

ENGLISH QUIZ

Directions (1-8): Choose the option which best replaces the bold word in the sentence given in each question.

Q1. But Russia has always been marked by **callousness** at a stupefying scale when it comes to the loss of human life.

- (a) concern
- (b) regret
- (c) precaution
- (d) evacuation
- (e) indifference

Q2. He delivered a **jeremiad** to a crowd at a church.

- (a) song
- (b) ballad
- (c) tale of woe
- (d) sermon
- (e) monologue

Q3. The **ever-escalating** advertising budgets have cancelled each other out.

- (a) decreasing
- (b) constant
- (c) increasing
- (d) paltry
- (e) meager

Q4. Blacks worried that they would suffer **disproportionate** casualties, as they did early in the Vietnam war.

- (a) equal
- (b) negligible
- (c) much more
- (d) far less
- (e) calculable

Q5. The first medium, a **venerable** Shinto ascetic in her sixties, scattered offerings of fruit and flowers.

- (a) shady
- (b) manipulative
- (c) respectable
- (d) demented
- (e) polite

Q6. He has focused his **ire** on the systems most flagrant abuse, the so-called soft money.

- (a) eyes
- (b) point
- (c) rage
- (d) funds
- (e) attention

Q7. Venture capitalists were able to sell their stock for a nice return before the shares **plummeted**.

- (a) rose
- (b) dived
- (c) escaped
- (d) traded
- (e) roared

Q8. His execution in Vallegrande only **enhanced** Guevara's mythical stature.

- (a) built
- (b) brightened
- (c) heightened
- (d) spared
- (e) augmented

Direction (9-15): Which of the following phrases given below each sentence should replace the phrase printed in bold letters to make the sentence grammatically correct? Choose the best option among the five given alternatives that reflect the correct use of phrase in the context of the grammatically correct sentence. If the sentence is correct as it is, mark (e) i.e., "No correction required" as the answer.

Q9. In a free, temperamentally anarchic society, a national dress cannot be **impositioned by diktat**.

- (a) superimposed by diktat
- (b) imposed by dictum
- (c) impositioned by dictum
- (d) imposed by diktat
- (e) No correction required

Q10. As the highway passed through Rajaji National Park, I was praying **for a clean passage**, without jumbos regulating the traffic, specially having seen what an irritated tusker could do to a tiny Maruti car. We drove without an untoward incident.

- (a) to get through safely
- (b) for a dirt-free road
- (c) for the road to be free of traffic jam
- (d) for the road to be free of traffic regulators
- (e) No correction required

Q11. The Olympics is the athletes' call to greatness and even they, deafened by their own obstinate rhetoric, **saw it clearly**.

- (a) designed it clearly
- (b) heard it clearly
- (c) understood it clearly
- (d) envisioned it clearly
- (e) No correction required

Q12. I **may not have known** much about managing investments, but I think I am a great debt manager.

- (a) do not know
- (b) might not know
- (c) may not know
- (d) can't know
- (e) No correction required

Q13. When you look at the long term, investing in equity **had proved to be a** good way to create wealth.

- (a) was proven to have been
- (b) will be proved to have been
- (c) has proved to be a
- (d) is proving to be a
- (e) No correction required

Q14. A direct line between the two major capitals of world power **could avert escalation** of an untoward incident into a nuclear holocaust.

- (a) could overt escalation
- (b) can avert elevation
- (c) could averting escalation
- (d) can overt elevation
- (e) No correction required

Q15. These children represent the broad spectrum of educational activity, **from the severely retarded to the intellectually gifted.**

- (a) besides the severely retarded to the intellectually gifted.
- (b) from the severely retarding to the intellectually gifted.
- (c) from the securely retarded to the inordinately gifted.
- (d) from the severely retarded and the intellectually gifted.
- (e) No correction required

ANSWERS

- 1. E
- 2. C
- 3. C
- 4. C
- 5. C
- 6. C

7. B

8. E

9. D

10. A

11. B

12. C

13. C

14. E

15. E

