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Directions (1-10): Each question below has two blanks, each blank indicating that something has been omitted. Find out which option can be used to fill up the blank in the sentence in the same sequence to make it meaningfully complete.

Q1. A group of several hundred people marched towards the eastern part of the city and _____ the fortress prison, where they hoped to find _____ ammunition.

- (a) Charged, acquired
- (b) Roared, saved
- (c) Ripped, treasured
- (d) Raged, hidden
- (e) Stormed, hoarded

Q2. One of the most _____ social reforms of the Jacobin regime was the _____ of slavery in the French colonies.

- (a) Leftist, reversal
- (b) Insurgent, split up
- (c) Revolutionary, abolition
- (d) Revisionary, cancellations
- (e) Reactionary, break up

Q3. The previous constitution of Nepal, which had been adopted in 1990, _____ the fact that the final authority _____ with the king.

- (a) Reflected, rested
- (b) Brooded, recovered
- (c) Returned, revived
- (d) Repeated, renewed
- (e) Reproduced, alerted

Q4. Drama had its earliest beginnings in the corporate life of the village, the _____ form of settlement that took _____ in England

- (a) Arbitrary, reservation
- (b) Predominant, place
- (c) Reigning, area
- (d) Ascendant, venue
- (e) Controlling, position

Q5. In the year 1605 the famous Gunpowder plot was _____ as a protest against the sharp _____ of the anti-Catholic laws of King James I.

- (a) Executed, coercion
- (b) Committed, prescription
- (c) Acted, obligation
- (d) Perpetrated, enforcement

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(e) Effected, administration

Q6. The problem of housing shortage _____ with the population explosion has also been _____ by this policy.

- (a) projected, discussed
- (b) threatened, manifested
- (c) dispensed, acknowledged
- (d) compounded, addressed
- (e) united, heralded

Q7. The quality of _____ between individuals and the organization for which they work can be _____ to the benefit of both parties.

- (a) life, conceptualised
- (b) service, evaluated
- (c) interaction, improved
- (d) sophistication, developed
- (e) development, impeded



Q8. Handicrafts constitute an important _____ of the decentralised sector of India's economy and _____ employment to over six million artisans.

- (a) factor, aims
- (b) segment, provides
- (c) extension, plants
- (d) period, projects
- (e) element, retards

Q9. In one shocking instance of _____ research, one of the nations's most influential researchers in the field of genetics reported on experiments that were never carried out and published _____ scientific papers on his non-existent work.

- (a) comprehensive, abstract
- (b) theoretical, challenging
- (c) fraudulent, deceptive
- (d) erroneous, impartial

(e) spontaneous, false

Q10. Her novel published to universal acclaim, her literary gifts; her reputation as yet _____ by envious slights, Hurston clearly was at the _____ of her career .

- (a) undamaged, ebb
- (b) untarnished, zenith
- (c) unmarred, brink
- (d) untainted, extremity
- (e) unstained, end

Directions (11-15): In each of the following paragraph, there are three words omitted. Below each paragraph, there are five options and each option consists of three words which can fill the blanks respectively to make the paragraph grammatically and coherently correct. Find the most appropriate set of words that fit into the blanks contextually. If none of the given sets of words fill the blanks appropriately mark option (e) i.e., 'none of these' as your answer choice.

Q11. The _____ isn't paying the bills, which get paid every month on time. However, the _____ of unnecessary stuff in the house is becoming an issue. The other part is the _____ guilt that threatens to surface with every swipe of my card.

- (a) triumph, junk, nagging
- (b) problem, clutter, niggling
- (c) authority, acquisition, comforting
- (d) issue, neatness, unconscious
- (e) none of these

Q12. A dynamic and _____ management with _____ aviation experience—not characteristic of public sector enterprises _____ by bureaucracy—will be necessary.

- (a) energetic, apposite, soothe
- (b) languid, pertinent, tormented
- (c) slothful, admissible, concentrated
- (d) nimble, relevant, plagued
- (e) none of these

Q13. Following the death of Sudan, the last male northern white rhinoceros, only two females of the species are alive, both in _____. A team led by researchers at the San Diego Zoo Institute for Conservation Research has suggested a way to _____ the species using cells _____ in the Frozen Zoo, a collection of cryopreserved samples at the San Diego Zoo.

- (a) captivity, revive, preserved
- (b) custody, reincarnate, protected
- (c) slavery, decompose, conserved
- (d) university, innovate, decayed

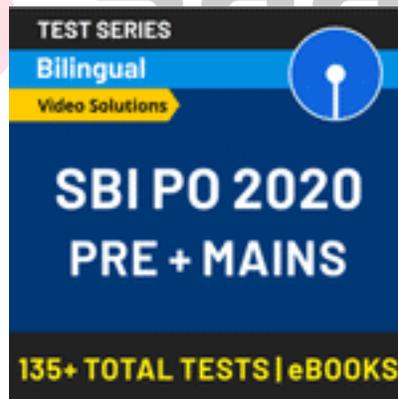
(e) none of these

Q14. Our metropolises that were planned at a time when resources were abundant and urban living was a luxury not necessity, are bursting at the _____ with their hopelessly inadequate infrastructure and lack of planning. And while we have been extremely _____ urbanisers, the late start has given us some significant advantages, one of which is the use of technology to _____ stages of development.

