

# The phrase 'Go to the brink' means..



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## MODEL QUESTIONS

**Directions (Q. 1-5):** Read each sentence to find out whether there is any grammatical mistake/ error in it. The error, if any, will be in one part of the sentence. Mark the number of that part with error as your answer. If there is 'No error', mark (5) as your answer.

- Police forces across the country (1)/ are pooling resources (2)/ in spite (3)/ to solve this crime. (4)/ No error (5)
  - One third of the world's (1)/ population consumes (2)/ two third (3)/ of the world's resources. (4)/ No error (5)
  - The team has made (1)/ some positional changes (2)/ because two players (3)/ were injured. (4)/ No error (5)
  - The manuscript (1)/ is just one of the (2)/ treasure (3)/ in this session. (4)/ No error (5)
  - Employers should (1)/ provide a safe working (2)/ environment as far as (3)/ reasonably practicable. (4)/ No error (5)
- Directions (Q. 6-10):** Each question below has a blank/ two blanks, each blank indicating that something has been omitted. Choose the word/ set of words from the five options for each blank that best fits the meaning of the sentence as a whole.
- The law establishes the key \_\_\_ that individuals must grant permission for their data to be used.
    - Principle... explicitly
    - code... utter
    - standard... open
    - belief... clear
    - theory... clarity
  - Twitter said that foreign nationals are prohibited from \_\_\_ political campaigning advertisements to the US.
    - Taxing
    - Probing
    - Curing
    - Targeting
    - Cancelling
  - Nipah virus \_\_\_ causes encephalitic syndrome and has a high \_\_\_ rate.
    - princely... transience
    - above ... humanity
    - Primarily... mortality
    - foremost... dye
    - Princely... dying
  - In order to maintain a healthy lifestyle, it is \_\_\_ to consume a diet rich in various \_\_\_ nutrients.
    - urgent... crucial
    - Imperative... essential
    - essence... indispensable
    - unimportant... obligatory
    - crucial... influential
  - The allotment of land for the

expansion of Vedanta group's copper plant in Tuticorin was today \_\_\_.

- Proposal... approved
- Proposal... approval
- Proposed... approves
- Propose... cancels
- Proposed... cancelled

**Directions (Q.11-15):** Rearrange the following six sentences (A), (B), (C), (D), (E) and (F) in a proper sequence to form a meaningful paragraph and then answer the questions given below.

- Two state banks have reported modest profits and six are still to report.
- While many of the banks, including top lender State Bank of India, have said the worst is probably over, they still see one or two more quarters of pain.
- But their optimism may have been majorly misplaced judging by the latest numbers coming out of the banks. And that may in turn crimp economic growth in the economy.
- That means more bad loans getting disclosed and loss provisions shooting up as a central bank order will cause more debt defaulters to be dragged into bankruptcy.
- When the government announced a surprise \$32 billion bailout plan for state-controlled banks last October, credit rating firms and the central bank saw it as a huge step to getting the industry back to robust health - and lending more to businesses and consumers.
- Thirteen state banks have reported combined losses - and their non-performing loans have surged nearly a fifth from end-December levels.

- What is the SECOND sentence after rearrangement?
  - A
  - B
  - C
  - D
  - E
- What is the THIRD sentence after rearrangement?
  - A
  - B
  - C
  - D
  - F
- What is the FOURTH sentence after rearrangement?
  - A
  - B
  - D
  - E
  - F
- What is the FIRST sentence after rearrangement?
  - B
  - A
  - C
  - D
  - E
- What is the FIFTH sentence after rearrangement?
  - A
  - B
  - C
  - D
  - F

**Directions (Q. 16-20)** Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions given below it. Certain words have been printed in bold to help you locate them while answering some of the questions.

But man is not destined to vanish. He can be killed, but he cannot be destroyed, because his soul is deathless and his spirit is **irrepressible**. Therefore, though the situation



seems dark in the context of the confrontation between the superpowers, the silver lining is provided by amazing phenomenon that the very nations which have spent incalculable resources and energy for the production of deadly weapons are desperately trying to find out how they might never be used. They threaten each other, intimidate each other and **go to the brink**, but before the total hour arrives they withdraw from the brink.

