

Q:1 Given below is a set of two statements with three emboldened words in it, may or may not be in its correct position. Find the correct set of arrangements by picking the correct option and in case, none of the options seem correct, mark on 'No rearrangement required'.

1) The more restrained debate on Thursday night (Friday morning India time), in **(A)beheaded** to the rude and contentious first one, between President Donald Trump and his challenger, Jo Biden, may not move the needle too much in the US presidential election campaign – millions have already voted and most seem to have made up their minds.

2) Although the race has tightened in the last few days, Biden still holds a relatively **(B)contrast** lead. But the debate is of interest to the rest of the world, for its focus, though limited, was on foreign policy. The arguments generated some heat but did not shed much light on where the next administration's policies might be **(C)comfortable**. But there was one exception – climate change, on which the two leaders offered radically different approaches to addressing the challenges of global warming. Trump's comments on India's "filthy air" came with reference to the 2015 Paris Accord that sought to limit global temperature rise to below two degrees centigrade.

1. (A)contrast, (B)comfortable, (C)beheaded
2. (A)beheaded, (B)contrast, (C)comfortable
3. (A)comfortable, (B)contrast, (C)beheaded
5. No rearrangement required

Q:2 Given below is a set of two statements with three emboldened words in it, may or may not be in its correct position. Find the correct set of arrangements by picking the correct option and in case, none of the options seem correct, mark on 'No rearrangement required'.

1) It's hard not to like Sir Geoffrey Boycott, innit? That quaint Yorkshire accent, that intolerance to "rubbish", that **(A)unapologetic** straight-speak, that allergy to political correctness. But guess what's immensely harder? To gracefully depart, to know your time is up, to make way for the new – especially if you are white, male, and 80. That explains why, four months after he retired from the BBC's Test Match Special (TMS) radio commentary team, Boycott's being a bit of an old uncle.

2) In an interview with the Daily Telegraph, he has blamed his departure not on being **(B)generous**

to COVID-19 but a new BBC fad of choosing "equality over quality". A few months ago, he had darkly prophesied that no woman cricketer could replace him at TMS because she didn't have the experience of the "power and pace" of the real thing – men's cricket, stupid! A bit rich considering we are talking cricket, and TMS – a British institution where listeners power their beloved (mostly white) commentators with **(C)vulnerable** gifts of cakes and scones.

1. (A)generous, (B)unapologetic, (C)vulnerable
2. (A)unapologetic, (B)vulnerable, (C)generous
3. (A)vulnerable, (B)unapologetic, (C)generous
5. No rearrangement required

Q:3 Given below is a set of two statements with three emboldened words in it, may or may not be in its correct position. Find the correct set of arrangements by picking the correct option and in case, none of the options seems correct, mark on 'No rearrangement required'.

The Maharashtra government's decision to withdraw the "general consent" given to the CBI to investigate cases in the state is **(A)formidable**. Maharashtra is not the first state to flag this distrust of the federal agency: Andhra Pradesh, West Bengal and Chhattisgarh have done the same in recent times. On each such occasion, the state government had hinted that it suspected the agency of acting at the behest of the Centre. The CBI has, in the past, been called a "caged parrot" that sings the Centre's tune. There is a **(B)disquieting** body of evidence to establish that through much of the last three decades and even now, when an investigation is not being monitored by the court, the agency has served as pretty much its master's voice – especially when it comes to its role as anti-corruption watchdog. Preliminary enquiries, FIR, cases, charge sheets, all are filed, dropped, put on hold depending on who is in power and what they want. The current confrontation strengthens the **(C)perception** that states in opposition see the Centre as weaponising the agency to keep the heat on opposition-led governments.

1. (A)perception, (B)disquieting, (C)formidable
2. (A)perception, (B)formidable, (C)disquieting
3. (A)disquieting, (B)formidable, (C)perception
5. No rearrangement required



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Q:4 Given below is a set of two statements with three emboldened words in it, may or may not be in its correct position. Find the correct set of arrangements by picking the correct option and in case, none of the options seem correct, mark on 'No rearrangement required'.

