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Directions (1-5): 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.

Q1. Reserve Bank of India (RBI) deputy governor N.S. Vishwanathan gave a strongly worded speech on the _____ of stressed assets in late April.

- (A) futility
- (B) resolution
- (C) settlement
- (D) vaunt

- (a) B-C
- (b) A-D
- (c) B-D
- (d) A-C
- (e) A-B

Q2. _____ to make payment due to a cash-flow problem is an indicator for a bank to take immediate action.

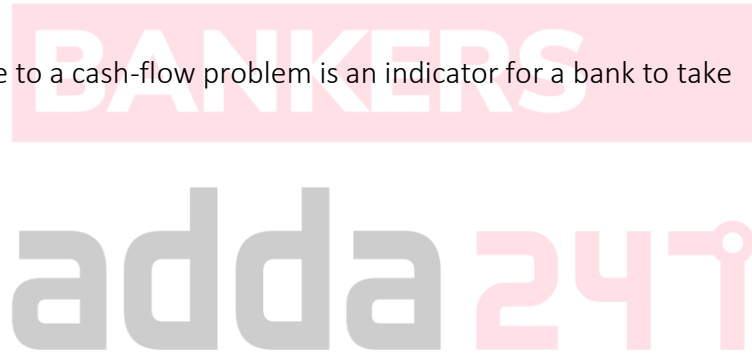
- (A) Inability
- (B) Assailing
- (C) Promoting
- (D) Failing

- (a) B-C
- (b) A-D
- (c) B-D
- (d) A-C
- (e) A-B

Q3. Significant damage to the economy is caused by the large number of zombie firms that have been kept _____ by credit that they should not have received.

- (A) valued
- (B) propped up
- (C) caught
- (D) fortified

- (a) B-C
- (b) A-D
- (c) B-D
- (d) A-C
- (e) A-B



Q4. Well-run firms have high-quality management and professional finance teams that _____ that payments happen without delay.

- (A) guarantee
- (B) ensure
- (C) inundate
- (D) subdue

- (a) B-C
- (b) A-D
- (c) B-D
- (d) A-C
- (e) A-B

Q5. RBI's new regulations _____ the sanctity of the debt contract and provide the incentives needed to reform the poor credit culture in corporate India.

- (A) exacerbate
- (B) uphold
- (C) covet
- (D) support

- (a) B-C
- (b) A-D
- (c) B-D
- (d) A-C
- (e) A-B

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Directions (6-10): 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.

Q6. Gopal was frustrated with Sundar, who would not _____ himself to a deadline. Sundar claimed he was working well without a deadline, but Gopal _____ and finally prevailed.

- (a) encourage, enforced
- (b) inculcate, ordered
- (c) cooperate, stipulated
- (d) commit, persisted
- (e) declared, pressurized

Q7. Coercion sometimes leads to the _____ of short-term goals, but its drawbacks far _____ its advantages.

- (a) realization, damage
- (b) appreciation, percolate
- (c) accomplishment, outweigh
- (d) achievement, crumble

(e) destination, magnified

Q8. Professionals focus their _____ on fulfilling their responsibilities and achieving results, not on _____ a particular image.

- (a) planning, devising
- (b) leadership, attributing
- (c) abilities, contributing
- (d) energies, portraying
- (e) skills, obtaining

Q9. The _____ of three pillars of sustainable development in public policies in a balanced measure is a difficult _____.

- (a) collection, duty
- (b) association, function
- (c) integration, exercise
- (d) combination, underpinning
- (e) group, act

Q10. The industrial, agricultural, commercial and public services _____ a significant proportion of electricity for _____ their demand for final energy.

- (a) exhaust, accomplished
- (b) consume, meeting
- (c) utilise, conforming
- (d) expend, completed
- (e) absorbed, meeting



Direction (11-15): There are two different sentences with a blank space in each sentence. Choose the word from the given options which does not fit appropriately in both the blanks adding an improper and illogical meaning to the sentences.

Q11. (I) In _____ history, populist leaders have rallied people around the banner of good governance, but forgotten the D of democracy.

(II) While young people tend to prefer _____ music, the older generation prefers to listen to music from the 1970's and the 1980's

- (a) contemporary
- (b) recent
- (c) modern
- (d) present day
- (e) ancient

Q12. (I) Democracy is a _____ concept, justified for many reasons, and some of these reasons are purely instrumental.

(II) Since the mutant superhero is _____, she can take the form of anyone she encounters.

- (a) protean
- (b) adaptable
- (c) versatile
- (d) flexible
- (e) homogenous

Q13. (I) History is full of _____ breaks with the past that only seem to have come out of nowhere but were, in fact, predictable.

(II) His first care was to carry out the instructions received from home, and effect a/an _____ reform in the system of government.

- (a) radical
- (b) profound
- (c) superficial
- (d) intense
- (e) rigorous

Q14. (I) My mother often spends her monthly pension on _____ purchases she never uses.

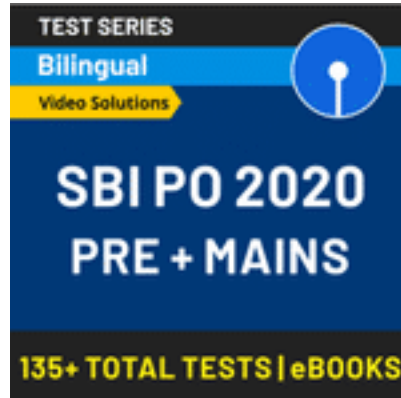
(II) As soon as the judge heard the details of the _____ lawsuit, he dismissed the case.

- (a) frivolous
- (b) flippant
- (c) inane
- (d) pallid
- (e) senseless

Q15. (I) He had heard the crowd grow more _____ as the afternoon wore on and the consumption of beer loosened tongues.

