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## Paragraph Completion Test Questions for IBPS RRB SCALE -I (Mains) Exams.

### Paragraph Completion Quiz 9

**Directions:** In each of the following questions a short passage is given with one of the lines in the passage missing and represented by a blank. Select the best out of the five answer choices given, to make the passage complete and coherent (coherent means logically complete and sound).

1. The urgency of a green transition has never been so obvious. 2020 marks a year where the Arctic is melting faster than most climate models predicted, and WWF's recent Living Planet Report alarmingly showed that almost two thirds of the world's wildlife populations have been lost since the 1970s. Europe's leaders have not been ignoring these trends. \_\_\_\_\_. But the COVID-19 pandemic has made leaders across all sectors realize that this transition must happen faster, and that they must act now in order to achieve more sustainable and resilient economies.

- A. We have to take more and faster action with more emphasis on sustainability and circularity.
- B. With the European Green Deal, they passed a historic agreement last year, committing to implement the Paris Climate Agenda and to making their continent climate neutral by 2050.
- C. The institute aims to demonstrate how the private sector can play its part with a series of lighthouse initiatives in the renewable energy, mobility and food sectors.
- D. The programs offer the opportunity to reset the economy, create jobs, boost GDP and build resilience.
- E. Indeed, pigs lounge in garbage piles at the entrance of the hospital, and the stinking odor of leaking sewage water obstructs movement into the premises.



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**2. In a series of tweets, Mohapatra said that one cannot cite Kundra's arrest as a reason to disrespect others. She also explained there is a difference between free will or consent and exploitation or trafficking. The singer drew our attention to the distinction between consent and exploitation. \_\_\_\_\_ Doing this would mean that we are too intolerant to accept liberated females, particularly in the public space.**

- A. The vaccine is administered using a spring device which introduces the medication under high pressure into recipients through the pores of the skin.
- B. The toxicity within us has reached a point where we can hardly see the line which demarcates a perpetrator and the authorities.
- C. If human ingenuity can send rocket ships to the moon and beyond, and perform brain surgery and heart transplants, it could not have much earlier devised less painful methods of vaccination and blood testing.
- D. Now that the businessman stands exposed because he used women for his alleged illegal activities, no one spares a moment to look into the seriousness of the matter but throwing lewd remarks at public figures even without any solid evidence against them.
- E. And reiterated that nothing gives us the right to shame women celebrating their bodies out of their choice.

**3. The violence and looting that have swept through South Africa are a brutal reminder of just how far the country has fallen from the post-apartheid vision of a perfect nation. After years of industrial-scale corruption, the country's infrastructure creaking and the economy stagnant. \_\_\_\_\_ We have to take more and faster action with more emphasis on sustainability and circularity.**

- A. Apartheid made laws forced the different racial groups to live separately and develop separately, and grossly unequally too.
- B. During apartheid, to have a friendship with someone of a different race generally brought suspicion upon you, or worse.
- C. More than this, apartheid was a social system which severely disadvantaged the majority of the population, simply because they did not share the skin colour of the rulers.
- D. In basic principles, apartheid did not differ that much from the policy of segregation of the South African governments existing before the Afrikaner Nationalist Party came to power in 1948.
- E. None of these

**4. The population of the critically endangered Saiga antelope has more than doubled since 2019, Kazakhstan said, citing the first aerial survey of the animals in two years. News that the Central Asian country's Saiga population has risen from 334,000 to 842,000 will hearten conservationists, who warned that the species was on the brink of extinction following a massive die-off in 2015. \_\_\_\_\_. Kazakhstan's vast steppe is home to the majority of the global Saiga antelope population with Russia's Kalmykia region and Mongolia hosting much smaller numbers.**

- A. The population boom is an indicator of the effectiveness of measures to conserve Saiga populations and counteract poaching.
- B. The International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN), whose "Red List" is the scientific reference for threatened wildlife, lists the Saiga as among five critically endangered antelope species.
- C. Poaching is a persistent threat to the Saiga, known for its distinctive bulbous nose, fuelled by demand for horn in traditional Chinese medicine.
- D. The 2019 aerial survey confirmed that the Saiga was continuing to rebound from the cataclysm but there was no survey in 2020 as Kazakhstan wrestled with the outbreak of the coronavirus.
- E. None of the above

**5. Privacy regulations are the larger force in drawing the boundaries for consumer data and privacy protection as the industry moves to a more mature phase. For instance, stringent laws in Europe have seen apps reading customer SMS and accessing user location drop to 4 per cent each, versus 29 per cent and 75 per cent, respectively, in India. \_\_\_\_\_. But this bill could lead to a significant increase in compliance costs for businesses across the economy and to a troubling dilution of privacy vis-à-vis the state.**

- A. There is a difficult choice for a consumer in availing a customized, convenient and cheap service even though it may entail sharing a lot more of their digital footprint.
- B. The last decade has seen tectonic shifts in technology and the digital world.
- C. The debate on individual protection of their digital possessions must and will intensify.
- D. Consent based models of data access would need to be supported by the accountability of data holders.
- E. The passing of the proposed Indian data protection bill will have significant positive implications for consumers and their data rights

