

## Section-wise Grand Test – English Language – SWGTE-180105

### HINTS & SOLUTIONS

#### ANSWER KEY

1. (1)	11. (4)	21. (3)	31. (4)	41. (1)
2. (4)	12. (4)	22. (1)	32. (5)	42. (2)
3. (3)	13. (1)	23. (2)	33. (1)	43. (2)
4. (4)	14. (4)	24. (3)	34. (4)	44. (4)
5. (5)	15. (3)	25. (5)	35. (3)	45. (2)
6. (5)	16. (2)	26. (4)	36. (3)	46. (1)
7. (2)	17. (3)	27. (4)	37. (2)	47. (4)
8. (4)	18. (3)	28. (2)	38. (4)	48. (1)
9. (5)	19. (1)	29. (2)	39. (3)	49. (3)
10. (3)	20. (4)	30. (5)	40. (1)	50. (2)

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1. (1) Refer to the 2nd para "With those caveats, it appears to me that one strand consisted of population growth outstripping available resources: a dilemma similar to the one foreseen by Thomas Malthus in 1798 and being played out today in Rwanda, Haiti and elsewhere. As the archaeologist David Webster succinctly puts it, "Too many farmers grew too many crops on too much of landscape." Hence option (1) is the correct choice.
2. (4) Anthropogenic means "caused by human factor"  
So anthropogenic drought means drought caused by human beings.
3. (3) Refer to these lines from the paragraph "At the time of previous droughts, there were still uninhabited parts of the Maya landscape, and people at a site affected by drought could save themselves by moving to another site. However, by the time of the Classic collapse the landscape was now full, there was no useful unoccupied land in the vicinity on which to begin anew, and the whole population could not be accommodated in the few areas that continued to have reliable water supplies. "It is clearly written in these lines that the landscape was now full, hence option (3) is the correct choice.
4. (4) Refer the 1st paragraph "To summarize the Classic Maya collapse, we can tentatively identify five strands. I acknowledge, however, that Maya archaeologists still disagree vigorously among themselves in part, because the different strands evidently varied in importance among different parts of the Maya realm; because detailed archaeological studies are available for only some Maya sites; and because it remains puzzling why most of the Maya heartland remained nearly empty of population and failed to recover after the collapse and after re-growth of forests."  
This makes option (4) correct.
5. (5) Refer to the given lines "As our fifth strand, we have to wonder why the kings and nobles failed to recognize and

6. (5) solve these seemingly obvious problems undermining their society. Their attention was evidently focused on their short-term concerns of enriching themselves, waging wars, erecting monuments, competing with each other, and extracting enough food from the peasants to support all those activities. "The Maya population was not obsessed with the short term concerns. But its rulers were obsessed with the short term concerns.  
Succinctly means in a brief and clearly expressed manner. Hence it has same meaning as laconic.  
Intriguing means arouse the curiosity or interest of, fascinate.  
Conspire means make secret plans jointly to commit an unlawful or harmful act.  
Allusive means using or containing suggestion rather than explicit mention.  
Faraway means distant.
7. (2) Reminiscent means suggesting something by resemblance. Hence it has opposite meaning as oblivious.  
Consort means agree or be in harmony with.  
Facile means ignoring the true complexities of an issue, superficial.  
Adroit means clever.  
Strenuous means requiring or using great effort or exertion.
8. (4) All the sentences except (4) are incorrectly structured as they assign different meanings to the sentences so formed. The use of the connector "Since" makes the sentence more meaningful whereas the other connectors make no real sense to the sentence. Both the sentences (1) and (2) are structurally incorrect as they give contextually meaningless statements. In the case of sentence (3), there is a grammatical error as the adjective 'potential' should be replaced by the adverb "potentially". However, the sentence (4) adds appropriate meaning to the sentence both grammatically and contextually. Hence (4) is the correct choice.
9. (5) The given sentence is grammatically correct. Hence it doesn't require any correction.
10. (3) The phrase "shrug off" is the phrasal verb with "shrug", meaning to treat something as if it is not important or not a problem. Among the given statements, sentence (I) is unclear about the true meaning of the phrase and at the same time it changes the meaning of the original sentence. Thus statement (I) can be eliminated based on its incorrect meaning. The other two statements are almost similar with a slight change in the sentence structures, giving the exact meaning of the phrase without altering the meaning of the actual sentence. Hence both the sentences (II) and (III) are the correct options.
11. (4) "coined, abstract" is the correct set of words that fit perfectly into both the sentences adding appropriate meanings to both the sentences. The word "coined" means invented (a new word or phrase). The word has the specific meaning which can well be connected with both the sentences separately as both of them talk about the

