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**English XII**

- Q. Arrange sentences A,B,C,D in a proper sequence so as to make a coherent paragraph.
1. A –An associated facet of successful companies has been their readiness to operate on the basis of global competition.  
B-The first element of success has been a change in the mindset of the top management and an acceptance that competition is inevitable.  
C-What has taken it for companies to convert a potential threat into an opportunity to take on market leadership?  
D-Crossing this mental barrier has been a tough task for companies.  
(a)CADB (b)CDBA (c)ABCD (d)DABC
2. A-It has been suggested that their social life is in response to the two fundamental instincts : aggression and imitation.  
B-The mass migrations of the Rocky Mountain and the African species of locust seen attributable to the need for food.  
C-While fish return to the same stream where they grow up, such migrations are rare.  
D-Insects make long migrations , most of which seem due to the urge for food.  
(a)ACDB (b)BADC (c)ADCB (d)DBCA
- Q. Choose the best fitted word(s) for the blank-
3. To this day, an area of darkness for most indigenous corporate managements is \_\_\_\_\_ performance – related incentives.  
(a)generous (b)imaginative & driving  
(c)money –oriented (d)performance-driven
4. Of course , one man’s wisdom can be another man’s folly . But then , we are all endowed , aren’t we , to distinguish between \_\_\_\_\_ thoughts.  
(a)two men s’ (b)desires and  
(c)action and (d)wise and foolish
- Q. A part of the sentence is underlined .Given below are four different ways of phrasing it. Choose the most appropriate alternative.
5. If the books have been catalogued last week , why haven’t they been placed on the shelf?  
(a)have catalogued (b>would have been catalogued  
(c)was catalogued (d>were catalogued
6. Jessica Mitford wrote The American way of Death, a best –selling book , that led

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- eventually to an official investigation of the funeral industry.  
(a)that were led eventually  
(b)that had led eventually  
(c)that eventually led  
(d)which led eventually
7. If I would have known about the team tryouts, I would have signed up for them.  
(a)would have known  
(b)would had known  
(c)could of known  
(d)had been told
- Q. For each of the words below, a contextual usage is provided. Pick the word from the alternatives given that is NOT appropriate in the given context.
8. CHRONIC  
He has acquired this irritability only very recently. It is not at all a chronic condition.  
(a)Recurrent (b)Habitual (c)periodic (d)occasional
9. YOKE  
Even the educated among us are sometimes yoked to superstition and blind faith.  
(a)Tied (b)Bound (c)Enslaved (d)guided
10. COLOSSAL  
The colossal loss of the state Electricity Board's revenues can be gauged from the fact that Transmission and Distribution losses accounted for 50% of the electricity generated.  
(a)Enormous (b)Tremendous (c)Gigantic (d)Electrifying



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*Answer key*

- 1.(b) 2. (d) 3. (b) 4. (d) 5. (d)  
6.(d) 7. (a) 8. (d) 9. (d) 10. (d)

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