**6. In the eyes of India's male politicians, any political battle is already half-won if the opponent is a woman. The possible lines of attacks have long been drawn and one has to simply pick and choose — from women's appearance. \_\_\_\_\_ . Male politicians have to shield criticism for their statements, their actions — but someone like Sitharaman or Smriti Irani are left to defend their 'domestic' roles of 'tai' or 'aunty' because these are the positions India's patriarchal society has designated for them.**

- A. As Parliament opened this week, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman became the latest target of Indian men's ingrained misogyny.
- B. There is a discrimination from their jewelry, outfits, make up to, oftentimes, just their gender.
- C. Whether it's in 1991, when the government had to pledge gold to rescue the economy, or the double-digit inflation for several years from 2011, India has often found itself battling a tough economic scenario.
- D. Congress leader Rahul Gandhi took a potshot at Sitharaman, saying that PM Modi "got a woman to defend him" on the Rafale deal debate in Parliament.
- E. Social and legal discrimination against women remains a major obstacle to economic development in emerging and developing countries.

**7. Crowding out private sector employment can have other repercussions too. Before the 2008 global financial crisis, a boom in construction and real estate pulled millions of Indians into cities and out of poverty for the first time. Rising wages do little to help these sectors grow fast. \_\_\_\_\_. This is due to high and rising relative costs of employing labor – a tragedy for a country of 1.3 billion souls.**

- A. If an urban employment guarantee raises salaries by a lot, stealing business from China (and increasingly Vietnam and Bangladesh) will become that much harder.
- B. Not surprisingly, there is now increasing speculation that many Indian IT giants will refrain from sponsoring H-1B visas for junior engineers.
- C. India must create jobs in cities as these hubs of modernization are more productive than villages.
- D. There is also growing evidence that even our most labor-intensive industries are substituting away workers for machines.
- E. Researchers at the Azim Premji University — strong votaries of the idea — estimate that it could cost Rs 4,50,000 crore to guarantee 100 days of employment to each adult resident in all of India's small towns

**8. Education systems around the world are urgently recalibrating, realizing that they are dangerously outdated. \_\_\_\_\_. Even before the pandemic, there was an increasing appetite to move beyond intention to action, beyond pilots to scaling and beyond isolated examples to systemic reform.**

- A. The Education Commission estimated that by 2030, more than half of the world's children would not have the skills to participate in the emerging global workforce.
- B. Retailers such as bookstores were permitted to begin offering curbside pickup and deliveries.
- C. Many are seizing the opportunity to modernize their systems– reimagining learning to equip children with the skills they need to be productive, life-long learners.
- D. Creativity and a child's ability to be resilient despite life's unpredictable challenges will be among the most in-demand skills that today's learners need.
- E. Elderly individuals and people with underlying chronic health conditions have been the most vulnerable.

**9. Experts predict that the unprecedented nature of the pandemic will mean more people will be underemployed for longer than in previous recessions. Workers in sectors like hospitality and tourism are likely to be heavily impacted in the next few years as reduced demand for these services will lead to reduced hours and fewer jobs. \_\_\_\_\_. So many businesses are doing a reset. The skills that might have served you well in your previous jobs may not be the ones that you need to get yourself out of underemployment.**

- A. Without policy intervention there is the potential for underemployment to stay at very high levels.
- B. Then there are government employees who are working more than they would like, but don't get paid enough to fulfil their financial obligations.
- C. Those who work fewer hours than a national specific threshold related to working time while some are willing and available to work additional hours.
- D. Some geographic regions with high spark risk, including Central and West Africa, lag behind the rest of the globe in pandemic preparedness.
- E. For many poorly prepared countries, surge capacity likely will be delivered by foreign aid providers.



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**10. Though forest fires play an ecological role, they also bring some inestimable losses. The fire renders the forest floor inhospitable to the region's some 1,800 plants used as medicinal herbs, as well as indigenous grasses and broadleaf species such as Himalayan oak. Indigenous plants and trees are valuable ecologically and socially as they conserve soil and water. \_\_\_\_\_. The loss of natural wealth translates into much more than a monetary one for our socio-cultural fabric.**

- A. In those conditions, the needles gave off a mixture of gases, including carbon monoxide, methane and hydrogen.
- B. Today, the electricity generated is used to power a workshop, while leftover carbon powder produced is bound together with locally made glue.
- C. These pines shed their needles onto the forest floor, littering it in what is essentially delicate shreds of dry, high-energy kindling.
- D. They allow rich biodiversity of wild edibles and minor forest produce that are used by locals.
- E. The state's unique ecosystem is made up of snow-clad mountains, rivers, lakes and diverse flora and fauna.



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## Correct Answers:

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

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### Explanation:

1. The preceding sentence mentions the awareness of the 'Europe's leaders regarding the green transition and thus the statement in the blank will contain efforts made by them.

