

Quiz Date: 27<sup>th</sup> August 2020

**Directions (1-8):** In the questions below a statement is given with two blanks in it. For each blank three alternatives are provided in the columns. Choose the alternative from the corresponding column that would fit the given blanks to make the given sentence grammatically correct and contextually meaningful.

Q1. In popular \_\_\_\_\_, the environment, to some, is simply 'nature' or wilderness while others include human elements such as agricultural and \_\_\_\_\_ landscapes or even urban areas.

Column (1)	Column (2)
(A) Parlance	(D) Rural
(B) Knowledge	(E) Discourse
(C) Objections	(F) Pastoral

- (a) B-E
- (b) C-D
- (c) A-F
- (d) C-F
- (e) A-E

Q2. Addressing the who's who of American \_\_\_\_\_ thinking in an address in New York last September, the foreign minister, S. Jaishankar, described "multi-alignment" as the \_\_\_\_\_ of India's relations with the world's major powers.

Column (1)	Column (2)
(A) Inadvertence	(D) Consciousness
(B) Statement	(E) Allegation
(C) Strategic	(F) Future

- (a) C-F
- (b) B-D
- (c) A-D
- (d) B-F
- (e) C-D

Q3. The West insists India's trade \_\_\_\_\_ are still too restrictive and that New Delhi's intellectual property \_\_\_\_\_ doesn't adequately protect innovation.

Column (1)	Column (2)
(A) Barriers	(D) Undeniable
(B) Annihilates	(E) Regime
(C) Building	(F) Devastate

- (a) B-E
- (b) C-D
- (c) A-F
- (d) C-F
- (e) A-E

Q4. The Russian president, Vladimir Putin, has \_\_\_\_\_ to call his partnership with China an alliance, and Moscow remains uncomfortable with the idea of \_\_\_\_\_ a junior partner to anyone.

Column (1)	Column (2)
(A) Unconfirmed	(D) Raising
(B) Construct	(E) Playing
(C) Refused	(F) Unsupported

- (a) B-D
- (b) C-E
- (c) A-D
- (d) C-F
- (e) A-F

Q5. The \_\_\_\_\_ on loans to businesses and retail borrowers in financial stress after the \_\_\_\_\_ of the pandemic draws to a close by the end of the month.

Column (1)	Column (2)
(A) Moratorium	(D) Outbreak
(B) Variance	(E) Sensible
(C) Unconfirmed	(F) Crapulous

- (a) C-F
- (b) B-D
- (c) A-D
- (d) B-F
- (e) C-D

Q6. The P.J. Nayak Committee in its May 2014 report had suggested that the government should \_\_\_\_\_ to issue any instructions to banks under the \_\_\_\_\_ of development objectives.

Column (1)	Column (2)
(A) Prediction	(D) Sensible
(B) Cease	(E) Guise
(C) Tending	(F) Prophecy

- (a) B-E
- (b) C-D
- (c) A-F
- (d) C-F
- (e) A-E

Q7. Public sector banks, which, \_\_\_\_\_ evidence shows, usually have the largest exposures to stressed borrowers; have never really been completely free from \_\_\_\_\_ while taking commercial decisions.

Column (1)	Column (2)
(A) Reduction	(D) Hidden
(B) Uninjured	(E) Cognisable
(C) Empirical	(F) Interference

- (a) B-D
- (b) C-E
- (c) A-D
- (d) C-F
- (e) A-F

Q8. Sudden \_\_\_\_\_ because of the lockdown combined with the ravages wrought by Amphan has \_\_\_\_\_ a huge segment of West Bengal's population deeply insecure, particularly in villages.

Column (1)	Column (2)
(A) Impoverishment	(D) Mistrusted
(B) Repayment	(E) Execution
(C) Acceptance	(F) Rendered

- (a) B-E
- (b) C-D
- (c) A-F
- (d) C-F
- (e) A-E



**Directions (9-15): Each of the following questions has a paragraph from which one sentence has been deleted. From the given options, choose the one that completes the paragraph in the most appropriate way.**

Q9. We have been using the mask for five months now. During this time the item has lost some of its strangeness, acquired some fashion quotient, bred much indignation and, while still breeding more, moved through levels of customization. \_\_\_\_\_ when nothing is — the mask cannot be cast aside any time soon. The most common complaint about the mask is that it is suffocating.

- (a) There are two types of masks
- (b) The science behind the experienced breathing
- (c) One thing is for sure in these times
- (d) He talks about mask users who have
- (e) The local pressure effects of the mask

Q10. A human being can withstand and survive illnesses because the body fights against invading disease-causing organisms. It starts the minute an organism tries to enter the body. If it is through the respiratory system, the hair in the nose and the cilia lining the bronchi trap and remove the organism. If it enters through the mouth, the saliva tries to kill it and if by chance it reaches the stomach, \_\_\_\_\_.

- (a) People succumb to several diseases
- (b) Cells retain the memory of immunisation
- (c) The vaccine has to be taken annually
- (d) It confers resistance against diseases
- (e) The acid present there destroys it

Q11. Indian stocks won't return to their pre-pandemic levels this year despite a rally in recent months because \_\_\_\_\_ and a market correction is likely, a Reuters poll of equity strategists found. The benchmark BSE Sensex has rallied over 50 per cent from a record low hit on March 24, a day before Prime Minister Narendra Modi imposed a strict nationwide lockdown, which ended at the start of June, to try to control the pandemic.

