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41. c In the given sentence the only suitable word for the second blank is “consequences” for a simple reason that the experimental results cannot be foundations/conditions/ adjuncts of anything. This negates all the options except option (c). ‘Illuminate’ means to make clear; explain; elucidate.

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The youth today are \_\_\_\_\_ and fulfilling personal aspirations in a competitive world, that to devote hundred percent to social causes becomes impossible.

- (1) subjected to such compelling social pressures as living up to the expectations of parents, meeting standards of social living
  - (2) a subject to such compelling social pressures as living up to the expectations of parents, meeting social standards of living
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- Like

79

#FIB

Europe's economy is \_\_\_\_\_ at the moment through the biggest crisis it has seen since the creation of the \_\_\_\_\_ currency now used by sixteen European countries.

- a) fighting . . . united
  - b) struggling . . . unified
  - c) battling . . . unique
  - d) wrestling . . . common
- Like

80

#FIB Please post the reasons along with the answer:

Now that India is \_\_\_\_\_ as a production base of top-ranking automobile companies, there is a rise in demand for tyres coupled with \_\_\_\_\_ for value addition.

- a) growing .... results
- b) developing .... risks
- c) emerging .... opportunities
- d) evolving .... openings

95

Nonetheless, since the 19th century, some have argued that only a nobleman could have produced writings so \_\_\_\_\_ with intimate depictions of courtly life and exotic settings far beyond England. Dabbling in entertainments was considered \_\_\_\_\_, the theory goes, so the author laundered his works through Shakespeare, a member of the Globe Theatre's acting troupe

- 1) constructed, plagiarism
- 2) genuine, good
- 3) replete, undignified
- 4) complete, noble
- 5) full, crime

107

#fib

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The \_\_\_\_\_ at Clube Nacional is perfect, and one immediately \_\_\_\_\_

the film version of this story: lone journalist, snubbed by (many of) his peers for his collegial exposés, sits at a table in a dimly-lit tavern, sipping his glass of milky feni.

- (a) aura, limns
- (b) feel, cognizes
- (c) emanation, assimilates
- (d) ambience, envisions

120

The recent disturbances in the country will \_\_\_\_\_ and peace will be restored.

- (a) blow past
- (b) blow over
- (c) pass through
- (d) come to pass

Please give justification to your answer.

121

3. I should not have \_\_\_\_\_ to talk in such a \_\_\_\_\_ strain especially when I had not studied the man to whom I was talking.

- (a) daring, commanding
- (b) try, bold
- (c) ventured, peremptory
- (d) emboldened, reckless

Please give justification to your answer.

126

1. If they \_\_\_\_\_ ( not get ) drunk, they would not have been arrested.

2. He \_\_\_\_\_ ( be ) the dog if he had got hold of a stick.

3. If he \_\_\_\_\_ ( spray ) insecticide on the plant, all the ants would die.

4. If you \_\_\_\_\_ ( drop ) that brick, it would fall on your foot.

5. If it rains, we \_\_\_\_\_ ( not be ) able to get home.

6. I \_\_\_\_\_ ( show ) you how to operate that machine if you were willing to learn.

7. If there are no pineapples, she \_\_\_\_\_ ( buy ) some bananas instead.

8. \_\_\_\_\_ he \_\_\_\_\_ ( climb ) up onto the roof if I held the ladder for him ?

9. If he \_\_\_\_\_ ( pull ) out the plug while the current was on, he would get an electric shock.

10. Those trees \_\_\_\_\_ ( bear ) fruit earlier if you planted them from grafts.

11. They \_\_\_\_\_ ( be ) more pleased if you had told them the news yourself.

12. The man \_\_\_\_\_ ( not sell ) you that medicine unless you have a prescription from your doctor.

13. We could have given you our help if you \_\_\_\_\_ ( ask ) for it.

14. He can have the shoes if they \_\_\_\_\_ ( be ) the right size for him.

15. She might be worried if he \_\_\_\_\_ ( not come ) home for dinner.

16. She \_\_\_\_\_ ( start ) cooking if she has all the ingredients ready.

128 \_\_\_\_\_ time I see you, you look so fashionable.

- A) each
- B) every
- C) both can be used

137 Let's see who can answer this correctly !  
We \_\_\_\_\_ our homework last night.

- a. done
- b. did
- c. do
- d. does

148 3. Every human being, after the first few days of his life, is a product of two factors: on the one hand, there is his \_\_\_\_\_ endowment; and on the other hand, there is the effect of environment, including \_\_\_\_\_  
(1) constitutional; weather (2) congenital; education  
(3) personal; climate (4) economic; learning  
(5) genetic; pedagogy

162 Fill in the blanks with the most appropriate pair of words from the given options.

We do not live in a/an \_\_\_\_\_, ruled by experts who decide our social goals, but however imperfect, in a popular government that tries to advance the goals that \_\_\_\_\_ establishes.

