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Direction (1-3) In the question given below, a sentence is divided into five parts. There is/are error(s) in one part or some parts of the sentence. Find out the part(s) with error(s) and choose the option accordingly.

- Q1.** 'Government or central-bank digital currencies' are the next step, (A)/ but it come with a twist because (B)/ they would centralise power in the state (C)/ rather than spreading it through networks (D)/ or give it to private monopolies. (E)
- (A) Both (B) and (D)
(B) Only (D)
(C) Both (A) and (B)
(D) (B), (D), and (E)
(E) Sentence is error free.
- Q2.** The moon's gravitational pull is the dominant reason (A)/ we have tides on Earth; more specifically, Earth rotating beneath(B)/ the moon once per day and the moon orbiting around(C)/ Earth once per month are the big reason that (D)/ the ocean is constantly sloshing around. (E)
- (A) Both (B) and (C)
(B) Only (D)
(C) Both (A) and (B)
(D) Both (B) and (D)
(E) Sentence is error free.
- Q3.** Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) is not a new to India(A)/ and corporates have been implemented(B)/ the community development activities voluntarily, (C)/often as charity or philanthropy and sometimes(D)/ to buy peace with the community. (E)
- (A) Both (A) and (C)
(B) Only (D)
(C) Both (A) and (B)
(D) (B), (D), and (E)
(E) Sentence is error free

Direction (4-6): In the following question, a sentence is given with a phrase highlighted in bold. Select the option given below that can replace the phrase in bold to make the sentence grammatically and contextually correct and mark that as your answer. If the sentence is correct as it is, mark 'No correction required', as the answer.

- Q4.** Even before the Chairman's statement, **thermal trackers is noting** the terminal module had underperformed.
- (A) a number of trackers have used with
(B) engineers are being noted that
(C) the tracking equipment with
(D) spaceflight trackers had noted that
(E) No correction required

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- Q5. The recent allegation by the former employee could be able to prove their case against the government.
- (A) recent turn of events could help them to proved
 - (B) allegations made by him recently will hold water in
 - (C) revelations of the employee cannot withheld to corroborate
 - (D) documents submitted by the team member was helpful
 - (E) No correction required
- Q6. The State should be considering the demands of the student who are domiciled because of the fortuitous circumstances.
- (A) ought to consider the case of the candidates
 - (B) should considering the needs of the employees
 - (C) need to be considered the demands of the students
 - (D) is yet to consider the requirements of the project
 - (E) No correction required

Direction (7): In the following question, four statements marked as A, B, C and D are given, of which one may or may not be based on the same theme as that of the other three. Mark the odd sentence that can be replaced with the sentence in bold that follows the theme, as your answer. If all four sentences align with the same theme, mark "No replacement required" as your answer.

- Q7. The new currency notes were launched for different denominations such as Rs 2000, Rs 500, Rs 200, Rs 100, Rs 50, Rs 20 and Rs 10 with significant changes in colour, design and sizes.
- A. Once users download the MANI app, they can scan the currency note using their mobile camera and the audio output will reveal the denomination of the note in both Hindi and English language.
 - B. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has launched the 'MANI' mobile app to help the visually challenged identify various currency notes in circulation.
 - C. The MANI app has been made available for free download in the app store of iPhones and Google Play Store of phones with the Android operating system.
 - D. The application, launched by RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das, will enable the visually disabled to differentiate between various denominations of a currency note using the application.
- (A) C
 - (B) B
 - (C) D
 - (D) A
 - (E) No replacement required

Directions (8-14): Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow. Worldwide, at least 13% of people between the ages of 10 and 19 live with a diagnosed mental health disorder, according to the latest State of the World's Children report, published by the United Nations Children's charity UNICEF. It is the first time in the organisation's history that this flagship report has tackled the challenges and opportunities for preventing and treating mental health problems among young people. It reveals that adolescent mental health is highly complex, understudied, and underfunded. Anxiety and depression constitute more than 40% of mental health disorders among young people (those aged 10 - 19).



UNICEF also reports that, worldwide, suicide is the fourth most common cause of death (after road injuries, tuberculosis and interpersonal violence) among adolescents (aged 15 - 19). Sadly, psychological distress among young people seems to be rising. There is also initial evidence that the coronavirus pandemic is **exacerbating** this trend in some countries. Although most mental health disorders arise during adolescence, UNICEF says that only one-third of investment in mental health research is targeted towards young people. Moreover, the research itself suffers from fragmentation- scientists involved tend to work inside some key disciplines, such as psychiatry, paediatrics, psychology and epidemiology, and the links between research and healthcare services are often poor.

By contrast, researchers have found that improving young people's cognitive and interpersonal skills can be more effective in preventing and treating anxiety and depression under certain circumstances - although the reason for this is not known. For instance, a concept known as 'decentring' or 'psychological distancing' (that is, encouraging a person to adopt an objective perspective on negative thoughts and feelings) can help both to prevent and to **alleviate** depression and anxiety, although the underlying neurobiological mechanisms are unclear.

In addition, the Campbell Family Mental Health Institute in Toronto, Canada reported a meta-analysis of 90 randomised controlled trials. They found that helping young people improve their emotion-regulation skills, which are needed to control emotional responses to difficult situations, enables them to cope better with anxiety and depression. However, it is still unclear whether better regulation of emotions is the cause or the effect of these improvements.

Q8. According to the UNICEF report, what is the primary characteristic of the current state of research on adolescent mental health?

- (A) The studies are comprehensive and adequately funded.
- (B) The ongoing analysis suffers academic neglect and lacks financial support.
- (C) The work is limited to key disciplines with strong links to healthcare.
- (D) The studies focus on prevention more than treatment.
- (E) An inclusive understanding of treatment outcomes is reflected in the research.

Q9. What did the analysis by the Campbell Family Mental Health Institute find with respect to regulating one's emotions in the context of young people?

- (A) Emotional regulation has no impact on anxiety and depression.
- (B) It is the primary cause of depleting mental health among young people.
- (C) Better emotional management helps deal with anxiety and depression.
- (D) The cause-and-effect relationship of emotional and mental health is unclear.
- (E) Nothing pertaining to emotional regulation is addressed in the given analysis.

Q10. What does the concept of 'psychological distancing' involve according to the information provided in the passage?

