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Phrase correction

In the following questions, few phrases are highlighted which may or may not be correct in terms of grammar. Below are given alternatives to improve them in case of any error and if there is no error mark (5) as your option.

Question :1

The Sports Minister hoped that the **stupendous success for FIFA (A)**/ Under-17 World Cup **would motivate the country's budding** footballers to improve **(B)**/ **their game and eye a World Cup** qualification in near future.**(C)**

(A) stupendous success of FIFA

(B) would motivate the country's budding

(C) their game and eye an World Cup

(1) Only A

(2) Only B


(3) Both A and B 

(4) Both A and C

(5) No correction required


Question :2

A nation that **had been once tried to** kill him was the first to embrace him.

- (1) had once been trying to
- (2) had once tried to 
- (3) once had been tried to
- (4) had to once try, and
- (5) No correction required

Question :3

Every poet **gives voice to** his anger and his compassion through his poems.

- (1) voiced to gives
- (2) gives voice for
- (3) gave voice against
- (4) voice at giving
- (5) No correction required 

Question :4

The Haryana government announced **lifetime monthly pension at Rs 10,000 for (A)/ Hindi Satyagrahis and those from the state, who were jailed during** the Emergency, **(B)/ while also enhancing financial assistance** to World War-II veterans and their widows. **(C)**

(A) lifetime monthly pension of Rs 10,000 for


(B) of the state, who were jailed during

(C) while also enhanced financial assistance

(1) Only A

(2) only B


(3) Both A and B

(4) Both A and C 

(5) No correction required

Question :5

Everyone of us must have experienced how people **have to put up with a good deal of** discomfort while travelling.

- (1) are putting up with a good deal with
- (2) have to put up a good deal with
- (3) have been putting up a good deal with
- (4) have to be put with a good deal of
- (5) No correction required 

Question :6

The president has accused the chief of covering up his government's **failure to keep power tariff (A)**/ under check and said **all power purchase agreement were (B)**/**signed as per guidelines issued by** the then Congress-led UPA government. **(C)**

(A) failure for keeping power tariff

(B) all power purchase agreements were

(C) signed as per guidelines issued to

(1) Only A

(2) Only B 


(3) Both A and B

(4) Both A and C

(5) No correction required

Question :7

The police nabbed a notorious criminal who **had been terrorizing builders and extorted** money from them for the past two years.

- (1) was terrorizing builders and extorted
- (2) had not been terrorized builders and extorted
- (3) had been terrorizing builders and extorting 
- (4) had terrorized builders and extorted
- (5) No correction required

Question :8

Sometimes, **cultural differences in appropriate** body language can cause **(A)/ discomfort or misunderstandings which instance**, there are definite cultural **(B)/ differences on how much distance should be kept** between two people who are speaking together. **(C)**


(A) culture difference in appropriate

(B) discomfort or misunderstandings for instance,

(C) differences in how much distance should be kept

(1) Only A


(2) Only B

(3) Both B and C 

(4) Both A and B

(5) No correction required

It **took years for realizing** what was going on.

- (1) took years for realization
- (2) takes years for realizing
- (3) took years after realizing
- (4) took years before realized
- (5) No correction required 

Question :10

A study of internet freedom in 65 countries found **(A)**/ 30 governments **are deployed some** form of manipulation **(B)**/
to distorting online information, up from 23 the previous year. **(C)**

(A) a study from internet freedom

(B) are deploying some

(C) to distort online information

(1) Only A

(2) Only B


(3) Both B and C 

(4) Both A and B

(5) No correction required

Question :11

While Indian tech companies have been hit by the US President's efforts to restrict visas to foreign workers, Indian students too **have begun to reconsider the US** the best destination for education.


- (1) have begun to reconsidering the US as
- (2) have begun to reconsider the US like
- (3) has begun to reconsider the US as
- (4) have begun to reconsider the US as 
- (5) No correction required

No person except Rahul come forward to help me in the matter of my difficulties.

- (1) No person excepting
- (2) No other person except
- (3) Not a person except
- (4) No expecting person
- (5) No correction required



Please take delivery of the material and **acknowledgement at the earliest.**

- (1) send acknowledging at the earliest
- (2) acknowledge at the earliest 
- (3) acknowledge the earliest
- (4) early acknowledgement
- (5) No correction required

Question :14

Early indications are that this could be a real wildlife success story, the new squirrel species **(A)/ is not only flourishing and breeding** in their new homes, **(B)/ but also they are starting to spread out into** new areas, with squirrels being sighted as far as 15km away.**(C)**

(A) Early indications are that this could to be


(B) are not only flourishing and breeding

(C) But they are also starting to spread out into

(1) Only A

(2) Only B

(3) Both A and B

(4) Both B and C 

(5) No correction required

Question :15

The cost of living has increased so much that he finds it difficult **to make each end meet.**

