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# English Questions for CLAT Exam.

## CLAT English Quiz 11

Directions: The following question has two blanks, each blank indicating that something has been omitted. Choose the set of words for each blank that best fits in the context of the sentence.

1. The \_\_\_\_\_ of honest politicians is the reason for the \_\_\_\_\_ state of the country.

- A. slur, glorious                      B. abundance, sad                      C. shortage, miserable  
D. lack, progressive

2. It is in the second and third years of the child's life that the \_\_\_\_\_ of the development of the mental processes is most apparent, and it might seem more reasonable to adopt a strictly \_\_\_\_\_ order to note the same.

- A. process, alphabetical                      B. rush, numerical                      C. nature, celestial  
D. rapidity, chronological

3. In the automotive world, boost refers to the increase in pressure that is \_\_\_\_\_ by the turbocharger in the intake manifold that \_\_\_\_\_ normal atmospheric pressure.

- A. generated, exceeds                      B. transformed, emits                      C. advanced, exhausts  
D. composed, energizes

4. The critical outbursts from the ministers are \_\_\_\_\_ of the fact that there is no real \_\_\_\_\_ in the Union cabinet on the current austerity drive.

- A. thoughtful, compromise                      B. indicators, harmony                      C. reflective, consensus  
D. reflectors, conformity

5. The emergency services \_\_\_\_\_ the accident site as soon as the news of the train collision was \_\_\_\_\_ to them.

- A. suspended, emitted                      B. carried, postponed                      C. finished, pronounced  
D. reached, relayed

6. The Book-hunter in London is the \_\_\_\_\_ not only of material which has been accumulating for many years past, from published and unpublished sources, but also of a long and pleasant \_\_\_\_\_ with the leading book-collectors and booksellers in London.

- A. product, surprises                      B. resource, communication    C. result, time  
D. outcome, intercourse

7. The city of Kolkata, once the cultural and industrial \_\_\_\_\_ of the country, has now, due to the closure of most of its industries, been reduced to a provincial \_\_\_\_\_ .

- A. center, city                              B. heartland, landscape            C. capital, backwater  
D. epicenter, city

8. As Washington Irving has so well put it, 'When all that is wordly turns to \_\_\_\_\_ around us, the comforts of a well-stored library only \_\_\_\_\_ their steady value.

- A. water, increase                      B. dross, retain                      C. stone, demonstrates  
D. futile, keep

9. Small leather tanning units around Chennai and hosiery units around Tiruppur can \_\_\_\_\_ from having a \_\_\_\_\_ effluent treatment plant.

- A. gain, profitable                      B. advance, modern                      C. benefit, common  
D. progress, dynamic

10. Although it still keeps most of its exhibition slots for the \_\_\_\_\_ artists, the gallery now also \_\_\_\_\_ lesser known contemporary artists.

- A. established, reduces                      B. famous, promotes                      C. celebrated, blames  
D. unknown, presents

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**Correct Answers:**

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
C	D	A	C	D	D	C	B	C	B

**Explanations:**

1. “Slur” which means ‘insult’ and “glorious” which means ‘great’ are not appropriate for the respective blanks. Option A, thus, can be eliminated.

If honest politicians are available in “abundance”, then the country would not be in a “sad” state; which rules out option B. Similarly “lack” of honest politicians cannot be the reason for “progressive” state of the county. This rules out option D as well.

In option E, “sparse” will not be the grammatically correct choice for the first blank and thus can be eliminated too.

Option C is apt as both the words fill in the blanks in a logically and grammatically correct way. “Shortage” means ‘a lack of’ and “miserable” means ‘wretchedly poor or unhappy’.

Option C is hence the correct answer.

2. When we talk about the development of the mental processes being most apparent, we need an adjective that will describe this progress. Options A and B, thus, can be eliminated.

We could consider option 3, as ‘nature of development’ sounds logical. However, when we look at the option for the second blank- “celestial” which means ‘relating to the heavens’ or ‘divine’, this does not sound correct. So option C can be eliminated too.

