

Quiz Date: 27th September 2020

Directions (1-10):In each of the question given below a phrase is given in bold which is then followed by five options, trying to decipher its meaning as used in the sentence. Choose the option which gives the meaning of the phrase most appropriately with respect to the context of the given sentence.

Q1. These saboteurs threatened to **blow up** the factory if their demands were not met.

- (a) expand
- (b) elaborate
- (c) create
- (d) explode
- (e) repair

Q2. I made it on time for the appointment, but I was **held up** an extra half hour filling out forms.

- (a) detained
- (b) impeded
- (c) delayed
- (d) benchmarked
- (e) robbed

Q3. Tyrone had filled out the form, listing his age as 25 and a **made-up** Social Security number.

- (a) false
- (b) supportive
- (c) legal
- (d) illegal
- (e) logical

Q4. High Court **puts off** decision on stay of execution in temple case.

- (a) grants
- (b) postpones
- (c) reciprocates
- (d) reconciles
- (e) terminates

Q5. Some landline phones come with voice-mail features, and others allow you to **talk over** a phone line while connected to another computer.

- (a) suspend
- (b) disconnect
- (c) motivate
- (d) excuse
- (e) discuss

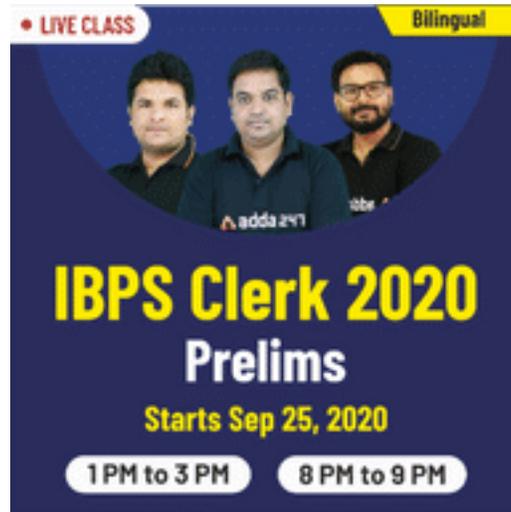
Q6. The country **went through** most of its coal reserves in one year.

- (a) manufactured
- (b) located
- (c) assembled
- (d) consumed
- (e) distributed

Q7. It's typical of a jingoistic country that the citizens **look down on** their geographical neighbors.

- (a) motivate

- (b) despise
- (c) assist
- (d) guide
- (e) commend



Q8. Four Democratic senators **walked out** on the Senate Judiciary Committee on Friday morning.

- (a) condemn
- (b) glorify
- (c) admire
- (d) salute
- (e) abandon

Q9. Uncle Heine didn't have much money, but he always seemed to **get by** without borrowing money from relatives.

- (a) ignore
- (b) survive
- (c) obey
- (d) disregard
- (e) bypass

Q10. Grandmother tried to **get up**, but the couch was too low, and she couldn't make it on her own.

- (a) secure
- (b) forceful
- (c) strong
- (d) punctual
- (e) arise

Directions (11-15): In each of the questions given below a sentence is given with one blank. Below each sentence FOUR words are given out of which two can fit the sentence. Five options are given with various combinations of these words. You must choose the combination with the correct set of words which can fit in the given sentence.

Q11. Even though the two politicians despised each other, they still exchanged _____ greetings before the debate.

- (A) Requisite
- (B) Discrimination
- (C) Obligatory
- (D) Superfluous

- (a) A-D
- (b) A-C
- (c) B-D
- (d) B-C
- (e) C-D

Q12. His reactions to unpleasant situations tended to _____ everyone's nerves.

- (A) Mould
- (B) Appease
- (C) Irritate
- (D) Aggravate

- (a) B-D
- (b) C-A
- (c) A-D
- (d) A-B
- (e) C-D

Q13. We _____ a small lawn surrounded with a perfect tangle of trees.

