

Quiz Date: 9th July 2020

Directions (1-8): In each of the following questions, a sentence is given with a blank. There are five idioms given below each sentence, one out of which can be used in the blank to form a meaningful sentence. Choose the most appropriate idiom among the five options that makes the sentence contextually meaningful.

Q1. People want to _____ and do something instantaneous but such things have to be dealt with properly.

- (a) Make ends meet
- (b) Put in the hard yards
- (c) Hit the ground running
- (d) Jump the gun
- (e) Go down a memory lane

Q2. Lately, any young American writer of any ambition has been imitating DeLillo"; his technical virtuosity in extremis, his _____.

- (a) Heaving a sigh of relief
- (b) Fiddling while Rome burns
- (c) Pulling out all the stops
- (d) A Force to reckon with
- (e) Picking up the pieces

Q3. A guitar-strumming member of the faithful political band has _____ on a minor drugs charge.

- (a) Faced the music
- (b) Lock, stock and barrel
- (c) Hung him out to dry
- (d) Thrown his weight's behind
- (e) Gone the whole hog

Q4. While the economy in Michigan and across the country is reopening _____, it's by no means "business as usual."

- (a) Beat around the bush
- (b) Be written in stone
- (c) A drop in the ocean
- (d) A dime a dozen
- (e) In fits and starts

Q5. One of my roommates had an essay due in a couple of days, and you could tell because his fingers were moving across the keyboard as fast as _____.

- (a) hands down
- (b) goody-two-shoes
- (c) a man of straw

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- (d) greased lightning
- (e) Head over heels

Q6. Weather forecasts called for the storminess to last into the evening, though delays were likely to _____ with the intensity of the storms.

- (a) Cast a pall over
- (b) Ebb and flow
- (c) Wearing different hats
- (d) In the eve of the storm
- (e) Be in the same boat

Q7. Over a span of seven decades, external forces change all around you, however, if you _____, the external forces become background noise.

- (a) Leave someone in the lurch
- (b) Get your act together
- (c) Stick to your knitting
- (d) Feel the pinch
- (e) A bitter pill to swallow

Q8. 'Mobs' need to be defined situationally, as they _____ in size depending on the occasion.

- (a) Vim and vigour
- (b) Blaze a trail
- (c) Are a blessing in disguise
- (d) Wax and wane
- (e) Fight tooth and nail



Directions (9-15): In each of the questions given below a sentence is given which is divided into 5 parts. The first part is numbered (1) and grammatically correct. You have to find the error in the other numbered part of the sentence and if you find the error in any part of the sentence apart

from (1) then that part of the sentence is the correct choice for the given question. If all the parts are grammatically correct choose option (e) as your choice.

Q9. (1) **Before investing,** / (A) you should look after the / (B) overall business dynamics of the company / (C) along with efficient management and / (D) good corporate governance. / (E) No error

(a) A
(b) B
(c) C
(d) D
(e) No error

Q10. (1) **Considering that a large part** / (A) of the population in India / (B) does not have access to banking services, / (C) payments banks are expected to reach far-flung areas / (D) extending the umbrella of financial inclusion to everyone. / (E) No error

(a) A
(b) B
(c) C
(d) D
(e) No error

Q11. (1) **My teacher used to** / (A) check that we were / (B) on the right track and if any mistake occurred, / (C) he would help us to analyze / (D) and resolve the issues. / (E) No error

(a) A
(b) B
(c) C
(d) D
(e) No error

Q12. (1) **He always said success** / (A) was something to be celebrated, / (B) but he also believed that failure is something / (C) that you must concentrate all / (D) your energies on resolving. / (E) No error

(a) A
(b) B
(c) C
(d) D
(e) No error

Q13. (1) **The centre accepted** / (A) the report of a judicial commission / (B) that indicted former chief minister / (C) and six of his ministerial colleagues against corruption, / (D) favouritism, nepotism and administrative impropriety. / (E) No error

