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Directions (1-5): **In each of the following paragraph, there are two blank spaces. Below each paragraph, there are five options and each option consists of two words which can be filled up in the provided blanks respectively to make the paragraph grammatically and coherently correct. Find the most appropriate set of words that fit into the blanks contextually.**

Q1. MSP is the price at which Government _____ crops from the farmers, whatever may be the price for the crops. It happens to be an important part of India's agricultural _____ policy.

- (a) recover, payment
- (b) purchases, price
- (c) buys, private
- (d) procures, deemed
- (e) control, bid

Q2. Once _____ in Indian society is possible, the inter-regional and inter sectional backwardness could be done away to a large extent and there might be less needs to draw a charter of section-specific _____ plan of action.

- (a) assimilation, development
- (b) adaptation, merger
- (c) position, retreating
- (d) perception, upturn
- (e) insight, defining

Q3. In Discovery of India (1946), _____ just before Partition and Independence, Nehru wrote about corruption during British rule. He blamed the British for this miserable condition in which hundreds of thousands of Indians were poor, with only a small minority being _____.

- (a) announced, fortunately
- (b) exhibited, unhappy
- (c) introduced, impoverished
- (d) published, prosperous
- (e) declared, encouraged

Q4. For a city that has been going vertical for some decades now, we find a _____ lack of planning when it comes to underground parking. Cars have to be parked somewhere and they generally end up _____ one lane of the road.

- (a) woeful, clogging
- (b) bleak, promoting
- (c) sudden, barring
- (d) worthwhile, driving
- (e) adverse, deterring

Q5. The USA, with all its faults and egocentricity, is best on _____ and a leader in science. Countries best in science are best in innovation. Nobel prizes go hand in hand with _____ and ground-breaking industrial projects.

- (a) modernization, trends
- (b) contraption, reversal
- (c) innovation, innovative
- (d) conversion, habitual
- (e) amusement, traditional



Directions (6 – 15): In each of the following questions given below there are three blanks, each blank indicates that something has been omitted. Choose the set of words for each blank which best fits to the meaning of the sentence as a whole.

Q6. The programme named Innovate in India (i3) will _____ an investment of USD 250 million with USD 125 million as a loan from World Bank. It aspires to create an _____ ecosystem to promote entrepreneurship and _____ manufacturing in the sector.

- (a)observe, authorizing, inherited
- (b)witness, enabling, indigenous
- (c)assertion, empowering, original
- (d)advocate, engaging, intrinsic
- (e)implied, ordering, ingrained

Q7. GST will make India a common market with common tax rates and procedures and remove economic _____. GST is largely technology driven and will reduce the human _____ to a great extent. GST is expected to _____ ease of doing business in India.

- (a)limits, league, update
- (b)hurdles, link, purify
- (c)block, blend, look up
- (d)margin, bond, promote
- (e)barriers, interface, improve

Q8. Nobody's information is secure in an era of big _____. A recent report carried by tech news website Gizmodo revealed _____ of how 62 per cent of the population of the USA was _____ "accidentally" by a marketing company.

- (a)data, details, exposed
- (b)facts, particulars, revealed
- (c)memorandums, schedule, solved
- (d)knowledge, components, drafted
- (e)contrivance, elements, defined

Q9. The Income-Tax Act cannot make Aadhaar compulsory when the Aadhaar Act claims _____ is voluntary. The court accepted the government's argument that linking of Aadhaar and PAN would help _____ black money and tax evasion without any _____ evidence to back its contention.

- (a) acceptance, annihilate, experiment
- (b) enlistment, vacate, provisional
- (c) enrollment, eradicate, empirical
- (d) accession, finish, possible
- (e) induction, inhibit, virtual

Q10. Interestingly, green tea is a popular _____ for heart patients and the _____ qualities of tea will continue to glow as many tea companies, including the 150 year old Williamson Magor Group, will _____ this charming product.

- (a) ordinance, coarse, foster
- (b) encouragement, lavish, preserve
- (c) suggestion, lustrous, secure
- (d) prescription, splendiferous, protect
- (e) medicine, eminent, conceal

Q11. Not that Ms. Yellen sees the healthy expansion _____ by household spending weakening, the _____ from the recent hurricanes that have _____ coastal regions in the U.S. south notwithstanding.

