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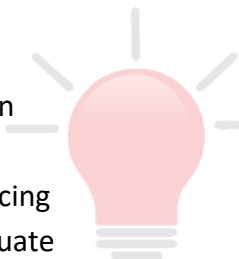
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# Cloze Test Questions for IBPS PO Pre, LIC AAO, RBI Assistant, SBI PO Pre and other Competitive Exams

Directions(1-5): Read the following information carefully and answer the questions given below:

Four of the most popular forms i.e. facebook, twitter, snapchat, instagram of social media \_\_\_\_\_ 1 \_\_\_\_\_ great damage upon young people's mental health. These four platforms have a negative effect because they can \_\_\_\_\_ 2 \_\_\_\_\_ children's and young people's body image worries, and worsen bullying, sleep problems, anxiety, depression and loneliness. The findings follow growing \_\_\_\_\_ 3 \_\_\_\_\_ among politicians, health bodies, doctors and parents about young people suffering harm as a result of cyber bullying and social media \_\_\_\_\_ 4 \_\_\_\_\_ feelings of self-loathing and leading them to commit suicide. However, the leader of the UK's psychiatrists said these findings were too simplistic and they \_\_\_\_\_ 5 \_\_\_\_\_ blamed social media for the complex reasons why the mental health of so many young people is suffering.

1.    A. desecrate                                    B. impious                                    C. inflict  
      D. perpetrating                                E. None of the above
  
2.    A. mitigate                                        B. exacerbate                                C. alleviate  
      D. effectuate                                    E. None of the above
  
3.    A. bridle    B. consternate                                C. poise  
      D. concern                                      E. None of the above
  
4.    A. reinforcing                                    B. ebbing                                      C. augment  
      D. accentuate                                   E. None of the above
  
5.    A. legitimately                                    B. outlandish                                C. unfairly  
      D. impartially                                   E. None of the above



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**Directions(6-10):** In the following passage, some of the words have been left out, each of which is indicated by a letter. Find the suitable word from the options given against each letter and fill up the blanks with appropriate words to make the paragraph meaningful.

This year, the world’s largest democracy, India, and the biggest country by \_\_\_\_\_ 6 \_\_\_\_\_ , Russia, are celebrating the 70th anniversary of establishment of diplomatic relations between them. Russia continues to be among India’s major politico-diplomatic and defence partner nations. While India has \_\_\_\_\_ 7 \_\_\_\_\_ separate strategic partnership pacts with more than two dozen countries, the Indian and Russian governments in December 2010 \_\_\_\_\_ 8 \_\_\_\_\_ their bilateral ‘Strategic Partnership’ to what they termed a “Special and Privileged Strategic Partnership.”

The New Delhi-based \_\_\_\_\_ 9 \_\_\_\_\_ ‘Foundation for National Security Research’, which did a comparative assessment of India’s strategic partnerships — meaning, ‘political-diplomatic, defence and economic cooperation’ (during the 10-year period prior to November 2011), had said, “Russia emerges as the most important strategic partner of India (followed by the U.S., France, the U.K., Germany and Japan in that order).” The November 2011 report had found that Russia had provided strong political and diplomatic support to India and helped enormously in building India’s defence capability. However, it warned that the “economic content of the (India-Russia) partnership is extremely weak, ” and recommended that “urgent and \_\_\_\_\_ 10 \_\_\_\_\_ steps need to be taken to improve economic relations if this (India-Russia) partnership is to be sustained and made durable.”

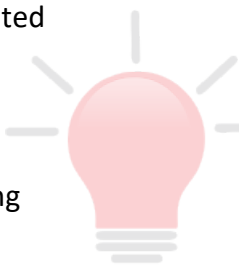
6.      A. Population                      B. Density                      C. Area  
            D. Democracy                      E. Economy
7.      A. Inked                              B. Considered                      C. Contemplated  
            D. Refuted                              E. Revoked
8.      A. Called                              B. Elevated                      C. Refreshed  
            D. Nullified                              E. Revived
9.      A. NGO                              B. Startup                      C. Personnel  
            D. Think tank                              E. Avenue
10.      A. Various                              B. Precarious                      C. Vigorous  
            D. Minuscule                              E. Exhilarating



**Directions(11-15):** In the following passage, some of the words have been left out, each of which is indicated by a letter. Find the suitable word from the options given against each letter and fill up the blanks with appropriate words to make the paragraph meaningful.

The blockade of the national highways leading to the Manipur valley, called by the United Naga Council (UNC), has been in place since November 1. This has severely affected life in the State, with shortages and \_\_\_\_\_ 11 \_\_\_\_\_ costs of essential supplies such as fuel and food, even as demonetisation has \_\_\_\_\_ 12 \_\_\_\_\_ problems. Blockades like this are not new to Manipur. In 2011, there was initially a hundred-day-plus blockade enforced by Kuki-led groups, and countered later by Naga groups, which together had a \_\_\_\_\_ 13 \_\_\_\_\_ effect on life in Manipur. This time the blockade is in place to oppose the creation of new districts by the Okram Ibobi Singh government. On December 9 it issued a \_\_\_\_\_ 14 \_\_\_\_\_ notification for the creation of seven new districts by bifurcating seven (of a total of nine) districts. This decision had as much to do with long-pending demands — in particular, for a new Kuki-majority district to be carved out of the larger Senapati hill district — as with easing administrative access to \_\_\_\_\_ 15 \_\_\_\_\_ areas from the district headquarters.

