**Connotations CORRECT SENTENCES HIGHLIGHTED IN YELLOW**

1. Some of the uses of **important** are correct in the following sentences, others have the wrong connotation. Decide which are incorrect and provide an alternative word.

b) One more point that the interviewer underlines is that even between rich countries there are **important (SIGNIFICANT)**differenceS in termS of development while she is firmly convinced that those smaller differences are not **important** in the account of WITH REGARD TO the global economy.

c) …thanks to the collaboration between GCE, local governments and international organizations, some **important** SIGNIFICANT / REMARKABLE progress has been made,

d) First of all, we need 2 main **important SUBSTANTIAL** helps: political and financial.

e) To sum up, professor McCloskey sees the solution of the most **importan**t CHALLENGING social issues of our time (such as poverty and underdevelopment) in the capacity of capitalism to bring innovation, growth and well-being.

f) The most **important** cause of the Great Enrichment was innovation, even more **important** then the development of markets and capitalism that has played a smaller role.

g) As declared by one of the most **important** human rights defenderS, we have firstly to eradicate inequality with the basic and fundamental right of education.

2. Be careful with impressive. Which of the following two sentences uses the word correctly? Why?

a) The process of innovation had sustained the **impressive** economic growth more than any state government intervention in economics.

b) Pushed by international organizations, local governments worldwide have included pro-women policies in their agendas, nevertheless the gender gap is still **impressive**.

3. Another word which is difficult to use is **common.** Find a suitable alternative in the following sentences.

a) The novelty coming from the Industrial Revolution is an ideological spark, which lead to a major switch towards equality, intended as liberty and dignity of **common** ORDINARY people.

b) It is necessary to put aside the fears and prejudices,

and try to reach a **common** JOINT decision on the most effective way to deal with the increasing number of migrants who are reaching the European, and most of all Italian, coasts.

**Colligation**

In the following sentences words have incorrect colligations. See if you can correct them.

1. It is important not confusing NOT TO CONFUSE these two concepts.
2. they prevent the construction of new mosques with the aim to defend OF DEFENDING our common Christian traditions against the threat of European islamization
3. NOT A COLLIGATION ERROR Bearing in mind both policies, assimilation and integration, it is important, in order to define which is the best solution WHAT THE BEST SOLUTION IS TO ACHIEVE to reach a more cohesive society,
4. The recent terrorist attack to ON the irreverent satire newspaper Charlie Hebdo enlightened us about how much authoritarian theocratic regimes are scared of real freedom of expression
5. Between 2014 and 2020, more than 4 million people will have the opportunity to participate to IN mobility opportunities thanks to the budget allocated by the European Union.
6. Sometimes, they brought civilisations to their end, but in most cases they contributed to create CREATING a new mixed identity.
7. …multinational food companies have heavily contributed and keep contributing to deepenING this problem.
8. NIA-NK troops have consolidated military and strategic operational capabilities and an amount of light weapons capable to offer OF OFFERING resistance.
9. They shall put an end to the austerity policies planning a new program for the investments capable to drive OF DRIVING forwards Europe’s economy recovery bringing the continent out of crisis.
10. Free speech, like other fundamental freedoms, is not a value of IN itself, but a means to achieve ACHIEVING what we constitute to be “the good”.
11. Assimilation consist in deliberate policies designed to impose to FORCE immigrants to abandon customs and culture of their native countries in order to be entirely absorbed by the culture of the host country.
12. Innovation is the key to understandING the huge growth and huge improvement of the lifestyle in the western world.
13. Lega Nord, unlike other Populist Parties, did take part to IN some governments in the past,
14. Moreover, all the governments have to ensure free, compulsory and accessible education for every child with the purpose to build OF BUILDING a new society, which can fight against inequality, child labour, poverty, racism, violence and terrorism.

