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### WORD USAGE

**Directions (01):** In the following question, a word is given and followed by three sentences. You are required to find in which of the sentence the word has been used **APPROPRIATELY**.

#### 01. INTEREST

- a) She has lost the **interest** of acting when her films did not perform well in the theatres.
- b) The **interest** accrued on the principal is comparatively lower than the previous month.
- c) Jim is an **interested** football fan, so he never attends the game.
- d) Both A and B.
- e) Both B and C.

**Answer: D**

#### Explanation:

The word "interest" has been used appropriately in the sentences A and B. Therefore, **option D** is the correct answer.

### WORD SWAPPING

**Directions (02-05):** In the following questions, a sentence is given with four words highlighted. The highlighted words are inappropriately placed. You are required to interchange those words to make the sentence meaningful.

**02.** The economic **impact (A)** of the pandemic spared few, but there is now **informal (B)** that those in **evidence (C)** sector faced especially **devastating (D)** consequences.

- a) A-B
- b) B-D
- c) A-D, B-C
- d) B-C
- e) No interchange required.

**Answer: D**

#### Explanation:

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Here, except (D) we cannot fit a word that can explain about the consequences. So, D is placed at the right place, from this we can eliminate both options B and C. We know that "impact" cannot be placed after now as it doesn't provide contextual meaning to the sentence. Hence, **option D** is the correct answer.

**03.** The **register (A)** submitted before a **court (B)** that the actor **forged (C)** address proofs and used them to **prosecution (D)** luxury cars.

- a) A-C
- b) C-D
- c) A-D
- d) B-C
- e) No interchange required.

**Answer: C**

**Explanation:**

The word "to" will be followed by "v1form" or a "gerund" (in some cases). Here, "prosecution" is a noun, "to" should have been followed by "register" because "forged" is a past form verb and "court" is a noun. So, A-D should be swapped. Hence, **option C** is the correct answer.

**04.** With the **parts (A)** of the steam-engine, trains and steamships **carried (B)** goods to various **invention (C)** of the world in **lesser (D)** time.

- a) A-D
- b) A-D, B-C
- c) B-D
- d) A-C
- e) No interchange required.

**Answer: D**

**Explanation:**

In this sentence, A and C should be swapped. With the invention of steam engines goods were carried to various parts in a lesser time. Hence, **option D** is the correct answer.

**05.** Winter is an **important (A)** period in the fashion life cycle, **relatively (B)** in India where the cycle is **especially (C)** shorter for about two months only, and **dominated (D)** by the northern part of the country.

- a) A-C, B-D
- b) B-C

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- c) B-D
- d) A-C
- e) No interchange required.

**Answer: B**

**Explanation:**

Here, B-C should be swapped. By swapping B and C, we can say that winter is an important period especially in India. Hence, **option B** is the correct answer.

### **ERROR SPOTTING**

**Directions (06-09):** In the following questions, a sentence is given and divided into four parts. Out of which, only one part contains an error. You are required to find the part that is erroneous and mark the same as your answer.

**06.** The police said that people (A)/ passing by rushed to the (B)/ spot and retrieved the (C)/ bodies from a mangled car (D)/.

- a) A
- b) B
- c) C
- d) D
- e) No error.

**Answer: D**

**Explanation:**

The error lies in part D. Generally, "a/an" is used to identify a non-particular person or thing; "the" is used to identify a particular person or thing known; a definite person or thing.

In this statement, the accident has happened on a particular vehicle. To particularly identify something, "the" should be used. But here, "a" is used, it is generally referring a vehicle (any vehicle) here, not particularly describing the car that met with the accident. So "a" should be replaced by "the".

**The correct sentence is** "The police said that people passing by rushed to the spot and retrieved the bodies **from the mangled** car".

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

**07.** The import restrictions and the (A)/ rise in costs since certainly (B)/ impacted production, the (C)/ Indian investments carried on (D)/.