11. A. escalating  
D. varying
- B. upfront  
E. considerable
- C. diminishing
12. A. exceed  
D. vindicated
- B. pacified  
E. exemplified
- C. exacerbated
13. A. asting  
D. befitting
- B. counter  
E. debilitating
- C. mounting
14. A. special  
D. detail
- B. live  
E. retentive
- C. gazette
15. A. offshore  
D. remotely
- B. far-flung  
E. secluded
- C. outskirts



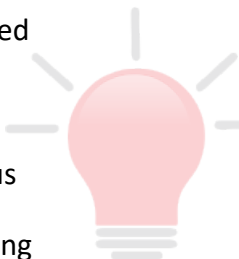
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**Directions(16-20):** In the following passage, some of the words have been left out, each of which is indicated by a letter. Find the suitable word from the options given against each letter and fill up the blanks with appropriate words to make the paragraph meaningful.

The BCCI and its State associations will probably \_\_\_\_\_ 16 \_\_\_\_\_ the day the Indian Premier League (IPL) spot-fixing scandal began in 2013, but in all honesty, there have been so many opportunities for them to stem the rot that it is difficult to pinpoint how it all went so wrong. Increasingly, the BCCI has become \_\_\_\_\_ 17 \_\_\_\_\_ and waged a battle that has seemed strategically unsound. There was a major disconnect between how far the Board really believed the court would go and the ground reality. What may also have \_\_\_\_\_ 18 \_\_\_\_\_ the BCCI's notice is the changing perception of governance in sport and not just in India. The Federation Internationale de Football Association (FIFA) has seen an \_\_\_\_\_ 19 \_\_\_\_\_ overhaul recently, and in India, the Sports Ministry's vocal \_\_\_\_\_ 20 \_\_\_\_\_ of the Indian Olympic Association's controversial appointments is a case in point.

- 16.** A. remember                      B. recall                      C. justified  
D. rue                                E. rejoice
- 17.** A. victim                            B. isolated                    C. superpower  
D. unparalleled                    E. invincible
- 18.** A. indicated                        B. caught                     C. escaped  
D. come                              E. incurred
- 19.** A. rigorous                         B. reverse                     C. inward  
D. unending                        E. invasive
- 20.** A. chastising                        B. appreciation             C. criticised  
D. expressions                      E. nagging



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**Directions(21-25):** In the following passage, some of the words have been left out, each of which is indicated by a letter. Find the suitable word from the options given against each letter and fill up the blanks with appropriate words to make the paragraph meaningful.

The major \_\_\_\_\_ 21 \_\_\_\_\_ of establishing Regional Rural Banks are to develop rural economy by providing credit and other \_\_\_\_\_ 22 \_\_\_\_\_ for agriculture, trade, commerce, industry and other productive activities in the rural areas, \_\_\_\_\_ 23 \_\_\_\_\_ to the small and marginal farmers, agricultural labourers, artisans and small entrepreneurs. An RRB is sponsored by a commercial bank. For the purpose, the sponsor bank requests the Central Government which issues a notification after consulting the \_\_\_\_\_ 24 \_\_\_\_\_ State Government. Normally, an RRB covers one district but it is also permitted to open its branches in other districts. So far the maximum \_\_\_\_\_ 25 \_\_\_\_\_ has been eight districts, as in the case of Manipur Regional Rural Bank, which covers the entire State of Manipur.

- 21.** A. theme  
D. duty
- B. ideas  
E. objectives
- C. work
- 22.** A. facilities  
D. amenities
- B. item  
E. values
- C. goods
- 23.** A. clearly  
D. similarly
- B. certainly  
E. likely
- C. particularly
- 24.** A. neighbouring  
D. nearest
- B. concerned  
E. willing
- C. related
- 25.** A. average  
D. coverage
- B. enclosures  
E. share
- C. beneficiaries



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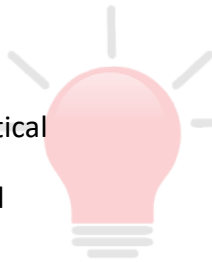
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**Directions(26-30):** In the following passage, some of the words have been left out, each of which is indicated by a letter. Find the suitable word from the options given against each letter and fill up the blanks with appropriate words to make the paragraph meaningful.

Digital India can be the prime \_\_\_\_\_ 26 \_\_\_\_\_ behind making a reality of the government's promise of minimum government, maximum governance. Such a transformation requires technology to be firmly \_\_\_\_\_ 27 \_\_\_\_\_ into government, something that the Digital India project lists as one of its foremost objectives. Embedding technology into government \_\_\_\_\_ 28 \_\_\_\_\_ will do three things; transform the government and make it more transparent and efficient, transform the lives of citizens especially those at the bottom of \_\_\_\_\_ 29 \_\_\_\_\_ pyramid and make our economy more efficient and competitive. A 2014 McKinsey Global Institute report predicts that the large- scale \_\_\_\_\_ 30 \_\_\_\_\_ of technology through Digital India positions India with the biggest opportunity yet to accelerate economic growth.

26. A. factors B. might C. force  
D. impact E. hindrance
27. A. stuck B. planted C. routed  
D. inserted E. embedded
28. A. offices B. hierarchies C. processes  
D. details E. organisation
29. A. hypothetical B. proverbial C. mythical  
D. classified E. infamous
30. A. adaptation B. enhancement C. monitoring  
D. anticipation E. production



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**Direction(31-40):** In the following passage, some of the words / sentences have been left out, each of which is indicated by a letter. Find the suitable word / sentence from the options given against each letter and fill up the blanks with appropriate words / sentences to make the paragraph meaningful.

