. JBL has a new pocket-sized speaker in its ranks. It is called the JBL Go 2 (Rs 2,999) and is the successor to the JBL Go, which was launched three years ago. The JBL Go 2 retains the match box like form factor of the predecessor, yet looks more refreshing with the curved edges and the soft plastic finish that almost feels like rubber. _____ . It also comes in 12 eye-catching colour options such as ruby red, coral orange, deep sea blue and ash gray for buyers who like to flaunt their gadgets. The speaker grille is on the front panel with a light indicator towards the top. It glows when the speaker is switched on. The control panel, which includes buttons to switch on/off the device, adjust volume and initiate Bluetooth pairing, have been carved at the top for quick access. The buttons are soft and responsive, but have not been highlighted prominently using backlighting or a distinct colour.----- _____. There is a flap cover on the side panel. It covers the micro USB slot (for charging) and the 3.5 mm jack (for wired playback).

- A. It weighs just 184g and is small enough to fit into a pocket or small handbag comfortably/ As a result they are barely visible until you look closely.
- B. JBL Go 2 also comes with IPx7 certification, which makes it water -proof up to 1 meters, meaning users won't have to put it away if it's raining./ The audio quality is crisp with decent amount of bass, which is more than adequate for casual use.
- C. It works wirelessly, last up to 10 hours and is water-proof. The icing on the cake is the 360 degree speaker design which projects sound in all directions./ The speaker can connect to any Android smart phone or Apple iPhone via Bluetooth and can play non-stop music wirelessly for 4-5 hours, which is not much considering that it takes about 2.5 hours to charge.
- D. Both A & B E. None of the above

6. WhatsApp is under the scanner in India for failing to curb the spread of fake news and rumors. The instant messaging platform has been asked to take more serious efforts to resolve the problem in the wake of several mob lynching incidents across the country._____. PonnurangamKumaraguru (PK), who is a professor at the Indraprastha Institute of Information Technology (IIIT), Delhi, says he's building an application that will make it easier to identify fake news on the platform. The machine learning-based solution is capable of identifying fake videos, texts, images, and even audio recording. PK aims to launch the application in the next couple of months He said that his team understands the how-to of the solution, and that only the framework and platform have changed. The researcher added that he was open to work with WhatsApp and provide the solution to fix the problem._____.

- A. PK, however, believes privacy will not be an issue for his application as it works offline and on-device./ In order to facilitate the content flagging, the app will have to read users' messages.
- B. Prof. PK of IIIT and his team has been building applications to tackle fake News on Facebook and Twitter./ According to the researcher, the messages may have color codes to distinguish between fake and genuine information.
- C. Even as WhatsApp is taking some initiatives in this regard, a Delhi-based professor and his small team are working on a machine-learning based solution to fix the problem./ The application will essentially identify each message sent on the platform and provide a label for authenticity.
- D. Both A & B
- E. None of the above



7. While artificial intelligence (AI) has certainly reached the peak of its hype cycle, actual mainstream adoption seems inevitable. It is amply established that whether in science or business, machines will represent the greatest collaborators for human beings. Some of the early wins that have been witnessed across sectors is almost complete disintermediation, but, will AI ever be cognitive to customer needs? The Indian e-commerce players were some of the natural early adopters of AI in India, with not just bots taking over from humans, but also building in an experience that the customer now expects and appreciates. _____. Today, it is no longer restricted to e-commerce; a lot of other sectors, especially traditionally inclined ones like real estate and even B2B (business to business) firms are seeing the value of an online experience that counsels customers into making informed decisions, while still keeping it human. From virtual tours of a place to understanding your carbon-footprint based on where you choose to stay, to farmers getting AI assistants to predict weather patterns and when to sow next, these bots have clearly taken over much of the mundane tasks with very little human intervention. _____.