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- a) A
- b) B
- c) C
- d) D
- e) No error.

**Answer: C**

**Explanation:**

The error lies in part C. Here, one positive statement and one contradictory statement has been used, if we use such one positive and one negative phrase in a sentence we should use the connecting word "but".

**But** - used to introduce a phrase or clause contrasting with what has already been mentioned.

**The correct sentence is** "The import restrictions and the rise in costs since certainly impacted production, **but** the Indian investments carried on".

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

**08. These will also meet your tax deduction (A)/ needs and help you focus (B)/ the rest at your (C)/ savings in higher yielding investments (D)/.**

- a) A
- b) B
- c) C
- d) D
- e) No error.

**Answer: C**

**Explanation:**

**At** - used to show where somebody/something is or where something happens.

**Of** - belonging to, connected with, or part of something/somebody; made, done or produced by somebody.

The error lies in part C. Here, to denote the possession "of" should be used instead of "at".

**The correct sentence is** "These will also meet your tax deduction needs and help you focus the **rest of your savings** in higher yielding investments".

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

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**09. It was used as an effective (A)/ marketing tool by the insurance (B)/ field personal and (C)/ welcomed by the customers, of course (D)/.**

- a) A
- b) B
- c) C
- d) D
- e) No error.

**Answer: C**

**Explanation:**

**Personal (adjective)** – of or belonging to one particular person; concerning your feelings, health or relationships with other people.

**Personnel (noun)** - the people who work for a large organization or one of the armed forces; the department of a large company or organization that deals with employing and training people.

The error lies in part C. The word "personal" has been inappropriately used. The word should be noun (personnel) at part C.

**The correct sentence is** "It was used as an effective marketing tool by the insurance field **personnel** and welcomed by the customers, of course".

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

### PHRASE REPLACEMENT

**Directions (10-13):** In the following questions, a sentence is given with a phrase highlighted in each. The highlighted phrase is grammatically incorrect, you are required to improve the highlighted phrase with the correct option.

**10.** This migration is **quiet normal considers the global history** of mobility of mankind and global economic development.

- a) Quiet normal consider for the global history.
- b) Quite normally consider the global history.
- c) Quite normally considering the global history.
- d) Quite normal considering the global history of.
- e) No improvement required.

**Answer: D**

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### Explanation:

Here, the usage of "**quiet**" is redundant here. The sentence expresses that considering mankind's mobility and development, this migration is normal. For that "**quite normal**" should be used. Therefore, **option D** is the correct answer.

**11.** The government was the sole user of the new technology in the former two cases, **but various part of the productivity processes** had to be farmed out to different companies, universities and research laboratories.

- a) Even though various parts of the production process.
- b) And various part of the production processes.
- c) Yet various parts of the productivity processing.
- d) Still the various part in the productivity processes.
- e) No improvement required.

### Answer: A

### Explanation:

The sentence says that the government has been using the new technology, not only the government but also the companies and the universities. So, it can be termed as "**even though**". Also, "**various**" will take the plural form of noun after it, so "**parts**" should be used. Therefore, **option A** is the correct answer.

**12.** The main argument of this school is that as soon as a policy enters the political arena, it ceases to be judged on its economics by policymakers and **started being pushing to serve the interest** of politics.

- a) Starts for being push to serve the interests.
- b) Starts being pushed to serve the interest.
- c) Started being pushed to serve those interests.
- d) Started being pushed to serve those interest.
- e) No improvement required.

### Answer: B

### Explanation:

Here, "**and**" is used as a conjunction, which is used to connect two similar phrases. The word "**ceases**" is used so it will take "**starts**" after it. Also, "**being**" will take v3 form after it. Therefore, **option B** is the correct answer.

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**13.** This school views politics as a game of competition for the support of voter groups **that lead politician to formulate policy that maximizes their** political base either through a transfer of votes or via direct monetary transfers.