“Chronological” means ‘arranged in order of time of occurrence’ and logically fits the second blank.

Option D is hence the correct answer.

3. The key words/phrases in the sentence are 'boost' and 'increase in pressure' and the use of either "composed (which goes absurd in the context)" or "invented" goes absurd in the context and hence options D and E can be eliminated. Moreover, a turbocharger is an equipment which actually 'forces' or 'generates' extra air into the combustion chamber and this confirms the word "generated" as an appropriate choice for the first blank.

The sentence further talks about the increase in pressure which points towards the word "exceeds" which logically completes the sentence.

Option A is hence the correct answer.

4. Since the outbursts are “critical” (criticizing) they signify the fact that- the best word to convey this meaning in the context is ‘reflective’ or ‘indicative’- of the fact. Therefore, we can eliminate options A, and D.

Besides, though "harmony" indicates order in a general sense, "consensus (a general agreement)" conveys the intended meaning of the sentence and is the correct word for the second blank. Option B, thus, gets eliminated as well.

Option C is hence the correct answer.

5. In the context of the sentence, the emergency services arrive at the accident site in time. Hence, the only suitable word for the first blank is "reached".

Besides, the word "relayed" meaning 'passed on' fits the second blank correctly as the news of the accident was passed on to the emergency services.

Option D is hence the correct answer.

6. In option A, though "product" looks suitable for the first blank yet "surprises" does not fit logically in the context and hence option A gets eliminated.

In option B, the word "resource" for the first blank would be absurd as a book cannot be a resource of unpublished sources. Option B hence gets eliminated as well.

In option C, usage of the word "result" for the first blank would be appropriate but a book as a result of 'a long and pleasant time with the leading ...' is absolutely irrelevant in the context. Option C is also get eliminated.

In option D, both the words "outcome" and "intercourse" which refers to 'dealings', 'relations' or 'communication' fits the gap appropriately.

Option D is hence the correct answer.

7. Option A and D with the word "city" for the 1st blank can be eliminated, as the word "city" has already been used in the sentence and would bring redundancy, if used again.

In option B, usage of the word "landscape" for the 2nd blank does not add any meaning to the context and hence can be eliminated as well.

In option C both the words - "capital" and "backwater" fits the gap appropriately.

A city that refers to a place, situation, or organization in which nothing exciting or important happens, and in which people still have old-fashioned ideas was seen as a provincial backwater.

Option C is hence the correct answer.

8. Option A cannot be correct as comforts cannot "increase" their value, which is already steady. It hence gets eliminated.

In option B, both "dross" which refers to 'something which is worthless' and "retain" which means 'to keep possession of' are appropriate for the blanks 1st and 2nd respectively.

In option C, usage of "demonstrates" for the 2nd blank will be ungrammatical because 'comforts' is a plural noun and must be followed by a verb in plural case. Option C hence gets eliminated.

Similarly, in option D, usage of "futile" which is an adjective, for the 1st blank will be grammatically incorrect as well because the verb 'turn to' must be followed by a noun.

Option B is hence the correct answer.

9. Option A is illogical as businesses would not profit from just having a profitable effluent treatment plant. It hence gets eliminated.

Option B and D are inappropriate as it cannot be inferred as to how a modern effluent treatment plant would "advance" or "progress" industry directly.

Option C appropriately uses the words "benefit" and "common" and is logically consistent.

Option C is hence the correct answer.

10. The given sentence uses the conjunction "although", which means the sentence describes two contradictory scenarios happening at the same time.

As the latter part of the sentence mentions "lesser known artists", the first blank requires an adjective which will be opposite to it in meaning. This eliminates

option D as “unknown” does not provide the necessary contrast for the first blank.

Further, the gallery cannot “reduce”, “blame”, or “produce” lesser known artists. Thus options A, and C are eliminated as well.

Both the words in option B fits the respective blanks appropriately.

Option B is hence the correct answer.



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