(II) Even at this hour a piano was pounding out a/an _____ tune in one of the three saloons.

- (a) appropriate
- (b) grating
- (c) raucous
- (d) harsh
- (e) strident



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S1. Ans. (a)

Sol. 'resolution/ settlement' are the appropriate set of words delivering the correct meaning to the sentence. Resolution means to find redressal to a problem or an obstacle. Settlement refers to an official agreement intended to resolve a dispute or conflict. Here in the sentence, Deputy governor of RBI has shown his concern towards stressed assets and to complete the sentence resolution/ settlement can be used interchangeably. Other words are irrelevant. Hence option (a) is the correct choice.

Futility means pointlessness or uselessness.

Vaunt means boast about or praise.

S2. Ans. (b)

Sol. 'Inability/ failing' are the correct set of words making the sentence meaningful and complete. A negative word must be filled in the blank. Failing means to be unsuccessful in achieving one's goal, which is similar in meaning to Inability and thus can be used interchangeably.

Hence option (b) is the correct choice.

Assailing means criticize strongly.

S3. Ans. (c)

Sol. 'propped up' and 'fortified' are the most suitable words for the blanks.

'propped up' means reinforcing, bolstering or boosting, which is justifying the meaning of the sentence. 'propped up' is similar in meaning to 'fortified' that can be filled in the blank giving the

correct meaning to the sentence. Other words do not go in harmony with the theme of the sentence. Hence option (c) is the correct choice.

Fortified means strengthen (someone) mentally or physically.

Valued means considered to be important or beneficial; cherished.

S4. Ans. (e)

Sol. 'ensure/ guarantee' are the correct set of words delivering a meaningful sense.

Ensure means to make certain that (something) will occur or it can be the case which is similar in meaning to guarantee. Hence, they can be filled in the blank interchangeably providing correct interpretation of the sentence and thus proving option (e) as correct.

Inundate means overwhelm (someone) with things or people to be dealt with.

Subdue means overcome, quieten, or bring under control (a feeling or person).

S5. Ans. (c)

Sol. 'uphold/ support' are the correct words for the sentence.

Uphold means to confirm or support (something which has been questioned) is imparting the correct meaning to the sentence. The word should go similar in meaning with 'provide' as conjunction 'and' takes similar tone sentences at both its ends. 'support or uphold' are giving the correct meaning and thus can be used interchangeably.

Other words fail to deliver the correct meaning to the sentence.

Hence option (c) is the correct choice.

Exacerbate means make (a problem, bad situation, or negative feeling) worse.

Covet means desire.

S6. (d)

Sol. Stipulated means demand or specify (a requirement), typically as part of an agreement.

Persisted means continue in an opinion or course of action in spite of difficulty or opposition.

Inculcate means instill (an idea, attitude, or habit) by persistent instruction.

S7. (c)

Sol. Outweigh means be heavier, greater, or more significant than.

Percolate means (of a liquid or gas) filter gradually through a porous surface or substance.

S8. (d)

Sol. **Portraying** means depict (someone or something) in a work of art or literature.

S9. Ans.(c)

Sol. 'integration, exercise' is the correct use.

Integration- the action or process of integration or combination.

Underpinning: a set of ideas, motives, or devices which justify or form the basis for something.

S10. Ans.(b)

Sol. 'consume, meeting' is the correct use.

Consume- a person who uses goods or services.

S11. Ans.(e)

Sol. Out of all the expressions provided in the options, only option (e) is the misfit from the context of the sentences provided. Contemporary means New or modern which is contextually correct as can be predicted from the sentences. Modern and present day are also synonyms for the word contemporary implying new or current. Ancient means old and back-dated and hence it will be a misfit in terms of the context of the sentences. Hence option (e) is the most suitable choice.

S12. Ans. (e)

Sol. Out of all the expressions provided in the options, only option(e) is a misfit from the context of the sentences provided. Protean means versatile which fits in the context of both the sentences. Similarly, adaptable, versatile & flexible carry the same meaning as that of the word 'Protean'. As can be predicted from the second part of the second sentence, can take any form reveals the versatility of the superhero and therefore, option (a), (b), (c) & (d) favor the sentences whereas option (e) does not. Homogenous means one that lacks diversity. Hence option (e) is the most suitable choice.

S13. Ans. (c)

Sol Among all the given words only option (c) i.e., 'superficial' does not fit appropriately in the given blanks. 'Superficial' means not thorough, deep, or complete; cursory, therefore, it does not fill the blank coherently. However, 'radical' is an adjective which means (especially of change or action) relating to or affecting the fundamental nature of something; far-reaching or thorough. 'Profound', intense' and 'rigorous' have similar meanings as that of 'radical. Hence, option (c) is the most suitable answer choice.

S14. Ans. (d)

Sol. Except for option (d) all the other words fit precisely in the given blanks providing a contextual meaning to the sentences. 'Pallid' means (of a person's face) pale, typically because of poor health. Hence, it does not make the sentence coherent.

Frivolous means not having any serious purpose or value.

Flippant means not showing a serious or respectful attitude.

Inane means lacking sense or meaning; silly.

Senseless means lacking common sense; wildly foolish.

S15. Ans. (a)

Sol. Except for option (a) all the other words fit precisely in the given blanks providing a contextual meaning to the sentences. 'Appropriate' means suitable or proper in the circumstances. Hence, it does not make the sentence coherent.

Grating means sounding harsh and unpleasant.

Raucous means making or constituting a disturbingly harsh and loud noise.

Harsh means unpleasantly rough or jarring to the senses.

Strident means (of a sound) loud and harsh; grating.

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