

AFCAT Memory Based Paper - 9 Aug 2024 (Shift 1)

Direction (1 - 3) Read the following passage and answer the given questions.

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Global arms control has become a critical concern in international relations, reflecting the need to prevent warfare and promote peace. An essential component of this effort is the creation and implementation of arms treaties, which serve as legally binding agreements among nations to regulate the production, sale, and distribution of weapons. Diplomacy is the primary instrument of arms control, allowing nations to negotiate and establish arms reduction treaties that aim to curtail the proliferation of weapons, particularly those capable of mass destruction, such as nuclear arms.

The urgency for an international peace treaty related to controlling warfare stems from the devastating consequences of armed conflicts. Unchecked arms proliferation contributes to violence, instability, and human suffering, particularly in conflict-prone regions. International peace treaties, like the Arms Trade Treaty (ATT), seek to mitigate these risks by establishing common standards for the transfer of conventional weapons. These treaties aim to ensure that weapons do not fall into the hands of those who would use them to violate human rights, engage in terrorism, or destabilize regions.

Developing nations have a significant stake in global arms control efforts. These countries often bear the brunt of the consequences of unregulated arms flows, such as internal conflicts, humanitarian crises, and economic instability. Developing nations generally advocate for arms reduction treaties that not

only curb the supply of weapons but also address the root causes of conflict, such as poverty, inequality, and lack of governance. They seek international support to strengthen their national systems for arms control and to ensure that the global arms trade does not undermine their development efforts. In the context of nuclear war prevention, global arms control efforts have focused on reducing the number of nuclear weapons and preventing their spread to additional states. Treaties like the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT) play a crucial role in these efforts, establishing a framework for nuclear disarmament, non-proliferation, and peaceful use of nuclear energy.

Q1 Which of the following statements best describes the role of developing nations in global arms control efforts?

- (A) Developing nations are primarily concerned with the economic benefits of arms trade.
- (B) Developing nations are largely passive participants in arms control negotiations.
- (C) Developing nations are key stakeholders advocating for arms reduction and addressing conflict root causes.
- (D) Developing nations are opposed to any form of arms control, as it hinders their military capabilities.

Q2 According to the passage, which of the following is NOT a consequence of unchecked arms proliferation?

- (A) Economic instability



- (B) Increased poverty
(C) Regional destabilization
(D) Enhanced diplomatic relations

Q3 Based on the passage, which of the following statements is/are true about developing nations' stance on global arms control?

1. Developing nations only focus on curbing the supply of weapons.
2. They advocate for arms reduction treaties that address the root causes of conflict.
3. Developing nations oppose international support for strengthening national arms control systems.

- (A) Only 1 (B) Only 2
(C) 1 and 3 (D) 2 and 3

Q4 Read the sentence to find out whether there is any grammatical error in it. The error, if any, will be in one part of the sentence. Spot the error from the given options.

The team meet at least once a year (a) / to set goals for the next school year and to assess (b) / progress on already established goals. (c) / No error (d)

- (A) a (B) b
(C) c (D) d

Q5 Read the sentence to find out whether there is any grammatical error in it. The error, if any, will be in one part of the sentence. Spot the error from the given options.

I am not hungry; (a) / beside, I neither (b) / like eggs nor chicken. (c) / No error (d)

- (A) a (B) b
(C) c (D) d

Q6 Read the sentence to find out whether there is any grammatical error in it. The

error, if any, will be in one part of the sentence. Spot the error from the given options.

As soon as I will (a)/ reach Mumbai I will send you (b)/ the money you have asked for. (c) / No error (d)

- (A) a (B) b
(C) c (D) d

Q7 Read the sentence to find out whether there is any grammatical error in it. The error, if any, will be in one part of the sentence. Spot the error from the given options.

If I was you (a) / in this situation, I would (b) / not lose my temper. (c) / No error (d)

- (A) a (B) b
(C) c (D) d

Q8 Fill in the blank with the most appropriate word from the given options.

The whole house was beautifully light and _____.

- (A) stuffy (B) airy
(C) fuggy (D) stifling

Q9 Fill in the blank with the most appropriate word from the given options.

She will not let her personal grief _____ his professional life.