1) The political turmoil in Rajasthan has, once again, shone an **(A)scenario** light on the office of the governor. On Monday, Governor Kalraj Mishra stalled the Ashok Gehlot government's recommendation for an assembly session. A few days ago, he vetoed the state government's proposal for a floor test. The governor has said that "the Raj Bhavan has no intention of not calling an assembly session" and asked the state government to submit a fresh proposal. But his repeated queries and the delay in convening the assembly – citing the COVID situation, among other reasons – invite questions about his commitment to play by the book in a **(B)vacillated** in which neither of the leading players seems to be playing with a straight bat. By all accounts, the chief minister himself has **(C)unflattering** in the last few days on the question of the floor test.

1. (A)vacillated, (B)unflattering, (C)scenario
2. (A)scenario, (B)unflattering, (C)vacillated
3. (A)unflattering, (B)vacillated, (C)scenario
5. No rearrangement required

Q:5 Given below is a set of two statements with three emboldened words in it, may or may not be in its correct position. Find the correct set of arrangements by picking the correct option and in case, none of the options seem correct, mark on 'No rearrangement required'.

The GDP data released by the National Statistical Office on Friday affirms three disconcerting trends. First, the economy had slowed down considerably, even before the national lockdown was **(A)expectations** to contain the spread of the coronavirus. The revised data for the first three quarters of the previous financial year indicates that the slowdown was more pronounced than was previously believed. Second, the lockdown has made matters worse. And as the data on the eight-core industries for April indicates, the economic **(B)distress** is likely to be more severe than expected. Third, the headline growth number is being driven by only two sectors – agriculture and government. At the aggregate level, growth in

gross value added slumped to 3 per cent in the fourth quarter of the last financial year. While growth was above **(C)imposed**, as it is based on a limited set of data on earnings – timelines for submitting financial returns have been extended – the numbers are likely to be subject to downward revision as and when more data is available.

1. (A)imposed, (B)distress, (C)expectations
2. (A)expectations, (B)distress, (C)imposed
3. (A)imposed, (B)expectations, (C)distress
5. No rearrangement required

Q:6 Given below is a set of two statements with three emboldened words in it, may or may not be in its correct position. Find the correct set of arrangements by picking the correct option and in case, none of the options seem correct, mark on 'No rearrangement required'.

1. Last week, when it declared the COVID-19 outbreak as a pandemic, the WHO called for international cooperation to contain the rapidly spreading virus. The outbreak has led to a few notable attempts at cooperation, **(A)transcending** national borders. China has sent medical experts to Italy and Iran. The Chinese government has, on more than one occasion, acknowledged the help it has received from Japan – especially, donations of masks and protective gear.

2. The EU has pledged 10 million euros to support research on the novel coronavirus. European leaders have also agreed to set up a 25 billion-euro investment fund and relax rules governing airlines to curb the economic fallout of the pandemic. And on Sunday, a video conference of SAARC leaders **(B)disregards** a joint effort by South Asian countries to combat the COVID-19. However, with the death toll from the virus touching almost 8,000, global cooperation remains far short of what is required to contain the public health emergency that **(C)stressed** borders.

1. (A)transcending, (B)disregards, (C)stressed
2. (A)transcending, (B)stressed, (C)disregards
3. (A)disregards, (B)stressed, (C)transcending
5. No rearrangement required

Q:7 Given below is a set of two statements with three emboldened words in it, may or may not be in its correct position. Find the correct set of arrangements by picking the correct option and in case, none of the options seem correct, mark on



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'No rearrangement required'.

1) The Janata Parliamentary board has decided by a majority that no functionary of the party or its legislator shall take part in the day-to-day activities of the RSS. The decision was (A)angry opposed by leaders of the Jana Sangh group in the Janata Party, including L K Advani, Atal Bihari Vajpayee, and Nanaji Deshmukh. The crisis over the dual membership question that has been nagging the party for over a year now, continues unresolved and threatens to split the party again.

(B)amend at the Parliamentary Board's decision, the Jana Sangh leaders have made it clear that they will not accept it under any circumstances.

