Directions (1-7) Read the given passage carefully and answer the following questions. Certain parts have been highlighted to help answer the questions.

In a recent discussion paper, NITI Aayog has chalked out an ambitious strategy for India to become an artificial intelligence (AI) powerhouse. AI is the use of computers to make decisions that are normally made by humans. Many forms of AI surround Indians already, including chatbots on retail websites and programs that flag fraudulent bank activity. But NITI Aayog envisions AI solutions for India on a scale not seen anywhere in the world today, especially in five key sectors — agriculture, healthcare, education, smart cities and infrastructure, and transport. In agriculture, for example, machines will provide information to farmers on the quality of soil, when to sow, where to spray herbicide, and when to expect pest infestations. It's an idea with great potential: India has 30 million farmers with smartphones, but poor extension services. If computers help agricultural universities advise farmers on best practices, India could see a farming revolution.

However, there are formidable obstacles. AI start-ups already offer some solutions, but the challenge lies in scaling these to cover the entire value chain, as NITI Aayog envisions. The first problem is data. Machine learning, the set of technologies used to create AI, is a data-guzzling monster. It takes reams of historical data as input, identifies the relationships among data elements, and makes predictions. More sophisticated forms of machine learning, like "deep learning", attempt to mimic the human brain. And even though they promise greater accuracy, they also need more data than what is required by traditional machine learning. Unfortunately, India has **sparse** data in sectors like agriculture, and this is already hampering AI-based businesses today. In fact, the lack of data means that deep learning doesn't work for all companies in India. One example is Climate-Connect, a Delhi-based firm, which uses AI to predict the amount of power a solar plant will generate every 15 minutes. This is critical because solar electricity generation can change dramatically every hour depending on weather conditions and the position of the sun. When this happens, the plant must communicate expected changes to power distributors, which will then switch to alternative sources. With India planning to install 100 GW of solar power by 2022, such AI will play a central role in power planning. But to generate such data, Climate-Connect needs historical inputs like the time of sunrise and sunset, and cloud cover where the plant is located. Unfortunately, since most Indian solar plants are recent, data are available only for a couple of years, whereas deep learning needs data over many years to predict generation. Today, the firm uses traditional machine learning technologies such as regression analysis that work with less data. These

methods have an accuracy of around 95%. While deep learning can boost accuracy for operations such as Climate-Connect, it hasn't worked very well in the Indian scenario, says Nitin Tanwar, cofounder of the firm.

Another problem for AI firms today is finding the right people. NITI Aayog's report has **bleak** news: only about 50 Indian scientists carry out "serious research" and they are concentrated in elite institutions such as the Indian Institutes of Technology and the Indian Institutes of Science. Meanwhile, only about 4% of AI professionals have worked in emerging technologies like deep learning. A survey of LinkedIn found 386 out of the 22,000 people with PhDs in AI across the world to be Indians. How does this skill gap impact companies? To some extent, open libraries of machine learning code, which can be customised to solve Indian problems, help. This means that companies need not write code from scratch, and even computer science graduates can carry out the customisation.

1. Which of the following is/are synonym/s of the word **bleak?**

     I. Depressing

     II. Dismal

     III. Congenial

     IV. Stark

(a) Only III   (b) Only I and III   (c) Only I, II and IV   (d) Only II, III and IV   (e) Only I, II and III

2. Which of the following is/are antonym/s of the word **sparse?**

     I. Scant

     II. Few

     III. Sporadic

     IV. Abundant

(a) Only II   (b) Only IV   (c) Only I, II and IV   (d) Only I, II and III

(e) Only II, III and IV

3. What can be some steps that can be taken by India to improve its AI capabilities?

I. The government must collect and digitize data it has access to due to running numerous schemes.

II. Set up institutes to churn out more skilled people in this field.

III. There should be adequate funding and also fixed deadlines to gauge performance.

(a) Only I   (b) Only III   (c) Only I and II   (d) Only II and III

(e) All of the above

4. Which of the following weakens the argument for using more of AI powered tools in the future in India?

I. The AI sector uses a tremendous amount of electricity so as to process huge amounts of data which is not sustainable.

II. It is tough to collect, validate, standardize, correlate, archive and distribute AI-relevant data and make it accessible to organizations, people, and systems.

III. AI will create more jobs than it would destroy.

(a) Only I   (b) Only II   (c) Only I and II   (d) Only II and III   (e) All of the above

5. Which of the following statements weakens the argument about using 'Open Libraries' of machine learning code?

(a) They contain material that can be used to solve issues.