- invention of a new term. The other word, "abstract" means dealing with ideas rather than events. The word adds a logical meaning to both the sentences. Hence (4) is the correct option.
- Forged means created (something) strong, enduring, or successful.
- Devised means planned or invented (a complex procedure, system, or mechanism) by careful thought.
- Abridged means shortened (a book, film, speech, etc.) without losing the sense.
12. (4) Statement (I) is not possible with the given starter/connector as it would alter the meaning of the actual sentence. However, the other two statements are possible with the given starters.
- (II) As Mahatma Gandhi inspires the spirit of goodness, one can negotiate all conflicts and constraints with joy and togetherness, freedom of thought and expression and tolerance.
- (III) With the spirit of goodness as Mahatma Gandhi inspires, one can negotiate all conflicts and constraints with joy and togetherness, freedom of thought and expression and tolerance.
13. (1) 'Pertaining, jeopardized' is the correct choice.
- Pertaining means to be appropriate, related, or applicable to.
- Jeopardized means to put (someone or something) into a situation in which there is a danger of loss, harm, or failure.
- Imperil means to put at risk of being harmed, injured, or destroyed.
- Appertain means to relate to; concern.
- Conferred means to have discussions; exchange opinions.
14. (4) We can clearly infer from the paragraph that it is about the need and methods of intelligent industrial policy that decides its success and failure. The sentence before the blank tells about the methods that provide the institutional safeguards, as quoted by the economist Dani Rodrik. Read the sentences given in the question, we can conclude that sentence (4) is in harmony with the theme of the paragraph as it talks about the importance of developing industrial policy programmes with in-built time limits, and hence makes the conclusive part of the paragraph. All other sentences are irrelevant.
15. (3) Both the connectors (I) and (II) can be used to mingle the given set of sentences. The third starter is not apt as it would give a different meaning to the sentence.
- (I) With bilateral and multilateral exercises and enhanced cooperation in information sharing, meteorology and oceanography, disaster management and military training, naval ties have reached new heights since the first 'Navy to Navy Staff Talks' between Japan and India in November 2008.
- (II) Since the first 'Navy to Navy Staff Talks' between the Japan and India in November 2008, naval ties have reached new heights with bilateral and multilateral exercises and enhanced cooperation in information sharing, meteorology and oceanography, disaster management and military training,
16. (2) The paragraph is about privatizing the government's Air India's airline, as announced by Narendra Modi government. Sentence (2) fits the end of the paragraph most appropriately. As the sentences before are talking about the union cabinet and it is mentioning their purpose.
17. (3) Option (3) is the correct choice.
- Remittance means a sum of money sent in payment or as a gift.
- Diaspora means the dispersion or spread of any people from their original homeland.
- Caucus means a conference of members of a legislative body who belong to a particular party or faction.
- Faction means a small organized dissenting group within a larger one, especially in politics.
- Bequests means the action of bequeathing something.
18. (3) Among the given options, sentence (1) is structurally incorrect as it has deviated the actual meaning of the sentence. Sentences (2) and (4) are grammatically incorrect which can be easily spotted like "degraded land resources" which should be "degrading land resources" and "drought events in India has already" which should be "drought events in India have already" in the case of sentence (2) and "between 2002 to 2016" which should be "between 2002 and 2016" in the case of sentence (4). Moreover, they infer vague and meaningless sentence. However, sentence (3) provides the most logical and contextual meaning of the sentence. Hence (3) is the correct choice.
19. (1) In the first part of the sentence, the determiner "that" is incorrectly used as the use of the word changes the meaning and structure of the sentence. So the determiner, "that" should be omitted from the sentence to make it grammatically viable. The third part of the sentence is absolutely correct as the phrase "set to conclude" is the correct usage. Hence (1) is the correct choice.
20. (4) Both the starters mentioned in the first and third options can be used to make a proper and meaningful sentence respectively. In both the cases, the connectors "Although" and "While" are used as the conjunction which give the similar meaning to the sentences so formed. However, the second starter is incorrect as it changes the meaning of the sentences aforementioned in the question.
- (I) Although many of the major emitting nations had achieved significant reductions in 2016, it is imperative for all countries to accelerate their emissions reduction if the Paris goals are to be met.
- (II) While many of the major emitting nations had achieved significant reductions in 2016, it is imperative for all countries to accelerate their emissions reduction if the Paris goals are to be met.
21. (3) "authentic, revitalize" is the correct set of words that fit into both the sentences perfectly. The word "authentic" means: of undisputed origin and not a copy; genuine. Thus the word adds a better meaning to the sentence than any other given words. The other word "revitalize" means imbue (something) with new life and vitality. Thus both these words are suitable as well as apt to the meaning of the sentences. Hence (3) is the correct option.
- Dissuade means persuade (someone) not to take a particular course of action.
- Inspire means encourage and enliven (someone).
- Incredible means impossible to believe.
22. (1) Only the first starter can help in framing a suitable and logical sentence. The other two starters are incorrect as they cannot frame the sentence which connects the two statements in the same meaningful way.

