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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 32

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 trade war, geopolitical tensions in West Asia, uncertainty around Brexit and global slowdown are other \_\_\_\_\_ driving the rally in gold price.

- A. besides, factors                      B. among, aspects                      C. beside, controls  
D. exciting, buildings                      E. calling, goods

2. With good monsoon and a \_\_\_\_\_ government, the situation may improve, but growth rate expectations are lower now than what we \_\_\_\_\_ during the start of the year

- A. steady, formed                      B. stable, envisaged                      C. worldly, envisioned  
D. strong, seen                      E. bonded, sought

3. Considering the rapid penetration of mobile phones and the rise in use of social media in India, the \_\_\_\_\_ of fake news is no longer a problem limited to the online world, especially because it has political, social and economic \_\_\_\_\_ on the ground.

- A. dissidence, trade                      B. dissemination, ramifications                      C. devolution, career  
D. propagation, transactions                      E. distribution, transfusion

4. Short-term credit from NBFCs, frequently \_\_\_\_\_ over, stands in for missing long-term capital and a disruption in the cycle results in a crisis for both the financing companies and the builders \_\_\_\_\_ on them for capital.

- A. looked, dependent                      B. fared, sulking                      C. rolled, reliant  
D. pushed, hungry                      E. exited, fought

5. A functional bond market is vital for transparent \_\_\_\_\_ length finance, to better \_\_\_\_\_ resources for long-gestation infrastructure projects.

- A. arm's, allocate                      B. palm's, promote                      C. hand's, facilitate

D. ear's, view

E. elbow's, bear

6. Hence the \_\_\_\_\_ need for demand-side management, less-water intensive seeds, \_\_\_\_\_ pricing of irrigation water, and aligning cropping patterns with agro-climatic conditions

A. critical, finance

B. hard, suitable

C. solemn, super

D. pressing, efficient

E. secondary, serious

7. It may be useful to consider \_\_\_\_\_ off all agricultural and social-sector lending into a separate entity which may be government owned and controlled and allow the corporate lending part of the PSBs to be \_\_\_\_\_ .

A. breaking, humanized

B. calling, submitted

C. hiving, privatized

D. facing, protected

E. raising, guided

8. Officials and people's representatives failing in their duty to ensure proper \_\_\_\_\_ of safety norms and those \_\_\_\_\_ in flouting these norms must be punished.

A. implementation, complicit

B. accuracy, symmetric

C. enforcement, implicit

D. execution, explicit

E. illumination, cooperating

9. All those extra hours that the MPs are \_\_\_\_\_ up in the \_\_\_\_\_ house discussing demands for grants of ministries, though, is not going too well with the support staff and security officials.

A. breaking, down

B. shoring, hut

C. eyeing, lane

D. putting, house

E. propping, building

10. Rightly, the government has acknowledged that the current rental laws are archaic as they do not address the relationship between the \_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_ realistically and fairly.

A. lessor, landlord

B. lessee, tenant

C. lessor, lessee

D. lessor, lesser

E. lessee, leasing

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**Correct answers:**

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

**Explanations:**

1. The sentence wants to convey that “in addition to” the trade war, geopolitical tensions, Brexit and global slowdown are also responsible for the increase in gold price. In the context of the sentence, the only words that lead to a meaningful sentence are the combination of "besides" and "factors". All other options are incorrect either contextually or grammatically. “Beside” is incorrect for the first blank as it means ‘next to or at the side of’ whereas “besides” means ‘apart from or in addition to.

Option A is hence the correct answer.

2. The first blank must be positive since “the situation may improve”. In the context of the sentence, the words which are suitable for the first blank are “steady”, “stable” and “strong”. Hence options C and E are eliminated.

Despite the aforementioned positive circumstances, the growth rate expectations are lower than what had been ‘visualized’ at the beginning of the year. The only word that makes the sentence meaningfully correct is “envisaged” which means ‘contemplate or conceive of as a possibility or a desirable future event’. The words “formed” and “seen” are irrelevant to the context of this sentence. This eliminates options A and D as well.

