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**Directions (1-6): In the following passage, some blanks are given. Against each blank a number is assigned. For each blank four alternatives are provided. You have to choose the appropriate alternative for each blank. If none of the given alternatives fit the given blank, then choose option (e), 'None of these' as your answer.**

More than 2,400 students have dropped out of the most sought \_\_\_\_\_(1)\_\_\_\_\_ IITs in the past two years, reveals data provided by the Ministry of Human Resource and Development (MHRD) to the RajyaSabha. Of the 2,461 dropouts recorded from the 23 IITs, about 57% were from the IIT- Delhi and the IIT-Kharagpur, the data tabled on July 25 points out.

The IIT-Delhi recorded 782 dropouts and Kharagpur 622. The number in the other IITs like Kanpur, Bombay and Madras was far less. While 263 students dropped out of IIT-Bombay, 190 dropped out of IIT-Kanpur and only 128 from IIT -Madras. Another interesting aspect which \_\_\_\_\_(2)\_\_\_\_\_ from the data is that 1,171 of the dropouts, which is 47.5%, are from the Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Other Backward Class category.

In its response to the question asked by RajyaSabha MP from Andhra Pradesh V. Vijayasai Reddy, the MHRD said the reasons could be attributed to "shifting to the other colleges/ institutions, personal reasons, medical reasons, placement during PG courses and pursuing higher education abroad". "The dropout in the undergraduate programmes is \_\_\_\_\_(3)\_\_\_\_\_ to withdrawal due to wrong choices filled, poor academic performance, personal and medical reasons," the MHRD said, adding that the institutes were taking correctional measures to "de-stress students".

Asked why students from the reserved category are dropping out in such a high number, Somesh Kumar, Dean of Students Affairs at IIT-Kharagpur, said the figures were not alarming. "The \_\_\_\_\_(4)\_\_\_\_\_ of students from the weaker sections in the IITs is almost 50% and if similar number of students drop out there is nothing \_\_\_\_\_(5)\_\_\_\_\_ in it," he said. Referring to the reservation in the IITs, he said 15% seats were reserved for the SC category, 7.5% for the STs and 27% for the OBC category, which makes it 49.5%.

According to the Dean, IIT -Kharagpur has set up a \_\_\_\_\_(6)\_\_\_\_\_ centre and a welfare group that helps students cope up with stress. For instance, a student gets a chance to pursue B. Tech in Agriculture and Food Technology but drops out if he/she gets other streams like Computer Science in other institutes, the professor said. While Prof. Kumar said there was nothing unusual in the dropout figures, there were other who want the matter to be investigated further.

Q1.

- (a) About
- (b) For
- (c) After
- (d) To
- (e) None of these.

Q2.

- (a) Exposes
- (b) Emerges
- (c) Deviated
- (d) Emanated
- (e) None of these.

Q3.

- (a) Attributed
- (b) Abrogated
- (c) Moved
- (d) Confined
- (e) None of these.

Q4.

- (a) Protest
- (b) Raise
- (c) Amalgamation
- (d) Intake
- (e) None of these.

Q5.

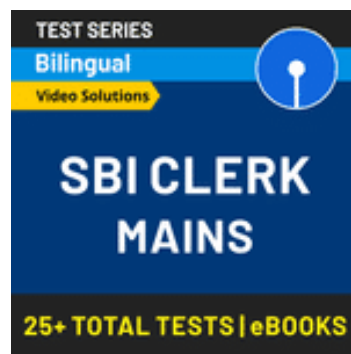
- (a) Relevant
- (b) Unusual
- (c) Eventually
- (d) Regarding
- (e) None of these.

Q6.

- (a) Renovating
- (b) Dispersing
- (c) Recommending
- (d) Counselling
- (e) None of these.

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**Directions (7-11): In each of the question given below, three sentences are given which are then followed by five options. Pick out the most suitable word which could fit in all the three blanks to make the statements grammatically and contextually correct.**

Q7. (A) Soden has a large and well-appointed Kurhaus, an Evangelical and a Roman Catholic church, and a hospital for \_\_\_\_\_ patients.