**Word class**

1. Look at how **nowadays** is used. Decide what class of word it is and how it should be used. Then see which of the following are correct and which need changing. Tyr to provide an alternative work OR change the punctuation/syntax/grammar.

a) Nevertheless, Professor McCloskey believes that the pursuit of equality is not a

sensible purpose **nowadays,** and argues that there is no gain in cutting off top paid

people.

b) **Nowadays** societies are characterized by the same level of equality.

c) McCloskey summons the students not to worry about the **nowadays TODAY’S** economic recession, as it is but the last stage of a large number of scientific ups and downs of the market in the last decades.

d) The Industrial revolution, described by many as the Revolution that shaped **nowadays** THE CURRENT world economy, is cross-examined by Professor McCloskey

e) The real matter in **nowadays** capitalism TODAY is the ethical question.

f) The debate was characterized by passion and excitement from both the parties that considered the topic an important issue in the **nowadays** CURRENTsocial and political climate of Italy.

**Pronouns**

Look at the use of **as** in the following sentences. What kind of structure does **as** introduce each time? Which of the following uses of **as** are correct/incorrect?

1. In other words, **as** it happens with practical skills, if students are required to study continuously they will probably learn more efficiently.
2. Sometimes, **as** it had already happened, the smugglers deliberately leave the migrants in the sea putting at risk their lives.
3. **As** demonstrated by the Action Health Incorporated (AHI), female education lowers infant and child mortality and improves both mother and children\xD5s nutrition.
4. **As** it has emerged from the above-mentioned cases, the members of these parties have succeeded in interpreting the dissatisfaction of their people;
5. markets have actually always existed, and have also been very prosperous, **as** it can be noticed observing ancient China.
6. About the last economic crisis, she argues that we should not panic for the recession and that capitalism is far from being finished because, **as** it always happened in history, it will certainly find the way to renew itself.
7. The right to fair trial is an essential right in all countries respecting the rule of law, **as**

proclaimed in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights,

i) On the other hand, integration is built on substantive equality, that is, an approach which deals also with the socio-economic background of people in order to give the same starting point to the whole population. **It** THIS can eventually lead to a more equal society, where everyone has the same possibilities and almost everything depends on the qualities and the capacities

of the individual.

j) l At the individual level, most legal systems do not provide for any kind of limitation. It THIS means that in common circumstances, including private life and relationships, the scope of freedom of speech

is absolute.

k) What it was a vicious circle can become a virtuous one.

l) According to the WHO, in fact, over-nutrition is now on the rise in low and middle income countries, where not only the epidemic of obesity is increasing very quickly, but also where multinational food companies are spreading faster. Why and how does it THIS happen?

**Adverbs**

Decide which of the following adverbs are used incorrectly…

1. Despite the astonishing progress we have achieved in **last** THE LAST FEW decades, much more needs to be done.
2. Its main feature, that is multiculturalism, is already regarded as one of the biggest socio-political failures of the **last** THE LAST FEW decades.
3. Unfortunately, **in the last few** years, the European pride looks to be giving way to populism, with E.U. members growing increasingly hostile toward each other.
4. the market saw a lot of ups and downs in the **last** THE LAST FEW decades
5. The interview begins with an historical background: the importance of **the last** THE LAST FEW decades of the XIX century for the Great Enrichment. The evolution of political communication in the last twenty years;

**Confusibles**

Thefollowing sentences use a word which is used mistakenly for a similar word (so called confusibles. Decide which word **should** be used instead of the word in **bold** in the following sentences.

