Tyre-maker CEAT has introduced a ‘work from remote location’ policy, one that (1) _________ its employees to work from anywhere—cafes, home, mall, or whatever they (2) _________ fit as a place they can work from. The company, three months ago, (3) _________ mandatory attendance recording, allowing its employees to operate on a (4) _________ timetable. The management at RPG Enterprises, which owns CEAT, believes this motivates employees enough and drives up productivity. CEAT/RPG are not the only ones that are (5) _________ their workplace policies, including on attendance, to give employees more freedom. Mahindra, Cipla, Godrej and ICICI Bank are doing this, too.

1. (a) enables  
   (b) complies  
   (c) lets  
   (d) allows  
   (e) permits

2. (a) scrutinize  
   (b) deem  
   (c) consider  
   (d) presume  
   (e) believe

3. (a) dismissed  
   (b) eliminated  
   (c) discarded  
   (d) hoarded  
   (e) scrapped

4. (a) flexible  
   (b) workable  
   (c) fluid  
   (d) variable  
   (e) brittle

5. (a) tweaking  
   (b) modifying  
   (c) resizing  
   (d) changing
(e) altering

1. Ans. (b)
2. Ans. (a)
3. Ans. (d)
4. Ans. (e)
5. Ans. (c)

Directions (6-10): In the question given below, there are four sentences. Choose the sentence which is grammatically incorrect as your answer. If all the given sentences are grammatically correct and do not require any correction, choose (e) i.e. “All are correct” as your answer.

6. (a) The security guard told Tom that he couldn’t take pictures in this area.
(b) By signature the contract, I committed myself to work there for another five years.
(c) The shipwrecked passengers were totally dependent upon the kindness of the natives for their survival.
(d) Although officially a dependent territory, the island is effectively autonomous.
(e) All are correct

7. (a) The article will influence public perception and build awareness of disability issues.
(b) Howard had to pull out of the driveway slowly and gradually increase his speed.
(c) Gradually winter released it’s grip and flowers erupted from the ground in celebration of spring.
(d) Is it economically feasible to implement these strategies in an efficient and effective way?
(e) All are correct

8. (a) In general, communication between doctors and their patients is the most important part of medical treatment.
(b) There’s no denying that quickly action could have saved them.
(c) Unfortunately, the hotel that you suggested was completely booked up.
(d) Statistics suggest that the population of this town will double in five years.
(e) All are correct

9. (a) Thankfully, we remembered that the storm was coming and brought umbrellas.
(b) It was probable that the students cheated, given their scores on the practice test.
(c) There are many financial benefits to owning your own home.
(d) Only a few children on the playground remembered to wipe off their muddy shoes before coming back in the building.
(e) All are correct

10. (a) Consumers have the right to reject faulty goods and demand a refund.
(b) Glasses help my vision improve and allow me to see far away.
(c) A defect of title or undisclosed liability would invalidate the sale at any time.
(d) Along with a positive attitude and a healthy diet, your fitness level play a major role in how you feel.
(e) All are correct

Solution:

6. Ans. (b)
Sol. All the sentences are grammatically correct and contextually meaningful except for sentence (b). Though, ‘signature’ is a noun, still the appropriate noun which should follow the preposition ‘by’ is the gerund-form of ‘sign’—signing. Hence, option (b) is the most suitable answer choice.

7. Ans. (c)
Sol. All the sentences are grammatically correct and contextually meaningful except for sentence (c). It is to be noted that “it’s” is always the abbreviation of “it is”. “Its” is the possessive of “it”. To make the sentence contextually meaningful, the possessive of “it” should be used i.e. “its”. Hence, option (c) is the most suitable answer choice.

8. Ans. (b)
Sol. All the sentences are grammatically correct and contextually meaningful except for sentence (b). It is to be noted that “quickly” is an adverb while the context of the sentence requires an adjective to describe the quality of the “action”. Since, sentence (b) is incorrect, option (b) becomes the most viable answer choice.

9. Ans. (e)
Sol. All the given sentences are grammatically correct and contextually meaningful. Therefore, option (e) is the most suitable answer choice.

10. Ans. (d)

(11-15): Fill of the blanks:

11. Transparency in the appointments of judges would expedite judicial disposals and restore _______ in the rule of law.
(a) credibility
(b) autonomy
(c) faith
(d) awareness
(e) speed
Ans:A
Exp: credibility’ is the correct use. Credibility means the quality of being trusted and believed in.

12. The Supreme Court has always gone out to _______ the interests of the citizens of the country.
(a) govern
(b) deliver
(c) stretch
(d) derive
(e) uphold
Ans:E
Exp: uphold, is the correct use. Upholds means confirm or support.

13. _______ of poverty from a nation that is set to become the fastest growing economy in the world is by no means easy.
(a) Dealing
(b) Management
(c) Eradication
(d) Uprooting
(e) Capturing
Ans: C
Exp: ‘Eradication, is the correct use. Eradication means the complete destruction of something.