#### OPTIONS

- 1)  
technocracy, society
- 2)  
democracy, the majority
- 3)  
oligarchy, the nation
- 4)  
autocracy, the elite

175 After the dog sniffed out the drugs, the policewoman showed her \_ P P \_ O \_  
A \_ I \_ N (praise) by giving him a Scooby Snack.

- 229 The brilliant boy was able to.....many prizes.  
A. carry off  
B. bear up  
C. bear away  
D. bring forth  
E. none
- 257 The exorbitant amount charged by the insurance company for \_\_\_\_\_ the car is unethical and simply \_\_\_\_\_.  
a) appraising, amoral  
b) appraising, immoral  
c) apprising, amoral  
d) apprising, immoral
- 258 Although there is \_\_\_\_\_ gunfire ,there is no stiff resistance to the revolutionary army  
  
bitter  
meagre  
continuous  
sporadic
- 262 I prohibited him ..... drinking wine.  
A. for  
B. to  
C. at  
D. from  
E. none
- 263 prateek had left before ----- his house .a-I Could reach b-I Would have reached c-I Will reach d-I reached
- 264 12. the chairman, as well as the members,\_\_\_\_\_to blame for this misfortune.  
a. are  
b. were  
c. was  
d. is  
previous answer 10-c
- 265 8. by the time I reach America, it\_\_\_\_\_morning.  
a. is  
b. would be  
c. must be

- d. was
- 267      Beside  
            At  
            From  
            Of
- A. He was shocked---- the news of his father's death .
- 268      Always ..... from notorious persons  
            A. keep back  
            B. keep away  
            C. keep to  
            D. keep down  
            E. none
- 269      Beside  
            At  
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- E. She did not hide the truth ---- her husband.
- 270      90% WILL FAIL
28. the soldier \_\_\_\_\_ still till his enemies passed by.  
a. laid  
b. lay  
c. lain  
d. lied
- 392      PLEASE PROVIDE REASONS ALSO
- Prince Sultan, like most of the roughly 35 sons of the founding \_\_\_\_\_, was given a rudimentary palace education focused on religion and Arabic.
- A moderate  
B sergeant  
C occupant  
D. monarch
- 399      #FIB
5. Every survey ever held has shown that the image of an attractive woman

is the most effective advertising ..... She may sit astride the mudguard of a new car, or step into it ablaze with jewels; she may lie at a man's feet stroking his new socks; she may hold the petrol pump in a challenging pose, or dance through woodland ..... in slow motion in all the glory of a new shampoo; whatever she does her image sells.

- a) campaign, trees b) proposal, haze
- c) gimmick, glades d) plan, canopy

444

Choose the most appropriate words to fill in the blanks:

He was accused of \_\_\_\_\_ and his \_\_\_\_\_ attitude towards certain ethnic groups cost him his job

- a) plagiarism, frank
- b) high-handedness, conciliatory
- c) bigotry, deprecatory
- d) bribery, peripatetic

459

Fill in the blanks with suitable verb choosing from the brackets

4. You and i --- good friend.  
(is/are)

5. The blind ---helpless.  
(is/are)

460

He is eager.....peace.  
(to, for, in)

461

I \_\_\_\_ a friend named Renu who \_\_\_\_ a horse ranch the city.

- 1. Has,buys
- 2. Need,holds
- 3. Possess,runs
- 4. Have, owns
- 5. Got, sells

462

The politician had great zeal.....constructive activities.

- A. over
- B. on
- C. for
- D. in
- E. none

469

No one is \_\_\_\_\_about Rahul; he inspires either uncritical adulation or

profound \_\_\_\_\_ in those who  
work for him.

- (a) neutral...antipathy (b) infuriated...aversion  
(c) enthusiastic...veneration (d) apprehensive...consternation

- 471 Anti-plagiarism software is growing increasingly sophisticated; it is now enabling a scholar like Vickers to investigate the \_\_\_\_\_ of unattributed works of literature. "With this method we see the way authors use and reuse the same phrases and \_\_\_\_\_, like chunks of fabric in a weave," says Vickers.
- a. provenance, metaphors
  - b. authenticity, styles
  - c. truthfulness, metres
  - d. plausibility, idioms

- 472 Dr. Mak was so sad after seeing the \_\_\_\_ conditions of the area affected by the disaster that she decided to donate a million dollars to try to improve the situation.
- A. corrosive
  - B. squalid
  - C. commodious
  - D. discern
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Notwithstanding the role of politics in influencing this decision, any criticism of the Modi government's latest stand must be \_\_\_\_\_ with the view that the death penalty is no answer to \_\_\_\_\_ crimes.

