## Out of favour: On the disqualification of Imran Khan

The military, not Imran Khan, is the real threat to Pakistan's democracy
The Pakistan Election Commission's decision to disqualify Imran Khan from completing his term in Parliament is a setback for the former Prime Minister, who has been rallying his supporters against his political rivals as well as the military establishment ever since he was ousted in April. The commission found Mr. Khan, leader of the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) party, guilty of illegally selling gifts he got from foreign dignitaries when Prime Minister and concealing the profits. And the four-member bench came up with a particularly harsh judgment of barring a popular politician and the main opposition leader from office, an order that is reminiscent of former Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif's disqualification in 2018. Mr. Khan would also be prevented from heading the PTI as an earlier Supreme Court judgment bars disqualified leaders from heading political parties. The verdict came days after Mr. Khan swept the by-polls by winning six out of seven National Assembly seats, in a sign of his surging popularity despite the different cases slapped on him. He has challenged the commission's verdict in the Islamabad High Court, but, needless to say, the development has added to his legal woes. It could threaten his political career and worsen the political instability.

While the legality of the commission's verdict would be reviewed by the High Court, it is hard to miss the parallels between the disqualification of Mr. Sharif and that of Mr. Khan, barred from office after they fell out with the powerful military establishment. Mr. Sharif always had a testy relationship with the military. Mr. Khan, on the other side, was a beneficiary of Mr. Sharif's ouster. He rose to power with help from the establishment, and the then opposition which makes up the current government, accused him of being a pawn in the hands of the generals. But the tables turned when Mr. Khan tried to rein in the military. Now, he is accusing the military of conspiring with his political rivals to keep him out of power. Whether he is right or wrong, Pakistan's history suggests that any popular leader who tries to mobilise political capital independent of the military's standing would be met with strong institutional resistance. Mr. Khan's story is no different. Pakistan is in a crisis. The Shehbaz Sharif government is a short-term arrangement; the economy is in free fall; and this year's floods have made matters worse, leading to growing public resentment. The civilian leaders should assert themselves, strengthen democracy and take the country out of the morass it is in. Instead, their power struggles, under the long shadow of the military, are further destabilising the country.
$>$ Red/blue coloring of words in the sentence indicates subject verb relationship; where 'red' denotes 'subject' and 'blue' denotes 'verb'.
[Practice Exercise]

