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Fill in the blanks Quiz 7

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. In this age of technology, banks have _____ on a slew of innovative strategies to _____ the general public.

- A. carried, attract B. followed, lure C. start, draw D. embarked, woo
E. commenced, intrigue

2. The department of heavy industries plans to _____ a vibrant ecosystem for the capital goods sector to _____ manpower issues.

- A. organize, unfold B. create, address C. export, resolve D. constitute, answer
E. start, decide

3. While he once had the wish to learn Portuguese, his _____ to master the language faded after _____ how difficult it really is.

- A. efforts, acknowledging B. ability, executing C. enthusiastic, knowing D. passion, placating
E. alacrity, realizing

4. The _____ levels of inequality are a result of a _____ distribution of wealth resources and power legally enforced.

- A. rising, even B. high, complementary C. endearing, nominal D. staggering, skewed
E. demeaning, joint

5. The Centre is funding a research project on 5G technology being _____ by the country's premier academic institutions with an _____ of Rs. 37 crore.

- A. tried, investment B. undertaken, outlay C. launched, income D. attempted, expense
E. tackled, expenditure

6. The Supreme Court was hearing an application which has _____ its nod to cut around 450 trees there in an around 80 km stretch on which the _____ railway track would be laid between Mathura and Delhi.

- A. demanded, necessary B. expressed, present C. approved, other D. asked, advanced
E. sought, additional

7. Law as a profession has been held in _____ as well as equal confusion for its intricate complexities by the common man seeking justice from the _____ of law-the courts.

- A. captivity, keep B. acquaintance, fortress C. prejudice, stronghold
D. proximity, dungeon E. awe, citadel

8. The government keen to _____ consumer spending, has gone out of the way to _____ the festival.

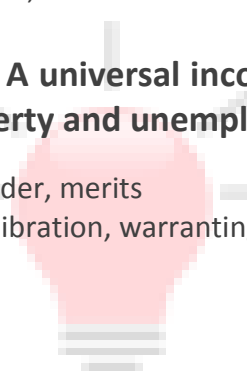
- A. bolster, facilitate B. reassure, dictate C. oversee, induct D. revamp, obstruct
E. organize, lament

9. As a part of a radical 'privatisation project', the Health Ministry and the NITI Aayog _____ developed a framework to _____ private hospitals run select services within district hospitals, on a 30-year lease.

- A. has, legalize B. had, prevent C. collectively, disallow D. purportedly, make
E. have, let

10. A universal income transfer to all citizens in _____ to address the twin problems of poverty and unemployment is undoubtedly a proposal that _____ serious consideration.

- A. Order, merits B. According, deserve C. Obligation, credits D. lieu, entitles
E. calibration, warranting



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Correct Answers:

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

Explanations :

1. Out of the given choices for the first blank either of the two choices - "embarked" and "commenced" the former fits the blank more appropriately as the verb embark is followed by the preposition 'on'. Ex. Religion, for example, seems altogether too vast a theme for him to embark on, and he usually prefers to deal with some single element or aspect.

Option D is hence the correct answer.

2. If we observe the options for the second blank both 'address' and 'resolve' are used as verbs and they mean to think about a problem or a situation and decide how you are going to deal with it. But if we observe further, we can infer that the word 'export' is not meaningful for the first blank in the given context of the sentence. This eliminates option C and confirms option B as the correct answer.

Option B is hence the correct answer.

3. In option A, 'acknowledging' would be a correct choice but the word 'efforts' would be wrong here. Efforts can decrease, efforts can lessen but 'efforts faded' is something we don't use often. This eliminates option A.

Option B gets eliminated as well as the word 'executing' for the second blank doesn't fit in the context of the passage.

Option C would have been correct had the word for the first blank been 'enthusiasm' instead of 'enthusiastic'.

In option D, the word 'placating' which means 'to make (someone) less angry or hostile' would be absurd in the given context of the passage.

In option E, the word 'alacrity' which refers to 'brisk and cheerful readiness' and the word 'realizing' which means 'to get to know or understand something' fit the first and the second blank respectively and most appropriately.

