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## Fill in the blank for IBPS RRB SCALE –I (MAINS) Exams.

### Fill in the blank Quiz 51

Directions: In each of the questions given below, a sentence is given with two blanks, followed by six choices, each having a word/ phrase which may or may not fit in either of the two blanks. From the given options, choose the one that gives the correct combination of choices that fit in the blanks.

1. From the excessive power of closed-door \_\_\_\_\_ to the candle lighting at award shows, from the snide poison of blind items to the family-run camps that \_\_\_\_\_ roles and break careers, Sushant was born to be one of them.

1. cliques	2. Dispense	3. Sentry	4. snatch
5. recourse	6. originate		

A. 4 and 3      B. 1 and 2      C. 4 and 6      D. 2 and 5      E. 3 and 6

2. The Bollywood struggler who chances his talent against the \_\_\_\_\_ of an/a \_\_\_\_\_ machine only to lose is as old a myth as cinema itself.

1. sufferer	2. Indispensable	3. Whims	4. inscrutable
5. scrutiny	6. paradoxical		

A. 1 and 3      B. 1 and 2      C. 4 and 6      D. 3 and 4      E. 1 and 5 & 2 and 6

3. As per the Hindu faith, Lord Shiva entered the Holy Amarnath Cave along with Mata Parvati, his divine \_\_\_\_\_, and revealed to her the secret of life and \_\_\_\_\_.

1. emanate	2. Death	3. Transmogrify	4. peace
5. consort	6. eternity		

A. 1 and 3      B. 1 and 2      C. 4 and 6      D. 3 and 4      E. 5 and 6

4. The Centre and state governments need to expand the \_\_\_\_\_ of food transfer programmes and \_\_\_\_\_ policies that target people most at risk of malnutrition.

1. ambit	2. Bolster	3. Obligatory	4. reluctant
5. dispensation	6. support		

A. 2 and 3      B. 1 and 2      C. 4 and 6      D. 3 and 4      E. 5 and 6



5. Second, distribution of food within households could be \_\_\_\_\_ both during the lockdowns and under increased economic \_\_\_\_\_.

1. worsening      2. Threatening      3. Hardship      4. disastrous  
5. alarming      6. driven

A. 1 and 3      B. 4 and 2      C. 4 and 6      D. 3 and 4      E. 5 and 6

6. Attempts to \_\_\_\_\_ the Tenth Schedule through engineered \_\_\_\_\_ cannot be allowed to succeed through the judicial process.

1. bestow      2. Dispense      3. Devise      4. route  
5. circumvent      6. defections

A. 1 and 3      B. 1 and 2      C. 4 and 6      D. 3 and 4      E. 5 and 6

7. Focusing on girls' and women's human rights, the report provides \_\_\_\_\_ evidence of how these practices lead to \_\_\_\_\_ violations denying equality.

1. compelling      2. Egregious      3. Abbreviating      4. uncomplicated  
5. prerogative      6. manumission

A. 4 and 3      B. 1 and 2      C. 4 and 6      D. 3 and 4      E. 5 and 6

8. However, what prompted China's aggressive behaviour is unclear, but it had the effect of \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ devised Border Agreements of 1993, 1996, 2005 and 2013.

1. shredding      2. Painstakingly      3. Incongruous      4. irreconcilable  
5. expedient      6. propitious

A. 4 and 3      B. 1 and 2      C. 4 and 6      D. 2 and 5      E. 3 and 6

9. The 21st Century was once \_\_\_\_\_ as the Asian Century, with China and India in the \_\_\_\_\_.

1. trailblazers      2. Instigators      3. Heralded      4. vanguard  
5. spearhead      6. acolyte

A. 1 and 3      B. 1 and 2      C. 4 and 6      D. 3 and 4      E. 1 and 5 & 2 and 6



10. Restoring the Dalai Lama to the same level of \_\_\_\_\_ in India's official thinking, should be an important \_\_\_\_\_ in India's anti-China policy.

1. disingenuous

2. Duplicitous

3. Dissembling

4. unscrupulous

5. eminence

6. plank

A. 1 and 3

B. 1 and 2

C. 4 and 6

D. 3 and 4

E. 5 and 6

**Correct Answers:**

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

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## Explanations:

1. For the first blank, 'excessive power of closed-door' and 'candle lighting at award shows' hold the context as both suggest to use a 'noun' in the first blank and the word which can fit here is "clique" as it means 'a small close-knit group of people who do not readily allow others to join them' and completes the sentence by all means.

This eliminates all other options as none of them has 1 as their answers.