- a) Which lead the politicians to formulate under policies that can maximize their.
- b) That can lead politician to formulating policy which maximize their.
- c) Which leads politicians to formulate policies that maximize their.
- d) That will led to politicians to formulate policy that maximize the.
- e) No improvement required.

**Answer: C**

**Explanation:**

Here, the word "**competition**" is a singular noun, to refer this a singular verb **leads** should be used. In **option A**, the phrase "**under policies**" is used which is incorrect, in **option B**, to formulating is used which is incorrect, in **option D**, usage of tense is incorrect. Therefore, **option C** is the correct answer.

### READING COMPREHENSION

**Directions (14-22):** Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow based on the information provided in the passage.

Adrian Glover's laboratory at London's Natural History Museum houses an array of preserved, otherworldly creatures from the ocean's abyss. Many of these, such as ghostly white organisms and delicate sea lilies, originate from the Clarion-Clipperton Zone (CCZ), a remote, uncharted region five kilometers beneath the Pacific Ocean. What adds intrigue to the CCZ is the presence of trillions of polymetallic nodules scattered across its seafloor. These dark, potato-sized rocks hold immense value as sources of essential metals. Among them are cobalt, copper, and nickel, all vital for the production of electric vehicles—an industry poised for significant growth.

Furthermore, these nodules contain rare earth elements (REEs), critical for advanced technologies like clean energy systems. As the world pivots towards sustainable practices, REEs are in high demand for applications such as wind turbines and solar panels. The nodules also house smaller quantities of lithium, a mineral **crucial** for batteries, making it a hot commodity as the demand for energy storage solutions, particularly for electric vehicles, continues to rise.

Enter The Metals Company (TMC), a Vancouver-based startup with ambitions to commence mining operations in the CCZ by 2024, in partnership with Nauru. Their aim is nothing short of powering 280 million electric vehicles, a potentially game-changing endeavor in the global transition away from fossil fuels. However, the rush to mine the CCZ faces opposition due to



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the International Seabed Authority (ISA), a UN-affiliated agency responsible for regulating deep-sea mining, not yet finalizing its mining code. Concerns encompass potential environmental harm and the preservation of the unique species inhabiting this deep-sea ecosystem.

Governments, corporations, and experts worldwide have voiced reservations, including France, Germany, and industry leaders like BMW and Google. Key issues range from the fragility of deep-sea ecosystems to ISA's challenging dual mandate of promoting mining while safeguarding the ocean's depths. Scientists like Adrian Glover and Diva Amon are **diligently** researching and documenting the CCZ's biodiversity and ecological significance. Much of this research is funded by mining contractors, contributing to our understanding of this enigmatic world and shaping decisions about its future.

While TMC and others view the nodules as a solution to wean off fossil fuels, skeptics argue that land-based mineral reserves and urban mining could provide alternative sources for green technologies, potentially reducing the need for deep-sea mining. The future of deep-sea mining in the Clarion-Clipperton Zone remains uncertain, contingent on ISA's final regulations and a delicate balance between resource exploitation and environmental protection. Trust in contractors' data transparency, coupled with informed assessments of acceptable risks, will determine the industry's trajectory and the fate of the CCZ's hidden treasures.

**14. According to the passage, what valuable metals are found in polymetallic nodules from the Clarion-Clipperton Zone (CCZ)?**

- a) Gold, silver, and platinum
- b) Cobalt, copper, and nickel
- c) Aluminum, zinc, and lead
- d) Titanium, tungsten, and manganese
- e) Iron, sulfur, and magnesium

**Answer: B**

**Explanation:**

Cobalt, copper, and nickel are mentioned in the passage. These metals are essential for various applications, including electric vehicles and clean energy systems.

Therefore, **option B** is the correct answer.

**15. What is the primary goal of The Metals Company (TMC) in relation to the CCZ?**

- a) To preserve the unique species in the CCZ
- b) To conduct scientific research in the CCZ
- c) To mine trillions of polymetallic nodules

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- d) To reduce the demand for electric vehicles
- e) To promote fossil fuel consumption

**Answer: C**

**Explanation:**

To mine trillions of polymetallic nodules. TMC aims to extract valuable metals from the CCZ to support industries like electric vehicles and clean energy.

