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Directions: In each question, a part of the sentence is made bold. Below are given alternatives to the bold part at (A), (B), (C) and (D) which may improve the sentence. Choose the correct alternative. In case no replacement is needed, mark (E) as your answer.

1. Economic policies formulated by the IAS officers are generally above the power of comprehension of most of the ministers.
   A. the powers of comprehension of
   B. the powerful of comprehension of
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   D. the power of comprehension of
   E. No correction required

2. Karim’s father does not like him hanging around with rowdy boys who cause trouble.
   A. does not like his hanging around
   B. does not like him hang around
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3. The Japanese army fell out only after the devastating attack on Nagasaki.
   A. fall out only after the
   B. fell back only after the
   C. fell in only after the
   D. fell upon only after the
   E. No correction required

4. The minister didn’t respond to an email requesting an interview, and a call to her office wasn’t answered.
   A. respond to an email request
   B. respond to a email requesting
   C. respond with an email requesting
   D. responded to an email requesting
   E. No correction required

5. One of the largest slums in the world is Dharavi where lakhs of people live cheek with jowling in tiny shacks.
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   A. catching up in temporary affairs  B. caught up in temporal affairs  C. caught up with temporary affairs
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8. Certain offenders go to the church regularly and **get something onto their chest** in the confession room, only to commit their next mistake.
   A. get something off their chest  B. get things onto their chest  C. get things off their chest
   D. getting something onto their chest  E. No correction required

9. PSBs do not operate as commercial banks and do **not have a coherent business strategy** or vision.
   A. not have a coherent strategy business  B. not having a coherent business strategy
   C. not have a coherence business strategy  D. not have a coherent businesses strategy
   E. No correction required

10. Much of the religious tension in the country is due to **fake news that gets away** via social media.
    A. fake news that got away  B. fake news that gets about  C. fake news that gets up
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C. subscription for the distorted
D. subscribe to the distorted  
E. No correction required

32. It is commendable that wing commander Abhinandan Varthaman held over crucial information even under situations of extreme stress.

A. held up over crucial information  
B. held back crucial information  
C. held behind crucial information
D. hold out crucial information  
E. No correction required

33. In romantic relationships, couples usually drag with their foot when it comes to initiating talks regarding marriage.

A. usually drag with their feet  
B. usually drag their foot  
C. usually drag their feet
D. usually dragging their feet  
E. No correction required

34. The State Level Monitoring Committees provided for under the rules have not been made accountable.

A. provided under for the rules  
B. provided for underneath the rules  
C. provided with under the rules
D. provided in under the rules  
E. No correction required

35. Investing all your money in one sector instead of diversifying your portfolio might get your burning fingers.

A. get your burned fingers  
B. go to your burning fingers  
C. get your fingers burned
D. go to your fingers burned  
E. No correction required

36. Dyslexic children are slow behind speech and have a number of learning disabilities.

A. children are slowing behind speech  
B. children are slowpoke behind speech  
C. children are slowdown of speech
D. children are slow of speech  
E. No correction required

37. Members of the opposition kept up from parliamentary meetings as a sign of protest.

A. kept outside from parliamentary  
B. kept away from parliamentary  
C. kept on from parliamentary
D. kept inside from parliamentary  
E. No correction required

38. The members altogether raised an objection against whale hunting.

A. The members altogether raised  
B. All of the members together raising  
C. The member together raised
D. All the members together  
E. No correction required
39. Effective breathing **brings health to our organs**, balances the nervous system, and calms the mind.

A. bringing health to our organs  
B. brings health in our organs  
C. bringing health into to our organs  
D. will bring health to our organs  
E. No correction required

40. The recent atrocities committed by paedophiles will make any **parent’s hairs stand up at end**.

A. parent’s hair stand up at end  
B. parent’s hairs stand on end  
C. parent’s hair stand on end  
D. parent’s hairstyle stand on end  
E. No correction required

41. Mr. Tharoor’s **urban manners charm friends** and enemies alike.

A. urban manners charming friends  
B. urbane manners charming friends  
C. urban mannerisms charm friends  
D. urbane manners charm friends  
E. No correction required

42. Religious **bigots look away on** anyone who does not conform to their beliefs.

A. bigots look away on  
B. bigots look down on  
C. bigots look behind on  
D. bigots look in front of  
E. No correction required

43. **Having leisure till outdoor** activities such as taking a stroll down the park has become a rarity in this fast paced life.

