

Directions (1-5): **In each of the following paragraph, there are two blank spaces. Below each paragraph, there are five options and each option consists of two words which can be filled up in the provided blanks respectively to make the paragraph grammatically and coherently correct. Find the most appropriate set of words that fit into the blanks contextually.**

Q1. MSP is the price at which Government \_\_\_\_\_ crops from the farmers, whatever may be the price for the crops. It happens to be an important part of India's agricultural \_\_\_\_\_ policy.

- (a) recover, payment
- (b) purchases, price
- (c) buys, private
- (d) procures, deemed
- (e) control, bid

L1Difficulty 2

QTags filler

Q2. Once \_\_\_\_\_ in Indian society is possible, the inter-regional and inter sectional backwardness could be done away to a large extent and there might be less needs to draw a charter of section-specific \_\_\_\_\_ plan of action.

- (a) assimilation, development
- (b) adaptation, merger
- (c) position, retreating
- (d) perception, upturn
- (e) insight, defining

L1Difficulty 2

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Q3. In Discovery of India (1946), \_\_\_\_\_ just before Partition and Independence, Nehru wrote about corruption during British rule. He blamed the British for this miserable condition in which hundreds of thousands of Indians were poor, with only a small minority being \_\_\_\_\_.

- (a) announced, fortunately
- (b) exhibited, unhappy
- (c) introduced, impoverished
- (d) published, prosperous
- (e) declared, encouraged

L1Difficulty 2

QTags filler

Q4. For a city that has been going vertical for some decades now, we find a \_\_\_\_\_ lack of planning when it comes to underground parking. Cars have to be parked somewhere and they generally end up \_\_\_\_\_ one lane of the road.

- (a) woeful, clogging
- (b) bleak, promoting
- (c) sudden, barring
- (d) worthwhile, driving
- (e) adverse, deterring

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Q5. The USA, with all its faults and egocentricity, is best on \_\_\_\_\_ and a leader in science. Countries best in science are best in innovation. Nobel prizes go hand in hand with \_\_\_\_\_ and ground-breaking industrial projects.

- (a) modernization, trends
- (b) contraption, reversal
- (c) innovation, innovative
- (d) conversion, habitual
- (e) amusement, traditional

L1Difficulty 2

QTags filler

Directions (6 – 15): **In each of the following questions given below there are three blanks, each blank indicates that something has been omitted. Choose the set of words for each blank which best fits to the meaning of the sentence as a whole.**

Q6. The programme named Innovate in India (i3) will \_\_\_\_\_ an investment of USD 250 million with USD 125 million as a loan from World Bank. It aspires to create an \_\_\_\_\_ ecosystem to promote entrepreneurship and \_\_\_\_\_ manufacturing in the sector.

- (a) observe, authorizing, inherited
- (b) witness, enabling, indigenous
- (c) assertion, empowering, original
- (d) advocate, engaging, intrinsic
- (e) implied, ordering, ingrained

L1Difficulty 2

QTags filler

Q7. GST will make India a common market with common tax rates and procedures and remove economic \_\_\_\_\_. GST is largely technology driven and will reduce the human \_\_\_\_\_ to a great extent. GST is expected to \_\_\_\_\_ ease of doing business in India.

- (a) limits, league, update
- (b) hurdles, link, purify
- (c) block, blend, look up
- (d) margin, bond, promote
- (e) barriers, interface, improve

L1Difficulty 2

QTags filler

Q8. Nobody's information is secure in an era of big \_\_\_\_\_. A recent report carried by tech news website Gizmodo revealed \_\_\_\_\_ of how 62 per cent of the population of the USA was \_\_\_\_\_ "accidentally" by a marketing company.

- (a) data, details, exposed
- (b) facts, particulars, revealed
- (c) memorandums, schedule, solved
- (d) knowledge, components, drafted
- (e) contrivance, elements, defined

L1Difficulty 2

QTags filler

Q9. The Income-Tax Act cannot make Aadhaar compulsory when the Aadhaar Act claims \_\_\_\_\_ is voluntary. The court accepted the government's argument that linking of Aadhaar and PAN would help \_\_\_\_\_ black money and tax evasion without any \_\_\_\_\_ evidence to back its contention.

