

Practice Questions For SBI/IBPS Clerk: Cloze Test

Directions {1-5} : In the following passage there are blanks, each of which has been denoted by letters. For each blank each, five options are given. Choose the most appropriate word from the options that fits the blank appropriately.

AST SpaceMobile's highly reflective satellites, including BlueWalker 3 launched in 2022, are brighter than most stars, _____(A) concerns among astronomers. With plans for a fleet of 100 satellites to _____(B) global mobile connections, their reflective antennas are affecting night-sky visibility and asteroid tracking. In September, the company launched five more satellites, _____(C) exploring ways to reduce their impact on astronomy. Grant Tremblay from the Harvard-Smithsonian Center calls the _____(D) number of satellites in low Earth orbit an "existential problem" for astronomers. Starlink is also a source of concern due to similar issues with satellite _____(E)

Q1. Which of the following will fit in the blank (A)?

- (a) rearing
- (b) hoisting
- (c) promoting
- (d) associating
- (e) raising

Ans.(e)

Sol. The best fit for the blank is (e) **raising**.

Analysis:

(a) **rearing** (पालन-पोषण करना) – This word is often used in the context of raising animals or children. It is not suitable for expressing the generation or development of concerns in this sentence.

(b) **hoisting** (ऊपर उठाना) – "Hoisting" refers to lifting something, typically heavy, upwards, such as a flag or cargo. This word does not fit with the idea of concerns being caused or developed.

(c) **promoting** (किसी चीज़ की उन्नति या प्रगति को प्रोत्साहित करना) – "Promoting" usually refers to encouraging or supporting something in a positive sense, which does not align with the negative implications of causing concerns.

(d) **associating** (संबंधित करना) – "Associating" does not convey the idea of causing or generating concerns, which is the intended meaning here.

(e) **raising** (किसी मुद्दे या चिंता को उठाना या उसका ध्यान आकर्षित करना) – "Raising concerns" is a common and idiomatic expression, meaning to bring concerns to attention or cause them to emerge. This is the most suitable word as it naturally describes how the brightness of the satellites has caused concerns among astronomers.

Correct answer: (e) **raising**.



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Q2. Which of the following will fit in the blank B?

- (a) giving
- (b) supplied
- (c) allocated
- (d) distributed
- (e) provide

Ans.(e)

Sol. The best fit for the blank is (e) **provide**.

Analysis:

- (a) **giving (देना)** – "Giving" is too informal and doesn't fit the technical context of delivering global mobile connections. It's more appropriate for casual contexts.
 - (b) **supplied (आपूर्ति करना)** – "Supplied" is typically used for tangible items, not services like mobile connections. It doesn't fit well with the context of offering global connectivity.
 - (c) **allocated (आवंटित करना)** – "Allocated" implies assigning or distributing resources, but it's not appropriate when referring to making global mobile connections available.
 - (d) **distributed (वितरित करना)** – While "distributed" can be used for services, it implies dividing something up among users, which doesn't fully capture the idea of providing global mobile connections as a service.
 - (e) **provide (प्रदान करना)** – "Provide" is the most suitable option, as it refers to making global mobile connections available to users, aligning perfectly with the intended meaning in the context.
- Correct answer: **(e) provide**.

Q3. Which of the following will fit in the blank C?

- (a) despite
- (b) hence
- (c) instead
- (d) pique
- (e) malice

Ans.(a)

Sol. The best fit for the blank is (a) **despite**.

Analysis:

- (a) **despite (के बावजूद)** – "Despite" fits well here, as it introduces a contrast between launching more satellites and simultaneously exploring ways to reduce their impact on astronomy. It makes sense in this context, indicating that the company is continuing its activities while addressing concerns.
- (b) **hence (इसलिए)** – "Hence" indicates a cause-and-effect relationship, which doesn't fit the context. The sentence needs a word that shows contrast, not causality.
- (c) **instead (इसके बजाय)** – "Instead" suggests an alternative action, which isn't relevant in this context, as the satellites were launched alongside efforts to reduce their impact, not as an alternative.

(d) **pique** (उत्तेजना) – "Pique" refers to irritation or curiosity, and it doesn't fit the context of the sentence at all.

(e) **malice** (दुर्भावना) – "Malice" refers to ill will or spite, which doesn't fit the tone or meaning of the passage.