- A. They were followed by brick-and-mortar retailers to gather stock keeping unit (SKU)-performance and customer preferences to personalize their product promotions./ This wave of digitization has brought down dependency on intermediaries, be it ticket booking, shopping, renting accommodation, house services, taxi services, you name it.
- B. The IT industry has spurred a massive jump in the house rental market in India, which in turn has created a huge opportunity for startups to address: the potential of organizing the sector./ Do you remember the last time you went to a travel agent to book a ticket, or called in for a web check-in? Probably not.
- C. Indians collectively pay upwards of ₹50,000 crore as brokerage fee for finding a house on rent every year./ The potential for this to grow to other areas like furniture, electronics, and the like is huge.
- D. Both A & B
- E. None of the above

8. Climate change is starving polar bears into extinction, according to research published on July 20 that predicts the apex carnivores could all but disappear within the span of a human lifetime. In some regions they are already caught in a vicious downward spiral, with shrinking sea-ice cutting short the time bears have for hunting seals, scientists reported in Nature Climate Change. On current trends, the study concluded, _____ by the galloping pace of change in the Arctic, which is warming twice as fast as the planet as a whole.

“By 2100, recruitment” — new births — “will be severely compromised or impossible everywhere except perhaps in the Queen Elizabeth Island subpopulation,” in Canada’s Arctic Archipelago, said Amstrup. That scenario foresees Earth’s average surface temperature rising 3.3 degrees Celsius above the preindustrial benchmark. _____ made more destructive by rising seas. But even if humanity were able to cap global warming at 2.4C — about half-a-degree above Paris Agreement targets, but hugely ambitious all the same — it would probably only delay the polar bears’ collapse.

- A. There are approximately 25,000 *Ursus maritimus* (polar bear) left in the wild today / There is not enough data for six others to make a determination as to their fate.
- B. polar bears in 12 of 13 subpopulations analysed will have been decimated within 80 years / One degree of warming so far has triggered a crescendo of heatwaves, droughts and superstorms
- C. The threat is not rising temperatures per se but the top-of-the-food-chain predators / The problem is that their habitat is literally melting.
- D. Both A & B
- E. None of the Above

9. Data from an oil and gas exploration company has now helped geologists discover a series of faults at the foot of the Himalaya. The international team notes that this fault system in the southeastern region of Nepal has the potential to cause earthquakes in the densely populated country. The signals are combined to make an image that looks like a slice showing layers through the top few kilometres of the Earth's crust. The researchers were _____. Our research highlights the need to look below the surface, and further afield, to fully understand earthquakes and structures within the Himalaya," said Michael J.

This network of faults show that the Himalayan deformation reaches further [about 40 kilometres further south] than we previously thought. The problem is that good scientific records of earthquakes go back less than a hundred years. During this time there don't seem to have been any earthquakes on the faults that we discovered. General earthquake preparedness is most important in my opinion, _____.

- A. able to identify the faults because the pattern of layers showed bends / rather than trying to guess where the next earthquake will be
- B. he adds that the study is at a preliminary stage and work with seismologists / making sure buildings are safe in an earthquake is probably the most important factor
- C. research highlights the need to look below the surface, and farther afield, to fully understand earthquakes / Most of these faults only slip every thousand years or so
- D. Both B & C
- E. None of the Above

10. India stands out among all the countries of the world as much for the scale of the draconian measure it has imposed as for the extent of unconcern it has displayed for the working poor affected by it. In the United States, for instance, where the lockdown has raised the number of persons filing unemployment claims from 2.8 lakh to 6.6 million in a matter of days, those affected can fall back on unemployment benefit; and the government has approved a package of ameliorative steps costing roughly 10% of that country's GDP to cope with the crisis. In India by contrast, _____; and much of it is just a repackaging of already existing schemes. New expenditure comes to just a little over half of the ₹1.7-lakh crore earmarked for the package. This niggardliness is totally unwarranted on economic grounds. Many economists and civil society activists had suggested _____, in addition to enhanced rations of foodgrains and the inclusion of certain other essential commodities within the ration basket. The cost of their proposed cash transfers alone would come to ₹3.66-lakh crore, which is more than 10 times the cash transfers provided in the Finance Minister's package. Providing assistance on the scale proposed by civil society organisations is necessary; it will no doubt pose logistical problems, but not financial problems.