Also, for the second blank, 'family-run camps' and 'roles and break careers' just before and after the blank respectively suggest the blank as "dispense" as it means 'to distribute or provide (a service or information) to a number of people', which makes the sentence complete.

Meanings of the given words:

**Clique (Noun):** extremely small; tiny.

**Sentry (Noun):** a soldier stationed to keep guard or to control access to a place.

**Dispense (Verb):** to distribute or provide (a service or information) to a number of people.

**Snatch (Verb):** to quickly seize (something) in a rude or eager way.

**Recourse (Noun):** a source of help in a difficult situation.

**Originate (Verb):** to have a specified beginning.

So, the correct option is B.



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2. For the first blank, 'struggler who chances his talent against the' holds the context as it suggests to use a 'noun' in the first blank and the word which can fit here is "whims" as it means 'a sudden desire or change of mind, especially one that is unusual or unexplained' and completes the sentence by all means.

This eliminates all other options.

Also, for the second blank, 'of' and 'machine' just before and after the blank respectively suggest the second blank to be as 'adjective' which should mean 'impossible to understand or interpret' and the word is "inscrutable".

Meanings of the given words:

**Sufferer (Noun):** a person who is affected by an illness or ailment.

**Indispensable (Adjective):** absolutely necessary.

**Whims (Noun):** a sudden desire or change of mind, especially one that is unusual or unexplained.

**Inscrutable (Adjective):** impossible to understand or interpret.

**Scrutiny (Noun):** critical observation or examination.

**Paradoxical (Adjective):** seemingly absurd or self-contradictory.

So, the correct option is D.

3. For the first blank, 'Lord Shiva entered the Holy Amarnath Cave along with Mata Parvati' holds the context as it suggests to use a 'noun' in the first blank and the word which can fit here is "consort" as it means 'a wife, husband, or companion, in particular the spouse of a reigning monarch' and completes the sentence by all means.

This eliminates all other options.

Also, for the second blank, 'secret of life and' just before the blank suggests the second blank to be as 'noun' which should mean 'infinite or unending time' and the word is "eternity".

Meanings of the given words:

**Emanate (Verb):** (of a feeling, quality, or sensation) to issue or spread out from (a source).

**Death (Noun):** the action or fact of dying or being killed; the end of the life of a person or organism.

**Transmogrify (Verb):** to transform in a surprising or magical manner.

**Peace (Noun):** freedom from disturbance; tranquillity.

**Consort (Noun):** a wife, husband, or companion, in particular the spouse of a reigning monarch.

**Eternity (Noun):** infinite or unending time.

So, the correct option is E.

4. For the first blank, 'need to expand the' holds the context as it suggests to use a 'noun' in the first blank and the word which can fit here is "ambit" as it means 'the scope, extent, or bounds of something' and completes the sentence by all means.

This eliminates all other options.

Also, for the second blank, 'food transfer programmes' and 'policies that target people' just before and after the blank respectively suggest the second blank to be as 'verb' which should mean 'to support or strengthen' and the word is "bolster".

Meanings of the given words:

**Ambit (Noun):** the scope, extent, or bounds of something.

**Bolster (Verb):** to support or strengthen.



**Obligatory (Adjective):** required by a legal, moral, or other rule; compulsory.

**Reluctant (Adjective):** unwilling and hesitant; disinclined.

**Dispensation (Noun):** exemption from a rule or usual requirement.

**Support (Verb):** to give assistance to, especially financially.

So, the correct option is B.

5. For the first blank, 'distribution of food within households could be' holds the context as it suggests to use a 'verb' in the first blank and the word which can fit here is "worsening" as it means 'to make or become worse' and completes the sentence by all means.

This eliminates all other options.

Also, for the second blank, 'under increased economic' just before the blank suggests the second blank to be as 'noun' which should mean 'severe suffering or privation' and the word is "hardship".

Meanings of the given words:

**Worsening (Verb):** to make or become worse.

**Threatening (Adjective):** having a hostile or deliberately frightening quality or manner.

**Hardship (Noun):** severe suffering or privation.

**Disastrous (Adjective):** causing great damage.

**Alarming (Adjective):** worrying or disturbing.

**Driven (Adjective):** motivated or determined by a specified factor or feeling.

So, the correct option is A.

6. For the first blank, 'Attempts to' and 'the Tenth Schedule' hold the context as they suggest to use a 'verb' in the first blank and the word which can fit here is "circumvent" as it means 'to overcome (a problem or difficulty), typically in a clever and surreptitious way' and completes the sentence by all means.

This eliminates all other options.

