

Quiz Date: 6th August 2020

Direction (1-5): Given below are two statements in each question. Each statement has one blank which will be filled in with the same word. Select the word that fits in appropriately in both the blanks to make both the sentences grammatically correct and contextually meaningful.

Q1. (A) The trip was _____ by the manager of the community centre.
(B) In many societies, young people are formally _____ into their adult roles.

- (a) hastened
- (b) bounded
- (c) initiated
- (d) bounced
- (e) skipped

Q2. (A) Our company's database software needs a _____ update.
(B) The professor posted a _____ list of sources approved for our use.

- (a) opportunistic
- (b) domestic
- (c) comprehensive
- (d) disorderly
- (e) vulnerable

Q3. (A) I _____ that my keys are in my car, but I haven't checked so I don't know.
(B) He was never attached to any party; the tone of his mind was to _____ whoever was in power.

- (a) absolve
- (b) indict
- (c) accuse
- (d) suspect
- (e) expel

Q4. (A) The management did not seem to consider office safety to be a _____.
(B) A young person who has finished the course will be given _____ over one who has not.

- (a) woe
- (b) signal
- (c) recession
- (d) priority
- (e) depression

Q5. (A) Any serious _____ Mr. Johnson faces to achieve a hard Brexit are entirely domestic.

(B) They must overcome a number of _____ before the restaurant can be opened.

- (a) affords
- (b) obstacles
- (c) resolutions
- (d) mergers
- (e) influences

Direction (6-7): In questions given below there are two statements, each statement consists of two blanks. You have to choose the option which provides the correct set of words that fits both the blanks in both the statements appropriately and in the same order making them meaningful and grammatically correct.

Q6. (1)Recent _____ will reduce the number of lower house seats to 465 from 475 in the _____ election.

(2)A number of _____ are needed within the province of railroad management before the _____ plebiscite.

- (a) reforms, upcoming
- (b) revamp, future
- (c) amendments, closing
- (d) uplift, imminent
- (e) shifts, destined

Q7. (1)A sudden _____ in the afternoon sent revellers helter skelter to protect themselves from getting wet, but as soon as the downpour stopped, the carnival _____ was back to its best.

(2)A/An _____ of red-hot stones warned him that he was near the volcano, but his _____ got the better of him.

- (a) exhibition, speed
- (b) shower, fervor
- (c) deluge, fire
- (d) drizzle, spirit
- (e) surge, weakness

Directions (8-9): There are two different sentences with a blank space in each sentence. Choose the word from the given options which fits appropriately in both the blanks adding a proper and logical meaning to the sentences.



Q8. (A) Hong Kong _____ emergency rule for the first time in a half a century to ban face masks on protesters.

(B) The Preventive Detention Act _____ by the Rachakonda police against Hasina Begum was quashed by the High Court.

- (a) incapacitate
- (b) invoked
- (c) quash
- (d) scrambled
- (e) anticipate

Q9. (A) Microwave ablation is a _____ alternative to nephrectomy in selected patients with renal cell carcinoma (RCC) tumors that are 4 to 7 cm in diameter.

(B) Raising taxes on the super-rich to make up for the loss is also not _____ because their tax liabilities were increased in the budget this year.

- (a) entangled
- (b) slackened
- (c) perpetrated
- (d) meddled
- (e) feasible

Directions (10-15): Given below are sentences consisting a blank in each. Identify the most suitable alternative among the five given that fits into the blank to make the sentence logical and meaningful.

Q10. The boat tilted and _____ within minutes and only those wearing life jackets could save themselves.

- (a) entailed

- (b) flattered
- (c) capsized
- (d) profiteered
- (e) imposed

Q11. As a one-shot portal for public information on government programmes, the JSP can advance the _____ of transparency.

- (a) risk
- (b) objective
- (c) remains
- (d) release
- (e) websites

Q12. India's record in promoting occupational and industrial safety remains weak even with years of _____ economic growth.

- (a) regressive
- (b) forgotten
- (c) abandoned
- (d) robust
- (e) hazardous

Q13. While it is _____ that the lander failed to safely touchdown, it is apt to remember that ISRO was attempting powered landing for the first time.