## Vocabulary

1. Out of favour (phrase) - having lost approval.
2. Term (noun) - period of time, time, length of time, spell अवधि, काल
3. Setback (noun) - problem, difficulty, issue, hitch, complication, upset, नाकामयाबी, झटका
4. Rally (verb) - to (cause to) come together in order to provide support or make a shared effort एकत्र करना, इकट्ठा होना
5. Rival (noun) - competitor, opponent, contestant, contender, प्रतिद्वंद्वी
6. Establishment (noun) - Authorities, Powers that be, the ruling class, government शासक-वर्ग
7. Oust (verb) - expel, remove, eject, kick out, dismiss निकाल देना, हटा देना
8. Guilty (noun) - Culpable, blameworthy, at fault, in the wrong दोषी
9. Dignitary (noun) - a person who is influential or has an important official position प्रभावशाली अथवा महत्वपुर्ण पद पर आसीन व्यक्ति
10. Conceal (verb) - hide, disguise, mask, cover up, cover छिपाना
11. Bench (noun) - The judge or judges composing a court. न्यायपीठ
12. Harsh (adjective) - Rough, hard, severe, tough, cruel कठोर
13. Bar (verb) - prohibit, debar, preclude, forbid, ban रोकना
14. Be reminiscent (of) (adjective) - Similar to or suggestive of a particular person or thing की याद दिलाना
15. Head (verb) - Control, rule, regulate, lead, supervise, command, have control over नेतृत्व करना
16. Verdict (noun) - judgement, adjudication, adjudgement, decision निर्णय
17. Sweep (verb) - to win very easily जीत हासिल करना
18. By-poll (noun) - an election held in a single political constituency to fill a vacancy arising during a government's term of office. उपचुनाव
19. Surging (adjective) - Increasing, augmenting, rising, soaring बढ़ती
20. Slap (verb) - impose, enforce थोपना
21. Needless to say (phrase) - of course कहने की जरूरत नहीं
22. Development (noun) - event, turn of events, occurrence, happening, circumstance घटनाक्रम
23. Add to (phrasal verb) - increase, magnify, amplify, augment, intensify बढ़ाना
24. Woes (noun) - misery, sorrow, distress, wretchedness, sadness, कष्ट, दुर्गति
25. Worsen (verb) - deteriorate, exacerbate, decline, aggravate, degenerate खराब करना
26. Instability (noun) - unpredictability, variability, unsteadiness, volatility, shakiness, flux, wavering अस्थिरता
27. Legality (noun) - lawfulness, legitimacy, validity, permissibility वैधता
28. Parallel (noun) - Similarity, correspondence, equivalence, resemblance, analogy, comparison समानता
29. Fall out (phrasal verb) - have an argument. झगड़ा करना
30. Testy (adjective) - Bad-tempered, irritable, grumpy, impatient, touchy, petulant, peevish चिडचिडा, शीघ्रकोपी
31. Beneficiary (noun) - recipient, receiver, payee, donee लाभार्थी
32. Ouster (noun) - dismissal or expulsion from a position. बेदखली
33. Accuse (of) (verb) - charge with, indict for, arraign for, take to court for आरोप लगाना
34. Pawn (noun) - a person who does not have any real power but is used by others to achieve something प्यादा
35. General (noun) - a commander of an army, or an army officer of very high rank. सेनापति
36. Turn the tables (phrase) - To change or reverse something dramatically. बाजी पलटना
37. Rein in (phrasal verb) - Keep under control; restrain. पर लगाम लगाना
38. Conspire (verb) - plot, scheme, collude, machinate, intrigue षड्यंत्र करना
39. Mobilise (verb) - Assemble, marshal, organize, summon, gather together जुटाना
40. Political capital (noun) - the advantage over a political opponent that you can get from a particular situation
41. Standing (noun) - status, position, reputation, rank स्थिति, प्रतिष्ठा
42. Meet with (phrasal verb) - to unexpectedly experience trouble, danger, difficulty etc सामना करना
43. Resistance (noun) - opposition, fight, battle, stand, struggle, confrontation प्रतिरोध, विरोध
44. Arrangement (noun) - the way things are done or organized व्यवस्था
45. Free fall (noun) - a rapid decline that cannot be stopped. गिरावट
46. Lead (to) (verb) - cause, give rise to, result in, bring about वजह बनना
47. Resentment (noun) - bitterness, animosity, pique, indignation, rancor क्रोध, नाराजगी
48. Civilian (adjective) - civil, citizen, noncombatant, civic, private citizen नागरिक
49. Assert (verb) - declare, affirm, state, claim, aver दृढ़ता से कहना
50. Strengthen (verb) - reinforce, enhance, increase, intensify, fortify मजबूत करना
51. Morass (noun) - a complicated and dangerous situation that is especially difficult to escape from जटिल और संकटपूर्ण परिस्थिति
52. Shadow (noun) - a dominant or pervasive threat, influence, or atmosphere, especially one causing gloom, fear, doubt, or the like
53. Destabilise (verb) - Become unstable अस्थिर करना

## Practice Exercise

## Direction (Q1 - Q3): Select the best express synonym of the given words

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1. Mr. Sharif always had a testy relationship with the military.
A. Partisan
B. Alacrity
C. Irritable
D. Vestige
2. This year's floods have made matters worse, leading to growing public resentment.
A. Bitterness
B. Oblique
C. Conjure
D. Reprove
3. An order that is reminiscent of former Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif's disqualification in 2018.
A. Abstruse
B. Flout
C. Capitulate
D. Indicative
4. Idioms \& Phrase