- (I) On returning to power in 1980, Indira Gandhi set up a new Department of Environment, for which a reputed botanist T.N. Khooshoo was hired as its Secretary.
23. (2) 'fathom, voluntarily' is the correct choice. Fathom means to understand (a difficult problem or an enigmatic person) after much thought. Construe means interpret (a word or action) in a particular way. Inadvertently means without intention; accidentally. Comprehend means grasp mentally; understand. Apprehend means to understand or perceive.
24. (3) The paragraph deals with the need of right forecasting the inflation by monetary policy makers. Going through the options, we find that option (3) is giving a conclusive statement and hence making the paragraph complete. All other sentences are irrelevant with respect to the theme of the paragraph.
25. (5) All the three starters are correct enough to form three logical sentences without altering the meaning of the actual sentence.  
 (I) Notwithstanding that criticism of inept implementation of the GST regime has overtaken demonetisation as the critics' pet-whipping boy, the government has yet to come up with "evidence" that the slamming of the economy is only politically-oriented.  
 (II) Though criticism of inept implementation of the GST regime has overtaken demonetisation as the critics' pet-whipping boy, the government has yet to come up with "evidence" that the slamming of the economy is only politically-oriented.  
 (III) In spite of the fact that criticism of inept implementation of the GST regime has overtaken demonetisation as the critics' pet-whipping boy, the government has yet to come up with "evidence" that the slamming of the economy is only politically-oriented.
26. (4) The paragraph is about the herbal medicine taken by the people affected with dengue in Tamil Nadu and the move of the government. The Tamil Nadu government has freely distributed nilavembu without any scientific evidence of its role in curing dengue which is a serious concern for all. Read the sentence given in option (4), it talks about the incorrect step taken by the government and what should be done in future in order to get better results, so basically it talks about the need to take medicine as per scientific research which is the future scope and hence nowhere related to other sentences of the paragraph. So option (4) is the correct choice of elimination.
27. (4) Both the starters (I) and (III) are correct enough to connect the given set of sentences meaningfully. The second one is incorrect as it doesn't provide a relevant connector to add both the sentences.  
 (I) As the relationship between both countries is at an all time high and more avenues are under consideration, the future looks promising with safer sea lanes and highly modernized navies helping in fulfilling each other's obligations.  
 (III) With relations between both countries at an all time high and more avenues under consideration, the future looks promising with safer sea lanes and highly modernised navies helping in fulfilling each other's obligations.
28. (2) If we read the first paragraph and thereby the options given in the question, we find that sentence (2) is the correct explanation of the problem being faced by India. All other sentences are either incorrect or out of the context. Hence option (2) is the correct choice.
29. (2) After going through both the paragraphs, we find that sentence (2) is correct as government is giving emphasis on public-private partnerships PPP for funding new assets which can well be connected with both the paragraphs. Hence option (2) is the right choice.
30. (5) All the given sentences are correct as they all are mentioned in the paragraph. Hence option (5) is the correct choice.
31. (4) With reference to paragraph 4, both sentences (II) and (III) are correct as it tells about the reasons of improper implementation of the project. Sentence (I) is not mentioned in the paragraph. Hence option (4) is the correct choice.
32. (5) In reference to the paragraph 5, we infer that both the sentences (1) and (2) are correct. The elongated time, costs overrun and inability to resolve the disputes quickly are the hindrances in the development of project. Hence option (5) is the correct choice.
33. (1) 'unusually, vagaries' is the correct choice. Vagaries means an unexpected and inexplicable change in a situation or in someone's behaviour. Decrepit means worn out or ruined because of age or neglect. Aberrant means departing from an accepted standard. Peculiar means different to what is normal or expected; strange. Eccentric means (of a person or their behaviour) unconventional and slightly strange.
34. (4) The paragraph is talking about the purpose of releasing of 2018 edition of its "Doing Business" indicators by the World Bank. The sentence before the blank is about the objective of the report while sentence after the blank talks about the impact of the report on the country's investment world. The blank must be filled by the sentence which is in relation to these statements. Going through the sentences given in the question, we can conclude that sentence (4) connects with the paragraph as it provides the attribute of the exercise on the country's investment climate. Hence option (4) is the correct choice.
35. (3) Both the starters (I) and (III) can be used to connect the given set of two sentences to form a meaningful statement. However, the second starter is incorrect as it would alter the meaning of the actual sentence.  
 (I) Despite the fact that material abundance and comforts of modern living offer an excess of choice and freedom, there is growing apprehension about emotional harshness and spiritual desiccation.  
 (III) While material abundance and comforts of modern living offer an excess of choice and freedom, there is growing apprehension about emotional harshness and spiritual desiccation.
36. (3) The paragraph is about the problems faced by the farmers in Maharashtra due to the excessive use of pesticides used by them in farming. As they don't have access to agricultural extension officers so they rely on commercial outlets for pesticides which heavily damage their health and even led to the death of many farmers. Read the sentence given in option (3), it tells that Indian agricultural products faces international restrictions in import due to