- (A) Psychological distancing means to enhance emotional responsiveness.
- (B) It aims to encourage a narrow perspective on negative thoughts.
- (C) The method prevents cognitive and interpersonal skills development of children.
- (D) It promotes an objective point of view towards negative emotions and thoughts.
- (E) This approach undermines the effectiveness of cognitive therapy.

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- Q11.** As per the passage, why does the State of the World's Children report mark a significant milestone for the UN organisation UNICEF?
- (A) It addresses challenges and opportunities related to global health.
 - (B) The report explores the historical trends of mental health disorders.
 - (C) For the first time, the report focuses on the mental health of adolescents.
 - (D) It primarily discusses the impact of the coronavirus pandemic on young people.
 - (E) The report analyses leading causes of death among adolescents.
- Q12.** Which of the following statements is/are correct as per the given passage?
- I. The report titled 'State of the World's Children' is published by UNICEF.
 - II. Globally, suicide is the leading cause of death among adolescents.
 - III. Studies indicate that enhancing the cognitive abilities of young individuals is impactful in addressing anxiety and depression.
- (A) Only I
 - (B) Both I and II
 - (C) Only II
 - (D) Both I and III
 - (E) All I, II and III
- Q13.** Select the antonym of the word '**(a)ll(e)vi(a)t(e)**' that is emboldened in the passage.
- (A) Ameliorate
 - (B) Mitigate
 - (C) Integrate
 - (D) Effectuate
 - (E) Aggravate
- Q14.** Which of the following words can replace the word '**(e)x(a)(c)(e)r(b)(a)ting**' in the passage without changing the meaning of the sentence?
- (A) Intensifying
 - (B) Worsening
 - (C) Pondering
 - (D) Both A and B
 - (E) Both B and C
- Q15.** The question consists of five statements labelled A, B, C, D and E which, when logically ordered form a coherent passage. Choose the option that represents the most logical order.
- A. Thus, in every domain where decision-makers need the specialised knowledge of experts, those who don't have the relevant knowledge - whether they realise it or not - will compete with actual experts for money and attention.
 - B. Also, there is nothing new about ersatz experts, or even outright charlatans, and they aren't limited to questions of policy.
 - C. With the rise of social media one would assume that experts willing to share their hard-won knowledge have never been more accessible to the public.
 - D. What truly happens is that anyone who has spent time on Twitter or watching cable news can attest that these outlets are also flooded with self-appointed 'experts' whose lack of actual expertise doesn't stop them from sharing their views widely.
 - E. But this is not the case and this assumption is incorrect.



- (A) ADCBE
- (B) BDEAC
- (C) EACDB
- (D) CEDBA
- (E) DAECB

Q16. The question consists of five statements labelled A, B, C, D and E which, when logically ordered form a coherent passage. Choose the option that represents the most logical order

- A. She signed off by saying, 'This is one step away from thinking about why there is so little consensus about so many issues'.
- B. Nihilism is a constant threat.
- C. And she further added, 'We might also begin to doubt whether those who accept the idea really know or care about whether or not the idea is true'.
- D. As the 20th-century philosopher Hannah Arendt had few words to say about the very same 'nihilism' and that is, 'it is best understood not as a set of 'dangerous thoughts', but as a risk inherent in the very act of thinking'.
- E. She continued, 'If we reflect on any specific idea long enough, no matter how strong it seems at first, or how widely accepted, we'll start to doubt its truth'.

- (A) BDECA
- (B) CEDAB
- (C) DABCE
- (D) EACDB
- (E) ABCDE

Q17. The question consists of five statements labelled A, B, C, D and E which, when logically ordered form a coherent passage. Choose the option that represents the most logical order

- A. Today I'd like to explain what this is and show you how you can use this understanding to preserve your willpower when it comes to food.
- B. During my whole career as a food psychologist, while working for the hundreds of clients, and tens of thousands of readers I've helped to stop emotional eating, I've realised one thing.
- C. And that discovery is that while soul-searching is a very useful and helpful endeavour, a bigger part of the answer is in understanding behavioural principles.
- D. These principles have nothing to do with whether your mother didn't love you enough at mealtime, your father didn't say enough nice things about you, or you feel guilty about something you did when you were six years old.
- E. One behavioural principle I've found to make a really big difference both for clients and myself is a solid understanding of something called a 'discrimination neurosis'.

- (A) ABCED
- (B) CADEB
- (C) DABCE
- (D) EADCB
- (E) BCDEA

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Q18. The question consists of five statements labelled A, B, C, D and E which, when logically ordered form a coherent passage. Choose the option that represents the most logical order

- A. Both descend from lineages of the same animals and evolve into giant bodies that made them the largest creatures in the seas when they lived.
- B. About 246 million years ago, a sea lizard with a skull the size of a grand piano died in the ancient ocean that is now Nevada.
- C. Giant ichthyosaur appeared only three million years after the first ichthyosaurs took to the seas, suggesting the sea lizards evolved big bodies at a breakneck speed
- D. But it took whales 45 million years of living in the ocean to evolve their giant body sizes.
- E. Although ichthyosaurs and whales are separated by a few hundred million years, they have a lot in common.

- (A) CDEAB
- (B) BAECD
- (C) BEACD
- (D) BECDA
- (E) CADEB

Q19. In the given sentence, a blank is given indicating that something is missing. From the given options, a word or a combination of words would fit the blank thereby making it grammatically and contextually correct.

Saturation diving had to be done to ____ the ship properly that was wrecked in the Pacific Ocean last week.

- I. Excavate
- II. Experience
- III. Exhume

- (A) Only I
- (B) Only III
- (C) Both I and III
- (D) Only II
- (E) Both I and II

Q20. In the given sentence, a blank is given indicating that something is missing. From the given options, a word or a combination of words would fit the blank thereby making it grammatically and contextually correct.

Not stopping the ____ acts he's committing is a danger to the whole society as well as to his own family.

- I. Heinous
- II. Horrible
- III. Traditionally

- (A) Both I and II
- (B) Only II
- (C) Only III
- (D) Both II and III
- (E) Both I and III



Q21. In the given sentence, a blank is given indicating that something is missing. From the given options, a word or a combination of words would fit the blank thereby making it grammatically and contextually correct.

I know there will be much _____ in the aftermath of this decision as to what the so-called real reason was.