Many manufacturers have to walk a tightrope between pricing their goods too high and not selling them, and pricing them low and losing money.
A. To garner attention and be the topic of conversation.
B. A situation in which an advantage that is won by one of two sides is lost by the other
C. Be in situation where mistake is dangerous
D. To change the balance of a situation, such that one side or element is favored or gains advantage.
5. Direction: Six statements are given below, which are jumbled in any random order. These statements will form a coherent and meaningful paragraph, when arranged in the correct sequence. Arrange the sentences in the right order and answer the questions that follow. By choosing to place a "technical hold" on the joint India-U.S. proposal to designate Jaish-eMohammad deputy chief Rauf Asghar a global terrorist on the United Nations Security Council 1267 Committee listing, China has swung another blow to its ties with India, which are already at a fragile point.
P. The two sides sparred in the maritime sphere this week, after India made its concerns over the proposed docking of a Chinese satellite tracking ship at Sri Lanka's Hambantota port clear to the Sri Lankan government.
Q. And while bilateral trade has recovered from the COVID-19 downturn,
R. Despite 16 rounds of military commander talks at the Line of Actual Control, India and China have failed to resolve the standoff that began with the PLA amassing troops, and transgressions along the LAC in April 2020.
S. just two months after Beijing similarly stopped the designation of Lashkar-e-Taiba deputy chief Abdul Rahman Makki.
T. At a time when bilateral trust is already in such deficit comes China's decision to stop an important terror listing,
U. Chinese technology majors in India are being raided by the Enforcement Directorate and Income Tax authorities under suspicion of a range of financial crimes.
Which among the following will be the Fourth sentence of the paragraph after the rearrangement?
A. $P$
B.T
C.U
D.Q
E.R

## Direction (Q6 - Q7): Read the given sentences to find out whether there is any grammatical error in them

6. Until the world lasts, (A)/ the earth will go (B)/ round the sun. (C)/ No error (D)
7. I go to the temple (A)/ as often as (B)/ I find time. (C)/ No error (D)

Directions (8-9): In the following questions two columns are given containing three Sentences/phrases each. In first column, sentences/phrases are $A, B$ and $C$ and in the second column the sentences/phrases are D, E and F. A sentence/phrase from the first column may or may not connect with another sentence/phrase from the second column to make a grammatically and contextually correct sentence. Each question has five options, four of which display the sequence(s) in which the sentences/phrases can be joined to form a grammatically and contextually correct sentence. If none of the options given forms a correct sentence after combination, mark option (E), i.e. "None of these" as your answer.
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|  | Column (1) |  | Column (2) |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| A. | Let us congratulate him | D | by the road because it is less expensive. |
| B. | Many people prefer to travel | E | that she had been selected for the job. |
| C. | She was beside herself with joy when <br> she came to know | F | on his success in the examination |

A. $A-E$
B.B-E, C-D
C. A-E, C-D
D. C-E, A, F
E. None of these

|  | Column (1) |  | Column (2) |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| A. | Mother tongue is as natural for the <br> development of man's | D | mind as mother's milk is for the <br> development of the infant's body |
| B. | The prime minister as well as his | E | secretary were expected to arrive in <br> Chennai on Saturday morning. |
| C. | We discussed the problems so | F | thoroughly that I found it easy to work it <br> out |

9. A. $A-E, B, D$
B. $A-D, C-F$
C. $A-D, B-E$
D. $B-D$
E. None of these

## 10. Find out the misspelt word

A. Millennium
B. Humorous
C. Allegiance
D. Bouyant

## Direction: Read the passage given below and answer the following questions.

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India is understandably (A)/ upset with the U.S.'s decision to refurbishing (B)/ the F-16 fighter (C)/ fleet of Pakistan. (D)

The fleet has been the backbone of the Pakistan Air Force since the early 1980s, upgraded, and replenished periodically. As the partnership between the two countries grew over the years, including and particularly in the defence sector, India continuously raised its concerns on this account with U.S. interlocutors. Successive U.S. administrations have maintained that the defence partnership with Pakistan, which is a major non-NATO ally, is a critical component of its global war on terror - a point contested by India. In 2016, the U.S. Congress $\qquad$ the Obama administration's move to give more F-16 fighters to Pakistan. New Delhi's apprehensions came true in February 2019, a day after the Balakot air strike by the Indian Air Force, when Pakistan $\qquad$ its $\mathrm{F}-16 \mathrm{~s}$ to target Indian military bases close to the Line of Control. The Indian Army recovered debris of the Advanced Medium Range Air-to-Air Missile fired by the F-16s. On September 7, the U.S. Defense Security Cooperation Agency notified a possible Foreign Military Sales worth $\$ 450$ million for engine, electronic warfare and other hardware and software upgrades and spares for Pakistan's F-16s. Though it said that the proposed sale does not include any new capabilities, weapons, or munitions, the move clearly marks a thaw in the U.S.'s attitude towards Pakistan.

