

AFCAT Memory Based Paper - 10 Aug 2024 (Shift 2)

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

Read the following passage carefully and answer the question given below it.

International trade refers to the exchange of goods and services between countries. It is a key aspect of the global economy and plays a vital role in promoting economic growth and development around the world. There are several benefits to international trade. First and foremost, it allows countries to specialize in the production of certain goods or services, leading to increased efficiency and lower costs. This is because each country has different natural resources, labor skills, and technological capabilities, and by specializing in certain areas, they can produce goods and services at a lower cost than other countries. In addition to increasing efficiency, international trade also promotes the spread of new technologies and ideas. When countries import goods and services from other countries, they are also exposed to new technologies and ways of doing things, which can lead to innovation and progress. International trade also creates jobs and boosts economic growth. By exporting goods and services to other countries, companies can expand their market and increase their profits, which can lead to the creation of new jobs. Furthermore, the increased demand for goods and services from other countries can stimulate domestic production, which can also lead to job creation and economic growth. There are also risks associated with international trade, such as the potential for trade disputes and imbalances. Trade disputes can arise when countries feel that their trade partners are not following fair trade practices

or are imposing tariffs or other trade barriers that make it difficult for their products to be sold in other countries. In such cases, countries may seek to resolve the dispute through negotiations or through the use of international trade organizations, such as the World Trade Organization. Another risk associated with international trade is the potential for trade imbalances. A trade imbalance occurs when a country imports more goods and services than it exports, leading to a deficit in its balance of trade. This can be a problem because it can lead to a depletion of the country's foreign exchange reserves and may also result in a loss of economic competitiveness.

Overall, international trade is a complex and multifaceted phenomenon that plays a crucial role in the global economy. It brings benefits such as increased efficiency, technological progress, job creation, and economic growth, but it also carries risks such as the potential for trade disputes and imbalances. Despite these challenges, international trade remains an important and necessary part of the global economic system.

Q1 Which of the following is a primary benefit of international trade according to the passage?

- (A) It allows countries to impose tariffs on imports.
- (B) It enables countries to specialize in the production of certain goods or services.
- (C) It promotes domestic consumption of locally produced goods.
- (D) It encourages countries to limit their exports.



Q2 Which of the following statements about international trade are correct?

1. International trade always leads to economic growth without any risks.
2. International trade can lead to job creation and technological progress.
3. Trade disputes are a potential risk associated with international trade.

- (A) Only 1 is correct
 (B) Only 2 is correct
 (C) Both 2 and 3 are correct
 (D) Both 1 and 3 are correct

Q3 Based on the passage, how might international trade affect technological development in countries with limited resources?

- (A) It will likely slow down technological advancement due to a focus on importing goods.
 (B) It will encourage technological development by exposing countries to new technologies and practices.
 (C) It will force countries to abandon their technological efforts and rely solely on imports.
 (D) It will have no impact on technological development since such countries cannot afford new technologies.

Q4 The following sentence has been split into four segments. Identify the segment that contains a grammatical error.

- (A) If Reeta comes on time
 (B) then she will take
 (C) us to the cinema.
 (D) No error

Q5 Read each sentence part to find out whether there is any error and indicate your response against the corresponding option, i.e., (a) or (b) or (c). If you find no

error, your response should be indicated as (d).

- (A) According to the IQ
 (B) Rohan is most intelligent
 (C) than Rohit and Reena.
 (D) No error

Q6 Read the sentence to find out whether there is any error in the mentioned option subparts. If you find no error, your response should be indicated as 'No Error'.

- (A) Although we reached his house on time
 (B) he was left
 (C) for the airport.
 (D) No error

Q7 Read the sentence to find out whether there is any error in the mentioned option subparts. If you find no error, your response should be indicated as 'No Error'.

- (A) Tell me the name of
 (B) a country where every citizen is law-abiding
 (C) and no trouble is there.
 (D) No error

Q8 The following sentence has a blank space and four words are given below it. Select the word or group of words you consider most appropriate for the blank space and indicate your response on the Answer Sheet accordingly.

Most of the students have forgotten to bring their certificates; they will be _____ by the Principal for this reason.