- I. discourse
- II. discussion
- III. dialogues
- (A) All I, II and III
- (B) Both I and II
- (C) Both II and III
- (D) Both I and III
- (E) Only II



Q22. In the given sentence, a blank is given indicating that something is missing. From the given options, a word or a combination of words would fit the blank thereby making it grammatically and contextually correct.

The company initially _____ its action on the grounds that the reporting was unverified.

- I. manoeuvred
- II. defended
- III. prescribed
- (A) All I, II and III
- (B) Only III
- (C) Both I and II
- (D) Both II and III
- (E) Only II

Q23. In the given sentence, a blank is given indicating that something is missing. From the given options, a word or a combination of words would fit the blank thereby making it grammatically and contextually correct.

We already know that hybrid immunity provides the best _____.

- I. susceptibility
- II. protection
- III. vulnerability
- (A) Both II and III
- (B) Both I and II
- (C) Only II
- (D) Only III
- (E) Only I

Direction (24-26): A phrase has been highlighted below followed by three more phrases marked I, II and III. Choose the phrases that forms a meaningful sentence when combined with the highlighted phrase. At least one of the three phrases must be combined with the highlighted phrase to form a meaningful sentence. Mark the option that contains the correct sequence of the phrases to form the complete sentence.

Q24. ..are particularly vulnerable to a new wave of infections..

- I. ..disease experts say that places that had low levels of natural infection..
- II. ..or have experienced low rates of vaccination and boosting..



III. ..vaccinations drives are extremely important..

- (A) phrase- II
- (B) phrase- III- I
- (C) phrase- I
- (D) I- II- phrase
- (E) III- II- phrase

Q25. ..of their shareholders and accumulate wealth without limit..

I. ..many investors have been pulling out of the Indian market..

II. ..and crashed the market by announcing the tax reforms..

III. ..companies are bound by law to act in the selfish interest..

- (A) phrase- I
- (B) phrase- II- III
- (C) I- III- phrase
- (D) II- phrase
- (E) III- phrase

Q26. ..Europe is competing in global markets for the limited petroleum supply..

I. ..many countries have increased their imports..

II. ..and analysts have warned a jump in demand could inflate prices further..

III. ..and leave poorer nations struggling to afford it..

- (A) III- phrase
- (B) II- phrase- I
- (C) phrase- II- III
- (D) I- II- phrase
- (E) II- phrase

Directions (27-36): Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

News about organ transplantation swings from uplifting to disheartening. Newspapers carry frequent stories of acts of spontaneous solidarity by ordinary Indians donating organs of family members who have suddenly passed away due to catastrophic injuries, causing brain death. This donation is to complete strangers without any expectation in return. We have recently witnessed parents donating the organs of their babies who are brain-dead in what must be a state of unimaginable grief. There is also regular news of extraordinary scientific breakthroughs in transplantation. Transplantation is an example of **solidarity**, science, and teamwork in healthcare. Simultaneously there is news of scandals, often involving the buying of organs from the vulnerable. Last year, a Kolkata hospital was at the centre of a news investigation which described street children from Nepal being lured as kidney donors for wealthy Indian and foreign patients. More recently, newspapers reported what seems like an elaborate Myanmar-based ring which arranged paid kidney donors and got transplants performed in a prominent Delhi hospital by faking documents. The buying and selling of human organs is a very old and global phenomenon. It has been deemed illegal in most of the world including India. This is not just from a moral prism but also to protect the rights of the vulnerable.

But organ commerce continues, given the acute demand and a world where the commodification of the body is normalised. However, selling organs still evokes **revulsion**. Also, unethical transplantation requires the collusion of expert doctors whose professional oaths condemn organ trading. Morality and ethics collide with market medicine. There is something new, though, in the Myanmar news story. Transplantation has grown exponentially in India, largely in the private



sector. Whilst public medicine focussed on primary care, the private sector seized the gap in tertiary care.

Transplants need well-trained personnel, technology, advanced intensive care, and institutional drive for good outcomes. These conditions were met in an expanding private sector, especially corporate hospitals. We must _____ that this has made transplantation, especially of organs beyond the kidney, available to a section of Indians who previously couldn't access it. But something else is also happening. The corporate health sector realised that there is a lot of revenue in medical tourism and transplantation. Many countries in South Asia, Central Asia, and Africa have not been able to develop transplant facilities. It was a matter of time before patients travelled from other countries to India. Transplantation in India is relatively cheap for foreigners in comparison to the rest of the world though it continues to be costly for ordinary Indians - a strange dichotomy.

- Q27.** According to the passage, how does the private sector contribute to the expansion of transplantation in India?
- (A) The private sector maintained its focus on primary care, leaving tertiary care to the public sector.
 - (B) It funded other micro-hospitals and urged them to incorporate transplantation services.
 - (C) The private sector offered free transplants to bridge the healthcare gap in the tertiary sector.
 - (D) The sector actively builds corporate hospitals, thus fulfilling the requirements of infrastructure and experts.
 - (E) It avoided any involvement in medical tourism to maintain a focus on primary care.
- Q28.** In the passage, what positive aspect of organ transplantation is emphasized?
- (A) The continuous struggle to match the demand with supply in organ commerce.
 - (B) The substantial financial gains from medical tourism, particularly in corporate healthcare institutions.
 - (C) The occurrence of remarkable advancements in science within the realm of transplantation.
 - (D) Efficient working of law enforcement agencies in exposing illicit practices in healthcare.
 - (E) The complex activities of the local groups who orchestrate transplants with forged documents.
- Q29.** What unusual contradiction is identified concerning organ transplantation in India as per the passage?
- (A) The simultaneous availability for both foreigners and locals within the healthcare system.
 - (B) The coexistence of a growing private sector and a focus on public medicine.
 - (C) The interplay of science and teamwork in healthcare, shaping the transplantation landscape.
 - (D) The symbiotic relationship between corporate hospitals and the flourishing medical tourism industry.
 - (E) The stark difference in affordability of transplantation services between Indians and foreigners.
- Q30.** Identify the statement that appropriately conveys the idea of 'medical tourism' as discussed in the passage.
- (A) It refers to the fraudulent practices of buying and selling organs.
 - (B) The passage describes medical tourism as another reference for public healthcare in India.
 - (C) It describes the role of large established hospitals in promoting tourism.
 - (D) It is explained in the passage as the trend of patients travelling to another country for affordable transplantation.
 - (E) It is a term used to refer to the students who come from other countries to study medicine in India.