Option E is hence the correct answer.

4. In option A, though the word 'rising' is suitable for the first blank, the second word 'even' would be inappropriate for the second blank both grammatically (because article 'an' must be used before the word) and contextually. The word 'uneven' would have been correct in its place.

In option B, the word 'complementary' doesn't make any sense if used for the second blank. And similarly, in option C, the word 'endearing' and in option E, the word 'demeaning' would be illogical or absurd if used for the first blank in the sentence. Clearly, options B, C and E hence get eliminated.

In option D, the word 'staggering' which means 'very shocking and surprising' and the word 'skewed' which means 'not even' fit the blanks both grammatically and contextually.

Option D is hence the correct answer.

5. If we observe the words in the options for the first blank, we find that the context is about the acceptance and responsibility for a research project. Therefore any of the words 'launched', 'tackled', or 'attempted' does not fit the first blank. 'Tried' is also unsuitable as the sense doesn't go to effort here. It goes to responsibility.

Further, the 'outlay' is the amount of money that you have to spend in order to start a project and it goes well with the context of the sentence.

Clearly, option B is the correct answer.

6. Here, the Supreme Court was hearing an application and this application was seeking the Supreme Court's assent to uproot around 450 trees for a railway track. Clearly, neither of the words 'expressed' and 'approved' fits the first blank contextually.

'Asked' is also wrong as means either to ask a question or to say something. If the verb had been 'asked for' the choice would have been correct.

Though 'demanded' would suit the first blank, 'necessary' railway track doesn't make sense.

Clearly, option E is the perfect match and thereby the correct answer. 'Sought' is the past participle form of 'seek' and it means to look for something. Plus, the second word 'additional' also fits the blank appropriately.

Option E is hence the correct answer.

7. Option A has the word 'Keep' for the second blank but usage of 'keep' for the blank does not make any sense in the context. 'Fortress' is also unsuitable as it means a building to defend against an attack.

'Dungeon' is a dark prison so it is also inappropriate in the context. Option D also gets eliminated immediately.

Similarly, either of the words 'acquaintance' which refers to 'knowledge or experience of something' or 'prejudice' which refers to 'preconceived opinion that is not based on reason or actual experience' doesn't add any meaning to the context either and thus option B and C get eliminated too.

Here, the presence of word 'confusion' in the sentence makes us clear that we need a contrary word in the first blank to comprehend to the context of the sentence. As a result, only "awe" from option E, which can be portrayed as the perfect contrarian to confusion, will be the correct answer. Other options when matched with 'confusion' on the contrarian basis, will not make any sense here. Plus, usage of the word 'Citadel' which means stronghold or bastion, goes well with the context, if used for the second blank.

Option E is hence the correct answer.

- 8.** If we observe the context of the sentence, we can clearly infer that the discussion is regarding the increment in the consumer spending.

Hence, from the options, only the word 'facilitate' which means 'make (an action or process) easy or easier' fits the second blank most appropriately.

Besides, the word 'bolster' which means 'to support or strengthen' fits the first blank both grammatically and contextually.

Clearly, option A is the correct answer.

- 9.** Here the subject is plural, so the helping verb must be plural too. This eliminates option A immediately.

Usage of the word 'Prevent' is wrong because the work has been done for a good cause.

Option C is also incorrect as 'disallow' is conceptually wrong here.

If we say that something has 'purportedly' been done, we mean that it appears or is stated to be true, though not necessarily so. Clearly, the word 'Purportedly' doesn't make sense here. Option D also gets eliminated.

From option E, both the words 'have' and 'let' fit the blanks grammatically and contextually.

Option E is hence the correct answer.

- 10.** Universal income would lead to tackling issues like poverty and unemployment. Thus Option D can be eliminated as universal income would eradicate both the issues and not take their place.

Options B and E are grammatically incorrect.

Option C portrays universal income as an obligation and is contextually incorrect.

Similarly, if we look at blank two, options C, D and E are grammatically wrong. Option B makes sense but the first blank as stated above, is incorrect.

Option A fits in with both the blanks perfectly.

Hence, Option A is correct.



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