- (A) Examined
- (B) Visioned
- (C) Fantasized
- (D) Gaped

- (a) A-D
- (b) B-C
- (c) C-D
- (d) A-B
- (e) B-D

Q14. Depreciation accounting is simply a technique used to _____ the cost of a capital asset over its expected useful life.

- (A) Allocate
- (B) Restrain
- (C) Pursue
- (D) Dispense

- (a) B-C
- (b) B-D
- (c) A-D
- (d) C-D
- (e) A-C

Q15. The members voted to _____ a couple of the union bylaws at last week's meeting.

- (A) Rectify
- (B) Debase
- (C) Amend

(D)Behold

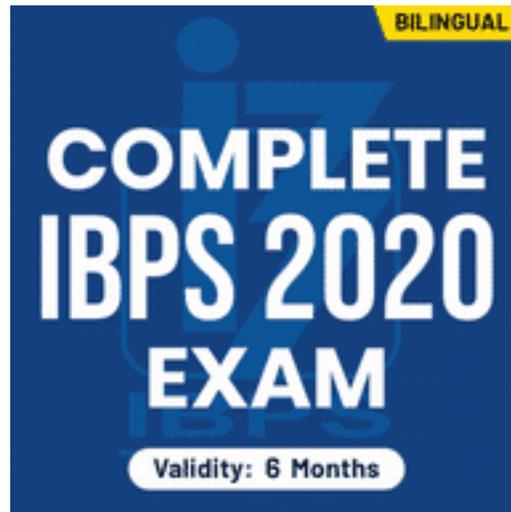
(a)A-C

(b)B-D

(c)C-D

(d)B-C

(e)A-D



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S1. Ans. (d)

Sol. If someone blows something up or if it blows up, it is destroyed by an explosion. Therefore, the most suitable word that decipheres the meaning of the highlighted phrasal verb is “explode” which means burst or shatter violently and noisily as a result of rapid combustion, excessive internal pressure, or other process. All the other words fail to comprehend the meaning of the given phrase. Hence, option (d) is the most suitable answer choice.

S2. Ans. (c)

Sol. The phrasal verb ‘hold up’ has following meanings: (i) to remain strong and working effectively. (ii) to support someone or something and stop them from falling. (iii) to delay or block the movement or progress of someone or something. (iv) to use or present someone or something as an example. (v) to steal from a bank, store, etc. using a gun. However, in context of the sentence, the most suitable word that decipheres the appropriate meaning is “delayed”. All the other words stand incorrect as they do fit in the theme of the paragraph. Hence, option (c) is the most suitable answer choice.

S3. Ans. (a)

Sol. The phrasal verb ‘made- up’ has following meanings: (i) wearing make-up. (ii) invented; not true. (iii) fully manufactured. However, in context of the sentence the most suitable meaning is “invented; not true” which can be illustrated using the word ‘false’. All the other words stand incorrect as they do fit in the theme of the paragraph. Hence, option (a) is the most suitable answer choice.

S4. Ans. (b)

Sol. The phrasal verb “puts off” means to delay doing something, especially because you do not want to do it. Therefore, the most suitable word that decipheres the meaning of the highlighted phrasal verb is “postpone” which means cause or arrange for (something) to take place at a time later than that first

scheduled. All the other words fail to comprehend the meaning of the given phrase. Hence, option (b) is the most suitable answer choice.

Reconcile means restore friendly relations between.

Terminates means bring to an end.

Reciprocates means respond to (a gesture or action) by making a corresponding one.

S5. Ans. (e)

Sol. The phrasal verb "talk over" means to discuss a problem or situation with someone, often to find out their opinion or to get advice before making a decision about it. Therefore, the most suitable word that decipheres the meaning of the highlighted phrasal verb is "discuss" which means talk about (something) with a person or people. All the other words fail to comprehend the meaning of the given phrase. Hence, option (e) is the most suitable answer choice.

S6. Ans. (d)

Sol. The phrasal verb "went through" means to use, spend, or eat all of something, especially quickly.