Correct answer: **(a) despite**.

Q4. Which of the following will fit in the blank D?

- (a) achieving
- (b) increasing
- (c) intensify
- (d) expand
- (e) enlarging

Ans.(b)

Sol. The best fit for the blank is **(b) increasing**.

Analysis:

(a) **achieving** (हासिल करना) – "Achieving" refers to reaching a goal, which doesn't fit here since the context is about the growing number of satellites, not the attainment of a goal.

(b) **increasing** (बढ़ता हुआ) – "Increasing" is the most suitable word, as it refers to the rising number of satellites in low Earth orbit, which aligns with the context of the passage.

(c) **intensify** (तेज़ करना) – "Intensify" refers to making something stronger or more intense, but it doesn't fit the context of a growing number of satellites.

(d) **expand** (विस्तार करना) – "Expand" means to make something larger, but in this context, the sentence is specifically talking about the number of satellites, not their size or reach.

(e) **enlarging** (बड़ा करना) – "Enlarging" refers to increasing the size of something, which doesn't fit here because the sentence is about the number of satellites, not their physical dimensions.

Correct answer: **(b) increasing**.

Q5. Which of the following will fit in the blank E?

- (a) function
- (b) dimensions
- (c) reflectivity
- (d) reflexivity
- (e) speed

Ans.(c)

Sol. The best fit for the blank is **(c) reflectivity**.

Analysis:

(a) **function** (कार्य) – "Function" refers to the purpose or role of something, but it doesn't fit the context of the issue being discussed, which is the impact of satellites on visibility.

- (b) **dimensions** (आयाम) – "Dimensions" refers to the size or measurements of something, which doesn't match the context focused on the reflective nature of satellites.
- (c) **reflectivity** (परावर्तन क्षमता) – "Reflectivity" is the most appropriate word as the issue being discussed is how the satellites' reflective surfaces are affecting night-sky visibility and astronomy.
- (d) **reflexivity** (प्रतिचिन्तन) – "Reflexivity" refers to reflecting on oneself or one's actions, which doesn't apply to the physical characteristic of the satellites.
- (e) **speed** (गति) – "Speed" refers to how fast something moves, which isn't relevant to the context of visibility and reflectivity.
- Correct answer: (c) **reflectivity**.

Directions {6-10} In the following passage there are blanks, each of which has been denoted by letters. For each blank, five options are given. Choose the most appropriate word from the options that fits the blank appropriately.

Climate change is one of the cardinal new security challenges in the 21st-century world; thus, its mitigation as well as adaptation requires _____. (A) efforts from the international community comprising nation states. Nations across the world showed their strong _____ (B) to address the issue of climate change through the Paris Agreement of 2015 for the post-2020 period. It has been a well-framed international legal framework under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) The Paris Agreement _____ (C) a bottom-up structure known as the Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) to address the _____ (D) of climate change. The NDCs are, thus, the _____ (E) of the Paris Agreement and for the achievement of long-term climate goals. They embody efforts by each party to reduce national emissions and adapt to the impacts of climate change.

Q6. Which of the following words will fit in the given blank (A)?

- (a) ruffled
- (b) concerted
- (c) established
- (d) intervened
- (e) carouse

Ans.(b)

Sol. The word best suited for the given blank is "concerted".

Ruffled: disarranged

Concerted: in group agreement; working as a team

Established: having existed or done something for a long time and therefore recognized and generally accepted.

Intervened: take part in something so as to prevent or alter a result or course of events

Carouse: a noisy, lively drinking party.

Q7. Which of the following words will fit in the given blank (B)?

- (a) convenience
- (b) predictability
- (c) obedience
- (d) commitment
- (e) foundation

Ans.(d)

Sol. The word best suited for the given blank is “commitment”

Convenience: the state of being able to proceed with something without difficulty.

Predictability: the ability to be predicted.

Obedience: compliance with an order, request, or law or submission to another's authority.

Commitment: the state or quality of being dedicated to a cause, activity, etc.

Foundation: an underlying basis or principle.

Q8. Which of the following words will fit in the given blank (C)?

- (a) ripped
- (b) predicted
- (c) confided
- (d) defiled
- (e) adopted

Ans.(e)

Sol. The word best suited for the given blank is “adopted”

Ripped: badly torn

Predicted: stated or estimated as likely to happen in the future; forecast.