The use of 'we' in sentence A makes it a irrelevant choice as the preceding and following sentences of the blank mentions 'Europe leaders'. Thus, the option can be eliminated.

The word 'institute' and 'programs' used in sentence C and D respectively again makes it a weak choice for the blank, hence they can be eliminated as well. Statement E is completely out of context and hence inappropriate to be filled in the blank.

None of the other statements seem to fitting the gap appropriately except Statement B where the work by 'European leaders' is clearly mentioned.

Hence, Option B is the correct answer.

2. The passage mentions the thoughts of an Indian singer against misogyny. The sentence succeeding the blank mentions the conclusion we draw from the whole incidence. Thus the idea in the blank must support what the singer had said.

A and C are a clear elimination being out of context.

D is unfit as mentions the reason for Mohapatra's anger and thus should have been placed before as the opening statement.

Now between B and E, E is a better option as it is related to the context while B contains 'authorities' which is totally absurd.

Only option E fits in the blank in the most relevant manner.

Clearly, option E is the best choice that would fit the blank contextually.

3. The passage is not about the apartheid situation in South Africa but the failing economy and other hurdles the country is facing. Clearly options A, B C and D are all emphasizing only the apartheid situation. Thus all of them are incorrect.

Hence, Option E is the correct answer.

4. The first few lines of the passage is regarding the increase in numbers of Saiga antelope which is critically endangered. The population of the species has more than doubled since 2019 in Kazakhstan. The species was on the brink of extinction following a massive die-off in 2015. So, the subsequent sentence should be contrary to this based on the first two lines of the passage.

Option B is incorrect as it is more about The International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN).

Option C is incorrect as it is about poaching which is the reason for the loss in number of the species.

Option D is incorrect as it talks about the aerial survey in 2019 which is stated once above.

Option A is the correct sentence for the blank as it tells us how the Kazakhstan government has taken necessary steps to reduce poaching and increase the number of Saiga.

Hence, Option A is correct.

5. The sentence succeeding the blank discusses the impacts of the bill, clearly the bank statement should mention the name and introduction of this particular bill.

Out of the given choices, statements A, B, C and D have no mention of any sort of bill which is elaborated in the next sentence after blank. Thus these choices can be eliminated.

Clearly, option E is the best choice that would fit the blank contextually as it mentions the 'Indian data protection bill'.

Option E is hence the correct answer.



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6. The sentences preceding the blank depicts that appearance is a common area where women are discriminated, the sentence in the blank will be elaborating it.

Option A seems to be clearly a part which was to be stated much before, hence it should be eliminated.

Option B and E are totally out of context.

Option D does not throw any light on the discrimination on the basis of appearances mentioned in the preceding sentence; hence it can be eliminated as well.

None of the other statements seems to fitting the gap appropriately except B which elaborates about discrimination against women in possible aspects in terms of appearance.

Option B is hence the correct answer.

7. The whole paragraph emphasizes the adverse effects of crowding out private sector employment, hence the blank should mention it as well.

Statements A, B and E seem irrelevant and statement C on the other hand contradicts the theme. Hence these can be eliminated.

Out of the rest of the choices, statement D would be the best pick for the blank.

Option D is hence the correct answer.

8. The sentence preceding the blank depicts that education systems have realized that they are outdated, thus the blank will contain a sentence that inculcates the way to improve this situation.



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Among the choices given, the sentence A can be eliminated as it mentions 'world's children' and their incapability to participate in global workforce, while the idea of the passage focuses on how the education system are trying to combat the problem of being outdated.

Besides, the sentence D seems to be emphasizing what needs to be done to individual children while the idea of the passage mentions the whole 'education system'; thus it can be eliminated as well.

Sentence B and E are absolutely absurd in the context and get eliminated too.

Clearly, option C that contextually fits the blank is the correct answer.

9. The succeeding sentence of the blank mentions an effect of underemployment, thus the sentence in the blank will mention the same idea of 'underemployment' stated in the opening statement.

While statement D is not adding any meaning to the paragraph, statement E is taking the discussion to a different context. Hence, both the options D and E can be eliminated.

Statement C talks states an effect of the issue of 'underemployment', while the succeeding sentence starts with conjunction 'so'; hence this option can be eliminated as well.

The mention of 'government employees' in sentence B makes it a sheer incorrect choice for the blank as the idea of the paragraph is different from 'government employees'.

Clearly, statement given as option A fits the blank appropriately.

Option A is hence the correct answer.



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- 10.** The statement preceding depicts the importance of indigenous plants and the sentence in the blank will center around the same idea stating how they are ecologically and socially beneficial.

Statement A mentions some procedure of exhalation of gases which is not required as per the idea of the preceding sentence.

Statements B, C and E are, on the other hand, share information that is totally irrelevant to the context. Hence these can be eliminated.

Out of the rest of the choices, statement D would be the best pick for the blank.

Option D is hence the correct answer.



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