(a) A
(b) B
(c) C

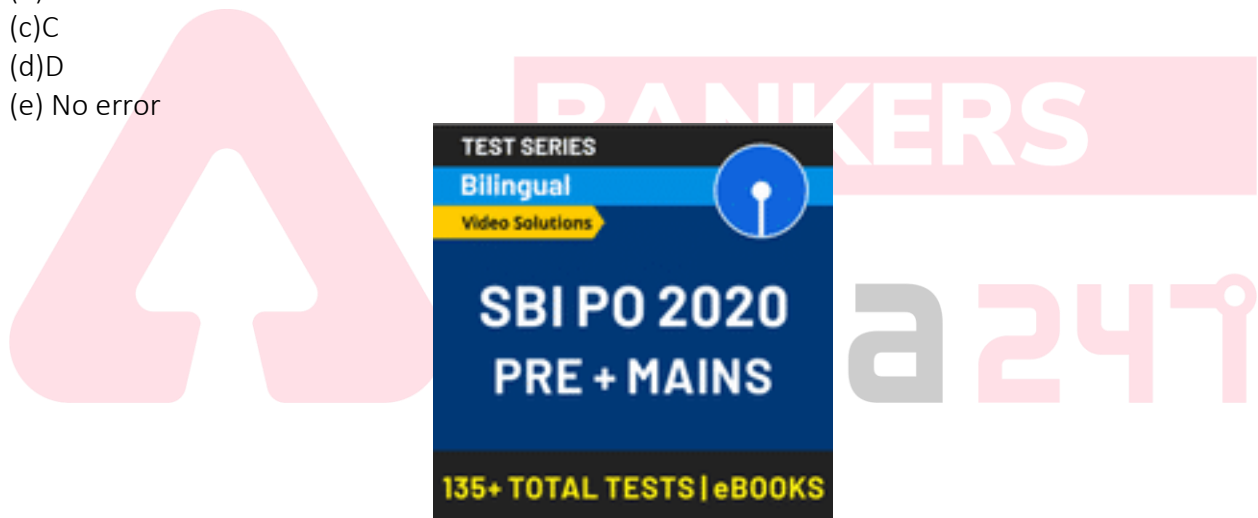
- (d)D
(e) No error

Q14. (1) **Companies like** /(A) Infosys are moving fast / (B) on automation to ensure differentiation at a time / (C) where the technology industry and business models / (D) are undergoing rapid changes. / (E) No error

- (a) A
(b)B
(c)C
(d)D
(e) No error

Q15. (1) **With a sharp rise in the number of** /(A) large-scale financial crimes, / (B) the CBI and Indian Institute of Management have initiated / (C) the first-of-its-kind course to train sleuths / (D) from the CBI to probe financial frauds. / (E) No error.

- (a) A
(b)B
(c)C
(d)D
(e) No error



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S1. Ans. (d)

Sol. **“Jump the gun”** means **to do or begin something before the proper time or before everyone else**. This phrase makes the sentence contextually correct and meaningful. Hence, **option (d)** is the right answer choice.

S2. Ans. (b)

Sol. **“Fiddle while Rome burns”** means **to get involved in unimportant things, while having serious or difficult issues to deal with**.

S3. Ans. (a)

Sol. "Face the music" means to accept the undesirable outcomes (criticism/punishment) for something bad you have done.

S4. Ans. (e)

Sol. "In fits and starts" means at regular intervals; not continuously, starting and then stopping, intermittently, irregularly, now and then.

S5. Ans. (d)

Sol. Option (d) is the correct choice. "greased lightning" is an expression that is used to describe someone or something that is very fast.

S6. Ans. (b)

Sol. "Ebb and flow" is used to explain something that changes regularly, decline and then growth, decrease and increase, fall and rise, come in and go out.

S7. Ans. (c)

Sol. "stick to your knitting" means stay with the business you know very well and focus on it; mind one's own business; stick to one's task.

S8. Ans. (d)

Sol. "Wax and wane" means get bigger and smaller alternatively; grow stronger and grow weaker alternatively; increase and decrease alternatively.

S9. Ans.(a)

Sol. Replace 'after' with 'at'

S10. Ans.(e)

Sol. No error

S11. Ans.(c)

Sol. Delete 'to'

S12. Ans.(b)

Sol. Replace 'is' with 'was' as sentence starts in a past tense ends in past tense.

S13. Ans.(c)

Sol. Replace 'against' with 'for'

S14. Ans.(c)

Sol. Replace 'where' with 'when'

S15. Ans.(e)

Sol. No error.

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