

Quiz Date: 12<sup>th</sup> March 2020

DIRECTIONS (1-12): In the following questions a paragraph is given with three blanks. The paragraph is then provided with five options which consist of the words that can fill the given blanks. Choose that option as your answer which can fill the given blanks in the exact order as given in the option. If none of the given options fills the given blanks then choose option (e), 'None of these' as your answer.

Q1. The recently \_\_\_\_\_ peace deal between the United States and the Taliban is unlikely to bring \_\_\_\_\_ to Afghanistan, is geopolitically disadvantageous for India, and has serious \_\_\_\_\_ for our national security.

- (a) accretion, animosity, problems
- (b) negotiated, peace, implications
- (c) bonding, treaty, advent
- (d) mark, landscape, society
- (e) entry, solvent, amalgamation

Q2. Just one year later, the novel coronavirus \_\_\_\_\_ the Chinese government to issue the largest \_\_\_\_\_ order in human history, affecting an \_\_\_\_\_ 45 million people.

- (a) forced, quarantine, estimated
- (b) vitiated, errors, proclaimed
- (c) ablution, havoc, endangered
- (d) caused, penury, effect
- (e) saddle, whip, assimilate

Q3. While the direct physical \_\_\_\_\_ of the Taliban's return to power in Afghanistan on Kashmir will be \_\_\_\_\_, this will not be without serious implications for the \_\_\_\_\_ situation in Kashmir's restive regions.

- (a) approve, prevented, edge
- (b) pain, refused, argued
- (c) impact, negligible, unfolding
- (d) routine, riveting, booked
- (e) inane, profound, formidable

Q4. Even as electoral \_\_\_\_\_ has taken strong root in India, there is no \_\_\_\_\_ the fact that some \_\_\_\_\_ patterns have emerged.

- (a) charge, imminent, available
- (b) look, seats, argumentative
- (c) tumultuous, subtle, illogical
- (d) democracy, gainsaying, unhealthy
- (e) laziness, fiscal, enhanced



Q5. The Indian pesticide industry is heavily \_\_\_\_\_ on Chinese imports for raw materials, and could be heavily \_\_\_\_\_ by the COVID-19 outbreak, according to an analysis \_\_\_\_\_ by the Agriculture Ministry.

- (a) reasonable, playful, garbled
- (b) dependent, impacted, prepared
- (c) akin to, intrinsic, uncouth
- (d) lethargic, obligatory, chasing
- (e) important, liability, shunning

Q6. Back in the \_\_\_\_\_ of home conditions, India will look to regain some of their lost \_\_\_\_\_ during the three-match ODI series against South Africa \_\_\_\_\_ in Dharamsala on Thursday.

- (a) essential, strangles, outline
- (b) capital, superfluous, incited
- (c) robust, contours, cooperation
- (d) comfort, confidence, beginning
- (e) call, interrogative, rescinded

Q7. A doctor who had \_\_\_\_\_ been sacked from a private clinic for reporting a patient with fever to the district medical officer in Thrissur district of coronavirus-affected Kerala has now been booked by police for \_\_\_\_\_ alarm among people, a charge that \_\_\_\_\_ a maximum jail term of three years.

- (a) weaken, accepting, welcomes
- (b) unable, holding, often
- (c) literal, belligerent, modest
- (d) legible, tolerating, proud
- (e) allegedly, creating, invites

Q8. The authorities have left no stone unturned to prevent an outbreak of coronavirus and \_\_\_\_\_ the public's concern with the Gorkhland Territorial Administration holding a meeting to review its \_\_\_\_\_ to tackle the pathogen and police clamping down on 15 Facebook posts which \_\_\_\_\_ circulated wrong information about the infection.

- (a) assuage, preparedness, allegedly
- (b) endorse, likelihood, compulsion
- (c) opinion, tally, identical
- (d) nurture, blessed, assert
- (e) concurs, simulate, ally

Q9. The question papers in this year's higher secondary examinations will be \_\_\_\_\_ only after the chief invigilator of a test hall is \_\_\_\_\_ that no examinee has a phone on him or her, the council that \_\_\_\_\_ the school-leaving exams said on Wednesday.

- (a) approved, evens, impediments
- (b) pitfall, quaint, keen
- (c) distributed, convinced, conducts
- (d) acquitted, complicit, nullify
- (e) prescribed, valiant, excel

Q10. A water treatment plant that would increase the overall \_\_\_\_\_ of Palta waterworks, which supplies \_\_\_\_\_ water to more than half of Calcutta, will be \_\_\_\_\_ open on Thursday.

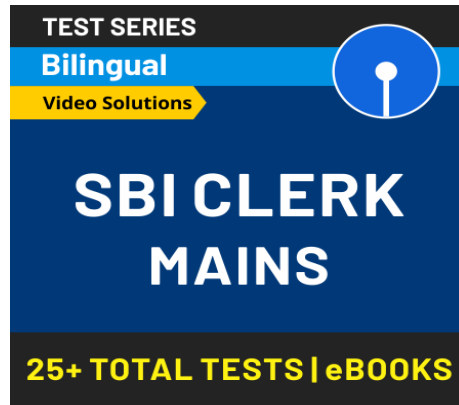
- (a) credibility, motive, filled
- (b) mandate, aplomb, destroy
- (c) travesty, feigned, actively
- (d) censured, facade, endow
- (e) production, potable, thrown

Q11. The US-Taliban agreement has \_\_\_\_\_ drawn comparisons with previous arrangements for great power withdrawal — most \_\_\_\_\_ the United States of America from Vietnam in 1973 or the Soviet \_\_\_\_\_ from Afghanistan in 1989.

