The greatest threat to life on earth today comes from global warming. This is caused due to multiple factors including human activity. It happens when greenhouse gases (carbon dioxide, water vapour, nitrous oxide, and methane) trap heat and light from the sun in the earth’s atmosphere, which increases the overall temperature on earth. This impacts people, animals, and plants. Many who cannot take the change, die. Global warming is affecting many parts of the world, particularly sea coasts. People living on islands and in coastal areas are therefore at risk as the polar ice caps melt and sea levels rise.

According to the passage, choose the statement that is false.

(A) Life on earth is threatened only by global warming.
(B) Global warming threatens human beings who live on islands.
(C) When the overall temperature on earth rises the sea level will also increase.
(D) Creatures which cannot adapt to higher temperatures will become extinct.
8. “Many cannot take the change.” Here “change” refers to changes in _________.
   (A) lifestyle  (B) food habits
   (C) temperature  (D) health issues

9. People living in coastal areas are affected by___.
   (A) greenhouse gases  (B) human actions
   (C) rise in sea levels  (D) rise in temperature

SPOKEN AND WRITTEN EXPRESSION

Direction (Q. No. 10 and 11) : Sentences 1 and 3 are given. Sentence 2 is missing. Choose the right sentence for sentence 2.

10. Sona : Hema, I notice your tennis serve is much better these days.
    Hema: ______________________________.
    Sona: Your efforts have not been wasted. There is a remarkable improvement in your game.
    (A) Yes, I think I’ve finally mastered the technique, though it took months of practise
    (B) Serving well is an art that can be mastered
    (C) I saw a doctor because I was suffering from tennis elbow
    (D) In tennis one has to focus on one’s serving action

11. Mala : I was looking for a birthday present for my nephew but I didn’t have much luck. Do you have any bright ideas?
    Juhi : ______________________________
    Mala : I did think about it, but I felt I should take some trouble and choose something useful.
    (A) Some music, maybe?
    (B) One need not buy a present for everyone.
    (C) You could just give him some money.
    (D) Buying a present is something that only the young enjoy.

Direction (Q.No. 12 and 13) : Sentences 1 and 4 are given. Sentences 2 and 3 are missing. Choose two sentences that will complete the paragraph.

12. Sentence 1 : Today’s world is full of gizmos and gadgets unimaginable to people thirty years ago.
    Sentence 2 : _________________________
    Sentence 3 : _________________________
    Sentence 4 : However, keeping abreast of technology seems a difficult job by itself considering the pace at which new gadgets appear on the market.
    (D) The markets cater to this section and keep bringing out products that cater to their taste.
    (E) Students and the youth like to keep abreast of technology.
    (F) Who would have imagined a world of cell phones and ipods?
    (A) DF  (B) ED  (C) EF  (D) FD

13. Sentence 1 : Disposal of household waste is a daunting task for local authorities.
    Sentence 2 : _________________________
    Sentence 3 : _________________________
    Sentence 4 : One way to reduce waste therefore is to segregate biodegradable and non biodegradable waste at its source.
    (D) Efforts should be made to recycle household waste.
    (E) They cannot just dump waste in landfills.
    (F) This is because household waste contains many materials and substances which are extremely harmful to the environment.
    (A) EF  (B) DE  (C) FE  (D) DF

ACHIEVERS SECTION

14. Choose the word with the opposite meaning to the underlined word.
    The bee is a very industrious creature.
    (A) Hardworking  (B) Indolent
    (C) Repulsive  (D) Curious

15. Choose the best option.
    If a business person is called munificent, he/she is_______.
    (A) prominent  (B) miserly
    (C) generous  (D) rich

ANSWERS
1. (D)  2. (B)  3. (C)  4. (B)  5. (A)  6. (B)  7. (A)  8. (C)  9. (C)  10. (A)  11. (C)  12. (B)  13. (A)  14. (B)  15. (C)