- (a) extended
- (b) accomplished
- (c) unfortunate
- (d) predetermined
- (e) explored

Q14. Mr. Xi has _____ on an aggressive policy aimed at China's economic, technological and strategic dominance.

- (a) underscored
- (b) prolonged
- (c) embarked
- (d) dithered
- (e) alleged

Q15. Communication networks in the Jammu region of the newly created Union Territory have been _____ restored.

- (a) morally
- (b) substantially



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- (c) severely
- (d) nationally
- (e) monthly



Solutions

S1. Ans. (c)

Sol. If you initiate something, you start it or cause it to happen. Also, if someone is initiated into something such as a religion, secret society, or social group, they become a member of it. In both the statements, 'initiated' fits in perfectly to make the statements contextually and grammatically correct. Hence, option (c) is the most suitable answer choice.

Hastened: be quick to do something.

Bounded: walk or run with leaping strides.

Bounced: move quickly up, back, or away from a surface after hitting it.

Skipped: move along lightly, stepping from one foot to the other with a hop or bounce.

S2. Ans. (c)

Sol. From the given statements, we can infer that the blanks will be filled in with the word that could indicate all-inclusive or complete. Here, 'vulnerable update' will make the statement contextually incorrect.

Comprehensive: including or dealing with all or nearly all elements or aspects of something

Opportunistic: exploiting immediate opportunities, especially regardless of planning or principle

Domestic: relating to the running of a home or to family relations.

Disorderly: lacking organization; untidy.

Vulnerable: exposed to the possibility of being attacked or harmed, either physically or emotionally.

S3. Ans. (d)

Sol. In the first statement, 'accuse' will make the statement contextually incorrect. Similar is the case with 'absolve' and 'expel'. In both the given blanks, only 'suspect' which indicates

'doubt' will fit in both the blanks to make it contextually meaningful and grammatically correct. Hence, option (d) is the most suitable answer choice.

Suspect: have an idea or impression of the existence, presence, or truth of (something) without certain proof.

Accuse: charge (someone) with an offence or crime

Absolve: declare (someone) free from guilt, obligation, or punishment.

Indict: formally accuse of or charge with a crime.

Expel: officially make (someone) leave a school or other organization

S4. Ans. (d)

Sol. Here, among the given options, all of them can fit in grammatically in both the blanks. But from the given statements we can infer that it mentions something related to giving privileged status. Only 'priority' fits in both the given blanks, to make them contextually meaningful and grammatically correct.

Woe: great sorrow or distress (often used hyperbolically)

Recession: the action of receding; motion away from an observer.

Priority: a thing that is regarded as more important than others.

Depression: feelings of severe despondency and dejection.

S5. Ans. (b)

Sol. Among the given words, 'obstacles' fit in perfectly in both the blanks. In the second statement, we can gather the hint that it mentions about 'overcoming the hurdles'. No other option fits in both the blanks. Hence, option (b) is the most suitable answer choice.

Obstacles: a thing that blocks one's way or prevents or hinders progress.

Resolutions: a firm decision to do or not to do something.

Mergers: a combination of two things, especially companies, into one.

Influences: the capacity to have an effect on the character, development, or behaviour of someone

S6. Ans. (a)

Sol. "reforms, upcoming" is the correct set of words that fits into both the sentences perfectly. The word "reforms" means make changes in (something, especially an institution or practice) in order to improve it. The use of the plural verb "are" in the second sentence suggests that the subject should be plural as well, thus options (b) and (d) can be eliminated. The other word "upcoming" means about to happen; forthcoming. In the context of the meaning of the sentences, no other word fits meaningfully. Hence (a) is the correct choice.

S7. Ans. (b)

Sol. "shower, fervor" is the correct set of words that fit into both the sentences perfectly.

The word "shower" in the first sentence means a brief period of precipitation whereas in the second sentence it means a mass of small things falling or moving at the same time.

