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Direction: In the following passage, some of the words / sentences have been left out, each of which is indicated by a letter. Find the suitable word / sentence from the options given against each letter and fill up the blanks with appropriate words / sentences to make the paragraph meaningful.

The Bukit Barisan Selatan National Park is one of South Sumatra's last stands of lowland forest, and home to ____**A**____ endangered Sumatran tigers and elephants. But the park is under threat from the world's most popular beverage: coffee. Some 10 per cent of the Indonesian national park has been lost to coffee farms, with encroachment from smallholder farmers steadily ____**B**____ away at the 3,140 square kilometer area, which is a major carbon sink as well as biodiversity hotspot. To tackle this problem, Wildlife Conservation Society, a United States-based green group ____**C**____ the Bukit Barisan Selatan Sustainable Commodities Partnership (BBS KEKAL), a multi-stakeholder partnership between companies, government, farmers, and civil society to find ways to protect the forest while improving the ____**D**____ of farmers, who typically have low yields and a lack of access to inputs, training and finance. One of the companies to join the ____**E**____ was global food and agri-business firm Olam International, itself a major coffee producer. To work towards deforestation-free coffee farming, we need to take up responsibility and look for sustainable wildlife conservation techniques.

1. **A.**

A. critically B. biased C. complementary D. loosely E. praiseworthy

2. **B.**

A. gobbling B. extruding C. forcing D. nibbling E. releasing

3. **C.**

A. rejected B. established C. convened D. authorised E. ordered

4. **D.**

A. source B. livelihoods C. state D. misery E. condition

5. **E.**

A. severance B. rift C. estrangement D. sunder E. alliance

Correct Answers:

1	2	3	4	5
A	D	C	B	E

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Explanations:

1. If we read the complete sentence, we can see that it mentions endangered species. And this issue is a serious one which needs careful analysis. So, here the best answer would be 'critically'.

critically- inclined to criticize severely and unfavorably.

biased- unfairly prejudiced for or against someone or something.

complementary- combining in such a way as to enhance or emphasize the qualities of each other or another.

loosely- in a careless and indiscreet manner.

praiseworthy- deserving approval and admiration.

Hence, option A is correct.

2. If we read the whole sentence, we can notice it telling us that the significant area of national parks has been encroached by small coffee producers. So, to convey this we have to use the option 'nibbling'.

gobbling- (of a large organization) incorporate or take over (a smaller one).

extruding- thrust or force out.

forcing- make (someone) do something against their will.

nibbling- show cautious interest in a commercial opportunity.

releasing- allow or enable to escape from confinement; set free.

Hence, option D is correct.



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3. This sentence says that a US based group has called upon another group to partner with it in order to save the forest areas. So, here the apt option is 'convened'.

rejected- dismiss as inadequate, unacceptable, or faulty.

established- show (something) to be true or certain by determining the facts.

convened- come or bring together for a meeting or activity; assemble.

authorised- give official permission for or approval to (an undertaking or agent).

ordered- give an authoritative instruction to do something.

Hence, option C is correct.

4. This sentence says that the partnership between these groups has been called upon in order to save the forest areas as well as improve the lives of farmers. So, the best answer is 'livelihoods'.

source- find out where (something) can be obtained.

livelihoods- a means of securing the necessities of life.

state- the particular condition that someone or something is in at a specific time.

misery- a state or feeling of great physical or mental distress or discomfort.

condition- the state of something with regard to its appearance, quality, or working order.

Hence, option B is correct.



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5. The sentence talks about a company that joined the above mentioned partnership. So, 'alliance' is apt here.

severance- the state of being separated or cut off.

rift- a serious break in friendly relations.

estrangement- the fact of no longer being on friendly terms or part of a social group.

sunder- split apart.

alliance- a union or association formed for mutual benefit, especially between countries or organizations.

Hence, option E is correct.



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