- (a) read, dull, scant
- (b) ordeals, dilemma, equate
- (c) inevitably, notably, withdrawal
- (d) truce, accord, sorry
- (e) footmarks, moving, ally

Q12. Domestic \_\_\_\_\_ of Bharat Gas are likely to continue getting the \_\_\_\_\_ benefit for their LPG cylinders even after the \_\_\_\_\_ of state-owned refiner BPCL.

- (a) received, equality, executed
- (b) consumers, subsidy, privatization
- (c) Sustainability, motionless, Devoid
- (d) Induce, Fragile, Bullying
- (e) Capitalists, belongings, thrown



## Solutions

S1. Ans. (b)

Sol. The option (b) is the most viable option which fits grammatically and contextually correct. So our correct answer choice is option (b).

Accretion- growth or increase by the gradual accumulation of additional layers or matter.

Animosity- strong hostility.

Amalgamation - the action, process, or result of combining or uniting.

S2. Ans. (a)

Sol. The option (a) is the most viable option which fits grammatically and contextually correct. So our correct answer choice is option (a).

Quarantine - a state, period, or place of isolation in which people or animals that have arrived from elsewhere or been exposed to infectious or contagious disease are placed.

Vitiated - spoil or impair the quality or efficiency of.

Proclaimed - announce officially or publicly.

Ablution- an act of washing oneself.

Endangered- seriously at risk of extinction.

Saddle- burden (someone) with an onerous responsibility or task.

Whip- move fast or suddenly in a specified direction.

Penury- the state of being very poor; extreme poverty.

S3. Ans. (c)

Sol. The option (c) is the most viable option which fits grammatically and contextually correct. So our correct answer choice is option (c).

Unfolding - open or spread out from a folded position.

Inane - lacking sense or meaning; silly.

Riveting - completely engrossing; compelling.

Profound- very great or intense.

Formidable -inspiring fear or respect through being impressively large, powerful, intense, or capable.

S4. Ans. (d)

Sol. The option (d) is the most viable option which fits grammatically and contextually correct. So our correct answer choice is option (d).

Gainsaying - deny or contradict

Tumultuous- making an uproar or loud, confused noise.

Subtle- so delicate or precise as to be difficult to analyse or describe.

S5. Ans. (b)

Sol. The option (b) is the most viable option which fits grammatically and contextually correct. So our correct answer choice is option (b).

Garbled- confused and distorted; unclear.

Akin to- of similar character.

Intrinsic – belonging naturally; essential.

Uncouth- lacking good manners, refinement, or grace.

Shunning- persistently avoid, ignore, or reject (someone or something) through antipathy or caution.

S6. Ans. (d)

Sol. The option (d) is the most viable option which fits grammatically and contextually correct. So our correct answer choice is option (d).

Strangles- a bacterial infection

Contours – an outline representing or bounding the shape or form of something.

Rescinded- revoke, cancel, or repeal



S7. Ans. (e)

Sol. The option (e) is the most viable option which fits grammatically and contextually correct. So our correct answer choice is option (e).

Belligerent – hostile and aggressive.

Modest- unassuming in the estimation of one's abilities or achievements.

S8. Ans. (a)

Sol. The option (a) is the most viable option which fits grammatically and contextually correct. So our correct answer choice is option (a).

Assuage - make (an unpleasant feeling) less intense.

Endorse- declare one's public approval or support of.

Nurture- care for and protect (someone or something) while they are growing.  
Simulate- imitate the appearance or character of.

S9. Ans. (c)

Sol. The option (c) is the most viable option which fits grammatically and contextually correct. So our correct answer choice is option (c).

Acquitted - free (someone) from a criminal charge by a verdict of not guilty.

Quaint - attractively unusual or old-fashioned.

Valiant - possessing or showing courage or determination.

S10. Ans. (e)

Sol. The option (e) is the most viable option. So our correct answer choice is option (e).

Plomb- self-confidence or assurance, especially when in a demanding situation.

Feigned- simulated or pretended; insincere.

Travesty- A false, absurd, or distorted representation of something.

Facade- A deceptive outward appearance.

Potable- safe to drink; drinkable.

S11. Ans. (c)

Sol. The option (c) is the most viable option which fits grammatically and contextually correct. So our correct answer choice is option (c).

Inevitably- as is certain to happen; unavoidably.

Scant- barely sufficient or adequate.

Ordeals- a very unpleasant and prolonged experience.

Truce- an agreement between enemies or opponents to stop fighting or arguing for a certain time.

S12. Ans. (b)

Sol. The option (b) is the most viable option. So our correct answer choice is option (b).

Devoid - Entirely lacking or free from.

Induce- succeed in persuading or leading (someone) to do something.

Fragile- easily broken or damage

Bullying- seek to harm, intimidate, or coerce



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