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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.

This year, the world's largest democracy, India, and the biggest country by ___ A ___, Russia, are celebrating the 70th anniversary of establishment of diplomatic relations between them. Russia continues to be among India's major politico-diplomatic and defence partner nations. While India has ___ B ___ separate strategic partnership pacts with more than two dozen countries, the Indian and Russian governments in December 2010 ___ C ___ their bilateral 'Strategic Partnership' to what they termed a "Special and Privileged Strategic Partnership."

The New Delhi-based ___ D ___ 'Foundation for National Security Research', which did a comparative assessment of India's strategic partnerships — meaning, 'political-diplomatic, defence and economic cooperation' (during the 10-year period prior to November 2011), had said, "Russia emerges as the most important strategic partner of India (followed by the U.S., France, the U.K., Germany and Japan in that order)." The November 2011 report had found that Russia had provided strong political and diplomatic support to India and helped enormously in building India's defence capability. However, it warned that the "economic content of the (India-Russia) partnership is extremely weak," and recommended that "urgent and ___ E ___ steps need to be taken to improve economic relations if this (India-Russia) partnership is to be sustained and made durable."

Questions:

1. A

A. Population B. Density C. Area D. Democracy E. Economy

2. B

A. Inked B. Considered C. Contemplated D. Refuted E. Revoked

3. C

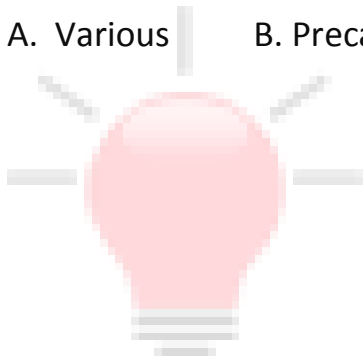
A. Called B. Elevated C. Refreshed D. Nullified E. Revived

4. D

A. NGO B. Startup C. Personnel D. Think tank E. Avenue

5. E

A. Various B. Precarious C. Vigorous D. Minuscule E. Exhilarating



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Correct Answers:

1	2	3	4	5
C	A	B	D	C

Explanations:

1.

To answer this question correctly one needs to be good at general awareness as per which Russia is world's biggest country by 'area'.

Option C is hence the correct answer.

2.

As the words "considered" and "contemplated" are synonyms, neither of them could be picked for the blank. Options B and C hence get eliminated.

Moreover, the words "refuted" and "revoked" are negative in meaning and thus would not go well with the context. Options D and E get eliminated as well.

Clearly, the word "inked", the present form of which refers to 'sign or enter a pact or contract' is the word that'd be fitting the gap appropriately.

Option A is hence the correct answer.

3.

Usage of any of the words "called", "nullified" and "declared" for the blank restricts the flow of the sentence because of the presence of the preposition 'to' in the predicate part. Options A, D and E hence get eliminated.

As the first sentence evidently implies a long term relation between the two countries – India & Russia, the word "revived" will not be relevant here for the blank.

Clearly, the word "elevated" would be fitting the blank both grammatically and contextually.

Option B is hence the correct answer.

4.

Out of the given choices, only the noun phrase “think tank” which refers to ‘a body of experts providing advice and ideas on specific political or economic problems’ is the most appropriate option to be picked for the blank.

Option D is hence the correct answer.

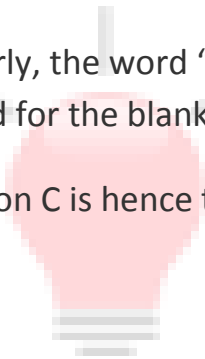
5.

Usage of any of words “precarious”, “minuscule” and “exhilarating” would be absurd as none of them is meaningful or logical in the context of the passage. Options B, D and E can hence be eliminated.

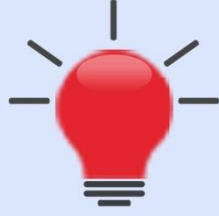
Usage of “various” for the blank will not be appropriate either as it’s not going well with the word “urgent” in combination. We can eliminate option A as well.

Clearly, the word “vigorous” which means ‘strong and forceful’ would be the most appropriate word for the blank in the given context of the passage.

Option C is hence the correct answer.



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