

Quiz Date: 24th February 2020

Directions (1-7): In the following passage there are blanks, each of which has been numbered. These numbers are printed below the passage and against each, some words are suggested, one of which fits the blank appropriately. Find out the appropriate word in each case.

The four officers' unions in state-owned banks have jointly written to the Indian Banks' Association (IBA) expressing apprehension that their members may be \_\_\_\_\_ (1) over the coals if the loans given to small and marginal farmers (SMFs) during the ongoing two-week campaign (February 10 to 24) turn sour later on. The fear of the unions stems from the fact that the campaign for \_\_\_\_\_ (2) all Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN) beneficiaries with Kisan Credit Cards (KCC) has been undertaken in the off season for crop cultivation in major areas. Hence, they \_\_\_\_\_ (3) that rural and semi-urban (RUSU) branches were forced to sanction KCC without standing crop, which could lead to diversion of funds. They added that due to staff shortage at these branches it is difficult to ensure the end-use of funds. PM-KISAN was launched in December 2018 with the view to \_\_\_\_\_ (4) the income of SMFs. KCC allows farmers to meet their short-term credit requirements for cultivation of crops, post-harvest expenses, consumption requirements, working capital for maintenance of farm assets and activities \_\_\_\_\_ (5) to agriculture, and investment credit requirement for agriculture and allied activities. Since the KCC accounts have been \_\_\_\_\_ (6) in the off crop season, the four unions — All India Bank Officers' Confederation, All India Bank Officers' Association, Indian National Bank Officers' Congress and National Organisation of Bank Officers — \_\_\_\_\_ (7) that these accounts are not eligible for crop insurance coverage under the Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY) scheme in majority of the areas.

Q1.

- (a) Disposed
- (b) Hauled
- (c) Refresh
- (d) Greatly
- (e) Connected

Q2.

- (a) Minority
- (b) Fixed
- (c) Requiring
- (d) Saturating
- (e) Prohibited

Q3.

- (a) Infecting
- (b) Managed
- (c) Alleged

- (d) Ability
- (e) Thought

Q4.

- (a) Minority
- (b) Dominant
- (c) Augment
- (d) Prevailed
- (e) Survival

Q5.

- (a) Paltry
- (b) Allied
- (c) Impertinent
- (d) Copious
- (e) Dedicated

Q6.

- (a) Somber
- (b) Jestng
- (c) Deciduous
- (d) Supplicant
- (e) Sanctioned

Q7.

- (a) Allotment
- (b) Facetious
- (c) Underscored
- (d) Assembled
- (e) United



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Directions (8-10): In the following questions, the sentence is consisting of four highlighted words. Choose the option reflecting the word which is either misspelt or grammatically incorrect. If all the highlighted words are correct, choose option (e) i.e. "all are correct" as your answer choice.

Q8. As the country remains **mired** in an economic slowdown, with evidence of **falling** employment and **consumption**, the government is **persistant** in its denial.

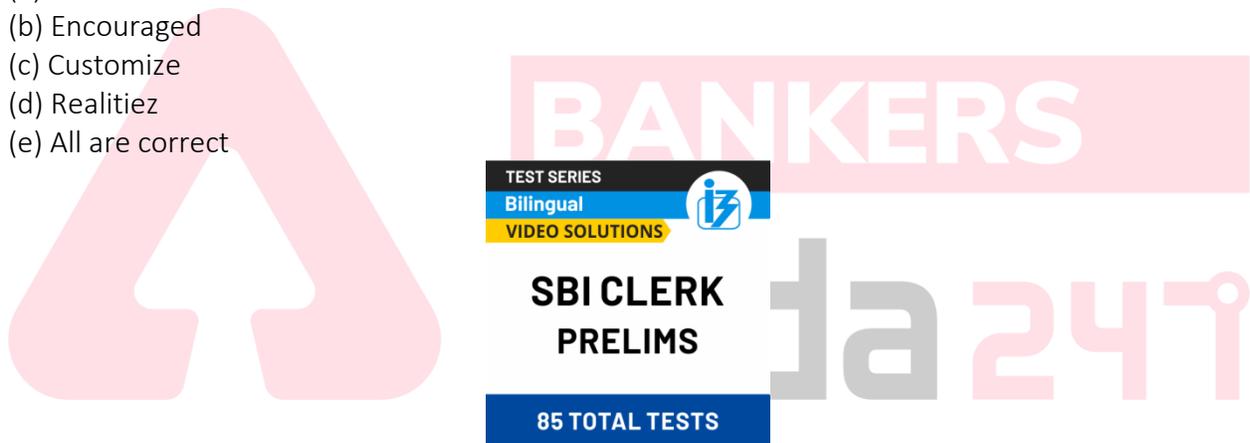
- (a) Mired
- (b) Falling
- (c) Consumption
- (d) Persistant
- (e) All are correct

Q9. The Government of India must also **assume** a more vocal role in the international **debete** about how to make **multinationals** pay their fair share of **taxes**.

- (a) Assume
- (b) Debete
- (c) Multinationals
- (d) Taxes
- (e) All are correct

Q10. Publicly-funded **research** has always been **encouraged** to reinvent the wheel and **customize** technology to Indian **realitiez**.

- (a) Research
- (b) Encouraged
- (c) Customize
- (d) Realitiez
- (e) All are correct



Directions (11-15): In the following questions, a word is given in bold followed by three sentences. Choose the appropriate option mentioning the sentence(s) that uses the highlighted word in a grammatically correct and contextually meaningful manner.

Q11.

### Dilatory

- (I) The **dilatory** strategies on the intellectual property front, indeed, can ruin the biodiversity richness of the country.
- (II) It takes a lot of enthusiasm, **dilatory** to a love of children, to make a good teacher.
- (III) Winning is first, but not far behind is winning in a manner that is **dilatory** and palatable to the public.

