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Q:1 A statement is given below with two highlighted words/phrases marked as (A) and (B). Out of both words, one word is grammatically or contextually incorrect. Choose the most appropriate option from the given alternatives which can help replace the highlighted incorrect word to make the statement grammatically and contextually correct. If both the highlighted words are correct grammatically and contextually, choose 'E' as your answer i.e., No corrections required.

After years of **entertained** (A) over whether Pluto is a planet, in 2006 the International Astronomical Union (IAU) voted to remove Pluto's planetary status and now some researchers are **challenging** (B) this decision, citing the manner in which scientific tradition has dealt with the taxonomy of planets.

1. Speculating
2. Agreed
3. Arguing
4. Rejection
5. No corrections required

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Former RBI Governor Raghuram Rajan's note of caution on the next financial crisis that could be building up needs to be taken in all **seriousness** (A). In his note to Parliament's Estimates Committee on bank non-performing assets, Mr. Rajan has **assist** (B) three major sources of potential trouble: Mudra credit, which is basically small-ticket loans granted to micro and small enterprises; lending to farmers through Kisan Credit Cards; and contingent liabilities under the Credit Guarantee Scheme for MSMEs, run by the Small Industries Development Bank of India.

1. Contributing
2. Flagged
3. Yield
4. Processed
5. No corrections required

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The concept **to** (A) sustainable development can be interpreted in many different ways, but at its core is an approach to development that looks to balance different, and often competing, needs against an awareness of the environmental, social and economic limitations we **face** (B) as a society.

1. On
2. Look
3. Faced
4. Of
5. No corrections required

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The UK is the world's fifth-largest economy, it contains many areas of immense wealth, its capital is a leading centre of global finance, its entrepreneurs are **revolution** (A) and agile, and despite the current political turmoil, it has a system of government that rightly remains the envy of much of the world. It thus seems patently unjust and **contrary** (B) to British values that so many people are living in poverty.

1. Complying
2. Precursor
3. Profusion
4. Innovative
5. No correction required

Q:5 A statement is given below with two highlighted words/phrases marked as (A) and (B). Out of both words, one word is grammatically or contextually incorrect. Choose the most appropriate option from the given alternatives which can help replace the highlighted incorrect word to make the statement grammatically and contextually correct. If both the highlighted words are



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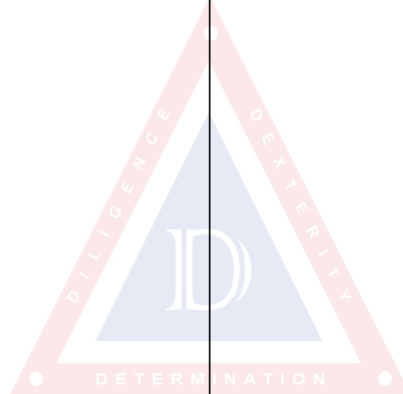
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correct grammatically and contextually, choose 'E' as your answer i.e., No corrections required.

The national stadium for the first time as it launched celebrations to mark the 87th anniversary of its **foundation(A)** with an unprecedented array of concerts and performances. The events are part of the government's Vision 2030 reform program launched two years ago to **begrudge (B)** the economy away from oil, create new sectors to employ young citizens and open up Saudis' cloistered lifestyles.

1. Formation
2. Reform
3. Diversify
4. Draw
5. No corrections required



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Answer Key

1. (3) 2. (2) 3. (4) 4. (4) 5. (3)

Answers and Solutions

Q:1 The correct answer is **option 3 i.e. arguing.**

- The question has two highlighted words, marked as A and B. The word marked as A is incorrect in both ways i.e., contextually and grammatically.
- The sentence talks about the debate for removing Pluto from the list of planets. 'Entertained' means to provide (someone) with amusement or enjoyment. Which does not make any sense here in the sentence.
- From the given alternatives, the word 'Arguing' refers to exchange or express diverging or opposite views; a quarrel. As the sentence is talking about a debate, 'arguing seems to be the contextually correct replacement of the word 'entertained'.
- Moreover, a preposition is given in the statement before the word 'entertained', and as per the grammar rules, when a non-finite verb form is the object of a preposition, it is almost always a gerund, i.e., the present participle (or -ing) form of a verb used as a noun. Thus the word 'entertained' is grammatically incorrect also.
- Hence, 'arguing' is the correct word to replace 'A'.