- (A) effect (B) affect
(C) effected (D) affected

Q10 Fill in the blank with the most appropriate word from the given options.

It's a fallacy that the _____ give relatively more to charity than the less prosperous.

- (A) effluent (B) affluent
(C) penurious (D) impecunious

Q11 Fill in the blank with the most appropriate word from the given options.

_____ is the act or process of returning something to its original condition



by repairing it, cleaning it, etc.

- (A) Reconstruction
- (B) Restoration
- (C) Resurrection
- (D) Burial

Q12 In the following question, out of the given alternatives, choose the best one which expresses the meaning of the given word.

Grotesque

- (A) Malformed
- (B) Standard
- (C) Accustomed
- (D) Mundane

Q13 In the following question, out of the given alternatives, choose the best one which expresses the meaning of the given word.

Waggish

- (A) Solemn
- (B) Puckish
- (C) Grave
- (D) Stern

Q14 In the following question, out of the given alternatives, choose the best one which expresses the meaning of the given word.

Sublime

- (A) Lowly
- (B) Exalted
- (C) Ordinary
- (D) Ignoble

Q15 In the following question, choose the word which is opposite in meaning to the given word.

Shrivel

- (A) Desiccated
- (B) Plump
- (C) Parched
- (D) Wrinkled

Q16 Select the most appropriate antonym of the given word.

Fetter

- (A) Hurdles
- (B) Disencumber
- (C) Impediments
- (D) Burdens

Q17 Select the most appropriate ANTONYM of the given word.

Pensive

- (A) Frivolous
- (B) Unreflective
- (C) Hollow
- (D) Goofy

Direction (18 - 20) Read the following passage and answer the given questions. Read the following passage and fill in each blank with words chosen from the options given.

English literature, with its rich tapestry of works spanning from Shakespeare to contemporary voices, opens the world of ____X____ and imagination. The English language serves as a powerful tool, enabling writers to explore and express complex ideas, emotions, and stories. Creativity is ____Y____ in this realm, allowing authors to craft narratives that transcend time and space, engaging readers in diverse experiences and perspectives. Through inventive language and imaginative plots, English literature not only reflects the human condition but also inspires readers to dream, think critically, and ____Z____ the boundless possibilities of creativity. The ability to weave together words into compelling tales highlights how crucial creativity is to the art of writing and to the broader world of literary exploration.

Q18 Select the most appropriate option to fill in the blank X.

- (A) creativity
- (B) sterile
- (C) unimaginative
- (D) unoriginal

Q19 Select the most appropriate option to fill in the blank Y.

- (A) unnecessary
- (B) essential
- (C) dispensable
- (D) ornamental

Q20 Select the most appropriate option to fill in the blank Z.

- (A) dismiss
- (B) spurn
- (C) embrace
- (D) rebuff

Q21 Select the option that best expresses the meaning of the idiom/phrase:

On the ball

- (A) To be alert and quick to respond.
- (B) To take a long break from work.



(C) To make a critical error.

(D) To stay away from social activities.

Q22 Select the option that best expresses the meaning of the idiom/phrase:

To give someone the cold shoulder

(A) To greet someone warmly.

(B) To offer assistance with enthusiasm.

(C) To ignore or show disinterest in someone.

(D) To provide a supportive hug.

Q23 Select the most appropriate idiom (in the context) to fill in the sentence.

Pallavi worked really hard for the examination and _____ to gain success.

(A) struck a sour note

(B) hit the bull's eye

(C) left no stone unturned

(D) beat about the bush

Q24 Each question consists of two words which have a certain relationship to each other followed by four pairs of related words, Select the pair which has the same relationship.

Native : Aboriginal :: Naive : _____

(A) Learned

(B) Arid

(C) Unsophisticated

(D) Tribe

Q25 Each question consists of two words which have a certain relationship to each other followed by four pairs of related words, Select the pair which has the same relationship.

Pedantic : Precise

(A) Stoic : Concise

(B) Laconic : Indifferent

(C) Erudite : Scholarly

(D) Gregarious : Reserved

Q26 Each of the following items in this section consists of a sentence the parts of which have been jumbled. These parts have been

labelled P , Q , R and S. Given below each sentence are four sequences namely (a), (b), (c) and (d). You are required to re-arrange the jumbled parts of the sentence and mark your response accordingly.

