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## Directions:

In the following question, out of the four alternatives, **select the alternative which is the best substitute of the words/sentence.**

**Q1.** They had not **been sympathetic** to the poor.

- a) sympathetic
- b) being sympathetic
- c) been sympathized by
- d) been shown sympathy for
- e) No correction required

**Q2.** In the 1970s banks **required to submit** their detailed plans of expansion to RBI.

- a) are required to submit
- b) were required to submit
- c) required for submission
- d) requirement of submitting
- e) No correction required

**Q3.** She is not used **to sleep** for so long.

- a) to be sleeping
- b) to sleep

- c) to sleeping
  - d) No improvement
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**Q4.** Students are not abandoning helmets, but **some avoiding use** of helmets while riding motorbikes.

- a) some are avoiding use
- b) some are avoiding of use
- c) some avoid of the use
- d) some avoid the used
- e) No correction required

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**Q5.** We wouldn't want them to think we **doing** anything immoral.

- a) was doing
  - b) were doing
  - c) done
  - d) No improvement
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**Q6.** Last week the committee **summarily rejected** their proposal for acquisition of the investment bank.) (

- a) were summarily rejected
  - b) is rejected summarily
  - c) summarily reject
  - d) have rejected in summary
  - e) No correction required
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**Q7.** He did not ask for a raise since he **had fear to** lose his job.

- a) was afraid to
  - b) was fearful of
  - c) was feared to
  - d) had been afraid to
  - e) No correction required
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**Q8.** Chennai is **by the way** a cosmopolitan city.

- a) by the by
  - b) by and large
  - c) on the large
  - d) No improvement
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**Q9.** She **starts walks** without responding.

- a) start walking
  - b) started walking
  - c) starting walking
  - d) No improvement
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**Q10.** What tribute shall we pay to Gandhiji that he **would appreciate?**

- a) should appreciate
  - b) would have appreciated
  - c) could have appreciated
  - d) No improvement
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**Q11.** Americans do not object **my calling them** by their first names.

- a) my calling the

- b) to my calling them
  - c) been called
  - d) No Improvement
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**Q12.** Can this machine be adopted **in** farm work.

- a) by
- b) into
- c) for
- d) No improvement

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**Q13.** Neither I nor my friend.

- a) neither I do nor does my friend
  - b) neither do I nor does my friend
  - c) neither I live nor does my friend
  - d) No improvement
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**Q14.** Whenever Suresh gets into trouble he **makes** a story to get out of it.

- a) makes up
  - b) makes for
  - c) makes out
  - d) No improvement
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**Q15.** We ought to **stand** for what is right.

- a) stand at

- b) stand up
- c) stand on
- d) No improvement

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### Answers to the above questions :

#### Q1. Answer: (e)

No correction required

#### Q2. Answer: (b)

To express the events which got completed in past we use past indefinite tense. For this, we use the auxiliary verb '**was/were**'.

Since the subject word '**banks**' is plural, '**were**' should be used. Hence, only option (b) is the correct option.

#### Q3. Answer: (c)

"Used to" is followed by the verb in continuous form. Therefore sleep is replaced by sleeping

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**Q4. Answer: (a)**

**Q5. Answer: (b)**

When the subject is plural, the verb should be used in plural form. Therefore, the subject is followed by helping verb + verb + ing + object

**Q6. Answer: (e)**

**Q7. Answer: (a)**

To express the emotion of fear we have the word '**afraid**'. This word has been used in options (a) and (d) only.

Hence either of these two can be a correct option. As the given sentence is in simple past tense, only (a) is the correct option.

Option (d) can be ruled out, because, the use of '**had been**' suggests the sentence to be in past perfect continuous tense.

**Q8. Answer: (b)**

**Q9. Answer: (b)**

Here walking is not a verb but a gerund. And the verb start should be used in simple past tense. Therefore, "starts walks" is replaced by "started walking"

**Q10. Answer: (a)**

Gandhiji is now no more. Therefore, the sentence should carry the meaning of a Past Tense. The use of 'would appreciate' means Gandhiji will appreciate in future, that is not the case.

Therefore, it should be '**would have appreciated**' in place of 'would appreciate'.

**Q11. Answer: (b)**

**Q12. Answer: (c)**

**Q13. Answer: (b)**

**Q14. Answer: (c)**

To write or think of a story the correct phrase is 'make up'. Therefore 'makes' should be replaced with '**makes up**'.

**Q15. Answer: (a)**

The given sentence suggests that we should have a firm stand for a right thing. For firm and strong stand the correct phrasal verb is '**stand up**'.

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