A. Having leisures till outdoor  
B. Having laziness for outdoor  
C. Having leisure in outdoor  
D. Having leisure for outdoor  
E. No correction required

44. The Punjab National Bank fraud **demonstrates the extent of** operational and risk management failures in PSBs.

A. demonstrateing the extent of  
B. demonstrates the extent in  
C. demonstrates the extent with  
D. demonstrates the extention of  
E. No correction required

45. **India lent a helpful handshake** to Nepal by giving them 2.1 billion Nepalese rupees for the reconstruction of houses flattened in the 2015 earthquake.

A. India lent a helping handshake  
B. India lent a helpful hand  
C. India lent a helping hand  
D. India lending a helping hand  
E. No correction required
46. One is advised to check the voracity of news articles before forwarding them on whatsapp and other social media.

A. to check the voracity of news  
B. checking the veracity of news  
C. to check the veracity of news  
D. to check the voracity of new  
E. No correction required

47. One should lay out one’s doubts and insecurities before entering the examination hall.

A. One should lay outside  
B. One should lay aside  
C. One should lay inside  
D. One should lay behind  
E. No correction required

48. The idea of a single bad bank where the NPAs of all PSBs may be transferred as a white bullet to clean up PSB balance sheets must be rejected.

A. transferring as a white bullet  
B. transferred as a black bullet  
C. transferred as a silver bullet  
D. transferred as a platinum bullet  
E. No correction required

49. The Indian banking system is beleaguered with non-performing assets.

A. in non-performing assets  
B. for non-performing assets  
C. from non-performing assets  
D. under non-performing assets  
E. No correction required

50. The dog made over the biker but was soon left behind in the empty street.

A. dog made before the biker  
B. dog made after the biker  
C. dog made out the biker  
D. dog made onto the biker  
E. No correction required
### Correct Answers:

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Explanations:

1. The original sentence is erroneous.

   **Reason:** The word ‘comprehension’ must be followed the preposition ‘of’ instead of ‘off’ in this context. The expression “comprehension of” means ‘understanding of’.

   Hence, ‘of’ should be used in place of ‘off’ to make the sentence grammatically and contextually correct.

   Among the given choices, only option D replaces the given bold part most appropriately.

   **The sentence after replacement becomes:**

   Economic policies formulated by the IAS officers are generally above the power of comprehension of most of the ministers.

   Option D is hence the correct answer.

2. The original sentence is erroneous.

   **Reason:** The noun or pronoun relating to a gerund should always be in the possessive case. A gerund is a verb form which functions as a noun. It is present in verb+ing form. Hence the possessive pronoun ‘his’ should be used in place of the objective pronoun ‘him’ to make the sentence grammatically correct.

   Among the given choices, only option A replaces the given bold part most appropriately.

   **The sentence after replacement becomes:**

   Karim’s father does not like his hanging around with rowdy boys who cause trouble.

   Option A is hence the correct answer.
3. The original sentence is erroneous.

**Reason:** Usage of the phrasal verb 'fall out' which means 'have an argument' is inappropriate in this sentence.

'Fall back' which means 'withdraw or retreat' would be suitable in this context.

E.g.: The infantry fell back in disarray.

Hence ‘fell back’ should be used in place of ‘fell out’ to make the sentence grammatically and contextually correct.

Among the given choices, only option B replaces the given bold part most appropriately.

The sentence after replacement becomes:

The Japanese army fell back only after the devastating attack on Nagasaki.

Option B is hence the correct answer.

4. The original sentence is absolutely correct and hence the bold part needs no replacement.

Option E is hence the correct answer.

5. The original sentence is erroneous.

**Reason:** The correct idiomatic expression is 'cheek by jowl’ and not ‘cheek with jowling’.

**kick the can down the road (Idiom):**

Meaning: Close together.

E.g.: They lived cheek by jowl in a one-room flat.

Hence ‘cheek by jowl’ should be used in place of ‘cheek with jowling’ to make the sentence grammatically correct.

Among the given choices, only option C replaces the given bold part most appropriately.

The sentence after replacement becomes:

One of the largest slums in the world is Dharavi where lakhs of people live cheek by jowl in tiny shacks.

Option C is hence the correct answer.
6. The original sentence is erroneous.

**Reason:** The phrase 'cave off' is incorrect.

The correct phrasal verb is 'cave in' which means 'capitulate or submit under pressure'.

E.g.: The manager caved in to his demands.

