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# Cloze Test English Exercise for Canara Bank PO, IBPS PO Pre, IBPS SO Pre, IBPS Clerk, RRB Scale I Pre, SBI PO Pre. SBI Clerk and Syndicate Bank PO

## Cloze Test Exercise No. 66

**Direction:** In the following passage, some of the words / sentences have been left out, each of which is indicated by a letter. Find the suitable word / sentence from the options given against each letter and fill up the blanks with appropriate words / sentences to make the paragraph meaningful.

The layer of ozone helps \_\_\_ A \_\_\_ the harmful ultraviolet rays away from entering the Earth's atmosphere. Ozone layer depletion over the years has \_\_\_ B \_\_\_ in ozone hole formation through which harmful radiations can now enter the atmosphere. Ozone layer depletion has many \_\_\_ C \_\_\_ effects including cancer risks. These wavelengths can harm plants and animals and also cause skin cancer, sunburn, and cataracts in humans. The problem is very \_\_\_ D \_\_\_ indeed and has rightly generated global concern. These concerns led to the \_\_\_ E \_\_\_ of the Montreal Protocol in the year 1987. This protocol bans the production of ozone-depleting chemicals like CFCs and halons. Ozone depletion refers to a steady \_\_\_ F \_\_\_ in the total amount of ozone present in the Earth's atmosphere or the ozone layer. It can also be described as a much larger decrease in stratospheric ozone around the polar regions of the Earth. The second phenomenon is termed as the ozone hole. In addition to these stratospheric events, there are also springtime polar tropospheric ozone depletion events. \_\_\_\_\_ G \_\_\_\_\_. These compounds enter the stratosphere after being emitted at the surface where these compounds release halogen atoms by a process called photo dissociation. \_\_\_\_\_ H \_\_\_\_\_. The main cause of ozone layer depletion is the indiscriminate use of CFCs, which are chlorine-based substances. These are widely used in several manufacturing plants, refrigerants and aerosols. \_\_\_\_\_ I \_\_\_\_\_. Just one atom of chlorine can destroy around 100, 000 molecules of ozone. Wind blows the CFCs up into the stratosphere. Ozone molecules are already unstable. The chlorine atoms in the CFCs react with the ozone molecules, which break down resulting in the formation of an oxygen molecule and a single free-floating oxygen atom. \_\_\_\_\_ J \_\_\_\_\_. However, chlorine in other places such as swimming pools does not pose any danger.

**A.**

A. Preserve  
D. Intend

B. Prevent  
E. Associate

C. Pretend

**B.**

A. Restricted  
D. Resulted

B. Yielded  
E. None of the above

C. Functioned

**C.**

A. Estimated  
D. Functional

B. Utility  
E. Ensuing

C. Negative

**D.**

A. Grateful  
D. Dreaded

B. Grave  
E. None of the above

C. Gracious

**E.**

A. Fascination  
D. Adaptation

B. Utilization  
E. Fragmentation

C. Adoption

**F.**

A. Reduction  
D. Ability

B. Detention  
E. Subjection

C. Accumulation



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**G.**

A. It should be noted that such substances should not be entertained in day-to-day human life at all so that there is no consequent health issue.

B. Such substances will result in various diseases for human beings if they are not controlled properly.

C. Man-made chemicals like solvents, propellants, halocarbon refrigerants, and foam-blowing agents (chlorofluorocarbon (CFCs), HCFCs, halons), also called ozone-depleting substances (ODS) are the major causes of the problem.

D. There are many substances which do not cause any problem but they are treated as harmful substances still.

E. It should be noted that chemical solvents should be controlled in the atmosphere so that there is no effect on human beings.

**H.**

- A. This causes breakdown of ozone (O<sub>3</sub>) into oxygen (O<sub>2</sub>), leading a decrease in the amount of ozone.
- B. This is responsible for all the harmful human diseases that can be observed now in human beings.
- C. This is responsible for the difficulty in managing the various issues of the human life which can be painful as well.
- D. This results in the depletion of ozone layer though it can be controlled if certain rules are followed by human beings.
- E. Human beings are mainly responsible for any kind of disease that is taking place these days by the depletion of the ozone layer.

**I.**

- A. These are man-made substances and hence human beings should suffer from the ill effects of such deeds.
- B. Man-made diseases are very difficult to cure since the reasons are mainly related to the habits of human beings.
- C. Human beings do not know how to clean the environment and that is why they should not be given the right to live in it.
- D. When released into the air, these have a very damaging effect on the ozone layer.
- E. It can be very disturbing to know that most of incidents are due to the problem of atmosphere density itself.

**J.**

- A. It should be kept in mind that chlorine molecules should not be left unattended anywhere without any solvent being attached to it.
- B. Utility of any solvent is known when the same is used for everyday purposes and not only for chemical reactions.
- C. The chlorine is a powerful solvent and it should be noted that it is a very reactive one also.
- D. The chlorine in the atmosphere has immense threat potential.
- E. Chlorine is harmful but it is also very much inert if used with proper care.