- A. the Finance Minister's package comes to less than 1% of its GDP / a cash transfer of ₹7,000 per month for a two-month period to the bottom 80% of households to tide over the crisis
- B. there are 58 million tonnes of foodgrain stocks with the government / The increase in total demand caused by an initial increase in demand, which is financed by a fiscal deficit
- C. the inflationary expectations are strong and persistent, then the prices of non-rationed commodities may rise sharply / long supplies of essential commodities through the public distribution system
- D. Both A & B
- E. None of the Above

Correct Answers:

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



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Explanations:

1. The first filler is preceded by the sentence which discusses YouTube' scripted shows for international market. Options A and B both discuss the original shows. Option B talks about the genres and A talks of the shows that have been released.

The second filler is preceded by the discussion of the competition between YouTube and Netflix. So the sentence must take this forward. Only option B is suitable here.

Option B is the correct answer.

2. The first filler is preceded by the introduction of the passage. The sentence must elaborate on the introduction. Both option B and C are appropriate in this case.

The second filler is preceded by a discussion of Bhutan's territory. So the sentence must take the point forward. Only option C provides a suitable choice in this case.

Hence, option C is the correct answer.

3. The first filler is preceded by the mention of a report. The sentence should elaborate on the contents of the report. Only statement A fits in here. Option C appears to be disjointed and does not fit in.

The second filler is preceded by a sentence which talks about forced technology transfer. Hence the sentence must discuss the reason behind this. Statement B is opposite of what is needed while statement A fits in well. Option C is again absurd and does not make sense.

Only option A fits in contextually and is the correct answer.

4. The reference to football indicates that the next statement should ideally have some sort of continuation of the same. Option B is incorrect as it talks about issues faced by nations while building firewalls. Option C is incorrect as it talks about United States needing to step up. Option A is correct here as it continues in the same tone stating that Trump 'scored the perfect goal'.

Second filler talks about countries launching an actual conventional war over a cyber conflict which smacks of impunity. The next statement should ideally give an example of this. Option B is incorrect as it talks about an 'it' while is 'copying the Russian playbook'. This does not make sense at all. Option C is incorrect as it is positive in tone and contextually opposite of what is needed here. Option A is the best fit here as it provides an apt example.

Hence, option A is the correct choice.

5. The first filler is preceded by a discussion of the hardware features of the speakers and both option A and B provide continuity to the passage.

The second filler is preceded by the discussion of buttons and has a negative tone. Option A is best suited in this case.

Hence, option A is the correct answer.

6. The sentence after the first filler talks about Ponnurangam Kumaraguru (PK), though option B and C both talk about him but C provides a better introduction. Option A is contextually incorrect and can be easily eliminated.

The sentence preceding the second filler talks about the app and the statement must explain the functioning of the app. Option C is suitable in this case.

Hence, option C is the correct answer.

7. The first filler is preceded by a sentence which talks about e-commerce and discusses the industries which adopted AI. Only option A talks about industries which is linked to the preceding line.

The second filler is preceded by a discussion of digitization. Again, only option A talks about digitisation.

Hence, option A is the correct answer.

8. The second filler is preceded by the overall estimate of global rise in temperature that can occur if checks are not put in place and is followed by the target of rise in surface temperature that human must cap. Thus, the second filler must be the current level of rise in global surface temperature that is given in Option B.

The first filler is preceded by the discussion of polar bear and their decline in numbers thus option B again is best suited.

Hence, Correct Answer is Option B.

9. The first filler is preceded by the description of faults and we know that earthquake occurs along the fault line thus after careful reading we can see that Option A is best suited.

For the second filler we will see the author is talking of earthquake preparedness and it is best to prepare rather than guessing the earthquake.

Hence, the correct answer is Option A.

10. After reading the passage we can conclude that the first filler is about the percentage of GDP contribution India is making towards the relief package in comparison with the USA thus we can see only A fits in here.

As for the second filler both option A and B provides continuity to the passage but option A is best suited.

Hence, the correct answer is Option A.



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