Hence ‘cave in’ should be used in place of ‘cave off’ to make the sentence grammatically and contextually correct.

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**The sentence after replacement becomes:**

Non-performing assets have led to a seizure of new lending and the caving in of credit culture.

Option B is hence the correct answer.

7. The original sentence is erroneous.

**Reason:** The word ‘temporary’ means ‘lasting for only a limited period of time’ and is unsuitable in this sentence. The correct word to be used here is ‘temporal’ which means ‘relating to worldly as opposed to spiritual affairs; materialistic’. Hence ‘temporal’ should be used in place of ‘temporary’ to make the sentence grammatically correct.

Among the given choices, only option B replaces the given bold part most appropriately.

**The sentence after replacement becomes:**

The Bhagavad Gita tells us how not to get too caught up in temporal affairs.

Option B is hence the correct answer.
8. The original sentence is erroneous.
   **Reason:** The correct idiomatic expression is 'get things off their chest' and not 'get something onto their chest'.

   **Get something off your chest (Idiom):**
   Meaning: To tell someone about something that has been worrying you or making you feel guilty for a long time.

   E.g.: I had spent two months worrying about it and I was glad to get it off my chest.

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   **The sentence after replacement becomes:**

   Certain offenders go to the church regularly and get things off their chest in the confession room, only to commit their next mistake.

   Option C is hence the correct answer.

9. The original sentence is absolutely correct and hence the bold part needs no replacement.

   Option E is hence the correct answer.

10. The original sentence is erroneous.
    **Reason:** Usage of the phrasal verb 'get away' which means 'escape' is inappropriate in this sentence.

    'Get about' which means 'get around’ would be suitable in this context. If news or information gets about, a lot of people hear about it.

    E.g.: Somehow it got about that Jenny was having a baby.

    Hence ‘gets about’ should be used in place of ‘gets away’ to make the sentence grammatically and contextually correct.

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E.g.: Keep your chin up, we're not lost yet.

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**The sentence after replacement becomes:**

It is essential for an entrepreneur to keep his chin up despite failures and setbacks.

Option C is hence the correct answer.

12. The original sentence is erroneous.

**Reason:** The word 'enemity' must be followed the preposition 'with' instead of 'without' in this context. The expression "enmity with" means 'hostility with'.

Hence 'with' should be used in place of 'without' to make the sentence grammatically and contextually correct.

Among the given choices, only option D replaces the given bold part most appropriately.

**The sentence after replacement becomes:**

It is not uncommon for politicians to fake their degrees and pass off as highly educated.

Option D is hence the correct answer.
13. There are two errors in the bold part.

Firstly, the phrasal verb ‘in a bad light’ which means ‘in a way that makes someone or something look bad’ has been written incorrectly. Therefore, ‘under a bad light’ must be replaced by ‘in a bad light’ in order to make the sentence correct.

E.g.: The defendants were shown in a bad light by the lawyer.

Secondly, the tense of the word ‘showed’ is also erroneous. The given sentence is in simple present tense. Therefore, ‘showed’ should be replaced by ‘show’ to make it a grammatically correct sentence.

Among the given choices option C replaces the bold part most appropriately.

The sentence after replacement becomes:

Hecklers generally hurt themselves and their party the most because they show both in a bad light.

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14. The original sentence is absolutely correct and hence the bold part needs no replacement.

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15. The original sentence is erroneous.

Reason: Usage of the phrasal verb 'give up' which means 'admit defeat' is inappropriate in this sentence.

'Give out' which means 'distribute' would be suitable in this context.

E.g.: The teacher gave out the question papers.

Hence ‘gave out’ should be used in place of ‘gave up’ to make the sentence grammatically and contextually correct.

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The President gave out the National Bravery Awards to the deserving children whose selfless acts of bravery have inspired many.

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16. The original sentence is erroneous.

**Reason:** The correct idiomatic expression is ‘up to his ears in’ and not ‘upon his years inside’.

**Up to one’s ears in (Idiom):**

Meaning: Deeply involved.

E.g.: I’m up to my ears in work.

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**The sentence after replacement becomes:**

Although Nirav Modi was up to his ears in trouble, he managed to flee the country effortlessly.

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17. The original sentence is incorrect.

**Reason:** When two singular subjects are connected using ‘and’ but refer to the same person, the singular form of the verb should be used. In the given sentence, ‘the singer and dancer’ refers to the same person and should be followed by singular form of the ‘be’ verb. Therefore, the ‘has’ should be used in place of ‘have’ so as to make the sentence correct.

