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# Fill in The Blanks Questions for IBPS PO Pre, IBPS SO Pre, IBPS Clerk, LIC AAO, SBI Clerk Pre, SBI PO Pre and SBI Clerk exams

## Fill in the blanks quiz 28

Directions: The following question has two blanks, each blank indicating that something has been omitted. Choose the set of words for each blank that best fits in the context of the sentence.

1. Partnerships with edtech firms help students \_\_\_\_\_ their skills and become \_\_\_\_\_ to the ecosystem.

- A. hone, relevant                      B. model, master                      C. polish, controlling  
D. love, bigger                      E. categorize, cogs

2. The goods and services tax creates \_\_\_\_\_ trails across the income and production chain, and is driving \_\_\_\_\_ of the economy and better measures of MSME value addition and cash flow.

- A. assessment, securitization      B. audit, formalization              C. withering, work  
D. inspection, denizens              E. broad, stages

3. The bank holding company structure \_\_\_\_\_ by the P.J. Nayak Committee, among others, involves \_\_\_\_\_ the government's shareholding to below 52 per cent and routing it through a holding company.

- A. suggested, investing              B. recommended, divesting              C. forwarded, controlling  
D. donated, pursuing              E. discarded, eliminating

4. The government must focus on water \_\_\_\_\_, protection of water bodies, bumping up distribution networks and make rainwater \_\_\_\_\_ a mandatory feature in new housing.

- A. preservation, harbouring      B. fermentation, issuing              C. conservation, harvesting  
D. management, humouring      E. existence, queuing

5. Having \_\_\_\_\_ this victory, New Delhi must now chart the future course of its \_\_\_\_\_ with Pakistan.

- A. secured, relations              B. lost, promotions                      C. fortified, facilities  
D. expressed, viewership              E. enhanced, brotherhood

6. The need is to \_\_\_\_\_ housing stock to a level where people do not have to spend a large slice of their income on rent and to have sensible rent laws that foster a market for rented accommodation, rather than hoarding of empty houses by owners fearful of losing possession of their investment to permanent \_\_\_\_\_ .

- A. augment, shareholders      B. explain, builders      C. expand, companies  
D. boost, tenants      E. make, promoters

7. Besides issues regarding peace and stability in the region, Modi \_\_\_\_\_ India's energy concerns and said although Iran supplied as much as 11% of its needs, it had reduced oil \_\_\_\_\_ from the West Asian country even though this hurt the economy.

- A. described, exports      B. studied, security      C. delineated, imports  
D. explained, projects      E. reduced, responsibility

8. The government must consider setting up a \_\_\_\_\_ agency under the ministry of labour to deal with developing standards, monitoring establishments, and \_\_\_\_\_ of standards across the economy.

- A. dedicated, enforcement      B. recurrent, solemnity      C. committed, seriousness  
D. exclusive, mantle      E. dodgy, cooperation

9. To believe that the problem of \_\_\_\_\_ journals on the UGC's whitelist is the sole issue awaiting \_\_\_\_\_ in the university would be naive.

- A. dangerous, test      B. silly, visit      C. dubious, resolution  
D. future, development      E. useless, help

10. It is the Centre's responsibility to ensure that the Environment Protection Act, the \_\_\_\_\_ law that enables anti-pollution rules to be issued, is \_\_\_\_\_ in letter and spirit.

- A. overarching, implemented      B. ancient, assumed      C. principal, controlled  
D. primary, rejected      E. controlling, gone

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**Correct answers:**

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

**Explanations:**

1. In the context of the sentence, "hone" or "polish" can fit the first blank and this eliminates options B, D and E. Further, as refining their skills would help the students become a better and more significant part of the work ecosystem, "relevant" is the most appropriate choice for the second blank. Thus, option C gets eliminated as well.

Option A is hence the correct answer.

2. The words "goods and services tax" before the first blank indicates that the word describes the type of trails that the GST has helped to create. In the context of the sentence, the words which are suitable for the first blank are "assessment", "audit" and "inspection". Hence options C and E are eliminated.

The second blank refers to the impact of GST on the economy. The only word that makes the sentence meaningfully correct is "formalization" which means 'given a definite structure or shape to'. The words "securitization" and "denizens" are irrelevant to the context of this sentence. This eliminates options A and D as well.