2) The political affairs committee of the cabinet decided to restore to Aligarh Muslim University its minority character. The government will now bring forward in the current session of Parliament a bill to (C)stoutly the Aligarh Muslim University Act. The law minister, who attended the PAC meeting, has been asked to draft the necessary amendments in consultation with the home ministry.

1. (A)angry, (B)amend, (C)stoutly
2. (A)stoutly, (B)amend, (C)angry
3. (A)stoutly, (B)angry, (C)amend
5. No rearrangement required

Q:8 In each of the following questions, a sentence with four highlighted words has been given. One of these highlighted words may or may not have been used unnecessarily in the given sentences.

You are required to choose the word that is redundant and gives a superfluous meaning. If all of the highlighted words are essential for the contextual meaning of the sentence, then choose option 5 as your answer choice.

The actor is negotiating (A) new (B) merchandise launches at nearby (C) half the cost. (D)

1. A
2. B
3. C
5. None of these

Q:9 In each of the following questions, a sentence with four highlighted words has been given. One of these highlighted words may or may not have been used unnecessarily in the given sentences.

You are required to choose the word that is redundant and gives a superfluous meaning. If all of the highlighted words are essential for the

contextual meaning of the sentence, then choose option 5 as your answer choice.

If (A) I leave now (B), I will not be (C) able to return back (D) before 9 p.m.

1. A
2. B
3. C
5. None of these

Q:10 Given below is a set of two statements with three emboldened words in it, may or may not be in its correct position. Find the correct set of arrangements by picking the correct option and in case, none of the options seem correct, mark on 'No rearrangement required'.

1) The World Health Organisation will hold an emergency meeting to discuss the situation (A)arising out of the outbreak of a mystery respiratory illness, which has killed at least four people and infected more than 200 in China. With cases also being reported in Japan, South Korea, and Thailand, the outbreak has (B)vigilant memories of the SARS epidemic – caused by a coronavirus that killed nearly 800 people and infected more than 8,000 others across the world in 2002–2003.

2) Preliminary analysis of the new virus's genetic code reveals that it is more closely related to SARS than any other coronavirus detected in humans in the past 20 years. And, though experts suggest that the new flu may not be as lethal as SARS, there are enough reasons for health authorities around the world to be (C)revived.

1. (A)arising, (B)revived, (C)vigilant
2. (A)revived, (B)vigilant, (C)arising
3. (A)vigilant, (B)arising, (C)revived
5. No rearrangement required

Answer Key

1. (1)	2. (2)	3. (3)	4. (4)	5. (1)
6. (2)	7. (3)	8. (3)	9. (4)	10. (1)

Answers and Solutions

Q:1 The correct answer is option 1, i.e. (A)contrast, (B)comfortable, (C)beheaded.

The given question needs a proper arrangement of the sentences forming a coherent paragraph. The first sentence talks about Despite contrasting views of fossil-fuel use in the US, both Trump and Biden are a challenge to India's climate change standpoint. So, the word that suits the context of the sentence is 'contrast' means the state of being strikingly different from something else in juxtaposition or close association.

The word that fits best in part B is 'comfortable' means (especially of clothes or furnishings) providing physical ease and relaxation.

The best possible word at C is 'beheaded' means cut off the head of (someone), especially as a form of execution.

Hence, option 1 is correct.

Q:2 The correct answer is option 2, i.e. (A)unapologetic, (B)vulnerable, (C)generous.

The given question needs a proper arrangement of the sentences forming a coherent paragraph.

The first sentence talks about Boycott's jibe appears to be aimed at Isa Guha, an Indian-origin woman cricketer who has worked with the BBC for a decade. The difficulty of saying goodbye when you are white, male, and 80. So, the word that suits the context of the sentence is 'unapologetic' means not acknowledging or expressing regret.

The word that fits best in part B is 'vulnerable' means exposed to the possibility of being attacked or harmed, either physically or emotionally.

The best possible word at C is 'generous' means showing a readiness to give more of something, especially money, than is strictly necessary or expected.

Hence, option 2 is correct.

Q:3 The correct answer is option 3, i.e. (A)disquieting, (B)formidable, (C)perception.

The given question needs a proper arrangement of

the sentences forming a coherent paragraph.

