

Quiz Date: 16<sup>th</sup> July 2020

Directions (1-8): In the following passage there are blanks, each of which has been numbered. These numbers are printed below the passage and against each, five words are suggested, one of which fits the blank appropriately. Find out the appropriate word in each case.

Economic activity in India has \_\_\_\_\_ (1) \_\_\_\_\_ from the lows observed in April with both demand and supply side indicators exhibiting a steady improvement in the subsequent months. But while the worst may well be over, even as the normalization of economic activities to pre-COVID levels is still far from done, there are indications of a plateauing at relatively lower levels. Thus, the Government's optimistic talk of "green shoots" needs to be \_\_\_\_\_ (2) \_\_\_\_\_ with a dose of hard reality.

On the production side, the PMI manufacturing index has risen to 47.2 in June, inching closer to the 50-mark that \_\_\_\_\_ (3) \_\_\_\_\_ between a contraction and expansion. Similarly, power demand has picked up, as have e-toll collections. The services sector, though, continues to fare poorly, suggesting a two-paced recovery. There are also signs of healthy rural economic growth, with area under kharif \_\_\_\_\_ (4) \_\_\_\_\_ seeing an increase. Sales of two-wheelers and tractors — barometers of rural demand — have risen.

However, data also suggests that the pace of recovery may be slowing down. The unemployment rate, which had \_\_\_\_\_ (5) \_\_\_\_\_ to 23.5 per cent in May as per CMIE, is down to 11 per cent in June, but the declining trend appears to be \_\_\_\_\_ (6) \_\_\_\_\_ out. A similar trend is observed in Nomura's google mobility index. It is possible that the spurt in growth observed over the past month or so is temporary, driven by the ramping up of production facilities to \_\_\_\_\_ (7) \_\_\_\_\_ the stocks that had run dry during the lockdown. Restrictions on activity owing to localised lockdowns, and self-imposed \_\_\_\_\_ (8) \_\_\_\_\_ by individuals, may lead to the economy operating at below pre-COVID levels, at least in the short-run.

Q1.

- (a) Impended
- (b) Remote
- (c) Rebounded
- (d) Thriving
- (e) Appears

Q2.

- (a) Endangering
- (b) Unusual
- (c) Involved
- (d) Closed
- (e) Tempered

Q3.

- (a) Distinguishes
- (b) Flourishes
- (c) Weird
- (d) Seedy
- (e) Neglects

Q4.

- (a) Slighting
- (b) Serving
- (c) Sowing
- (d) Auguring
- (e) Calmed

Q5.

- (a) Upsetting
- (b) Spiked
- (c) Apprenticed
- (d) Scorned
- (e) Learnt

Q6.

- (a) Worrying
- (b) Elating
- (c) Flattening
- (d) Rude
- (e) Magnificently

Q7.

- (a) Outstanding
- (b) Replenish
- (c) Stressed
- (d) Brilliance
- (e) Penalizes

Q8.

- (a) Allies
- (b) Pities
- (c) Rivals
- (d) Curbs
- (e) Pays



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Directions (9-15): In each of the question given below, two sentences are given which are then followed by five options. Pick out the most suitable word which could fit in both the blanks to make the statements grammatically and contextually correct.

Q9.

(I) Shipton revealed that the regulator is set to make an \_\_\_\_\_ announcement regarding whether it will further pursue the matter in the courts.

(II) A second wave of locust invasion is \_\_\_\_\_ as a few swarms of these ravenous insects have already been spotted in some districts.

- (a) Festering
- (b) Imminent
- (c) Requit
- (d) Satisfaction
- (e) Retributive

Q10.

(I) Another thing that causes leaves to brown off the outer edges is prolonged periods of \_\_\_\_\_ in the hot sun.

(II) Gone was the haughty princess, and in her place stood a fragile girl \_\_\_\_\_ at his harsh words.

- (a) Wilting
- (b) Conflicting
- (c) Associating
- (d) Dejected
- (e) Socializing

Q11.

(I) It was said to be a vision of \_\_\_\_\_ beauty, though evil beyond a child's wildest dreams.

(II) Choosing such a setting is creative, it brings a \_\_\_\_\_ quality, like a fairyland story book.

- (a) Arcane
- (b) Compassionless
- (c) Surreal
- (d) Grotesque
- (e) Indecisive

Q12.

(I) The trial of Johnny Depp continues to expose the stories of the more \_\_\_\_\_ of the tumultuous history.

(II) Although outsiders view the pairing as \_\_\_\_\_ and unsavory, the couple clings together, finding solace in this unlikely romance.