The layer of ozone helps \_\_\_\_\_ 31 \_\_\_\_\_ the harmful ultraviolet rays away from entering the Earth's atmosphere. Ozone layer depletion over the years has \_\_\_\_\_ 32 \_\_\_\_\_ in ozone hole formation through which harmful radiations can now enter the atmosphere. Ozone layer depletion has many \_\_\_\_\_ 33 \_\_\_\_\_ effects including cancer risks. These wavelengths can harm plants and animals and also cause skin cancer, sunburn, and cataracts in humans. The problem is very \_\_\_\_\_ 34 \_\_\_\_\_ indeed and has rightly generated global concern. These concerns led to the \_\_\_\_\_ 35 \_\_\_\_\_ of the Montreal Protocol in the year 1987. This protocol bans the production of ozone-depleting chemicals like CFCs and halons. Ozone depletion refers to a steady \_\_\_\_\_ 36 \_\_\_\_\_ in the total amount of ozone present in the Earth's atmosphere or the ozone layer. It can also be described as a much larger decrease in stratospheric ozone around the polar regions of the Earth. The second phenomenon is termed as the ozone hole. In addition to these stratospheric events, there are also springtime polar tropospheric ozone depletion events. \_\_\_\_\_ 37 \_\_\_\_\_. These compounds enter the stratosphere after being emitted at the surface where these compounds release halogen atoms by a process called photo dissociation. \_\_\_\_\_ 38 \_\_\_\_\_. The main cause of ozone layer depletion is the indiscriminate use of CFCs, which are chlorine-based substances. These are widely used in several manufacturing plants, refrigerants and aerosols. \_\_\_\_\_ 39 \_\_\_\_\_. Just one atom of chlorine can destroy around 100, 000 molecules of ozone. Wind blows the CFCs up into the stratosphere. Ozone molecules are already unstable. The chlorine atoms in the CFCs react with the ozone molecules, which break down resulting in the formation of an oxygen molecule and a single free-floating oxygen atom. \_\_\_\_\_ 40 \_\_\_\_\_. However, chlorine in other places such as swimming pools does not pose any danger.

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|------------|----------------|----------------------|-----------------|
| <b>31.</b> | A. Preserve    | B. Prevent           | C. Pretend      |
|            | D. Intend      | E. Associate         |                 |
| <b>32.</b> | A. Restricted  | B. Yielded           | C. Functioned   |
|            | D. Resulted    | E. None of the above |                 |
| <b>33.</b> | A. Estimated   | B. Utility           | C. Negative     |
|            | D. Functional  | E. Ensuing           |                 |
| <b>34.</b> | A. Grateful    | B. Grave             | C. Gracious     |
|            | D. Dreaded     | E. None of the above |                 |
| <b>35.</b> | A. Fascination | B. Utilization       | C. Adoption     |
|            | D. Adaptation  | E. Fragmentation     |                 |
| <b>36.</b> | A. Reduction   | B. Detention         | C. Accumulation |
|            | D. Ability     | E. Subjection        |                 |





- 37.** A. It should be noted that such substances should not be entertained in day-to-day human life at all so that there is no consequent health issue.
- B. Such substances will result in various diseases for human beings if they are not controlled properly.
- C. Man-made chemicals like solvents, propellants, halocarbon refrigerants, and foam-blowing agents (chlorofluorocarbon (CFCs), HCFCs, halons), also called ozone-depleting substances (ODS) are the major causes of the problem.
- D. There are many substances which do not cause any problem but they are treated as harmful substances still.
- E. It should be noted that chemical solvents should be controlled in the atmosphere so that there is no effect on human beings.
- 38.** A. This causes breakdown of ozone (O<sub>3</sub>) into oxygen (O<sub>2</sub>), leading a decrease in the amount of ozone.
- B. This is responsible for all the harmful human diseases that can be observed now in human beings.
- C. This is responsible for the difficulty in managing the various issues of the human life which can be painful as well.
- D. This results in the depletion of ozone layer though it can be controlled if certain rules are followed by human beings.
- E. Human beings are mainly responsible for any kind of disease that is taking place these days by the depletion of the ozone layer.
- 39.** A. These are man-made substances and hence human beings should suffer from the ill effects of such deeds.
- B. Man-made diseases are very difficult to cure since the reasons are mainly related to the habits of human beings.
- C. Human beings do not know how to clean the environment and that is why they should not be given the right to live in it.
- D. When released into the air, these have a very damaging effect on the ozone layer.
- E. It can be very disturbing to know that most of incidents are due to the problem of atmosphere density itself.



40. A. It should be kept in mind that chlorine molecules should not be left unattended anywhere without any solvent being attached to it.
- B. Utility of any solvent is known when the same is used for everyday purposes and not only for chemical reactions.
- C. The chlorine is a powerful solvent and it should be noted that it is a very reactive one also.
- D. The chlorine in the atmosphere has immense threat potential.
- E. Chlorine is harmful but it is also very much inert if used with proper care.



**Directions(41-50):** In the following passage ten blanks are left out labeled with letters A, B, C and so on. You have to choose a set of words that is correct grammatically and contextually in order to fill the blank.

