

Quiz Date: 13th June 2020

Directions (1- 10): The Following questions have two blanks, each blank indicating that something has been omitted. Choose the set of words for each blank that best fits the meaning of the sentence as a whole.

Q1. The raging _____ over the issue has _____ the media as well as the politicians into warring camps.

- (a) saga, compelled
- (b) debate, divided
- (c) concern, ignited
- (d) dust, gathered
- (e) dilemma, sensitised

Q2. The flexibility of the distance learning system is _____ in designing courses which are socially _____ and technically up-to-date.

- (a) helpful, relevant
- (b) basically, viable
- (c) providing, feasible
- (d) informative, wide
- (e) supportive, challenging

Q3. _____ after Darwin put forth his theory of evolution, his cousin Sir Francis Galton began to _____ the implications.

- (a) Soon; bring down
- (b) Only; take up
- (c) Not; write down
- (d) Shortly; draw out
- (e) Nearly; think about

Q4. _____ means of communication must be used to _____ the message of gender equality.

- (a) Subtle, spread
- (b) Sufficient, create
- (c) Proper, aware
- (d) Distinct, channelise
- (e) Efficient, avail

Q5. Archaeology is a poor profession; only _____ sums are available for excavating sites and even more _____ amounts for preserving the excavations.

- (a) paltry - meager
- (b) miniscule - substantial
- (c) average - augmented
- (d) judicious - penurious

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(e) modest – generous

Q6. It is time the Centre _____ a strong body of legislation that punishes the corrupt, protects the honest, and _____ time-bound public services and whistle-blower safety.

- (a) achieved, stipulates
- (b) enforced, ensures
- (c) persisted, evinces
- (d) percolated, supports
- (e) obliged, governs

Q7. With the _____ of a new financial instrument, India is a step closer to _____ a vibrant market for commodities.

- (a) creation, concerning
- (b) introduction, building
- (c) recognition, collecting
- (d) connection, planning
- (e) certification, shaping

Q8. Almost a decade ago, a rapid increase in food prices _____ the government to impose a blanket ban on any _____ on agricultural products.

- (a) displaced, consideration
- (b) guided, conceit
- (c) pushed, speculation
- (d) promoted, risk
- (e) motivated, uncertainty

Q9. India is no stranger to _____ to freedom of expression whether in art and movies or in news and academic publishing, whether _____ organised civilian groups or from the government.

- (a) trouble, as
- (b) threats, from
- (c) objection, for
- (d) exposure, of
- (e) surety, to

Q10. Controversial sections of the Indian Penal Code such as 153A, which _____ the promotion of enmity between different groups, and 295A, which prohibits insult of religious beliefs, are routinely used to silence voices or harass those who hold _____ views.

- (a) directs, miscreant
- (b) eradicates, invalidating
- (c) facilitates, neutralizing

- (d) prohibits, dissenting
(e) excludes, deploring



Direction (11-15): There are two different sentences with a blank space in each question. Choose the word from the given options which fits into both the blanks appropriately adding a proper and logical meaning to the sentences.

Q11. (1) It embellishes the _____ of the city, and hides the nakedness of barbarism.
(2) There was a world open to him of which she could not possibly become a _____.

- (a)quietness
(b)denizen
(c)regulator
(d)subject
(e)visitor

Q12. (1) NPS operates as a fund, where you can _____ your exposure mix towards equity and debt, and choose a fund manager.

(2) It is impossible to _____ nicely where the land ends and the sea begins.

- (a)settle
(b)commence
(c)persuade
(d)determine
(e)adjust

Q13. (1) Savings accounts today offer customers an omni-channel experience, transactional _____, and interest income on balance.

(2) I am with him because it happens from particular circumstances to suit my _____.

- (a)convenience

- (b)impediment
- (c)cheerfulness
- (d)hindrance
- (e)pragmatism

Q14. (1) He was no longer _____ to her innermost thoughts.