- (A) reproached (B) abused
 (C) accused (D) reprimanded

Q9 Directions: Each of the following sentences in this section has a blank space and four words or group of words are given after the sentence. Select the most appropriate word or group of words for the blank space and indicate your response on the Answer Sheet accordingly.



If a Time Machine ____ you anywhere for one day, where would you go?

- (A) may take (B) could take
(C) will take (D) shall take

Q10 Directions : Each of the following sentences in this section has a blank space and four words or group of words are given after the sentence. Select the most appropriate word or group of words for the blank space and indicate your response on the Answer Sheet accordingly.

He must work very hard and make up ____ lost time.

- (A) with (B) for
(C) during (D) again

Q11 Directions : Each of the following sentences in this section has a blank space and is followed by four choices. Select the most appropriate choice to fill in the blank space.

After the shocking news, it took some time, but eventually, she managed to ____ and face the situation calmly.

- (A) pull herself together
(B) let herself go
(C) lose her composure
(D) fall apart

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

Haggle

- (A) Negotiate (B) Insist
(C) Ignore (D) Support

Q13 Select the most appropriate synonym of the given word.

Ancillary

- (A) Cursory (B) Anomalous
(C) Subsidiary (D) Handling

Q14 In the following question, out of the given alternatives, choose the best one that

expresses the antonym of the given word.

Vivacious

- (A) Energetic (B) Lively
(C) Dull (D) Cheerful

Q15 In the following question, out of the given alternatives, choose the best one that expresses the antonym of the given word.

Concord

- (A) Harmony (B) Disagreement
(C) Agreement (D) Peace

Direction (16 - 18) Read the following passage and answer the given questions.

Each of the following sentences in this section has a blank space with four words or group of words given. Select whichever word or group of words you consider most appropriate for the blank space and indicate your response on the Answer Sheet accordingly.

A gunboat is a naval watercraft designed for the express purpose of carrying one or more guns to ____X____ coastal targets, as opposed to those military craft designed for naval warfare, or for ferrying troops or supplies. As such boats were cheap and quick to build, naval forces ____Y____ swarm tactics: while a single hit from a frigate's broadside would destroy a gunboat, a frigate facing a large squadron of gunboats could suffer serious damage before it could manage to sink them all. In the United States Navy, these boats had the hull classification symbol "PG", which led to their being referred to as "patrol gunboats". An important ____Z____ of these was the ability to operate in rivers, enabling them to reach inland targets in a way not otherwise possible before the development of aircraft.

Q16 What will come in the blank X?

- (A) safeguarded (B) uphold
(C) bombard (D) trickle



Q17 What will come in the blank Y?

- (A) favoured (B) opposed
(C) gainsaid (D) object to

Q18 What will come in the blank Z?

- (A) characteristic (B) objection
(C) drawback (D) malfunction

Q19 Directions:- In the following question, out of the four alternatives, choose the one which is nearest to the meaning of the given idiom or phrase.

Will-o'-the-wisp

- (A) A clear and definite goal
(B) A person who is reliable and trustworthy
(C) A misleading or elusive goal
(D) A person who is extremely helpful

Q20 Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

A fine state of affairs

- (A) A punishable case
(B) A pleasant situation
(C) An uncanny situation
(D) An unpleasant situation

Q21 Directions:- In the following question, out of the four alternatives, choose the one which is nearest to the meaning of the given idiom or phrase.

Red tape

- (A) Catch someone when they are doing something wrong, especially taking bribe
(B) Official rules and excessive bureaucracy that make it difficult to do something
(C) Having a negative amount in your bank balance or having bank accounts and other assets sealed.
(D) Something unimportant that takes attention away from the main subject

Q22 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.

Marathon: Race :: Hibernation: ?

- (A) Sleep (B) Winter
(C) Evolution (D) Animal

Q23 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.

Nescent: Fruition :: Embryonic: ?

- (A) Maturity (B) Growth
(C) Beginning (D) Adaptation

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.

Water: transparent::

- (A) Like: hate
(B) Diva: opera
(C) Butter paper: translucent
(D) Glass:opaque

Q25 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.

Teaching a child _____

P: since there are few

Q: is becoming difficult

R: and expensive open ponds around

S: how to swim

The correct sequence should be

- (A) S Q P R (B) Q R S P
(C) S R Q P (D) P R Q S

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.