The Union Cabinet has approved a series of changes in foreign direct investment norms as the government prepares to enter the last lap of its economic policy-setting phase ahead of the 2019 election. Key among these was the decision to \_\_\_\_\_ 41 \_\_\_\_\_ up to 49% overseas ownership, including by a foreign airline, in Air India. This comes just a little more than six months after the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs gave its nod for a strategic \_\_\_\_\_ 42 \_\_\_\_\_ of the airline. The relaxation in ownership norms clears the decks for possible bidders such as the Singapore Airlines-Tata combine and Jet Airways — with its overseas equity and route partners — to make a more detailed commercial \_\_\_\_\_ 43 \_\_\_\_\_ of the investment opportunity the state-owned flag carrier presents. For the fiscally constrained government, the \_\_\_\_\_ 44 \_\_\_\_\_ couldn't have come sooner. With the Union Budget due soon and the government \_\_\_\_\_ 45 \_\_\_\_\_ short of its budgeted strategic disinvestment goal for the current financial year — as of end-November, only 28% of the targeted ₹15, 000 crore had been realised — the hope must be for an \_\_\_\_\_ 46 \_\_\_\_\_ timetable for the stake sale. Still, the fulfillment of a necessary condition for a strategic sale doesn't automatically become sufficient grounds for a successful privatisation. Given the carrier's accumulated debt of about ₹50, 000 crore and the fact that the interest of potential investors is likely to be focused on Air India's \_\_\_\_\_ 47 \_\_\_\_\_ long-haul international routes and its fleet of more than 40 wide-bodied aircraft, disinvestment will be neither easy nor guaranteed. At the very least, the government needs to set a distinct, \_\_\_\_\_ 48 \_\_\_\_\_ road map for the sale process.

The other reform cleared by the Cabinet was the \_\_\_\_\_ 49 \_\_\_\_\_ decision to put 100% FDI in Single Brand Retail Trading under the 'automatic' route, accompanied by the long-sought relaxation of mandatory local sourcing norms. This had been a major issue with potential investors including Apple, which had repeatedly urged the government to take a more \_\_\_\_\_ 50 \_\_\_\_\_ view given the level of technological advancement incorporated in its products and the difficulty in finding local sources of supply at the requisite scale.

- 41.** A. give away, encash                      B. allow, permit                      C. strategise, authorize  
D. spurn, promote                      E. All of the above
- 42.** A. seizure, expropriation                      B. occupancy, vacancy                      C. disinvestment, divestment  
D. destitution, denial                      E. All of these
- 43.** A. evaluation, assessment                      B. opinion, viewpoint                      C. viability, validity  
D. aspect, issue                      E. All of these
- 44.** A. impact, effect                      B. verdict, protocol                      C. decision, conclusion  
D. negotiation, dialogue                      E. All of these
- 45.** A. woefully, extremely                      B. sure, certain                      C. fair, definitely  
D. merely, slightly                      E. All of these



46. A. inexpedient, impolitic      B. accelerated, increased      C. sluggish, gradual  
D. lethargic, plodding      E. All of these
47. A. potentially, likely      B. futile, cost-effective      C. pragmatic, realistic  
D. lucrative, fruitful      E. All of these
48. A. univocal, vague      B. unequivocal, unambiguous      C. fuzzy, absurd  
D. clear, short      E. All of these
49. A. eminent, significant      B. essential, pivotal      C. critical, important  
D. crucial, vital      E. All of these
50. A. concentrated, focused      B. genial, chipper      C. benign, mild  
D. lively, brisk      E. All of these



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## Correct Answer:

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
C	B	D	A	C	C	A	B	D	C	A	C	E	C	B	D	B	C	E	A	E	A	C	B	D
26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50
C	E	C	B	A	B	D	C	B	C	A	C	A	D	D	B	C	A	C	A	B	D	B	E	C

## Explanation:

1. Option A “desecrate” means ‘treat a sacred place or thing with violent disrespect’ and can be ruled out as it makes the sentence incoherent.

Option B “impious” means ‘non-pious’ and can be eliminated as it is not related to the context of the passage.

Option D “perpetrating” means ‘to commit’ and though it seems to be in sync with the context, its usage makes the sentence grammatically incorrect. Rather ‘perpetrate’ should be used.

Option C “inflict” means ‘cause something unpleasant or painful by someone or something’ and it aptly fits the context and makes the sentence a meaningful one.

Hence, option C is correct.

2. Options A and C “mitigate” and “alleviate” mean ‘make something bad less severe’ and can be eliminated as they have positive connotation and contradict the sentence.

Option D can be ruled out as “effectuate” means ‘put into force or operation’ and is vague in the context of the sentence.

Option B “exacerbate” means ‘make a problem, bad situation, or negative feeling worse’ and is apt as it fits in the blank perfectly. It rightly points at the fact that the social media platforms are worsening the mindset of young people.

Hence, option B is correct.

3. Option A “bridle” means ‘show one’s resentment or anger’ can be eliminated as its usage renders the sentence incoherent.

Option B “consternate” means ‘to fill someone with anxiety’ and can be eliminated as it makes the sentence grammatically incorrect. Rather, ‘consternation’ should be used.

Option C “poise” means ‘graceful and elegant bearing in a person’ and can be eliminated as it does not lend any meaning to the sentence and is contextual misfit.

Option D “concern” means ‘make someone anxious or worried’ and here it aptly shows that the politicians, doctors, parents were anxious about the wellbeing of young people.

Hence, option D is correct.



4. The sentence as a whole talks about propagating negative thoughts among youngsters. Thus, the word to be used in the blank should indicate strengthening these thoughts among youngsters.

Option A “reinforcing” means ‘to strengthen and support’ and conforms itself to the explanation above.

Option B “ebbing” means ‘gradually decrease in terms of an emotion or quality’ and can be eliminated as it is contradictory to the meaning expressed in the passage.

Options C and D “augment” and “accentuate” mean ‘making something greater by adding to it or noticeable’ and are not usually used with “feelings”.

Hence, option A is correct.

5. The sentence hints at various complex reasons for which the social media cannot be held responsible for governing the mental wellbeing of young people.

