

MAINS PRACTICE SHEET

President Donald Trump appears 1. _____ the cat among the pigeons yet again so far as recent Indian foreign policy actions are concerned, this time with regard to an alleged 2. _____ by Prime Minister Narendra Modi that India would halt its oil imports from Russia. Speaking at the White House, Mr. Trump said that Mr. Modi 3. _____ him on Wednesday that India "will not be buying oil from Russia... Now we've got to get China to do the same thing". This utterance follows 4. _____ a summer of heightened temperatures in the bilateral space, after multiple claims by Mr. Trump that he played a role in bringing Operation Sindoor to an abrupt halt, with a full and immediate ceasefire agreed only after "a long night of 5. _____ by the United States".

- Q1.** (a) to have Sat (b) to had Sat
(c) to had Set (d) to have Set
- Q2.** (a) assurance (b) believed
(c) certainty (d) oath
- Q3.** (a) has assured (b) has been assured
(c) had assured (d) had been assured
- Q4.** (a) At the woke of (b) on the woke off
(c) At the wake of (d) in the wake of
- Q5.** (a) talked mediated (b) talking mediation
(c) talk mediation (d) talks mediated

In a brazen admission, U.S. President Donald Trump 6. _____ covert CIA operations in Venezuela targeting the government of Nicolás Maduro. This escalation 7. _____ of deadly strikes on boats in Caribbean waters, threatening to destabilise the region 8. _____ fundamental principles of international law. The prospective actions fall under 9. _____ of actions by the CIA - the 1954 coup in Guatemala, the Bay of Pigs disaster in Cuba, the orchestration of the 1973 coup in Chile that resulted in President Salvador Allende's death and the Contra wars in Nicaragua in the 1980s. Such interventions 10. _____ to catastrophic consequences such as decades of instability, democratic

backsliding and authoritarian rule, leaving scars across Latin America.

- Q6.** (a) has confirmed authorising
(b) has confirm authorised
(c) has been confirmed authorise
(d) had confirmed authorised
- Q7.** (a) follow weeks (b) following weeks
(c) has followed weeks (d) follows weeks
- Q8.** (a) to violate (b) by violating
(c) to be violated (d) through violating
- Q9.** (a) a latest pattern
(b) a grim historical pattern
(c) an equivocal pattern
(d) a fictitious pattern
- Q10.** (a) has led (b) have led
(c) has been leading (d) had led

The visit of Afghanistan's Acting Foreign Minister Amir Khan Muttaqi and its attendant excitement in mainstream and social media 11. _____ now over. But this is only the beginning. 12. _____ is a step-by-step engagement, with the single objective of stabilising a 13. _____, and, in the process, ensuring that New Delhi projects its credentials as a 14. _____ to reckon with. In these days of rampant war and war mongering, that counts. In addition, there are issues of strong security interests, that in fact, need not be a 15. _____ with Pakistan. In fact, it might just deliver a certain stability to Pakistan as well, provided that it is ready to accept it.

- Q11.** (a) is (b) was
(c) are (d) has
- Q12.** (a) what follow
(b) which must follow
(c) what must follow
(d) what should be followed
- Q13.** (a) Devastating country
(b) Devastated country
(c) Delusional country
(d) Perturbed country
- Q14.** (a) Supreme force
(b) Assistance force
(c) Ambitious force

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(d) Humanitarian force

- Q15.** (a) Distastrous game
(b) Fierce game
(c) Outrageous game
(d) Zero sum game

Q16.

A. Allied forces in the West had made significant progress, advancing through southern Italy and capturing Rome.

B. Germany's military position by mid-1944 had become strategically untenable on multiple fronts.

C. Concurrently, the Allies had completed preparations for a large-scale liberation of northern Europe, amassing troops and material.

D. On the Eastern Front, the Red Army stood ready to drive German forces back through Poland.

E. Encircled from both east and west, the Nazi war effort appeared increasingly doomed.

- (a) BACDE (b) DBACE
(c) BDCAE (d) BDAEC

Q17.

A. By arraying elements in rows and columns, placing like substances in vertical groups, Mendeleyev accurately predicted that other elements would eventually be discovered.

B. That insight led him to outline the periodic table still in use today.

C. Charting the elements for a textbook in the late 1860's Russian chemist Dmitry Mendeleyev noticed similarities in groups of elements based on their atomic weight: Each element resembled the eighth to follow it.

D. Later, the chart was recognised to reflect the proton count in an atom's nucleus - an elements atomic number.

E. It contains 118 elements, as many as 90 of which occur naturally.

- (a) EDCBA (b) ACBED
(c) DABEC (d) CBADE

Q18.

A. Gandhi was firmly convinced that the doctrine of non-violence represented not

passive submission, but the loftiest manifestation of moral courage.

