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## CLOZE TEST EXERCISE NO. 60

**Directions:** In the following passage, some of the words have been made bold, each of which is preceded by a letter. Find the suitable word from the options given below that could replace the bold word so as to make the paragraph meaningful.

After years of \_\_\_ A \_\_\_ **disputed** over whether Pluto is a planet, in 2006 the International Astronomical Union (IAU) voted to remove Pluto's planetary status. Now some researchers are \_\_\_ B \_\_\_ **validating** this decision, citing the manner in which scientific tradition has dealt with the taxonomy of planets. The IAU, in 2006, designated Pluto a 'dwarf planet' along with Ceres in the asteroid belt and Xena, an object in the Kuiper belt, which is an icy ring of frozen objects that circle the solar system beyond Neptune's orbit. It was a bid to overcome sentiment and go by scientific \_\_\_ C \_\_\_ **reflection**. The meeting defined three conditions for a celestial object to be called a planet: one, it must orbit the Sun; two, it should be massive enough to acquire an approximately spherical shape; three, it has to 'clear its orbit', that is, be the object that \_\_\_ D \_\_\_ **excerpts** the maximum gravitational pull within its orbit. Owing to this third property, if an object ventures close to a planet's orbit, it will either collide with it and be accreted, or be ejected out. However, Pluto is affected \_\_\_ E \_\_\_ **at** Neptune's gravity. It also shares its orbit with the frozen objects in the Kuiper belt. Based on this, the IAU deemed that Pluto did not 'clear its orbit'. Dwarf planets, on the other hand, need only satisfy the first two conditions.

This rationale has been questioned by Philip Metzger, a planetary physicist who has worked with the U.S. National Aeronautics and Space Administration, and others who have studied the history of classifying planets and come up with several \_\_\_ F \_\_\_ **abnormal** to the third rule. In a paper published in the journal *Icarus*, they point out that the only work in history that used this rule to classify planets was an article by William Herschel in 1802. They also argue that this work was based on reasoning and observations that have \_\_\_ G \_\_\_ **because** been disproved. However, the last argument does not build up a strong enough case to give up what is, in fact, a sensible rule. Physics has many examples where an idea was once \_\_\_ H \_\_\_ **jeopardized** for being incorrect, and much later emerged in a different form and gained acceptance — the concept of photons, for instance. And then again, if Pluto were to be re-designated a planet, many more

complications would \_\_\_ I \_\_\_ **dwell**. For one thing, Charon, Pluto's moon, is much too large to be called a satellite. Judging by this, the Charon-Pluto system should then rightly be called a binary planet system. This would then lead to classifying several other sets of bodies as binary planets. Recent research shows that both the Kuiper Belt and the Oort cloud, a shell of objects that surrounds the entire solar system far beyond the Kuiper belt, contain objects that can then be called planets, thereby complicating the issue. Denying planetary status to Pluto is then nothing less than a sweep of Occam's razor, and Pluto remains a dwarf planet, \_\_\_ J \_\_\_ **all** an exceptional one.

**(A).**

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|-----------------|----------------------------|------------|
| A. Entertaining | B. Speculating             | C. Arguing |
| D. Teaching     | E. No replacement required |            |

**(B).**

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|----------------|----------------------------|--------------|
| A. Agreeing    | B. Bound                   | C. Rejecting |
| D. Challenging | E. No replacement required |              |

**(C).**

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|------------|----------------------------|-------------|
| A. Morale  | B. Rationale               | C. Emotions |
| D. Logical | E. No replacement required |             |

**(D).**

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|-----------|----------------------------|------------|
| A. Exerts | B. Pulls                   | C. Donates |
| D. Ushers | E. No replacement required |            |

**(E).**

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|---------|----------------------------|-------|
| A. With | B. At                      | C. By |
| D. For  | E. No replacement required |       |

**(F).**

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|-----------------|----------------------------|---------------|
| A. Expectations | B. Accept                  | C. Exceptions |
| D. Notations    | E. No replacement required |               |

**(G).**

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|-----------|----------------------------|----------|
| A. Yet    | B. Since                   | C. Hence |
| D. Either | E. No replacement required |          |

**(H).**

- A. Leave
- D. Discarded

- B. Used
- E. No replacement required

C. Given

**(I).**

- A. Arise
- D. Risen

- B. Rise
- E. No replacement required

C. Wake

**(J).**

- A. Albeit
- D. Altogether

- B. Even
- E. No replacement required

C. Without



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### Correct answers:

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

### Explanations:

**1.** The statement talks about how, after years of debating, Pluto was removed from the list of planets. The only option that fits in is arguing. The others talk about speculation, entertainment etc.

Hence, option C is correct.

**2.** The statement talks about how the removal of Pluto from the planet list is being questioned by some. Agreeing and bound can be easily eliminated while rejecting does not fit in the context.

Only challenging is correct here.

Hence, option D is correct.

**3.** The statement talks about overcoming sentiment and going by logic. Thus, morale and emotions can be eliminated.

Logical is incorrect grammatically.

Only rationale fits in.

Hence, option B is correct.

**4.** The third criteria talks about the object exercising the maximum gravitational pull. The correct word here is exerts.

Hence, option A is correct.

**5.** As per the statement, Neptune's gravity affects Pluto. The correct preposition is by here.

Hence, option C is correct.

**6.** The statement tries to convey that the third rule does not always hold good.

Exceptions is the correct word and conveys this meaning.

Hence, option C is correct.

**7.** The statement tries to state that the reasoning behind certain arguments has been found to be faulty between now and then. This is correctly conveyed by the word 'since'.

Hence, option B is correct.

**8.** The statement tries to convey that a lot of ideas were thought to be incorrect but turned out to be correct later. The only word that fits in is discarded. Leave is incorrect in terms of grammar.

Hence, option D is correct.

**9.** The statement tries to say that a lot of complications would come up in case Pluto gets re designated. Although all the words are the same in terms of meaning, arise is correct grammatically.

Hence, option A is correct.

**10.** The statement concludes by stating that at the end of the day, Pluto remains a dwarf planet even though it is an exceptional one. The word which conveys the same meaning as the italicized connector is albeit which means even though.

Hence, option A is correct.



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