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Sentence Improvement



NDA/CDS/AFCAT

Directions: In the following items, a sentence is given with one or more BOLD words. From the options provided mark the correct answer from among (a), (b) or (c), which is the most appropriate improvement over the word(s) to be substituted. If no improvement can be identified, mark your response as (d).

Day 2

Questions 1

The government's **endeavours** to boost the economy have yielded mixed results.

- (a) attempts
- (b) ventures
- (c) initiatives
- (d) no improvement

Questions 2

The **torrent** of criticism directed at the government forced it to reconsider its decision.

- (a) deluge
- (b) stream
- (c) outflow
- (d) no improvement

Questions 3

The **crucial** issue of climate change requires immediate attention.

- (a) pressing
- (b) exigent
- (c) paramount
- (d) no improvement

Questions 4

The **talks** between the two nations have reached a critical juncture.

- (a) discussions
- (b) parleys
- (c) negotiations
- (d) no improvement

Questions 5

The **spread** of misinformation online poses a significant threat to public discourse.

- (a) dissemination
- (b) diffusion
- (c) propagation
- (d) no improvement

Questions 6

The company's **decline** in profits was attributed to increased competition.

- (a) downturn
- (b) slump
- (c) regression
- (d) no improvement

Questions 7

The government's **strategy** for economic recovery has been met with skepticism.

- (a) tactics
- (b) approach
- (c) methodology
- (d) no improvement

Questions 8

The **eruption** of violence in the region has caused widespread displacement.

- (a) outbreak
- (b) flare-up
- (c) explosion
- (d) no improvement

Questions 9

The expert **opined** that the situation was likely to worsen.

- (a) suggested
- (b) posited
- (c) asserted
- (d) no improvement

Questions 10

The **impact** of the new policy on small businesses is still being assessed.

- (a) ramifications
- (b) consequences
- (c) repercussions
- (d) no improvement

ANSWERS & Explanations

1. Answer: (c)

Explanation: While all options are similar, "initiatives" suggests a more formal and structured set of actions taken to achieve a specific goal, making it more suitable in a policy context.

2. Answer: (a)

Explanation: "Deluge" implies a massive and overwhelming amount of something, which better captures the intensity of the criticism than "torrent," which can also refer to a heavy rain.

3. Answer: (c)

Explanation: While all options convey importance, "paramount" suggests the highest level of importance or urgency, fitting the gravity of climate change.

4. Answer: (c)

Explanation: "Negotiations" implies formal discussions aimed at reaching an agreement, making it more appropriate in a diplomatic context.

5. Answer: (a)

Explanation: "Dissemination" specifically refers to the spreading of information, especially widely, making it a more precise choice than the general term "spread."

6. Answer: (a)

Explanation: "Downturn" is a more common and specific term in economic contexts to describe a period of decline in economic activity or performance.

7. Answer: (b)

Explanation: While "strategy" is acceptable, "approach" is a broader term that can encompass various methods and tactics, making it a slightly more general and sometimes more suitable choice.

8. Answer: (b)

Explanation: "Flare-up" specifically refers to a sudden increase in violence or conflict after a period of relative calm, making it a more precise choice in this context.

9. Answer: (c)

Explanation: "Asserted" implies a stronger and more confident statement of opinion, which is often the case with expert pronouncements.

10. Answer: (b)

Explanation: While all options are similar, "consequences" is a broader term that encompasses both positive and negative effects, and is often preferred in formal contexts.