

PARA JUMBLES – 4

1. A. According to the Eddas there was once no heaven above nor earth beneath, but only a bottomless deep, and a world of mist in which flowed a fountain.
 B. Southward from the world of mist was the world of light.
 C. The vapours rose in the air and formed clouds, from which sprang Ymir, the Frost giant and his progeny, and the cow Audhumbla.
 D. From this flowed a warm wind upon the ice and melted it.
 E. Twelve rivers issued from this fountain, and when they had flowed far from their source, they froze into ice, and one layer accumulating over another, the great deep was filled up.
2. A. This suggests that between the dialectic and the eristic elements themselves there operates a higher dialectic.
 B. A survey of the prose of thought of the twentieth century reveals a certain rhythmic and even cyclic development.
 C. Indeed without such a higher dialectic, language would constantly be moving towards one or the other extreme and thus failing as a means of communication.
 D. The idealist philosophers, taking the Hegelian System as their point of departure, found themselves confronted with the New Realism.
 E. In this development, we may detect, at each stage, a dialectic and an eristic aspect.
3. A. He must have a social conscience and unerring political antennae but cannot become a passionate advocate or plug a party's political agenda.
 B. He must deliver a daily illustrated epigram to reader's breakfast tables saying just enough to raise a smile, give pause for thought and raise the spirit, but nothing so biting that it has the opposite effect.
 C. He must never transgress the fine line that divides cheerful caricature from brutal satire.
 D. The political cartoonist's life is a funny business.
 E. He can banter but he must not lampoon.
4. A. Can universality of votes conduce to creation of the best appliance for preservation of rights?
 B. Experience makes obvious that with a universal distribution of votes, the larger class will inevitably profit at the expense of the smaller class.
 C. Voting is a method of creating an appliance for the preservation of rights.
 D. Immediately the question arises like Jack from the box.
 E. We have to refer to experience to come to any sort of answer.
5. A. For example, if you need to remember a phone number you have to call today but will never need again, you will hold the phone number in mind for a relatively short period and then it can be discarded.
 B. This store is used when, for example, dialling a new phone number.
 C. It has limited capacity, so that - once short-term memory is full - old information is displaced by new input.
 D. Paying attention to something transfers it to short-term memory (sometimes referred to as primary memory or the short-term store), which has a capacity of around seven items.
 E. Less important thoughts are held in short-term memory, used, and then decay.
6. A. As she studied the phenomenon more closely, Margulis found out that nearly all the 'unruly genes' are derived from bacteria, and gradually she came to realise that they belong to distinct living organisms, live small cells residing inside larger cells.
 B. Microbiologists have known for some time that the most fundamental division among all forms of life is not that between plants and animals, as most people assume, but one between two kinds of cells – cells with and without a cell nucleus.
 C. All the cells of higher organisms are nucleated, and eukaryotes also appear as single-celled, non-bacterial, micro-organisms.
 D. In her study of genetics, Margulis became intrigued by the fact that not all the genes in a nucleated cell are found inside the cell nucleus.
 E. Bacteria, the simplest life forms, do not have cell nuclei and are therefore also called prokaryotes (non-nucleated cells), whereas all other cells have nuclei and are called eukaryotes (nucleated cells).
7. A. Such pious statements are meaningless when there is so much loose talk about exercising the nuclear option.
 B. There is no need to exhibit any injured pride about the West showing concern about the ability of the two countries to handle nuclear weapons.
 C. But there is no point in the strategists telling us how India was one of the first countries to be opposed to nuclear weapons, implying that India's weapons are meant for deterrence and not use.
 D. It was perhaps a deliberate ploy to whip up fears of nuclear war in South Asia.
 E. It does not help either when the Government says India would use nuclear weapons only in retaliation when there are enough politicians, strategists, and defence experts egging the Government on to "finish" Pakistan.

8.
 - A. A big challenge is the change in the IT customer who is now behaving like a consumer.
 - B. And very few claim to be able to present a seamless customer experience across channels.
 - C. The customer now wants everything quick, flexible, scalable, and as much as possible on fingertips.
 - D. New technologies are fascinating but transitioning to them can be challenging for companies.
 - E. According to a global survey of 444 executives conducted by The Economist Intelligence Unit, and sponsored by Accenture and Pega systems.
 - F. Most companies say their digital processes are only partially integrated with their traditional business functions.

9.
 - A. Many center around practical needs – getting the meat out of fire, speed, using whatever is around.
 - B. There are also many superstitions attached to them: dropping chopsticks is bad luck, sticking them upright in your rice is taboo because of the imagery of incense sticks at funeral altars.
 - C. Among the favorite customs are using them to fish cooked bits of meat and vegetables from boiling broth while eating "hot pot" with friends and serving choice pieces to show affection or respect.
 - D. Then there is the long list of chopsticks don'ts: don't point with them, don't spear food with them, don't use them to tap your bowl; only beggars do that.
 - E. There are many stories of the provenance of chopsticks, which in some form have been entrenched in Chinese history for thousands of years.