(B) Georgia leaders have long grappled with ways to fairly distribute the responsibility of treating patients who can't afford to pay, a provision known as \_\_\_\_\_ and charity care provided by hospitals.

(C) The state allocated \$250 million to counties so they could hire more lawyers and lessen the caseload for \_\_\_\_\_ attorneys.

- (a) strenuous
- (b) indigent
- (c) corporeal
- (d) abominable
- (e) innate

Q8. (A) The increase from the linked quarter was primarily due to incremental \_\_\_\_\_ on non-core acquired loans while the increase from the prior year period was primarily due to the Trinity acquisition and organic growth.

(B) Discount \_\_\_\_\_ on acquired loan portfolios was modestly reduced in the current quarter as compared to the linked quarter, and down significantly as compared to the year ago period.

(C) The integration has gone better than initially planned, and United Technologies CEO Greg Hayes has been raising his estimate for the earnings \_\_\_\_\_ from the deal through 2019.

- (a) banality
- (b) forbearance
- (c) indolence
- (d) accretion
- (e) vexation

Q9. (A) City officials are challenging ageism in a multimedia campaign that seeks to promote positive views on aging and to excise offensive adjectives — cranky, \_\_\_\_\_, frumpy, fragile — about older people.

(B) He was an immigrant from Vietnam. Everyone thought he was crazy and \_\_\_\_\_, but the truth was that he was lonely.

(C) We used to say that old folks simply became “\_\_\_\_\_.” The inference was that their memory was gone. Their ability to think rationally was gone.

- (a) Stoical
- (b) Swingeing

- (c) Disparage
- (d) Laconic
- (e) Senile

Q10. (A) It remains unclear how many people experience \_\_\_\_\_ dreams, but researchers have provided rough estimates based on personal reports they accessed through their studies.

(B) In his characteristically \_\_\_\_\_ manner, Lawrence Summers is surely right that global economies face the problem of persistently deficient demand and risks of deflation that ever looser monetary policy cannot resolve.

(C) For healthtech founders and funders, scientific claims and conclusions are more than policy — business models depend upon the \_\_\_\_\_ appraisal of clinical problems, and designing superior interventions.

- (a) Intrepid
- (b) Lucid
- (c) Sporadic
- (d) Gregarious
- (e) Blithe

Q11. (A) Police said that Sheikh Adeel , resident of village Bhabhra used to \_\_\_\_\_ with his wife Sehrish Rani over family matters.

(B) MalalaYousafzai remained calm during and after the \_\_\_\_\_, and was then joined by fellow prize winner, KailashSatyarthi, as the ceremony continued its course.

(C) The two groups did not physically \_\_\_\_\_ to any serious degree.

- (a) charade
- (b) none of these
- (c) intertwine
- (d) portend
- (e) altercate



**Directions (12-15):** In each of the statement given below, three blanks have been given followed by a set of six words. In the options, following the set of words, possible arrangement of words have been given which could fill the blanks in the same order as given in the options. Pick the set of words which could appropriately fit in the given blanks. If none of the given sets fit in the same order, choose (e), 'none of these', as your answer.

Q12. In a post-apocalyptic future, be it nuclear wasteland or Anthropocene nightmare, a common sci-fi trope is that those able to \_\_\_\_\_ old world technology will have the upper hand. Collapse OS is a new open source operating system built \_\_\_\_\_ for use during humanity's darkest days. According to its creator, software developer Virgil Dupras, Collapse OS is what the people of the future will need to \_\_\_\_\_ their scavenged iPhones.

