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Fill in the blanks Questions for SBI PO Pre and IBPS PO Pre Exams.

Fill in the blanks Quiz 54

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. After hitting bottom at about \$30 per barrel, the trend reversed as at \$78, a barrel of Brent crude now _____ nearly three times as much as it did at its _____ in 2016.

A. Clutches, Helm B. Earns, End C. Treks, Embark
D. Coins, Edge E. Fetches, Nadir
2. India has ranked poorly on _____ indices, not simply because Indians give less but because the giving is often through _____ channels.

A. Generosity, Informal B. Happiness, Dense C. Humanity, Straight
D. Developmental, Slow E. Philanthropy, Hidden
3. Nonetheless, many industries remain inefficient by both national and international standards, and there is _____ potential for energy savings in energy-_____ industries.

A. Rigorous, Extensive B. Improving, Defensive C. Declining, Intensive
D. Substantial, Intensive E. Rebounding, Critical
4. It is easy and tempting to heavily criticize the US' _____ towards climate change, and surely the country deserves a _____ .

A. Prudence, Vigil B. Ignorance, Rebuke C. Policy, Grant
D. Emblem, Epilogue E. Sanction, Gratitude

5. India continues to be rated 'BBB', just a/an _____ above the junk grade and lowest among investment grade ratings, by most of the global credit rating agencies despite the government _____ hard for an upgrade.

- A. Downturn, Intervention B. Expansion, Regulation C. Notch, Pitching
D. Brim, Contesting E. Level, Embezzle

6. In the _____, relations between the United States and China continue to _____.

- A. Delusion, Celebratory B. Panic, Accelerated C. Meantime, Deteriorate
D. Ambush, Criticized E. Profitable, Appreciated

7. After years of _____ with one another, the U. S. and China are currently at the stage of _____, with both seeking allies to join their camps.

- A. Downturn, Intervention B. Expansion, Regulation
C. Cooperating, Confrontation D. Brim, Contesting
E. Level, Embezzle

8. This places several countries, especially in Asia, in a difficult position as most of them are _____ to take sides — especially with a _____ China as neighbour.

- A. Prudence, Vigil B. Loathe, Belligerent C. Policy, Grant
D. Emblem, Epilogue E. Sanction, Gratitude

9. China's favourite _____, it would seem, has been _____ rather than compromise, when dealing with its smaller neighbours.

- A. Approach, Unilateralism B. Happiness, Dense C. Humanity, Straight
D. Developmental, Slow E. Philanthropy, Hidden

10. No one in Asia (Pakistan is perhaps an exception) _____ any doubts about China's 'imperialist ambitions', or about Chinese President Xi Jinping's _____ world view.

- A. Rigorous, Extensive B. Improving, Defensive C. Declining, Intensive
D. Nurses, Authoritarian E. Rebounding, Critical

Correct Answers:

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

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Explanation:

1. For the first blank, it can be understood, to be related to costing as it is about the rate of 'Brent crude'. The word "fetch", which means 'to achieve a particular price when sold', and thus, fits here by all means.

This eliminates all other options.

Besides, for the second blank, it (as per context) states the standard to which the current price of Brent is being compared to '2016' and the only word which can suit the requirement of the context is "nadir" as it means 'the lowest or most unsuccessful point in a situation', here, it is price.

Meanings of the given words:

Clutches (Noun): a tight grasp.

Helm (Noun): a position of leadership.

Earns (Verb): to obtain (money) in return for labour or services.

End (Noun): a final part of something, especially a period of time, an activity, or a story.

Treks (Noun): a long arduous journey, especially one made on foot.

Embark (Verb): to go on board a ship or aircraft.

Coins (Noun): a flat disc or piece of metal with an official stamp, used as money.

Edge (Noun): the outside limit of an object, area, or surface.

Fetches (Verb): to achieve a particular price when sold.

Nadir (Noun): the lowest or most unsuccessful point in a situation.

So, the correct option is E.

2. For the first blank, 'Indians give less' holds the context and makes the use of "generosity" perfect to the context as it means 'the quality of being kind' and completes the sentence.

This eliminates all other options.

Also, for the second blank, 'but' in the sentence changes the entire flow the sentence and allows us to use "informal" as it means 'unofficial or casual' and fit into the context completely.

Meanings of the given words:

Generosity (Adjective): the quality of being kind.

Informal (Adjective): unofficial or casual.

Happiness (Noun): the state of being happy.

Dense (Adjective): closely compacted in substance.

Humanity (Noun): human beings collectively.

Straight (Adjective): extending or moving uniformly in one direction only; without a curve or bend.

