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# Cloze test for RBI Assistant Pre, SBI Clerk Pre, IBPS Clerk Pre and LIC Assistant Pre Exams.

Ex 90

Directions: Study the following information carefully and answer the questions given besides.

Agriculture in India needs to become more sustainable even as small and marginal farmers \_\_\_A\_\_\_ to build resilience against many threats. First, they remain price-takers and economically vulnerable, \_\_\_B\_\_\_ to traders who set prices, and with limited opportunities to sell at a time of their choice. Further, decades of \_\_\_C\_\_\_ agriculture have added to water stress and decline soil health. Farmers rely on ground water for more than 60% of \_\_\_D\_\_\_ needs. Chemical fertilizers once used to \_\_\_E\_\_\_ soil nutrients have been applied so intensively that the long-term health of soils is now of deep concern.

1. A.

A. Need

B. Supervise

C. Struggle

D. Negotiate

E. Address

2. B.

A. Naive

B. Beholden

C. Favourable

D. Unbound

E. Dominating

3. C.

A. Superficial

B. Tiring

C. Fearless

D. Undeveloped

E. Intensive

4. D.

A. Irrigation

B. Energy

C. Drink

D. Cultivate

E. Sow

5. E.

A. Grow

B. Deplete

C. Accelerate

D. Spread

E. Boost

Correct Answers:

1	2	3	4	5
C	B	E	A	E



## Explanations:

1. In the passage difficulties faced by farmers have been discussed. It mentions the need of agriculture in India to become more sustainable. The reason behind this is to help small and marginal farmers to build resilience against many threats. This means they are facing problems currently.

'Resilience' means capacity to recover quickly from difficulties. In the context of the passage, only Option C i.e. 'struggle' fits in.

Hence option C is the correct answer.

2. In the sentence, the plight of farmers' obligation towards traders has been mentioned.

'Beholden' means feeling you have a duty to someone because they have done something for you. In the given context, it implies the sense of being trapped.

Hence option B is the correct answer.

3. In the blank we need appropriate adjective for an agriculture practice.

Among given options, only suitable word is 'Intensive' which in regard to agricultural practices imply, aiming to achieve maximum production within a limited area, especially by using chemical and technological aids, a practice which has added to water stress and decline in soil health.

Hence option E is the correct answer.

4. We need to fill the blank with a noun.

Among the given options, only 'irrigation' is a relevant noun, eliminating options B, D and E.

Farmers use groundwater/water mainly for irrigation.

Hence option A is the correct answer.

5. Farmers use fertiliser to increase the level of nutrients in soil.

'Boost' means increase. 'Accelerate' means increase in rate, amount, or extent and hence is inappropriate.

'Deplete' means diminish in number or quantity, which gives us negative sense.

Hence Option E is the correct answer.



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