A gang of _____ asleep.

P: the property of villagers

Q: at night and stole

R: robbers entered the village

S: while they were fast

(A) PQRS

(B) RQPS

(C) QSRP

(D) SQRP

Q27 The following question, consists of an incomplete sentence or a sentence which is split into four parts. All four parts are jumbled up and are named as P, Q, R and S. These four parts are not given in their proper order. Arrange the jumbled parts of the sentence and find out which of the four combinations from the given options will correctly complete the sentence.

Venezuela's move to _____ between the South American nations.

P: exercise sovereignty over Essequibo, a vast, oil-rich disputed

Q: hold a referendum on whether it should

R: has cut open old wounds and inflamed tensions

S: region that is now part of neighbouring Guyana,

(A) PRQS

(B) QPSR

(C) PQRS

(D) QSPR

Q28 Choose from the four options, the word that best defines/substitutes the given phrase.

Easy to forgive

(A) Venial

(B) Mortal

(C) Venal

(D) Severe

Q29 Choose the word that best defines/substitutes the given phrase:
A fight between two persons



(A) Duel
(C) Bout

(B) Battle
(D) Clash

Pain or suffering

(A) Euphoria
(C) Joy

(B) Agony
(D) Bliss

Q30 Choose the word that best defines/substitutes the given phrase:



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Answer Key

Q1 C
Q2 D
Q3 B
Q4 A
Q5 B
Q6 A
Q7 A
Q8 B
Q9 B
Q10 B
Q11 B
Q12 A
Q13 B
Q14 B
Q15 B

Q16 B
Q17 B
Q18 A
Q19 B
Q20 C
Q21 A
Q22 C
Q23 C
Q24 C
Q25 C
Q26 B
Q27 B
Q28 A
Q29 A
Q30 B



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Hints & Solutions

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Q1. Text Solution:

Answer: C. Developing nations are key stakeholders advocating for arms reduction and addressing conflict root causes.

The text explicitly states that developing nations are disproportionately affected by armed conflicts and are actively involved in advocating for arms control measures that address both the supply of weapons and the underlying causes of conflict.

Q2. Text Solution:

Answer- D. Enhanced diplomatic relations

Explanation: The passage mentions that unchecked arms proliferation leads to violence, instability, human suffering, and economic instability, but it does not mention anything about enhancing diplomatic relations.

Q3. Text Solution:

Answer- B. Only 2

Explanation: The passage indicates that developing nations advocate for arms reduction treaties that address the root causes of conflict (statement 2) and seek international support for strengthening their national arms control systems.

Statement 1 is incorrect as they focus on more than just curbing the supply of weapons, and statement 3 is incorrect as they seek, not oppose, international support.

Q4 Text Solution:

Part (a): "The team meet at least once a year"
The error lies here.

The subject "team" is a collective noun that is usually treated as singular.

Therefore, the verb should be singular as well.

The correct verb should be **"meets"** instead of "meet."

Correct Sentence: "The team meets at least once a year to set goals for the next school year and to assess progress on already established goals."

Q5 Text Solution:

Part (b): "beside, I neither"

- The word "beside" is incorrect here. "Beside" means "next to" or "at the side of." The correct word should be "besides," which means "in addition to" or "apart from."

Correct Sentence: "I am not hungry; besides, I neither like eggs nor chicken."

Q6 Text Solution:

Part (a): "As soon as I will"

- The error lies here. In English grammar, after time conjunctions like "as soon as," "when," "before," etc., the simple present tense is used instead of the future tense to indicate a future event. Therefore, "will reach" should be "reach."

Correct Sentence: "As soon as I reach Mumbai, I will send you the money you have asked for."

Q7 Text Solution:

Part (a): "If I was you"

- The error lies here. In conditional sentences that express hypothetical or unreal situations, the verb "were" is used instead of "was," regardless of the subject. This is known as the **subjunctive mood**.

Correct Sentence: "If I were you in this situation, I would not lose my temper."

Q8 Text Solution:



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The correct answer should describe the house in a way that complements the word "light," suggesting that it is open and well-ventilated.