Therefore, **option C** is the correct answer.

**16. What dual mandate does the International Seabed Authority (ISA) face in regulating deep-sea mining?**

- a) Promoting deep-sea mining and space exploration
- b) Safeguarding the ocean's depths and promoting tourism
- c) Promoting mining while protecting the deep sea
- d) Regulating fishing practices and conserving coral reefs
- e) Encouraging maritime trade and conserving marine mammals

**Answer: C**

**Explanation:**

Promoting mining while protecting the deep sea. The passage highlights the challenge ISA faces in balancing these two objectives.

Therefore, **option C** is the correct answer.

**17. What role does scientific research funded by mining contractors like TMC play in the CCZ?**

- a) It aims to discover new species in the CCZ.
- b) It focuses on preserving the CCZ's unique biodiversity.
- c) It contributes to a better understanding of the CCZ's ecosystem.
- d) It opposes deep-sea mining and advocates for conservation.
- e) It supports land-based mineral reserves for green technologies.

**Answer: C**

**Explanation:**

It contributes to a better understanding of the CCZ's ecosystem. The passage indicates that such research helps shape decisions about the CCZ's future.

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Therefore, **option C** is the correct answer.

**18. According to the passage, why is lithium considered a valuable mineral in the CCZ?**

- a) It is essential for the production of electric vehicles.
- b) It is in high demand for clean energy systems.
- c) It is rare and precious, similar to gold.
- d) It is primarily used in the aerospace industry.
- e) It is found in abundance in land-based reserves.

**Answer: A**

**Explanation:**

It is essential for the production of electric vehicles. The passage mentions that lithium is in high demand for batteries, particularly for electric vehicles.

Therefore, **option A** is the correct answer.

**19. What potential environmental impact of deep-sea mining does the passage mention regarding sediment plumes?**

- a) Sediment plumes may smother deep-sea organisms.
- b) Sediment plumes enhance the growth of marine life.
- c) Sediment plumes have no effect on the deep-sea ecosystem.
- d) Sediment plumes result in increased oxygen levels.
- e) Sediment plumes are beneficial for midwater swimmers.

**Answer: A**

**Explanation:**

Sediment plumes may smother deep-sea organisms. The passage discusses concerns about sediment plumes affecting marine life in the CCZ.

Therefore, **option A** is the correct answer.

**20. What is the main point of contention between supporters and skeptics of deep-sea mining in the CCZ?**

- a) Whether deep-sea mining can replace fossil fuels entirely
- b) The potential impact on global electric vehicle production

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- c) The need to protect deep-sea biodiversity versus resource extraction
- d) The role of ISA in regulating international waters
- e) The availability of alternative sources for clean energy technologies

**Answer: C**

**Explanation:**

The need to protect deep-sea biodiversity versus resource extraction. The passage highlights the debate between those who advocate for deep-sea mining and those who emphasize the importance of preserving the ecosystem.

Therefore, **option C** is the correct answer.

**21. Choose the word that is most SIMILAR to the highlighted word CRUCIAL in the passage.**

- a) Insignificant
- b) Decisive
- c) Resolute
- d) Saturate
- e) None of these.