- The main point from the author's view is that
  - Man's soul and spirit cannot be destroyed by superpowers.
  - Man's destiny is not fully clear or visible.
  - Man's soul and spirit are immortal.
  - Man's safety is assured by the delicate balance of power in terms of nuclear weapons.
  - Human society will survive despite the serious threat of total annihilation.
- The phrase 'Go to the brink' in the passage means
  - Retreating from extreme danger.
  - Declare war on each other.
  - Advancing to the stage of war but not engaging in it.
  - Negotiate for peace.
  - Commit suicide.
- In the author's opinion
  - Huge stockpiles of destructive weapons have so far saved mankind from a catastrophe.
  - Superpowers have at last realized the need for abandoning the production of lethal weapons.
  - Mankind is heading towards complete destruction.
  - Nations in possession of huge stockpiles of lethal weapons are trying hard to avoid actual conflict.
  - There is a Silver lining over the production of deadly weapons.
- 'Irrepressible' means
  - incompatible
  - strong
  - oppressive
  - unrestrainable
  - unspirited
- A suitable title for the above passage is
  - Destruction of mankind is inevitable.
  - Man's desire to survive inhi-

bits use of deadly weapons.

- Mounting cost of modern weapons.
- Threats and intimidation between super powers.
- Cowardly retreat by man

**Directions: (Questions 21- 25)**

Which of the phrases (1), (2), (3), and (4) given below each sentence should replace the phrase underlined in the sentence to make it grammatically correct? If there is no error mark (5) No correction required as your answer.

- He was too preoccupied at his own thoughts to notice anything wrong.
  - With his own
  - in his own
  - from his own
  - out of his own
  - no correction required
- My teacher pushed me into entering in the competition.
  - to entering in the competition
  - into entering into the competition
  - into entering the competition
  - to entering into the competition
  - no correction required
- The proposal will go on instead strong objections from the public.
  - Go ahead despite
  - Go on instead off
  - In spite of
  - Go down in order
  - No correction required
- The project became so expensive that we had to pull in.
  - Pull down
  - pull over
  - pull aside
  - pull out
  - no correction required
- In the recent elections the party gains over 50% of the votes.
  - Is gained
  - will gain
  - had gained
  - gained
  - no correction required

**Directions (Q. 26-35):** In the following passage there are blanks, each of which has been numbered. These numbers are printed below the passage and against each, five words/ phrases are suggested, one of which fits the blank appropriately. Find out the appropriate word/ phrase in each case and mark your answer.

Pakistan keeps on \_\_\_ (26) that Kashmir is the core issue \_\_\_ (27) to adversarial relations. To India too Kashmir is the core issue \_\_\_ (28) not only its security and stability but \_\_\_ (29) geo-political equations between all countries \_\_\_ (30) South Asia's land mass. It is the core issue because the \_\_\_ (31) in which India deals with the problem in Kashmir, the manner in which both India and Pakistan \_\_\_ (32) this problem and the manner in which the international community \_\_\_ (33) to the situation profoundly \_\_\_ (34) the existence of the Indian Republic as a \_\_\_ (35) multi-lingual, multi-religi-

ous and multi-ethnic pluralistic state.

- saying
- harping
- justifying
- arguing
- accepting
- making
- leading
- bringing
- tending
- treading
- effecting
- affecting
- creating
- targeting
- tarnishing
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- around
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- folly
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- created
- creation
- react
- reacts
- threaten
- behave
- threatened
- reflect
- reflects
- effects
- affects
- effect
- important
- internal
- integral
- democratic
- public

**Directions (Q. 36-39):** Each question below has a blank/ two blanks, each blank indicating that something has been omitted. Choose the word/ set of words from the five options for each blank that best fits the meaning of the sentence as a whole.

- The team's poor performance \_\_\_ new depths last night when they \_\_\_\_\_.
  - reached... won
  - plumbed... lost
  - viewed... gained
  - visualized... last
  - applauded... gone
- Ferries \_\_\_ across a narrow \_\_\_ to the island.
  - fly... street
  - operate... straight
  - run... stream
  - work... lane
  - ply... strait
- We have \_\_\_ but praise for the way they handled the investigation.
  - everything
  - all thing
  - nothing
  - something
  - anything
- It's \_\_\_ because I care about you that I don't like you staying out late.
  - primary
  - secondarily
  - initially
  - precisely
  - supposedly

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