Therefore, the most suitable word that decipheres the meaning of the highlighted phrasal verb is "consume" which means use up (a resource). All the other words fail to comprehend the meaning of the given phrase. Hence, option (d) is the most suitable answer choice.

S7. Ans. (b)

Sol. The phrasal verb "look down on" means regard (someone) with a feeling of superiority. Therefore, the most suitable word that decipheres the meaning of the highlighted phrasal verb is "despise" which means feel contempt or a deep repugnance for. All the other words fail to comprehend the meaning of the given phrase. Hence, option (b) is the most suitable answer choice.

Assist means help (someone), typically by doing a share of the work.

Commend means praise formally or officially.

S8. Ans. (e)

Sol. The phrasal verb "walked out" means depart or leave suddenly or angrily. Therefore, the most suitable word that decipheres the meaning of the highlighted phrasal verb is "abandon" which means leave (a place or vehicle) empty or uninhabited, without intending to return. All the other words fail to comprehend the meaning of the given phrase. Hence, option (e) is the most suitable answer choice.

Condemn means express complete disapproval of; censure.

Salute means show or express admiration and respect for.

S9. Ans. (b)

Sol. The phrasal verb "get by" means manage with difficulty to live or accomplish something. Therefore, the most suitable word that decipheres the meaning of the highlighted phrasal verb is "survive" which means continue to live or exist, especially in spite of danger or hardship. All the other words fail to comprehend the meaning of the given phrase. Hence, option (b) is the most suitable answer choice.

Obey means submit to the authority of (someone) or comply with (a law).

Disregard means pay no attention to; ignore.

Bypass means go past or round.

S10. Ans. (e)

Sol. The phrasal verb "get up" means rise or cause to rise from bed after sleeping. Therefore, the most suitable word that decipheres the meaning of the highlighted phrasal verb is "arise" which means get or stand up. All the other words fail to comprehend the meaning of the given phrase. Hence, option (e) is the most suitable answer choice.

Secure means fixed or fastened so as not to give way, become loose, or be lost.

Punctual means happening or doing something at the agreed or proper time.

S11.Ans. (b)

Sol. Here requisite and obligatory are the most appropriate words to be used in the blank. Requisite and obligatory are used as adjectives here.

Requisite means necessary.

Obligatory means mandatory.

Discrimination- the unjust or prejudicial treatment of different categories of people, especially on the grounds of race, age, or sex

Superfluous means unnecessary, especially through being more than enough

S12.Ans. (e)

Sol. The most suitable words here are irritate and aggravate. These two words have been used here in the form of verb.

Aggravate means make (a problem, injury, or offence) worse or more serious.

Mould- a frame or template for producing mouldings

Appease means pacify or placate (someone) by acceding to their demands.

S13.Ans. (b)

Sol. Visioned and fantasized are the most appropriate words to be used in the above given sentence. These two words have been used in the form of verb in the given sentence.

Visioned means imagined.

Fantasized means indulge in daydreaming about something desired.

Examined means inspected (someone or something) thoroughly in order to determine their nature or condition.

Gaped means stared.

S14.Ans. (c)

Sol. The most suitable set of words to be used according to the context of the given sentence are allocate and dispense. The part of speech of the given words is verb.

Allocate means distribute (resources or duties) for a particular purpose; administer

Restrain means prevent (someone or something) from doing something; keep under control or within limits.

Pursue means follow or chase (someone or something).

Dispense means distribute or provide (a service or information) to a number of people; confer.

S15.Ans. (a)

Sol. The words that must be used in a given blank are rectify and amend. Both the words have been used in the form of verb in the given sentence.

Rectify means put right; correct.

Debase means reduce (something) in quality or value; degrade.

Amend means make minor changes to (a text, piece of legislation, etc.) in order to make it fairer or more accurate, or to reflect changing circumstances.

Behold means see or observe (someone or something, especially of remarkable or impressive nature)

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