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Fill in the blanks Quiz 16

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

1. The BJP may not need to rethink all its alliances, but it must rework its relationships with its allies if it wants to head a strong _____ of forces in 2019.

- I. coalition
- II. concussion
- III. union

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

2. The double whammy of the STT and LTCG will further _____ short-term trading in stocks over long-term investment.

- I. enact
- II. privilege
- III. demonstrate

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

3. All seven planets have the potential for _____ water, but the chances to find it in liquid form are highest in the temperate "Goldilocks" zone.

- I. harboring
- II. searching
- III. retaining

A. Only I and II B. Only II C. Only I D. All of these E. None of these

4. Playing with a lot of passion, the 253rd- ranked Ankita came out with _____ hitting to catch Lin by surprise and finally beat her.

- I. relentless
- II. ruthless
- III. inexorable

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

5. The company is _____ 16 products from its global portfolio at the expo.

- I. flaunting
- II. showcasing
- III. exhibiting

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

6. India's _____ pacer Jhulan Goswami added another feather to her illustrious cap by becoming the first female cricketer to take 200 ODI wickets.

- I. tyro
- II. novice
- III. amateur

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

7. India will be represented by luger Shiva Keshavan, _____ in his sixth and probably last Olympics, and skier Jagdish Singh, taking part in his first.

- I. competing
- II. contesting
- III. participating

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

8. Tesla Motors put _____ a new ten-year pay deal for Elon Musk that links his compensation to very ambitious performance benchmarks.

- I. Forth
- II. Proposed
- III. Forward

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

9. Researchers in China created two cloned monkeys using the nuclear-transfer technique that was _____ to make Dolly the sheep.

- I. Use
- II. Employed
- III. Imposed

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

10. America's government was briefly shut down after Democrats and Republicans failed to _____ on a spending bill.

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

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

Correct Answers:

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

Explanations :

1. Coalition- alliance for combined action.

Concussion- blow/collision/injury.

Union- An association of parties especially in the political context.

The sentence advises the ruling party to work out its relationships with its present associates in order to obtain a strong alliance for the 2019 elections.

Choices I and III render the same meaning while choice II is absurd and nowhere connected to the context.

Hence option C is correct.

2. Enact means *to make law/applicable by law*.

Privilege means *a special right or advantage*.

Demonstrate means *to show*.

The sentence talks about how the enactment of both taxes i.e. STT and LTCG will result in customers preferring short-term stocks over long term ones.

The only word that suits the blank is "*privilege*" as seen from the meaning given above.

Hence option B is correct.

3. Harboring has several meanings- *to shelter, to possess, to keep a secretive thought* etc. Here it means *to possess*.

Searching means *to look for*.

Retaining means *to hold on to something*.

Here, all the seven planets *have* water but the availability of that water in liquid form is highest in the "Goldilocks" zone.

This means that the planets already have water and there's *no need to search for it*. Thus choice II is irrelevant.

Choice III is incorrect as retaining makes sense if something is available in the first place.

Only Choice I is correct.

Hence option C is the correct answer.

4. *Relentless, ruthless* and *Inexorable* are the synonyms and *mean/cruel/merciless*.
In the context of the sentence, merciless hitting has been done by a player to beat her rival.
All the three choices fit the blank very well.
Hence option D is the correct answer.

5. Flaunting means *to show-off/boastful display*.
Showcasing and *exhibiting* are synonyms and mean *to show or display*.

The sentence simply conveys that the company would be displaying its products but does not state whether the *display would be modest or boastful*.

Thus, choices II and III fit in well while Choice I can be eliminated..

Hence option A is the correct answer.

6. The blank here needs an adjective to *describe* the pacer of the Indian Women's Cricket Team "Jhulan Goswami."

Tyro and *Novice* are synonyms meaning *a newly trained person*.

Amateur means *someone who does something for fun or recreation*.

All the choices do not go with the context which is about a female cricketer being the first one to accomplish 200 wickets. This clearly signifies that she is neither a beginner nor a recreational player as it takes a lot of effort to achieve something this big.

Words like *veteran, experienced, senior* will be more apt here.

None of the words given are appropriate for the blank.

Hence option E is the correct answer.

7. Here, the statement talks about the last Olympics and specifically mentions two athletes. All the options mentioned portray the same meaning i.e. *participating in the Games/ competing*. Hence option D is correct.

8. The statement conveys that Tesla has come up with a new pay deal for its CEO.

Although all the words are synonyms, *proposed* does not go with *put* grammatically.

Forth and *forward* are correct contextually and grammatically.

Hence, option C is correct.

9. As per the statement, the researchers cloned two monkeys using the same technique that was used to make Dolly the sheep.

Use is correct in terms of meaning but incorrect grammatically as the event has already occurred. *Used* is the correct form here.

Employed is correct contextually and grammatically.

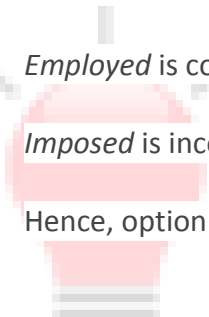
Imposed is incorrect as it means *to force something* which is clearly not the case here.

Hence, option A is correct.

10. As per the statement, the US government shut down for sometime after the Democrats and Republicans *could not come to an understanding* regarding the spending bill.

All the words are contextually and grammatically correct.

Hence, option E is correct.



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