Option C “unfairly” means ‘in a manner that is not in accordance with the principles of equality and justice’ and aptly fits the context and makes the sentence a meaningful one.

Options A and D “legitimately” and “impartially” mean ‘justly’ and can be ruled out as make the sentence logically incorrect as they have positive connotation.

Option B “outlandish” means ‘looking or sounding bizarre or unfamiliar’ and can be eliminated as it is nowhere related to the context of the passage.

Hence, option C is correct.

6. To answer this question correctly one needs to be good at general awareness as per which Russia is world’s biggest country by ‘area’.

Option C is hence the correct answer.

7. As the words “considered” and “contemplated” are synonyms, neither of them could be picked for the blank. Options B and C hence get eliminated.

Moreover, the words “refuted” and “revoked” are negative in meaning and thus would not go well with the context. Options D and E get eliminated as well.

Clearly, the word “inked”, the present form of which refers to ‘sign or enter a pact or contract’ is the word that’d be fitting the gap appropriately.

Option A is hence the correct answer.



8. Usage of any of the words “called”, “nullified” and “declared” for the blank restricts the flow of the sentence because of the presence of the preposition ‘to’ in the predicate part. Options A, D and E hence get eliminated.

As the first sentence evidently implies a long term relation between the two countries – India & Russia, the word “revived” will not be relevant here for the blank.

Clearly, the word “elevated” would be fitting the blank both grammatically and contextually.

Option B is hence the correct answer.

9. Out of the given choices, only the noun phrase “think tank” which refers to ‘a body of experts providing advice and ideas on specific political or economic problems’ is the most appropriate option to be picked for the blank.

Option D is hence the correct answer.

10. Usage of any of words “precarious”, “minuscule” and “exhilarating” would be absurd as none of them is meaningful or logical in the context of the passage. Options B, D and E can hence be eliminated.

Usage of “various” for the blank will not be appropriate either as it’s not going well with the word “urgent” in combination. We can eliminate option A as well.

Clearly, the word “vigorous” which means ‘strong and forceful’ would be the most appropriate word for the blank in the given context of the passage.

Option C is hence the correct answer.

11. In any part of the world, when there is a shortage of essential commodities, costs tend to **escalate** or **increase**. Option A clearly the best choice among all.

Though each of the other four words looks appropriate at the first glance yet is not logical in the given context of the paragraph.

Option A is hence the correct answer.

12. Usage of “exceed” for the blank would be ungrammatical as the sentence is in Perfect Tense and the verb to be used must be in its past participle form while “exceed” is in the present form. This eliminates option A.

Further, usage of any of the words “pacified”, “vindicated” and “exemplified” doesn’t make any sense when filled in the blank.

The verb “exacerbated” the present form of which refers to ‘making a disease or situation worse; aggravate’ is the most suitable choice among the given ones.

Option C is hence the correct answer.



13. Usage of either of the words “mounting” and “befitting” would be absurd in the context and hence the options C and D can be eliminated.

If we use the word “counter” for the blank it would not go well with the context because the blockade is already a negative act and it has only brought a negative effect to the state. This eliminates option B as well.

Now, between “lasting” which refers to ‘continuing to exist or having effect for a long time’ and “debilitating” which means ‘to make something weak’, the latter seems to fit the blank appropriately because there is no reference of duration of the effect of blockade has been given in the paragraph in the context of Manipur.

Option E is hence the correct answer.

14. Usage of either of the adjectives “live” and “retentive” would be absolutely absurd in the context and hence can be eliminated immediately.

The word “detail” could have been thought of, had it been in its past participle form ‘detailed’. Option D gets eliminated too.

Between “special” and “gazette” the latter which refers to ‘a journal or newspaper, especially the official one of an organization or institution’ seems to a better choice in the context of the paragraph.

Option C is hence the correct answer.

15. Option C and D can be eliminated immediately because the word that would fit the blank must be an adjective while “outskirts” is a noun and “remotely” an adverb.

Usage of either “offshore” or “secluded” doesn’t make sense in the context either and options A and E can be eliminated as well.

Clearly, option B is the most suitable choice both for the blank grammatically and contextually.

Option B is hence the correct answer.

16. Usage of “justified” will be erroneous as the first sentence of the paragraph is in Future Indefinite tense. Option C hence gets eliminated.

Out of the remaining four words, “rue” which refers to ‘bitterly regret (something one has done or allowed to happen) and wish it undone.’ fits the gap and goes well with the context of the passage.

Option D is hence the correct answer.

17. Usage of either of the words “victim” or “superpower” will be ungrammatical as they both are nouns and when used in a singular form, must be preceded by the indefinite article ‘a’. Options A and C hence get eliminated.

Moreover, usage of either of the words “unparalleled” or “invincible” does not add any meaningful or logical context to the paragraph. Options D and E can be eliminated as well.

Obviously, the word “isolated” which means ‘solitary’ or ‘cut off’ will fit the gap contextually.

Option B is hence the correct answer.





18. Usage of “come” for the gap will be erroneous because the correct expression is “come to somebody’s notice”. Option D is hence eliminated.

Further, neither of the words “indicated” and “incurred” fits the gap logically. Options A and E get eliminated as well.

If we infer the context of the paragraph we can deduce the fact that BCCI somehow failed to notice the changing perception of governance in sport and not just India. Therefore, the word “escaped” will be a better choice over “caught”.

Option C is hence the correct answer.

19. Usage of either “rigorous” or “reverse” will be erroneous here as the indefinite article ‘an’ will only be followed by a word starting with a vowel sound. Option A and B are hence eliminated.