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- Q31.** With reference to the passage, all the given statements are incorrect, except-
- I. The public sector in India largely focuses on primary healthcare and medicine.
 - II. Recently, India's high transplantation costs have led to a decline in the number of transplants.
 - III. The passage affirms that the commercialisation of human organs is legalised in the majority of the world.
- (A) Only II
 - (B) Only I
 - (C) Both I and III
 - (D) Only III
 - (E) None of I, II, and III
- Q32.** In the context of the given passage, which of the following statements is/are true regarding the practice of transplantation in India?
- I. There are both positive and negative dimensions present in the current status of transplantation in India.
 - II. Despite rising numbers, the practice is marked as unlawful in India to guard the rights of people.
 - III. Major cities like Delhi and Kolkata are mentioned as the ground for incidences of illegal transplants.
- (A) Both I and III
 - (B) Both I and II
 - (C) All I, II and III
 - (D) Both II and III
 - (E) None of I, II, and III
- Q33.** Which of the following statements correctly mention(s) the essential conditions for conducting successful transplants?
- I. The intertwining of international demand and supply which can boost medical tourism.
 - II. The presence of technology and expert doctors to perform complex transplants.
 - III. The consistent and profitable rise of corporate hospitals to meet their revenue targets.
- (A) All I, II and III
 - (B) Only III
 - (C) Only I
 - (D) Both I and II
 - (E) Only II
- Q34.** Select the word that can replace the word '**revulsion**' that is emboldened in the passage without affecting the meaning of the sentence.
- (A) Abhorrence
 - (B) Approbation
 - (C) Nonchalance
 - (D) Fervour
 - (E) Contentedness
- Q35.** Which of the following words is opposite in meaning to the word '**solidarity**' that is emboldened in the passage?
- (A) Prolific
 - (B) Quandary
 - (C) Discord
 - (D) Rebuke
 - (E) Cohesion



Q36. Which among the following options can correctly fill the blank given in the passage?

- (A) Testifies
- (B) Acknowledge
- (C) Catapulted
- (D) Reciprocate
- (E) Considering

Directions (37-40): In the passage given below there are blanks which are to be filled with the options given below. Find out the appropriate words in each case which can most suitably complete the sentence without altering the meaning of the sentence.

If overcrowding of prisons has been a perennial problem in this country, high ____A____ levels can only mean bad news amidst a pandemic. The Supreme Court has been intervening from time to time to ____B____ this problem, but its latest order directing the interim release of eligible prisoners acquires salience in view of the uncontrolled second surge in the raging pandemic. Last year, the Court had passed such an order quite early - the one of March 23, 2020, came even before the nationwide lockdown. The Court had then ____C____ all States to take preventive steps as well as constitute high-powered committees to determine the class of prisoners who could be released on bail or parole for a specified period. In directing this week that besides ____D____ more prisoners for release, the same set of prisoners be given parole this year too, the Court continues its trend of seeking to protect prisoners as well as those guarding them from getting infected.

Q37. Which of the following words will fit in the blank 'A'?

- (A) held, possessing
- (B) occurring, control
- (C) occupancy, inhabitation
- (D) deed, habitation
- (E) terminating, tenure

Q38. Which of the following words will fit in the blank 'B'?

- (A) address, convey
- (B) acknowledge, labelling
- (C) directions, forward
- (D) dispatch, onwards
- (E) approaches, undertake

Q39. Which of the following words will fit in the blank 'C'?

- (A) commitment, instructed
- (B) ordered, directed
- (C) played, enjoin
- (D) released, plan
- (E) submitted, rested

Q40. Which of the following words will fit in the blank 'D'?

- (A) keeping, visiting
- (B) finding, yielding
- (C) pushing, jumping
- (D) identifying, recognising
- (E) diminishing, shielding

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S1. Parts with error - Both (B) and (D).

In part (B), the usage of the singular pronoun 'it' is incorrect. Because in the given sentence we are talking about multiple currencies. Hence, the plural pronoun "they" should be used. So, In part (D), there is Faulty parallelism.

(Also called parallel structure or parallel construction) - it is the repetition of the same grammatical form in two or more parts of a sentence.

Example - "I like to jog, bake, paint, and watch movies." (All verbs are in simple present tense) In the given sentence, "because they would centralise (simple present) power in the state rather than spreading (present

continuous) it through networks or give (simple present) it to private monopolies", 'spreading' is grammatically incorrect. It should be changed with 'spread'.

Correct sentence is - 'Government or central-bank digital currencies' is the next step, but they come with a twist because they would centralise power in the state rather than spread it through networks or give it to private monopolies.

Hence, A is the correct answer.

Note:

Parallelism: In grammar, parallelism, also known as parallel structure or parallel construction, is a balance within one or more sentences of similar phrases or clauses that have the same grammatical structure. Given below is an example which shows a sentence in two forms (parallel in structure and lacking parallelism): Lacking parallelism: Prerna likes cooking, dancing and to sing. Parallel: Prerna likes cooking, dancing and singing.

S2. Only (D) has an error.

In part (D), usage of "reason" is grammatically incorrect as we cited two reasons "1. Earth rotating beneath the moon once per day, 2. the moon orbiting around Earth once per month". So, "reasons" should be correct.

Hence, B is the correct answer.

The corrected sentence: The moon's gravitational pull is the dominant reason we have tides on Earth; more specifically, Earth rotating beneath the moon once per day and the moon orbiting around Earth once per month are the big reasons that the ocean is constantly sloshing around.

S3. Parts with error - Both (A) and (B).

In part (A), the usage of article "a" is incorrect as we use articles before nouns or noun equivalents but 'new' is an adjective.

Article usage would have been correct if the following structure is followed - Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) is not a new concept (noun). So, omit 'a'.

In part (B), "V3 (implemented) is incorrect". V3 is used when the subject is the receiver of the action but here the subject 'corporates' is the doer of the action so 'implementing' is the correct form of the verb to be used after 'have been'.

The corrected sentence: Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) is not a new to India and corporates have been implementing the community development activities voluntarily, often as charity or philanthropy and sometimes to buy peace with the community.

Hence, C is the correct answer.



