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Directions: Read the following information carefully and answer the questions given below:

The first is the process of “_____” (A). It has been observed that with the economy moving from the stage of a total lockdown in April to a gradual opening up of the _____ (B) in May and June, and then the door opening up a little more significantly in July and August, the movement from one stage to another did reflect in the macro-economic numbers such as the Index of Industrial Production (IIP). Sabnavis _____ (C) that while it is reasonable to assume that the “Unlock” process will be positive for the economic sectors, there is no assurance that there will not be localised lockdowns.

“The Centre has made strong _____ (D) on this issue, but the states could end up taking specific decisions. This _____ (E) economic activity as supply chains, which span the entire country, get impacted sharply. Also, business units are not confident about starting or expanding their business,” he writes.

The second factor which will play a role in the economy’s growth prospects in the coming months is the possibility of a _____ (F) package from the government.

1. A.

- A. punctilious B. punctilio C. unlocking D. perforation E. None of the above

2. B.

- A. impeach B. window C. challenge D. accuse E. None of the above

3. C.

- A. stale B. hackneyed C. threadbare D. cautions E. None of the above

4. D.

- A. statements B. panegyric C. exonerate D. acquit E. None of the above

5. E.

- A. indict B. effects C. affects D. accuse E. None of the above

6. F.

- A. revival B. jittery C. scorn D. derision E. None of the above

Correct Answers:

1	2	3	4	5	6
C	B	D	A	C	A

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Explanations:

1. **Option A** “punctilious” means ‘showing great attention to detail or correct behaviour’ and can be ruled out as it makes the sentence incoherent.

Option B “punctilio” means ‘a fine or petty point of conduct or procedure’ and can be eliminated as it is not related to the context of the passage.

Option D “perforation” means ‘a small hole in something such as the skin, caused by a sharp object’ and its usage makes the sentence grammatically incorrect.

Option C “unlocking” means ‘to make (something previously inaccessible or unexploited) available for use’ and it aptly fits the context and makes the sentence a meaningful one.

Hence, option C is correct.

2. **Options A and C** “impeach” and “challenge” mean ‘to call into question the integrity or validity of (a practice)’ and can be eliminated as they have no role with the sentence.

Option D can be ruled out as “accuse” means ‘to claim that (someone) has done something wrong’ and is vague in the context of the sentence.

Option B “window” means ‘an interval or opportunity for action’ and is apt as it fits in the blank perfectly. It rightly points at the fact about the lockdown.

Hence, option B is correct.

3. **Option A** “stale” means ‘(of food) no longer fresh and pleasant to eat; hard, musty, or dry’ can be eliminated as its usage renders the sentence incoherent.

Option B “hackneyed” means ‘(of a phrase or idea) having been overused; unoriginal and trite’ and can be eliminated as it makes the sentence grammatically incorrect.

Option C “threadbare” means ‘(of a person, building, or room) poor or shabby in appearance’ and can be eliminated as it does not lend any meaning to the sentence and is contextual misfit.

Option D “cautions” means ‘care taken to avoid danger or mistakes’ and here it aptly shows that lockdown and its consequences.

Hence, option D is correct.



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4. **Option A** “statements” means ‘a definite or clear expression of something in speech or writing’ and fits completely as ‘the issue of lockdown and government’s way of tackling it’ is given in the passage and it makes it meaningful.

Option B “panegyric” means ‘a public speech or published text in praise of someone or something’ and can be eliminated as it is contradictory to the meaning expressed in the passage as there is nothing to be praised for.

Options C and D “exonerate” and “acquit” mean ‘to (of an official body) absolve (someone) from blame for a fault or wrongdoing’ and are not usually used with “lockdown” given in the passage. It is against the context of the passage.

Hence, option A is correct.

5. The sentence tells more about the economic activity.

Option C “affects” means ‘to have an effect on; make a difference to’ and aptly fits the context and makes the sentence a meaningful one.

Options A and D “indict” and “accuse” mean ‘formally accuse of or charge with a crime’ and can be ruled out as make the sentence logically incorrect.

Option B “effect” means ‘a change which is a result or consequence of an action or other cause’ and can be eliminated as it is nowhere related to the context of the passage.

Hence, option C is correct.

6. **Option A** “revival” means ‘an improvement in the condition, strength, or fortunes of someone or something’ and fits completely as it talks about the package that should be given the government.

Option B “jittery” means ‘nervous or unable to relax’ and can be eliminated as it is contradictory to the meaning expressed in the passage.

Options C and D “scorn” and “derision” mean ‘a feeling and expression of contempt or disdain for someone or something’ and are not usually used with “situations like Covid-19” given in the passage.

Hence, option A is correct.



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