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**DIRECTIONS Q.1 to Q.21 :** Each question below has one or more blanks, each blank indicating that something has been omitted. Choose the set of words for the blanks which best fits the meaning of the sentence as a whole.

1. India will have to live with the \_\_\_\_\_ of unemployment for many years to come because measures taken either to \_\_\_\_\_ population growth or to reorient the unorganized educational system have failed.  
A. boon, encourage  
B. error, bridle  
C. problem, curb  
D. issue, aid  
E. blessing, promote
2. Though India does not have comprehensive laws that \_\_\_\_\_ companies polluting the environment, companies in India have become conscious of their roles and are taking necessary steps to \_\_\_\_\_ environment and minimize damages.  
A. allow, destroy  
B. restrain, insulate  
C. permit, endanger  
D. limit, emancipate  
E. restrict, conserve
3. While downside risks to growth may have increased in the wake of global developments, they are likely to have \_\_\_\_\_ impact on India; however, it requires urgent policy actions to remove \_\_\_\_\_ to growth.  
A. far-reaching, hurdles  
B. limited, bottlenecks  
C. momentous, barriers  
D. serious, obstructions  
E. negligible, blockades
4. Great saints believe that realisation of God will liberate man from \_\_\_\_\_ bondage and this state of release confers the privilege of serving the Lord in his \_\_\_\_\_ abode,  
A. materialistic, permanent  
B. earthly, transcendental  
C. primitive, unique  
D. early, traditional  
E. spiritual, ethereal
5. To attain intercultural \_\_\_\_\_ a person should be sensitive to his own cultural nuances and also learn to see how similar or different they are to the cultural practices \_\_\_\_\_ among those in other cultures.  
A. unity, supplementary  
B. support, predominant

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- C. harmony, accepted  
D. integration, prevalent  
E. goodwill, principal
6. The 2008 economic \_\_\_\_\_ resulted in massive \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. slowdown, lay-downs  
B. meltdown, lay-offs  
C. recession, lay-overs  
D. downpour, lay-ups  
E. dropdown, lay-bys
7. India's \_\_\_\_\_ manpower and Finland's high-end tech \_\_\_\_\_ should be leveraged under the 'Make in India' initiative.  
A. gauche, technology  
B. skilled, prowess  
C. sundry, means  
D. abundant, allowances  
E. countless, access
8. Baldwin's brilliant 'The Fire Next Time' is both so eloquent in its passion and so searching in its \_\_\_\_\_ that it is bound to \_\_\_\_\_ any reader.  
A. bitterness, embarrass  
B. romanticism, appall  
C. candour, unsettle  
D. indifference, disappoint  
E. conception, bore
9. Because she had a reputation for \_\_\_\_\_ we were surprised and pleased when she greeted us so \_\_\_\_\_.  
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B. insouciance, cordially  
C. graciousness, amiably  
D. arrogance, disdainfully  
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11. We are \_\_\_\_\_ the intellects of the past; or rather, like children we take it for granted that somebody must supply us with our supper and our \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. ungrateful to, ideas  
B. dependent on, repose  
C. unfaithful to, needs  
D. fortunate in, allowance  
E. generous to, wants
12. These issues are extremely \_\_\_\_\_ and any knee jerk reaction will ultimately result in a loss of \_\_\_\_\_ for all shareholders.  
A. unassociated, curare  
B. ambiguous, plutocracy  
C. nuanced, opportunity  
D. contended, serendipity  
E. swiveled, stock
13. Growth under this government has been \_\_\_\_\_ high and remarkably \_\_\_\_\_ even during the worst global economic crisis.  
A. impededly, flippant  
B. relatively, intractable  
C. obstructedly, rigid  
D. sustainedly, resilient  
E. drastically, low
14. There are different and \_\_\_\_\_ versions about what happened in the city, but one thing is certain: it is a dastardly act that must be condemned \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. dissimilar, concertedly  
B. contrary, obviously  
C. conflicting, unequivocally  
D. unique, without conflict  
E. same, fastly
15. They \_\_\_\_\_ their seats away from the curved wall panels to give themselves more space as the flight attendant brought drinks from the gallery, which was \_\_\_\_\_ with family's favorite snacks and beverages.  
A. swiveled, stocked  
B. hinged, lacquered  
C. pended, embellished  
D. retracted, thronged