Note:

V1 -> Base form/simple form of verb, V2 -> Past form of verb (-ed form or irregular verb), V3 -> Past participle form of verb (-ed, -d, -t, -en, or -n), V4 -> Continuous form of verb / Present participle form of verb (-ing form), V5 -> Third person singular (V1+ -es or -s).

S4. The highlighted part of the sentence is incorrect as we cannot use the singular verb 'is' with the plural subject 'trackers'.

(a): The phrase 'number of is' always followed by a plural noun and a singular verb. Therefore, the plural verb 'have' is grammatically incorrect here.

(b): The verb 'are being noted' is in passive voice, which means the action is done on the subject (engineers). The phrase makes the sentence incoherent. So, option (b) is also incorrect.

(c): The noun 'equipment' is an uncountable noun. So, we cannot make its plural form by adding 's' at the end. So, option (c) is also incorrect.

(d): The phrase in option (d) is grammatically and contextually correct.

Hence, option (d) is the correct answer.

Note:

Voice of a sentence - Depending upon the emphasis we want to lay we use a particular voice in a particular context. We use active voice to lay emphasis on the doer of the action while we use passive voice to lay emphasis on the receiver of the action.

Example:

Active- Radha will work. (emphasis on Radha)

Passive- Work will be done by Radha. (emphasis on Work)

S5. The highlighted part of the sentence is incorrect as 'could' and 'able to' convey the same meaning. So, the phrase 'could be able to' is redundant.

(a): Option (a) is incorrect as we always use a base verb after the infinitive marker 'to'. So, the past form verb 'proved' is grammatically incorrect.


(b): The phrase in option (b) is grammatically and contextually correct. The phrase 'hold water' means 'appear to be valid, sound, or reasonable'.

(c): 'Can' is a modal verb which requires a base verb after it. So, we cannot use the past form verb 'withheld' after it. So, option (c) is incorrect.

(d): We cannot use the singular verb 'was' with the plural subject 'documents'. So, option (d) is incorrect. Hence, option (b) is the correct answer.


Note:

Modal verb: A verb used with another verb to express an idea such as possibility that is not expressed by the main verb. The modal verbs in English are "can," "could," "may," "might," "must," "ought," "shall," "should," "will," and "would." They do not change their form (spelling) and they have no infinitive or participle (past/present). Example: I can speak Spanish. Here 'can' expresses the ability of the person to speak (main verb) Spanish. This ability cannot be expressed by the main verb 'speak'.



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S6. The highlighted part of the sentence is incorrect. Here, 'who' is a relative pronoun. The verb that follows the relative pronoun should justify the antecedent. In this case, the antecedent is 'student' which is a singular noun. We cannot use the singular noun with the plural verb 'are'.

(a): Option (a) is grammatically and contextually correct.

(b): We cannot use the -ing verb after the modal verb 'should'. The verb that follows a modal verb should be in its base form.

(c): The verb 'be considered' is in passive voice. The use of passive voice does not provide a coherent sentence as the action is then directed towards the subject 'state' which is not the case.

(d): As discussed earlier, we cannot use the plural verb 'are' with the singular noun 'project' (antecedent).

Hence, option (a) is the correct answer.

Note:

Modal verb: A verb used with another verb to express an idea such as possibility that is not expressed by the main verb. The modal verbs in English are "can," "could," "may," "might," "must," "ought," "shall," "should," "will," and "would." They do not change their form (spelling) and they have no infinitive or participle (past/present). Example: I can speak Spanish. Here 'can' expresses the ability of the person to speak (main verb) Spanish. This ability cannot be expressed by the main verb 'speak'.

Relative pronouns: A relative pronoun is used to connect a clause or phrase to a noun or pronoun. The clause modifies, or describes, the noun. The most common relative pronouns are who, whom, whose, which, and that. For example: She is the girl who received the award for bravery from our Home Minister.

Active and Passive Voice: When the person doing the action is the subject, the sentence is said to be in active form/voice. When the subject is what the action is directed at, then the sentence is said to be in passive form/voice. For example: Active Voice: Rita and her friends performed a skit. Here 'Rita and her friends' (subject) perform the action. Passive Voice: A skit was performed by Rita and her friends. Here 'skit' is the subject (at which the action is directed).

S7. B is the introductory statement of the passage. It introduces the topic of discussion, i.e., the launch of the 'MANI' app by the Reserve Bank of India. It also states that the app was launched to help visually challenged people in the identification of various currency notes. B is followed by D; D states that the application was launched by the governor of RBI and the function of the app is to help visually disabled people to differentiate between various denominations of currency notes. D is then followed by C; C states that the recently launched app has been made available for downloading, and that too for free, on various platforms like the app store of iPhones and Google Play Store. C is then followed by A; A states how the app works, i.e., using the camera of mobile and audio input. It also states that the app reveals the denomination in two languages: Hindi and English.

Thus, it can be observed that there is no need for replacement; the boldened statement in the question provides additional information, but none of the sentence needs to be changed.

Hence, option (e) is the correct answer.

S8. The first paragraph of the passage mentions, "It is the first time in the organisation's history that this flagship report has tackled the challenges..It reveals that adolescent mental health is highly complex, understudied, and underfunded." It can be understood from the given reference that academic neglect and insufficient financial aid characterise the current research on adolescent mental health.

Hence, the correct answer is option (b).



S9. The fourth paragraph of the passage states, "In addition, the Campbell Family Mental Health Institute in Toronto, Canada reported a meta-analysis of 90 randomised controlled trials. They found that helping young people improve their emotion-regulation skills, which are needed to control emotional responses to difficult situations, enables them to cope better with anxiety and depression." It can be noted from the given reference that according to the analysis by the Campbell Family Mental Health Institute, developing strategies to regulate emotions enables young people to deal with anxiety and depression.

Hence, the correct answer is option (c).

S10. The third paragraph of the passage mentions, "For instance, a concept known as 'decentring' or 'psychological distancing' (that is, encouraging a person to adopt an objective perspective on negative thoughts and feelings) can help both to prevent and to alleviate depression and anxiety, although the underlying neurobiological mechanisms are unclear." It can be understood from the given reference that option (d) correctly describes the main idea of 'psychological distancing' as per the passage.

Hence, the correct answer is option (d).