The External Affairs Ministry has chosen to maintain its silence on the issue, unlike(A) its public expression of strides(B) the U.S. Ambassador in 2016. The U.S. move strains(C) its relationship with India which has been making great summoning (D), though it is not without obstacles. New Delhi and Washington have been skilfully managing their differences over Afghanistan, the crisis in Ukraine, and the $\qquad$ 11 $\qquad$ threat of U.S. sanctions under its Countering America's Adversaries Through
Sanctions Act. Washington's new $\qquad$ 12 $\qquad$ with Islamabad also comes amid a flurry of IndiaU.S. diplomatic and military engagements. India and the U.S. have committed to deepening defence and security cooperation, but the $\qquad$ 13 $\qquad$ of Pakistan dampens that spirit. The Trump administration had tried to hold Pakistan accountable for duplicity in its approach towards terrorist groups operating from its territory, which amounts to running with the hare and hunting with the hounds. To stay in Afghanistan, the U.S. needed Pakistan; now to stay away from Afghanistan it needs Pakistan even more. While the U.S. may have its reasons to keep Pakistan humoured and
$\qquad$ 14 $\qquad$ , India's concerns are immediate and real. Terrorism against India has been Pakistan's state policy for decades. Far from seeking accountability, the U.S. is rewarding Pakistan, and more on
the same lines may in the offing. India and the U.S. need to work to ensure that the spectacular gains made in bilateral ties are preserved and nourished.

Fill in the blank with the most appropriate word given in the option (From Q11-Q14)
11. New Delhi and Washington have been skilfully managing their differences over Afghanistan, the crisis in Ukraine, and the $\qquad$ 11 $\qquad$ threat of U.S. sanctions
A. Cognitive
B. Lingering
C. Reciprocal
D. Anarchy
12. Washington's new $\qquad$ 12 $\qquad$ with Islamabad also comes amid a flurry of India-U.S. diplomatic and military engagements.
A. Encroaching
B. Rogue
C. Warmth
D. Mediating
13. India and the U.S. have committed to deepening defence and security cooperation, but the
$\qquad$ 13 $\qquad$ of Pakistan dampens that spirit.
A. Fraternal
B. Inept
C. Profuse
D. Indulgence
14. While the U.S. may have its reasons to keep Pakistan humoured and $\qquad$ 14 $\qquad$ India's concerns are immediate and real.
A. Verbose
B. Prudent
C. Steadfast
D. Incentivized
15. The following sentence may or may not contain an error in one of its parts. Identify the part containing the error. If the sentence is correct, select 'No error' as your answers.
India is understandably (A)/ upset with the U.S.'s decision to refurbishing (B)/ the F-16 fighter (C)/ fleet of Pakistan. (D)
A. (A)
B. (B)
C. (C)
D. (D)
E. No Error
16. Directions: In the question below, a sentence is given with two blanks that indicate that some parts are missing. Identify the correct pair of words that fit in the sentence to make it grammatically and contextually correct.

In 2016, the U.S. Congress $\qquad$ the Obama administration's move to give more F-16 fighters to Pakistan. New Delhi's apprehensions came true in February 2019, a day after the Balakot air strike by the Indian Air Force, when Pakistan $\qquad$ its $\mathrm{F}-16$ s to target Indian military bases close to the Line of Control.
A. Delayed, Organized
B. Hindering, Position
C. Hesitated, arranged
D. Stalled, deployed
E. None of the above
17. Given below is a word, followed by three sentence that consist of that word. Identify the sentence ( S ) that best express (es) the meaning of the word. Choose option 5 'None of the above' if the word is not suitable in any of the sentence
REPLENISHED
(i) To keep seed availability roughly constant throughout our experiments, baits were replenished when necessary.
(ii) Does your glass need replenishing?
(iii) Food stocks were replenished with imports from abroad.
A. Only (i)
B. Only (ii)
C. Only (iii)
D. (i), (ii), (iii)
E. (ii), (iii)
18. In the following question, a sentence is given with four words marked as (A), (B), (C), and (D). These words may or may not be placed in the correct order. Four options with different arrangements of these have been provided. Mark the option with the correct arrangement as the answer. If no rearrangement is required, mark option (5) as your answer.
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A. $\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{A}$
B. $A-D$
C. B-D
D. $\mathrm{D}-\mathrm{C}$
E. No arrangement
19. Select the connector from the given options which can be used to form a single sentence from the two sentences given below, implying the same as expressed in the statement sentence.
(i) I couldn't get my head around the Passive Voice.
(ii) I don't think it's important to use it all the time.
A. Then
B. Although
C. But
D. Anyway
E. None of the above
20. Fill the appropriate preposition in the given blanks