B. Furthermore, he regarded it as a transcendent principle, one that transcended cultural boundaries and could be embraced by individuals of all nations and creeds.

C. To Gandhi, the renunciation of violence was not indicative of frailty, but rather a profound reservoir of inner fortitude and self-discipline.

D. As a natural corollary of this belief, he meticulously integrated the ethos of non violence into both the realms of political activism and his personal conduct

- (a) ABDC (b) BDCA
(c) CBDA (d) CDBA

Q19.

S1. In the task-completion study, Hohenstein found that the humans took credit for positive outcomes .

A. In doing so, the algorithm protected the human relationship and provided a buffer for our own failings.

B. When a partner was using Smart Reply, it initially made the receiver feel more positive about the other person.

C. It raises a deeper question of transparency: should it be revealed that an AI has helped craft a response?

D. When something went wrong, the AI was blamed.

S6. But when told that an AI was involved, they felt uncomfortable.

- (a) BCDA (b) DACB
(c) DABC (d) BACD

Q20.

A. He had no formal education beyond the fifth Gujarati standard, yet his practical wisdom helped him manage complex affairs which impressed his chiefs.

B. My father served as Prime Minister in several princely states and was known for his integrity even without a decent educational background.

C. His loyalty to his chiefs was unwavering, once even leading to a brief detention when he refused to apologise to a British agent.

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D. Though he was strict, he commanded deep respect within the family and in court circles.

- (a) ADBC (b) BADC
(c) CDAB (d) BCAD

Q21.

A. He saw more logic in the latter and wrote it down.

B. After writing, he had looked at the big hall clock, "Half an hour more!"

C. Swaminathan had never thought that this story contained a moral.

D. He took a minute to decide whether the moral was; 'We must never accept a gold bangle when it is offered by a tiger' or 'Love of gold bangle cost one one's life'.

E. But now he felt that it must have one since the question paper mentioned it.

- (a) CEDAB (b) CEADB
(c) ECDAB (d) CDEAB

Q22.

A. Today such challenges are treated with antidepressants, which increase available serotonin or norepinephrine.

B. It was pioneered in the 1930's by Portuguese neurologist Antonio Egas Moritz for use with patients suffering severe mental illness.

C. By inhibiting the tendency for nerve cells to absorb or deactivate those chemicals.

D. Lobotomy, a controversial surgery, disconnected the professional lobe, centre of emotion and social behaviour from the brain.

E. Chemicals whose contact with nerve cells improves mood.

- (a) DBAEC (b) ABCDE
(c) CDEAB (d) BEDCA

Q23.

Born on October 5, 1983, in Los Angeles, California, Emma Stone's journey in the entertainment industry began at a young age.

P. While attending local theatre classes, Stone discovered her passion for acting and soon started auditioning for various roles.

Q. Despite facing initial rejections, Stone's determination and talent eventually landed her a breakthrough role in the comedy "Superbad."

R. Stone's career skyrocketed as she garnered critical acclaim for her performances in movies like "The Help" and "La La Land," earning her an Academy Award for Best Actress.

S. Inspired by the likes of Meryl Streep, Stone continued honing her craft and exploring diverse roles, solidifying her status as one of Hollywood's leading actresses.

Today, Emma Stone stands as a respected figure in the film industry, celebrated for her versatility and contributions to the world of cinema.

- (a) SPQR (b) PQSR
(c) RQPS (d) SRQP

Q24.

1. They had escaped the dark world and were enveloped in a dazzling white light which almost blinded them.

2. The fountain of immortality sprung before them from which they collected the elixir in a large conch shell.

3. The next moment, the boys found themselves floating over misty clouds.

4. They gave him some elixir from the shell and he immediately acquired an ethereal form.

5. It was then that they saw the Formless One before them.

6. There was bliss and tranquillity around them.

- (a) 316254 (b) 352146
(c) 512346 (d) 614523

Q25.

The immediate context of the Dunkirk evacuation was Germany's invasion of the Low Countries and northern France in May 1940.

P. The Dutch defenders fell back westward, and by noon on May 12 German tanks were on the outskirts of Rotterdam.

Q. The Dutch Queen Wilhelmina and her government left the country for England on May 13, and the next day the Dutch army surrendered to the Germans.

R. On May 10 the German blitzkrieg attack on the Netherlands began with the capture by parachutists of key bridges deep within the country, with the aim of opening the way for mobile ground forces.

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S. The invasion of Belgium also began on May 10, when German airborne troops landed on the fortress of Eben Emael, immediately opposite Maastricht, and on bridges over the Albert Canal.

On May 11 the Belgian front was broken, and German tanks ran on westward while Belgian, French, and British divisions fell back to a line between Antwerp and Namur.

(a) QPRS

(b) RPQS

(c) RPSQ

(d) PSRQ

ANSWERS

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