**Answer: B**

**Explanation:**

**Crucial** – decisive, critical or great importance.

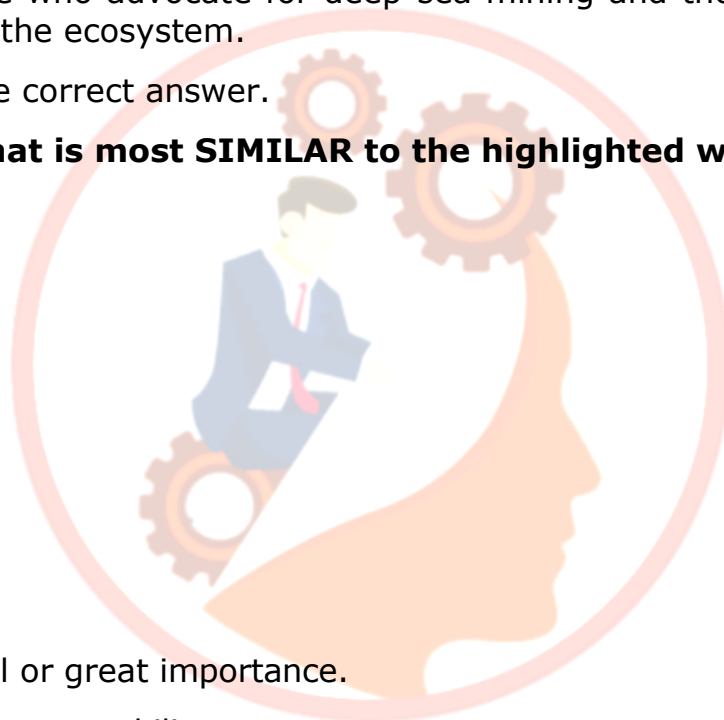
**Decisive** – having the power or ability.

The word “decisive” is the synonym to the highlighted word in the passage. Therefore, **option B** is the correct answer.

**22. Choose the word that is most OPPOSITE to the highlighted word DILIGENTLY in the passage.**

- a) Inattentive
- b) Vigilant
- c) Credulous
- d) Assertive
- e) None of these.

**Answer: A**



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### Explanation:

**Diligently** – careful and cautious.

**Inattentive** – paying no attention to something.

The word "inattentive" is the antonym to the highlighted word in the passage. Therefore, option A is the correct answer.

### PARAJUMBLES

**Directions (23-27):** In the following questions, a set of sentences is given and are jumbled. You are required to rearrange the given sentences in a proper manner to form a meaningful paragraph.

**A.** On the table sat three plastic figurines: a lion, a whale, and a dinosaur.

**B.** A one-armed robot stood in front of a table.

**C.** An engineer gave the robot an instruction: "Pick up the extinct animal."

**D.** Robots weren't able to reliably manipulate objects they had never seen before, and they certainly weren't capable of making the logical leap from "extinct animal" to "plastic dinosaur."

**E.** Until very recently, this demonstration, which I witnessed during a podcast interview at Google's robotics division in Mountain View, Calif., last week, would have been impossible.

**F.** The robot whirred for a moment, then its arm extended and its claw opened and descended. It grabbed the dinosaur.

**23. Which of the following is the FIRST sentence after rearrangement?**

a) B

b) F

c) E

d) A

e) C

**Answer: E**

**Explanation:**

The correct order is **CBAFDE**.

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**Statement C** is the introductory one, says an engineer gives introduction to a robot. The second **statement is B**, which explains to whom he instructed, the **third one is A**, it says the robot should pick the animal from where. The **fourth statement is F**, it explains about the choice of robot. The **fifth statement is D**, it describes that robots cannot identify which animal is the extinct one. The **concluding one is E**, which explains that this was seen during an interview.

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Therefore, **option E** is the correct answer.

**24. Which of the following is the THIRD sentence after rearrangement?**

- a) B
- b) F
- c) E
- d) A
- e) C

**Answer: D**

**Explanation:**

The correct order is **CBAFDE**. Therefore, **option D** is the correct answer.

**25. Which of the following is the SECOND sentence after rearrangement?**

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

**Answer: A**

**Explanation:**

The correct order is **CBAFDE**. Therefore, **option A** is the correct answer.

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**26. Which of the following is the FIFTH sentence after rearrangement?**

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

**Answer: B**

**Explanation:**

The correct order is **CBAFDE**. Therefore, **option B** is the correct answer.