Similarly, usage of either “inward” or “unending” would not add any meaning to the context and hence will be eliminated as well.

The only option left now is “invasive”. Anything that is invasive goes or grows where you don’t want it and the usage of this word for the blank is absolutely appropriate in the given context.

Option E is hence the correct answer.

20. Usage of the word “appreciation” would bring contradiction to what is inferred from the paragraph. Option B is hence eliminated.

Usage of “expressions” will absolutely be absurd and hence option D can be eliminated as well.

Usage of the word “criticized” will be ungrammatical and thus option C gets eliminated too.

Now, between “nagging” which means ‘constantly harassing someone’ and “chastising” which means ‘telling someone that something they did was really bad’ the latter fits the gap appropriately.

Option A is hence the correct answer.

21. Usage of any of the words 'theme', 'work' and 'duty' would bring absurdity to the context of the passage and hence options A, C and D can be eliminated.

Between 'ideas' and 'objectives' the latter fits the gap appropriately as the writer by the first sentence seems to be stating the purpose of establishing RRBs.

Option E is hence the correct answer.

22. Usage of any of the words 'item', 'goods' and 'values' is illogical and doesn't make any sense. Options B, C and D hence get eliminated.

Between 'facilities' and 'amenities' the former is the better choice because an 'amenity' is a feature that provides comfort, convenience, or pleasure and we use this word in the context of describing the features of a hotel or a house.



Option A is hence the correct answer.

- 23.** Usage of any of the adverbs 'clearly', 'similarly' and 'likely' for the blank doesn't add any meaning to the context and hence options A, D and E can be eliminated.

Between 'certainly' and 'particularly' the latter fits the gap logically because in the later part of the sentence the writer specifically mentions the groups going to be benefited by the establishment of the RRBs.

Option C is hence the correct answer.

- 24.** Usage of any of the words 'neighbouring', 'nearest' and 'willing' for the blank would be absurd as none seems to be going well with the context. Option A, D and E hence get eliminated.

Between 'concerned' and 'related' the former is the more suitable word for the gap as it completes the sentence in a meaningful way.

Option B is hence the correct answer.

- 25.** Usage of any of the words 'average', 'enclosures' and 'share' for the gap would be inappropriate as none adds any meaning to the context. Options A, B and E hence can be eliminated.

Between 'beneficiaries' and 'coverage' the latter fits the gap appropriately and the presence of the verb 'covers' in the latter part of the sentence confirms it as well.

Option D is hence the correct answer.

- 26.** "Factors" could have been an appropriate choice, had the noun been in its singular form. Option A hence can be eliminated.

Usage of the word "might" would be too strong for the context. Option B can be eliminated as well.

Similarly, usage of the noun "impact" makes the sentence illogical while "hindrance" is opposite in meaning to the word required. Options D and E get eliminated too.

The word "force" fits the gap aptly as it is going well with the context.

Option C is hence the correct answer.

- 27.** Usage of either "stuck" or "routed" makes the context absurd and hence options A and C can be eliminated.

Usage of either the verb "planted" or "insterted" with 'technology' is illogical and this eliminates options B and D as well.

Option E "embedded" which means 'fixed firmly or deeply' is the most appropriate choice for the blank in the context given and it gets confirmed if you go on reading the first few words of the next sentence.



Option E is hence the correct answer.

- 28.** The words "offices", "hierarchies" and "details" do not bring any particular meaning or logic to the sentence and hence options A, B and D get eliminated.

The noun "organisation" could have been picked if it had been in its plural form. This eliminates option E as well.

The word "processes" completes the sentence in a meaningful manner and thus is the most appropriate choice for the blank.

Option C is hence the correct answer.

- 29.** The sentence tries to refer to the socio-economic concept explained with the help of 'Pyramid' that does not exist in reality.

Out of the words given, only the word "proverbial" which means 'well-known' fills in the blank aptly.

Option B is hence the correct answer.

- 30.** In a general scenario, a technology is first invented, then, adapted and then it is enhanced. In the context of the passage, the most suitable word is "adaptation" which completes the sentence meaningfully. Option B hence gets eliminated.

Usage of either "monitoring" or "production" makes the context absurd and hence can be eliminated as well.

A 'technology' is 'built' and 'goods' are 'produced'. Usage of "production" in the given context is absolutely illogical. Option E gets eliminated too.

Option A is hence the correct answer.

- 31.** It is difficult to predict the word since it is the first blank in the given passage. However, it can be presumed based on the context of the passage and also the theme of the passage. The passage is about the Ozone layer depletion in the atmosphere and it is repeatedly mentioned that the ultra-violet rays are harmful for human beings and the ozone layer is responsible for prevention of this from entering the earth.

Now, from the given options, A is opposite in context whereas C, D and E are completely out of the given context.

Only B fits the blank perfectly as it mentions the main objective of the ozone layer in the earth.

This makes Option B the right choice among the given options.

- 32.** If we go through the whole passage, it can be inferred that the ozone layer depletion has resulted into ozone layer formation which is responsible for the entry of the ultra-violet rays into the earth, causing many diseases to the human beings.

Now, among the given options, A, B and C all are out of context as per the preceding and succeeding sentences. Only D fits the context perfectly.



This makes Option D the right choice among the given options.

33. In the given context of the passage, it is very clear that the depletion of ozone layer has many dangerous effects as cancer risks, as has been mentioned in the later part of the sentence. If something is causing cancer to human beings, it is harmful and dangerous.

Among the given options, A, B, D and E are out of context since the phenomenon of depletion of ozone layer is disturbing event. Only C fits the context perfectly.