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Domestic violence belongs to the private sphere: it is part of its \_\_\_\_\_ nature. There are normally no direct witnesses and there are very few convictions, despite its \_\_\_\_\_.

- (a) pernicious, prevalence (b) pertinent, obscurity  
(c) ominous, disparity (d) vindictive, preponderance

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- (a) consciousness, interrogate (b) awareness, discover  
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What made Dr Hawking's revelation so \_\_\_\_\_ to the religious establishment, and so \_\_\_\_\_ to its ideological opponents, was that until now he was regarded as an ally of faith.

- (a) offensive, pertinent (b) jarring, mellifluous  
(c) concordant, incongruous (d) appealing, objectionable

815

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- (a) vices, entrenched (b) foibles, pervasive  
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An atmosphere that \_\_\_\_\_ the value and growth of individuals as well as the organization is important, and \_\_\_\_\_ between individuals and the organization must be a team effort.

(a) exudes, discussion (b) encompasses, agglomerate

(c) promotes, collaboration (d) assesses, links

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A/an \_\_\_\_\_ professional can help you establish a budget for your children's extracurricular activities based on your \_\_\_\_\_ income and savings goals.

(a) knowledgeable, current (b) qualified, retirement

(c) experienced, desired (d) recommended, projected

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31. Every interest ..... the judgement of taste and robs it of its .....

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(2) Vitiates.....Impartiality

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1059

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- (4) Purview.....Variegated

1060

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- (4) Aesthetics.....Contextualizes

1061

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- (1) Perception...details
- (2) Premonition...details
- (3) Sensitization...guidelines
- (4) Intuition...numbers

1062

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- (1) aspiring, nullifies (2) feckless, encourages  
(3) bigoted, guarantees (4) prospective, accentuates

1130 DIRECTIONS : There are two gaps in the following sentence. From the pairs of words given, choose the one which fills the gap most appropriately. The first word in the pair should fill the first gap.

81. Robert Williams' style of writing has an air of ..... : just when you think the story line is ....., he suddenly takes a different direction. Although this is often the mark of a beginner, Williams pulls it off masterfully.

- (1) outlandishness, foreseeable (2) impulsivity, definite  
(3) whimsicality, unpredictable (4) capriciousness, predictable

1131 DIRECTIONS : There are two gaps in the following sentence. From the pairs of words given, choose the one which fills the gap most appropriately. The first word in the pair should fill the first gap.

82. He is too ..... to be ..... easily.

- (1) simple, proclaimed (2) strong, mislead  
(3) sturdy, defeated (4) intelligent, outwitted

1132 DIRECTIONS : The following paragraph has a number of blanks marked with a number followed by a set of options. Mark the options that best complete the blanks.

The feeling of insecurity among the people has increased even though there is liberal use of the paramilitary and the military. The excesses ...(83)... by the two forces, particularly by the first, do not evoke the type of anger it should because they are seen fighting with those who are trying to disintegrate the country. Even a ...(84)... for more say in the administration is

shouted down. Human rights organisations and Civil liberty activists are considered a nuisance, if not unpatriotic. Even the blatant cases of cruelty are not pursued by the government lest the inquiry should ...(85)...the forces and blunt the instrument on which it has come to depend.

83. (1) cleared (2) committed  
(3) condoned (4) displayed

84. (1) longing (2) desire  
(3) prayer (4) plea

85. (1) disperse (2) derail  
(3) demoralise (4) ennoble

1166

Directions for Questions 47 to 49: In the following paragraph, there are blanks that have to be filled in by the given options. Choose the most appropriate word as the answer.