- (i) improvise
- (ii) specifically
- (iii) harness
- (iv) reconfigure
- (v) unbridled
- (vi) envision

- (a) (ii), (i), (iv)
- (b) (iii), (ii), (iv)
- (c) (ii), (ii), (v)
- (d) (v), (vi), (iii)
- (e) none of these

Q13. Even though the task of this game is straightforward – two \_\_\_\_\_ teams compete to capture each other's flags by \_\_\_\_\_ a map – winning demands complex decision-making and a/an \_\_\_\_\_ to predict and respond to the actions of other players.

- (i) exclusive
- (ii) navigating
- (iii) reinforcement
- (iv) ability
- (v) opposing
- (vi) attainment

- (a) (v), (ii), (vi)
- (b) (ii), (v), (vi)
- (c) (iv), (iii), (i)
- (d) (v), (ii), (iv)
- (e) none of these

Q14. With governments and the private sector working together to develop a/an \_\_\_\_\_ system of mobility, communities can make \_\_\_\_\_ toward a more inclusive

society. To be sure, mobility alone is not the cure for social and economic \_\_\_\_\_, but it is a critical part of the journey.

- (i) seamless
- (ii) enlisting
- (iii) innovative
- (iv) inequality
- (v) enamoured
- (vi) strides

- (a) (iv), (iii), (v)
- (b) (i), (ii), (iv)
- (c) (iii), (vi), (v)
- (d) (i), (vi), (iv)
- (e) none of these

Q15. We may have reached peak \_\_\_\_\_ and cheap prices, and might now be entering a world of more targeted \_\_\_\_\_, with less geographic coverage, \_\_\_\_\_ in order turnaround and perhaps even higher prices – all of which will slow the growth curve.

- (i) competitive
- (ii) convenience
- (iii) offerings
- (iv) implementing
- (v) coverage
- (vi) variations

- (a) (v), (iv), (i)
- (b) (i), (iii), (v)
- (c) (ii), (v), (vi)
- (d) (iii), (i), (iv)
- (e) none of these

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### Solutions

S1. Ans. (c)

Sol. The correct answer here is option (c) because the 'Sought after' is phrasal verb which means '*much in demand; generally desired*'. Also, it matches with theme of the given passage, hence, the correct answer choice.

S2. Ans. (b)

Sol. From the given options, most suitable word choice is 'Emerges' because the given sentence is talking about a certain aspect originated from a data. Option (d), although fits the given blank contextually but it will make the given sentence grammatically incorrect. Hence, the correct answer choice is option (b)

S3. Ans. (a)

Sol. The given sentence is highlighting the reason for the dropouts in the under graduate programmes. So, the most appropriate filler for the given blank would be 'Attributed'. Hence, the correct answer choice would be option (a).

S4. Ans. (d)

Sol. Going through the given options it can be clearly seen that the most appropriate filler for the given blank would be 'Intake' because the remaining options fail to make the given sentence contextually correct. Hence, the correct answer choice would be option (d)

S5. Ans. (b)

Sol. Going through the whole sentence, it can be seen that a relation is being established between the number of intake of economical weaker section and number of dropouts from the college. So, the appropriate filler for the given blank would be 'Unusual'. Also, a hint can be taken from the preposition 'In' preceded by the blank. Hence, the correct answer choice would be option (b)

S6. Ans. (d)

Sol. Taking hint from the sentence preceding the blank in which there is a mention of self-help groups and helping students to cope with the stress, the most appropriate filler would be 'Counselling'. Hence, the correct answer choice would be option (d)

S7. Ans. (b)

Sol. Among the given words, the most appropriate word to fill in all the three blanks will be "indigent". Hence, option (b) is the most suitable answer choice.

Indigent: poor; needy

Corporeal: relating to a person's body, especially as opposed to their spirit.

Abominable: causing moral revulsion.

Strenuous: requiring or using great effort or exertion.

Innate: inborn; natural

S8. Ans. (d)

Sol. Among the given words, the most appropriate word to fill in all the three blanks will be "accretion". Hence, option (d) is the most suitable answer choice.

Accretion: a thing formed or added by gradual growth or increase.

Vexation: the state of being annoyed, frustrated, or worried.