- (a) acceptance, annihilate, experiment
- (b) enlistment, vacate, provisional
- (c) enrollment, eradicate, empirical
- (d) accession, finish, possible
- (e) induction, inhibit, virtual

L1Difficulty 2

QTags filler

Q10. Interestingly, green tea is a popular \_\_\_\_\_ for heart patients and the \_\_\_\_\_ qualities of tea will continue to glow as many tea companies, including the 150 year old Williamson Magor Group, will \_\_\_\_\_ this charming product.

- (a) ordinance, coarse, foster
- (b) encouragement, lavish, preserve
- (c) suggestion, lustrous, secure
- (d) prescription, splendiferous, protect
- (e) medicine, eminent, conceal

L1Difficulty 2

QTags filler

Q11. Not that Ms. Yellen sees the healthy expansion \_\_\_\_\_ by household spending weakening, the \_\_\_\_\_ from the recent hurricanes that have \_\_\_\_\_ coastal regions in the U.S. south notwithstanding.

- (a) weakened, desecrate, serrated
- (b) strutted, molest, assisted
- (c) contradicted, violate, frayed
- (d) undermined, taint, fragmented
- (e) undergirded, damage, battered

L1Difficulty 2

QTags filler

Q12. While the ongoing moderate expansion in the U.S. bodes well for the country's \_\_\_\_\_ exporters, the end of easy money conditions could \_\_\_\_\_ a slowdown in investment inflows from abroad and resultant pressure on the current account \_\_\_\_\_.

- (a) vehemently, predict, adequacy
- (b) neglecting, suggest, failure
- (c) struggling, augur, deficit
- (d) anguishing, reckon, flaw
- (e) fiercing, signify, fault

L1Difficulty 2

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Q13. Given that monetary authorities in the U.S. are \_\_\_\_\_ on reflating the economy by \_\_\_\_\_ "further strengthening" in the labour market through an accommodative stance, the central bank has to remain \_\_\_\_\_ in warding off any let-up in expansionary momentum.

- (a) intensified, complying, studious
- (b) focused, supporting, vigilant
- (c) unified, contributing, enthralled
- (d) gathered, ratifying, fascinated
- (e) consolidated, consenting, careless

L1Difficulty 2

QTags filler

Q14. The U.S. Defence Secretary's trip will happen \_\_\_\_\_ a month after President Donald Trump \_\_\_\_\_ the latest U.S. policy on Afghanistan on August 21, a blueprint that has been \_\_\_\_\_ in Kabul and criticised in Islamabad.

- (a) barely, announced, welcomed
- (b) fairly, suppressed, sanctioned
- (c) gradually, drafted, touted
- (d) passably, anointed, secured
- (e) presently, delivered, established

L1Difficulty 2

QTags filler

Q15. Indeed \_\_\_\_\_ and reconciliation were \_\_\_\_\_ in the very first international compact on Afghanistan, in the text of the Bonn Agreement of December 2001. \_\_\_\_\_ of violence will help this process.

- (a) equanimity, entrenched, abstaining
- (b) ecstasy, imprisoned, sobriety
- (c) peace, embedded, renunciation
- (d) serenity, encashing, withdrawing
- (e) conformity, screwed, evasion

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### Solutions

S1. Ans. (b)

Sol. "**purchases, price**" is the correct set of words that fit into blanks respectively to give a meaningful sentence. It is to be noted that "**India's agricultural price policy**" is the correct expression. Other words cannot be used in the provided blanks owing to their differing meanings. Hence option (b) is the correct choice.

**Recover** means return to a normal state of health, mind, or strength.

**Deem** means regard or consider in a specified way.

**Bid** means offer (a certain price) for something, especially at an auction.

S2. Ans. (a)

Sol. "**assimilation, development**" is the correct set of words that fit into the blanks respectively to form a meaningful sentence. The word "**assimilation**" means **the absorption and integration of people, ideas, or culture into a wider society or culture**. The word fully complements the latter part of the sentence, which isn't the case with other given words. Hence option (a) is the correct choice.

**Merger** means a combination of two things, especially companies, into one.

**Retreat** means move back or withdraw.

**Upturn** means an improvement or upward trend, especially in economic conditions or someone's fortunes.

**Insight** means the capacity to gain an accurate and deep understanding of someone or something.

S3. Ans. (d)

Sol. "**published, prosperous**" is the correct set of words that fit into the blanks respectively to form a meaningful sentence. The word "**prosperous**", which means *successful in material terms; flourishing financially*, fits perfectly into the context of the meaning of the sentence, which isn't the case with other given words. Hence option (d) is the correct choice.

