

Directions (1-10): Fill up the blanks in the given 'cloze' by selecting options which are contextually correct.

"Don't _____(1) your life," a dying man tells Tony Stark, the rich and powerful hero of "Iron Man." It's good advice, but there's no worry about wasting precious hours of your own life on this movie. The _____(2) is absolutely dazzling, the action is mostly exhilarating, the comedy is _____(3) and the whole enormous enterprise, _____(4) by Marvel comics, throbs with dramatic _____(5) because the man inside the shiny red robotic rig is a daring choice for an action hero, and an inspired one. Robert Downey Jr. works marvels on his own. It's not that he has _____(6) himself for the role, although he looks impressively fit, but that in such extravagant surroundings he remains true to his quick, flip wit, his _____(7) style and, best of all, to his _____(8) humanity. Thanks to him, and to his director, Jon Favreau, some of the movie's most enjoyable scenes include Tony talking and thinking – intelligence as action – as well as soaring through the skies in his cyborg suit, and righting the world's wrongs as a knight in space-age armor. It helps that Tony Stark is an arms manufacturer with a genius. I.Q., a sort of Howard Hughes _____(9) by looniness. This guy is so brilliant, and Mr. Downey's performance is so smart, that you're willing to believe he can do what he does when terrorists capture him in Afghanistan – escapes their slimy clutches by building a crude _____(10) of the Iron Man suit from components of Stark weapons that have fallen into the terrorists' hands. At times the movie operates in traditional James Bond territory. Tony owns exotic cars, a Malibu pad that looks like a Brasilia version of San Simeon and a private jet big enough to accommodate pole dancers.

Q1.

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| (a) adapt | (b) waste |
| (c) hale | (d) trim |

Q2.

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| (a) abridgment | (b) particle |
| (c) gadgetry | (d) influx |

Q3.

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| (a) overwrought | (b) fettered |
| (c) odious | (d) scintillating |

Q4.

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| (a) spawned | (b) spurned |
| (c) sparked | (d) controlled |

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Q5.

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| (a) acceptance | (b) aversion |
| (c) energy | (d) bedlam |

Q6.

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| (a) reformed | (b) belied |
| (c) disported | (d) reinvented |

Q7.

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| (a) bellicose | (b) laconic |
| (c) inopportune | (d) quirky |

Q8.

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| (a) jaunty | (b) dauntless |
| (c) maniacal | (d) peevish |

Q9.

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| (a) complaisant | (b) acidulous |
| (c) eclipsed | (d) unencumbered |

Q10.

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| (a) stockade | (b) prototype |
| (c) rendition | (d) transposition |

Directions (11-15): In the following passages, some of the words have been left out. First read the passage over and try to understand what it is about. Then fill in the blanks with the help of the alternatives given. Mark your answer in the Answer-Sheet.

"The man married a woman very much ----11----than himself for her money," said he, "and he enjoyed the use of the money of the daughter as long as she lived with them. It was a considerable sum, for people in their position, and the loss of it would ----12----- made a serious difference. It was worth an effort to preserve it. The daughter was of a good, amiable disposition, but affectionate and warmhearted in her ways, so that it was evident that with her fair personal advantages, and her little income, she would not be allowed to remain single long. Now her marriage would mean, of course, the loss of a hundred a year, so what does her stepfather do to prevent it? He takes the obvious course of keeping her at home and forbidding ----13-----to seek the company of people of her own age. But soon he found that that would not answer forever. She became restive, insisted -----14---- her rights, and finally announced her positive intention of going to a certain ball. What does her clever stepfather do then? He conceives an idea more creditable to his head ---15----to his heart. With the connivance and assistance of his wife he disguised himself, covered those keen eyes with tinted glasses, masked the face with a moustache and a pair of bushy whiskers, sunk that clear voice into an insinuating whisper, and doubly secure on account of the girl's short sight, he appears as Mr. Hosmer Angel, and keeps off other lovers by making love himself."

Q11.

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| (a) bigger | (b) oldest |
| (c) older | (d) eldest |

Q12.

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| (a) was | (b) had |
| (c) has | (d) have |

Q13.

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| (a) his | (b) her |
| (c) him | (d) she |

Q14.

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| (a) upon | (b) off |
| (c) in | (d) at |

Q15.

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| (a) then | (b) than |
| (c) when | (d) whosoever |

Directions (16-20): In the following passages, some of the words have been left out. First read the passage over and try to understand what it is about. Then fill in the blanks with the help of the alternatives given. Mark your answer in the Answer-Sheet.

My friend rose ---16---from his armchair and stood with his hands in the ---17---of his dressing gown, looking over my shoulder. It was a bright, crisp February morning, and the snow of the day before still lay deep upon the ground, shimmering brightly in the wintry sun. Down the centre of Baker Street it ---18---been ploughed into a brown crumbly band by the traffic, but at either side and on the heaped-up edges of the foot-paths it still lay as white as when it fell. The grey pavement had been cleaned and scraped, but was still dangerously ---19---, so that there were ---20---passengers than usual. Indeed, from the direction of the Metropolitan Station no one was coming save the single gentleman whose eccentric conduct had drawn my attention.

Q16.

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| (a) lazy | (b) lazily |
| (c) laziness | (d) lately |

Q17.

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| (a) sport | (b) air |
| (c) packets | (d) pockets |

Q18.

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| (a) was | (b) is |
| (c) had | (d) being |

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Q19.

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| (a) sleepy | (b) slippery |
| (c) sleeping | (d) slip |

Q20.

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| (a) lessen | (b) least |
| (c) less | (d) fewer |

Directions (21-25): In the following passages, some of the words have been left out. First read the passage over and try to understand what it is about. Then fill in the blanks with the help of the alternatives given. Mark your answer in the Answer-Sheet.

Several commentators have remarked that Finance Minister Arun Jaitley's budget for 2017-18 lacks much __(21)__. But everything has to be viewed in __(22)__. This year's Budget was presented at a time when there are several __(23)__ clouds hanging over the economy. We are still reeling __(24)__ the effects of demonetisation, which must have earned a prominent place in the record books as one of the biggest policy ____ (25) ____ disasters of all time.

Q21.

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| (a) Confidence | (b) Fizz |
| (c) work | (d) effort |

Q22.

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| (a) place | (b) perspective |
| (c) distance | (d) mirror |

Q23.

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| (a) white | (b) storm |
| (c) clean | (d) black |

Q24.

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| (a) to | (b) off |
| (c) of | (d) from |

Q25.

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| (a) produced | (b) induced |
| (c) related | (d) after |

Directions (26-30): In the following passages, some of the words have been left out. First read the passage over and try to understand what it is about. Then fill in the blanks with the help of the alternatives given. Mark your answer in the Answer-Sheet.

In 1996, Subramanian Swamy filed a criminal complaint under the Act, __(26)__ accumulation of vast wealth __(27)__ corrupt acts by the __(28)__ Chief Minister abetted by her close __(29)__. What is required under Section 13(1)(e) is for the prosecution to prove that the assets of the public servant are disproportionate to his or her known __(30)__ of income.

Q26.

- (a) creating
- (c) demanding

- (b) alleging
- (d) alleged

Q27.

- (a) with
- (c) through

- (b) of
- (d) to

Q28.

- (a) erstwhile
- (c) new

- (b) young
- (d) current

Q29.

- (a) end
- (c) nemesis

- (b) add
- (d) aide

Q30.

- (a) reason
- (c) places

- (b) sources
- (d) ways

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