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Ex 98

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

A team of international gravitational wave astronomers has detected the most massive and most distant black hole _____ (A) recorded till date. This is the first time that a collision leading to the formation of a black hole, which is 142 times heavier than the Sun, has been _____ (B) by collaborators of Laser Interferometer Gravitational wave Observatory (LIGO) and VIRGO interferometer, located in Italy. India is building the third of the LIGO observatories at Hingoli in Maharashtra.

A gravitational wave signal lasting 0.1 second emanated when black holes weighing 85 times and 66 times of solar mass, respectively, collided in a binary system. This newly- _____ (C) black hole, GW190521, then sent out a gravitational wave which travelled a distance of 17.2 billion light years, and was _____ (D) by detectors LIGO and VIRGO on May 21, 2019. This is the most distant gravitational wave signal _____ (E) so far by the gravitational wave detectors.

1. A.

A. reticent B. subtle C. collision D. divulge E. None of the above

2. B.

A. rendered B. discovered C. portrayed D. interpreted E. None of the above

3. C.

A. sassy B. fickle C. deluded D. formed E. None of the above

4. D.

A. detected B. decrepit C. dejected D. despondent E. None of the above

5. E.

A. ostentatious B. feasible C. observed D. pretentious E. None of the above


Correct Answers:

1	2	3	4	5
C	B	D	A	C

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Explanation:

1. **Option A** “reticent” means ‘not revealing one's thoughts or feelings readily’ and can be ruled out as it makes the sentence incoherent.

Option B “subtle” means ‘capable of making fine distinctions’ and can be eliminated as it is not related to the context of the passage.

Option D “divulge” means ‘to make known (private or sensitive information)’ and its usage makes the sentence grammatically incorrect.

Option C “collision” means ‘an instance of one moving object or person striking violently against another’ and it aptly fits the context and makes the sentence a meaningful one.

Hence, option C is correct.

2. **Options A and C** “rendered” and “portrayed” mean ‘to represent or depict artistically’ and can be eliminated as they have no relation with respect to the context.

Option D can be ruled out as “interpreted” means ‘to explain the meaning of (information or actions)’ and is vague in the context of the sentence.

Option B “discovered” means ‘to find unexpectedly or during a search’ and is apt as it fits in the blank perfectly as it was the demand of the context.

Hence, option B is correct.

3. **Option A** “sassy” means ‘lively, bold, and full of spirit; cheeky’ can be eliminated as its usage renders the sentence incoherent.

Option B “fickle” means ‘changing frequently, especially as regards one's loyalties or affections’ and can be eliminated as it makes the sentence grammatically incorrect.

Option C “deluded” means ‘believing something that is not true’ and can be eliminated as it does not lend any meaning to the sentence and is contextual misfit.

Option D “formed” means ‘to gradually appear or develop’ and here it aptly shows that the collision is something new to astronomers.

Hence, option D is correct.

4. **Option A** “detected” means ‘to discover or identify the presence or existence of’ and conforms itself to the context of the passage.

Option B “decrepit” means ‘worn out or ruined because of age or neglect’ and can be eliminated as it is contradictory to the meaning expressed in the passage.

Options C and D “dejected” and “despondent” mean ‘sad and depressed; dispirited’ and are completely out of context.

Hence, option A is correct.

5. The sentence hints it as the blank should have a verb.

Option C “observed” means ‘to notice or perceive (something) and register it as being significant’ and aptly fits the context and makes the sentence a meaningful one.

Options A and D “ostentatious” and “pretentious” mean ‘characterized by pretentious or showy display; designed to impress’ and can be ruled out as make the sentence logically incorrect.

Option B “feasible” means ‘possible to do easily or conveniently’ and can be eliminated as it is nowhere related to the context of the passage.

Hence, option C is correct.



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