- (a) weakened, desecrate, serrated
- (b) strutted, molest, assisted
- (c) contradicted, violate, frayed
- (d) undermined, taint, fragmented
- (e) undergirded, damage, battered

Q12. While the ongoing moderate expansion in the U.S. bodes well for the country's _____ exporters, the end of easy money conditions could _____ a slowdown in investment inflows from abroad and resultant pressure on the current account _____.

- (a) vehemently, predict, adequacy
- (b) neglecting, suggest, failure
- (c) struggling, augur, deficit
- (d) anguishing, reckon, flaw
- (e) fiercing, signify, fault

Q13. Given that monetary authorities in the U.S. are _____ on reflating the economy by _____ "further strengthening" in the labour market through an accommodative stance, the central bank has to remain _____ in warding off any let-up in expansionary momentum.

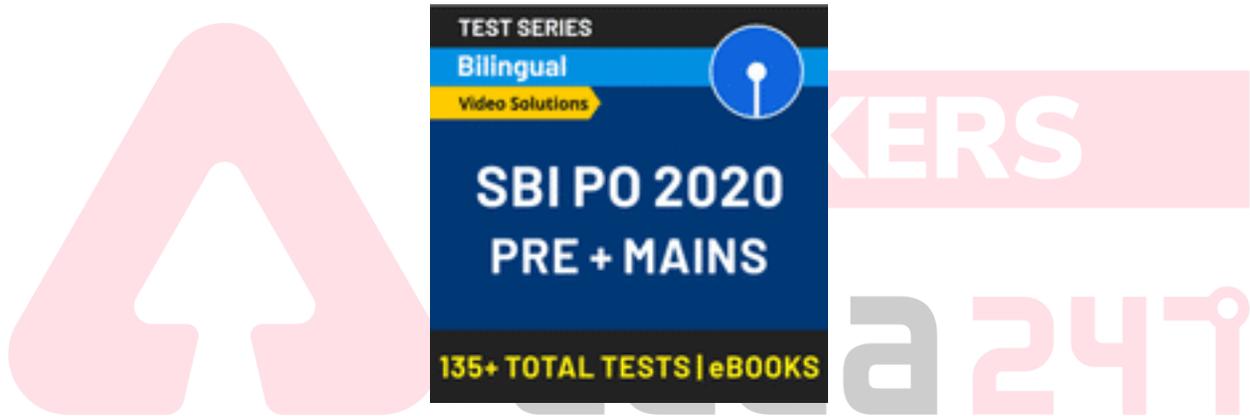
- (a) intensified, complying, studious
- (b) focused, supporting, vigilant
- (c) unified, contributing, enthralled
- (d) gathered, ratifying, fascinated
- (e) consolidated, consenting, careless

Q14. The U.S. Defence Secretary's trip will happen _____ a month after President Donald Trump _____ the latest U.S. policy on Afghanistan on August 21, a blueprint that has been _____ in Kabul and criticised in Islamabad.

- (a) barely, announced, welcomed
- (b) fairly, suppressed, sanctioned
- (c) gradually, drafted, touted
- (d) passably, anointed, secured
- (e) presently, delivered, established

Q15. Indeed _____ and reconciliation were _____ in the very first international compact on Afghanistan, in the text of the Bonn Agreement of December 2001. _____ of violence will help this process.

- (a) equanimity, entrenched, abstaining
- (b) ecstasy, imprisoned, sobriety
- (c) peace, embedded, renunciation
- (d) serenity, encashing, withdrawing
- (e) conformity, screwed, evasion



Solutions

S1. Ans. (b)

Sol. "**purchases, price**" is the correct set of words that fit into blanks respectively to give a meaningful sentence. It is to be noted that "**India's agricultural price policy**" is the correct expression. Other words cannot be used in the provided blanks owing to their differing meanings. Hence option (b) is the correct choice.

Recover means return to a normal state of health, mind, or strength.

Deem means regard or consider in a specified way.

Bid means offer (a certain price) for something, especially at an auction.

S2. Ans. (a)

Sol. "**assimilation, development**" is the correct set of words that fit into the blanks respectively to form a meaningful sentence. The word "**assimilation**" means **the absorption and integration of people, ideas, or culture into a wider society or culture**. The word fully complements the latter part of the sentence, which isn't the case with other given words. Hence option (a) is the correct choice.

Merger means a combination of two things, especially companies, into one.

Retreat means move back or withdraw.

Upturn means an improvement or upward trend, especially in economic conditions or someone's fortunes.