Many have held and still hold the opinion, that there is nothing which has less in common with another, and that is so dissimilar, as civilian life is from the military. Whence it is often observed, if anyone designs to avail himself of an enlistment in the army, that he soon changes, not only his clothes, but also his customs, his habits, his voice, and in the presence of any civilian custom, he goes to pieces; for I do not believe that any man can dress in civilian clothes who wants to be quick and ready for any violence; nor can that man have civilian customs and habits, who judges those customs to be [47] and those habits not conducive to his actions; nor does it seem right to him to maintain his ordinary appearance and voice who, with his beard and cursing, wants to make other men afraid: which makes such an opinion in these times to be very true. But if they should consider the ancient institutions, they would not find matter more united, more in conformity, and which, of necessity, should be like to each other as much as these (civilian and military); for in all the arts that are established in a society for the sake of the common good of men, all those institutions created to (make people) live in fear of the laws and of God would be in vain, if their defense had not been provided for and which, if well arranged, will maintain not only these, but also those that are not well established. And so (on the contrary), good institutions without the help of the military are not much differently [48] than the habitation of a superb and regal palace, which, even though adorned with jewels and gold, if it is not roofed over will not have anything to protect it from the rain. And, if in any other institutions of a City and of a Republic

every diligence is employed in keeping men loyal, peaceful, and full of the fear of God,  
it is [49] in the military; for in what man ought the country look for greater loyalty than in that man who has to promise to die for her? In whom ought there to be a greater love of peace, than in him who can only be injured by war? In whom ought there to be a greater fear of God than in him who, undergoing infinite dangers every day, has more need for His aid? If these necessities in forming the life of the soldier are well considered, they are found to be praised by those who gave the laws to the Commanders and by those who were put in charge of military training, and followed and imitated with all diligence by others.

47.

- (1) downtrodden (2) effeminate  
(3) larger than life (4) hyperbole

48.

- (1) synchronized (2) kept  
(3) arranged (4) disordered

49.

- (1) hyped (2) doubled  
(3) negated (4) underlined

1182

Directions: The following questions has a sentence with two blanks. Given below each questions are five pairs of words. Choose the pair that best completes the sentence.

47. Like many philosophically interesting notions, existence is at once ..... and rather .....

- (1) confusing; abstract                      (2) decisive; conclusive  
(3) familiar; elusive                      (4) apprising; informative  
(5) esoteric; exigent

1183

Directions: The following questions has a sentence with two blanks. Given below each questions are five pairs of words. Choose the pair that best completes the sentence.

48. Even if the laws of nature were logically ....., there could be events contrary to those laws if it is assumed that the ..... of those laws is limited.

- (1) necessary; scope                      (2) intermittent; niche

- (3) incorrect; application      (4) meaningful; contradiction  
(5) inapplicable; trajectory

1184

Directions: The following questions has a sentence with two blanks. Given below each questions are five pairs of words. Choose the pair that best completes the sentence.

49. What kind of overlap can be found between our written, literary experience of the poem, and its earlier oral delivery, which may have been ....., reconstituted anew each time, and was always ..... for being heard?

- (1) transcribed; orchestrated      (2) plagiarized; created  
(3) remembered; written      (4) memorized; designed  
(5) changed; catered

1185

Directions: The following questions has a sentence with two blanks. Given below each questions are five pairs of words. Choose the pair that best completes the sentence.

50. Contouring is usually performed on an equal area ..... which is selected because ..... distributed points will appear evenly distributed on the plot.

- (1) selection; unevenly      (2) track; simultaneously  
(3) graph; differently      (4) distribution; timely  
(5) projection; evenly

1201

41. There are two gaps in the sentence/paragraph given below. From the pairs of words given, choose the one that fills the gaps most appropriately.

On the other hand, some writers have expressed \_\_\_\_\_ that a few publishing houses refuse to publish women writers whose works are, as they are described, "not bold enough", that is they are not sensational enough to \_\_\_\_\_ the market.

- (a) concern, stimulate      (b) disquiet, titillate  
(c) anxiety, manoeuvre      (d) apprehension, excite

1202

42. There are two gaps in the sentence/paragraph given below. From the pairs of words given, choose the one that fills the gaps most appropriately.

Some of us can be struck by the absurdity of some of this new era's manifestations: Big Brother doesn't need to \_\_\_\_\_ telescreens on us –

rather he has to fight off the applicants who want to display their every movement on television. He doesn't need a secret police to rifle \_\_\_\_\_ through our locked diaries – we post them online for everyone to read.

- (a) impose, surreptitiously                      (b) monitor, secretly  
(c) train, stealthy                                  (d) enforce, slyly

- 1203                      43. There are two gaps in the sentence/paragraph given below. From the pairs of words given, choose the one that fills the gaps most appropriately.

Art is often depicted as something that comes at the \_\_\_\_\_ of life, as if creation requires locking oneself up in a sensory deprivation tank. The seduction of Picasso is that he created a grand body of work that was all about \_\_\_\_\_ down life's pleasures and occasionally spitting out the bones.