He was greatly incensed $\qquad$ his conduct.
A. Of
B. In
C. At
D. To

## Answers

1. C
2. A
3. D
4. C
5. C
6.A
6. A
7. D
8. B
9. D
11.B 12. C
10. D
14.D
11. B
12. D
13. D 18.C
19.D
20.C
[Practice Exercise]

## Explanations

4. Walk a tightrope (phrase) - be in situation where mistake is dangerous.
5. RPQUTS

By choosing to place a "technical hold" on the joint India-U.S. proposal to designate Jaish-eMohammad deputy chief Rauf Asghar a global terrorist on the United Nations Security Council 1267 Committee listing, China has swung another blow to its ties with India, which are already at a fragile point. Despite 16 rounds of military commander talks at the Line of Actual Control, India and China have failed to resolve the standoff that began with the PLA amassing troops, and transgressions along the LAC in April 2020. The two sides sparred in the maritime sphere this week, after India made its concerns over the proposed docking of a Chinese satellite tracking ship at Sri Lanka's Hambantota port clear to the Sri Lankan government. And while bilateral trade has recovered from the COVID-19 downturn, Chinese technology majors in India are being raided by the Enforcement Directorate and Income Tax authorities under suspicion of a range of financial crimes. At a time when bilateral trust is already in such deficit comes China's decision to stop an important terror listing, just two months after Beijing similarly stopped the designation of Lashkar-e-Taiba deputy chief Abdul Rahman Makki.
6. 'until' के बदले 'As long as' का प्रयोग होगा क्योंकि 'until' का अर्थ है ‘जब तक नहीं' जबकि 'As long as' का अर्थ है 'जबतक', जैसे-
i. You can sit here until Mohan comes.
ii. As long as she is with me, I need not fear.
'As long as' will be used instead of 'until' because 'until' means 'up to' while 'As long as' means 'provided that', as-
i. You can sit here until Mohan comes.
ii. As long as she is with me, I need not fear.
7. 'the' का प्रयोग नहीं क्योंकि 'go to church, go to temple' का प्रयोग होता है यदि जाने का मकसद ‘प्रार्थना’, ‘पूजा-पाठ’ हो; जैसे-
i. She goes to church daily.
'the' is not used because 'go to church, go to temple' is used if the purpose of going is 'prayer', 'worship'; like-
i. She goes to church daily.
8. Correct Option: D

Let us congratulate him on his success in the examination.

Fragment A of column 1 is matched with fragment F of column 2 to make the sentence contextually and grammatically correct.
Many people prefer to travel by the road because it is less expensive
Fragment B of column 1 is matched with fragment D of column 2 to make the sentence contextually and but grammatically incorrect
Correct is: Many people prefer to travel by road because it is less expensive
'the' को हटाना पडेगा क्योंकि यात्रा का मार्ग बताने के लिए 'by road, by air, by sea, by rail' का प्रयोग होता है।
'the' has to be removed because 'by road, by air, by sea, by rail' is used to indicate the route of travel.
She was beside herself with joy when she came to know that she had been selected for the job.
Fragment $C$ of column 1 is matched with fragment $E$ of column 2 to make the sentence contextually and grammatically correct
9. Correct Option: B

