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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 29

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. The short-term priority is to remove \_\_\_\_\_ clauses in policies and \_\_\_\_\_ coverage to as many people as possible.

- A. defamatory, exempt                      B. discriminatory, expand                      C. enriching, withheld  
D. degrading, magnifies                      E. boring, stop

2. The activities approved for totting up a teacher's \_\_\_\_\_ performance indicator are many, \_\_\_\_\_ beyond teaching and research.

- A. popularity, training                      B. academic, extending                      C. cuteness, going  
D. strength, power                      E. happiness, great

3. Problems of exclusion will be eliminated if the payer-insurer is the state, the \_\_\_\_\_ is done through public taxes, and coverage is \_\_\_\_\_ .

- A. loading, unreal                      B. funding, imaginary                      C. financing, universal  
D. projection, hazy                      E. sponsoring, questionable

4. Delayed monsoons, preceded by a \_\_\_\_\_ monsoon last year, and depleting groundwater levels have \_\_\_\_\_ the crisis.

- A. Deficient, exacerbated                      B. derogatory, promoted                      C. poor, fancied  
D. enjoyable, viewed                      E. enhancing, borne

5. In addition, growing \_\_\_\_\_ of society on ideological lines has made the job of \_\_\_\_\_ fake news easier.

- A. masses, observing                      B. divergence, collecting                      C. numbers, sorting  
D. polarization, spreading                      E. multitude, financing

6. Investors can think of putting in at least 10 per cent of their savings in gold as it has the \_\_\_\_\_ to be an \_\_\_\_\_ for the portfolio in a fragile trade environment.

- A. purpose, disturbance      B. status, inspiration      C. potential, insurance  
D. possibility, indictment      E. reasoning, arrangement

7. Central banks across the globe are preparing to loosen monetary policies, to \_\_\_\_\_ their respective economies and it is expected that gold will continue the ongoing \_\_\_\_\_ .

- A. spur, momentum      B. inspire, synergy      C. enervate, juncture  
D. encourage, matches      E. design, cooperation

8. Basic principles of credit \_\_\_\_\_ and monitoring are obviated in PSBs and must be sharpened to \_\_\_\_\_ defects of capital, business purpose and character.

- A. lending, reduce      B. assessment, emphasize      C. evaluation, clarify  
D. appraisal, diagnose      E. prevention, roughen

9. Buildings must \_\_\_\_\_ be examined and certified for safety, and those that fail to \_\_\_\_\_ to the NBC must be demolished.

- A. surely, stick      B. intermittently, respect      C. intensely, purview  
D. periodically, conform      E. positively, toughen

10. Promoters of MSMEs must have \_\_\_\_\_ in the game to ensure that funds — venture capital, as well as bank loans made liberal by fiat — are not \_\_\_\_\_ off.

- A. interest, taken      B. name, bought      C. skin, siphoned  
D. feet, stolen      E. hands, signed

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**Correct answers:**

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

**Explanations:**

1. The sentence refers to removal of clauses that have negative intent. Hence, "defamatory", "discriminatory", and "degrading" would fit in the first blank. Hence, options C and E can be eliminated.

The latter part of the sentence goes on to say that after the removal of the aforementioned clauses, the coverage of the policies should be increased. So, the appropriate word here would be "expand", making option B the correct answer. Option D would have been correct if it was "magnify" instead of "magnifies".

Option B is hence the correct answer.

2. Option D and E are grammatically incorrect. Options A and C are contextually inappropriate. They present an absurd meaning and hence can be eliminated.

Option B fits in the tone and context of the sentence.

Option B is hence the correct answer.

3. The first blank refers to what should be done through "public taxes" and hence, "funding", "financing" or "sponsoring" may fit the first blank. However, "loading" and "projection" do not reflect this meaning. Hence, options A and D can be eliminated.

For the second blank, the appropriate word should be something that fits with the overall theme of eliminating the problem of exclusion. Hence, only "universal" meaning 'widespread or collective' fits the second blank.

Option C is hence the correct answer.

4. The sentence talks about reducing groundwater levels due to less rainfall for two consecutive years. In the context of the sentence, the only possible word that can fit the first blank is either "deficient" or "poor". This eliminates the options B, D and E.

For the second blank, a word that talks about worsening the crisis would be most appropriate. Only the word "exacerbated" meaning 'aggravated or intensified' correctly describes the situation of "the crisis".

Option A is hence the correct answer.

5. The sentence talks about the increasing 'division' of society "on ideological grounds". In the context of the sentence, the only possible word that can fit the first blank is either "divergence" or "polarization". This eliminates the options A, C and E.

For the second blank, a word that implies that the 'circulation' of fake news has become "easier" is most appropriate. Only the word "spreading" is apt for the second blank.

Option D is hence the correct answer.

6. In the context of the sentence, "potential" or "probability" can fit the first blank and this eliminates options A, B and E. Further, as diversification of portfolio by investing in gold provides a protection, "insurance" is the most appropriate choice for the second blank. Thus, option D gets eliminated as well.

Option C is hence the correct answer.

7. Central banks "loosen monetary policies" so as to 'stimulate' economies. In the context of the sentence, the only possible words that can fit the first blank are "spur", "inspire" or "encourage". This eliminates the options C and E.

The word "ongoing" before the second blank, implies that a force has already been set in motion and would be continued. In other words, the "momentum" would be continued. This eliminated options B and D.

Option A is hence the correct answer.

8. The word "monitoring" indicates that the sentence refers to 'credit review.' In the context of the sentence, the words that are suitable for the first blank are "assessment", "evaluation" and appraisal". Hence options A and E are eliminated.

In order to eliminate the "defects of capital", the shortcomings must first be identified and analysed. The only word that aptly conveys this meaning is "diagnose". "Emphasize" or "clarify" defects does not indicate this meaning and this eliminates options B and C as well.

Option D is hence the correct answer.

9. The sentence refers to the fact that buildings should be examined 'from time to time'. In the context of the sentence, "intermittently" or "periodically" can fit the first blank and this eliminates options A, C and E. Further, as buildings that fail 'obey' the standards must demolished, "conform" is the most appropriate choice for the second blank. Thus, option B gets eliminated as well.

Option D is hence the correct answer.

- 10.** In the context of the sentence, the word that is most suitable for the first blank is “skin” and that for the second blank is “siphoned”. All the other options are grammatically and contextually incorrect.

Skin in the game (Idiom)

Meaning: to be at risk financially because you have invested in something that you want to happen

E.g.: You take more ownership of something when you have some skin in the game.

Siphoned off (Phrasal verb)

Meaning: to gradually steal money or goods, usually from a business or government

E.g.: Over the years, she siphoned off hundreds of thousands of dollars from various accounts.

Option C is hence the correct answer.



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