Among the given choices option C replaces the bold part most appropriately.

**The sentence after replacement becomes:**

The singer and dancer has given a wonderful performance which calls for a standing ovation.

Option C is hence the correct answer.
18. The original sentence is erroneous.

**Reason:** In statements beginning with a preposition/verb or having a preposition/verb before a pronoun, the pronoun should always take the objective case. The given sentence begins with the verb ‘let’ followed pronouns. Hence the pronouns should be in their objective case. Therefore, ‘I’ should be replaced by ‘me’ in order to make it a grammatically correct sentence.

Among the choices available, option C replaces the bold part most appropriately.

**The sentence after replacement becomes:**

Let you and me together go to watch the movie after work.

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**Reason:** The words ‘high’ and ‘less’ have been used in the positive degree. This is incorrect in this sentence. The article ‘the’ is used before comparative degree to indicate a sense of proportion. Therefore, the ‘higher’ should be used in place of ‘high’ and ‘lesser’ should be used in place of ‘less’ so as to make the sentence correct.

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E.g.: I’m up to my ears in work.

Hence ‘up to his ears in’ should be used in place of ‘upon his ears inside’ to make the sentence grammatically correct.

Among the given choices, only option C replaces the given bold part most appropriately.

The sentence after replacement becomes:

Although Nirav Modi was up to his ears in trouble, he managed to flee the country effortlessly.

Option C is hence the correct answer.

27. The original sentence is incorrect.

Reason: When two singular subjects are connected using ‘and’ but refer to the same person, the singular form of the verb should be used. In the given sentence, ‘the singer and dancer’ refers to the same person and should be followed by singular form of the ‘be’ verb. Therefore, the ‘has’ should be used in place of ‘have’ so as to make the sentence correct.

Among the given choices option C replaces the bold part most appropriately.

The sentence after replacement becomes:

The singer and dancer has given a wonderful performance which calls for a standing ovation.

Option C is hence the correct answer.
28. The original sentence is erroneous.

**Reason:** In statements beginning with a preposition/verb or having a preposition/verb before a pronoun, the pronoun should always take the objective case. The given sentence begins with the verb ‘let’ followed pronouns. Hence the pronouns should be in their objective case. Therefore, ‘I’ should be replaced by ‘me’ in order to make it a grammatically correct sentence.

Among the choices available, option C replaces the bold part most appropriately.

**The sentence after replacement becomes:**

Let you and me together go to watch the movie after work.

Option C is hence the correct answer.

29. The original sentence is absolutely correct and hence the bold part needs no replacement.

Option E is hence the correct answer.

30. The original sentence is incorrect.

**Reason:** The words ‘high’ and ‘less’ have been used in the positive degree. This is incorrect in this sentence. The article ‘the’ is used before comparative degree to indicate a sense of proportion. Therefore, the ‘higher’ should be used in place of ‘high’ and ‘lesser’ should be used in place of ‘less’ so as to make the sentence correct.

Among the given choices option C replaces the bold part most appropriately.

**The sentence after replacement becomes:**

When climbing a mountain, the higher you go the lesser the level of oxygen becomes.

Option C is hence the correct answer.
31. The original sentence is erroneous.

**Reason:** The word ‘subscribe’ must be followed the preposition ‘to’ instead of ‘in’ in this context. The expression “subscribe to” means ‘accept or believe in’.

Hence ‘to’ should be used in place of ‘in’ to make the sentence grammatically and contextually correct.

Among the given choices, only option D replaces the given bold part most appropriately.

**The sentence after replacement becomes:**

Those who willingly join terrorist organizations subscribe to the distorted views of ill-intentioned religious leaders.

Option D is hence the correct answer.

32. The original sentence is erroneous.

**Reason:** Usage of the phrasal verb 'hold over' which means ‘to do something or deal with something at a later time or date’ is inappropriate in this sentence.

’Hold back’ which means ‘hesitate to act or speak; keep secret’ would be suitable in this context.

E.g.: I held back during the meeting because I knew that my opinions were too controversial.

Hence ‘held back’ should be used in place of ‘held over’ to make the sentence grammatically and contextually correct.

Among the given choices, only option B replaces the given bold part most appropriately.

**The sentence after replacement becomes:**

It is commendable that wing commander Abhinandan Varthaman held back crucial information even under situations of extreme stress.