Mother tongue is as natural for the development of man's mind as mother's milk is for the development of the infant's body.
Fragment A of column 1 is matched with fragment D of column 2 to make the sentence contextually and grammatically correct
The prime minister as well as his secretary was expected to arrive in Chennai on Saturday morning.
Fragment B of column 1 is matched with fragment E of column 2 to make the sentence contextually and grammatically incorrect
> 'were' के बदले 'was' का प्रयोग होगा क्योंकि जब दो subjects 'as well as' से जुडते है तो verb पहला subject के अनुसर होता है और प्रश्न में पहला subject 'The prime minister' singular है जिसके लिए singular verb का प्रयोग होगा।
'was' will be used instead of 'were' because when two subjects are joined 'as well as' then the verb is according to the first subject and the first subject in the question is 'The prime minister' singular for which Singular verb will be used.

We discussed the problems so thoroughly that I found it easy to work it out.
Fragment C of column 1 is matched with fragment F of column 2 to make the sentence contextually and grammatically correct
10. Buoyant (adjective) - cheerful, happy, cheery, sunny, lively प्रसन्नचित्त
11. Lingering (adjective) - lasting, remaining, persistent, enduring, haunting मंडराता
12. Warmth (noun) - kindness, tenderness, friendliness सौहार्द
13. Indulgence (noun) - leniency, tolerance, forbearance, extravagance लाड़, उदारता
14. Incentivise (verb) - motivate or encourage (someone) to do something प्रोत्साहित करना
15. 'Refurbishing' के बदले 'Refurbish' का प्रयोग होगा क्योंकि ' $\mathrm{To}+\mathrm{V}^{1}$ ' is used in Infinitive.
16. Stall (verb) - Stop, freeze, pause, halt, impede, check, shelve रोकना, टालना

Deploy (verb) - Place troops or weapons in battle formation तैनात करना
17. Replenish (verb) - refill, fill, restock, restore, top up भरना

According to the given options all options are contextually correct.
18. The External Affairs Ministry has chosen to maintain its silence on the issue, unlike its public expression of summoning the U.S. Ambassador in 2016. The U.S. move strains its relationship with India which has been making great strides, though it is not without obstacles.
19. I couldn't get my head around the Passive Voice. Anyway, I don't think it's important to use it all the time.

## Explanation of other important words

| Sr.NO | Words |  | Meanings |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Q1 | Partisan | noun | One who support a particular person, cause, idea | पक्षपातपूर्ण |
|  | Alacrity | noun | Cheerful eagerness or readiness to respond | तत्परता, उत्साह, फुरती |
|  | Vestige | noun | Remaining bit of something; a last race | शेष |
| Q2 | Oblique | adjective | Indirect; at an angle | अप्रत्यक्ष |
|  | Conjure | verb | To summon or bring into being as if by magic | जादू करना, तमाशा <br> दिखाना |
|  | Reprove | verb | To criticize mildly | निंदा करना |
| Q3 | Abstruse | adjective | Hard to understand | अव्यक्त |
|  | Flout | verb | To disregard something out of disrespect | अनादर करना, अवज्ञा करना |
|  | Capitulate | verb | To surrender; to give up or give in | शर्त पर हथियार डाल देना |
| Q11 | Cognitive | adjective | Dealing with how we know the world around us through our sense; mental | संज्ञानात्मक |
|  | Reciprocal | adjective | Mutual; shared; interchangeable | पारस्परिक |
|  | Anarchy | noun | Absence of government or control; lawlessness; disorder | अराजकता |
| Q12 | Encroach | verb | To make gradual or stealthy in roads into; to trespass | अतिक्रमण करना |
|  | Rogue | noun | Criminally dishonest person; a scoundrel | दुष्ट |
|  | Mediate | verb | To help settle difference | मध्यस्थ |
| Q13 | Fraternal | adjective | Like brothers | भाईचारे का, आपसी |
|  | Inept | adjective | Clumsy; incompetent; gauche. | अयोग्य |
|  | Profuse | adjective | Flowing; extravagant | विपुल |
| Q14 | Verbose | adjective | Using too many words; not succinct; circumlocutory | वाचाल |
|  | Prudent | adjective | Careful; having foresight | विवेकी |
|  | Steadfast | adjective | Loyal; faithful | दृढ |



