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Cloze Test Ex. 62

Directions: In the passage given below there are 6 blanks, each followed by a word/phrase given in bold. Each blank has four alternative words/phrases given in options A, B, C and D. You have to tell which word will best suit the respective blank. Mark E as your answer if the word given in bold after the blank is your answer i.e. “No change required.”

As the general elections loom, different political forces are making ___ A ___ attempts to politically position or reposition themselves in order to forge a winning combination. It is also interesting that this positioning and repositioning around the ___ B ___ of a common good is mutually conflicting. The parties in opposition, for example, seem to be suggesting that they are ___ C ___ to positioning themselves with each other, and around the universal perspective that is inclusive of values like democracy, secularism, and freedom from fear. The Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) chief and the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), on the other side of the spectrum, are ___ D ___ to convince the public that Hindutva is the only universal common good. However, such attempts by the Sangh Parivar chief to calculatingly flesh out an “all-inclusive” position is ___ E ___ more in self-confidence and, therefore, devoid of egalitarian conviction. His attempts both at outreach through a lecture series and at ___ F ___ Narendra Modi–Amit Shah’s pet slogan of a “Congress-mukt Bharat” (Congress-free India) could be seen as a part of this repositioning. Moreover, the ___ G ___ posturing of the RSS can also be seen as resulting from the recognition of widespread public discontent against the policies of the current government. Seeking an extended meaning in Hindutva is fundamentally ___ H ___ by the need to maintain its control over levers of formal political power. The posturing that the RSS is “not interested” in formal political power, therefore, is necessarily a defensive ploy.

1. **A**
I. Concrete
II. Tender
III. Calculated

A. Both II and III B. Only I C. Only II D. Only III E. All I, II and III

2. **B**
I. Ground
II. Notion
III. Logic

A. Only II B. Both I and III C. Both II and III D. Only III E. None of the above

3. **C**
I. Committed
II. Unified
III. Yearned

A. Both I and II B. Only III C. Both II and III D. Only I E. Only II

4. **D**

- I. Trying
- II. Attempting
- III. Striving

A. All I, II and III B. None of I,II and III C. Both II and III D. Both I and II E. Only III

5. **E**

- I. Couched
- II. Decorated
- III. Determined

A. Both II and III B. Only II C. Only I D. Both I and II E. All I, II and III

6. **F**

- I. Tantalizing
- II. Terminating
- III. Conditioning

A. Only III B. Both I and II C. Both II and III D. Only II E. None of I, II and III

7. **G**

- I. Accommodative
- II. Compromised
- III. Promised

A. Both II and III B. Only II C. Only III D. Both I and II E. Both I and III

8. **H**

- I. Motivated
- II. Confirmed
- III. Ostracized

A. Both I and II B. Both II and III C. Both I and III D. Only I E. All I, II and III

Correct Answers:

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
D	A	D	A	C	A	D	D

Explanations :

1. According to the given context, the political parties are trying to steal the thunder regarding religion in the country keeping in mind the upcoming general elections in the country. That is why there are a lot of permutations and combinations going on in the political circles regarding the requirement of utilization of religion for political purposes.

Among the given options, *concrete* is not correct since we are not only talking about whole-hearted attempts but we are talking about calculated efforts on the part of the political parties of the country. *Tender* implies soft and can be eliminated as the correct word in this context whereas *calculated* perfectly explains the meaning of the given context.

This makes option D the correct choice among the given options.

2. According to the given context, it is implied that the political parties are trying to utilize the idea of common good in order to use the idea of religion in the country. However, this idea has been depicted as mutually conflicting by the author in the passage. Actually, we are talking about the notion or idea of common good that all the political parties are trying to portray in the country.

Now coming to the options, *ground* cannot be used here since we are talking about some reason for a result but it is about an idea that the political parties have floated in the country whereas *logic* is also not correct since it cannot be used to denote that all the political parties are now committed to an idea of common good. Only *notion* can be used in the given context to imply that there is an idea of common good circulating in the political sphere of the country.

This makes option A the correct choice among the given options.

3. The context is about the stance of the opposition political parties in the country regarding the utilization of Hinduism and religion in the upcoming general elections. The opposition parties want to come together with the objective of upholding secularism, democracy and freedom from fear. It is implied that the opposition is actually committed to these ideas.

Among the given words, *committed* fits perfectly in the given blank whereas the other two words *unified* and *yearned* are completely out of context here since the first implies coming together and the second one is used to imply desired. These two words can be eliminated.

This makes option D the correct choice among the given options.

4. In order to understand the context, the preceding and succeeding sentences must be considered. Here, the context implies that the BJP and the RSS are trying to sell the idea among the citizens of the country that they are for Hindutva which is the only way to achieve universal common good.

Now, coming to the given words, we have to find words that can imply that the RSS and BJP are trying to convince the public. *Trying* can be used to fill in the blank. The second word is *attempting* and it also implies trying to achieve something and it is also perfect fit for the given blank. The third word can also be considered for the blank since *striving* refers to working hard for something.

This makes option A the correct choice among the given options.

5. According to the given context, the RSS is trying to show that they are following an all-inclusive approach and everybody will be included in their idea of development, irrespective of their religion. This idea is not based on conviction but it is only the confidence of the RSS-BJP combine that is trying to give weightage to this idea.

Coming to the given words, *couched* can definitely be used since it means the idea of the RSS is based mainly on self-confidence and it is the intended meaning in this context. Regarding the other two words, they are out of context here and should be eliminated.

This makes option C the correct choice among the given options.

6. According to the given context, it is observed that the author intends to imply that the RSS is trying to establish the idea that the RSS is actually for the common good of everybody and not for the welfare of any particular religion. It is trying to reposition itself through the media interactions and series of lectures.

Among the given words, *tantalizing* refers to teasing something with the promise of giving him or her something unattainable whereas *terminating* refers to ending something. *Conditioning* refers to preparing somebody for something. None of these words can be placed in the given blank since they are not implying the intended meaning.

This makes option E the correct choice among the given options.

7. According to the given context, it is implied that the RSS is trying to show itself in a new light in order to garner public support in its favor. It is being done after seeing the discontent among the general public regarding the policies of the present government.

Among the given words, *accommodative* may be used in the given blank since it implies that the RSS is now trying to take a more acceptable view regarding Hindutva whereas *compromised* can also be used as it may imply that the RSS is actually diluting the earlier version of Hindutva and trying to embrace a new version on public demand. *Promised* cannot be used in the given blank and can be eliminated since it is not relevant here.

This makes option D the correct choice among the given options.

8. According to the given context, the author is of the opinion that the RSS is trying to hold on to the power at the centre and that is why it is trying to rebrand itself as an organization that believes in overall development of the country irrespective of religions and castes or anything else.

Among the given words, *motivated* can be used since it may imply that the step by the RSS is because of its requirement to stay connected to power and its centre in the country. The other two words cannot be used in the given blank because they cannot imply the intended meaning if placed in the blank.

It makes option D the correct choice among the given options.



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