

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

Directions (Q.1-10): Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions given below. Certain words/phrases have been printed in bold to help you locate them.

The Tamil Nadu government's move to approach the Supreme Court seeking a review of its recent judgment barring the use of pictures of political leaders in government advertisements is **retrograde** and unnecessary. The court's verdict restricting the list of dignitaries whose photographs are permissible on government advertisement material to the President, the Prime Minister and the Chief Justice of India, is a significant step in eliminating the **partisan** use of government resources to gain political mileage. Indeed, if there is a flaw in the judgment, it is in the exception made in favour of the holders of these three offices. Even though it says the President, Prime Minister or CJI could themselves decide on the inclusion of their pictures in advertisements, there really is no need for anyone's image in such material if **disseminating** information is the sole purpose. The Tamil Nadu government has argued that there should be parity between the Centre and the States, and that the judgment, by privileging the dignitaries at the Centre, violates the principle of federalism. It is indeed an attractive argument if one contends that the same privilege should be extended to the Governor, Chief Minister and Chief Justice of the High Court so that there is Centre-State **parity**. However, the spirit of the verdict is to take government advertising out of the domain of partisan politics. In course of time, the apparent disparity should also give way to a universal prohibition of the use of pictures of any dignitary.

It is disappointing that the court did not accept a key recommendation made by a three-member committee that there should be special curbs on government advertisements during election time. This could have been an important guideline that would further purify the election process. The court may be confident that if the government adhered to norms there will be no need to adopt special, election-eve restrictions, but it should have taken note of the propensity of the political class to seek to gain mileage by delivering politically loaded messages using the official machinery during election time. In a democracy, the main reason for a government to issue advertisements is dissemination of essential and useful information about its functioning, its schemes and projects and their benefits. There is no real need to confer on any individual the privilege of being projected in official publicity material to give the impression that a scheme or measure owes its existence to the generosity of that individual. One can discern in the Tamil Nadu government's review petition only an eagerness to overcome any legal impediment to its known **penchant** for projecting the ruling party leader as the sole benefactor behind its welfare programmes.

Q.1. Choose an appropriate title for the passage.

1) The Strict Judgement 2) SC Rule
Un-Political War5) Misplaced Plea

3) Restless Politicians

4) The

Q.2. Which of the following is true according to the passage?

- A) The Court's decision is not only for the centre, but also for the states.
- B) The spirit of the verdict is not to take government advertising out of the domain of partisan politics.
- C) The court may be confident that if the government adhered to norms there will be no need to adopt special, election-eve restrictions.

- 1) Only A 2) Only B 3) Only C 4) All A, B and C 5) None

Q.3. What is the reason behind author suggesting that the head of the state should also be given the privilege?

- 1) This barring list is the exclusive list where the High profile people are Definitely included.
- 2) The political class is so corrupt that the head of the states should also be included in the list.
- 3) The Head of the states are the people representing the whole state and the supreme court should take care of them.
- 4) The head of the state should also be given the same privilege as centre is to maintain the parity between them.
- 5) None of the above.

Q.4. Which of the following is not true according to the passage?

- A) The court did not accept a key recommendation made by a three-member committee that there should be special curbs on government advertisements during election time.
- B) There is no real need to confer on any individual the privilege of being projected in official publicity material to give the impression that a scheme or measure owes its existence to the generosity of that individual
- C) If there is a flaw in the judgment, it is in the exception made in favour of the holders of these three offices.

- 1) Only A 2) Only B 3) Only C 4) All A, B and C 5) None

Q.5. Which of the following is a significant step in eliminating the image of the govt. to gain political mileage?

- 1) The court's verdict restricting the list of dignitaries whose photographs are permissible on government advertisement.
- 2) The Govt. advertisement should be banned coz people should know all about it through the benefits, not through advertisement.
- 3) The govt should ban the usage of advertisement and start doing something with that fund.
- 4) All of the above
- 5) None of the above

Q.6. Which of the following is not the synonym of the word “retrograde”?

- 1) Subside 2) Positive 3) Moderate 4) Suspend 5) Anarchy

Q.7. Which of the following is not the synonym of the word “partisan”?

- 1) Comparable 2) Improve 3) Antipathy 4) biased 5) Dislike

Q.8. Which of the following is the synonym of the word “disseminate”?

- 1) Improve 2) Inform 3) Promulgate 4) Approval 5) Guile

Q.9. Which of the following is the synonym of the word “penchant”?

- 1) Approbation 2) Apprise 3) Diligent 4) Hard 5) Proclivity

Q.10. Which of the following is the synonym of the word “parity”?

- 1) Ease 2) Equality 3) Pompous 4) Insensitive 5) Boorish

Directions (Q11-Q18): In the following passage, some of the words have been left out, each of which is indicated by a number. Find the suitable word from the options given against each number and fill up the blanks with appropriate words to make the paragraph meaningful.

