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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.

The blockade of the national highways leading to the Manipur valley, called by the United Naga Council (UNC), has been in place since November 1. This has severely affected life in the State, with shortages and ___ A ___ costs of essential supplies such as fuel and food, even as demonetisation has ___ B ___ problems. Blockades like this are not new to Manipur. In 2011, there was initially a hundred-day-plus blockade enforced by Kuki-led groups, and countered later by Naga groups, which together had a ___ C ___ effect on life in Manipur. This time the blockade is in place to oppose the creation of new districts by the Okram Ibobi Singh government. On December 9 it issued a ___ D ___ notification for the creation of seven new districts by bifurcating seven (of a total of nine) districts. This decision had as much to do with long-pending demands — in particular, for a new Kuki-majority district to be carved out of the larger Senapati hill district — as with easing administrative access to ___ E ___ areas from the district headquarters.

Questions:

1. A

A. escalating B. upfront C. diminishing D. varying E. considerable

2. B

A. exceed B. pacified C. exacerbated D. vindicated E. exemplified

3. C

A. asting B. counter C. mounting D. befitting E. debilitating

4. D

A. special B. live C. gazette D. detail E. retentive

5. E

A. offshore B. far-flung C. outskirts D. remotely E. secluded



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Correct Answers:

1	2	3	4	5
A	C	E	C	B

Explanations:

1.

In any part of the world, when there is a shortage of essential commodities, costs tend to escalate or increase. Option A clearly the best choice among all.

Though each of the other four words looks appropriate at the first glance yet is not logical in the given context of the paragraph.

Option A is hence the correct answer.

2.

Usage of “exceed” for the blank would be ungrammatical as the sentence is in Perfect Tense and the verb to be used must be in its past participle form while “exceeded” is in the present form. This eliminates option A.

Further, usage of any of the words “pacified”, “vindicated” and “exemplified” doesn’t make any sense when filled in the blank.

The verb “exacerbated” the present form of which refers to ‘making a disease or situation worse; aggravate’ is the most suitable choice among the given ones.

Option C is hence the correct answer.

3.

Usage of either of the words “mounting” and “befitting” would be absurd in the context and hence the options C and D can be eliminated.

If we use the word “counter” for the blank it would not go well with the context because the blockade is already a negative act and it has only brought a negative effect to the state. This eliminates option B as well.

Now, between “lasting” which refers to ‘continuing to exist or having effect for a long time’ and “debilitating” which means ‘to make something weak’, the latter seems to fit the blank appropriately because there is no reference of duration of the effect of blockade has been given in the paragraph in the context of Manipur.

Option E is hence the correct answer.

4.

Usage of either of the adjectives “live” and “retentive” would be absolutely absurd in the context and hence can be eliminated immediately.

The word “detail” could have been thought of, had it been in its past participle form ‘detailed’. Option D gets eliminated too.

Between “special” and “gazette” the latter which refers to ‘a journal or newspaper, especially the official one of an organization or institution’ seems to a better choice in the context of the paragraph.

Option C is hence the correct answer.

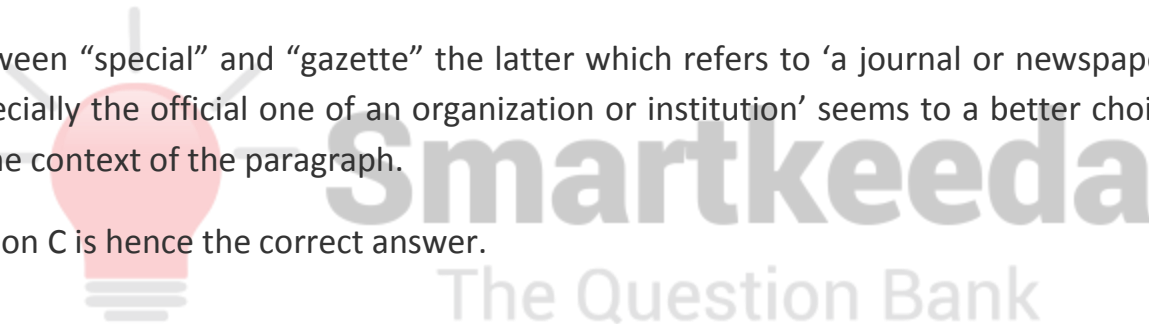
5.

Option C and D can be eliminated immediately because the word that would fit the blank must be an adjective while “outskirts” is a noun and “remotely” an adverb.

Usage of either “offshore” or “secluded” doesn’t make sense in the context either and options A and E can be eliminated as well.

Clearly, option B is the most suitable choice both for the blank grammatically and contextually.

Option B is hence the correct answer.





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