Also, for the second blank, 'through engineered' and 'cannot be allowed to succeed' just before and after the blank respectively suggest the second blank to be as 'noun' which should mean 'the desertion of one's country or cause in favour of an opposing one' and the word is "defection".

Meanings of the given words:

**Bestow (Verb):** to confer or present (an honour, right, or gift).

**Dispense (Verb):** to distribute or provide (a service or information) to a number of people.

**Devise (Verb):** to plan or invent (a complex procedure, system, or mechanism) by careful thought.

**Route (Noun):** a method or process leading to a specified result.

**Circumvent (Verb):** to overcome (a problem or difficulty), typically in a clever and surreptitious way.

**Defection (Noun):** the desertion of one's country or cause in favour of an opposing one.

So, the correct option is E.



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7. For the first blank, 'Focusing on girls' and women's human rights' holds the context as it suggests to use an 'adjective' in the first blank and the word which can fit here is "compelling" as it means 'evoking interest, attention, or admiration in a powerfully irresistible way' and completes the sentence by all means.

This eliminates all other options.

Also, for the second blank, 'evidence of how these practices lead' and 'violations denying equality' just before and after the blank respectively suggest the second blank to be as 'adjective' which should mean 'outstandingly bad; shocking' and the word is "egregious".

Meanings of the given words:

**Compelling (Adjective):** evoking interest, attention, or admiration in a powerfully irresistible way.

**Egregious (Adjective):** outstandingly bad; shocking.

**Abbreviating (Verb):** to shorten (a word, phrase, or text).

**Uncomplicated (Adjective):** simple or straightforward.

**Prerogative (Noun):** a right or privilege exclusive to a particular individual or class.

**Manumission (Noun):** release from slavery.

So, the correct option is B.

8. For the first blank, 'what prompted China's aggressive behaviour is unclear' holds the context as it suggests us to use a 'noun' in the first blank and the word which can fit here is "shredding" as it means 'the action of tearing or cutting something into shreds' and completes the sentence by all means.

This eliminates all other options as none of them has 1 as their answers.



Also, for the second blank, 'devised Border Agreements' after the blank suggests the blank as "painstakingly" as it means 'with great care and thoroughness', which makes the sentence complete.

Meanings of the given words:

**Shredding (Noun):** the action of tearing or cutting something into shred.

**Painstakingly (Adverb):** with great care and thoroughness.

**Irreconcilable (Adjective):** (of ideas or statements) so different from each other that they cannot be made compatible.

**Incongruous (Adjective):** not in harmony or keeping with the surroundings or other aspects of something.

**Expedient (Noun):** a means of attaining an end, especially one that is convenient but possibly improper or immoral.

**Propitious (Adjective):** giving or indicating a good chance of success; favourable.

So, the correct option is B.

9. For the first blank, 'The 21st Century was once' holds the context as it suggests to use a 'verb' in the first blank and the word which can fit here is "heralded" as it means 'to acclaim' and completes the sentence by all means.

This eliminates all other options.

Also, for the second blank, 'with China and India in the' just before the blank suggests the second blank to be as 'noun' which should mean 'a group of people leading the way in new developments or ideas' and the word is "vanguard".

Meanings of the given words:

**Heralded (Verb):** to acclaim.

**Vanguard (Noun):** a group of people leading the way in new developments or ideas.

**Trailblazers (Noun):** a person who is the first to do something; an innovator.

**Instigators (Noun):** a person who brings about or initiates something.

**Spearhead (Noun):** an individual or group chosen to lead an attack or movement.

**Acolyte (Noun):** a person assisting a priest in a religious service or procession.

So, the correct option is D.

10. For the first blank, 'Restoring the Dalai Lama to the same level of' holds the context as it suggests to use a 'noun' in the first blank and the word which can fit here is "eminence" as it means 'fame or acknowledged superiority within a particular sphere' and completes the sentence by all means.

This eliminates all other options.

Also, for the second blank, 'India's official thinking, should be an important' just before the blank suggests the second blank to be as 'noun' which should mean 'a fundamental point of a political or other programme' and the word is "plank".

Meanings of the given words:

**Disingenuous (Adjective):** not candid or sincere, typically by pretending that one knows less about something than one really does.

**Duplicitous (Adjective):** deceitful.

**Dissembling (Verb):** to conceal or disguise one's true feelings or beliefs.

**Unscrupulous (Adjective):** having or showing no moral principles; not honest or fair.

**Eminence (Noun):** fame or acknowledged superiority within a particular sphere.

**Plank (Noun):** a fundamental point of a political or other programme.

So, the correct option is E.



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