14. This approach would enable the problem of corruption to be ______ in a holistic manner.
(a) controlled
(b) tackled
(c) settled
(d) defined
(e) sorted
Ans: B
Exp: ‘tackled’ is the correct use. Tackled means make determined efforts to deal with (a problem or difficult task).

15. It is time to assess our strength and weaknesses to ______ new horizons.
(a) define
(b) think
(c) assemble
(d) seek
(e) avail
Ans: seek’ is the correct use. Seek means attempt to find (something).

**Direction: 16-20): Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions given below it.**

Certain words have been printed in bold to help you locate them, while answering some of the questions.

Backdrafts or smoke explosions can occur in fires that are severely ventilation-limited. This means that the fire’s aggravation is limited by the amount of oxygen available to it. The other two necessary ingredients are available in abundance: heat and fuel. In this instance, the fuel is the smoke being released by the fire which contains a large amount of carbon monoxide—a flammable gas.

One of the most hazardous conditions a firefighter will ever encounter is a backdraft (also known as a smoke explosion). A backdraft can occur in the hot-smoldering phase of a fire when burning is incomplete and there is not enough oxygen to sustain the fire. Unburned carbon particles and other flammable products, combined with the intense heat, may cause instantaneous combustion if more oxygen reaches the fire.

Firefighters should be aware of the conditions that indicate the possibility for a backdraft to occur. When there is a lack of oxygen during a fire, the smoke becomes filled with carbon dioxide or carbon monoxide and turns dense gray or black. Other warning signs of a potential backdraft are little or no visible flame, excessive heat, smoke leaving the building in puffs, muffled sounds, and smoke-stained windows.

Proper ventilation will make a backdraft less likely. Opening a room or building at the highest point allows heated gases and smoke to be released gradually. However, suddenly
breaking a window or opening a door is a mistake, because it allows oxygen to rush in, causing an explosion.

16. A backdraft is a dangerous condition for firefighters mainly because
(a) there is not enough oxygen for breathing.
(b) the heat is extremely intense.
(c) the smoke is dangerously thick.
(d) an explosion occurs.
(e) None of these
Ans: 4,
Exp: The first two sentences of the passage indicate that a backdraft is dangerous because it is an explosion. The other choices are dangers, but they do not define a backdraft.

17. Which of the following is not mentioned as a potential backdraft warning sign?
(a) windows stained with smoke
(b) flames shooting up from the building
(c) puffs of smoke leaving the building
(d) more intense heat than usual
(e) None of these
Ans: 2,
Exp: The third paragraph indicates that there is little or no visible flame with a potential backdraft. The other choices are listed at the end of the second paragraph as warning signs of a potential backdraft.

18. To prevent the possibility of a backdraft, a firefighter should
(a) carry an oxygen tank.
(b) open a door to allow gases to escape.
(c) make an opening at the top of the building.
(d) break a window to release carbon particles.
(e) None of these
Ans: 3,
Exp: This is stated in the last paragraph. Choice (a) is not mentioned in the passage. The other choices would be useless or harmful.

19. When compared with a hot, smoldering fire, a fire with visible, high-reaching flames
(a) has more oxygen available for combustion.
(b) has more carbon dioxide available for consumption.
(c) produces more dense gray smoke.
(d) is more likely to cause a backdraft.
(e) None of these
Ans: 1,
Exp: The passage indicates that hot, smoldering fires have little or no visible flame and insufficient oxygen. It can reasonably be inferred, then, that more oxygen would produce more visible flames.

20. Choose the word which is most nearly the same in meaning to the word given in bold as used in the passage.
Aggravation
(a) Compression
(b) Improvement
(c) Loss
(d) Augmentation
(e) Reduction
Ans: 4,
Exp: Aggravation – the state of becoming worse or more serious; exacerbation. Hence “augmentation” is very similar in meaning.

**Direction(21-25): Spelling Error**

21. This round of conflict between Puducherry Chief Minister V. Narayanasamy and Lt. Governor Kiran Bedi has been more serious than those in the past.
(a) conflict
(b) Puducherry
(c) Governor
(d) serious
(e) All are Correct
Ans: 3,
Exp: Governor- Governor

22. He has been opposing what he calls Ms. Bedi’s “high-handedness” and tendency to interfere in the administration.
(a) opposing
(b) tendency
(c) interfere
(d) administration
(e) All are Correct
Ans: 3,
Exp: interfere- Interfere

23. Under the Constitution, the territory belongs to the President, who runs it through the L-G as Administrator.
(a) Constitution
(b) territory
(c) President
(d) Administrator
(e) All are Correct
Ans: 5,
Exp: All are correct

24. The Socialists are expected to emerge as the single largest party in April, but well short of a clear majority.
(a) Socialists
(b) emerge
(c) largest
(d) majority
(e) All are Correct
Ans: 4,
Exp: majoriti- majority

25. Sewage pipes and drains represent the bleaker side of India’s struggle to modernise its cities.
(a) Sewage
(b) represent
(c) bleaker
(d) strugule
(e) All are Correct
Ans: 4,
Exp: strugule- struggle

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