Option A: stuffy – This means poorly ventilated, so it contradicts "light."

Option B: airy – This means spacious and well-ventilated, which complements "light."

Option C: fuggy – This means stuffy or airless, which contradicts "light."

Option D: stifling – This means suffocating, which contradicts "light."

Correct Answer: B - airy

Q9 Text Solution:

- **Affect** (verb) means to influence or have an impact on something.
- **Effect** (noun) refers to a result or outcome.
- **Effected** (verb) means brought about or executed.
- **Affected** (adjective/verb) describes something that has been influenced.

Since the sentence requires a verb meaning "to influence," the correct choice is "**affect**."

Correct Answer: B - affect

Q10 Text Solution:

- **Effluent** refers to liquid waste or sewage.
- **Affluent** means wealthy or prosperous.
- **Penurious** means extremely poor or unwilling to spend money.
- **Impecunious** means having little or no money.

Since the sentence contrasts wealthy people with those who are less prosperous, the correct word is "**affluent**."

Correct Answer: B - affluent

Q11 Text Solution:

- **Reconstruction** typically refers to rebuilding, especially after destruction.

- **Restoration** means bringing something back to its original condition.
- **Resurrection** refers to rising from the dead.
- **Burial** means placing something in the ground, usually a body.

The sentence is asking for the word that means returning something to its original condition, which is "**restoration**."

Correct Answer: B - Restoration

Q12 Text Solution:

- **Grotesque** means something that is distorted, misshapen, or bizarre in appearance, often in a way that is unsettling.
 - **Malformed** means abnormally or wrongly formed, which is synonymous with grotesque.
 - **Standard** means normal or typical.
 - **Accustomed** means usual or familiar.
 - **Mundane** means ordinary or dull.
- The best synonym for "grotesque" is "**malformed**."

Correct Answer: A - Malformed

Q13 Text Solution:

- **Waggish** means humorous, playful, or mischievous.
- **Solemn** means serious or grave.
- **Puckish** means playful in a mischievous way, which is a synonym of waggish.
- **Grave** means serious or somber.
- **Stern** means strict or severe.

The best synonym for "waggish" is "**puckish**."

Correct Answer: B - Puckish

Q14 Text Solution:

- **Sublime** means of such excellence or grandeur that it inspires awe or admiration.



- **Lowly** means humble or low in status.
- **Exalted** means held in high regard, which is synonymous with sublime.
- **Ordinary** means common or unremarkable.
- **Ignoble** means dishonorable or of low character.

The best synonym for "sublime" is "**exalted.**"

Correct Answer: B - Exalted

Q15 Text Solution:

- **Shrivel** means to wither, wrinkle, or contract due to lack of moisture.
- **Desiccated** means dried out, which is similar to shrivel.
- **Plump** means full and rounded, which is the opposite of shriveled.
- **Parched** means extremely dry.
- **Wrinkled** means having small folds or ridges, similar to shriveled.

The word that is opposite in meaning to "shrivel" is "**plump.**"

Correct Answer: B - Plump

Q16 Text Solution:

The correct answer is **option(b).**

Fetter means restrictions or limitations.

Disencumber means to free someone from something that burdens or hinders them.

Other Words-

- **Hurdles** means obstacles or difficulties that make it hard for someone to achieve something.
- **Impediments** means things that hinder or obstruct progress.
- **Burdens** means things that weigh someone down or make it difficult for them to move forward.

Q17 Text Solution:

The most appropriate antonym for "pensive" is:

B. Unreflective

- **Pensive** describes someone who is engaged in deep or serious thought.
- **Frivolous** means lighthearted or carefree.
- **Unreflective** directly contradicts the idea of deep thought. It suggests someone who doesn't think deeply or consider things carefully.
- **Hollow** can describe a sound or feeling.
- **Goofy** implies silliness or foolishness.

Therefore, "unreflective" best captures the opposite of being in a thoughtful and pensive state.

Q18. Text Solution:

The passage speaks about English literature and its connection to imagination and creativity. The correct word should align with the positive and imaginative qualities of literature.

- **Creativity** is the ability to generate new ideas and engage in imaginative thinking, which fits perfectly with the description of English literature in the passage.
- **Sterile, Unimaginative, and Unoriginal** are negative and do not fit the context.

