Directions (Questions.1-3): Choose the word/group of words which is MOST SIMILAR in meaning to the word/group of words printed in bold as used in the passage.

1). Clamored
   a) Acclaimed
   b) Applauded
   c) Cried
   d) Refused
   e) Decided

2). Stimulate
   a) Increase
   b) Goad
   c) Project
   d) Exhilarate
   e) Weaken

3). Spur
   a) Hindrance
   b) Trigger
   c) Curb
   d) Impede
   e) Prohibit

Directions (Question. 4 to 5): Choose the word/group of words which is MOST OPPOSITE in meaning of the word/group of words printed in bold as used in the passage.

4). Viable
   a) Practicable
   b) Reasonable
   c) Feasible
   d) Impossible
   e) Workable

5). Sluggish
   a) Indolent
   b) Alert
   c) Lifeless
   d) Slack
   e) Slow

Directions (Questions.6-10): Read each sentence to find out whether there is any grammatical or idiomatic error in it. If any error is present choose that particular option as answer. If there is 'NO error', the answer is 'e'. (Ignore errors of punctuation, if any.)
6).
a) The CBI has filed a petition in NIA court
b) Here seeking its permission to interrogate
c) A Sri Lankan national held for
d) Allegedly spying for Pakistan
e) No error
7).
a) The government apprised the court
b) About instituting another committee
c) That would review and draft amendments
d) To the five key laws over environment, forest, wildlife, air and water
e) No error
8).
a) In the absence of a legal guarantee of safety and privacy
b) The court should not ask for sources
c) To be revealed, especially when the cases at stake
d) Involve powerful people in politics and business
e) No error
9).
a) Government plan to link the universal health assurance scheme
b) For providing medical treatment
c) To all citizens with Aadhar number
d) To check ghost beneficiaries
e) No error
10).
a) The supreme Court has ruled that
b) Citizens have no fundamental right
c) To carry out business in potable liquor and the state
d) Has the power to prohibit such trade
e) No error

Answers:

11). Current deposit accounts are opened to _______ transactions of business and trade and hence not _______ to any interest from the bank.
a) accept, obliged
b) do, liable
c) seek, authorized
d) meet, entitled
e) find, ready

12). The opening up of insurance sector has resulted in _______ of new products, particularly the unit-linked products which offer both capital _______ and insurance cover and have attracted the attention of the insured.
13). The Reserve Bank exercises its supervisory role ______ the financial system ______ commercial and urban cooperative banks, financial institutions and NBFCs, through the Board of Financial Supervision.
   a) in, around
   b) about, within
   c) for, covering
   d) of, for
   e) over, encompassing

14). It is ______ that congress leader Shashi Tharoor had to lose his job as the party’s spokesperson ______ for praising a man who had called Tharoor’s wife a Rs. 50 crore girlfriend.
   a) ironical, allegedly
   b) useless, certainly
   c) worthless, illegally
   d) critical, particularly
   e) proper, formally

15). More than two lakh students ______ up to two years preparing for the Common Admission Test (CAT) all in the attempt to ______ a seat at one of the top business school in the century?
   a) read, fetch
   b) wait, go
   c) spend, secure
   d) go, here
   e) study, take

Directions (Questions. 16 to 20): In the following questions, a sentence has been given with some of its parts in bold, to make the sentence grammatically correct replace the bold part with correct alternative options given below. If the sentence correct as it is given option ‘D’ (No correction required).

16). In the past two years, Goa witnessed high growth in household saving and was one of the few state where inflation declined.
   a) saving and was the few states
   b) saving and were one of the few states
   c) savings and was one of the few states
   d) savings and has one of the few states
   e) No correction required

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17). India should not tolerate Chinese incursion of its territory and realize that appeasement of an assertive China is a recipe for global marginalization.
   a) incursion of their territory
b) incursion of his territories
c) incursion besides its territory
d) incursions into its territory
e) No correction required

18). By deciding to allow the Indian private sector to bid for the entire lot of six submarines, the government has ended a debate.
   a) Deciding to
   b) Decision to
   c) Through deciding
   d) To decide to
   e) No correction required

19). To illustrate my point, I have been taking the example of three cars from three different segments.
   a) I have taken
   b) I might take
   c) I ever take
   d) I could be taking
   e) No correction required

20). The congress working committee will be restructure and young faces will be inducted.
   a) will restructure
   b) will be restructured
   c) will have restructured
   d) can restructure
   e) No correction required

**Answers:**

Directions (Questions 21-30): In the following passage, some of the words have been left out, each of which is indicated by a number. Find the suitable word the options given against each number and fill up the blanks with appropriate words to make the paragraph meaningfully complete.

By choosing Jean Tirole for the 2014 Nobel Prize in economics, the Noble Committee tips its hat at regulation of economic activity. Tirole has made fundamental (21) to the branch of economics called Industrial organization, which (22) insights into regulation, apart from other things. (23) with degrees in engineering in 1981, Tirole was eminently (24) to display game theory to model the incentives of the government, the regulator and the regulated (25) under different conditions of information (26) to given a formal, unified basis for coherent regulation. Newspapers are spared charges of predatory pricing, thanks to Tirole’s (27) of platform businesses, a case of what economists call two-sided markets. Low cover prices-TV channels are often free, as are search engine and social media platform – go hand in hand with higher advertising(28). So a business case (29) sustained pricing...
below the cost of production, rather than (30) desire to kill the competition. Along with long-time collaborator Jean-Jacques Laffont, Tirole has used formal analysis not only to validate intuitive judgments on optimal regulation but also to institute counter-intuitive insights.

21). a) Opposition  
b) Contributions  
c) Regulation  
d) Substitution  
e) Convention

22). a) Brings  
b) Furnish  
c) Comply  
d) Yields  
e) Supply

23). a) Occupied  
b) Strengthened  
c) Armed  
d) Having  
e) Taking

24). a) Placed  
b) Informed  
c) Known  
d) Famous  
e) Kept

25). a) Thing  
b) Body  
c) Authority  
d) Scheme  
e) Entity

26). a) Distribution  
b) Sharing  
c) Allotment  
d) Assignment  
e) Giving

27). a) Investigation  
b) Abstract
c) Analysis
d) Reading
e) Summary
28).
a) Revenue
b) Profit
c) Reward
d) Dividends
e) Tariff
29).
a) Induces
b) Inspires
c) Provokes
d) Influences
e) Motivates
30).
a) Some
b) Few
c) No
d) Any
e) More

**Answers:**