10.
 - A. The number of development studies courses offered by colleges and universities has grown over the last 20 years.
 - B. What are you hoping to get out of your course?
 - C. Has your interest been sparked by other studies, travel, or family connections?
 - D. As the new academic year begins for some people this month, we would like to hear what is motivating you to study development.
 - E. The content of those courses has also changed to reflect new interests and trends in the sector, with topics covering a range of subjects, from economics and politics, to the environment, gender and anthropology.

11.
 - A. Some of the worst cancers aren't detected by screening.
 - B. The only way to be sure is to look at the results of randomized trials comparing cancer deaths in screened and unscreened people.
 - C. So how can we be confident that getting a screening test regularly is a good idea?
 - D. Even when screening "works" in such trials, the size of the benefit observed is surprisingly low: Generally, regular screening reduces fatalities from various cancers between 15 percent and 25 percent.
 - E. They appear suddenly, between regular screenings, and are difficult to treat because they are so aggressive.

12.
 - A. From what we eat to how much energy we consume: everything is trackable, not least because our gadgets come equipped with clever sensors.
 - B. Take the recent obsession with self-tracking.
 - C. Smart technologies are not just disruptive; they can also preserve the status quo. Revolutionary in theory, they are often reactionary in practice.
 - D. But it won't take long for governments to start exploring self-tracking as a solution to problems that could, and probably should, be tackled differently.
 - E. Right now, most of such self-tracking efforts come from the grass-roots enthusiasts.

13.
 - A. Individual city-states and their colonies prospered, giving rise to centres of political, religious, philosophic and artistic development.
 - B. Monumental sculpture, stone temple architecture, and civic building programmes were among the achievements of this period.
 - C. Many of the Greek cities on the mainland, Aegean islands, and the Ionian coast were ruled by 'tyrants', powerful men who ruled not by constitutional authority, but by popular support.
 - D. The Archaic Period (700-480 B. C.) saw the rise of Greece as one of the world's greatest civilizations.
 - E. However, Greek cities in the eastern Aegean and Asia Minor came under the domination of the Persian Empire at the end of the sixth century.

14.
 - A. It stood 1.5 metres high at the hip and measured more than three metres from beak to tail.
 - B. Over the past decade the researchers have recovered three partial skeletons of the animal but now had not recognized it as new genus and species of a mysterious family of dinosaurs called caenagnathidae.
 - C. The 66 million year old feathered beast would have resembled a beefed-up emu with a long neck, a metre-long tail, a tail crest on its head and long, sharp claws at the end of its forelimbs.
 - D. Researchers believe that it lived on ancient floodplains and fed on plants, small animals and possibly eggs.
 - E. The fossilized remains of a bizarre, bird-like dinosaur, which has been nick-named the "chicken from hell" by scientists, have been unearthed in the U.S.

15. A. In fact, so convinced are the markets about this outcome that they have started looking beyond election results and even government formation.
 B. Now that the actual dates for the elections have been announced, the markets are coming under scrutiny every day.
 C. The behavior of the financial markets, as well as stock and foreign exchange markets at the time of elections is analysed at several levels.
 D. The most significant message so far is that the stock market are betting on an NDA government.
 E. Messages are sought to be read into the market movements, whether they are tenable or not.
16. A. Not one of them is strongly supported by the evidence.
 B. The Event was probably caused by an icy cometary fragment about a hundred metres across, weighing a million tons, moving at about 30 kilometres per second.
 C. The puzzling point of the Tunguska Event is that there was a tremendous explosion, a great shock wave, an enormous forest fire, and yet there is no impact crater at the site.
 D. There seems to be only one explanation consistent with all the facts: a piece of comet hit the Earth.
 E. A number of explanations for the Tunguska Event have been proposed, some of them more or less seriously.
17. A. We have two obvious continuums running through the Harry Potter series, and they intersect.
 B. In fact, it is implied that we are supposed to be actively looking for them.
 C. We have the 'Dark Lord' continuum, which is squarely placed at the forefront of the story arc and consists of the three characters, Riddle, Snape and Potter.
 D. At the same time, there appears to be a second continuum, the 'Dumbledore's Men' continuum, running in the background which consists of Hagrid, Snape and Potter, and which is defined by an apparently personal alliance/relationship between each of these characters with Albus Dumbledore.
 E. It is obvious to every reader that we are supposed to be seeing parallels and drawing conclusions about the similarities and contrasts among these three leading characters.
18. A. When people read on the iPad, they took longer to fall asleep and spent less time in REM sleep than with the traditional books.
 B. The study revealed that using devices that emit blue light (including cellphones and laptops) before bedtime can have negative long-term health effects
 C. This is about a two-week study conducted at Brigham and women's Hospital, USA
 D. Then they switched formats and read for another five nights.
 E. Researchers assigned 12 participants to read either on an ebook, on an iPad, or a printed book before they went to sleep each everything for five nights.

Answer Key

1. AEBDC	2. BEACD	3. DBCEA	4. CDAEB	5. DBCEA
6. BECDA	7. BDCAE	8. DEFBAC	9. EABDC	10. AEDCB
11. AECBD	12. CBAED	13. DABCE	14. ECADB	15. CBEDA
16. EACDB	17. ACEBD	18. CEDAB		