Developmental (Adjective): concerned with the development of someone or something.

Slow (Adjective): moving or operating, or designed to do so, only at a low speed; not quick or fast.

Philanthropy (Noun): the desire to promote the welfare of others, expressed especially by the generous donation of money to good causes.

Hidden (Adjective): kept out of sight; concealed.

So, the correct option is A.

3. For the first blank, 'potential' just after the blank is enough to suggest the use of "substantial" as it means 'of considerable importance, size, or worth', as the sentence also demands it.

This eliminates all other options.

Also, for the second blank, 'energy-' and 'industries' need a word which means 'concentrated on a single subject or into a short time' here, and the only word which can come is "intensive".

Meanings of the given words:

Rigorous (Adjective): extremely thorough and careful.

Extensive (Adjective): covering or affecting a large area.

Improving (Adjective): giving moral or intellectual benefit.

Defensive (Adjective): used or intended to defend or protect

Declining (Verb): (typically of something regarded as good) to become smaller, fewer, or less; decrease.

Substantial (Noun): of considerable importance, size, or worth.

Intensive (Adjective): concentrated on a single subject or into a short time.

Rebounding (Verb): to bounce back through the air after hitting something hard.

Critical (Adjective): expressing adverse or disapproving comments or judgements.

So, the correct option is D.

4. For the first blank, 'heavily criticize' and 'towards climate change' holds the context and ask to use "ignorance" as it means 'lack of knowledge or information.', which makes it perfectly correct to be use before the blank.

This eliminates all other options.

Also, for the second blank, the US should be criticized for its ignorance towards the climate change, which makes the use of “rebuke” necessary as it means ‘to express sharp disapproval or criticism of someone because of their behaviour or actions’ and completes the sentence.

Meanings of the given words:

Prudence (Noun): the quality of being prudent; cautiousness.

Vigil (Noun): a period of keeping awake during the time usually spent asleep, especially to keep watch or pray.

Ignorance (Noun): lack of knowledge or information.

Rebuke (Verb): to express sharp disapproval or criticism of someone because of their behaviour or actions.

Policy (Noun): a course or principle of action adopted or proposed by an organization or individual.

Grant (Verb): to agree to give or allow (something requested) to.

Emblem (Noun): a thing serving as a symbol of a particular quality or concept.

Epilogue (Noun): a section or speech at the end of a book or play that serves as a comment to what has happened.

Sanction (Noun): a threatened penalty for disobeying a law or rule.

Gratitude (Noun): the quality of being thankful; readiness to show appreciation for and to return kindness.

So, the correct option is B.

5. For the first blank, ‘India continues to be rated ‘BBB’’ holds the context of the sentence as it suggest the position of India to be the ‘lowest among investment’ and the word “notch” fits the sentence by all means as it means ‘a mark on an edge or surface’.

This eliminates all other options.

Also, for the second blank, 'despite the government' suggest us to use "pitching" as it means 'to make a bid to obtain a contract or other business', completes the sentence. Meanings of the given words:

Downturn (Noun): a decline in economic, business, or other activity.

Intervention (Noun): the action or process of intervening.

Expansion (Noun): the action of becoming larger or more extensive.

Regulation (Noun): a rule or directive made and maintained by an authority.

Notch (Noun): a mark on an edge or surface.

Pitching (Verb): to make a bid to obtain a contract or other business.

Brim (Noun): the projecting edge around the bottom of a hat.

Contesting (Verb): to engage in competition to attain (a position of power).

Level (Noun): a horizontal plane or line with respect to the distance above or below a given point.

Embezzle (Verb): to steal or misappropriate (money placed in one's trust or belonging to the organization for which one works).

So, the correct option is C.

6. Going with the requirement of the context, "meantime" fits perfectly as it means 'meanwhile' and completes the sentence.

This eliminates all other options.

Also, for the second blank, "deteriorate" fits the sentence in all manners as it means 'to become progressively worse'.

Meanings of the given words:

Delusion (Noun): an idiosyncratic belief or impression maintained despite being

contradicted by reality or rational argument, typically as a symptom of mental disorder.

Celebratory (Adjective): used or intended to publicly acknowledge a significant or happy day or event.

Panic (Noun): sudden uncontrollable fear or anxiety, often causing wildly unthinking behaviour.

Accelerated (Verb): (especially of a vehicle) to begin to move more quickly.

Meantime (Adverb): meanwhile.

Deteriorate (Verb): to become progressively worse.

Ambush (Noun): a surprise attack by people lying in wait in a concealed position.

Criticized (Verb): to indicate the faults of (someone or something) in a disapproving way.

Profitable (Adjective): (of a business or activity) yielding profit or financial gain.