The first sentence talks about The Uddhav Thackeray government's decision on the CBI seems to be driven by the suspicion that the agency may take over a case regarding the manipulation of TV viewership figures that the state police are investigating. So, the word that suits the context of the sentence is 'disquieting' means inducing feelings of anxiety or worry.

The word that fits best in part B is 'formidable' means inspiring fear or respect through being impressively large, powerful, intense, or capable.

The best possible word at C is 'perception' means the ability to see, hear or become aware of something through the senses.

Hence, option 3 is correct.

Q:4 The correct answer is option 4, i.e. (A)unflattering, (B)scenario, (C)vacillated.

The given question needs a proper arrangement of the sentences forming a coherent paragraph.

The first sentence talks about Rajasthan Governor's role in the current crisis reinforces the impression that the office takes a cue from the Centre, not Constitution. So, the word that suits the context of the sentence is 'unflattering' means to try to please by complimentary remarks or attention, not flattering.

The word that fits best in part B is 'scenario' means a written outline of a film, novel, or stage work giving details of the plot and individual scenes.

The best possible word at C is 'vacillated' means waver between different opinions or actions; be indecisive.

Hence, option 4 is correct.

Q:5 The correct answer is option 1, i.e. (A)imposed, (B)distress, (C)expectations.

The given question needs a proper arrangement of the sentences forming a coherent paragraph.

The first sentence talks about At the aggregate level, growth in gross value added slumped to 3 percent in the fourth quarter of the last financial year. So, the word that suits the context of the sentence is 'imposed' means force (an unwelcome decision or ruling) on someone.

The word that fits best in part B is 'distress' means extreme anxiety, sorrow, or pain.

The best possible word at C is 'expectations'



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means a strong belief that something will happen or be the case.

Hence, option 1 is correct.

Q:6 The correct answer is option 2, i.e. (A)transcending, (B)stressed, (C)disregards.

The given question needs a proper arrangement of the sentences forming a coherent paragraph. The first sentence talks about the outbreak that has led to a few notable attempts at cooperation, transcending national borders. So, the word that suits the context of the sentence is 'transcending' means be or go beyond the range or limits of (a field of activity or conceptual sphere).

The word that fits best in part B is 'stressed' means experiencing mental or emotional strain or tension.

The best possible word at C is 'disregards' means pay no attention to; ignore.

Hence, option 2 is correct.

Q:7 The correct answer is option 3, i.e. (A)stoutly, (B)angry, (C)amend.

The given question needs a proper arrangement of the sentences forming a coherent paragraph.

The first sentence talks about The Janata Parliamentary board has decided by a majority that no functionary of the party or its legislator shall take part in the day-to-day activities of the RSS. So, the word that suits the context of the sentence is 'stoutly' means with courage and determination.

The word that fits best in part B is 'angry' means feeling or showing anger.

The best possible word at C is 'amend' means make minor changes to (a text, piece of legislation, etc.) in order to make it fairer or more accurate or to reflect changing circumstances.

Hence, option 4 is correct.

Q:8 The correct answer is Option 3 i.e. C.

The use of 'nearby' is superfluous as the word 'negotiating' gives the idea of the process of bargain itself.

The correct sentence will be: **The actor is negotiating new merchandise launches at half the cost.**

Hence, the correct answer is **Option 3 i.e. C.**

Q:9 The correct answer is Option 4 i.e. D.

The use of 'back' is superfluous.

The correct sentence will be: **If I leave now, I will not be able to return before 9 p.m.**

Hence, the correct answer is **Option 4 i.e. D.**

Q:10 The correct answer is option 1, i.e. (A)arising, (B)revived, (C)vigilant.

The given question needs a proper arrangement of the sentences forming a coherent paragraph.

The first sentence talks about though the experts suggest that the new flu may not be as lethal as SARS, there are enough reasons for health authorities around the world. So, the word that suits the context of the sentence is 'arising' means materials forming the secondary or waste products of industrial operations.

The word that fits best in part B is 'revived' means restore to life or consciousness.

The best possible word at C is 'vigilant' means keeping careful watch for possible danger or difficulties.

Hence, option 1 is correct.