- failing to comply with safety norms which is not related to other sentences of the paragraph. So option (3) is the correct choice of elimination.
37. (2) ECAD forms a coherent paragraph as it talks about the developments in the field of Physics for which Nobel prize has been awarded to LIGO-VIRGO collaboration. They have discovered that the gravitational waves arise due to the merger of two black holes and its decreasing presence at faraway places in space. It tells about the last observation made in this in September 2015. Read the sentence given in option (2), it tells about the advantage of having three detectors and its advantages which has no relevance in this paragraph as we are discussing about the recent developments and the Nobel prize winner in Physics. So option (2) is the correct choice of elimination.
38. (4) Discourse means written or spoken communication or debate.  
insinuation means an unpleasant hint or suggestion of something bad.  
bigots means a person who is intolerant towards those holding different opinions.  
Abjure means solemnly renounce (a belief, cause, or claim).  
Connotations means an idea or feeling which a word invokes for a person in addition to its literal or primary meaning.  
Expatriate means speak or write in detail about.
39. (3) The paragraph discusses about the speech of Rex Tillerson, US secretary of state, regarding India relationship with US during his visit to India. The sentences before the blank is about the subject of his speech while the sentences after the blank are about his opinion and hence the blank must be filled by the sentence related to his views. We can point out while going through the options that sentence (3) is going correctly with the paragraph as it talks about the content of his speech. Hence option (3) is the correct choice.
40. (1) Only the first starter can be used to frame a logical and comprehensive sentence connecting both the sentences given as the question. The other two starters are incorrect owing to their varying meanings.  
(1) While reviewing Arun Shourie's book, Governance and the Sclerosis That Has Set In, Edward Luce mentions how Franz Kafka would have had difficulty dreaming up some of the examples cited in the book.
41. (1) EDBC forms a coherent paragraph as it talks about the recent move of the Rajasthan government to shield public servants from prosecution without prior permission of the state government. According to the paragraph this move of Rajasthan government is an attack on the freedom of press while anyone found guilty of disclosing the name of the public servant will be awarded two-year prison term. Read the sentence given in option (1), it has no role to play in this particular paragraph as it talks about future moves the Central government that should take to curb corruption, by making a body which will take different decisions related to officials. Hence option (1) is the correct choice of elimination.
42. (2) The paragraph is about the decision of the Supreme Court of Kenya which has overturned the results of the poll held in August and made the entire working of election commission transparent, further it has helped to overcome the charges imposed on electoral body's. Read the sentence given in option (2), it talks about the two ethnic communities and the leaders who represent them respectively, which is nowhere related to other sentences of the paragraph. Hence option (2) is the correct choice of elimination.
43. (2) Refer to the third line of second paragraph, "There is a deceptive veil of artlessness in these poems", hence option (2) is correct.
44. (4) These songs were adapted to make them 'Europeanized', hence accepted.
45. (2) Refer to the sentence where Hurry T. Burleigh has been mentioned.
46. (1) This Europeanization was meant to promote "racial acceptance and integration".
47. (4) The writer refers to Hughes's "expression of the vibrant folk culture".
48. (1) Impromptu means done without being planned or rehearsed. Hence it has same meaning as extempore.  
Enamouring means be filled with love for.
49. (3) Peculiar means different to what is normal or expected, strange. Hence it has same meaning as queer.  
Winsome means attractive or appealing in a fresh, innocent way.  
Imperious means arrogant and domineering.  
Intuitive means easy to use and understand.
50. (2) Provocative means causing anger or another strong reaction, especially deliberately. Hence it has opposite meaning as repressive.  
Ingenious means clever, original, and inventive.  
Chivalrous means courteous and gallant, especially towards women.  
Valiant means possessing or showing courage or determination.