- (a) population, acceptable, sequence
- (b) buildings, grudging, burden
- (c) seams, reluctant, leapfrog
- (d) area, active, cross
- (e) none of these

Q15. The move to _____ private and public-sector talent “laterally” at the joint secretary level in ten key Union ministries/departments comes not a day too soon. The focus is on merit; while the education _____ for eligibility is set at the graduate-degree level, a detailed advertisement from the Department of personnel and training (DoPT) makes it clear that higher qualifications will be an _____.

- (a) introduce, qualification, spoilage
- (b) imbibe, approach, leverage
- (c) induct, threshold, advantage
- (d) console, magnitude, benefit
- (e) none of these



Solutions

S1. Ans.(e)

Sol. ‘Stormed, hoarded’ is the correct use.

Stormed- move angrily or forcefully in a specified direction.

Hoarded- accumulate (money or valued objects) and hide or store away.

S2. Ans.(c)

Sol. 'Revolutionary, abolition' is the correct use.

Abolition- the action of abolishing a system, practice, or institution.

S3. Ans.(a)

Sol. 'Reflected, rested' is the correct use.

Rested- be placed or supported so as to stay in a specified position.

S4. Ans.(b)

Sol. 'Predominant, place' is the correct use.

Predominant- present as the strongest or main element.

S5. Ans.(d)

Sol. 'Perpetrated, enforcement' is the correct use.

Perpetrated- carry out or commit (a harmful, illegal, or immoral action).

Enforcement-the act of compelling observance of or compliance with a law, rule, or obligation.

S6. Ans. (d)

Sol. Compounded - make up (a composite whole); constitute. Addressed - write the name and address of the intended recipient on (an envelope, letter, or parcel).

S7. Ans. (c)

Sol. Interaction -a particular way in which matter, fields, and atomic and subatomic particles affect one another, e.g. through gravitation or electromagnetism. Improved - develop or increase in mental capacity by education or experience.

S8. Ans. (b)

Sol. Segment - each of the parts into which something is or may be divided. Provides- make available for use; supply.

S9. Ans. (c)

Sol. Fraudulent - obtained, done by, or involving deception, especially criminal

deception. Deceptive -giving an appearance or impression different from the true one; misleading.

S10. Ans. (b)

Sol. Untarnished - (of metal or metalware) not having lost its lustre. Zenith - the time at which something is most powerful or successful.

S11. Ans. (b)

Sol. The most appropriate set of words that appropriately fit in the context of the paragraph is 'problem, clutter, niggling'. 'Clutter' is a *noun* which means *a collection of things lying about in an untidy state*. Moreover, 'niggling' is a *verb* which means *to cause slight but persistent annoyance*,

discomfort, or anxiety. Since, all the other sets of words fail to form a comprehensive sentence, *option (b)* becomes the most suitable answer choice.

Triumph means a great victory or achievement.

Nagging means (of a person) constantly harassing someone to do something.

Neatness means the quality or condition of being neat.

S12. Ans. (d)

Sol. The most appropriate set of words that appropriately fits in the context of the paragraph is 'nimble, relevant, plagued'. '*Nimble*' is an *adjective* which means to be *quick and light in movement or action; agile*. Moreover, '*plagued*' is a *verb* which means to *cause continual trouble or distress to*. Since, all the other sets of words fail to form a comprehensive sentence, *option (d)* becomes the most suitable answer choice.

Apposite means apt in the circumstances or in relation to something.

Soothe means gently calm (a person or their feelings).

Languid means (of a person, manner, or gesture) having or showing a disinclination for physical exertion or effort.

Tormented means experiencing or characterized by severe physical or mental suffering.

Slothful means lazy

S13. Ans. (a)

Sol. The most appropriate set of words that appropriately fit in the context of the paragraph is 'captivity, revive, preserved'. '*Captivity*' is a *noun* which means *the condition of being imprisoned or confined*. '*revive*' is a *verb* which means *restore to life or consciousness*. Moreover, '*preserved*' is a *verb* which means *maintain (something) in its original or existing state*. Since, all the other sets of words fail to form a comprehensive sentence, *option (a)* becomes the most suitable answer choice.

Reincarnate means to cause (someone) to undergo rebirth in another body.

Slavery means the state of being a slave.

S14. Ans. (c)

Sol. The most appropriate set of words that appropriately fit in the context of the paragraph is 'seams, reluctant, leapfrog'. '*seams*' is a part of an idiom '*bursting at the seams*' which means *(of a place or building) full to overflowing*. '*Reluctant*' is an *adjective* which means *unwilling and hesitant; disinclined*. Moreover, '*leapfrog*' is a *verb* which means *pass over (a stage or obstacle)*. Since, all the other sets of words fail to form a comprehensive sentence, *option (c)* becomes the most suitable answer choice.

Grudging means given or allowed only reluctantly or resentfully.

Sequence means a particular order in which related things follow each other.

S15. Ans. (c)

Sol. The most appropriate set of words that appropriately fits in the context of the paragraph is 'induct, threshold, advantage'. '*induct*' is a *verb* which means *formally introduce (a member of the clergy) into possession of a benefice*. '*threshold*' is a *noun* which means *a level, rate, or amount at which something comes into effect*. Moreover, '*advantage*' is a *noun* which means a

condition or circumstance that puts one in a favourable or superior position. Since, all the other sets of words fail to form a comprehensive sentence, *option (c)* becomes the most suitable answer choice.

Imbibe means absorb or assimilate (ideas or knowledge).

Magnitude means the great size or extent of something.

Spoilage means the action or process of spoiling, especially the deterioration of food and other perishable goods.

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