**27. Which of the following is the FOURTH sentence after rearrangement?**

- a) B
- b) F
- c) E
- d) A
- e) C

**Answer: B**

**Explanation:**

The correct order is **CBAFDE**. Therefore, **option B** is the correct answer.

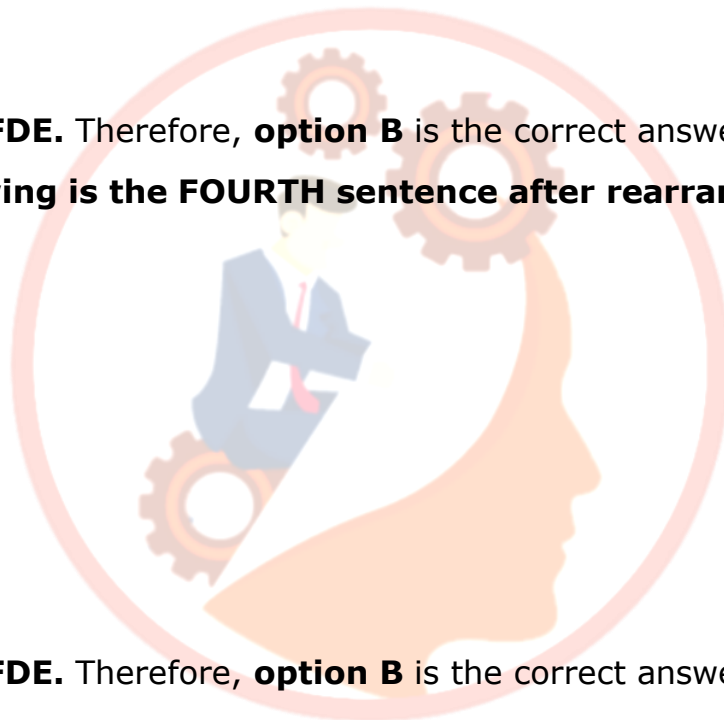
### **DOUBLE FILLERS**

**Directions (28-30):** In the following questions, each sentence is given with two blanks where two words are omitted. You are required to fill those blanks with the appropriate words from the given options.

**28. As a result, that interest rates could \_\_\_\_\_ at the current levels for some time has alleviated concerns around deposit mobilization being \_\_\_\_\_ than credit growth.**

- a) Stabilize, Normal.
- b) Remain, Slower.
- c) Mend, Proactive.
- d) Stay, Surge.
- e) None of these.

**Answer: B**



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### Explanation:

**Mend** – repair that is something broken or damaged.

**Proactive** – creating or controlling a situation rather than just responding to it.

**Surge** – a sudden large increase.

Here, the phrase “**at the current levels**” indicates that interest rates are at the levels, from this, we can infer “**remain**” should be used in the blank. Also, the word “**than**” indicates a comparative word should be used in the blank, so “**slower**” should be used in the second blank. Therefore, option B is the correct answer.

29. Companies employ Human Resources professionals who \_\_\_\_\_ about a work-life balance, but don't say anything when workers are treated \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) Preach, Shabbily.
- b) Abandon, Frantically.
- c) Pervade, Abjectly.
- d) Condemn, Daftly.
- e) None of these.