1. According to **the last** LATESTreports carried out by WHO, obesity index boosted enormously in the last thirty years, more than 50% of Italian, American and English population suffers from such a kind of unhealthiness.
2. At present, there is a growing anti-Islam sentiment, which is becoming more and more alarming due to **the last RECENT** terrorist attacks occurred in France and Belgium.
3. A French author, Michel Houellebecq, has tried to imagine the future of his country in **his last** LATESTnovel “Soumission”
4. The last LATESTstatistics which have been WERE registered in 2007 by the ISTAT underestimate the problem because of the nature of the survey.
5. Firstly, the principle of freedom of speech and expression gives people the right to voice their opinions in public spaces, airing unpopular, tasteless, and provocative ideas and especially **to critic** CRITICISE the prevailing political order.
6. The SimpsonS is the most irreverent and desecrating **critic CRITIQUE OF SOCIETY TODAY** to the actual society.
7. Fanatics cannot understand **critics to** CRITICISM OF their dogmas, because they are unable to think freely.
8. Some **critics** CRITICISMS are not without any foundation, but this demagogic speech should not make people believe that they would really make things work.
9. n some way, McCloskey **critics CRITICISES** governments because, in her opinion, economic policies and regulations can help poor people just a little,
10. moreover, thanks to the access of East-European countries to the EU, also their people can enjoy the benefits of these programmes and, at the same time, let Western-Europe citizens discover the **peculiar PARTICULAR** features of those countries.
11. but all of them are characterized by a **peculiar** SPECIFIC/PARTICULAR political development, natural consequence of the different national and social environment where they thrived.
12. However, this is true only in **determined** CERTAIN cases:
13. Even though she pointed out that markets and progress is a very old process and markets have always existed but it was **missing** LACKIG this ideological and political stress in market
14. Mr. Salvini and Ms Le Pen call common press conferences or jointly mobilization JOINT ACTIONS advocating their shared objectives.
15. I believe that the way media portrays violent crimes should be **controlled** MONITORED and restricted.
16. The importance of collecting new data in order to monitor the situation is an important measure to take in order to **control MOITOR/TRACK** what happens every day.

**Word order-** re-order the words in the following sentences.

1. Not only in Africa the main causes of discrimination rely on cultural and social factors. NOT ONLY DO THE MAIN CAUSES OF DISCRIMINATION IN AFRICA RELY….
2. Only giving equal opportunities to boys and girls you will WILL YOU grow them up as respectful citizens who do not feel they are worth less than anybody else in society.
3. Only then WILL the freedom to sell ONE’S own body can be granted.
4. My purpose now is working in the international relations field so it had on me a huge impact …. ON ME
5. SINCE THE LATE 80S,The European Commission HAS PROMOTEDpromotes since the late 80s exchange student programmes with the aim to OF instilLING in the future EU generations a strong sense of community IN FUTURE GENERATIONS.

**Articles and determiners**

In each of the following sentences the articles and determiners have been used. Correct the sentences.

1. Even those who have humble job belong to an A European Nationality.
2. They did not achieve the formation neither of an A European identity or European spirit.
3. These are only A few of the situations concerning women and education that are still not solved.
4. A Few years ago, such a problem was inconceivable since so many lives were ravaged by hunger especially in developing countries.
5. Obviously these kindS of companies pay much more attention to the sales volume than to the quality of THE products.
6. In the 19th century most of the people needed just $3 a day to live.
7. This THESE are respectively the 2nd and 3rd of the eight Millennium Development Goals settled by United Nations.

**Relative clauses – Defining or non-defining?**

Decide whether the following relative clauses are defining or non-defining and change the punctuation and relative pronouns if necessary.

1. A debate which gave origin to two different views. D
2. Let’s think about the so-called patriarchal societies, which are characterised by many sociocultural and religious barriers, AND which subordinate women to male figure in family decision-making and social participation. D
3. Provide women with education will generate a domino effect**,** which will build up an equal society. N-D
4. Integration and assimilation are two paths toward the same objective: cohesion. As explained above, they apply to different situations**,** which are not always predictable. N-D
5. These practical results are confirmed by scientific researches which show that fast food consumption has played an important role in the creation of the obesity epidemic. D

**Conditionals**

a) States have always sought to hide any informations which would have been BE helpful to

the enemy.

b) A strong European community would have been the possible solution but the European Institutions and parties did not make all the efforts to meet the objective. NO MISTAKE

**Miscellaneous**

In the following sentences find and correct the mistakes. There may be more than one mistake in each sentence.

1. The European InstitutionS must not underestimate their relevance.
2. Actually CURRENTLY, political dialogue suggests two different mechanisms for the settlement of this kind of social conflicts,
3. the surviving female children will face the same difficulties of AS their mothers.
4. Even though she pointed out that markets and progress is ARE a very old process and markets have always existed but it was missing this ideological and political stress in THE market WAS LACKIG/MISSING
5. Invested the sum of E3,1 **€3.1** billions just for the programmes between 2007 and 2013.
6. The tolerant approach considers prostitution as a normal job and legalization as an opportunity for the economic growth of the country (due to taxation) and a mean to fight criminality.
7. I think that freedom of speech is one of the basis BASES of the fundamental rights of our modern society.