(b) Using such libraries is not a difficult job and does not need a higher level of understanding of coding.

(c) It is possible to do a respectable amount of machine learning without mathematics.

(d) These are not helpful in cases where there is neither a fixed algorithm nor a standard procedure.

(e) None of the above

6. As per the passage, which of the following could be a/some reason/s for AI to be full of 'formidable obstacles'?

I. The need for a huge amount of data to make predictions.

II. The entire chain of operation faces bottlenecks pertaining to funding.

III. A scarcity of adequately qualified people in India.

(a) Only II   (b) Only I and III   (c) Only II and III   (d) Only III   (e) All of the above

7. As per your understanding of the passage, which of the following can be said to be example/s of AI usage in Industries?

I. Data processing of students based on some parameters to find predictive patterns as to who would quit.

II. A Bank teller using computer to help solve customer queries with respect to their respective accounts.

III. Use of unmanned tanks, vessels, aerial vehicles and drones in the armed forces.

(a) Only I   (b) Only II   (c) Only I and III   (d) Only II and III   (e) All of the above

Directions (8-11): In each of the questions given below, a grammatically correct and contextually meaningful sentence has been divided into various phrases. These phrases have been jumbled. You are required to choose the correct rearrangement of the jumbled phrases to form a coherent sentence. If the given phrases are in correct sequential order and do not require rearrangement, then choose option 'No rearrangement required' as your answer choice.

8. and its feeding characteristics could affect (A)/ composition in the South Korean forests (B)/ the growing wild boar population has become a social issue (C)/ the physical condition and the plant species (D)

(a) ACBD

(b) CADB

(c) CDAB

(d) DACB

(e) No rearrangement required

9. studies of morphological variation within (A)/ to understand local adaptation and (B)/ potential patterns of gene flow (C)/ and among populations provide an opportunity (D)

(a) ACBD

(b) CDAB

(c) CBAD

(d) ADBC

(e) No rearrangement required

10. their unique assemblages of species and are (A)/ sensitive to environmental change because (B)/ oceanic islands are biologically important for (C)/ of their isolation and small species source pools (D)

(a) CABD

(b) ACDB

(c) CDAB

(d) DACB

(e) No rearrangement required

11. Korean wild boars, because of their (A)/ adaptability, are a widespread large (B)/ mammal, however, they sometimes cause (C)/ problems by invading farms and eating the crops (D)

(a) ACBD

(b) CADB

(c) DCAB

(d) BACD

(e) No rearrangement required

Direction (12-19): In each of the questions given below, a sentence is given with two blanks. From the given options, choose the one that gives the correct combination of words that fit in the blanks.

12. Though a rate cut was a _____ conclusion ahead of the monetary policy announcement, the _____ was of either a 25 or 50 basis points one.

(a) accustomed, experience

(b) foregone, expectation

(c) forest, explanation

(d) earnest, exposition

(e) None of the above

13. Arguably, the _____ for fiscal concessions is limited given the overall revenue scenario, but the government can certainly push for further _____ to incentivise investment.

(a) spectacular, terminal

(b) space, reforms

(c) surety, radio

(d) function, yield

(e) None of the above

14. In a country as _____ as India, it is impossible to ensure that vegetarian and non-vegetarian preferences are _____ into delivery logistics.

(a) reverse, faced

(b) reticent, feared

(c) diverse, factored

(d) recess, fused

(e) None of the above

15. Delivery partners are _____ made to understand the practical _____ of the job as they choose to enter the workforce.

(a) unilaterally, bright

(b) universally, term

(c) slowly, repetition

(d) unequivocally, nature

(e) None of the above

16. This would be _____ by a weak phase of the monsoon when rains get _____ to the foothills of the Himalayas.

(a) fared, controlled

(b) fought, cared

(c) fraught, determined

(d) followed, confined

(e) None of the above

17. In a _____ to the exchanges, the company said it intends to _____ the date of submission of the Q1 results.

(a) fascination, explain

(b) fare, exploit

(c) filing, extend

(d) firm, utilize

(e) None of the above

18. Rising gold prices over the last few months have been _____ hitting demand in large consumer _____ for jewellery including China and India.

(a) overturned, makers

(b) observed, markets

(c) assumed, dices

(d) sent, directions

(e) None of the above

19. Though Fed Chairman Jerome Powell suggested that a _____ of rate cuts may not happen, Trump's action against China in the last few days are suggesting that more rate cuts from the Fed can't be _____ out.