- (a) detriment, devouring                      (b) fruition, chomping  
(c) demise, gorging                              (d) expense, gobbling

- 1216                      22. There are two gaps in the sentence/paragraph given below. From the pairs of words given, choose the one that fills the gaps most appropriately.

An intelligence community \_\_\_\_\_, as the Post shows, by a toxic mixture of secrecy, compartmentalization, turf rivalry, and tremendous duplication of effort is further \_\_\_\_\_ by a problem familiar to every computer addict: too much information.

- (a) hobbled, bedevilled (b) aggravated, emancipated  
(c) paralysed, scuttled (d) beleaguered, persecuted

- 1226                      38. There are two gaps in the sentence/paragraph given below. From the pairs of words given, choose the one that fills the gaps most appropriately.

Britain's international development department – has occasionally been \_\_\_\_\_ in the kind of economic growth that strangulates the poor while making the richest even richer. However, with all its flaws, it is still more \_\_\_\_\_ than most of its western peers – especially US aid agencies, which blatantly funnel large portions of "aid" money to American "consultants".

- (a) persuasive, scrupulous (b) complicit, conscientious

(c) involved, judicious (d) prudent, fastidious

1230

45. There are two gaps in the sentence/paragraph given below. From the pairs of words given, choose the one that fills the gaps most appropriately.

Occasionally, though, in the course of our daily Internet culling, we stumble on some news that makes us question our assumptions about the \_\_\_\_\_ effects of literature. It saddens us to say it, but sometimes, books bring out the worst in people, and are made into \_\_\_\_\_ to all kinds of crimes.

(a) mitigating, tools (b) elevating, handicaps  
(c) ameliorative, accessories (d) transcending, aids

1234

46. There are two gaps in the sentence/paragraph given below. From the pairs of words given, choose the one that fills the gaps most appropriately.

The increasing interest in animal emotions seems like an important first step in changing \_\_\_\_\_ about our relationship with other species. But this does not necessarily mean that we should resign our critical faculties or fail to \_\_\_\_\_ flaws in how the evidence is presented

(a) consciousness, interrogate  
(b) awareness, discover  
(c) trends, examine  
(d) knowledge, catechize

1235

47. There are two gaps in the sentence/paragraph given below. From the pairs of words given, choose the one that fills the gaps most appropriately.

And so, in order to ensure that, on the one hand, Greece was not in any way tempted into the Soviet camp, and on the other, that following the 1974 war in Cyprus, it did not descend into conflict with Turkey, it was deemed \_\_\_\_\_ to bring it as rapidly as possible into the western \_\_\_\_\_.

(a) practical, dominion  
(b) expedient, fold  
(c) convenient, arrangement  
(d) appropriate, flock

1268

35. There are two gaps in the sentence/paragraph given below. From the pairs of words given, choose the one that fills the gaps most appropriately.

Domestic violence belongs to the private sphere: it is part of its \_\_\_\_\_ nature. There are normally no direct witnesses and there are very few convictions, despite its \_\_\_\_\_.

- (a) pernicious, prevalence (b) pertinent, obscurity  
(c) ominous, disparity (d) vindictive, preponderance

1269

36. There are two gaps in the sentence/paragraph given below. From the pairs of words given, choose the one that fills the gaps most appropriately.

We can stand in awe of the pyramids while understanding the slave labour and misery that comprised their construction. Similarly, amid the politics and pain that engulf and sometimes threaten to \_\_\_\_\_ professional sport, there is also a/an \_\_\_\_\_ that can take your breath away.

- (a) overwhelm, emollient (b) smother, art  
(c) promulgate, beauty (d) destroy, asperity

1270

37. There are two gaps in the sentence/paragraph given below. From the pairs of words given, choose the one that fills the gaps most appropriately.

The day dies slowly, \_\_\_\_\_. It's reluctant to go and drags out the farewell, like an elemental orchestra returning with just one more \_\_\_\_\_, one final flourish, and then another, and then just one more.

- (a) turbulently, encore (b) arduously, presage (c) quietly, abyss (d) languorously, refrain

1271

38. There are two gaps in the sentence/paragraph given below. From the pairs of words given, choose the one that fills the gaps most appropriately.

But what most annoys about the scheme is that it completely misses the point of linguistic \_\_\_\_\_. It's no fun \_\_\_\_\_ adhering to grammatical rules if it's mandatory.

- (a) sophistication, properly (b) machinations, solemnly  
(c) pedantry, prissily (d) deviousness, steadily