Option B is hence the correct answer.
33. The original sentence is erroneous.

**Reason**: The correct idiomatic expression in this sentence is 'drag their feet' and not 'drag with their foot'.

**Drag one’s feet (Idiom):**

Meaning: Be deliberately slow or reluctant to act.

E.g.: We can't be late for the dentist, so quit dragging your feet and get in the car!

Hence ‘drag their feet’ should be used in place of ‘drag with their foot’ to make the sentence grammatically correct.

Among the given choices, only option C replaces the given bold part most appropriately.

**The sentence after replacement becomes:**

In romantic relationships, couples usually drag their feet when it comes to initiating talks regarding marriage.

Option C is hence the correct answer.

34. The original sentence is absolutely correct and hence the bold part needs no replacement.

Option E is hence the correct answer.

35. The original sentence is erroneous.

**Reason**: The correct idiomatic expression is 'get your fingers burned' and not 'get your burning fingers'.

**Get your fingers burned (Idiom):**

Meaning: To suffer unpleasant results of an action, especially loss of money, so you do not want to do the same thing again.

E.g.: She'd invested extensively in stocks and got her fingers burned when the market collapsed.

Hence ‘get your fingers burned’ should be used in place of ‘get your fingers burning’ to make the sentence grammatically correct.

Among the given choices, only option C replaces the given bold part most appropriately.

**The sentence after replacement becomes:**

Investing all your money in one sector instead of diversifying your portfolio might get your fingers burned.

Option C is hence the correct answer.
36. The original sentence is erroneous.

**Reason:** The word ‘slow’ must be followed by the preposition ‘of’ instead of ‘behind’ in this context. The expression “slow of speech” means ‘to not be able to speak at a normal pace’.

Hence ‘of’ should be used in place of ‘behind’ to make the sentence grammatically and contextually correct.

Among the given choices, only option D replaces the given bold part most appropriately.

**The sentence after replacement becomes:**

Dyslexic children are slow of speech and have a number of learning disabilities.

Option D is hence the correct answer.

37. The original sentence is erroneous.

**Reason:** Usage of the phrasal verb 'keep up' which means ‘move or progress at the same rate as someone or something else’ is inappropriate in this sentence.

'Keep away' which means ‘stay away’ would be suitable in this context.

E.g.: You should keep away from fried foods.

Hence ‘kept away’ should be used in place of ‘kept up’ to make the sentence grammatically and contextually correct.

Among the given choices, only option B replaces the given bold part most appropriately.

**The sentence after replacement becomes:**

Members of the opposition kept away from parliamentary meetings as a sign of protest.

Option B is hence the correct answer.
38. The original sentence is erroneous.

**Reason:** The word ‘altogether’ means ‘completely or totally’ and does not bring out the meaning of the sentence correctly. The author wants to convey that a unanimous objection was raised against whale hunting. Hence ‘all the members together’ should be used in place of ‘the members altogether’ to make the sentence grammatically correct.

Among the given choices, only option D replaces the given bold part most appropriately.

**The sentence after replacement becomes:**

All the members together raised an objection against whale hunting.

Option D is hence the correct answer.

39. The original sentence is absolutely correct and hence the bold part needs no replacement.

Option E is hence the correct answer.

40. The original sentence is erroneous.

**Reason:** The correct idiomatic expression is 'hair stand on end' and not 'hairs stand up at end'.

**Make one's hair stand on end (Idiom):**

Meaning: To scare or horrify someone.

E.g.: The screams coming from the old, dark house made my hair stand on end.

Hence ‘hair stand on end’ should be used in place of ‘hairs stand up at’ to make the sentence grammatically correct.

Among the given choices, only option C replaces the given bold part most appropriately.

**The sentence after replacement becomes:**

The recent atrocities committed by paedophiles will make any parent’s hair stand on end.

Option C is hence the correct answer.
41. The original sentence is erroneous.

**Reason:** The word ‘urban’ means ‘relating to or characteristic of a town or city’ and is unsuitable in this sentence. The correct word to be used here is ‘urbane’ which means ‘courteous and refined in manner’. Hence ‘urbane’ should be used in place of ‘urban’ to make the sentence grammatically correct.

Among the given choices, only option D replaces the given bold part most appropriately.

**The sentence after replacement becomes:**

Mr. Tharoor’s urbane manners charm friends and enemies alike.

Option D is hence the correct answer.

