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6. Reportedly, heavy machines could not reach the collapsed building in the Dongri area in South Mumbai as the lanes, with overhead wires _____, were too _____ to admit them.

- A. hanging, wide B. flying, fast C. drooping, broad
D. dangling, narrow E. making, slow

7. The idea of a single large PSB mimicking the Life Insurance Corporation of India model in the insurance space may be considered, but such an entity could create serious distortions, such as _____ hazard stemming from the too-big-to- _____ syndrome, with the next biggest bank being on-fourth its size.

- A. serious, drown B. mortal, shut C. moral, fail
D. factual, protect E. irresponsible, ground

8. This focus on procedures over outcomes is a recipe for bad management, and explains why PSUs tend to perform so much _____ than their private sector _____.

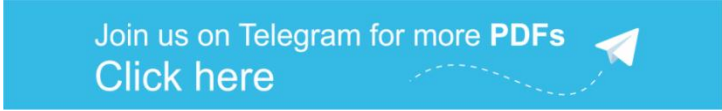
- A. worse, peers B. bad, counterparts C. poorer, friends
D. shoddier, foes E. disaster, colleagues

9. Occupational safety and health are important for improved _____ and _____.

- A. men, women B. boys, girls C. assets, markets
D. productivity, growth E. chemicals, drugs

10. Rapid urbanisation and rising _____ in rainfall patterns make it _____ that we transparently manage water resources nationally.

- A. variability, imperative B. assurance, necessary C. fluctuations, inefficient
D. uncertainty, indifferent E. costs, compulsory



Correct answers:

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

Explanations:

1. In the context of the sentence, the only appropriate combination of words is that of "networks" and "kickbacks". All other options are either grammatically or contextually incorrect. The sentence says that politicians gain a lot of private favours by sponsoring the public sector through set-ups and bribes.

Option A is hence the correct answer.

2. "Water crisis" after the first blank indicates that the blank refers to the level of water crisis. In the context of the sentence, the words which are suitable for the first blank are "magnitude", "intensity" and "acuteness". Hence options C and E are eliminated.

The second blank tries to convey that if people fail to be inspired to take action then there would be more regions with severe water crisis. The only word that makes the sentence meaningfully correct is "galvanized" which means 'shock or excite someone into taking action'. The words "recommended" and "ploughed" are irrelevant to the context of this sentence. This eliminates options A and D as well.

Option B is hence the correct answer.

3. In the context of the sentence, the word that is most suitable for the first blank is "flag" and that for the second blank is "shored". All the other options are grammatically and contextually incorrect.

A red flag (Idiom)

Meaning: A sign or signal indicating potential, incipient, or imminent danger or trouble.

E.g.: There are a couple of red flags you need to look out for to make sure your company stays profitable.

Shored up (Phrasal verb)

Meaning: to make something stronger by supporting it

E.g.: The plan will enable his company to shore up its financial position.

Option B is hence the correct answer.

4. The words “exiting bonds” after the first blank indicate that the blank is a word that conveys that these bonds need to re-enter the market. In the context of the sentence, the words which are suitable for the first blank are “redistribute”, “reissue” and “recirculate”. Hence options B and E are eliminated.

The second blank has to have a meaning similar to ‘bonds’ as the reissue of bonds would help to support it. The only word that makes the sentence meaningfully correct is “stocks” which means ‘shares which entitles the holder to a fixed dividend, whose payment takes priority over that of ordinary share dividends’. The words “stakes” and “steaks” are irrelevant to the context of this sentence. This eliminates options A and D as well.

Option C is hence the correct answer.

5. The statement wants to convey that population growth will decrease if people become more aware and educated. In the context of the sentence, "increased" or "improved" can fit the first blank and this eliminates options B, D and E. Further, as population growth will also decrease if social and economic conditions are improved, "progress" is the most appropriate choice for the second blank. Thus, option C gets eliminated as well.

Option A is hence the correct answer.

6. “Overhead wires” before the first blank indicate that the blank describes the state of the wires. In the context of the sentence, the words which are suitable for the first blank are “hanging”, “drooping” and “dangling”. Hence options B and E are eliminated.

The second blank refers to the reason why the lanes could not permit the heavy machines to reach the collapsed building. The only word that makes the sentence meaningfully correct is “narrow” meaning that the lanes were not wide enough. The words “wide” and “broad” are opposite to the context of this sentence. This eliminates options A and C as well.

Option D is hence the correct answer.

7. In the context of the sentence, the word that is most suitable for the first blank is “moral” and that for the second blank is “fail”. All the other options are grammatically and contextually incorrect.

Moral hazard (Concept used in Economics)

Meaning: lack of incentive to guard against risk where one is protected from its consequences.

E.g.: Comprehensive insurance policies decrease incentive to take care of your possessions and leads to moral hazard.

Too-big-to-fail

Meaning: When a financial organization or other business is too-big-to-fail, it so important to the economy of a country that a government or central bank must take measures to prevent it from ceasing to trade or going bankrupt.

E.g.: He caused a stir earlier this month when he said that no company was too big to fail.

Option C is hence the correct answer.

8. "Bad management" indicates that the performance of the PSUs would be negative. The conjunction "than" after the second blank signifies that it will be in comparative degree. In the context of the sentence, the words which are suitable for the first blank are "worse", "poorer" and "shoddier". Hence options B and E are eliminated.

The comparison of the performance of PSUs has been made with that of equivalent organizations in the private sector. The only word that makes the sentence meaningfully correct is "peers". The words "friends" and "foes" are irrelevant to the context of this sentence. This eliminates options C and D as well.

Option A is hence the correct answer.

9. In the context of the sentence, the only combination of words that lead to a meaningful sentence is "productivity" and "growth". All other options are incorrect either contextually or grammatically. The sentence wants to convey that healthy workers are able to perform better and hence the safety and health of workers contribute greatly to the overall productivity.

Option D is hence the correct answer.

10. The word "rainfall" after the first blank indicates that the word describes the state of rainfall patterns. In the context of the sentence, the words which are suitable for the first blank are "variability", "fluctuations" and "uncertainty". Hence options B and E are eliminated.

The second blank tries to convey that it is important to "transparently manage water resources". The only word that makes the sentence meaningfully correct is "imperative" which means 'of vital importance; crucial'. The words "inefficient" and "indifferent" are irrelevant to the context of this sentence. This eliminates options C and D as well.

Option A is hence the correct answer.

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