S11. The first paragraph of the passage mentions, "Worldwide, at least 13% of people between the ages of 10 and 19 live with a diagnosed mental health disorder, according to the latest State of the World's Children report, published by the United Nations Children's charity UNICEF. It is the first time in the organisation's history that this flagship report has tackled the challenges and opportunities for preventing and treating mental health problems among young people." It can be observed from the given reference that the State of the World's Children report is important because it highlights mental health problems faced by adolescents for the first time.

Hence, the correct answer is option (c).

S12. Statement I: The first paragraph of the passage mentions, "Worldwide, at least 13% of people between.. according to the latest State of the World's Children report, published by the United Nations Children's charity UNICEF." It can be noted from the given reference that the statement I is correct.

Statement II: The second paragraph of the passage states, "UNICEF also reports that, worldwide, suicide is the fourth most common cause of death (after road injuries, tuberculosis and interpersonal violence) among adolescents (aged 15 - 19)." It can be noted from the given reference that the statement II is incorrect. Suicide constitutes the fourth most common cause of mortality among adolescents.

Statement III: The third paragraph of the passage states, "By contrast, researchers have found that improving young people's cognitive and interpersonal skills can be more effective in preventing and treating anxiety and depression under certain circumstances - although the reason for this is not known." It can be understood from the given reference that the statement III is also correct.

Hence, the correct answer is option (d).

S13. Ameliorate: To make a situation, condition, or outcome better or more favourable; to improve.

Mitigate: To make a situation or consequence less severe, harmful, or painful.

Integrate: To combine or unify different elements into a whole; to bring them together.

Effectuate: To bring about or achieve a desired result; to make something happen or become effective.

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Aggravate: To make a situation, condition, or problem more severe, intense, or irritating; to worsen.
Alleviate: To make a burden, pain, or hardship less severe; to relieve or ease a situation or condition.
 Among the given options, the word 'aggravate' is opposite in meaning of the word 'alleviate'. So, the two words can be used as antonyms of each other.
 Hence, the correct answer is option (e).

S14. **Intensifying:** Increasing in degree or strength; making something more intense or stronger.
Worsening: Becoming more severe or unfavourable; deteriorating or getting worse.
Pondering: Engaging in deep thought, reflection, or contemplation.
Exacerbating: Making a situation, condition, or problem more severe, intense; or aggravating.

S15. C is first because it starts the discussion on the assumption about knowledge experts and social media. E is next as it claims the assumption made in C is not right. D comes next as it talks about what actually happens. B is next as it adds additive details to the previous sentence with the word 'also'. A is last as it is a conclusive statement with the conjunctive adverb 'thus'.

Mandatory pairs-

C-E: E is after C because E claims to nullify the assumptions made in C.

The correct order is: CEDBA.

Hence, the correct answer is option (d).

Conjunctive adverbs (hence, therefore, moreover) - always preceded and followed by a comma/ semi-colon when used mid-sentence and are usually used to explain a conclusion reached by previous argument/assertions/assumptions.

S16. B is first as it is the only independent sentence and starts the discussion about nihilism. D comes next as it talks about how nihilism was mentioned by a philosopher and explains what she said [which is what the remaining passage is about]. E is next as it tells how the philosopher continued to describe nihilism. C comes next as it explains the philosopher's further comments. A is last as the speaker signs off in this statement.

Mandatory pairs-

B-D:

D gives further context and initiates a discussion about a topic [nihilism] which is first mentioned in B, and that's why they come as a pair.

The correct order is: BDECA.

Hence, the correct answer is option (a).

S17. B is first because it begins the discussion wherein the speaker introduces themselves as a food psychologist and speaks about a realisation due to their work. This realisation is explained and spoken about in C, and so it comes next. D is after this because it directly refers to the principles mentioned in C. E is next as the speaker talks about one particular principle standing out. A is next as it explains how the speaker wishes to talk about the principle [which was mentioned in E - 'discrimination neurosis'] in detail.

Mandatory pairs-

E-A: E and A are a pair because A speaks about the author's intent of speaking in detail about a principle ['discrimination neurosis'] which was first mentioned in E.

The correct order is: BCDEA.

Hence, the correct answer is option (e).



S18. The most apt first sentence is B as it gives an introduction about the sea creature. E states that ichthyosaurs and whales have a lot in common. E is followed by A which lists the common factors between whales and ichthyosaurs. A is followed by C which describes the evolution of ichthyosaurs and their speed. D which follows C further compares the speed of evolution of whales. Hence option (c) is correct.

S19. The given sentence talks about a ship which was damaged beyond repair, and it is now concluded that saturation diving would be required to bring it out of the ocean. 'Excavate' means to uncover something and 'exhume' means to take out of a place of burial. Among the given options, both 'excavate' and 'exhume' can fit in the blank appropriately because of their usage. Hence, (c) is the correct answer.
The word 'experience' doesn't fit in the blank contextually.

S20. The given sentence talks about a person who if isn't stopped from committing certain acts will be a threat to society and to his own family. 'Heinous' means utterly wicked and 'horrible' means very unpleasant. Among the given options, both 'heinous' and 'horrible' can fit in the blank appropriately because of their usage. Hence, (a) is the correct answer.
The blank requires an adjective for the noun 'acts' but 'traditionally' is an adverb.

S21. The determiner 'much' is used with uncountable nouns. Therefore, we cannot use the plural noun 'dialogues' after it. The nouns 'discourse' (written or spoken communication or debate) and 'discussion' (the action or process of talking about something in order to reach a decision or to exchange ideas) fit perfectly in the sentence as the sentence talks about the conversations about the real reason.
Hence, option (b) is the correct answer.

Note:

Countable and uncountable nouns: **1. Countable nouns** are the class of nouns that can be counted, for example, 'table' - one table, two tables, three tables, etc. **2. Uncountable nouns** are the nouns that cannot be counted or usually are not counted, for example, light, water, milk, information, furniture, etc. They do not generally have a plural form and can't be preceded by 'a' or 'an'. Many abstract nouns are typically uncountable. Some uncountable nouns can be used in the plural as well, depending on the meaning or context of the word.