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**Correct answers:**

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J
B	D	C	B	C	A	C	A	D	D

**Explanations:**

**A.**

It is difficult to predict the word since it is the first blank in the given passage. However, it can be presumed based on the context of the passage and also the theme of the passage. The passage is about the Ozone layer depletion in the atmosphere and it is repeatedly mentioned that the ultra-violet rays are harmful for human beings and the ozone layer is responsible for prevention of this from entering the earth.

Now, from the given options, A is opposite in context whereas C, D and E are completely out of the given context.

Only B fits the blank perfectly as it mentions the main objective of the ozone layer in the earth.

This makes Option B the right choice among the given options.

**B.**

If we go through the whole passage, it can be inferred that the ozone layer depletion has resulted into ozone layer formation which is responsible for the entry of the ultra-violet rays into the earth, causing many diseases to the human beings.

Now, among the given options, A, B and C all are out of context as per the preceding and succeeding sentences. Only D fits the context perfectly.

This makes Option D the right choice among the given options.

**C.**

In the given context of the passage, it is very clear that the depletion of ozone layer has many dangerous effects as cancer risks, as has been mentioned in the later part of the sentence. If something is causing cancer to human beings, it is harmful and dangerous.

Among the given options, A, B, D and E are out of context since the phenomenon of depletion of ozone layer is disturbing event. Only C fits the context perfectly.

This makes Option C the right choice.

**D.**

The given context is about the issue of depletion of ozone layer in the world. It is a very serious issue since it can cause cancer also in human beings. Refer to, "These wavelengths can harm plants and animals and also cause skin cancer, sunburn, and cataracts in humans." It makes the bad effects of ultra violet rays very clear on various animals in the world. That is why there is global concern about the issue.

Among the given options, A and C are completely out of context and are eliminated. D can be the answer but the word is not the perfect fit in the context as 'dreaded' is used for something of which one is afraid. That is not the case in this context.

Only B fits in the given context perfectly as it implies that the depletion of ozone layer is a very serious issue.

This makes Option B the correct choice among the given options.

**E.**

It is implied that due to the serious concerns regarding the depletion of ozone layers, the world leaders have decided to implement the Montreal Protocol to tackle this issue. This protocol was adopted by the leaders of various countries in 1987. The main objective was to stop the depletion of the ozone layer.

Among the given options, A and E are completely out of context. B can imply the meaning as in the given context but it does not go with the implementation of protocols for which 'adoption' is used. On the other hand, 'adaptation' refers to adjusting to something and it is also out of context.

This makes Option C the right choice among the given options.

**F.**

According to the given context, it is about the depletion of ozone layer in the earth and the definition about the same. Refer to, "It can also be described as a much larger decrease in stratospheric ozone around the polar regions of the Earth." It is the succeeding sentence of the statement with the blank and it implies that depletion of ozone layer refers to reduction in ozone in earth's atmospheric layer.

Among the given options, B, D and E are out of context as they will not imply the same if applied in the blanks. C fits in the context but it implies the opposite of what is intended to be implied. Only A fits in the given context properly.

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

**G.**

According to the given context, the missing sentence must be about some substances which are related to the depletion of ozone layers in the atmosphere since the succeeding statement starts with 'these compounds' whether in its previous substances there is no such reference to any substance as such. This implies that the missing statement must be containing the names of such substances for which the pronoun has been used in the succeeding statement.

Among the given options, only statement C describes about various substances in the atmosphere that are harmful and are responsible for depletion of ozone layer in the atmosphere. Other options do not fit in the given context.

This makes Option C the right choice among the given options.

**H.**

The sentence preceding the missing statement is about the process of dissociation whereas the succeeding statement is about the main reason of depletion of ozone layer in the atmosphere. The sentence in between must be about either of these two topics otherwise it will not go with the context.

Among the given options, statement B is about human diseases and the reason thereof whereas statement C is completely out of context. Statement D may come after the main reason of depletion of ozone layer is explained as has been done in the succeeding sentence but not before that. Statement E is again out of context.

Only statement A can be made to fit in the given context

This makes Option A the right choice among the given options.

**I.**

The given context is about the use of CFC in the human life along with the harmful effects of this substance especially in relation to the depletion of ozone layer in the atmosphere. The preceding sentence is about the presence of CFC in the human lives whereas the next sentence is about the ill effects of chlorine when released into the air. The sentence in between should be something that can relate these two sentences or may be related to either of them

Among the given options, statements A, B, C and E all are out of context statements with no relation whatsoever with the given one. They are certainly eliminated because of that. If we apply D, it relates the preceding and succeeding sentences with 'these' which refers to the substances mentioned in the preceding sentence. The explanation of the damage is given in the succeeding statement. So, this makes the perfect fit.

This makes Option D the correct choice for the given options.

**J.**

According to the given context, it is about the description of the reaction that the ozone and CFC have with each other making it very dangerous for human beings. The preceding sentence of the blank describes the reaction of CFC and Ozone whereas the succeeding statement is about the harmful effect of chlorine when used in water. The sentence in between should be a connector between the two or should be in relation to either of these statements.

Among the given options, A and B are illogical statements and cannot fit in the blank. Hence they are automatically eliminated. C can fit in the given context but it is about the properties of chlorine as a solvent and it has no relation whatsoever with the given context of chlorine being harmful in certain conditions. Statement E is again out of context and defies logic as well.

This makes Option D the right choice among the given options.



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