(a) series, ruled

(b) herd, ruined

(c) scheme, resisted

(d) status, retained

(e) None of the above

Directions (20-25): There are certain words omitted in the passage given below and followed by a number and a highlighted word. The options given contain an answer that will fit in those given blanks. Choose the correct word to be used to make the sentence coherent and grammatically correct. If the highlighted word is the best fit for the corresponding blank, choose "No correction required" as your answer.

Corruption is both a major cause and a _____ **(20) (Lapse)** of poverty around the world. It occurs at all levels of society, from local and national governments, civil society, judiciary functions, large and small businesses, military and other services and so on. Corruption _____ **(21) (effect)** the poorest the most, in rich or poor nations, though all elements of society are affected in some way as corruption _____ **(22) (exhausted)** political development, democracy, economic development, the environment, people's health and more.

The issue of corruption is very much inter-related with other issues. At a global level, the international economic system that has shaped the current form of globalization in the past decades requires further _____ **(23) (zest)** for it has also created conditions whereby corruption can _____**(24) (flourish)** and exacerbate the conditions of people around the world who already have little say about _____**(25) (its)**own destiny. At a national level, people's effective participation and representation in society can be undermined by corruption, while at local levels, corruption can make day to day lives more painful for all affected.

20. (a) result   (b) inquiry   (c) period   (d) indication   (e) No correction required

21. (a) garners   (b) flourishes   (c) fluctuates   (d) affects   (e) No correction required

22. (a) frangible   (b) undermines   (c) impetus   (d) marred   (e) No correction required

23. (a) scrutiny   (b) enchant   (c) captivate   (d) intrigue   (e) No correction required

24. (a) heinous   (b) decorum   (c) lucid   (d) cherish   (e) No correction required

25. (a) her   (b) their   (c) them   (d) his   (e) No correction required

Directions (26-30): Rearrange the following sentences (A), (B), (C), (D) and (E) in the proper sequence to form a meaningful paragraph and then answer the questions given below.

A. They took to social media to criticize the university administration.

B. But the decision did not go well with the students.

C. Recently, XYZ University decided to install suicide prevention devices on hostel fans after a spree of three suicides in hostel rooms in the last one year.

D. Incidents of students committing suicides are on the rise in India.

E. When contacted, the VC of the university said that a proper grievance redressal mechanism would be set up soon.

F. They wanted the administration to employ a mechanism to check discrimination and harassment on campus.

26. Which of the following should be the SECOND statement after rearrangement?

(a) A

(b) B

(c) C

(d) F

(e) E

27. Which of the following should be the FOURTH statement after rearrangement?

(a) A

(b) B

(c) C

(d) D

(e) F

28. Which of the following should be the THIRD statement after rearrangement?

(a) A

(b) B

(c) F

(d) D

(e) E

29. Which of the following should be the FIRST statement after rearrangement?

(a) A

(b) B

(c) C

(d) D

(e) E

30. Which of the following should be the SIXTH statement after rearrangement?

(a) A

(b) B

(c) C

(d) D

(e) E

Directions (31-35): In each of the questions given below, four words are given in bold. These four words may or may not be in their correct position. The sentence is then followed by options with the correct combination of words that should interchange with each other to make the sentence grammatically and contextually correct. Find the correct combination of the words that replace each other. If the sentence is correct as it is, then select option (E) as your choice.

31. Laptop's **name (A)** comes from lap, as it was deemed **placed (B)** to be **practical (C)** on a person's lap when being **used (D)**.

(a) (A) – (C)

(b) (C) – (D)

(c) (B) – (C)

(d) (A) - (D)

(e) No interchange required

32. Fatigue has a **report (A)** as a vague and difficult **problem (B)** for doctors to **investigate (C)**, and many people with fatigue do not **reputation (D)** it to their doctor.

(a) (A) – (C)

(b) (C) – (D)

(c) (B) – (D)

(d) (A) - (D)

(e) No interchange required

33. The way **nutrition (A)** obtain **consumers (B)** information has changed **substantially (C)** in the past two **decades (D)**.

(a) (A) – (B)

(b) (C) – (D)

(c) (B) – (D)

(d) (A) - (D)

(e) No interchange required

34. Improving (A) the performance of **contexts (B)** systems, and reducing their environmental impact are **crucial (C)** in the current and future world **grazing (D).**

(a) (A) – (C)

(b) (C) – (D)

(c) (B) – (D)

(d) (A) - (D)

(e) No interchange required

35. Mortality (A) leads to **defective (B)** childbirths and high **pollution (C)** rates in many parts of the **world (D)**.

