

Directions (1-10): Which of the phrases given below should replace the phrase given in bold in the following sentence to make the sentence grammatically meaningful and correct. If the sentence is correct as it is and no correction is required, mark (E), as the answer.

Q1. The increased time **devoting to watch** television is one of the important cases of the decline in reading ability.

- (a) devoted for the watch
- (b) devoted to watching
- (c) devoted for the watch of the
- (d) devoted to keep watch
- (e) No correction required

Q2. Walking has **distinctly advantageous** over driving as you see many things while walking that you often miss while driving.

- (a) have advantages distinctly
- (b) is distinctly advantages
- (c) has distinct advantages
- (d) is distinct in advantageous
- (e) No correction required

Q3. He turned down our proposal which we **had prepared by** so much dedication.

- (a) had prepared with
- (b) have prepared by
- (c) were prepared with
- (d) have been preparing for
- (e) No correction required

Q4. Although family TV serials **do vary**, they have certain common elements.

- (a) do not vary
- (b) seldom vary
- (c) rarely vary
- (d) are varying
- (e) No correction required

Q5. We have profound **faith and hopes** for the future.

- (a) faith for also hopes for
- (b) faith in and hopes for
- (c) faith and hopes for
- (d) faith about and hopes in
- (e) No correction required

Directions: Rearrange the following five sentences (A), (B), (C), (D) and (E) in the proper sequence to form a meaningful paragraph and then answer the questions given below.

(A) Absolute advantage, in economics, is a concept of trade in which one country can produce a quantity of a product in a more efficient manner a quantity of a product in a more

efficient manner (that is, with fewer resources of labour, land and/or capital) than another country.

(B) However, this statistics does not carry the implication that Japan should specialize in steel and the UK should not because Japan might be even better relative to the UK at other things.

(C) For example, in 1981, Japan produced a ton of steel with only 9.4 man-hours at a cost of only \$502, compared with 16.5 man hours and \$622 in the U.K.

(D) Not only that, but neither absolute nor comparative advantage are necessarily static for all time: Once, UK steel producers were more efficient that the Japanese.

(E) The real guide to specialization and to maximizing the gains from trade is comparative advantage.

Q6. Which of the following should be the First sentence of the given paragraph?

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

Q7. Which of the following should be the Third sentence of the given paragraph?

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

Q8. Which of the following should be the Fifth sentence of the given paragraph?

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

Q9. Which of the following should be the Fourth sentence of the given paragraph?

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

Q10. Which of the following should be the Second sentence of the given paragraph?

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

Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions given below. Certain words/phrases have been printed in bold to help you locate them.

The issue of implementing the One Rank One Pension (OROP) principle for the veterans of the defence services continues to be in the news for all the wrong reasons, with a final announcement nowhere in sight. With the Narendra Modi government in its second year, its major poll promise of OROP remains unfulfilled. While Prime Minister Narendra Modi and his Ministers have reiterated the government's commitment to the scheme, that by itself does little to contain the growing unhappiness in the community of ex-servicemen that has been waiting for years for a fair deal. Their demand goes back over three decades. Successive governments have intermittently raised hopes on it according to political convenience, but the feeling has grown that the soldier who puts the nation ahead of his own life in the line of duty faces political apathy after retirement. The previous UPA government cleared the deal in principle and allocated Rs. 500 crore, but there was no progress beyond that. In the run-up to the Lok Sabha election last year, the Congress once again brought the issue to the limelight. OROP was one of the top election promises of the BJP that helped garner the support of the large community of ex-servicemen and their families. And the huge mandate the BJP received had convinced them that at long last the scheme would see the light of day.

While the government has given in-principle clearance to the proposal, the process of completing the administrative procedures across different departments seems to be an unending one. Defence Minister Manohar Parrikar had on several occasions said his Ministry had finished its part of the work and that the file was with the Finance Ministry. He has promised 80-90 per cent satisfaction for the service personnel. OROP essentially seeks parity for all service personnel retiring on the same rank and tenure irrespective of when they retire, and is expected to benefit two and a half million ex-servicemen and women immediately. That said, the exercise of calculating the dues is a complicated process in itself. In Budget 2015 an initial allocation of Rs. 1,000 crore was made but it has been estimated that the cost could come to about Rs. 8,300 crore. There is the view that it would still go up by substantial measure depending on the method and criteria adopted. It has to be seen how the government makes the financial provision for such a recurring outgo. But the early implementation of the scheme has now become an imperative: mere rhetoric and assurances will not suffice. It is high time the government came out with a clear road map and a firm date for its implementation, and then adhere to it. This country owes its defence forces as much.

-Source, The Hindu, Delhi Edition, 1st June

11. Choose an appropriate title for the passage.

- 1) A Forgotten Tale
- 2) A Promise to redeem
- 3) The Gamble
- 4) The Long War of Warriors
- 5) The Life of Ex-Servicemen

12. Which of the following is true according to the passage?

- A) The previous UPA government cleared the deal in principle and allocated Rs. 500 crore, but there was no progress beyond that.
 - B) The mandate that BJP received had convinced the ex-servicemen that at long last the scheme would see the light of day.
 - C) OROP essentially seeks parity for all service personnel retiring on the same rank and tenure irrespective of when they retire.
- 1) Only A and C
 - 2) Only B and C
 - 3) Only C and A
 - 4) All A, B and C
 - 5) None of these

13. Which of the following is the reason that the budgetary allocations are crossing the decided limit?

- 1) The allocations are going up by substantial measure depending on the method and criteria adopted.
- 2) The Govt. has wasted many resources in just implementations that it is sure to increase later.
- 3) The previous Govt. has not done anything for the ex-servicemen and they are claiming that they have spent a lot.
- 4) All of the above
- 5) None of the above

14. Which of the following is not true according to the passage?

- A) With the Narendra Modi government in its second year, its major poll promise of OROP remains unfulfilled.
 - B) With such a pace that Govt. is running, the exservicemen are totally satisfied with response.
 - C) Successive governments have intermittently raised hopes on it according to political convenience.
- 1) Only A and C
 - 2) Only B and C
 - 3) Only C and A
 - 4) All A, B and C
 - 5) None of these

15. What does the author mean by the phrase "with a final announcement nowhere in sight"?

- 1) None
- 2) The Sight of the ex-servicemen are weak and they can't see the decisions mentioned on the website.

- 3) The decision seems to be taken soon on the occasion of International Yoga day.
4) The final announcement is not visible with the naked eyes.
5) The final announcement seems impossible, at least in near future.

Solutions

S1. Ans.(b)

Sol. 'devoted to watching' is correct expression.

S2. Ans.(c)

Sol. has distinct advantages- is correct expression.

S3. Ans.(a)

Sol. had prepared with- is correct expression.

S4. Ans.(e)

Sol. No correction required.

S5. Ans.(b)

Sol. faith in and hopes for- is correct expression.

S6. Ans.(e)

Sol. The correct order of the sentences of the given paragraph would be: ACBED

S7. Ans.(b)

Sol. The correct order of the sentences of the given paragraph would be: ACBED

S8. Ans.(d)

Sol. The correct order of the sentences of the given paragraph would be: ACBED

S9. Ans.(d)

Sol. The correct order of the sentences of the given paragraph would be: ACBED

S10. Ans.(d)

Sol. The correct order of the sentences of the given paragraph would be: ACBED

11. 2

12. 4

13. 1

14. 3

15. 5