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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.

Grooming the next Ronaldo or Lionel Messi has become a national project in China, where the country's No. 1 fan, President Xi Jinping, is ___ A ___ on transforming the country into a great football power. It is a ___ B ___ for China, whose teams have ranked poor to middling in recent international competition. But the effort has already ___ C ___ a surge of spending and support for the game that has stunned fans and players around the world.

In the past two weeks, the main Chinese league has ___ D ___ foreign stars from Europe and South America with contracts reported to be worth as much as \$40 million a year, the highest pay for any football player in the world. A Chinese club offered the real Ronaldo \$105 million a year, but he declined, his agent said last week. These ___ E ___ sums are shaking the landscape of football. Antonio Conte, the manager of England's fabled Chelsea team, ___ F ___ the Chinese spending spree last month as a "danger for all teams in the world". The drive to match China's economic ascent with success on the football field has become ___ G ___ of Mr. Xi's ambition to transform China into a great and confident power. "My biggest hope for Chinese soccer is that its teams become among the world's best," he announced last year.

Questions:

1. A

A. Curious B. Stubborn C. Reluctant D. Decided E. Bent

2. B

A. wild goose chase B. moonshot C. fool's errand D. white elephant

E. tall talk

3. C

A. estimated B. abolished C. unleashed D. diverted E. demystified

4. D

A. processed B. passed C. appointed D. plucked E. dared

5. E

A. giddyng B. considering C. concerned D. extraordinarily E. yearning

6. F

A. renounced B. announced C. denounced D. credited E. forbade

7. G

A. peculiar B. emblematic C. animistic D. didactic E. inveterate

Correct Answers:

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
E	B	C	D	A	C	B

Explanations:

1.

Usage of the word 'reluctant' would be contradictory in the context and hence option A can be immediately eliminated.

If we use the word "decided" for the blank it would form a passive voice structure which would be irrelevant and would not make any sense. Option D gets eliminated as well.

Now, among "curious", "stubborn" and "bent", the most suitable word is "bent" which is, when followed by the preposition 'on' forms an idiom that means 'determined to do something'.

Ex. He was bent on quitting that job even though he was making a lot of money.

Option E is hence the correct answer.

2.

Usage of either "white elephant" which means 'a possession that is useless or troublesome' or "tall talk" which means 'the act or an instance of exaggerating' would be absurd in the context and hence both the options D and E can be eliminated.

Now both "wild goose chase" (a foolish and hopeless search for or pursuit of something unattainable.) and "fool's errand" (a task or activity that has no hope of success.) are more or less synonymous to each other and therefore neither of them could be used for the blank.

The only choice left here is "moonshot". The word refers to 'a launch of a spacecraft to the moon' and here in the context of the paragraph it is used as an idiomatic expression to signify China's vision to become great as a Football team.

Option B is hence the correct answer.

3.

In the given context while usage of the word “demystified” makes no sense, usage of any of the words “estimated”, “abolished” and “diverted” wouldn’t add any meaning to the context and hence would be illogical. Options E, A, B, and D get eliminated.

The word “unleashed” which refers to ‘releasing or becoming unrestrained’ would be the perfect choice in the given context that clearly suggests that China has seen a surge (rise) in spending for Football.

Option C is hence the correct answer.

4.

Usage of either of the words “processed” and “dared” will be absolutely absurd and hence options A and E get eliminated as well.

The word “passed” at blank is not making sense either. Option B can be eliminated too.

The verb “appoint” is used to assign a position, job or role to a person and option C therefore gets eliminated as well.

The verb “pluck” which in general refers to ‘take hold of (something) and quickly remove it from its place’ also means ‘picking or choosing someone/something for a cause’. The word “Plucked” therefore is the best choice among the given options.

Option D is hence the correct answer.

5.

The paragraph seems to be indicating towards the fact that China is spending extraordinarily huge sums in Football sport and the whole world is amazed at this move taken by China.

Now, as the gap is immediately followed by a noun, usage of an adverb would be ungrammatical here. Option D can be hence eliminated.

Further, none of the words “considering”, “concerned” and “yearning” adds any meaning to the context and hence options B, C and E also get eliminated too.

The word “giddy” which refers to something that makes someone feel dizzy, elated or excited to the point of disorientation’ is the most suitable word for the blank.

Option A is hence the correct answer.

6.

Usage of any of the words “renounced”, “credited” and “forbade” would be absolutely absurd in the particular context of the paragraph where team Chelsea refers to China’s huge investment in Football sport as a danger for all teams in the world. Options A, D and E hence get eliminated.

Between “announced” which means ‘make a formal public statement’ and “denounced” which means ‘publicly declare to be wrong or evil’ the latter seems to be fitting the blank appropriately.

Option C is hence the correct answer.

7.

Of all the five given adjectives only “emblematic” which means 'serving as a symbol of a particular quality or concept; symbolic.' is the most appropriate choice for the blank.

Ex. Rahane has exhibited such counter-attacking tendencies in the past, notably against Mitchell Johnson at the MCG, and though it may not always come off, it is emblematic of India's new-found aggression when pushed into a corner.

None of the other words seems to be fitting the gap logically.

Option B is hence the correct answer.



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