Hence, the correct sentence is "After years of arguing over whether Pluto is a planet, in 2006 the International Astronomical Union (IAU) voted to remove Pluto's planetary status and now some researchers are challenging this decision, citing the manner in which scientific tradition has dealt with the taxonomy of planets."

Q:2 The correct answer is **option 2 i.e. Flagged.**

- The question has two highlighted words, marked as A and B. The word marked as B is incorrect in both ways i.e., contextually and grammatically.
- The statement talks about the former RBI governor's note to Parliament's committee. The former governor has pointed out three serious areas related to bad debts that will become worse in the future.
- Thus, the word 'assist' is not contextually correct as it refers to help (someone), typically by doing a share of the work. As Mr. Rajan is not helping three

serious areas, the word does not make any sense here.

- From the options 'Flagged' seems to be the correct choice for 'B'. 'Flagged' means **mark (an item) for attention or treatment in a specified way.**
- Adding to this, the given word 'assist' is grammatically incorrect. The verb 'has' is given before the marked word and after 'has/have', always use a past participle i.e., has/have + V3.

Hence, the correct sentence is "Former RBI Governor Raghuram Rajan's note of caution on the next financial crisis that could be building up needs to be taken in all seriousness. In his note to Parliament's Estimates Committee on bank non-performing assets, Mr. Rajan has flagged three major sources of potential trouble: Mudra credit, which is basically small-ticket loans granted to micro and small enterprises; lending to farmers through Kisan Credit Cards; and contingent liabilities under the Credit Guarantee Scheme for MSMEs, run by the Small Industries Development Bank of India."

Q:3 The correct answer is **option 4 i.e. of.**

- The question has two highlighted words, marked as A and B. The word marked as A is grammatically incorrect.
- From the sentence, it is evident that there is a relation between 'concept' and 'sustainable development'. Thus, the correct preposition to use here is 'of' as it indicates relationships between other words, such as belonging, things made of other things, things that contain other things, or a point of reckoning. 'On' is a preposition to indicate touching and being supported by the top surface of (something), or moving to a position that is supported by something.

Hence, the correct sentence is "**The concept of sustainable** development can be interpreted in many different ways, but at its core is an approach to development that looks to balance different, and often competing, needs against an awareness of the environmental, social and economic limitations we face as a society."

Q:4 The correct answer is **option 4 i.e. innovative.**

- The question has two highlighted words, marked as A and B. The word marked as A is incorrect in both ways i.e., contextually and grammatically.
- Here we need an adjective to modify the noun 'Entrepreneurs'. 'revolution' is a noun and among the given alternatives we have only one adjective

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and that is 'Innovative'. Hence, 'innovative' is the correct replacement for 'A'.

- Innovative (adjective) - (of a product, idea, etc.) featuring new methods; advanced and original.
- Revolution (noun) - a forcible overthrow of a government or social order, in favour of a new system.
- Complying (gerund) - act in accordance with a wish or command.
- Precursor (noun) - a person or thing that comes before another of the same kind; a forerunner.
- Profusion (noun) - an abundance or large quantity of something.

Hence, the correct sentence is "The UK is the world's fifth-largest economy, it contains many areas of immense wealth, its capital is a leading centre of global finance, its entrepreneurs are innovative and agile, and despite the current political turmoil, it has a system of government that rightly remains the envy of much of the world. It thus seems patently unjust and contrary to British values that so many people are living in poverty."

Q:5 The correct answer is **option 3 i.e. diversity**.

- The question has two highlighted words, marked as A and B. The word marked as B is contextually incorrect.
- The statement is surely about the economy of the country as 'oil' and 'employment' are being talked about. The word 'diversify' means 'make more varied'. The word 'begrudge' means 'envy'. Envying the economy makes no sense here, hence 'begrudge' can be eliminated.

Reform - make changes in (something, especially an institution or practice) in order to improve it.

Formation - the action of forming or the process of being formed.

Draw - pull or move (something) in a specified direction.

Hence, the correct sentence is "The national stadium for the first time as it launched celebrations to mark the 87th anniversary of its foundation with an unprecedented array of concerts and performances. The events are part of the government's Vision 2030 reform program launched two years ago to diversify the economy away from oil, create new sectors to employ young citizens and open up Saudis' cloistered lifestyles."