(a) (B) – (C)

(b) (A) – (C)

(c) (B) – (D)

(d) (C) - (D)

(e) No interchange required

Directions (36-40): Each question given below has one blank, which is indicating that something has been omitted. Find out which word(s) can be used to fill up the blank in the sentence to make it grammatically as well as contextually correct.

36. Both countries must ensure more _____efforts to bring those agreements to a finale in the near future

(i) concerted

(ii) ignited

(iii) collective

(a) Both (i) & (iii)   (b) Both (ii) & (iii)   (c) Only (i)   (d) Only (ii)

(e) All of these

37. The national week has great _____in the eyes of patriotic Indians.

(i) significance

(ii) importance

(iii) incentive

(a) Both (i) & (ii)   (b) Both (ii) & (iii)   (c) Only (i)   (d) Only (ii)   (e) All of these

38. Societies and economies in the world became intertwined closely in the _____of shared global prosperity.

(i) repercussion

(ii) pursuit

(iii)vivid

(a) Both (i) & (iii)   (b) Both (ii) & (iii)   (c) Only (i)   (d) Only (ii)   (e) All of these

39. Training the future leaders of public transporter in the _____evolving logistics sector is the most important task ahead.

(i) swiftly

(ii) rapidly

(iii) briskly

(a) Both (i) & (ii)   (b) Both (ii) & (iii)   (c) Only (i)   (d) Only (ii)   (e) All of these

40. Children who tested positive have been _____from their parents.

(i) distinguish

(ii) separated

(iii) myriad

(a) Both (i) & (ii)   (b) Both (ii) & (iii)   (c) Only (i)   (d) Only (ii)   (e) All of these

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ANSWERS

1. (c) *Bleak* means *barren/depressing*. I, II and IV are synonyms. *Congenial* means *friendly* and is the antonym. Hence, I, II and IV are correct. Option C is correct.

2. (b) *Sparse* means *scanty/ in short supply*. I, II and III are synonyms and incorrect. Only IV- *abundant*- is the antonym here and means *plenty.* Hence, option B is correct.

3. (e) All of the statements are correct as all state valid ways of improving India's AI capabilities. Hence, option E is correct.

4. (a) Statement II is incorrect as it may be tough but not impossible. With proper planning and a scientific approach, this issue can be resolved.

Statement III is incorrect as it strengthens the argument for AI.

Statement I is correct. It weakens the argument as using a huge amount of electricity is not sustainable in the long run.

Hence, option **(a)** is correct.

5.(d) Options (a) and (b) talk about advantages of open libraries and are incorrect.

Option (c) is incorrect as it simply states that it is possible to understand machine learning without needing mathematics.

Only option (d) fits in. If true, this weakens the point of using Open Libraries.

Hence, option (d) is correct.

6. (b) Statement II has not been mentioned in the passage and is incorrect.

Refer to:

'The first problem is data. Machine learning, the set of technologies used to create AI, is a data-guzzling monster.'

'Another problem for AI firms today is finding the right people.'

Both statements I and III have been stated and are correct.

Hence, option **(b)** is correct.

7.(c) Statement II is incorrect. There is no AI involved as the teller simply uses the computer to give out details of the customers' accounts.

Statements I and III are both correct. Both cases use data and robotics application.

Hence, option (c) is correct.

8. (b): The correct rearrangement of the given phrases would be CADB. The sentence thus formed would be "The growing wild boar population has become a social issue and its feeding characteristics could affect the physical condition and the plant species composition in the South Korean forests".

9. (d): The correct rearrangement of the given phrases would be ADBC. The sentence thus formed would be "Studies of morphological variation within and among populations provide an opportunity to understand local adaptation and potential patterns of gene flow".

10. (a): The correct rearrangement of the given phrases would be CABD. The sentence thus formed would be "Oceanic islands are biologically important for their unique assemblages of species and are sensitive to environmental change because of their isolation and small species source pools".

11. (e). The given phrases are already arranged in correct sequential order, thus, they do not require rearrangement.

12. (b) According to the context of the sentence it is regarding the decision taken by the RBI to cut the policy rate in order to control the economy of the country. It is said that the rate cut was anyway going to happen but at the same time the expectation was only for a 25 or 50 bps cut by the apex bank. The RBI has taken some other decision and has taken the market by surprise. Among the given words, we can use the pair in B since both the words are correct according to the given context of the blanks in the sentence. In other cases, the words will not fit in the given blanks.