Confided: trust (someone) enough to tell them of a secret or private matter.

Defiled: desecrate or profane (something sacred)

Adopted: choose to take up, follow, or use.

Q9. Which of the following words will fit in the given blank (D)?

- (a) tragedy
- (b) break
- (c) fluke
- (d) propitious
- (e) serendipity

Ans.(a)

Sol. The word best suited for the given blank is “tragedy”

The most appropriate word for blank (D) is **(a) tragedy**.

Explanation:

The context of the passage is about climate change, a significant and serious global issue. The blank (D) is describing something that needs to be addressed, and climate change is often viewed as a global "tragedy" due to its disastrous impacts on the environment and humanity.

Let's analyze the options:

- **(a) tragedy:** Climate change is frequently referred to as a global tragedy because of its severe and long-lasting negative effects. This fits well with the context of something that needs to be addressed.
- **(b) break:** This doesn't fit the context, as climate change is a continuous challenge, not something that involves a temporary stop or break.
- **(c) fluke:** A "fluke" is something that happens by chance and is usually positive, which is not appropriate in the context of climate change.
- **(d) propitious:** This means favorable, which does not describe climate change.
- **(e) serendipity:** This refers to fortunate events happening by chance, which is inappropriate in the context of climate change challenges.

Therefore, **(a) tragedy** is the most suitable word for blank (D)

Q10. Which of the following words will fit in the given blank (E)?

- (a) crux
- (b) reverie
- (c) tutelage
- (d) redolent
- (e) eponymous

Ans.(a)

Sol. The word best suited for the given blank is "crux"

Crux: an essential point requiring resolution or resolving an outcome

Reverie: a state of being pleasantly lost in one's thoughts; a daydream.

Tutelage: instruction; tuition.

Redolent: strongly reminiscent or suggestive of.

Eponymous: (of a person) giving their name to something.

Directions {11-15} : In the following passage there are blanks, each of which has been denoted by letters. For each blank, five options are given. Choose the most appropriate word from the options that fits the blank appropriately.

Effective communication is crucial in both personal and professional settings. When we communicate with others, it's important to be _____ **(A)** and clear, using language that the other person can understand. It's also essential to be _____ **(B)** of our tone and body language, as these can convey just as much information as our words. Additionally, we need to be _____ **(C)** to the needs and perspectives of the person we're communicating with, which can help us build trust and rapport. One way to do this is to practice _____ **(D)** listening, which involves giving the other person our full attention and showing that we understand what they're saying. Finally, it's important to be _____ **(E)** in our communication, both by being honest and by avoiding language that could be hurtful or offensive.

Q11. Which of the following words will fit in the given blank (A)?

- (a) concise
- (b) verbose
- (c) ambiguous

(d) loquacious

(e) taciturn

Ans.(a)

Sol. Correct Answer for (A): concise

Option-wise Meaning and Analysis

Option A — concise

English: Expressing much in few words; brief but clear

Hindi: संक्षिप्त, संक्षेप में स्पष्ट

Example: She gave a concise explanation of the topic.

Why Correct:

“Concise and clear” is a natural and correct collocation. Effective communication requires brevity and clarity.

Option B — verbose

English: Using more words than necessary

Hindi: शब्दाडंबरपूर्ण, बहुत बोलने वाला

Example: His speech was verbose and repetitive.

Why Incorrect:

“Verbose and clear” is contradictory. Verbose means overly wordy, which weakens clarity.

Option C — ambiguous

English: Having more than one meaning; unclear

Hindi: अस्पष्ट, दोअर्थी

Example: The instructions were ambiguous.

Why Incorrect:

The sentence requires clarity, but ambiguous means unclear.

Option D — loquacious

English: Very talkative

Hindi: बहुत बातूनी

Example: The loquacious host dominated the conversation.

Why Incorrect:

Being talkative does not ensure clarity. It may reduce effectiveness.

Option E — taciturn

English: Reserved or speaking very little

Hindi: अल्पभाषी, कम बोलने वाला

Example: He remained taciturn during the meeting.

Why Incorrect:

Taciturn means speaking very little, which does not match the requirement of effective communication.