Appreciated (Verb): to recognize the full worth of.

So, the correct option is C.

7. For the first blank, 'with one another' holds the context of the sentence as it suggests the word "cooperating", a perfect word to be fitted into the sentence by all means as it means 'to work jointly towards the same end'.

This eliminates all other options.

Also, for the second blank, 'with both seeking allies to join their camps' suggests us to use "confrontation" as it means 'a hostile or argumentative situation or meeting between opposing parties' and completes the sentence.

Meanings of the given words:

Downturn (Noun): a decline in economic, business, or other activity.

Intervention (Noun): the action or process of intervening.

Expansion (Noun): the action of becoming larger or more extensive.

Regulation (Noun): a rule or directive made and maintained by an authority.

Cooperating (Verb): to work jointly towards the same end.

Confrontation (Noun): a hostile or argumentative situation or meeting between opposing parties.

Brim (Noun): the projecting edge around the bottom of a hat.

Contesting (Verb): to engage in competition to attain (a position of power).

Level (Noun): a horizontal plane or line with respect to the distance above or below a given point.

Embezzle (Verb): to steal or misappropriate (money placed in one's trust or belonging to the organization for which one works).

So, the correct option is C.

8. For the first blank, 'in a difficult position as most of them are' and 'take sides' hold the context and ask to use "loathe" as it means 'to feel intense dislike or disgust for', which makes it perfectly correct to be used before the blank.

This eliminates all other options.

Also, for the second blank, 'China as neighbour' holds the context which makes the use of "belligerent" necessary as it means 'hostile and aggressive' and completes the sentence.

Meanings of the given words:

Prudence (Noun): the quality of being prudent; cautiousness.

Vigil (Noun): a period of keeping awake during the time usually spent asleep, especially to keep watch or pray.

Loathe (Verb): to feel intense dislike or disgust for.

Belligerent (Adjective): hostile and aggressive.

Policy (Noun): a course or principle of action adopted or proposed by an organization or individual.

Grant (Verb): to agree to give or allow (something requested) to.

Emblem (Noun): a thing serving as a symbol of a particular quality or concept.

Epilogue (Noun): a section or speech at the end of a book or play that serves as a comment to what has happened.

Sanction (Noun): a threatened penalty for disobeying a law or rule.

Gratitude (Noun): the quality of being thankful; readiness to show appreciation for and to return kindness.

So, the correct option is B.

9. For the first blank, 'China's favourite' holds the context and makes the use of "approach" perfect to the context as it means 'a way of dealing with a situation or problem' and completes the sentence.

This eliminates all other options.

Also, for the second blank, 'rather than compromise' in the sentence holds the context of the sentence and allows us to use "unilateralism" as it means 'the process of acting, reaching a decision, or espousing a principle unilaterally' and fits into the context completely.

Meanings of the given words:

Approach (Noun): a way of dealing with a situation or problem.

Unilateralism (Noun): the process of acting, reaching a decision, or espousing a principle unilaterally.

Happiness (Noun): the state of being happy.

Dense (Adjective): closely compacted in substance.

Humanity (Noun): human beings collectively.

Straight (Adjective): extending or moving uniformly in one direction only; without a curve or bend.

Developmental (Adjective): concerned with the development of someone or something.

Slow (Adjective): moving or operating, or designed to do so, only at a low speed; not quick or fast.

Philanthropy (Noun): the desire to promote the welfare of others, expressed especially by the generous donation of money to good causes.

Hidden (Adjective): kept out of sight; concealed.

So, the correct option is A.

- 10.** For the first blank, 'any doubts about China's 'imperialist ambitions'' just after the blank are enough to suggest the use of "nurses" as it means 'to harbour (a belief or feeling), especially for a long time', as the sentence also demands it.

This eliminates all other options.

Also, for the second blank, 'world view' needs a word which means 'showing a lack of concern for the wishes or opinions of others; dictatorial' here, and the only word which can come is "authoritarian".

Meanings of the given words:

Rigorous (Adjective): extremely thorough and careful.

Extensive (Adjective): covering or affecting a large area.

Improving (Adjective): giving moral or intellectual benefit.

Defensive (Adjective): used or intended to defend or protect

Declining (Verb): (typically of something regarded as good) to become smaller, fewer, or less; decrease.

Substantial (Noun): of considerable importance, size, or worth.

Intensive (Adjective): concentrated on a single subject or into a short time.

Nurses (Verb): to harbour (a belief or feeling), especially for a long time.

Authoritarian (Adjective): showing a lack of concern for the wishes or opinions of others; dictatorial.

So, the correct option is D.



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