In many cultures _____

P: to make wishes come true

Q: that blue has the power

R: people believe

S: and be successful in life

The correct sequence should be

(A) P S R Q

(B) R S P Q

(C) R Q P S

(D) S Q P R

- Q27 Each of the following items in this section consists of a sentence the parts of which have been jumbled. These parts have been labeled 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.**

From a picnic table _____

P: through the playground

Q: while we unpacked a basket

R: we watched them laugh and leap

S: bulging with sandwiches and cookies

The correct sequence should be

(A) R S Q P

(B) Q P R S

(C) R P Q S

(D) Q S R P

- Q28 Select the option that can be used as a one-word substitute for the given group of words.**

A person who can be pleased easily

(A) Pessimist

(B) Optimist

(C) Pleasurable

(D) Acquiescent

- Q29 In the following question, out of the four alternatives, select the alternative which is the best substitute for the phrase.**

The state of being deprived of a right or privilege, especially the right to vote.

(A) Abolishment

(B) Disenfranchisement

(C) Abandonment

(D) Abatement

- Q30 Select the option that can be used as a one-word substitute for the given group of words.**

One who is recovering health after illness

(A) Coquette

(B) Misanthrope

(C) Convalescent

(D) Cynosure



Answer Key

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

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



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Hints & Solutions

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Q1. Text Solution:

The correct answer is **b) It enables countries to specialize in the production of certain goods or services.**

Explanation: The passage highlights that one of the key benefits of international trade is that it allows countries to specialize in the production of certain goods or services, leading to increased efficiency and lower costs. This specialization is based on the comparative advantages of different countries, such as natural resources, labor skills, and technological capabilities. Options a), c), and d) are incorrect because they do not align with the benefits of international trade as discussed in the passage.

Q2. Text Solution:

The correct answer is **c) Both 2 and 3 are correct.**

Explanation: Statement 1 is incorrect because the passage mentions that while international trade can lead to economic growth, it also carries risks, such as trade disputes and imbalances. Statement 2 is correct because the passage notes that international trade can lead to job creation and technological progress. Statement 3 is also correct, as the passage identifies trade disputes as a potential risk of international trade. Therefore, the correct choice is c).

Q3. Text Solution:

The correct answer is **b) It will encourage technological development by exposing countries to new technologies and practices.**

Explanation: The passage mentions that international trade promotes the spread of new technologies and ideas, implying that even countries with limited resources can benefit by importing goods and services that

introduce them to new technologies. Although the passage does not explicitly discuss countries with limited resources, it can be inferred that exposure to global markets through trade can lead to innovation and progress in such countries. Options a), c), and d) do not align with the overall message of the passage regarding the benefits of technological exchange through international trade.

Q4 Text Solution:

The sentence is grammatically incorrect and the error lies in '**on time then**'. The error is related to **Conditional sentences**.

- We never use '**then and later**' to connect the condition and the result.
- We use **comma ','** to separate condition and the result.
- Conditions can not be written in future tense.
- See the examples:
 - If he needs a book, he will ask for money.
 - If she comes late, her father will scold her.
- In the given sentence, we are using '**then**' to connect the condition and the result.
- Hence, we have to remove '**then**' and place a comma in place of it.

Correct sentence: **If Reeta comes on time, she will take us to the cinema.**

Q5 Text Solution:

The word "**most**" is a superlative form, used when comparing with all entities, indicating the highest degree of a quality (e.g., "Rohan is the most intelligent person in the class"). However, when comparing just two or three entities directly, the **comparative form** of the



adjective is used. For "intelligent," the comparative form is **"more intelligent."** The sentence incorrectly uses **"most"** with the conjunction **"than,"** which indicates a comparison. The word "than" should be paired with a comparative form like **"more intelligent."**

The correct sentence is:

"According to the IQ, Rohan is more intelligent than Rohit and Reena."

Q6 Text Solution:

Key Concept:- Tenses

Explanation:-

Replace 'he was' with 'he **had**'

When two events take place in the past, the event that takes place first is kept in the past perfect tense, and the later part is kept in past indefinite tense. So, he left for airport first then secondly they arrived. Therefore, part b will be in the past perfect tense.

Hence, the correct answer is option b.

