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## Directions:

Which of the phrases (a), (b), (c), (d) given below each sentence should replace the phrase printed in bold to make the sentence grammatically correct? If the sentence is correct as it is, mark (e) ie 'No correction required' as the answer.

**Q1.** Ravi has been demanding a lot more marks, **doesn't he** ?

- a) hasn't he?
- b) isn't he?
- c) isn't it ?
- d) No improvement

**Q2.** Stocks worthy o f rupees one lakh were destroyed in the fire which occurred last night.

- a) Stocks worth
- b) Stocks worth of
- c) Stock worthy
- d) Stock, off worth
- e) No correction required

**Q3.** To disparity between the earnings of the poor and the rich **has widen in** the last few decades.

- a) has widened in
- b) have widened In

- c) has widened on
  - d) have widen in
  - e) No correction required
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**Q4.** He came in quietly **so that** not to wake the child.

- a) as for
- b) so as
- c) as if
- d) No improvement

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**Q5.** His reasons can be good, **is it not?**

- a) Can they?
  - b) Isn't he ?
  - c) Cant they?
  - d) No improvement
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**Q6.** As I was new to the place, I **felt like a fish in water.**

- a) felt like a fish in the water.
  - b) felt like a fish with water.
  - c) felt like a fish out of water.
  - d) No improvement
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**Q7.** Our team lost the football match, although the boys **put in** a very good performance.

- a) put off
  - b) put on
  - c) put up
  - d) No improvement
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**Q8. Hardly nothing** was offered to the victims of the earthquake.

- a) Hardly something
  - b) Hardly anything
  - c) Hardly little
  - d) No improvement
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**Q9.** Anyone with a little interest in sports is **bound to familiar** with Sachin Tendulkar's name.

- a) binding to be familiar
  - b) binding to familiar
  - c) bound to be familiar
  - d) bound to have familiar
  - e) No correction required
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**Q10.** The battle **to rage** for some time.

- a) is raging
  - b) has been raged
  - c) had been raging
  - d) No improvement
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**Q11.** William Shakespeare is the greatest of **all other** writers.

- a) all the

- b) any other
  - c) the other
  - d) No improvement
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**Q12.** You would have succeeded if you **acted** upon my advice.

- a) have acted
- b) had acted
- c) would have acted
- d) No improvement

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**Q13.** She has not written to me or to **some of her** other friends since leaving the country.

- a) none of her
  - b) one of her
  - c) any of her
  - d) No improvement
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**Q14.** They were then asked to write a short account of what they **have seen**.

- a) had seen
  - b) were seen
  - c) had been seen
  - d) No improvement
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**Q15.** The surface of the road **has got severe damage** during the heavy rains last week.

- a) has severe damage
- b) getting severely damaged
- c) is been damaged severely
- d) was severely damaged
- e) No correction required

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**Answers to the above questions :**

**Q1. Answer: (a)**

**Q2. Answer: (b)**

The correct phrase is '**worth of**' not '**worthy of**'. Hence (a) is the only correct option.

**Q3. Answer: (a)**

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**Q4. Answer: (a)**

'so that' is used to get a positive result 'so as not' is used to give the meaning of 'not'.

Therefore, in order to get desired meaning of the sentence it should be '**so as**' in place of 'so that'.

**Q5. Answer: (c)****Q6. Answer: (c)****Q7. Answer: (b)**

'Put in' has different meanings in different contexts. As for example,

1. To make a formal offer or declaration, eg **put in** a plea of guilty.
2. To fix equipment or furniture into position so that it can be used. eg, we are having a new shower **put in**.
3. To interrupt another speaker in order to say something eg, Could I **put in** a word?
4. To officially make a claim, request etc. eg the company has **put in** a claim for damages.

**Put on** = to dress yourself in something. eg Hurry up! Put your shirt on. = to give Somebody the telephone so that they can talk to the person at the other end. eg Hi, Dad can you put shashi on? = to apply something to your skin, etc.

**Put up** = to show a particular level of skill, determination

**Put off** = to cancel/ to make somebody dislike somebody/something; to disturb somebody.

Thus, it is clear that the bold part should be replaced with option (b).

**Q8. Answer: (b)**

The adverb of frequency, “hardly” has a negative meaning. Nothing also implies a negative meaning. Two negatives make a the sentence positive.

Therefore the adverbs of frequency having a negative meaning should be followed by anyone, any, anything etc.

**Q9. Answer: (c)**

On applying the principle of least deviation, the least deviated options are more likely to be a correct option. Here, among the given options, (b) and (d) are least deviated hence either of the two can be a correct option, at the same time, remaining two options (a) and (c), cannot be the correct options.

Now, let us consider options (b) and (d). Option (d) cannot be a correct option because it has ‘**to have familiar**’. ‘**Have**’ means to ‘**possess something**’.

Familiarity is not something in the form of an object that a man can possess. Hence rule out (d). Now, we are left with (b) only, which is absolutely correct.

**Q10. Answer: (c)**

“For” and “Since” are used with perfect or perfect continuous tenses.

The correct tense to be used in the given sentence is past perfect continuous tense. The correct form of the verb is “had + been + raging”

**Q11. Answer: (a)**

The superlative degree is followed by of all + plural noun.

**Q12. Answer: (a)**

The correct combination of conjunction is “had... would have”. Here, in the given sentence ‘would have’ has been used in the beginning of the sentence, therefore it should be ‘had’ before ‘acted’ Therefore the correct option is ‘**had acted**’.

**Q13. Answer: (b)**

'some of her' conveys the meaning of some friends out of many. But the writer wants to convey that "she has written to no one".

Therefore, the correct substitute for 'some of her' is '**any of her**'.

**Q14. Answer: (c)**

The given sentence is in Past Tense. Hence it should be '**had seen**' in place of 'have seen'.

**Q15. Answer: (d)**

The 'Last week' suggests the event of past tense. Therefore, '**getting is**' and '**getting has**' used in options (a), (b) and (c) respectively make them grammatically incorrect, hence they are ruled out. Thus, only option (d) is correct.

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