Insight means the capacity to gain an accurate and deep understanding of someone or something.

S3. Ans. (d)

Sol. "**published, prosperous**" is the correct set of words that fit into the blanks respectively to form a meaningful sentence. The word "**prosperous**", which means **successful in material terms; flourishing financially**, fits perfectly into the context of the meaning of the sentence, which isn't the case with other given words. Hence option (d) is the correct choice.

Exhibit means publicly display the work of (an artist) in an art gallery or museum.

Impoverished means exhausted the strength or vitality of.

Encourage means give support, confidence, or hope to (someone).

S4. Ans. (a)

Sol. "**woeful, clogging**" is the correct set of words that fit into the blanks respectively to form a meaningful sentence. The word "**clogging**", which means **filling up or crowding (something) so as to obstruct passage**, fits perfectly into the theme of the sentence, which isn't the case with the other given words. Hence option (a) is the correct choice.

Woeful means very bad; deplorable.

Bleak means (of a situation) not hopeful or encouraging; unlikely to have a favourable outcome.

Bar means prevent or prohibit (someone) from doing something or from going somewhere.

Worthwhile means worth the time, money, or effort spent; of value or importance.

Deter means prevent the occurrence of.

S5. Ans. (c)

Sol. "**innovation, innovative**" is the correct set of words that fit into the blanks respectively to form a meaningful sentence. It is to be noted that there will be a use of adjective in the second blank. Hence option (c) is the most appropriate choice.

Innovation means a new method, idea, product, etc.

Innovative means (of a product, idea, etc.) featuring new methods; advanced and original.

Contraption means a machine or device that appears strange or unnecessarily complicated, and often badly made or unsafe.

Reversal means a change to an opposite direction, position, or course of action.

Amusement means the state or experience of finding something funny.

S6. Ans. (b)

Sol. **Witness** means see (an event, typically a crime or accident) happen.

Enabling means allowing to happen.

Indigenous means originating or occurring naturally in a particular place; native.

S7. Ans. (e)

Sol. **Barrier** means a circumstance or obstacle that keeps people or things apart or prevents communication or progress.

Interface means a point where two systems, subjects, organizations, etc. meet and interact.

S8. Ans. (a)

Sol. **Exposed** means reveal the true, objectionable nature of (someone or something).

Memorandum means a note recording something for future use.

Contrivance means the use of skill to create or bring about something, especially with a consequent effect of artificiality.

S9. Ans. (c)

Sol. **Enrollment** means the action of enrolling or being enrolled.

Eradicate means destroy completely; put an end to.

Empirical means based on, concerned with, or verifiable by observation or experience rather than theory or pure logic.

Annihilate means destroy utterly; obliterate.

S10. Ans. (d)

Sol. **Prescription** means an instruction written by a medical practitioner that authorizes a patient to be issued with a medicine or treatment.

Splendiferous means splendid.

Coarse means rough or harsh in texture.

Lavish means sumptuously rich, elaborate, or luxurious.

S11. Ans. (e)

Sol. 'undergirded, damage, battered' is a correct set of words which are making the sentence meaningful.

Undergirded means provide support or a firm basis for.

Taint means contaminate or pollute.

Battered means injured by repeated blows or punishment.

Serrated means having or denoting a jagged edge; sawlike.

S12. Ans. (c)

Sol. 'struggling, augur, deficit' is a correct set of words which are making the sentence meaningful.

Vehemently means in a forceful, passionate, or intense manner; with great feeling.

Augur means portend a good or bad outcome.

S13. Ans. (b)

Sol. 'focused, supporting, vigilant' is a correct set of words which are making the sentence meaningful.

Enthralled means capture the fascinated attention of.

Studious means spending a lot of time studying or reading.

S14. Ans. (a)

Sol. 'barely, announced, welcomed' is a correct set of words which are making the sentence meaningful.

Passably means in a way that is just good enough, reasonably.

Anointed means smear or rub with oil, typically as part of a religious ceremony.

Touted means attempt to sell (something).

S15. Ans. (c)

Sol. 'peace, embedded, renunciation' is a correct set of words which are making the sentence meaningful.

Enchased means decorate (a piece of jewellery or work of art) by inlaying, engraving, or carving.

Equanimity means calmness and composure.

Entrenched means firmly established and difficult or unlikely to change, ingrained.

Screwed means in a difficult or hopeless situation, ruined or broken.

Conformity means compliance with standards, rules, or laws.

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