Option B is hence the correct answer.

3. The first blank refers to the spreading of fake news which has become easier thanks to the wide reach of mobile phones. In the context of the sentence, the words which are suitable for the first blank are “dissemination”, “propagation” and “distribution”. Hence options A and C are eliminated.

Out of the remaining choices, the only word that fits in the second blank and makes the sentence meaningfully correct is “ramifications” which means ‘complex or unwelcome consequence of an action or event’. The words “transaction” and “transfusion” are irrelevant to the context of this sentence. This eliminates options D and E as well.

Option B is hence the correct answer.

4. The sentence means to convey that short term loans from NBFCs whose due dates are frequently extended act as replacement for missing long term capital and a break in this cycle would be a disaster for both the financing companies as well as the builders who are dependent on them for capital.

In the context of the sentence, the only combination of words that lead to a meaningful sentence is "rolled" and "reliant". All other options are incorrect either contextually or grammatically. Therefore, options A, B, D and E are eliminated.

To “roll over” a loan means to extend the loan's due date by paying an additional fee. Loan roll over is most common with short-term payday and title loans.

Option C is hence the correct answer.

5. In the context of the sentence, the only combination of words that lead to a meaningful sentence is "arm's" and "allocate". All other options are incorrect either contextually or grammatically.

The idiom “arm's length transaction” refers to a transaction in which the buyers and sellers of a product act independently and have no relationship to each other. The concept of an arm's length transaction is to ensure that both parties in the deal are acting in their own self-interest and are not subject to any pressure or duress from the other party.

The given sentence wants to convey that such type of financing is needed for the better allocation of resources in case of long term projects.

Option A is hence the correct answer.

6. The word “need” after the first blank indicates that the word in the blank should have a tone of urgency. In the context of the sentence, the words which are suitable for the first blank are “critical” and “pressing”. Hence options B, C and E are eliminated.

The second blank describes the nature of the “pricing of irrigation water” The only word that makes the sentence meaningfully correct is “efficient”. The word “finance” is irrelevant to the context of this sentence. This eliminates option A as well.

Option D is hence the correct answer.

7. From the given sentence, we can infer that it would be useful to separate the agricultural and social-sector lending from the rest and form a another entity. In the context of the sentence, the words that are suitable for the first blank are “breaking” and “hiving”. Hence options B, D and E are eliminated.

For the second blank, the only word that makes the sentence meaningfully correct is “privatized”, i.e., the sentence refers to the ‘denationalization’ of corporate lending part of the PSBs. The word "humanized" lends an absurd meaning to this sentence. This eliminates options A as well.

Option C is hence the correct answer.

8. The first blank refers to the proper following of “safety norms”. In the context of the sentence, the words which are suitable for the first blank are “implementation”, “enforcement” and “execution”. Hence options B and E are eliminated.

The second blank refers to involvement of people who flouted these rules and should be punished. The only word that makes the sentence meaningfully correct is “complicit” which means ‘involved with others in an activity that is unlawful or morally wrong’. The words “implicit” and “explicit” 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 "putting" and "house". All other options are incorrect either contextually or grammatically. Here, the phrasal verb “putting up” means ‘bearing with’.

Further, in countries where the legislature or parliament is divided into two groups of members, the “lower house” is usually the larger and more representative group. The Lok Sabha or House of the People is the lower house of India's bicameral Parliament.

Option D is hence the correct answer.

10. We cannot eliminate any choices when it comes to the first blank. The elimination of choices can be done only when we consider both the blanks together. The words “lessor” and “lessee” are often confused and used interchangeably by mistake.

The word “lessor” means ‘a person who leases or lets a property to another; a landlord’.

The word “lessee” means ‘a person who holds the lease of a property; a tenant’.

“Lease” is the contract made between the “lessor” and the “lessee”.

Understanding this, we are able to eliminate the options A, B, D and E.

Option C is hence the correct answer.

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