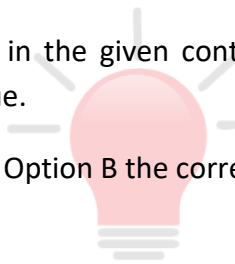
This makes Option C the right choice.

34. The given context is about the issue of depletion of ozone layer in the world. It is a very serious issue since it can cause cancer also in human beings. Refer to, **“These wavelengths can harm plants and animals and also cause skin cancer, sunburn, and cataracts in humans.”** It makes the bad effects of ultra violet rays very clear on various animals in the world. That is why there is global concern about the issue.

Among the given options, A and C are completely out of context and are eliminated. D can be the answer but the word is not the perfect fit in the context as is used for something of which one is afraid. That is not the case in this context.

Only B fits in the given context perfectly as it implies that the depletion of ozone layer is a very serious issue.

This makes Option B the correct choice among the given options.



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35. It is implied that due to the serious concerns regarding the depletion of ozone layers, the world leaders have decided to implement the Montreal Protocol to tackle this issue. This protocol was adopted by the leaders of various countries in 1987. The main objective was to stop the depletion of the ozone layer.

Among the given options, A and E are completely out context. B can imply the meaning as in the given context but it does not go with the implementation of protocols for which ‘adoption’ is used. On the other hand, refers to adjusting to something and it is also out of context.

This makes Option C the right choice among the given options.

36. According to the given context, it is about the depletion of ozone layer in the earth and the definition about the same. Refer to, **“It can also be described as a much larger decrease in stratospheric ozone around the polar regions of the Earth.”** It is the succeeding sentence of the statement with the blank and it implies that depletion of ozone layer refers to reduction in ozone in earth’s atmospheric layer.

Among the given options, B, D and E are out of context as they will not imply the same if applied in the blanks. C fits in the context but it implies the opposite of what is intended to be implied. Only A fits in the given context properly.



This makes Option A the correct choice among the given options.

- 37.** According to the given context, the missing sentence must be about some substances which are related to the depletion of ozone layers in the atmosphere since the succeeding statement starts with 'these compounds' whether in its previous substances there is no such reference to any substance as such. This implies that the missing statement must be containing the names of such substances for which the pronoun has been used in the succeeding statement.

Among the given options, only statement C describes about various substances in the atmosphere that are harmful and are responsible for depletion of ozone layer in the atmosphere. Other options do not fit in the given context.

This makes Option C the right choice among the given options.

- 38.** The sentence preceding the missing statement is about the process of dissociation whereas the succeeding statement is about the main reason of depletion of ozone layer in the atmosphere. The sentence in between must be about either of these two topics otherwise it will not go with the context.

Among the given options, statement B is about human diseases and the reason thereof whereas statement C is completely out of context. Statement D may come after the main reason of depletion of ozone layer is explained as has been done in the succeeding sentence but not before that. Statement E is again out of context.

Only statement A can be made to fit in the given context

This makes Option A the right choice among the given options.

- 39.** The given context is about the use of CFC in the human life along with the harmful effects of this substance especially in relation to the depletion of ozone layer in the atmosphere. The preceding sentence is about the presence of CFC in the human lives whereas the next sentence is about the ill effects of chlorine when released into the air. The sentence in between should be something that can relate these two sentences or may be related to either of them

Among the given options, statements A, B, C and E all are out of context statements with no relation whatsoever with the given one. They are certainly eliminated because of that. If we apply D, it relates the preceding and succeeding sentences with 'these' which refers to the substances mentioned in the preceding sentence. The explanation of the damage is given in the succeeding statement. So, this makes the perfect fit.

This makes Option D the correct choice for the given options.

- 40.** According to the given context, it is about the description of the reaction that the ozone and CFC have with each other making it very dangerous for human beings. The preceding sentence of the blank describes the reaction of CFC and Ozone whereas the succeeding statement is about the harmful effect of chlorine when used in water. The sentence in between should be a connector between the two or should be in relation to either of these statements.

Among the given options, A and B are illogical statements and cannot fit in the blank. Hence they are automatically eliminated. C can fit in the given context but it is about the properties of chlorine as a solvent and it has no relation whatsoever with the given context of chlorine being harmful in certain conditions. Statement E is again out of context and defies logic as well.

This makes Option D the right choice among the given options.



**41.** The passage here talks about the government's decision of upto 49% private ownership in Air India. Earlier the centre was having 100% ownership but now it has permitted private airlines to co-own upto 49% ownership in Air India.

Rest of the options except option B do not fit into the context.

Both the words in option B are denoting such authority or permit.

Hence option B is correct.

**42.** To give away one's ownership is called disinvestment, which is being talked about here. Thus only option C depicts the words that render the similar meaning.

Seizure is to capture something forcefully, which is incontextual.

Destitution means extreme poverty which is illogical.

Option B is also absurd here.

Hence option C is correct.

**43.** Any investment is done basis some evaluation or estimation of pros and cons related to that specific deal. Thus the correct set of word representing such estimation is option A- evaluation and assessment.

Opinion is just a point of view, which is absurd here.

Similarly validity used in option C is also illogical.

Hence option A is correct.

**44.** As per the passage, in the given poor economic condition, the decision of disinvestment has come at right time. Earlier economy was not in condition to absorb the change.

Option C that contains words - decision and conclusion is perfectly fitting the blank, where these words refer to decision of disinvestment.

Hence option C is correct.

**45.** Here the phrase 'short of' describes shortage or deficiency, thus a negative word should come before it.

Option B is grammatically incorrect, as the blank requires an adverb to qualify the shortage.