There is a school of thought that some kinds of complex governance/policy making functions should be insulated from the tumult of partisan politics by **(11)** them to technocrats. Giving in to the seductive appeal of this argument to the **(12)** of breaking the line of accountability of policymakers to the people altogether would undermine democracy and run the risk of these technocratic bodies being captured by **(13)** interests, instead of practicing fidelity to professionalism. The proposal of the RBI’s Ujit Patel committee to entrust monetary policy **(14)** to a committee of wise men in which even the RBI governor would have just one vote and can be overruled **(15)** to this school. This is a bad idea that **(16)** firmly be rejected.

At present, the RBI has reasonable autonomy but holds consultations with the government and has begun to testify before parliamentary committees. Both are needed to make monetary policy and regulation of the banking system **(17)** to the people. A committee does advise the RBI governor on policy rates, but he makes the final call. One person taking the final call seems less democratic than a committee voting to make that call only **(18)** that one person is taken out of his institutional context. The RBI governor is not some lone ranger but the RBI’s link with the elected government of the country. Simultaneous accountability of the RBI governor to a committee of Parliament would ensure that the government does not make arbitrary demands on the central bank as well.

- 11.a) imposing b) entrusting c) holding d) allocating e) conferring

12.a) length b) term c) stretch d) extent e) ambit

13.a) vested b) simple c) any d) compound e) endowed

14 a) beginning b) building c) setting d) initiating e) arranging

15a) correlates b) associates c) agrees d) concerned e) belongs

16.a) had b) must c) needs d) requires e) ought

17.a) attributed b) suited c) adapted d) accountable e) responsible

18.a) where b) whether c) whereas d) while e) when

Directions(Q19-Q22): Rearrange the following seven sentences(A), (B), (C), (D), (E), (F) and (G) in the proper sequence to form a meaningful paragraph and then answer the questions given below:

- (A) Refund orders are issued by the Central Excise and Customs Department in favour of payees.
- (B) The government departments are authorized to issue cheques with the drawing limit permitted to them.
- (C) While paying, the bank should have cheques as well as advice at the time of payment
- (D) The credit to these accounts is received through budget allocations by the respective ministries
- (E) No overdraft is to be allowed in these accounts
- (F) Special cheque books are used by the government.
- (G) They are supplied by the department and are paid for by the banks.

19).Which of the following should be the **FIRST** sentence after rearrangement?

- a) E b) G c) A d) B e)

20) Which of the following should be the **SECOND** sentence after rearrangement?

- a) A b) F c) G d) E e) C

21).Which of the following should be the **THIRD** sentence after rearrangement?

- a) B b) A c) D d) E e) G

22).Which of the following should be the **LAST (SEVENTH)** sentence after rearrangement?

- a) C b) B c) D d) A e) E

Directions (Q23 to Q26): Each question given below has two blanks, choose the correct word given below which suites exactly in the place of blank.

23).Current deposit accounts are opened to _____ transactions of business and trade and hence not _____ to any interest from the bank.

- a) accept, obliged b) do, liable c) seek, authorized
d)meet, entitled e) find, ready

24).The opening up of insurance sector has resulted in _____ of new products, particularly the unit-linked products which offer both capital_____ and insurance cover and have attracted the attention of the insured.

- a)appropriation, formation b) introduction, appreciation c) opening, collection
d)distinction, depreciation e)separation, investment

25).The Reserve Bank exercises its supervisory role_____ the financial system_____ commercial and urban cooperative banks, financial institutions and NBFCs, through the Board of Financial Supervision.

- a) in, around b)about, within c) for, covering d)of, for e)over, encompassing

26).It is _____ that congress leader Shashi Tharoor had to lose his job as the party's spokesperson _____ for praising a man who had called Tharoor's wife a Rs. 50 crore girl friend.

- a)ironical, allegedly b) useless, certainly c)worthless, illegally
d)critical, particularly e)proper, formally

DIRECTIONS (Q27-Q30)– There is an error in one of the parts in the given sentences below. Find the errors.

27. In cold countries (a) / hot flesh is (b) / more (c) / preferred to vegetables (d) / No error (e)

28. All the informations (a) / that he gave me yesterday (b) / turned out to (c) / be false (d) / No error (e)

29. The doctor of the Apollo Hospital (a) / did not allowed (b) / the labourer to smoke inside (c) the campus (d) / No error (e)

30. I cannot achieve (a) / something unless (b) / she does not give (c) / me instructions (d) / No error (e)

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14-c 15-e 16-b 17-d 18-e 19-d 20-b 21-e 22-a 23-d 24-b 25-e 26-a
27-c 28-a 29-b 30-c