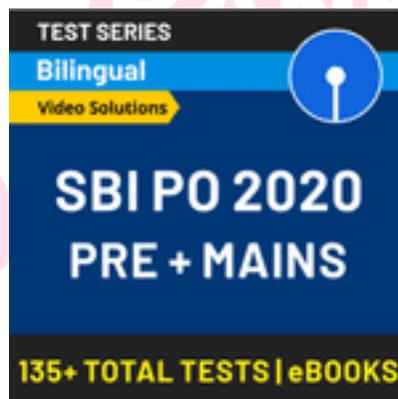
(2) I was never _____ to conversations between top management.

- (a) Secret
- (b) flay
- (c) Feigned
- (d) Privy
- (e) Brazen

Q15. (1) These claims have not been convincingly _____.

(2) Two other charges of a like nature were _____ as triumphantly.

- (a) Cogitated
- (b) Consigned
- (c) Invalidate
- (d) Abided
- (e) Refuted



Solutions

S1.Ans.(b)

Sol. Debate means to argue about (a subject), especially in a formal manner.

S2.Ans.(a)

Sol. Relevant means closely connected or appropriate to the matter in hand.

S3.Ans.(d)

Sol. 'Shortly; Draw out' is the correct option.

Shortly: in a short time; soon

'Draw out ' means to elicit (information)

S4.Ans.(a)

Sol. Subtle meaning making use of clever and indirect methods to achieve something.

S5.Ans.(a)

Sol. The part after the semicolon expands upon the first part of the sentence.

So, since the first part tells us that there is no money in archaeology, then there will only be small (paltry) amounts for excavating. Also 'even more' indicates that another similar word is required. Thus, meager also means small.

S6. Ans. (b)

Sol. 'enforced, ensures' is the correct set of words making the sentence meaningful.

Percolated means filter gradually through a porous surface or substance.

Evinces means reveal the presence of (a quality or feeling), indicate.

S7. Ans. (b)

Sol. 'introduction, building' is the correct set of words making the sentence meaningful.

S8. Ans. (c)

Sol. 'pushed, speculation' is the set of words making the sentence meaningful.

Conceit means excessive pride in oneself.

S9. Ans. (b)

Sol. 'threats, from' is the correct set of words making the sentence complete.

S10. Ans. (d)

Sol. 'prohibits, dissenting' is the correct set of words.

Dissenting means disagree.

Deploring means regret.

Miscreant means a person who has done something wrong or unlawful.

S11. Ans. (b)

Sol. The word "*Denizen*" means *a person, animal, or plant that lives or is found in a particular place*. Thus, the word fits perfectly into both the blanks and give a meaningful sense to both the sentences which is not the case with the other given words. Hence option (b) is the correct choice.

Regulator means a person or body that supervises a particular industry or business activity.

S12. Ans. (d)

Sol. The word "*determine*" means *ascertain or establish exactly by research or calculation*. Thus, the word fits perfectly into both the blanks and give a meaningful sense to both the sentences which is not the case with the other given words. Hence option (d) is the correct choice.

Commence means begin.

Persuade means induce (someone) to do something through reasoning or argument.

S13. Ans. (a)

Sol. The word "*convenience*" means *the state of being able to proceed with something without difficulty*. Thus, the word fits perfectly into both the blanks and give a meaningful sense to both the sentences which is not the case with the other given words. Hence option (a) is the correct choice.

Impediment means a hindrance or obstruction in doing something.

Pragmatism means a pragmatic attitude or policy.

S14. Ans.(d)

Sol. Option (d) is the correct choice.

Privy means sharing in the knowledge of (something secret or private).

Flay means criticize severely and brutally.

Feigned means simulated or pretended; insincere.

Brazen means bold and without shame.

S15. Ans.(e)

Sol. Refuted is the correct choice.

Refuted means prove (a statement or theory) to be wrong or false; disprove.

Cogitate means think deeply about something; meditate or reflect.

Abided means accept or act in accordance with (a rule, decision, or recommendation).

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