**Exhibit** means publicly display the work of (an artist) in an art gallery or museum.

**Impoverished** means exhausted the strength or vitality of.

**Encourage** means give support, confidence, or hope to (someone).

S4. Ans. (a)

Sol. "**woeful, clogging**" is the correct set of words that fit into the blanks respectively to form a meaningful sentence. The word "**clogging**", which means *filling up or crowding (something) so as to obstruct passage*, fits perfectly into the theme of the sentence, which isn't the case with the other given words. Hence option (a) is the correct choice.

**Woeful** means very bad; deplorable.

**Bleak** means (of a situation) not hopeful or encouraging; unlikely to have a favourable outcome.

**Bar** means prevent or prohibit (someone) from doing something or from going somewhere.

**Worthwhile** means worth the time, money, or effort spent; of value or importance.

**Deter** means prevent the occurrence of.

S5. Ans. (c)

Sol. "**innovation, innovative**" is the correct set of words that fit into the blanks respectively to form a meaningful sentence. It is to be noted that there will be a use of adjective in the second blank. Hence option (c) is the most appropriate choice.

**Innovation** means a new method, idea, product, etc.

**Innovative** means (of a product, idea, etc.) featuring new methods; advanced and original.

**Contraption** means a machine or device that appears strange or unnecessarily complicated, and often badly made or unsafe.

**Reversal** means a change to an opposite direction, position, or course of action.

**Amusement** means the state or experience of finding something funny.

S6. Ans. (b)

Sol. **Witness** means see (an event, typically a crime or accident) happen.

**Enabling** means allowing to happen.

**Indigenous** means originating or occurring naturally in a particular place; native.

S7. Ans. (e)

Sol. **Barrier** means a circumstance or obstacle that keeps people or things apart or prevents communication or progress.

**Interface** means a point where two systems, subjects, organizations, etc. meet and interact.

S8. Ans. (a)

Sol. **Exposed** means reveal the true, objectionable nature of (someone or something).

**Memorandum** means a note recording something for future use.

**Contrivance** means the use of skill to create or bring about something, especially with a consequent effect of artificiality.

S9. Ans. (c)

Sol. **Enrollment** means the action of enrolling or being enrolled.

**Eradicate** means destroy completely; put an end to.

**Empirical** means based on, concerned with, or verifiable by observation or experience rather than theory or pure logic.

**Annihilate** means destroy utterly; obliterate.

S10. Ans. (d)

Sol. **Prescription** means an instruction written by a medical practitioner that authorizes a patient to be issued with a medicine or treatment.

**Splendiferous** means splendid.

**Coarse** means rough or harsh in texture.

**Lavish** means sumptuously rich, elaborate, or luxurious.

S11. Ans. (e)

Sol. 'undergirded, damage, battered' is a correct set of words which are making the sentence meaningful.

**Undergirded** means provide support or a firm basis for.

**Taint** means contaminate or pollute.

**Battered** means injured by repeated blows or punishment.

**Serrated** means having or denoting a jagged edge; sawlike.

S12. Ans. (c)

Sol. 'struggling, augur, deficit' is a correct set of words which are making the sentence meaningful.

**Vehemently** means in a forceful, passionate, or intense manner; with great feeling.

**Augur** means portend a good or bad outcome.

S13. Ans. (b)

Sol. 'focused, supporting, vigilant' is a correct set of words which are making the sentence meaningful.

**Enthralled** means capture the fascinated attention of.

**Studious** means spending a lot of time studying or reading.

S14. Ans. (a)

Sol. 'barely, announced, welcomed' is a correct set of words which are making the sentence meaningful.

**Passably** means in a way that is just good enough, reasonably.

**Anointed** means smear or rub with oil, typically as part of a religious ceremony.

**Touted** means attempt to sell (something).

S15. Ans. (c)

Sol. 'peace, embedded, renunciation' is a correct set of words which are making the sentence meaningful.

**Enchased** means decorate (a piece of jewellery or work of art) by inlaying, engraving, or carving.

**Equanimity** means calmness and composure.

**Entrenched** means firmly established and difficult or unlikely to change, ingrained.

**Screwed** means in a difficult or hopeless situation, ruined or broken.

**Conformity** means compliance with standards, rules, or laws.