Other words alter the meaning of the sentences and are not suitable to use in these sentences. The other word "fervor" means intense and passionate feeling. Thus it fits into the sentences more appropriately than other given words. Hence (b) is the correct choice

S8. Ans. (b)

Sol. Among the given words, only '**invoked**' which means 'to put into effect or operation', fits in perfectly in both the blanks to make them grammatically correct and contextually meaningful.

incapacitate- prevent from functioning in a normal way.

quash- reject as invalid, especially by legal procedure.

scramble- make (something) jumbled or muddled.

anticipate- regard as probable; expect or predict.

S9. Ans. (e)

Sol. Among the given words, only '**feasible**' which means 'something is possible, doable or likely.', fits in perfectly in both the blanks to make them grammatically correct and contextually meaningful.

entangled- cause to become twisted together with or caught in.

slackened- reduce or decrease in speed or intensity.

perpetrated- carry out or commit (a harmful, illegal, or immoral action).

meddled- interfere in something that is not one's concern.

S10. Ans. (c)

Sol. From the given sentence we can infer that the boat tilted due to which only those who had life jackets could save their life. Among the given words, only '**capsized**' fits perfectly in the given blank to make it contextually and grammatically meaningful. Hence, option (c) is the most suitable answer choice.

Capsized: (of a boat) overturned in the water.

Entailed: involve (something) as a necessary or inevitable part or consequence

Flattered: cause (someone) to feel honoured and pleased.

Profiteered: make or seek to make an excessive or unfair profit, especially illegally.

Imposed: force (an unwelcome decision or ruling) on someone.

S11. Ans. (b)

Sol. From the given sentence, we can infer that the portal will give a push to (advance) transparency with the governmental setup. Among the given options, we will omit 'risk' because transparency cannot be the risk. Also, 'release of transparency' makes the statement contextually incorrect. Here, transparency can be qualified as an '**objective**'. Hence, option (b) is the most suitable answer choice.

Risk: a situation involving exposure to danger

Objective: a thing aimed at or sought; a goal.

Remains: the parts left over after other parts have been removed, used, or destroyed

Release: allow or enable to escape from confinement; set free.

S12. Ans. (d)

Sol. From the given statement, we can get the idea that the economic progress has increased as get be indicated from the phrase 'remains weak even with'. Here, 'even with' symbolizes contradiction similar to that indicated by 'despite, in spite of, etc'. Here, '**robust**' perfectly contradicts 'weak'. Hence, option (d) is the most suitable answer choice.

Robust: strong and healthy; vigorous.

Regressive: returning to a former or less developed state; characterized by regression

Forgotten: fail to remember.

Abandoned: having been deserted or left.

Hazardous: risky; dangerous.

S13. Ans. (c)

Sol. The statement mentions the failure of lander to touchdown. Here, '**unfortunate**' can perfectly qualify the event. Hence, option (c) is the most suitable answer choice.

Unfortunate: having or marked by bad fortune; unlucky.

Extended: made larger; enlarged.

Accomplished: highly trained or skilled in a particular activity.

Predetermined: established or decided in advance.

Explored: inquire into or discuss (a subject) in detail.

S14. Ans. (c)

Sol. The statement mentions introduction a new policy by Mr.Xi which will target China's progress. Here, only '**embarked**' can fit in the blank, considering the preposition that follows the blank. Hence, option (c) is the most suitable answer choice.

Embarked: begin (a course of action).

Underscored: emphasize.

Prolonged: continuing for a long time or longer than usual; lengthy.

Alleged: said, without proof, to have taken place or to have a specified illegal or undesirable quality

Dithered: be indecisive.

S15. Ans. (b)

Sol. Here, the statement mentions the work that has been done on Jammu related to its communication networks. Here, the blank will be filled in with the word that could qualify the restoration work done. We will omit 'morally' as it will make the statement contextually incorrect. Similar is the case with 'nationally'. Here, '**substantially** restored' is the most suitable phrase which will symbolize almost complete restoration of networks. Hence, option (b) is the most suitable answer choice.

Substantially: to a great or significant extent

Severely: to an undesirably great or intense degree

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