This makes Option (b) the correct choice among the given options.

13. (b) According to the given context, it is regarding the fact that the revenue scenario of the country is not going to ensure that further fiscal concessions will be possible but one thing that can be done is to incentivize the investment by the government. That

will be the best way forward for our economy. Among the given words in options, the pair in Option B will fit in both the blanks in the given sentence whereas the rest are not correct as per the context of the sentence.

This makes Option (b) the correct choice among the given options.

14. (c) According to the given context of the sentence it is regarding the fact that the vegetarian and non-veg food items cannot be delivered separately in India and the reason given is that India is a very diverse country with so many people with so many choices. There are various types of people and they are so different. Among the given options, the pair of words in Option C will fit in both the blanks to imply that India is a diverse country and the choice of food items by people cannot be factored in delivery logistics by the online food delivery companies. Other words in the options are not correct as per the context of the sentence and can be eliminated from consideration.

This makes Option (c) the correct choice among the given options.

15. (d) According to the given context of the sentence, it is regarding the fact that the delivery partners need to be aware of the practical nature of the job and they join the workforce once they accept the same. That is why it is made a point to them to understand what they have to do and then only they are allowed to enter the workforce. Among the given options, the words in Option D give us the correct pair of words that will fit in the given blanks. Other words do not fit in the blanks and can be eliminated.

This makes Option (d) the correct choice among the given options.

16. (d) According to the given context of the sentence, it is regarding the fact that the present phase would come with another phase of weak monsoon during which the rains are within the foothills of the Himalayas. It is stated that the present phase would be followed by a weak phase of monsoon during which the rains get confined to the hills. Coming to the given options, we can only choose Option D since it provides us the correct implication of the given sentence in both the cases. Other words are irrelevant in the context of the sentence.

This makes Option (d) the correct choice among the given options.

17. (c) As per the given context of the sentence, it is regarding the fact that the company has decided to do something regarding the Q1 results of the company. The company has also informed the same to the exchanges as per the requirement of the regulatory authority. Now for the first blank we can see that filing can be used as the

company must have filed something in the exchanges whereas the second blank should be perfect for the word extend. Other words are not relevant in the context of the sentence.

This makes Option (c) the correct choice among the given options.

18. (b) According to the given context, it is regarding the fact that the gold prices in the last few months have been on the rise because of the increasing demand in the global markets. The markets such as India and China are actually fuelling this demand and that is why the prices are on the rise in the global market. Among the given options, we can see that Option B can be perfect in this context since both the words here will give us the correct implication of the given statement. The rest are not relevant and hence ruled out from consideration.

This makes Option (b) the correct choice among the given options.

19. (a) According to the given context of the sentence, it is regarding the fact that the Fed is not for further rate cuts in the economy but the tension between USA and China is suggesting that the Fed may not have any other option but to go for rate cuts in the future as well. There should be a number of such rate cut decisions coming in the future. Coming to the given options, we can see that Option A gives us the correct implication of the given sentence whereas the rest can be ruled out for being out of context here.

This makes Option (a) the correct choice among the given options.

20. (a): The only word which will fit the blank to make the sentence coherent is *result.*

Result: a phenomenon that follows and is caused by some previous phenomenon

Inquiry: an act of asking for information.

Period: a length or portion of time.

Indication: a sign or piece of information that indicates something.

Lapse: a brief or temporary failure of concentration, memory, or judgement.

21. (d): The only word which will fit the blank to make the sentence coherent is *affects.*

Garners: gather or collect (something, especially information or approval).

Flourishes: to be in a vigorous state; thrive

Fluctuates: rise and fall irregularly in number or amount.

Affects: have an effect on; make a difference to

Effects: a change which is a result or consequence of an action or other cause.

22. (b): The only word which will fit the blank to make the sentence coherent is *undermines.*

Frangible: able to be broken into fragments; brittle or fragile.

Undermine: lessen the effectiveness, power, or ability of, especially gradually or insidiously.

Impetus: the force or energy with which a body moves.

Marred: impair the quality or appearance of; spoil.

Exhausted: very tired.

23. (a): The only word which will fit the blank to make the sentence coherent is *scrutiny*

Scrutiny: critical observation or examination

Enchant: fill (someone) with great delight; charm.

Captive: a person who has been taken prisoner or an animal that has been confined

Intrigue: arouse the curiosity or interest of; fascinate.

Zest: great enthusiasm and energy.

24. (e): The highlighted word is best suited for the given blank

Heinous: utterly odious or wicked.