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For each of the numbered gaps 1 - 30, provide ONE word to complete the phrase IF a word is necessary. Write the word against the correct number **on your answer sheet**. If no word is necessary, put a diagonal line in the space next to the number. Blank spaces on the answer sheet will be marked as incorrect. COMPARE YOUR ANSWERS WITH THE ORIGINAL

**Will the G20 also fail the global leadership test on transparency?**

1) \_\_\_\_ of transparency in the global financial system is at the heart of three of the world’s most pressing problems: the ongoing financial crises, the need 2)\_\_\_\_ tax reform and extreme poverty. Global problems need global leadership, but the G8 group of rich countries failed to 3) \_\_\_\_ that when G8 leaders met in June. Now it 4) \_\_\_\_ to the G20, when it meets in early September, to 5) \_\_\_\_ the bold steps needed to transform the fortunes of the world’s ailing economy.

The opacity of the current system sheltered global financial managers 6) \_\_\_\_ they mismanaged the global economy, landing it in a trough from 7) \_\_\_\_ it is still struggling to escape. The same opacity facilitates illegal tax avoidance and tax evasion, robbing countries 8) \_\_\_\_ tax revenue and billions of people of much needed public money. As Kevin Watkins of the Overseas Development Institute has pointed 9) \_\_\_\_, just one type of tax avoidance,  trade mispricing, which facilitates the shifting of profits 10) \_\_\_\_ low-tax jurisdictions, drains more than US$550 billion 11) \_\_\_\_ year from the coffers of developing nations – five times 12)\_\_\_\_ those countries receive in aid.

By enabling such huge transfers of money 13) \_\_\_\_ rightly belongs to the people of some of the world’s poorest countries, lack of financial transparency widens the 14) \_\_\_\_ between rich and poor and entrenches extreme poverty. If these colossal sums were 15) \_\_\_\_ in developing regions, they could improve security, reduce hunger, increase access to healthcare and education, and improve 16) \_\_\_\_ standards of living by fuelling economic growth.

The British prime minister, David Cameron, 17) \_\_\_\_ tax, transparency and trade on the agenda for the G8 summit in June, realizing the need for economic reform. Regrettably, the G8 leaders fell short of almost everyone’s hopes, so the search for global leadership on taxation and transparency reform has 18) \_\_\_\_ to the G20, which meets in St Petersburg on September 5 and 6. Established to ensure international financial stability, this top level group will be shirking 19)\_\_\_\_ responsibilities responsibilities if it fails to promote transparency, one of the 20) \_\_\_\_ priorities on the summit agenda.

The G20 is not short of policy suggestions for 21) \_\_\_\_ global financial transparency. A new report by the OECD proposes ways of 22) \_\_\_\_ multinational corporations from shifting profits to tax havens. Another report, Supporting the Development of More Effective Tax Systems, prepared jointly by the IMF, OECD, UN and World Bank, details ways of deepening international cooperation, making multinational corporations 23) \_\_\_\_ more transparently, and measuring tax reform progress.

The G20’s task is not easy. The opaque global financial system has been designed to 24) \_\_\_\_ the interests and fortunes of a tiny but very powerful elite. Some of its key tax havens are within or linked to rich and powerful countries such as Switzerland, the United Kingdom and the United States. These havens shelter the 25) \_\_\_\_ of individuals and companies that sponsor political campaigns and foundations in many G8 and G20 governments. In addition, the G20 ministers have their 26) \_\_\_\_ national interests to advance, which may not align with those of their counterparts. But what is 27) \_\_\_\_ stake is much larger than any single nation’s interests: the health of the global economy and the future of taxation systems that are widening inequalities. What the G20 needs to show is collective political 28) \_\_\_\_. Only real global leadership will set the world’s finances in 29) \_\_\_\_ – and G20 countries themselves, as well as developing countries, stand to 30) \_\_\_\_ a lot if that is accomplished

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