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Find the Error Quiz 28

Directions: The given sentence has been broken up into four different parts. The error, if any, will be in any one part of the sentence. Select the option which contains the part of the sentence which has an error (spelling, grammatical or contextual). If there is no error, choose option E.

1. Find the error in one of the following fragments/parts.

- A. Study of small island bird
- B. and lizard populations describe
- C. a fast burst of evolution,
- D. followed by a slowdown.
- E. No error

2. Find the error in one of the following fragments/parts.

- A. Researchers have unveiled 83 rare gene variants
- B. which exerts a strong influence on human height,
- C. with some capable for adding or
- D. subtracting more than two centimeters.
- E. No error

3. Find the error in one of the following fragments/parts.

- A. With 3,30,000 inhabitants surrounded by volcanoes,
- B. glaciers and geysers, Iceland is
- C. a unusual destination for refugees
- D. fleeing war in Syria.
- E. No error

4. Find the error in one of the following fragments/parts.

- A. TAMO, a startup established under the Tata Motors umbrella,
- B. will act as an incubating centre of innovation
- C. for developing new technologies, business models and partnerships
- D. to define future mobility solutions.
- E. No error

5. Find the error in one of the following fragments/parts.

- A. The budget seeks to
- B. reconcile the consequences
- C. of international headwinds
- D. for domestic economic compulsions.
- E. No error

6. Find the error in one of the following fragments/parts.

- A. All airlines flying to and fro India
- B. will soon have to compulsorily submit
- C. passenger records to the government a few days in advance
- D. of every flight departure or arrival.
- E. No error

7. Find the error in one of the following fragments/parts.

- A. U.S. President Donald Trump ripped off
- B. Australian Prime Minister during their call last week,
- C. castigating a refugee accord
- D. which he later described on Twitter as a 'dumb deal'.
- E. No error

8. Find the error in one of the following fragments/parts.

- A. The British government has published
- B. a white paper setting out the 12 principles that will govern
- C. its negotiations with EU
- D. as it prepares to leave the union.
- E. No error

9. Find the error in one of the following fragments/parts.

- A. With all the revolutionary advances in medicine,
- B. the scientists tell us that
- C. death may perhaps become
- D. optional in a few decades.
- E. No error

10. Find the error in one of the following fragments/parts.

- A. The National Pension System has become a more attractive option
- B. for retirement savings with Budget 2017-18
- C. allowing their members to withdraw up to 25%
- D. of their accumulated corpus before retirement without tax.
- E. No error

Correct Answers:

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

Explanations :

- 1.** There is an error of Subject-Verb agreement in fragment B. The verb 'describe' must be replaced by 'describes' to make it a grammatically correct sentence.

The correct sentence would therefore be, "Study of small island bird and lizard populations **describes** a fast burst of evolution, followed by a slowdown."

Option B is hence the correct answer.

- 2.** The fragment C is erroneous as the adjective 'capable' should be followed by the preposition 'of' instead of 'for'.

The correct sentence would therefore be, "Researchers have unveiled 83 rare gene variants which exerts a strong influence on human height, with some capable **of** adding or subtracting more than two centimeters."

Option C is hence the correct answer.

- 3.** The error is in fragment C of the sentence. Here, the indefinite article 'an' must be used instead of 'a' as the first letter of the word 'unusual' is starting with a vowel sound.

The correct sentence would therefore be, "With 3,30,000 inhabitants surrounded by volcanoes, glaciers and geysers, Iceland is a unusual destination for refugees fleeing war in Syria."

Option C is hence the correct answer.

- 4.** The sentence is absolutely correct and thus has no error in it.

Option E is hence the correct answer.

- 5.** The error is in fragment D of the sentence. The verb 'reconcile' which refers to 'to make or show to be compatible' should be followed by the preposition 'with' instead of 'for'.

Reconcile (Verb):

To make or show to be compatible

Ex. The agreement had to be reconciled with the city's new international relations policy.

The correct sentence would therefore be, "The budget seeks to reconcile the consequences of international headwinds with domestic economic compulsions."

Option D is hence the correct answer.

6. The fragment A of the sentence is erroneous. Usage of the expression 'to and fro' is illogical and hence must be replaced by the phrase 'to and from' to make it a contextually correct sentence.

To and fro (Adverbial phrase):

If someone moves to and fro, they move repeatedly from one place to another and back again, or from side to side.

Ex. She stood up and began to pace to and fro.

The correct sentence would therefore be, "All airlines flying to and from India will soon have to compulsorily submit passenger records to the government a few days in advance of every flight departure or arrival."

Hence, option A is correct.

7. The error is in fragment A of the sentence. Here, the past form of the idiomatic expression 'rip into' must be used instead of 'ripped off' to make it contextually correct.

Rip into (Idiom):

to criticize or censure someone or something severely.

Ex. The critics really ripped into movie's poor performance at Box office.

The correct sentence would therefore be, "U.S. President Donald Trump ripped off Australian Prime Minister during their call last week, castigating a refugee accord which he later described on Twitter as a 'dumb deal'."

Option A is hence the correct answer.

8. The fragment C of the sentence is erroneous as the noun EU (The European Union) has to be preceded by the definite article 'the' to make it a grammatically correct sentence.

The correct sentence would therefore be, "The British government has published a white paper setting out the 12 principles that will govern its negotiations with **the** EU as it prepares to leave the union."

Option C is hence the correct answer.

9. The fragment C is erroneous here. Usage of the adverb 'perhaps' is redundant here as the modal verb 'may' has already expressed possibility.

The correct sentence would therefore be, "With all the revolutionary advances in medicine, the scientists tell us that death may become optional in a few decades."

Option C is hence the correct answer.

- 10.** The fragment C of the sentence is erroneous. The possessive adjective 'their' must be replaced by 'its' to make it a grammatically correct sentence. In the sentence the possessive adjective before the noun 'members' is referring to the noun 'The National Pension System' which is a (non-living) singular noun and thus should assume 'its' instead of 'their'.

The correct sentence would therefore be, "The National Pension System has become a more attractive option for retirement savings with Budget 2017-18 allowing its members to withdraw up to 25% of their accumulated corpus before retirement without tax."

Option C is hence the correct sentence.



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