(1) to make both ends meet

(2) to make either end meet

(3) to make both end meet

(4) to make all ends meet

(5) No correction required



Question :16

The Chief Minister remembered Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel **on his birth anniversary amid** (A)/ controversy over the West Bengal government **asking state institutes** (B)/ **of higher education to ignore** Centre's directive of organising events to remember the Iron Man. (C)

(A) on his birthday anniversary amid

(B) asking stated institutes

(C) of higher education to ignoring

(1) Only A

(2) Only B


(3) Both A and B

(4) Both A and C

(5) No correction required



There is full justification to close down the units **which are neither profitable or serving** any social cause.

- (1) which are not profitable or serve
- (2) which are neither profitable nor serving 
- (3) which have neither profitable nor serve
- (4) which are neither profitable or serve
- (5) No correction required

Question :18

There is a major difference **between creative and intellectual** types, **(A)**/ **an individuals with a more active imagination (B)**/ **finds it easier to relate** and deal with people from all walks of life. **(C)**

(A) between creative to intellectual

(B) an individual with a more,

(C) finds it easier from relating

(1) Only A

(2) Only B 

(3) Both B and C

(4) Both A and B

(5) No correction required

Question :19

The officer had triggered a controversy **by charging his superiors by ignoring** his warning.

- (1) by charging his superiors and ignoring
- (2) with charging his superiors by ignoring
- (3) by charging his superiors after ignored
- (4) for charging his superiors on ignoring
- (5) No correction required



A cloud in the sky **does not necessarily means** that it will rain.

(1) does not necessarily meat

(2) does not necessarily mean


(3) is not to mean necessarily

(4) is not necessarily to mean

(5) No correction required



Our business firms **were full aware of** the problems they were going to face on the threshold of the year 2000.

- (1) were fully aware into
- (2) had been fully aware at
- (3) were fully aware of 
- (4) have been fully aware of
- (5) No correction required

Question :22

Idea's chief executive and managing director **remain hopeful that (A)/ revenue will increase in** a quarter or two and the company will be **(B)/ able to narrow its losses** because of synergies from its proposed merger with Vodafone India Ltd. **(C)**

(A) remains hopeful that

(B) revenue will be increased in

(C) able to narrow their losses

(1) Only A 

(2) Only B


(3) Both B and C

(4) Both A and B


(5) No correction required

When he was not able to show his ticket, the inspector **made him buying another.**

- (A) made him buy another
- (B) makes him buying


- (1) Only A 
- (2) Only B
- (3) Either A or B
- (4) None of these
- (5) No correction required

Stephen Hawking decided **to use the experiment as an argument to gain the favour of** Einstein's theory.


- (1) to use the experiment as an argument to seek favour for
- (2) to use the experiment as an argument in favour of 
- (3) for using the experiment as an argument favourable to
- (4) to use the experiment as an argument to favour for
- (5) No correction required

Question :25


Franklin who survived the ordeal, **intrigued with the question of what made it possible for** some to survive while others died.

- (1) was intrigued with the question of what made it possible for 
- (2) intriguingly questioned the possibility for
- (3) has been intrigued by the question of what made it seem possible
- (4) became intrigued on the question of what made it seem possible
- (5) No correction required


Johnson **was unwilling of pull out on Vietnam** because he did not want to be remembered as a president who has lost a war.

- (1) has been unwilling to pull out vietnam
- (2) had an unwillingness to pull through vietnam
- (3) was unwilling to pull out of vietnam 
- (4) has unwilling to pull out of vietnam
- (5) No correction required

A writ **currently pending in the High Court** allowing the physically challenged ten attempts to clear the UPSC examination.

- (1) which as of now pending in the high court allowing
- (2) is of now pending in the high court to seek for
- (3) is currently pending in the high court to review
- (4) is currently pending in the high court to allow 
- (5) No correction required

He **firmly believes that** a radical change in the structure of our various departments as necessary.

- (1) is believing that
- (2) firmly believes that 
- (3) firmly belief that
- (4) that firmly believes in
- (5) No correction required

Question :29

Opposition National Conference accused the Jammu and Kashmir **government of being corrupt (A)**/ and intolerant, and appealed to the Centre **to set up an inquiry panel (B)**/ **for conducting an audit of the** money pumped for the state's development. **(C)**

(A) government for being corrupt

(B) to set out an inquiry panel

(C) for conducting an audit to the

(1) Only A


(2) only B

(3) Both A and B

(4) Both B and C

(5) No correction required 

Had he known more about the policies of the company, he might not have accepted the offer.

- (1) he had known more
- (2) did he know more
- (3) since not more was known
- (4) if he would know more
- (5) No correction required 

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