Indolence: avoidance of activity or exertion; laziness.

Forbearance: patient self-control; restraint and tolerance.

Banality: the fact or condition of being banal; unoriginality.

S9. Ans. (e)

Sol. Among the given words, the most appropriate word to fill in all the three blanks will be "Senile". Hence, option (e) is the most suitable answer choice.

Senile: (of a person) having or showing the weaknesses or diseases of old age, especially a loss of mental faculties.

Laconic: (of a person, speech, or style of writing) using very few words.

Disparage: regard or represent as being of little worth.

Swingeing: severe or extreme in size, amount, or effect.

Stoical: enduring pain and hardship without showing one's feelings or complaining.

S10. Ans. (b)

Sol. Among the given words, the most appropriate word to fill in all the three blanks will be "Lucid". Hence, option (b) is the most suitable answer choice.

Lucid: expressed clearly; easy to understand.

Intrepid: fearless; adventurous (often used for rhetorical or humorous effect).

Sporadic: occurring at irregular intervals or only in a few places; scattered or isolated.

Gregarious: (of a person) fond of company; sociable.

Blithe: showing a casual and cheerful indifference considered to be callous or improper.

S11. Ans. (b)

Sol. Among the given words, none of them makes the sentence grammatically and contextually correct.

Altercate: dispute or argue noisily and publicly.

Intertwine: twist or twine together.

Portend: be a sign or warning that (something, especially something momentous or calamitous) is likely to happen.

Charade: an absurd pretence intended to create a pleasant or respectable appearance.

S12. Ans. (b)

Sol. In the first blank, the words, 'improvise', 'harness' and 'reconfigure' can fit in, grammatically and contextually. But in the second blank, only 'specifically' can be filled in. Therefore, we need to choose between the option (b) and (c). Going further, in the third blank, both (iv) and (vi) can fit in grammatically. We will eliminate option (c) because the third word, 'unbridled' will make the statement grammatically incorrect. Hence, option (b) is the most suitable answer choice.

Improvise: produce or make (something) from whatever is available.

Harness: control and make use of (natural resources), especially to produce energy.

Reconfigure: configure (something) differently.

Unbridled: uncontrolled; unconstrained

Envision: imagine as a future possibility; visualize.



S13. Ans. (d)

Sol. In the given blanks, both, 'opposing' and 'navigating' can fit in the first blank but only 'navigating' can precede 'a map'. Therefore, first blank will be filled in with 'opposing' whereas second blank will be filled in with 'navigating'. Going further, from the part of the statement proceeding the blank, we can infer that the statement mention about the capability of team to make predictions and make response accordingly. Hence, 'ability' will be the most suitable word to fill in the third blank. Therefore, option (d) will be the most suitable answer choice.

S14. Ans. (d)

Sol. here, the first blank represents the kind of system that needs to be developed. Among the given options, both 'innovative' and 'seamless' can fit in the given blanks. Therefore, we will eliminate option (a). Going further, only 'strides' can fit in, grammatically and contextually in the given blank. So, option (b) will also be eliminated. Here, we get the hint that the third blank will be filled in with a noun. Among the given options, only, 'inequality' can make the correct phrase. Hence, option (d) is the most suitable answer choice.

Seamless: smooth and continuous, with no apparent gaps or spaces between one part and the next.

Enlisting: engage (a person or their help or support).

Enamoured: have a liking or admiration for.

Strides: a long, decisive step.

S15. Ans. (c)

Sol. among the given options, the correct set of words to fill in the given blanks will be 'convenience, coverage and variations. Hence, option (c) is the most suitable answer choice.

Convenience: the state of being able to proceed with something without difficulty.

Offerings: a thing offered, especially as a gift or contribution.

Competitive: relating to or characterized by competition

Implementing: put (a decision, plan, agreement, etc.) into effect

Coverage: the extent to which something deals with something else

Variations: a change or slight difference in condition, amount, or level, typically within certain limits

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