In option C, the first word fair is grammatically incorrect being an adjective.

Option D renders a positive meaning (little shortage), thus incorrect here.

Both the words of option A renders negative sense and goes well with the given phrase.

Woefully means very badly and extremely also depicts an extreme degree.



Hence option A is correct.

- 46.** As the government is running very far from its target, it would definitely want an enhanced move to abridge the gap. Thus out of all the given options only option B depicts the correct set of words contextually as well as grammatically.

Lethargic means slow.

Sluggish and gradual are also used for delay or slow speed.

Inexpedient means futile, which is absurd.

Hence option B is correct.

- 47.** As per the passage it is clear that the potential investors will focus on the profitable areas, Thus option D which has Lucrative and fruitful means profitable is the perfect choice.

Rest of the options are absurd.

Hence option D is correct.

- 48.** Use of word 'distinct' before the blank clears that it must contain a set of words that means apparent or evident.

Vague (option A) , Fuzzy (option C) means not clear or out of focus.

Short (option D) is absurd to be used here.

Only option B has both the words that mean clear, definite.

Hence option B is correct.

- 49.** Another decision regarding FDI limits that has a great importance in economy has been talked about.

All the options render same meaning i.e. important.

Hence option E is correct.

- 50.** Use of "relaxation of mandatory local sourcing norms" depicts that government has shown a mild attitude towards the investors, for which they were asking for long.

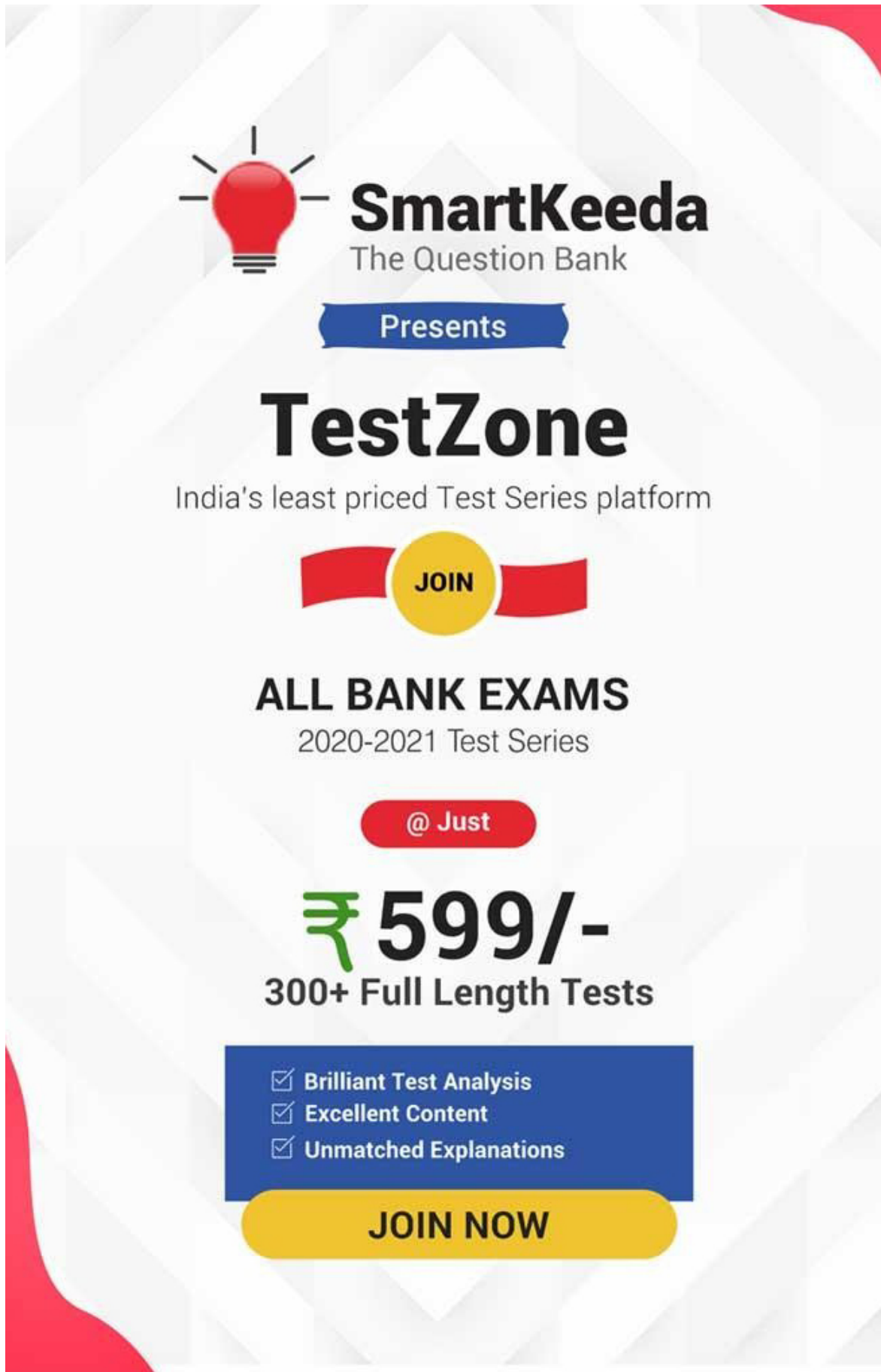
Hence the blank should contain words like relaxation, smooth etc. These are represented by option C only.

Genial (option B) and Lively (option D) mean extremely happy.


Option A is absurd.



Hence option C is correct.



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