

Quiz Date: 14th April 2020

Directions (1-5): Each question below has two blanks. There are five pairs of words below the sentence. Each pair is lettered. Choose the pair of words which can be filled up in the blanks in the sentence in the same order so as to complete the sentences meaningfully.

Q1. With just three months left in state assembly elections, Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) Sarsangh chalak Dr Mohan Rao Bhagwat will be on a 10-day _____ of Rajasthan where he will _____ in Jodhpur, Nagaur and Jaipur.

- (a) pleasure, stay
- (b) stay, sleep
- (c) tour, camp
- (d) running, run
- (e) visit, sleep

Q2. Jet Airways (India) Ltd _____ it would _____ its 49% stake in Jet Privilege Pvt. Ltd, the frequent-flyer loyalty programme subsidiary.

- (a) walked, sell
- (b) slept, eat
- (c) asserted, play
- (d) said, monetize
- (e) asserted, manages

Q3. Solar capacity installations _____ the country is at 25,000 megawatts (MW), or _____ of the 2022 target of 100,000 MW, according to Mercom India research.

- (a) on, one-eighth
- (b) in, one-fourth
- (c) below, two-third
- (d) at, excessive
- (e) in, one-eighth

Q4. On Monday, the government _____ that it would merge Bank of Baroda (Bank of Baroda), Vijaya Bank and Dena Bank to form the third largest _____ in India.

- (a) announced, lender
- (b) decided, investor
- (c) decided, retailer
- (d) sought, bank
- (e) received, lender

Q5. The Union cabinet _____ a proposal for the complete electrification of Indian Railways in the next four years, reducing dependance on imported fossil fuel and saving revenue for the national _____.

- (a) postponed, railways
- (b) announced, car
- (c) discussed, transporting
- (d) told, railways
- (e) approved, carrier

Directions (6-10): There are two different sentences with a blank space in each sentence. Choose the word from the given options which fits appropriately in both the blanks adding a proper and logical meaning to the sentences.

Q6. (I) Heart attacks are _____ by destruction of heart tissue.
(II) The nurse _____ the old lady everywhere.

- (a) accepted
- (b) agreed
- (c) bagged
- (d) accompanied
- (e) bathed

Q7. (I) Mosquitoes buzzing near my ear really _____ me.
(II) Indulging me in conversation on certain topics _____ me.

- (a) annoys
- (b) become
- (c) begins
- (d) cites
- (e) brings

Q8. (I) It would have been _____ at twice this price.
(II) The higher usage of public transport in Chennai is because local buses in Chennai are more reliable and _____.

- (a) Buddhist
- (b) Cheaper
- (c) Burned
- (d) Capital
- (e) Careful

Q9. (I) The Senate _____ the President's candidate for Secretary of Defense.
(II) The witness _____ the victim's account in the court of law.

- (a) dragged
- (b) kidnapped
- (c) deleted
- (d) confirmed
- (e) developed

Q10. (I) The mother was greatly concerned not to _____ her small child.
(II) The Prime Minister of Greece doesn't want to _____ everyone by postponing the visit to India.

- (a) do
- (b) drag
- (c) excuse
- (d) fashion

(e) disappoint



Directions (11-15): In each of the questions given below, a sentence is given with one blank. Below each sentence, FOUR words are given out of which two can fit into the sentence. Five options are provided with various combinations of these words. You have to choose the combination with the correct set of words which can coherently fit into the given sentence.

Q11. The entire story of Pudumaippithan is narrated in sentences, brimming with _____.

- (I) Irony
- (II) Sarcasm
- (III) Delayed
- (IV) Circular

- (a) (I) – (II)
- (b) (II) – (III)
- (c) (III) – (IV)
- (d) (I) - (IV)
- (e) All of these

Q12. Establishing diplomatic ties has cast fresh light on the changing dynamics in the region and Israel's growing diplomatic _____.

- (I) Hindered
- (II) Reach
- (III) Success
- (IV) Proclaim

- (a) (I) – (II)
- (b) (II) – (III)
- (c) (III) – (IV)
- (d) (I) - (IV)
- (e) All of these

Q13. The JSP portal aims to provide information to the public about government _____.

- (I) Punitive
- (II) Emulated
- (III) Authorities
- (IV) Departments
- (a) (I) – (II)
- (b) (II) – (III)
- (c) (III) – (IV)
- (d) (I) - (IV)
- (e) All of these

Q14. The primary purpose behind the enactment was to promote _____ in the working of every public authority.