Decorum: behavior in keeping with good taste and propriety.

Lucid: expressed clearly; easy to understand.

Cherish: protect and care for (someone) lovingly.

Flourish: grow or develop in a healthy or vigorous way

25.(b): The only word which will fit the blank to make the sentence coherent is *their.*

Since the word is referring "people", the correct pronoun for this will be "their". All the other pronouns cannot be used here.

26. (c),   27. (a)   28. (b),   29. (d),   30. (e)

Common explanation

Analysing the given sentences, we see that, sentence B starts with the conjunction 'but'. But, the beginning sentence cannot begin with a conjunction. Hence, it can be discarded as the beginning sentence. Sentence A and sentence F start with the pronoun 'they'. They cannot also be the beginning sentences. Sentence E, beginning with 'when', does not introduce the idea flowing through the sentences. Between sentence C and sentence D, sentence D introduces the idea of the entire paragraph. Hence, it will be the beginning sentence.

Connecting D and C:- Incidents of students committing suicides are on the rise in India. Recently, XYZ University decided to install suicide prevention devices on hostel fans after a spree of three suicides in hostel rooms in the last one year. Sentence C elaborates upon the idea introduced through sentence D. Sentence D and sentence C form a mandatory pair. [D-C]

Connecting C and B:- Recently, XYZ University decided to install suicide prevention devices on hostel fans after a spree of three suicides in hostel rooms in the last one year. But the decision did not go well with the students. Sentence B gives more information about the aftermath of the decision taken by the university. Sentence B closely follows the idea presented through sentence C. [C-B]

Connecting B and A:- But the decision did not go well with the students. They took to social media to criticize the university administration. Sentence A tells us how the students gave vent to their displeasure (=We came to know of this displeasure in sentence B). Sentence A tells us that the students took to social media to criticize the administration of the university. "They" of sentence A is the substitute of "the students" of sentence B. [B-A]

Connecting A and F:- They took to social media to criticize the university administration. They wanted the administration to employ a mechanism to check discrimination and harassment on campus. Sentence F presents the demands of the students and closely follows sentence A. [A-F]

Connecting F and E:- They wanted the administration to employ a mechanism to check discrimination and harassment on campus. When contacted, the VC of the university said that a proper grievance redressal mechanism would be set up soon. Sentence E tells us about the university administration's stance with respect to the students' demands (that was presented through sentence F). [F-E]

The correct sequence is: DCBAFE

31. (c): We need to interchange (B)-(C) to make sentence contextually meaningful. Therefore, the correct sentence will be "Laptop's **name** comes from lap, as it was deemed **practical** to be **placed** on a person's lap when being **used.**

32. (d): We need to interchange (A)-(D) to make sentence contextually meaningful. Therefore, the correct sentence will be "Fatigue has a **reputation** as a vague and difficult **problem** for doctors to **investigate**, and many people with fatigue do not **report** it to their doctor."

33. (a): We need to interchange (A)-(B) to make sentence contextually meaningful. Therefore, the correct sentence will be "The way **consumers** obtain **nutrition** information has changed **substantially** in the past two **decades**."

34. (c): We need to interchange (B)-(D) to make sentence contextually meaningful. Therefore, the correct sentence will be "**Improving** the performance of **grazing** systems, and reducing their environmental impact are **crucial** in the current and future world **contexts."**

35. (b): We need to interchange (A)-(C) to make sentence contextually meaningful. Therefore, the correct sentence will be "**Pollution** leads to **defective** childbirths and high **mortality** rates in many parts of the **world**."

36. (a): The correct words for the given blank are 'concerted' and 'collective'.

concerted means jointly arranged or carried out; coordinated.

ignited means catch fire or cause to catch fire.

collective means relating to or shared by all the members of a group.

37. (a): The correct words for the given blank are 'significance' and 'importance'

significance means the quality of being worthy of attention; importance.

incentive means a thing that motivates or encourages someone to do something.

38. (d): The correct word for the given blank is 'pursuit'

repercussion means an unintended consequence of an event or action, especially an unwelcome one.

pursuit means the action of pursuing someone or something.

vivid means producing powerful feelings or strong, clear images in the mind.

39. (e): All the given words can be filled in the blank to make sentence meaningful.

swiftly means at high speed; quickly.

briskly means in an active, quick, or energetic way.

40. (d): The correct word for the given blank is 'separated'

distinguish means recognize or treat (someone or something) as different.

separated means cause to move or be apart.

myriad means a countless or extremely great number of people or things.