S22. Let's look at the meanings of the given words.
Manoeuvred: manipulate a situation to achieve an end.
Defended: resist an attack made on (someone or something); protect from harm or danger.
Prescribed: recommend (a substance or action) as something beneficial.
The blank requires a verb that is qualified by the adverb 'initially'. The subject of the sentence is 'the company' and the object of the verb is the noun phrase 'its actions'. The verb 'prescribed' doesn't provide a coherent meaning. Both the verbs 'manoeuvred' and 'defended' fit perfectly in the sentence as their use conveys the position of the company on its actions.
Hence, option (c) is the correct answer.



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S23. The sentence talks about immunity. The noun 'immunity' means 'the state or quality of being resistant to a particular infectious disease or pathogen'. Therefore, the sentence talks about the shield from diseases. So, the noun 'protection' fits perfectly in the sentence. But the nouns 'susceptibility' (the state or fact of being likely or liable to be influenced or harmed by a particular thing) and 'vulnerability' (the quality or state of being exposed to the possibility of being attacked or harmed, either physically or emotionally) don't fit in the sentence.

Hence, option (c) is the correct answer.

Among the given options, the words 'intensifying' and 'worsening' are similar in meaning to the word 'exacerbating'. So, these words can replace the given word 'exacerbating' in the passage without affecting the meaning of the sentence.

Hence, the correct answer is option (d).

S24. The highlighted phrase talks about the risk of getting infected. It lacks a subject. Phrase I provides the opinions of 'disease experts' on the required subject ('places') and phrase II follows phrase I as it provides more information on the subject. Phrase III does not fit anywhere as it does not have a connector to link it with the rest of the sentence.

Thus, the complete sentence is: Disease experts say that places that had low levels of natural infection or have experienced low rates of vaccination and boosting are particularly vulnerable to a new wave of infections.

Hence, the answer is option d).

Note: - Connectors (or connecting words) are simply words and expressions that tie whole sentences, parts of sentences, phrases, or individual elements together to establish a smooth transition in a text. For example: although, whenever, whereas, however, besides, similarly, etc.

S25. The highlighted phrase talks about wealth generation and accumulation. Phrase I is eliminated as the present perfect continuous tense 'have been pulling out' (in phrase I) does not match with the simple present tense 'accumulate' (in the highlighted phrase). This violates the rule of 'parallelism'. Phrase II is eliminated as it does not relate to the context.

The highlighted phrase lacks a subject. Phrase III provides the appropriate subject ('companies') and can thus precede the highlighted phrase.

Thus, the complete sentence is: Companies are bound by law to act in the selfish interest of their shareholders and accumulate wealth without limit.

Hence, the answer is option e).

Note: - **Parallelism:** In grammar, parallelism, also known as parallel structure or parallel construction, is a balance within one or more sentences of similar phrases or clauses that have the same grammatical structure. Given below is an example which shows a sentence in two forms (parallel in structure and lacking parallelism): Lacking parallelism: Prerna likes cooking, dancing and to sing. Parallel: Prerna likes cooking, dancing and singing.

S26. A phrase has been highlighted below followed by three more phrases marked I, II and III. Choose the phrase(s) that form(s) a meaningful sentence when combined with the highlighted phrase. At least one of the three phrases must be combined with the highlighted phrase to form a meaningful sentence. Mark the option that contains the correct sequence of the phrases to form the complete sentence.



S27. The fourth paragraph of the passage mentions, "Transplants need well-trained personnel, technology, advanced intensive care, and institutional drive for good outcomes. These conditions were met in an expanding private sector.. available to a section of Indians who previously couldn't access it." It can be understood from the given reference that the private sector engaged in establishing corporate hospitals, particularly in tertiary care. It provided professional and infrastructural facilities required for transplantation and played a pivotal role in addressing the demand for advanced healthcare services.

Hence, the correct answer is option (d).

S28. The first paragraph of the passage mentions, "There is also regular news of extraordinary scientific breakthroughs in transplantation. Transplantation is an example of solidarity, science, and teamwork in healthcare." It can be understood from the given reference that organ transplantation prompts scientific research and advancements that invariably contribute to the improvement and success of organ transplantation. This cyclical process promotes scientific progress in healthcare.

Hence, the correct answer is option (c).

S29. The fourth paragraph of the passage states, "Transplantation in India is relatively cheap for foreigners in comparison to the rest of the world though it continues to be costly for ordinary Indians- a strange dichotomy." The given reference points out a peculiar contradiction that transplantation in India is comparatively inexpensive for foreigners than the Indians. This highlights economic disparities within the healthcare system.

Hence, the correct answer is option (e).

S30. The fourth paragraph of the passage mentions, "The corporate health sector realised that there is a lot of revenue in medical tourism and transplantation. Many countries in South Asia, Central Asia, and Africa have not been able to develop transplant facilities. It was a matter of time before patients travelled from other countries to India." It can be observed from the given reference that option (d) appropriately defines the term 'medical tourism' as highlighted in the passage. The passage states that patients belonging to countries in South Africa, Central Asia, and Africa come to India to avail themselves of affordable transplantation facilities, which are not present in their home countries.

Hence, the correct answer is option (d).

S31. Statement I: The third paragraph mentions, "Transplantation has grown exponentially in India, largely in the private sector. Whilst public medicine focussed on primary care, the private sector seized the gap in tertiary care." It can be noted from the given reference that statement I is correct according to the passage. The public sector in India primarily looks after primary healthcare and medicine.

Statement II: The third paragraph states, "Transplantation has grown exponentially in India, largely in the private sector." It can be noted from the given reference that statement II is incorrect as per the passage. There is an increase in the number of transplants in India.

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Statement III: The second paragraph mentions, "The buying and selling of human organs is a very old and global phenomenon. It has been deemed illegal in most of the world including India." It can be observed from the given reference that statement III is also incorrect as per the passage. Hence, the correct answer is option (b).

S32. Statement I: The first paragraph mentions, "News about organ transplantation swings from uplifting to disheartening. Newspapers carry frequent stories of acts of spontaneous solidarity by ordinary Indians.. causing brain death."

Also, the second paragraph states, "Simultaneously there is news of scandals, often involving the buying of organs from the vulnerable."

It can be observed from the given references that the passage highlights both positive and negative aspects of transplantation in India. So, statement I is true.

Statement II: The second paragraph states, "The buying and selling of human organs is a very old and global phenomenon. It has been deemed illegal in most of the world including India. This is not just from a moral prism but also to protect the rights of the vulnerable." It can be noted from the given reference that statement II is also true. The 'illegal' status of the transplantation practice helps safeguard the rights of people at risk.