- (a) Amazed
- (b) Incompetence
- (c) Guarded
- (d) Sordid
- (e) Immaturely

Q13.

(I) His free-form fossil pieces \_\_\_\_\_ back to pre-historic times, and only the odd Chinese character gives away their origin.

(II) You can say that I \_\_\_\_\_ back to the past and you would be right, because I am, but I do so for a reason.

- (a) Grace
- (b) Gullible
- (c) Doom
- (d) Wordy
- (e) Hark

Q14.

(I) The \_\_\_\_\_ system locked Indian labourers into a form of wage bondage that was little better than slavery.

(II) Unlike the \_\_\_\_\_ servitude of earlier centuries, the current programs offer foreign workers few legal protections from exploitation by a ruthless employer.

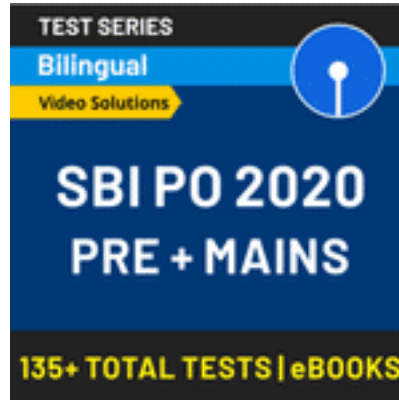
- (a) Immorally
- (b) Indentured
- (c) Integral
- (d) Respected
- (e) Decency

Q15.

(I) In and of itself, the return process can be extremely \_\_\_\_\_ for furloughed fine art shippers.

(II) Dr. Anthony Fauci returns to Capitol Hill on Tuesday at a \_\_\_\_\_ moment in the nation's pandemic response.

- (a) Deplorable
- (b) Underservices
- (c) Fraught
- (d) Iniquity
- (e) Upright



### Solutions

S1. Ans. (c)

Sol. **“Rebounded”** fits the blank appropriately. Hence, **option (c)** is the right answer choice.

S2. Ans. (e)

Sol. **“Tempered”** fits the blank appropriately. Hence, **option (e)** is the right answer choice.

S3. Ans. (a)

Sol. **“distinguishes”** fits the blank appropriately. Hence, **option (a)** is the right answer choice.

S4. Ans. (c)

Sol. **“sowing”** fits the blank appropriately. Hence, **option (c)** is the right answer choice.

S5. Ans. (b)

Sol. **“Spiked”** fits the blank appropriately. Hence, **option (b)** is the right answer choice.

S6. Ans. (c)

Sol. **“Flattening”** fits the blank appropriately. Hence, **option (c)** is the right answer choice.

S7. Ans. (b)

Sol. **“Replenish”** fits the blank appropriately. Hence, **option (b)** is the right answer choice.

S8. Ans. (d)

Sol. **“Curbs”** fits the blank appropriately. Hence, **option (d)** is the right answer choice.

S9. Ans. (b)

Sol. **“Imminent”** fits in both the blanks to make the statements grammatically and contextually correct. Hence, **option (b)** is the right answer choice.

S10. Ans. (a)

Sol. **“wilting”** fits in both the blanks to make the statements grammatically and contextually correct. Hence, **option (a)** is the right answer choice.

Wilting- (of a plant, leaf, or flower) become limp through heat, loss of water, or disease; droop. (of a person) lose energy, vigour, or confidence.

S11. Ans. (c)

Sol. **“surreal”** fits in both the blanks to make the statements grammatically and contextually correct. Hence, **option (c)** is the right answer choice.

S12. Ans. (d)

Sol. **“sordid”** fits in both the blanks to make the statements grammatically and contextually correct. Hence, **option (d)** is the right answer choice.

Sordid: involving immoral or dishonorable actions and motives; arousing moral distaste and contempt.

dirty or squalid.

S13. Ans. (e)

Sol. **“Hark”** fits in both the blanks to make the statements grammatically and contextually correct. Hence, **option (e)** is the right answer choice.

Hark back to is phrasal verb which means mention or remember (something from the past)

S14. Ans. (b)

Sol. **“Indentured”** fits in both the blanks to make the statements grammatically and contextually correct. Hence, **option (b)** is the right answer choice.

Indentured: bind (someone) by an indenture as an apprentice or labourer.

S15. Ans. (c)

Sol. **“Fraught”** fits in both the blanks to make the statements grammatically and contextually correct. Hence, **option (c)** is the right answer choice.

Fraught: (of a situation or course of action) filled with or likely to result in (something undesirable).

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