- (a) The index is still down due to
- (b) Companies face further difficulties
- (c) The virus has infected nearly 3.2 million
- (d) There was a lot of demand destruction
- (e) The government has provided some support

Q12. Bengal has joined several other non-BJP states to ask the Centre to fulfill its constitutional responsibility to compensate states for any shortfall in GST collection. State finance minister Amit Mitra sent a letter to his central counterpart a day before the GST Council meets on Thursday, which will be the first such meeting only to discuss how to narrow the deficit for states. States want to find resources \_\_\_\_\_, while the Centre is likely to nudge states to borrow from the market themselves.

- (a) To compensate for the shortfall

- (b) Which is usually paid bi-monthly
- (c) To combat the Covid-19 pandemic
- (d) When the collections were down
- (e) For this fiscal has not been published

Q13. Former RBI governor D. Subbarao made a strong case for setting up a bad bank, saying it is “not just necessary but unavoidable” in the present circumstances when NPAs are likely to balloon and much of the resolution will have to take place outside the IBC framework. Even Economic Survey 2017 had proposed this idea, suggesting the creation of a bad bank, called Public Sector Asset Rehabilitation Agency, \_\_\_\_\_ over the problem of stressed assets.

- (a) The entity taking a decision
- (b) With the economy contracting
- (c) To help the lenders tide themselves
- (d) The bankruptcy framework is already
- (e) It will be unable to deal

Q14. Trai has issued a show cause notice to Vodafone Idea for its premium plan which it feels is misleading and \_\_\_\_\_. The regulator has asked Vodafone Idea to “show cause” by August 31, “as to why appropriate action should not be initiated against it for violating the extant regulatory framework for its RedX tariff plan”. In the notice sent to Voda Idea, Trai said it is of the view that the “claim of the company in providing priority 4G network with faster data speeds is not in compliance with the extant regulatory framework”.

- (a) Lacks transparency and is misleading
- (b) Regulatory principles of tariff assessment
- (c) They have not received any such notice yet
- (d) Not in compliance with regulatory principles
- (e) It will acquire about 25 per cent stake

Q15. A good workout does great things to your mind. It immediately reduces anxiety and depression and increases confidence and positivity. Unfortunately, \_\_\_\_\_. Fatigue after overtraining can make you temperamental, quick to anger, impatient and anxious. Watch out for these signs soon after workout, and reduce the intensity of the session.

- (a) Knees and shoulders are most susceptible to injury
- (b) These injuries are not serious and heal with time.
- (c) Headache is also an indicator of possible dehydration.
- (d) Take steps to optimise it for best results
- (e) Overtraining can have the opposite results



### Solutions

**S1. Ans. (c)**

**Sol.** A-F will fit the given blanks to make the given sentence grammatically correct and contextually meaningful. Hence, **option (c)** is the right answer choice.

**S2. Ans. (a)**

**Sol.** C-F will fit the given blanks to make the given sentence grammatically correct and contextually meaningful. Hence, **option (a)** is the right answer choice.

**S3. Ans. (e)**

**Sol.** A-E will fit the given blanks to make the given sentence grammatically correct and contextually meaningful. Hence, **option (e)** is the right answer choice.

**S4. Ans. (b)**

**Sol.** C-E will fit the given blanks to make the given sentence grammatically correct and contextually meaningful. Hence, **option (b)** is the right answer choice.

**S5. Ans. (c)**

**Sol.** A-D will fit the given blanks to make the given sentence grammatically correct and contextually meaningful. Hence, **option (c)** is the right answer choice.

**S6. Ans. (a)**

**Sol.** B-E will fit the given blanks to make the given sentence grammatically correct and contextually meaningful. Hence, **option (a)** is the right answer choice.

**S7. Ans. (d)**

**Sol.** C-F will fit the given blanks to make the given sentence grammatically correct and contextually meaningful. Hence, **option (d)** is the right answer choice.

**S8. Ans. (c)**

**Sol.** A-F will fit the given blanks to make the given sentence grammatically correct and contextually meaningful. Hence, **option (c)** is the right answer choice.

**S9. Ans. (c)**

**Sol.** “**One thing is for sure in these times**” completes the paragraph in the most appropriate way. Hence, **option (c)** is the right answer choice.

**S10. Ans. (e)**

**Sol.** “**The acid present there destroys it**” completes the paragraph in the most appropriate way. Hence, **option (e)** is the right answer choice.

**S11. Ans. (b)**

**Sol.** “**Companies face further difficulties**” completes the paragraph in the most appropriate way. Hence, **option (b)** is the right answer choice.

**S12. Ans. (a)**

**Sol.** “**To compensate for the shortfall**” completes the paragraph in the most appropriate way. Hence, **option (a)** is the right answer choice.

**S13. Ans. (c)**

**Sol.** “**To help the lenders tide themselves**” completes the paragraph in the most appropriate way. Hence, **option (c)** is the right answer choice.

**S14. Ans. (d)**

**Sol.** “**Not in compliance with regulatory principles**” completes the paragraph in the most appropriate way. Hence, **option (d)** is the right answer choice.

**S15. Ans. (e)**

**Sol.** “**Overtraining can have the opposite results**” completes the paragraph in the most appropriate way. Hence, **option (e)** is the right answer choice.

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