Statement III: The second paragraph states, "Last year, a Kolkata hospital was at the centre of a news investigation which described street children from Nepal being lured.. an elaborate Myanmar-based ring which arranged paid kidney donors and got transplants performed in a prominent Delhi hospital by faking documents." It can be observed from the given reference that statement III is also true.

Hence, the correct answer is option (c).

S33. Statements I and III: Consider the following reference from the fourth paragraph, "The corporate health sector realised that there is a lot of revenue in medical tourism and transplantation.. patients travelled from other countries to India. Transplantation in India is relatively cheap for foreigners..a strange dichotomy."

It can be noted from the given reference that statements I and III do not mention the 'essential' conditions for a successful transplant. Statement I talks about expanding medical tourism while statement III discusses the rise of corporate hospitals, both of which can be considered the outcomes of successful and reliable transplants. So, both I and III are incorrect.

Statement II: The fourth paragraph states, "Transplants need well-trained personnel, technology, advanced intensive care, and institutional drive for good outcomes." It can be noted from the given sentence that statement II correctly mentions the important conditions which need to be fulfilled in order to execute successful transplants. Therefore, statement II is correct.

Hence, the correct answer is option (e).

S34. Abhorrence: A feeling of extreme repugnance, disgust, or hatred.

Approbation: Approval, commendation, or praise.

Nonchalance: A state of casual indifference or lack of concern.

Fervour: Intense and passionate enthusiasm or excitement.

Contentedness: The state of being content or satisfied.

Revulsion: A strong feeling of disgust or repugnance; intense aversion.



Among the given options, the word 'abhorrence' is similar in meaning to the word 'revulsion'. So, it can replace the given word without changing the meaning of the sentence.
Hence, the correct answer is option (a).

S35. Prolific: Producing abundant works or results; highly fruitful or productive.

Quandary: A state of uncertainty or perplexity, especially when facing a difficult decision.

Discord: Lack of harmony or agreement; a conflict or disagreement.

Rebuke: To express sharp disapproval or criticism of someone's actions; to reprimand or scold.

Cohesion: The action or state of sticking together, especially in a unified and logical way.

Solidarity: Unity or mutual support within a group, especially during challenging times.

Among the given options, the word 'discord' is the opposite of the meaning of the given word 'solidarity'.

Hence, the correct answer is option (c).

S36. Testifies: Gives evidence or testimony, indicating what one has observed or knows to be true.

Acknowledge: To accept or admit the existence, truth, or reality of something.

Catapulted: Thrown or launched suddenly and forcefully; a rapid and significant increase or advancement in a particular situation or career.

Reciprocate: To respond to a gesture, action, or emotion with a corresponding one.

Considering: Taking into account; contemplating or thinking about something.

The sentence discusses the positive impact of the growth of transplantation in India's private sector, admitting that it has made the facility available to a wide population of Indians. The blank requires a verb to indicate acceptance of this fact. Also, the base form of the verb should be used after the modal verb 'must' in the sentence with the blank. Among the given options, the verbs 'acknowledge' and 'reciprocate' are in the base form. However, the verb 'reciprocate' is contextually incorrect.

The verbs 'testifies', 'catapulted', and 'considering' are in the third person singular, past, and continuous form respectively.

Hence, the correct answer is option (b).

Note:


Modal verb: A verb used with another verb to express an idea such as possibility that is not expressed by the main verb. The modal verbs in English are "can," "could," "may," "might," "must," "ought," "shall," "should," "will," and "would." They do not change their form (spelling) and they have no infinitive or participle (past/present). Example: I can speak Spanish. Here 'can' expresses the ability of the person to speak (main verb) Spanish. This ability cannot be expressed by the main verb 'speak'.

S37. An adjective 'high' is given here so a noun would be appropriate, which will be qualified by it. 'Held', 'occurring' and 'terminating' are verbs which are not appropriate here grammatically, options (a), (b) and (e) will be eliminated. 'High deed levels' is contextually incorrect as it doesn't signify appropriate meaning with respect to the given sentence. 'Occupancy' and 'inhabitancy' are correct both contextually and grammatically as they talk about how overcrowding takes place. Hence, option (c) is the correct choice.

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S38. The infinitive is the base form of the verb. We use the 'to-infinitive' to express purpose. 'Directions' is a noun which is not required here grammatically, so option (c) will be eliminated. 'Onwards' is an adverb which means in a continuing forward direction, so option (d) will be eliminated. 'Approaches' and 'labelling' are not base forms of verbs ('approach' and 'label' are), so options (b) and (e) will be eliminated. The pair mentioned in option (a) completely justifies the given sentence that they have to talk over and discuss the problem of overcrowding. Hence, option (a) is the correct choice.

Note:

An infinitive is a verbal, verb form or construction that plays the role of a different part of speech in a sentence. Although infinitives contain verbs, they cannot function as verbs.

S39. A participle form of the verb must be used after the helping verb 'had'. 'Commitment' is a noun so option (a) will be eliminated. 'Enjoin' and 'plan' are verbs in their base forms, thus options (c) and (d) will be eliminated. Words in option (e) are not relevant to the given context. The court usually gives directions to the states so 'ordered' and 'directed' will be a correct choice to fit here. Hence, option (b) is the correct choice.

NOTE:

Participle: A word formed from a verb (e.g. going, gone, being, been) and used as an adjective (e.g. working woman, burnt toast) or a noun (e.g. good breeding). In English participles are also used to make compound verb forms (e.g. is going, has been). Consider the sentences given below:

Dancing at the party, the women fell on the ground.

Encouraged by her parents, Rita went on to pursue her passion.

The highlighted word in the first sentence is of the form Verb + ing and is used as a present participle. It is used to denote an action that is going on or incomplete or imperfect.

The highlighted word in the second sentence is of the form verb + ed. It is used as a past participle. It denotes completed action or state of the thing spoken of.

A past participle ends with the following: -ed, -d, -t, -en, or -n.

S40. 'The same set of prisoners be given parole this year too' shows that they are not keeping track of this information so 'identifying' and 'recognising' are the correct verbs to talk about it we first need to spot those who had already given parole and who is left. No other pair can fit here contextually.

Hence, option (d) is the correct choice.

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