42. The original sentence is erroneous.

**Reason:** Usage of the phrasal verb 'look away' which means ‘avert one's gaze' is inappropriate in this sentence.

'Look down on' which means ‘to consider someone or something lesser or inferior in some way’ would be suitable in this context.

E.g.: She looks down on anyone who hasn’t had a university education.

Hence ‘look down on’ should be used in place of ‘look away on’ to make the sentence grammatically and contextually correct.

Among the given choices, only option B replaces the given bold part most appropriately.

**The sentence after replacement becomes:**

Religious bigots look down upon anyone who does not conform to their beliefs

Option B is hence the correct answer.
The original sentence is erroneous.

**Reason:** The word ‘leisure’ must be followed by the preposition ‘for’ instead of ‘till’ in this context. The expression “leisure for” means ‘free time for’.

Hence ‘for’ should be used in place of ‘till’ to make the sentence grammatically and contextually correct.

Among the given choices, only option D replaces the given bold part most appropriately.

**The sentence after replacement becomes:**

Having leisure for outdoor activities such as taking a stroll down the park has become a rarity in this fast paced life.

Option D is hence the correct answer.

The original sentence is absolutely correct and hence the bold part needs no replacement.

Option E is hence the correct answer.

The original sentence is erroneous.

**Reason:** The correct idiomatic expression is 'a helping hand' and not ‘a helpful handshake’.

**Lend a helping hand (Idiom):**

Meaning: To help or assist.

E.g.: Peter is always willing to lend a helping hand around the house.

Hence ‘a helping hand’ should be used in place of ‘a helpful handshake’ to make the sentence grammatically correct.

Among the given choices, only option C replaces the given bold part most appropriately.

**The sentence after replacement becomes:**

India lent a helping hand to Nepal by giving them 2.1 billion Nepalese rupees for the reconstruction of houses flattened in the 2015 earthquake.

Option C is hence the correct answer.
46. The original sentence is erroneous.

**Reason:** The word ‘voracity’ means ‘the quality of craving or consuming large quantities of food’ and is unsuitable in this sentence. The correct word to be used here is ‘veracity’ which means ‘truthfulness or accuracy’. Hence ‘veracity’ should be used in place of ‘voracity’ to make the sentence grammatically correct.

Among the given choices, only option C replaces the given bold part most appropriately.

**The sentence after replacement becomes:**

One is advised to check the veracity of news articles before forwarding them on whatsapp and other social media.

Option C is hence the correct answer.

47. The original sentence is erroneous.

**Reason:** Usage of the phrasal verb 'lay out' which means ‘One should lay aside’ is inappropriate in this sentence.

‘Lay aside’ which means ‘put away’ would be suitable in the context.

E.g.: They agreed to lay aside their differences for the good of their families.

Hence ‘lay aside’ should be used in place of ‘lay out’ to make the sentence grammatically and contextually correct.

Among the given choices, only option B replaces the given bold part most appropriately.

**The sentence after replacement becomes:**

One should lay aside one’s doubts and insecurities before entering the examination hall.

Option B is hence the correct answer.
48. The original sentence is erroneous.

**Reason:** The term ‘white bullet’ does not make any sense. The correct expression is silver bullet'.

**Silver bullet (Noun):**

Meaning: A simple and seemingly magical solution to a complicated problem.

E.g.: There is no silver bullet that can prevent flooding entirely.

Hence ‘silver bullet’ should be used in place of ‘white bullet’ to make the sentence grammatically correct.

Among the given choices, only option C replaces the given bold part most appropriately.

**The sentence after replacement becomes:**

The idea of a single bad bank where the NPAs of all PSBs may be transferred as a silver bullet to clean up PSB balance sheets must be rejected.

Option C is hence the correct answer.

49. The original sentence is absolutely correct and hence the bold part needs no replacement.

Option E is hence the correct answer.

50. The original sentence is erroneous.

**Reason:** Usage of the phrasal verb 'make over' which means ‘to officially make someone else the owner of something ’ is inappropriate in this sentence.

'Make after' which means ‘to begin chasing someone or something’ would be suitable in this context.

E.g.: I made after the bus, but there was no way I could catch it.

Hence ‘made after’ should be used in place of ‘made over’ to make the sentence grammatically and contextually correct.

Among the given choices, only option B replaces the given bold part most appropriately.

**The sentence after replacement becomes:**

The dog made after the biker but was soon left behind in the empty street.

Option B is hence the correct answer.
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