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E. set, matched

16. Cairn cannot \_\_\_\_\_ bring into picture some \_\_\_\_\_ outsider which has little experience and necessary consents to deal in the oil field.
- A. peremptorily, ascribed
  - B. complaisantly, endorsed
  - C. democratically, aberrant
  - D. arbitrarily, unrelated
  - E. none of the above
17. Despite many decades of research on the gasification of coal, the data accumulated is not directly \_\_\_\_\_ to environmental questions; thus a new programme of research which specifically deals with such questions is \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. analogous, promising
  - B. antithetical, unremarkable
  - C. applicable, warranted
  - D. pertinent, unnecessary
  - E. logical, unwarranted
18. No one is \_\_\_\_\_ about Rahul; he inspires either uncritical adulation or profound \_\_\_\_\_ in those who work for him.
- A. neutral, antipathy
  - B. infuriated, aversion
  - C. enthusiastic, veneration
  - D. apprehensive, consternation
  - E. objective, respect
19. In response to the follies of today's commercial and political worlds, the author does not \_\_\_\_\_ inflamed indignation, but rather \_\_\_\_\_ the detachment and smooth aphoristic prose of an eighteenth-century wit.
- A. display, rails at
  - B. rely on, avoids
  - C. suppress, clings to
  - D. express, affects
  - E. shows , pretends
20. Upendra was so eager to \_\_\_\_\_ his preconceptions that he grasped at any fact which seemed to \_\_\_\_\_ the undeniable gaps in his report.
- A. overcome, play
  - B. convey, window
  - C. preserve, bridge

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- D. reinforce, strengthen
  - E. reinforce, undermine

21. To have a few things to desire and many things to fear is a miserable state of mind, commonly seen in the case of kings; which makes their mind \_\_\_\_\_. They have many representations of \_\_\_\_\_ and shadows, which makes their mind \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. languishing, perils, uncertain
  - B. pining, risks, unclear
  - C. puissant, hazards, pellucid
  - D. lassitude, problems, limpid
  - E. reinforced, risks, uncertain

**DIRECTIONS Q.22 to Q.23 :** In the question, two sentences (I) and (II) are given. Each sentence has a blank in it. Five options are suggested. Out of these, only one fits at both the places in the context of each sentence. Mark that option as your answer.

22. I. The defeated army returned home as a demoralized \_\_\_\_\_.  
II. As Gandhiji stepped outside he had to face a \_\_\_\_\_ of angry youth who demanded explanation for not saving Bhagat Singh.
- A. congregation
  - B. conglomeration
  - C. rabble
  - D. throng
  - E. crowd
23. I. After the priest \_\_\_\_\_ the spirit, apparently, the strange noises stopped.  
II. It will take a long time to \_\_\_\_\_ the memory of the accident.
- A. exorcise
  - B. venerate
  - C. hailed
  - D. embraced
  - E. obliterate

**DIRECTIONS Q.24 to Q.25 :** Pick out the most effective word from the given options to fill in the blank to make the sentence meaningfully complete.

24. \_\_\_\_\_ the situation infuriated him, he did his best to hide his anger.
- A. Besides
  - B. Though
  - C. Because
  - D. Since
  - E. As

25. We didn't really want that particular hotel, \_\_\_\_\_ it was a case of Hobson's choice.  
We booked very late and there was nothing else left.
- A. but
  - B. and
  - C. because
  - D. while
  - E. as

### Answer Key

1. (c)	2. (e)	3. (b)	4. (b)	5. (d)	6. (b)	7. (b)	8. (c)	9. (e)
10. (e)	11. (a)	12. (c)	13. (d)	14. (c)	15. (a)	16. (d)	17. (c)	18. (a)
19. (a)	20. (c)	21. (a)	22. (c)	23. (a)	24. (b)	25. (a)		