Correct Answer: A - Creativity

Q19. Text Solution:

The sentence describes creativity as an integral part of literature. The correct word should indicate that creativity is indispensable.

- **Essential** means necessary and crucial, which fits the context that creativity is a key element in literature.
- **Unnecessary, Dispensable, and Ornamental** suggest that creativity is not important, which contradicts the passage's message.



Correct Answer: B - Essential**Q20. Text Solution:**

The sentence describes how readers should respond to creativity in literature. The correct word should suggest a positive and accepting attitude towards creativity.

- **Embrace** means to accept or welcome, which aligns with the idea of appreciating and valuing creativity.
- **Dismiss, Spurn, and Rebuff** all mean to reject or push away, which contradicts the context.

Correct Answer: C - embrace**Q21 Text Solution:**

- The idiom "on the ball" means to be alert, attentive, and quick to respond.
- **Correct Answer: A - To be alert and quick to respond.**

Q22 Text Solution:

The phrase "to give someone the cold shoulder" means to ignore someone or show them a lack of interest or warmth.

Correct Answer: C - To ignore or show disinterest in someone.

Q23 Text Solution:

- 'Leave no stone unturned' means to do everything you can to achieve a good result, especially when looking for something.
- 'Beat about/ around the bush' means to avoid talking about what is important.
- 'Hit the bull's eye' means to be exactly correct.
- 'Struck a sour note' means to signify something unpleasant; to indicate, introduce, or allude to something particularly unfortunate, unpleasant, or disagreeable.

Hence, the correct answer is **left no stone unturned**.

Q24 Text Solution:

The answer is **(C) Unsophisticated**.

Both "**native**" and "**aboriginal**" refer to someone or something that is indigenous to a particular place.

Naive - having or showing a lack of experience, judgment, or information; credulous

unsophisticated - lacking refined worldly knowledge or tastes.

Both words are similar in meaning.

Q25 Text Solution:

Pedantic describes someone who focuses excessively on trivial details. Here, the pair is of synonyms.

SIMILARLY, **Erudite : Scholarly** is a synonymous pair.

Q26 Text Solution:

The correct option is **B**.

The correct sequence is '**A gang of robbers entered the village at night and stole the property of villagers while they were fast asleep**'.

Q27 Text Solution:

The correct answer is **Option B**.

Q: hold a referendum on whether it should - "hold a referendum on whether it should" connects logically with the given first line (Venezuela's move to). It talks about Venezuela's move.

P: exercise sovereignty over Essequibo, a vast, oil-rich disputed - The mention of Venezuela exercising sovereignty over a disputed region provides context and details about the situation.

S: region that is now part of neighbouring Guyana, - Describing the region in question, which is currently a part of Guyana, clarifies the geographical and territorial aspect of the conflict.



R: has cut open old wounds and inflamed tensions - This part concludes by highlighting the consequences of Venezuela's move, emphasizing heightened tensions and revived disputes among South American nations. Hence, the correct arrangement will be 'QPSR'. Complete sentence: **Venezuela's move to hold a referendum on whether it should exercise sovereignty over Essequibo, a vast, oil-rich disputed region that is now part of neighbouring Guyana, has cut open old wounds and inflamed tensions between the South American nations.**

Q28 Text Solution:

- **Venial:** Describes something that is forgivable or not seriously wrong.
- **Mortal:** Refers to something fatal or causing death.
- **Venal:** Describes something corrupt or susceptible to bribery.
- **Severe:** Means strict, harsh, or intense.

Correct Answer: A - Venial

Q29 Text Solution:

- **Duel:** A formal fight between two persons, often with weapons, to settle a dispute.
- **Battle:** A large-scale fight, typically between armies.
- **Bout:** A short period of intense activity, often used for fights in sports.
- **Clash:** A violent confrontation or conflict.

Correct Answer: A - Duel

Q30 Text Solution:

- **Euphoria:** A state of intense happiness or excitement.
- **Agony:** Extreme physical or mental suffering.
- **Joy:** A feeling of great happiness.
- **Bliss:** Perfect happiness or joy.

Correct Answer: B - Agony



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