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Fill in the blanks Quiz 15

Directions: In the given statements, a blank has been given. This needs to be filled up using the correct combination of words from the four options mentioned, so that the resulting statement is grammatically and contextually correct.

1. Though the country _____ floods in various parts, the monsoon wasn't abundant and agriculture is still rain-dependent here.

- I. Witnessed
- II. Observed
- III. Discern

A. Only II B. Only I and II C. Only II and III D. Only I and III E. All of the above

2. Instead of micromanaging savings under 80C, it would be good if the Finance Minister _____ with the list and offered just one deduction of Rs 2 lakh a year, for financial investments.

- I. got rid
- II. did away
- III. changed

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

3. The National health Policy 2017 _____ health and wellness centres as the foundation of India's healthcare system.

- I. Meditate
- II. Envisions
- III. Contemptuous

A. Only I B. Only II C. Only I and II D. Only II and III E. All of the above

4. We have managed to get children to school but quality of education is still a cause for _____.

- I. Enthusiasm
- II. Worry
- III. Concern

A. Only III B. Only I C. Only II and III D. Only I and III E. All of the above

5. India is an aspirational economy and this makes _____ one's consumption a particularly difficult decision for the income-earner.

- I. Deferring
- II. Increasing
- III. Putting off

A. Only II B. Only III C. Only II and III D. Only I and III E. All of the above

6. Foreign portfolio investors (FPIs), who invest in India from places like Mauritius and Singapore, would not be subject to LTCG tax, _____ tax avoidance treaties.

- I. courtesy
- II. due to
- III. owing to

A. Only I and II B. Only II C. Only I and III D. Only II and III E. All of these

7. Farmers would hold on to crops only if current prices were _____ than 1.5 times the cost of production.

- I. higher
- II. lower
- III. lesser

A. Only I B. Only II C. Only III D. Either I or II E. All of these

8. Indian banks would eventually _____ foreign hands if there is no review of current policies.

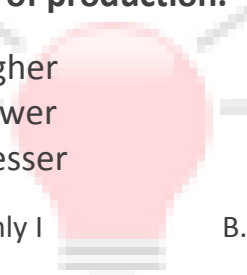
- I. pass by
- II. pass into
- III. pass off

A. Only I B. Only II C. Only III D. Either I or II E. All of these

9. Other countries that _____ large high net worth individual outflows include Turkey, United Kingdom, France and the Russian Federation.

- I. witnessed
- II. spotted
- III. glared

A. Only I B. Only I and III C. Only I and II D. Only II E. All of these



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10. The government has walked the fiscal tight rope, projecting a fiscal deficit of 3.3% for 2018-19, _____ massive allocations to agriculture, health, education and infrastructure.

- I. despite
- II. in spite of
- III. instead of

- A. Only I B. Only I and III C. Only I and II D. Only II E. All of these

Correct Answers:

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

Explanations :

1. *Witnessed* fits in well both contextually and grammatically.
Observed fits in well both contextually and grammatically.
Discern means to differentiate/separate and does not fit in contextually or grammatically.
Hence, option B is correct.
2. The statement talks about a potential alternative to an existing way of taxing income.
Got rid is correct in terms of meaning but does not fit in grammatically with the statement.
Changed is correct in terms of meaning but does not fit in grammatically with the statement.
Did away is both contextually and grammatically correct.
Hence, option A is correct.
3. The NHP 2017 cannot *meditate* and this eliminates options A and C.
Contemptuous means arrogant and thus does not fit in with the statement.
Envisions means to *visualize/conceive*. This is the perfect fit here.
Hence, option B is correct.
4. The statement contains a positive point but is followed by 'but', indicating that the next fragment is likely to be negative.

This eliminates option I.
Both *worry* and *concern* fit in the blank contextually and grammatically.
Hence, option C is correct.

5. India being an *aspirational economy* refers to its citizens always aiming for more. In this case, they would always want to consume more. This eliminates II.

Defer means to *delay*.

Putting-off also means to *delay*.

Both fit well in the blank.

Hence, option D is correct.

6. 'Courtesy' has various meanings like good manners, geniality, consideration etc. but here it is used in the sense of consideration or considering a fact.

'due to' and 'owing to' also show a reason for something.

Thus all the given choices fill the blank appropriately.

Hence option E is correct.

7. Choice I is contradictory to the context, as the farmers would hold their crops if they get less prices in the market as compared to their cost. They will wait for the prices to rise.

Choice II is contextually as well as grammatically correct.

Choice III is grammatically incorrect, as it denotes the qualitative aspect whereas here the quantitative aspect i.e the prices are considered.

Hence option B is correct.

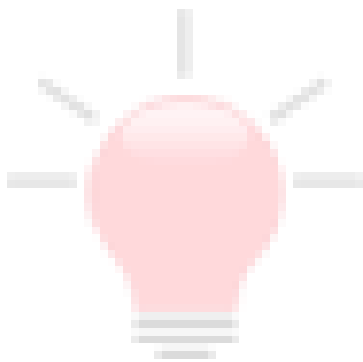
8. Pass by means to move around.
Pass into means to fade away or to be a part of something.
Pass off means to deceive people.
The sentence has a negative tone where an apprehension is expressed on the current state of policies.
Thus a word with a negative meaning would be the one that fits in the blank.
Only choice II solves this purpose.
Hence option B is correct.

9. 'Witnessed' means observed or looked or watched.
'Spotted' means with spots.
'Glared' means to give a dirty look.
Thus choices II and III are contextually incongruous.
The only viable choice is choice I.
Hence option A is the correct answer.

- 10.** 'Despite' and 'In spite of' are synonyms which mean without being affected by.
'Instead of' means as a substitute.
Clearly choice III is contextually not fitting well the sentence.

On the one hand government has projected a fiscal deficit at a low rate i.e. 3.3% and on the other hand it is making huge allocations which will increase its expenditures.

Thus choices I and II would be the most suitable choices to fill the blank.
Hence option C is correct.



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