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## Cloze Test Quiz 45

**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 'normal' monsoon forecast of the India Meteorological Department brings the promise of a year of growth and good health for India's economy and \_\_\_\_ A \_\_\_\_\_. If correct, India will have a second consecutive year of normal rainfall, after two years of \_\_\_\_ B \_\_\_\_\_. The prospect that 2017 will be a good year boosts the prospects of enhanced agricultural output, healthy \_\_\_\_ C \_\_\_\_\_ levels, more hydropower and reduced conflicts over water. It will also test the \_\_\_\_ D \_\_\_\_\_ of the expensive water management initiatives launched during 2014 and 2015 by the Centre and the State governments to harness rainfall and build resilience for future drought cycles. As the IMD's experience shows, forecasting the all-India summer monsoon rainfall is fraught with \_\_\_\_ E \_\_\_\_\_ and has often gone off the mark. The dynamic model that it is using this year to make a forecast that includes an assessment of two \_\_\_\_ F \_\_\_\_\_ — a possible late onset El Niño in the Pacific Ocean and variations in sea surface temperatures that create the Indian Ocean Dipole — will be keenly watched. Given that El Niño is expected only in the later part of the year when the monsoon is in its final stages, the expectation of normal rainfall is \_\_\_\_ G \_\_\_\_\_. A confirmation could come in June.

### Questions:

#### 1. A

A. prosperity      B. atmosphere      C. ecology      D. bio-diversity      E. eco-friendliness

#### 2. B

A. hunger      B. famine      C. calamity      D. drought      E. scarcity

#### 3. C

A. reservoir      B. confidence      C. yield      D. rainfall      E. monsoon

**4. D**

A. reality      B. conjecture      C. accountability      D. efficacy      E. synergy

**5. E**

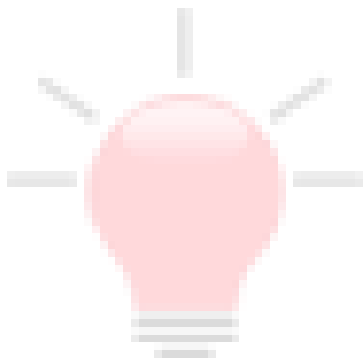
A. efficiencies      B. examples      C. uncertainties      D. instances      E. events

**6. F**

A. cases      B. phenomena      C. accidents      D. possibilities      E. event

**7. G**

A. expected      B. possible      C. feasible      D. reasonable      E. undesirable



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**Correct Answers:**

<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
C	D	A	D	C	B	D

**Explanations:**

**1.**

Usage of either of the compound nouns “bio-diversity” and “eco-friendliness” would be irrelevant as neither of them is going well with the context. Options D and E hence get eliminated.

“Prosperity” would have been a suitable choice, had the word ‘health’ not present in the clause.

Between the rest of the two words - “atmosphere” and “ecology”, the latter fits the blank more appropriately as the noun ecology describes the environment as it connects to living things, or the branch of biology that studies that environment whereas “atmosphere” just refers to ‘the pervading tone or mood of a place, situation, or creative work.’

Option C is hence the correct answer.

**2.**

In the context of ‘monsoon forecast’ and ‘rainfall’ the most suitable word among the given ones is “drought” which refers to ‘a prolonged period of abnormally low rainfall, leading to a shortage of water.’

‘Scarcity’ is a broader term and if used, would not be able to specifically define the context of the paragraph.

Option D is hence the correct answer.

**3.**

Usage of the word “confidence” for the blank is absolutely absurd as it makes no sense in the context of the paragraph. This eliminates option B.

The paragraph in the very beginning mentions “monsoon” and “a normal rainfall” as causes of some possible effects, such as enhanced agricultural output, more hydropower and reduced conflicts over water, which we are going to witness in 2017. Therefore, either of the words “rainfall” and “monsoon” will not be appropriate for the blank. Options D and E can be eliminated as well.

Now, if we use “yield” for the blank, it would bring redundancy to the context as the preceding phrase ‘enhanced agricultural output’ states the same thing.

Clearly, option A fits the blank appropriately and hence is the correct answer.

**4.**

Out of the given options, usage of any of the words “conjecture”, “accountability” and “synergy” does not bring any relevance to the context and hence can be eliminated.

Between “reality” and “efficacy” the latter seems to fit the blank more appropriately as the tone of the paragraph is positive and usage of “reality” would add a negative meaning to the context.

Efficacy (Noun):

the ability to produce a desired or intended result.

Ex. “there is little information on the efficacy of this treatment”

Ex. Since the traffic reports have not been announced yet, the efficacy of the new drunk driving laws cannot be confirmed.

Clearly, option D is the correct answer.

**5.**

The predicative part “... has often gone off the mark.” Indicates unpredictability with respect to the monsoon and thus, the word “uncertainties” would be the best choice among all to fill in the blank.

Option C is hence the correct answer.

**6.**

The usage of the word “event” would be erroneous here as the noun following the word ‘two’ must be in its plural form. It hence eliminates option E.

Out of the remaining choices, the word “phenomena” which refers to ‘a fact or situation that is observed to exist or happen, especially one whose cause or explanation is in question’ is the most suitable pick for the blank.

Ex. “glaciers are interesting natural phenomena”

Option B is hence the correct answer.

**7.**

Usage of any of the adjectives “possible”, “feasible” and “undesirable” would be absurd in the context of the paragraph as none of them is adding any meaning to the context.

If we use “expected” for the blank, it would bring redundancy to the sentence as the word ‘expectation’ has already used once in the subject part of the sentence.

Clearly, the word “reasonable” is the most suitable word that fits the blank logically.

Option D is hence the correct answer.



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