The correct sentence is **'Although we reached his house on time he had left for the airport'.**

Q7 Text Solution:

Key Concept:- Structure of sentence

Explanation:-

The error lies in part c).

"No trouble is there" is in an assertive tone because in the sentence a rhetorical question is being asked.

So, it should be written as "there is no trouble" which fits correctly.

Hence, the correct answer is **option c.**

The correct sentence is **'Tell me the name of a country where every citizen is law-abiding and there is no trouble'.**

Q8 Text Solution:

Key Concept: Word Meaning

Explanation:

Rehearse: the act of practicing something in preparation for a performance in front of an audience.

Abuse: the act of treating cruelly or violently, particularly frequently or repeatedly.

Accuse: charge (someone) with a criminal offense or crime.

Reprimand: A harsh, formal expression of opposition to someone

The context of the sentence does not allow for the use of the terms "rehearse, abuse, and accuse."

Therefore, the verb "reprimand" is a good choice.

Hence, the correct answer is **Option D, i.e. Reprimanded.**

Q9 Text Solution:

Key concepts: Conditional sentences

Explanation:

The given sentence is a **conditional sentence.**

If the condition is in the simple past tense, the result will be in **'would + V1'** or **'could/might/should + V1'** format.

Hence, the correct answer is option **'B' i.e., could take.**

Q10 Text Solution:

Key Concept: Phrasal

Explanation:

Make up with:- to be friends again.



The expression "make up for something" means to replace something that has been lost or damaged or to make up for something negative with something positive.

Hence, the correct answer is **Option B, i.e. For.**

Q11 Text Solution:

The correct answer is **a) pull herself together.**

The idiom "**pull oneself together**" means to regain control of one's emotions and become calm or focused after being upset or distressed. The other options do not fit the context of regaining composure.

Q12 Text Solution:

The correct answer is **a) Negotiate.**

"**Haggle**" means to bargain or negotiate persistently, especially over the cost of something. The closest synonym here is "negotiate."

Q13 Text Solution:

Let us first understand the given options:

- Ancillary: Providing necessary support or assistance; subordinate or supplementary.
- Cursory: Hasty and without attention to detail; superficial or brief.
- Anomalous: Deviating from the normal or expected; irregular, unusual, or abnormal.
- Subsidiary: Serving as a support or auxiliary to a main thing; secondary or subordinate.
- Handling: The act of touching, holding, or managing; dealing with or managing a situation or task.

Hence, the correct answer is "**Subsidiary**".

Q14 Text Solution:

The correct answer is **c) Dull.**

"**Vivacious**" means lively, animated, or full of energy. The opposite, or antonym, would be "**dull**," which suggests a lack of energy or enthusiasm.

Q15 Text Solution:

The correct answer is **b) Disagreement.**

"**Concord**" means agreement or harmony between people or groups.

The antonym would be "**disagreement**," which signifies a lack of agreement or harmony.

Q16. Text Solution:

Correct Answer: C) bombard

The context describes a gunboat designed to attack or strike coastal targets. The word "**bombard**" fits best, as it means to attack (especially with artillery or bombs). The other options do not match the context of attacking or targeting coastal areas.

Q17. Text Solution:

Correct Answer: A) favoured

The sentence suggests that naval forces preferred or supported swarm tactics due to the advantages of having multiple gunboats. The word "**favoured**" is appropriate here, as it indicates that naval forces chose or supported this tactic. The other options suggest disapproval or opposition, which contradicts the context.

Q18. Text Solution:

Correct Answer: A) characteristic

The sentence is describing a positive feature or defining trait of the gunboats. The word "**characteristic**" fits well because it refers to a distinguishing feature or quality. The other options (objection, drawback, malfunction) carry negative connotations, which do not align with the context of highlighting an important feature.

Q19 Text Solution:



The correct answer is **c) A misleading or elusive goal.**

The idiom "**Will-o'-the-wisp**" refers to something that is elusive or misleading, often something that seems promising but is actually unattainable or deceptive.

Q20 Text Solution:

The idiom "A fine state of affairs" means "A situation that has gone wrong and is very problematic".

- E.g.: Isn't it a fine state of affairs that human evolution has come down to yelling at appliances to fetch food?

Hence, the idiom "**A fine state of affairs**" means "**An unpleasant situation**".