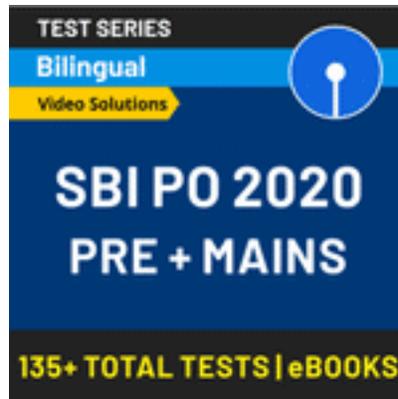
- (I) Accountability
- (II) Fraudulent
- (III) Mischiefs
- (IV) Transparency
- (a) (I) – (II)
- (b) (II) – (III)
- (c) (III) – (IV)
- (d) (I) - (IV)
- (e) All of these

Q15. The proposed move may dilute the _____ of Information Commissioners.

- (I) Autonomy
- (II) Audacious
- (III) Independence
- (IV) Integrated
- (a) (I) – (III)
- (b) (III) – (IV)
- (c) (II) – (IV)
- (d) (I) - (II)
- (e) All of these

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Solutions

S1. Ans. (c)

Sol. The context of the sentence suggests that RSS Sarsanghchalak will be visiting Rajasthan where he stay there for days. Among the given options, option (c) provides the best alternatives to the blank and is the correct answer.

S2. Ans. (d)

Sol. The word 'manages' for the second blank doesn't impart complete sense to the sense, but an incomplete sense. Jet Airways would manage *its* 49% stake... If the stakes were already belonged to Jet Airways, what is the need to state that it would *manages* its own stake. That's already understood. The option which provides correct and relevant alternatives to the blank is the option (d).

S3. Ans. (b)

Sol. The context of the sentence suggests that the blank would be filled by a preposition to impart a correct relationship between 'Solar capacity installations is at 25,000 megawatts (MW)' and 'the country'. The phrase '____ the country' is behaving as an adverb-phrase. Among the given alternatives for the first blank, the correct preposition to be used is 'in'.

Now, 25,000 megawatts (MW) is *one-fourth* of the 100,000 MW.

So, the correct answer is the option (b).

S4. Ans. (a)

Sol. Kindly focus on the clause 'it (government) would merge Bank of Baroda, Vijaya Bank and Dena Bank to form the third largest ____ in India'. Three banks would be merged to give a larger bank. Notice that the word 'lender' is a synonym for the word 'bank'. For the first blank, both 'announced' and 'decided' are appropriate.

Considering the above, the correct option which imparts correct and relevant words to the blanks is the option (a). Hence, option (a) is the correct answer.

S5. Ans. (e)

Sol. The phrase 'reducing dependence on imported fossil fuel...' suggests that the proposal was **approved**. For the second blank, the appropriate words are 'carrier' and 'railways'.

From above, it can be derived that the correct answer is option (e).

S6. Ans. (d)

Sol. Bagged [bag, verb] = put (something) in a bag.

Among the given options, the options (a), (b), (c) and (e) are completely irrelevant to the context of the sentence.

The option (d) 'accompanied' is the correct answer.

S7. Ans. (a)

Sol. The options (b), (c), (d) and (e) are completely irrelevant.

What feeling a person gets when mosquito buzzes in someone's ears?

The option (a) is the most relevant word. Moreover, the option (a) is also relevant for the second sentence.

Hence, the correct answer is the option (a).

S8. Ans. (b)

Sol. What could be attributed to the higher usage of public transport in Chennai?

Among the given options, 'cheaper' travel on local buses is the most relevant option and is the correct answer.

The options (a), (c), (d) and (e) are completely irrelevant.

Hence, the correct answer is the option (b).

S9. Ans. (d)

Sol. Among the given options, only option (d) 'confirmed' is the most appropriate choice and the correct answer.

What could witnesses do to the victim's account in the court of law?

They could 'confirm' it.

What could the Senate do to the President's candidate for Secretary of Defense?

The senate could 'confirm' it.

The options (a), (b), (c) and (e) are completely irrelevant as per the context of the sentence.

S10. Ans. (e)

Sol. What, among the options, could be the concern of a mother for her small child?

The mother wouldn't desire to disappoint her small child.

Similarly, 'the Prime Minister of Greece doesn't want to disappoint everyone by postponing the visit to India' is a sensible, contextually meaningful and grammatically correct sentence.

Among the given options, the option (e) 'disappoint' is the most relevant word to fill the blank.

Hence, the correct answer is the option (e).

S11. Ans. (a)

Sol. The most appropriate combination of words is 'irony and sarcasm'.

S12. Ans. (b)

Sol. The most appropriate combination of words is 'reach and success'.

S13. Ans. (c)

Sol. The most appropriate combination of words is 'authorities and departments'.

S14. Ans. (d)

Sol. The most appropriate combination of words is 'transparency and accountability'.

S15. Ans. (a)

Sol. The most appropriate combination of words is 'autonomy and independence'.

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