**Answer: A**

### Explanation:

**Preach** – deliver a sermon or religious address.

**Shabbily** – in a way that looks untidy.

**Frantically** – in a distraught way owing to fear.

**Pervade** – spread through.

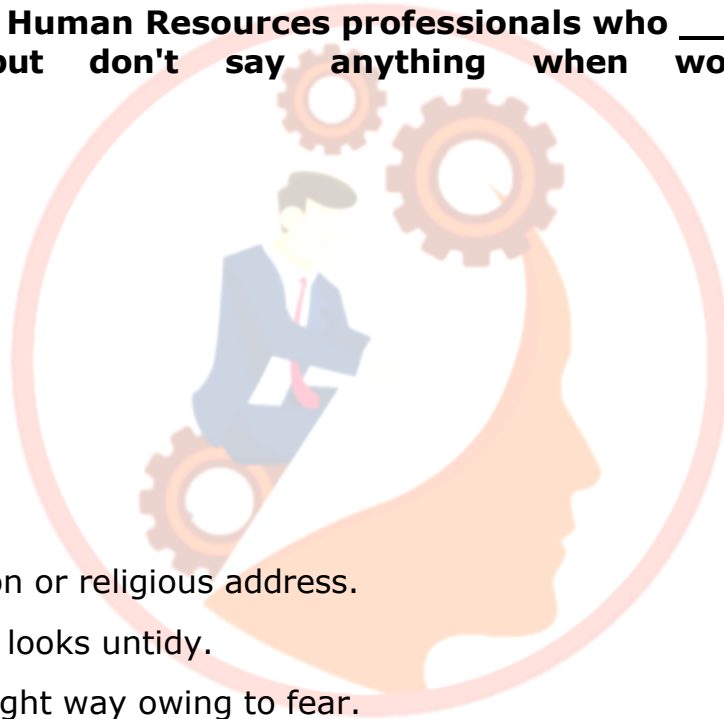
**Abjectly** – very low in spirit or hope.

**Daftly** – in a foolish or absurd manner.

The statement expresses a negative tone and also a positive tone, we can decide this by the word “**but**”, for that first word should be a positive one, the second word should be a negative one. From this, we can infer that those who deliver advice about work-life balance, are not saying about the persons who are treated shabbily. Therefore, **option A** is the correct answer.

30. Everything is available on Google but what an online search does not give you is the \_\_\_\_\_ of experience and that is what practicing doctors are able to \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) Rampant, Detain.



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- b) Destitute, Trample.
- c) Picketing, Convene.
- d) Benefit, Provide.
- e) None of these.

**Answer: D**

**Explanation:**

**Rampant** – violent in action or trust.

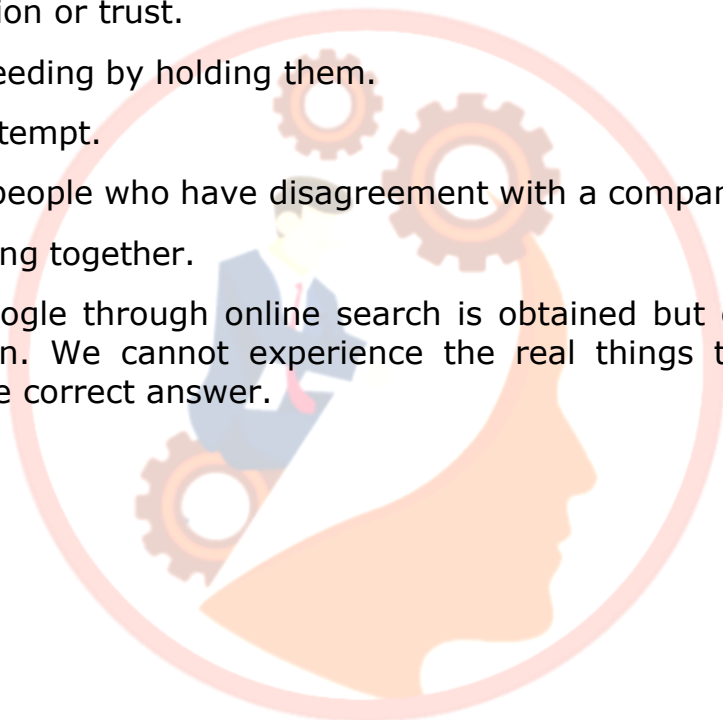
**Detain** – keep from proceeding by holding them.

**Trample** – treat with contempt.

**Picketing** – a person or people who have disagreement with a company.

**Convene** – assemble; bring together.

Everything we see on Google through online search is obtained but cannot be experienced through getting in person. We cannot experience the real things through online search. Therefore, **option D** is the correct answer.



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