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Directions: In the passage given below there are 5 words given in bold and each of these words is represented by a letter. For each word four alternative words are given as options A, B, C and D. You have to find which word among the options best replaces the already given word. Mark E (No change required) as your answer if the word given in bold is already correct both grammatically and contextually.

Sophisticated information technologies permit instantaneous communication among the far-flung operations of global enterprises. New materials are **(A) revolutionizing** sectors as diverse as construction and communications. Advanced manufacturing technologies have altered long-standing patterns of productivity and employment. Improved air and sea transportation has greatly **(B) undermined** the worldwide flow of people and goods. All this has both created and mandated greater interdependence among firms and nations. The rapid rate of innovation and the **(C) dynamics** of technology flows mean that comparative advantage is short-lived.

To maximize returns, arrangements such as transnational mergers and shared production agreements are sought to bring together partners with **(D) iconoclast** interests and strengths. This permits both developed and developing countries to **(E) obdurate** technology more efficiently, with the expectation of creating higher standards of living for all involved.

1. **A**

A. Segregating

B. Paramount

C. Radically

D. Feebly

E. No Change Required

2. **B**

A. Underrated

B. Accelerated

C. Merged

D. Portly

E. No Change Required

3. C

A. Elegy

B. Evanescent

C. Demeanour

D. Facets

E. No Change Required

4. D

A. Garrulous

B. Hapless

C. Complementary

D. Inimical

E. No Change Required

5. E

A. Harness

B. Instigate

C. Inure

D. Obfuscate

E. No Change Required



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1	2	3	4	5
E	B	E	C	A

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Explanation:

1. “Sophisticated information technologies permit instantaneous communication among the far-flung operations of global enterprises. New materials are **(A) revolutionizing** sectors as diverse as construction and communications”

Let’s have a look at the word which is given at position (A):

Revolutionizing (Verb) – means changing something radically or fundamentally.

Since the paragraph talks about sophisticated information technology, the appropriate word in the blank should be ‘revolutionizing’ itself.

Hence, it is the correct option.

Let’s consider all the words one-by-one and their meanings too:

Segregating (Verb) – means setting apart from the rest or from each other; isolating or dividing

Paramount (Adjective) – means more important than anything else; supreme.

Radically (Adverb) – means in a thorough or fundamental way; completely.

Feebly (Adverb) – means in a way that lacks strength or force

Hence, the correct answer is option E.

2. “Improved air and sea transportation has greatly **(B) undermined** the worldwide flow of people and goods.”

Let’s have a look at the word which is given at position (B):

Undermined (Verb) – means lessened the effectiveness, power, or ability of, especially gradually or insidiously.

This is inappropriate and illogical the passage is talking about improved air and sea transportation and thus, ‘undermined’ should not be used.

Hence, it is eliminated.

Let's consider all the words one-by-one and their meanings too:

Underrated (Verb) – means underestimated the extent, value, or importance of someone or something.

Again, the passage talks about improved air and sea transportation.

So, it is illogical to use it here as it goes against the tone of the passage.

Hence, it is eliminated.

Accelerated (Verb) – means increased in rate, amount, or extent.

The sentence talks about the benefit of improved air and sea transportation.

Hence, it is the correct option.

Merged (Verb) – means combine or cause to combine to form a single entity.

There is no requirement of it in that place as nothing is talked about any merger and it is also illogical to the context.

Hence, it is eliminated.

Portly (Adjective) – means rather fat.

There is no mention and need of fat in the entire passage.

Hence, it is eliminated.

Hence, the correct answer is option B.

3. “The rapid rate of innovation and the **(C) dynamics** of technology flows mean that comparative advantage is short-lived.”

Let's have a look at the word which is given at position (C):

Dynamics (Noun) – means the branch of any science in which forces or changes are considered.

This is the correct word to be used at (C) as the sentence also demands it.

‘The rapid rate of innovation’ and ‘technology flows’ support it too which is given in the passage.

Hence, it is the correct option.

Let’s consider all the words one-by-one and their meanings too:

Elegy (Noun) – means a poem of serious reflection, typically a lament for the dead.

Evanescent (Adjective) – means soon passing out of sight, memory, or existence; quickly fading or disappearing.

Demeanour (Noun) – means outward behaviours or bearings.

Facets (Noun) – means particular aspects or features of something.

Hence, the correct option is option E.

4. “To maximize returns, arrangements such as transnational mergers and shared production agreements are sought to bring together partners with **(D) iconoclast** interests and strengths.”

Let’s have a look at the word which is given at position (D):

Iconoclast (Noun) – means a person who attacks or criticizes cherished beliefs or institutions.

This word is illogical to the context as in the sentence it is given ‘to maximize returns, arrangements such as transnational mergers and shared production agreements are sought to bring together partners’, thus, no such word can be used.

Hence, it is eliminated.

Let’s consider all the words one-by-one and their meanings too:

Garrulous (Adjective) – means excessively talkative, especially on trivial matters

This does not match the requirement as it is against the context's demand.

Partners should not be garrulous in agreements.

Hence, it is eliminated.

Hapless (adjective) – means unfortunate.

It is illogical with respect to the context.

Hence, it is eliminated.

Complementary (Adjective) - means combining in such a way as to enhance or emphasize the qualities of each other or another.

Since, the sentence talks about transnational mergers and shared production agreements trying to bring together partners, only complementary partners with such interests can be brought together.

Hence, it is the correct option.

Inimical (Adjective) - means tending to obstruct or harm.

There is no mention of any harm in the context.

Hence, it is eliminated.

Hence, the correct answer is option C.

5. **“This permits both developed and developing countries to (E) obdurate technology more efficiently, with the expectation of creating higher standards of living for all involved.”**

Let's have a look at the word which is given at position (E):

Obdurate (Adjective) - means stubbornly refusing to change one's opinion or course of action.

It is just opposite to the context which makes it illogical.

Hence, it is eliminated.

Let's consider all the words one-by-one and their meanings too:

Harness (Noun) - means control and making use of natural resources, especially to produce energy.

It is the correct option as the sentence talks about countries dealing with technology efficiently.

Hence, it is the correct option.

Instigate (Verb) – means bring about or initiate an action or event.

The sentence is talking about expectation of creating higher standards, thus required a positive word.

Hence, it is eliminated.

Inure (Verb) – means accustom someone to something, especially something unpleasant.

It is against the demand of the context which makes it illogical.

Hence, it is eliminated.

Obfuscate (Verb) – means making obscure, unclear, or unintelligible.

This is illogical to the context as the sentence's need is completely opposite.

Hence, it is eliminated.

Hence, the correct answer is option A.



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