Final Answer for Blank (A):

concise

Q12. Which of the following words will fit in the given blank (B)?

- (a) indifferent
- (b) oblivious
- (c) contemptuous
- (d) cognizant
- (e) affectionate

Ans.(d)

Sol. Correct Answer for (B): cognizant

Option-wise Meaning and Analysis

Option A — indifferent

English: Having no interest or concern

Hindi: उदासीन

Example: She was indifferent to the criticism.

Why Incorrect:

The sentence requires awareness. Indifferent means not caring, which is the opposite.

Option B — oblivious

English: Unaware or not conscious of something

Hindi: अनभिज्ञ

Example: He was oblivious to the danger.

Why Incorrect:

The sentence requires awareness of tone and body language. Oblivious means unaware.

Option C — contemptuous

English: Showing disdain or scorn

Hindi: तिरस्कारपूर्ण

Example: He gave a contemptuous look.

Why Incorrect:

Contemptuous describes attitude, not awareness. It does not fit grammatically or contextually.

Option D — cognizant

English: Aware or having knowledge of something

Hindi: सजग, अवगत

Example: She was cognizant of the risks involved.

Why Correct:

The correct structure is: "cognizant of."

It means being aware of tone and body language, which perfectly fits the context of effective communication.

Option E — affectionate

English: Showing fondness or love

Hindi: स्नेही

Example: She gave him an affectionate smile.

Why Incorrect:

Affectionate does not relate to awareness of tone and body language.

Final Answer for Blank (B):

cognizant

Q13. Which of the following words will fit in the given blank (C)?

- (a) dogmatic
- (b) intransigent
- (c) attuned
- (d) complacent
- (e) skeptical

Ans.(c)

Sol. Correct Answer for (C): attuned

Option-wise Meaning and Analysis

Option A — dogmatic

English: Strongly opinionated; unwilling to consider other views

Hindi: हठधर्मी, मताग्रही

Example: He remained dogmatic despite evidence to the contrary.

Why Incorrect:

Dogmatic means rigid in opinion, which prevents understanding others' perspectives. The sentence requires sensitivity, not rigidity.

Option B — intransigent

English: Refusing to change one's views or agree

Hindi: अड़ियल, हठी

Example: The leader was intransigent during negotiations.

Why Incorrect:

Intransigent implies stubbornness, which contradicts the idea of building trust and rapport.

Option C — attuned

English: Aware of and responsive to

Hindi: अनुरूप, संवेदनशील, सजग

Example: She is attuned to the needs of her students.

Why Correct:

The correct structure is "attuned to."

It means being sensitive or responsive to others' needs and perspectives, which perfectly fits the context.

Option D — complacent

English: Self-satisfied; unaware of possible danger

Hindi: आत्मसंतुष्ट



Example: The team became complacent after early success.

Why Incorrect:

Complacent does not relate to understanding others' needs. It suggests carelessness.

Option E — skeptical

English: Doubtful; questioning

Hindi: संदेहपूर्ण

Example: She was skeptical about the proposal.

Why Incorrect:

Being skeptical of others' needs does not help build trust or rapport.

Final Answer for Blank (C):

attuned

Q14. Which of the following words will fit in the given blank (D)?

(a) empathetic

(b) critical

(c) dismissive

(d) objective

(e) distracted

Ans.(a)

Sol. Correct Answer for (D): empathetic

Option-wise Meaning and Analysis

Option A — empathetic

English: Showing the ability to understand and share the feelings of another

Hindi: सहानुभूतिपूर्ण, संवेदनशील

Example: She gave an empathetic response to her friend's concerns.

Why Correct:

"Empathetic listening" means listening with understanding and emotional awareness. The definition in the sentence—giving full attention and showing understanding—perfectly matches empathetic listening.

Option B — critical

English: Expressing disapproval or judgment

Hindi: आलोचनात्मक

Example: He was critical of the proposal.

Why Incorrect:

Critical listening focuses on evaluation and judgment, not emotional understanding. It does not fit the tone of building trust.

Option C — dismissive

English: Showing that something is unworthy of consideration

Hindi: उपेक्षापूर्ण

Example: She gave a dismissive reply.

Why Incorrect:

Dismissive listening contradicts the idea of giving full attention.

