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Directions: In the following passage, some of the words have been left out, each of which is indicated by a letter. Find the suitable word from the options given against each letter and fill up the blanks with appropriate words to make the paragraph meaningful.

Two weeks after the country's top court ordered the telecom industry to pay Rs. 92,000 crore in ____ A ____ to the government, operators have pinned their hopes on a government panel that was set up to suggest relief measures for the sector that is struggling with heavy debt and mounting losses. The relief measures, experts said, will not only help the telecom industry stay viable and protect billions of dollars in ____ B ____, but also prevent the digital economy, which runs on the mobile services infrastructure, from being disrupted.

"The demand of Rs.92,000 crore will dampen the sentiment of telecom operators, and raising funds for broadband, network expansion and Digital India will hit a significant roadblock. The impact is not limited to telecom operators but will have a ____ C ____ effect on the larger digital value chain. This requires immediate ____ D ____ by all stakeholders to get the sector back in shape," said Prashant Singhal, emerging markets, technology, media and telecom leader, EY India.

Following the court verdict, the Centre last week set up a Committee of Secretaries under the cabinet secretary to suggest measures to alleviate ____ E ____ stress in the sector. The Cellular Operators Association of India (COAI) has sought an easier payment schedule for spectrum bought in previous auctions, ____ F ____ penalty and interest arising out of adjusted gross revenue (AGR) dues, and a 14-year period to pay the principal amount of AGR dues.

1. Which of the following words should fill in the blank (A) to make a contextually correct and meaningful sentence?

A. dues B. surplus C. last D. remuneration E. tax

2. Which of the following words should fill in the blank (B) to make a contextually correct and meaningful sentence?

A. money B. aid C. gain D. revenue E. investments

3. Which of the following words should fill in the blank (C) to make a contextually correct and meaningful sentence?

A. weaker B. stronger C. domino D. weird E. filtration

4. Which of the following words should fill in the blank (D) to make a contextually correct and meaningful sentence?

- A. protest B. intervention C. interference D. deadlock E. demonstration

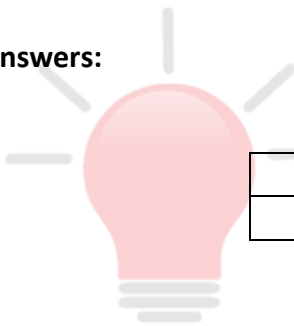
5. Which of the following words should fill in the blank (E) to make a contextually correct and meaningful sentence?

- A. horizontal B. vertical C. financial D. welcome E. administrative

6. Which of the following words should fill in the blank (F) to make a contextually correct and meaningful sentence?

- A. augmenting B. waiving C. lactating D. catapulting E. imposing

Correct Answers:



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

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Explanations:

1. “Surplus” means ‘an amount of something left over when requirements have been met; an excess of production or supply’. It does not fit in the blank.

“Last” is nonsensical in blank A.

“Remuneration” is paid to someone for some work done. But, the government does not work for anyone. Hence, it does not fit in blank A.

Between ‘dues’ and ‘tax’, ‘dues’ is more appropriate than ‘tax’. The second line of the first paragraph specifically says that the sector was suffering from large amounts of debt. The last line of the last paragraph also hits that the telecom industry owed the government some money (Rs. 92,000 crore to be precise).

‘Due’ means ‘something that is owed to one’.

Therefore, option A is the correct answer.

2. “Money”, “gain” and “revenue” do not make proper sense in the blank B.

People did not give aids to the telecom industry. Hence, “aid” makes no sense in blank B.

The sentence containing blank B talks about protecting the telecom industry. An industry is propelled by billions of dollars in *investments*.

“Investments” is the most appropriate word in this blank.

Hence, option E is the correct answer.

3. Expressions like “weaker” effect, “stronger” effect make no sense in blank C.

“Weird” effect is ludicrously absurd.

“Filtration” means ‘the action or process of filtering something’. It is nonsensical in blank C.

“Domino effect” relates to the chain reaction that is produced when one event sets off a chain of similar events. It makes perfect sense in blank C. The sentence containing blank C says that the impact of Rs. 92,000 crore dues will not be limited to the telecom sector, that it will impact other sectors too.

Hence, “domino” is the most appropriate word to fill blank C.

Therefore, option C is the correct answer.

4. The word “deadlock” (=stalemate/impasse) is incorrect both grammatically and contextually. Hence, it can be eliminated.

Words like “protest”, “interference”, and “demonstration” bear within them a sort of negative connotation. These words are actually used when a stable situation is made unstable.

But the sentence containing blank D requires a verb that is used to make an unstable situation stable. The telecom sector is in lurch. To make everything all right, the immediate “intervention” of stakeholders is necessary.

“Intervention” is a positive word that means ‘action taken to improve a situation’. It is the most appropriate word to fill blank D.

Hence, option B is the correct answer.

5. “Stress” is a negative thing. “Stress” is not ‘welcome’ anywhere. “Welcome’ can be eliminated.

“Horizontal” stress, “vertical” stress, “administrative” stress do not make any sense whatsoever in the given context.

The telecom sector is going through a *financial* stress. And, ‘financial’ is the most appropriate word in the blank E.

Obviously, option C is the correct answer.

6. The Cellular Operators Association of India (COAI) was created to alleviate the distress of the telecom sector.

“Augment” means ‘to increase’. The COAI will never recommend ‘augmenting’ penalty. Hence, it can be eliminated.

The same goes for ‘imposing’. The COAI was formed to decrease the woes of the telecom industry. The COAI will not recommend ‘imposing’ penalty.

“Lactate” means ‘(of a female mammal) to secrete milk’. It makes no sense in blank F. Hence, it can also be eliminated.

“Catapult” means ‘hurl or launch (something)’. It is also nonsensical in the blank F.

“Waive” means ‘refrain from demanding compliance with (a rule or fee)’.

‘Waiving’ makes the most appropriate sense in the given blank.

Hence, option B is the correct answer.



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