Option B is hence the correct answer.

3. From the given sentence, we can infer that the bank holding company was given by the Nayak Committee along with others. In the context of the sentence, the words that are suitable for the first blank are "suggested", "recommended" and "forwarded". Hence options D and E are eliminated.

The clue to the second blank lies in the information that the government's shareholding must be brought down to "below 52 percent". The only word that aptly conveys this meaning is "divesting", i.e., 'reducing the investment' in the company. "Investing" or "controlling" does not indicate this meaning and this eliminates options A and C as well.

Option B is hence the correct answer.

4. The word "protection" after the first blank indicates that the word in the blank would have a similar meaning. In the context of the sentence, the words which are suitable for the first blank are "preservation", "conservation" and "management". Hence options B and E are eliminated.

The word "rainwater" before the second blank indicates that the word is a feature related to rainwater. The only word that makes the sentence meaningfully correct is "harvesting". "Rainwater harvesting" is a technique of collection and storage of rainwater into natural reservoirs or tanks, or the infiltration of surface water into subsurface aquifers before it is lost as surface runoff. The words "harbouring" and "humouring" are irrelevant to the context of this sentence. This eliminates options A and D as well.

Option C is hence the correct answer.

5. In the context of the sentence, "secured" or "fortified" can fit the first blank and this eliminates options B, D and E. Further, as the aforementioned victory has already been taken care of, New Delhi has to decide on the type of future 'associations' with Pakistan. Hence "relations" is the most appropriate choice for the second blank. Thus, option C gets eliminated as well.

Option A is hence the correct answer.

6. The sentence refers to increasing the housing units so that "people do not have to spend a large slice of their income on rent". In the context of the sentence, the words which are suitable for the first blank are "augment", "expand" and "boost". Hence options B and E are eliminated.

The "owners", i.e., 'landlords' of empty houses are fearful that permanent 'renters' would not vacate the houses. . The only word that makes the sentence meaningfully correct is "tenants" which means 'persons who occupy land or property rented from a landlord'. The words "shareholders" and "companies" are irrelevant to the context of this sentence. This eliminates options A and C as well.

Option D is hence the correct answer.

7. From the given sentence, we can infer that in addition to discussing about peace and stability, Modi also discussed about India's energy concerns. In the context of the sentence, the words that are suitable for the first blank are "described", "delineated" and "explained". Hence options B and E are eliminated.

The clue to the second blank lies in the word "from" after it indicating that a reduction in what India was taking "hurt the economy". The only word that aptly conveys this meaning is "exports" expressing that a reduction in oil exports from Iran hurt India's economy. "Exports" mean the opposite and "projects" is irrelevant to the meaning of this sentence. This eliminates options A and D as well.

Option C is hence the correct answer.

8. The word “agency” after the first blank indicates that the word describes the nature of agency that is to be set up. In the context of the sentence, the words which are suitable for the first blank are “dedicated”, “committed” and “exclusive”. Hence options B and E are eliminated.

The aforementioned agency is supposed to deal with “developing standards, monitoring establishments” and the second line has to be in line with the nature of these functions. The only word that makes the sentence meaningfully correct is “enforcement” indicating that the agency should also take care of the implementation of standards. The words “seriousness” and “mantle” are irrelevant to the context of this sentence. This eliminates options C and D as well.

Option A is hence the correct answer.

9. The word "problem" reflects a tone of ' difficult and demanding ' and hence only "dangerous" and "dubious" would fit the blank. Options B, D and E lack this reasoning and can be eliminated.

Since the word "awaiting" before the second blank points towards the solution of the problem mentioned previously, "resolution" would fit the blank aptly. So, option A which is inappropriate with "test" can also be eliminated.

Option C is hence the correct answer.

10. The sentence refers to the main law that permits anti-pollution laws to be issued. Hence, "overarching", "principal", and "primary" would fit in the first blank. Hence, options B and E can be eliminated.

The latter part of the sentence goes on to say that the law must be followed in ‘letter and spirit’ which means that both the literal meaning and the intent of the law should be followed. So, the appropriate word here would be "implemented". “Rejected” means the opposite, so option D should be eliminated. "Controlled" is irrelevant as the sentence is talking about the execution of the law. So, it negates the possibility of option C as well.

Option A is hence the correct answer.

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