Option D — objective

English: Not influenced by personal feelings; neutral

Hindi: निष्पक्ष

Example: A judge must remain objective.

Why Incorrect:

Objective listening is neutral, but the sentence emphasizes understanding feelings and building rapport, which aligns more with empathy.

Option E — distracted

English: Not able to concentrate

Hindi: ध्यान भटका हुआ

Example: He seemed distracted during the meeting.

Why Incorrect:

Distracted listening contradicts giving full attention.

Final Answer for Blank (D):

empathetic

Q15. Which of the following words will fit in the given blank (E)?

- (a) malicious
- (b) deceptive
- (c) facetious
- (d) pamper
- (e) candid

Ans.(e)

Sol. Correct Answer for (E): candid

Option-wise Meaning and Analysis

Option A — malicious

English: Intending to cause harm

Hindi: दुर्भावनापूर्ण, हानिकारक

Example: He spread malicious rumors.

Why Incorrect:

Malicious communication means harmful communication, which contradicts the idea of honesty and avoiding hurtful language.

Option B — deceptive

English: Misleading or dishonest

Hindi: भ्रामक, धोखेबाज़

Example: The advertisement was deceptive.

Why Incorrect:

Deceptive means dishonest, which directly contradicts “being honest” in the sentence.

Option C — facetious

English: Treating serious issues with inappropriate humor

Hindi: हल्के-फुल्के ढंग से गंभीर विषय लेना

Example: He made a facetious comment during the serious meeting.

Why Incorrect:

Facetious communication is inappropriate in serious contexts and does not align with respectful and honest communication.

Option D — pamper

English: To treat someone with excessive care or indulgence

Hindi: लाड़-प्यार करना

Example: She pampers her child.

Why Incorrect:

“Pamper” is a verb and does not grammatically fit after “to be.” The sentence requires an adjective.

Option E — candid

English: Honest and straightforward

Hindi: स्पष्टवादी, ईमानदार

Example: She gave a candid response to the question.

Why Correct:

“Be candid” means to be honest and direct. This aligns perfectly with the sentence’s emphasis on honesty and avoiding hurtful language.

Final Answer for Blank (E):

candid

Directions {16-20} : In the following passage there are blanks, each of which has been denoted by letters. For each blank each, five options are given. Choose the most appropriate word from the options that fits the blank appropriately.

The origin of the ongoing crisis in the Indian economy was the fateful night of November 8, 2016. Dr. Manmohan Singh’s _____ (A) words in Parliament — that demonetisation would lead to a 2% drop in the GDP — were not _____ (B) by the Prime Minister. On the contrary, a badly designed and hastily implemented _____ (C) Goods and Services Tax (GST) followed, further _____ (D) vast numbers of medium and small enterprises, as well as the vast informal sector of the economy. Together, these twin disasters robbed millions of their livelihoods and _____ (E) the Indian economy into a prolonged slump that predates the COVID-19 pandemic.

Q16. Which of the following will fit in the blank (A)?

- (a) particularly
- (b) description
- (c) incentive
- (d) reward
- (e) prescient

Ans.(e)

Sol. The above passage talks about the implementation of GST and its adverse effect on the Indian economy and on MSME. The correct word for the first blank is 'prescient' which means 'knowing or appearing to have knowledge about events before they take place'.

Particularly means especially; more than usual or more than others.

Description means a picture in words of somebody/something or of something that happened.

Incentive means something that encourages you.

Reward means something that you are given because you have done something good, worked hard, etc.

Q17. Which of the following will fit in the blank (B)?

- (a) managing
- (b) portions
- (c) heeded
- (d) inflict
- (e) collapse

Ans.(c)

Sol. The above passage talks about the implementation of GST and its adverse effect on the Indian economy and on MSME. The correct word for the second blank is 'heeded' which means 'pay attention'.

Managing means to succeed in doing.

Portions mean a part or share of something.

Inflict means to force somebody to have something unpleasant.

Collapse means to fall down or break into pieces suddenly.

Q18. Which of the following will fit in the blank (C)?

- (a) flawed
- (b) turned
- (c) ruin
- (d) deceptive
- (e) intent

Ans.(a)

Sol. The above passage talks about the implementation of GST and its adverse effect on the Indian economy and on MSME. The correct word for the third blank is 'flawed' which means 'a mistake in something that makes it not good enough'.