- (a) Only (I)
- (b) Both (II) and (III)
- (c) Only (III)
- (d) Both (I) and (II)
- (e) None of these

Q12.

**Remedy**

- (I) **Remedy** the environment by protecting watersheds and enhancing wildlife habitats and biodiversity.
- (II) Farmers are baffled about how to **remedy** natural animal behaviour and say the tax could make farming uneconomical.
- (III) Bicarbonate of soda is a popular **remedy** for powdery mildew because it is a relatively safe substance and it is cheap to use.

- (a) Only (I)
- (b) Both (II) and (III)
- (c) Only (III)
- (d) Both (I) and (II)
- (e) None of these

Q13.

**Punitive**

- (I) As a developing nation, Brazil has adopted **punitive** interest rates to stay afloat in the midst of economic shocks.
- (II) Being disruptive, refusing to obey orders, and engaging in acts of self-mutilation and attempted suicide can all result in **punitive** action.
- (III) First she **punitive** him, then she had the audacity to show up and rescue him.

- (a) Only (I)
- (b) Both (II) and (III)
- (c) Only (III)
- (d) Both (I) and (II)
- (e) None of these

Q14.

**Condemn**

- (I) She walked at her **condemn** pace ignoring those behind her wanting to go faster.
- (II) The audience thanked Lorin Maazel and the orchestra for that half with enthusiastic **condemn**, standing ovations, and bravos.

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(III) We are not invited to admire or **condemn**, only to experience the humanity of a woman making a choice, for weal or woe.

- (a) Only (I)
- (b) Both (II) and (III)
- (c) Only (III)
- (d) Both (I) and (II)
- (e) None of these

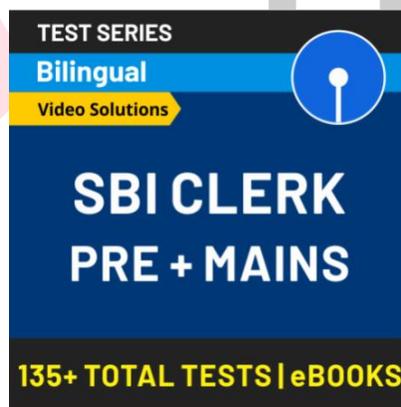
Q15.

### Unequivocal

- (I) His art continues to inspire responses ranging from **unequivocal** praise to outright condemnation.
- (II) The items were carefully wrapped to protect them from **unequivocal** during shipping.
- (III) The risk of avian ingestion or any **unequivocal** to aircraft and airside facilities could result in costly delays due to downtime for repairs.

- (a) Only (I)
- (b) Both (II) and (III)
- (c) Only (III)
- (d) Both (I) and (II)
- (e) None of these

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### Solutions

S1. Ans. (b)

Sol. **Hauled** fits the blank appropriately. Hence, **option (b)** is the right answer choice. Hauled means pull or drag with effort or force.

S2. Ans. (d)

Sol. **Saturating** fits the blank appropriately. Hence, **option (d)** is the right answer choice.

S3. Ans. (c)

Sol. **Alleged** fits the blank appropriately. Hence, **option (c)** is the right answer choice.

S4. Ans. (c)

Sol. **Augment** fits the blank appropriately. Hence, **option (c)** is the right answer choice.  
Augment means make (something) greater by adding to it; increase.

S5. Ans. (b)

Sol. **'Allied'** fits the blank appropriately. Hence, **option (b)** is the right answer choice.  
Allied means joined by or relating to members of an alliance.

S6. Ans. (e)

Sol. **Sanctioned** fits the blank appropriately. Hence, **option (e)** is the right answer choice.

S7. Ans. (c)

Sol. **Underscored** fits the blank appropriately. Hence, **option (c)** is the right answer choice.

S8. Ans. (d)

Sol. **Persistant** is wrong here. Correct word will be **Persistent**. Hence, **option (d)** is the right answer choice.

S9. Ans. (b)

Sol. **Debete** is wrong here. Correct word will be **Debate**. Hence, **option (b)** is the right answer choice.

S10. Ans. (d)

Sol. **'Realitiez'** is wrong here. Correct word will be **Realities**. Hence, **option (d)** is the right answer choice.

S11. Ans. (a)

Sol. **Dilatory** means **Slow to act**.

**Unhurried, Tardy, Unpunctual, Lax, Slack, Sluggish.**

**Statement (I)** uses **Dilatory** in a grammatically correct and contextually meaningful manner.

Hence, **option (a)** is the right answer choice.

S12. Ans. (b)

Sol. **Remedy** means **Something that corrects or counteracts**.

**Cure, Drug, Medicament, Medication, Medicinal**

Both **Statement (II) and (III)** use **Remedy** in a grammatically correct and contextually meaningful manner. Hence, **option (b)** is the right answer choice.

S13. Ans. (d)

Sol. **Punitive** means **Inflicting or intended as punishment**.

**Penal, Disciplinary, Corrective, Correctional, Retributive**

Both **Statement (I) and (I)** use **Punitive** in a grammatically correct and contextually meaningful manner. Hence, **option (d)** is the right answer choice.

S14. Ans. (c)

Sol. **condemn** means **Express complete disapproval of;**

**Censure, Criticize, Castigate, Attack, Denounce, Deplore**

**Statement (III)** uses **Condemn** in a grammatically correct and contextually meaningful manner.

Hence, **option (c)** is the right answer choice.

S15. Ans. (a)

Sol. **Unequivocal** means **Leaving no doubt; Unambiguous, Indisputable, Incontrovertible.**

**Statement (I)** uses **Unequivocal** in a grammatically correct and contextually meaningful manner.

Hence, **option (a)** is the right answer choice.

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