Q21 Text Solution:

Explanation:-

"**Red tape**" means an official routine or procedure marked by excessive complexity which results in delay or inaction.

Example: The government's red tape policies have made it difficult for small businesses to thrive.

Q22 Text Solution:

The correct answer is **a) Sleep.**

A **marathon** is a type of **race**, and **hibernation** is a prolonged period of **sleep** or dormancy, typically by animals during the winter.

Q23 Text Solution:

The correct answer is **a) Maturity.**

Nescent refers to something just beginning or coming into existence, and **fruition** refers to its full development or realization. Similarly, **embryonic** refers to an early or undeveloped stage, and its counterpart would be **maturity**, which represents the fully developed stage.

Q24 Text Solution:

Explanation:-

Water is transparent in nature as it allows rays to pass through it. Similarly, butter paper is translucent as it allows only some rays to travel through it.

Q25 Text Solution:

Key Concept: Ordering of words

Explanation:

The correct answer to this question is Option(a): **SQPR**

The correct sequence is: Teaching a child, how to swim is becoming difficult and expensive since they are few open ponds around.

The main focus of the sentence is on the action of teaching the

child **how to swim** that come first after teaching a child, The second

part of the sequence is a description of the **challenges** faced in

teaching the child to swim, which is specified by the adjective phrase

"difficult and expensive, so that (S) should be followed by (Q).

The third part of the sequence is a statement of the number of

available Ponds for teaching, specified by the noun few. So (Q)

should be followed by (P).

Hence, the correct sequence is:

SQPR

Q26 Text Solution:

Key Concept: Ordering of words

Explanation:

The correct answer to this question is Option(c): **RQPS**

The correct sequence is: People believe that blue has the power to make wishes come true and to bring success in life.

Here, "People believe" is the **main clause** of the sentence and acts as the **subject**. (R)



should be followed by (Q), "that blue has the power to make wishes come true and be successful in life" is a subordinate clause that (Q) should be followed by (P), acts as the object of the **main clause**.

Hence, the correct sequence is:
RQPS

Q27 Text Solution:

Key Concept: Ordering of words

Explanation:

The correct answer to this question is Option (a): **RPQS**

The correct sequence is: From a picnic table, we watched them laugh and leap through the playground while we unpacked a basket bulging with sandwiches and cookies. In the sentence, the participle phrase **bulging with sandwiches and cookies** modifies the subject **basket**. This phrase provides additional information about the basket, describing it as being full of food.

The main clause we **watched them laugh and leap** is joined by the subordinating conjunction "while," indicating a temporal relationship between the actions in the participle phrase and the main clause. So, (R) should be followed by (P) and (Q) respectively.

Hence, the correct sequence is **RPQS**.

Q28 Text Solution:

The correct answer is **d) Acquiescent**.

"Acquiescent" refers to a person who is willing to do what somebody wants and accept their opinions, even if you are not sure that they are right

Q29 Text Solution:

- The term **"abolishment"** refers to the act of eliminating or terminating something.

Usage: To prevent shock from such a major change, the school made the abolishment of

junk food gradual .

- **Disenfranchisement** refers to the condition of being deprived of a particular entitlement, particularly the entitlement to participate in the electoral process.

Usage: Disenfranchisement had a detrimental impact on the Democratic candidate in all instances.

- **Abandonment** refers to the act of departing from a specific location, object, or individual, typically with the intention of permanent separation.

Usage: He struggles to deal with his abandonment by his wife, and now having to care for their infant alone.

- The term **"abatement"** refers to the process of diminishing in strength or harmfulness or the act of causing something to undergo such a reduction.

Usage: There have been previous instances of abatements that have also lacked corroboration.

Hence, **option B - Disenfranchisement** is the correct answer.

Q30 Text Solution:

Let us understand the given options:

- **Coquette:** A flirtatious and charming woman who often seeks attention and admiration from men.
- **Misanthrope:** A person who dislikes and avoids human society, displaying a general distrust or contempt for people.
- **Convalescent:** A person recovering from illness or medical treatment, in the process of regaining health and strength.
- **Cynosure:** A person or thing that attracts attention or is the center of admiration,



often used to describe something or someone that serves as a focal point.

Hence, the correct answer is "Convalescent".



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