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Cloze Test Ex. 71

Direction: Given below is a paragraph consisting of blanks against each number. Identify the correct option among the alternatives that perfectly fits into the given blank against the respective number to make the paragraph contextually meaningful and grammatically correct.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi's address to the nation on Thursday may not have ____ (A) ____ its primary audience in Jammu and Kashmir which was in blackout. But he did well by speaking out on his decision to ____ (B) ____ its special status, and divide it into two Union Territories. Considering the secrecy and disinformation that ____ (C) ____ the decision that he rightly characterised as historic, and the triumphalism among his supporters that followed, the address was reassuring. The promises he made will be checked against ____ (D) ____ in the coming months, not only by the people of J&K but also by the rest of India and other countries. In his 37-minute address, Mr. Modi promised restoration of statehood to J&K once normalcy returned, a participatory election, and growth in employment, commerce and opportunities in general for them. The PM urged industrialists to set up shop, and film-makers to shoot in the Valley, and asked people there to ____ (E) ____ with the global community. He even offered a catalogue of products and services that could make the State attractive in the global market. While these are desirable objectives, the PM could start with what is ____ (F) ____ within his powers to effect — to call for fresh election and restore statehood at the earliest.

Questions:

1. A.

A. Reacted B. Reached C. Guided D. Earned E. None of the above

2. B.

A. Revise B. Revoke C. Ratify D. Term E. None of the above

3. C.

A. Preceded B. Surfaced C. Determined D. Ascribed E. None of the above

4. D.

A. Detrimental B. Status C. Delivery D. Terminal E. None of the above

5. E.
A. Interpret B. Utilize C. Integrate D. Guise E. None of the above
6. F.
A. Inclusively B. Exclusively C. Terminally D. Daily E. None of the above

Correct Answers:

1	2	3	4	5	6
B	B	A	C	C	B



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Explanations:

1. According to the given context we can see that we are talking about the address of the PM to the nation regarding the decision to revoke the special status given to Jammu and Kashmir. The decision was taken by the government without making it public beforehand but that is also the reason this could have been possible to make it happen at the first place. Among the given words we can only use *reached* since we are saying that there is blackout in Jammu and Kashmir and that is why the address could not be accessed by the people there. Other words do not fit in the context.

This makes Option B the correct choice among the given options.

2. According to the context of the passage it is a fact that the government has decided to revoke the status of Jammu and Kashmir as a special state. Among the given words we have got the actual word only i.e. *revoke* and this will be the perfect word to fill the blank.

This makes Option B the correct choice among the given options.

3. According to the given context of the blank we can see that there was a veil of secrecy around the entire decision of the government to do away with the special status given to Jammu and Kashmir. That is why we can say that it preceded the announcement of the decision of the government. Among the given words we have got *preceded* and that will be the correct word for this blank. Other words can be eliminated since they do not fit here.

This makes Option A the correct choice among the given options

4. According to the given context of the passage it can be seen that the promises that have been made by the Prime Minister will be checked against the reality that will surface in the next few months. Among the given words, we can choose the word *delivery* since it will give us the stark contrast here. Other words are not fit for the context and can be eliminated.

This makes Option C the correct choice among the given options.

5. According to the context of the given blank we are talking about the fact that the Prime Minister has urged the people of the valley to come ahead and mix with the people from the other parts of the country as well as the world. That will increase the scope of life for them since there will be a broader canvass for them to do something. Among the given words we can see that only *integrate* can be used here to imply the correct meaning whereas the rest can be eliminated for not being relevant at all.

This makes Option C the correct choice among the given options.

6. According to the given context we are just saying that the PM should first exercise his powers to do something that can be done being within the powers vested in him. That will be easier to do and also there will not be any outburst against the government for not following up after the ground-breaking decision to revoke the special status of the state. Among the given words we can use the word *exclusively* to imply that the authority to call for fresh election is within the authority of the PM and he should do that at first. Other words will not fit in the blank and can be eliminated.

This makes Option B the correct choice among the given options.



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