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**(1) He felt no ..... as he plunged the knife into her back.**

- [A] qualms
- [B] scruple
- [C] conscience
- [D] morals

**Answer : [A]**

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**(2) According to corporate circles data is pushing through the merger to create financially ..... company in the processed foods business, the group's thrust area for the 1990's**

- [A] acceptable
- [B] powerful
- [C] leading
- [D] straight

**Answer : [B]**

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**(3) After the rain the weather ..... and the sun came out.**

- [A] cleared out
- [B] cleared up
- [C] cleared away
- [D] cleared off

**Answer : [B]**

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**(4) The ..... of the Minister's statement cannot be verified by people who have no access to official records.**

- [A] veracity
- [B] verbosity
- [C] ambiguity
- [D] validity

**Answer : [A]**

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**(5) Colgate has also set an ambitious aim of .....on 8% value shared of tooth paste market by then end of first years.**

- [A] cornering
- [B] soliciting
- [C] disturbing
- [D] keeping

**Answer : [A]**

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**(6) The battalion operating from the mountain was able to ..... three enemy divisions.**

- [A] tie up

[B] tie down

[C] tie on

[D] tie with

**Answer : [B]**

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**(7) My *opinion for* the film is that it will bag the national ward.**

[A] opinion to

[B] opinion about

[C] opinion on

[D] No improvement

**Answer : [B]**

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**(8) He *was fined* for careless driving.**

[A] got fined

[B] fined

[C] was to be fined

[D] No improvement

**Answer : [D]**

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**(9) The poor villagers *have waited* in the bitter cold for more than 4 hours now.**

[A] have been waiting

[B] had waited

[C] has been waiting

[D] No improvement

**Answer : [A]**

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**(10) A dramatic performance**

[A] Mask

[B] Mosque

[C] Masque

[D] Mascot

**Answer : [C]**

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**(11) Pick up the correct Antonyms for the given word.**

**OBSCURE**

[A] Implicit

[B] Obnoxious

[C] Explicit

[D] Pedantic

Answer : [C]

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(12) Pick up the correct Antonyms of the Underlined word.

I **abhor** the ideas he sometimes expresses

[A] admire

[B] respect

[C] applaud

[D] appreciate

Answer : [A]

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(13) Choose the alternative which best expresses the meaning of Underlined idiom/phrase.

He sold his house for a **song**.

[A] at a reasonable price

[B] at a discount

[C] very cheaply

[D] at a premium

Answer : [C]

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(14) Choose the alternative which best expresses the meaning of Underlined idiom/phrase.

He **went back on** his promise to vote for me.

[A] withdrew

[B] forgot

[C] reinforced

[D] supported

Answer : [A]

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(15) Pick up the correct Synonyms for the given word.

**DEBACLE**

[A] Collapse

[B] Decline

[C] Defeat

[D] Disgrace

Answer : [A]

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(16)

S<sub>1</sub>: Far away in a little street there is a poor house.

P: Her face is thin and worn and her hands are coarse, pricked by a needle, for she is a seamstress.

Q: One of the windows is open and through it I can see a poor woman.

R : He has a fever and asking for oranges.  
S : In a bed in a corner of the room her little boy is lying ill.  
S<sub>6</sub>: His mother has nothing to give but water, so he is crying.

**The Proper sequence should be:**

- [A] SRQP
- [B] PQSR
- [C] QPSR
- [D] RSPQ

**Answer : [C]**

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**(17)**

S<sub>1</sub>: The heart is pump of life.  
P : They have even succeeded in heart transplants.  
Q : Nowadays surgeons are able to stop a patients heart and carry out complicated operations.  
R : A few years ago it was impossible to operate on a patient whose heart was not working properly.  
S : If heart stops we die in about five minutes.  
S<sub>6</sub>: All this was made possible by the invention of heart-lung machine.

**The Proper sequence should be:**

- [A] SRQP
- [B] SPRQ
- [C] SQPR
- [D] SRPQ

**Answer : [A]**

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**(18)**

S<sub>1</sub>: It is regrettable that there is widespread corruption in the country at all levels.  
P : So there is hardly anything that the government can do about it now.  
Q : And there are graft and other malpractices too.  
R : The impression that corruption is universal phenomenon persists and the people not cooperate in checking this evil.  
S : Recently several offenders were brought to book, but they were not given deterrent punishment.  
S<sub>6</sub>: This is indeed a tragedy of great magnitude.

**The Proper sequence should be:**

- [A] QSRP
- [B] SQRP
- [C] RSQP
- [D] PQSR

**Answer : [A]**

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**(19) Choose the correct combination of the given words.**

1. of 2. we 3. heard  
4. him 5. had

- [A] 42351
- [B] 52341
- [C] 25341
- [D] 25431

[E] 25314

**Answer :** [E]

**Explanation:** "We had heard of him."

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**(20) Choose the correct combination of the given words.**

1. not 2. hotel 3. comfortable

4. was 5. the

[A] 34521

[B] 53412

[C] 34152

[D] 41352

[E] 52413

**Answer :** [E]

**Explanation:** "The hotel was not comfortable."

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