

Quiz Date: 24th August 2020

Directions (1-15): The following questions have a blank, each blank indicating that something has been omitted. Choose the set of word for each blank that best fits the meaning of the sentence as a whole.

Q1. To some neoclassical economists, the Pareto criterion is the unchallengeable _____ of welfare economics.

- (a) Little
- (b) Unclear
- (c) Linchpin
- (d) Blameworthy
- (e) Confine

Q2. But even that argument no longer applies now that Ireland is _____ with euros, new factories and millionaires.

- (a) Awash
- (b) Worthy
- (c) Opposed
- (d) Charmed
- (e) Enchanting

Q3. There are city councils and councilpersons who can _____ up and corrupt the best system ever blueprinted.

- (a) Repel
- (b) Admire
- (c) Glance
- (d) Botch
- (e) Lucent

Q4. Despite the solitary nature of her profession, she was a _____ socialiser and partygoer, usually being the last to leave.

- (a) Torridness
- (b) Examining
- (c) Redundant
- (d) Opacity
- (e) Prodigious

Q5. The house has a tectonic simplicity and an _____ beauty, being as light in its mass as it is in ambience.

- (a) Necessary
- (b) Ephemeral
- (c) Advancing
- (d) Liability

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(e) Imminent

Q6. To ignore such an evident flowering of talent and achievement is not only _____ stupidity but a wasted opportunity.

- (a) Crass
- (b) Vaguely
- (c) Progressive
- (d) Retrograde
- (e) Impended

Q7. The Society no doubt had to make a reverse calculation in order to determine the _____ final bonuses.

- (a) Illegal
- (b) Differential
- (c) Authorizing
- (d) Disputed
- (e) Unjustifiable



Q8. The buoyant force on the cube is the _____ of the forces exerted on its top and bottom faces by the liquid.

- (a) Projection
- (b) Maxim
- (c) Dingy
- (d) Semblance
- (e) Resultant

Q9. Many of the suicides in the countryside were triggered by the financial _____ caused by the low rubber prices.

- (a) Fortitude
- (b) Asunder
- (c) Distress
- (d) Staid
- (e) Beguile

Q10. Some regard his positions as a reckless manoeuvre that will _____ racial tensions.

- (a) Purport
- (b) Exacerbate
- (c) Deprave
- (d) Bequeath
- (e) Enigma

Q11. The wireless network does not deserve any less _____ security than the wired network.

- (a) Vassal
- (b) Assiduous
- (c) Quail
- (d) Stringent
- (e) Swerve

Q12. She turned her face to the voice, to find an expression of _____ terror on her crewman's countenance.

- (a) Gird
- (b) Betrothed
- (c) Advert
- (d) Stark
- (e) Prospective

Q13. The dual sovereignty doctrine has been the subject of _____ scholarly criticism.

- (a) Peremptory
- (b) Substantial
- (c) Rudiment
- (d) Deduced
- (e) Halted

Q14. Benjamin is a small blond with a _____ spirit and a marked tendency toward speaking her mind.

- (a) Pallid
- (b) Chagrin
- (c) Obtrude
- (d) Boisterous
- (e) Audacious



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Q15. The government should give leadership, and not procrastinate and _____, he said, although he recognised it could take 20 years.

- (a) Construe
- (b) Ford
- (c) Vacillate
- (d) Repast
- (e) Stint



Solutions

S1. Ans. (c)

Sol. "**Linchpin**" best fits the meaning of the sentence as a whole. Hence, **option (c)** is the right answer choice.

Linchpin: a person or thing vital to an enterprise or organization.

S2. Ans. (a)

Sol. "**Awash**" best fits the meaning of the sentence as a whole. Hence, **option (a)** is the right answer choice.

Awash: containing large numbers or amounts of someone or something.

S3. Ans. (d)

Sol. "**Botch**" best fits the meaning of the sentence as a whole. Hence, **option (d)** is the right answer choice.

Botch: carry out (a task) badly or carelessly.

S4. Ans. (e)

Sol. "**Prodigious**" best fits the meaning of the sentence as a whole. Hence, **option (e)** is the right answer choice.

Prodigious: remarkably or impressively great in extent, size, or degree.

S5. Ans. (b)

Sol. "**Ephemeral**" best fits the meaning of the sentence as a whole. Hence, **option (b)** is the right answer choice.

Ephemeral: lasting for a very short time.

S6. Ans. (a)

Sol. "**Crass**" best fits the meaning of the sentence as a whole. Hence, **option (a)** is the right answer choice.

Crass: showing no intelligence or sensitivity.

S7. Ans. (b)

Sol. "**Differential**" best fits the meaning of the sentence as a whole. Hence, **option (b)** is the right answer choice.

Differential: of, showing, or depending on a difference; varying according to circumstances or relevant factors.

S8. Ans. (e)

Sol. "**Resultant**" best fits the meaning of the sentence as a whole. Hence, **option (e)** is the right answer choice.

Resultant: occurring or produced as a result of something.

S9. Ans. (c)

Sol. "**Distress**" best fits the meaning of the sentence as a whole. Hence, **option (c)** is the right answer choice.

Distress: difficulty caused by lack of money.

-extreme anxiety, sorrow, or pain.

Beguile: influence by slyness

Staid: characterized by dignity and propriety

Asunder: into parts or pieces

Fortitude: strength of mind that enables one to endure adversity

S10. Ans. (b)

Sol. "**Exacerbate**" best fits the meaning of the sentence as a whole. Hence, **option (b)** is the right answer choice.

Exacerbate: make (a problem, bad situation, or negative feeling) worse.

Purports: have the often misleading appearance of being or intending

Deprave: corrupt morally or by intemperance or sensuality

Bequeath: leave or give, especially by will after one's death

Enigma: something that baffles understanding and cannot be explained

S11. Ans. (d)

Sol. "**Stringent**" best fits the meaning of the sentence as a whole. Hence, **option (d)** is the right answer choice.

Stringent: (of regulations, requirements, or conditions) strict, precise, and exacting.

Swerve: an erratic turn from an intended course

Quail: draw back, as with fear or pain
Assiduous: marked by care and persistent effort
Vassal: a person holding a fief

S12. Ans. (d)

Sol. "**Stark**" best fits the meaning of the sentence as a whole. Hence, **option (d)** is the right answer choice.

Stark: complete; sheer.

-severe or bare in appearance or outline.

-unpleasantly or sharply clear.

Gird: prepare oneself for action or a confrontation

Betrothed: pledged to be married

S13. Ans. (b)

Sol. "**Substantial**" best fits the meaning of the sentence as a whole. Hence, **option (b)** is the right answer choice.

Substantial: of considerable importance, size, or worth.

Rudiment: the elementary stage of any subject

Peremptory: not allowing contradiction or refusal

S14. Ans. (d)

Sol. "**Boisterous**" best fits the meaning of the sentence as a whole. Hence, **option (d)** is the right answer choice.

Boisterous: noisy, energetic, and cheerful.

Audacious: disposed to venture or take risks

Obtrude: thrust oneself in as if by force

Chagrin: strong feelings of embarrassment

Pallid: lacking in vitality or interest or effectiveness

S15. Ans. (c)

Sol. "**Vacillate**" best fits the meaning of the sentence as a whole. Hence, **option (c)** is the right answer choice.

Vacillate: waver between different opinions or actions; be indecisive.

Stint: an unbroken period of time during which you do something

Repast: the food served and eaten at one time

Construe: make sense of; assign a meaning to

Ford: cross a river where it's shallow

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