Turned means to change the position of something.

Ruin means to damage something so badly that it loses all its value.

Deceptive means likely to give a false impression.

Intent means showing great attention.

Q19. Which of the following will fit in the blank (D)?



- (a) devastating
- (b) persists
- (c) undervalue
- (d) default
- (e) disposal

Ans.(a)

Sol. The above passage talks about the implementation of GST and its adverse effect on the Indian economy and on MSME. The correct word for the fourth blank is 'devastating' which means 'that destroys something completely'.

Persist means to continue to exist.

Undervalue means to place too low a value on somebody/something.

Disposal means the act of getting rid of something.

Default means to not do something that you should do by law.

Q20. Which of the following will fit in the blank (E)?

- (a) reserve
- (b) explicit
- (c) plunged
- (d) extract
- (e) achieve

Ans.(c)

Sol. The above passage talks about the implementation of GST and its adverse effect on the Indian economy and on MSME. The correct word for the fifth blank is 'plunged' which means 'to jump, drop or fall suddenly and with force'.

Reserve means to keep something for a special reason or to use at a later time.

Explicit means clear, making something easy to understand.

Extract means to take something out, especially with difficulty.

Achieve means to complete something.

Directions {21-25} : In the following passage there are blanks, each of which has been denoted by letters. For each blank each, five options are given. Choose the most appropriate word from the options that fits the blank appropriately.

If anyone were to peruse the _____ (A) newspapers, and listen to the different television channels in the country, one would get an _____ (B) that India is approaching a new 'gilded' era. Unfortunately, electoral politics in the country appears to be out of sync with this _____ (C) Threats to the conduct of orderly elections are increasing, more so in some States than perhaps in others, and must not be underestimated. Pressing the stop button is not a viable option as of now, as it is a _____ (D) of the pervasive decline in political attitudes and behaviour in the nation. Violence, money power, and communal attitudes tend to exercise a disproportionately greater _____ (E) on the outcome of elections as of now. A great deal of this is attributable to the prevailing belief that winning elections is the sine qua non of democratic politics, and the raison d'être for any political party to exist.

Q21. Which of the following will fit in the blank (A)?

- (a) standard
- (b) numerous
- (c) preserve
- (d) defection
- (e) absurdity

Ans.(b)

Sol. The above passage talks about the other means and tactics used by politicians to win an election. Hence, the correct word will be 'numerous' which means 'many'. All other words are contextually and grammatically incorrect. Defection means conscious abandonment of allegiance or duty. Absurdity means extremely unreasonable. Standard means a level of quality or attainment.

Preserve means to keep alive, intact, or free from decay.

Q22. Which of the following will fit in the blank (B)?

- (a) treasure
- (b) insulate
- (c) combat
- (d) stability
- (e) impression

Ans.(e)

Sol. The above passage talks about the other means and tactics used by politicians to win an election. Hence, the correct word will be 'impression' which means 'an idea, a feeling or an opinion that you get about somebody/something'. All other words are contextually and grammatically incorrect. Treasury means a collection of very valuable objects, for example gold, silver, jewellery, etc. Insulate means to protect something with a material that prevents electricity, heat or sound from passing through. Combat means a fight, especially in war.

Stability means the quality, state, or degree of being stable.

Q23. Which of the following will fit in the blank (C)?

- (a) direct
- (b) disqualify
- (c) contrary
- (d) portrayal
- (e) reluctant

Ans.(d)

Sol. The above passage talks about the other means and tactics used by politicians to win an election. Hence, the correct word will be 'portrayal' which means 'description and image'. All other words are contextually and grammatically incorrect. Contrary means completely different; opposite. Reluctant means not wanting to do something because you are not sure it is the right thing to do. Direct means without intervening factors or intermediaries.

Disqualify means declare (someone) ineligible for an office, activity, or competition because of an offence or infringement.



Q24. Which of the following will fit in the blank (D)?

- (a) delegate
- (b) constitute
- (c) acceptance
- (d) complex
- (e) reflection

Ans.(e)

Sol. The above passage talks about the other means and tactics used by politicians to win an election. Hence, the correct word will be 'reflection' which means 'a thing that shows what somebody/something is like'. All other words are contextually and grammatically incorrect. Delegate means a person who has been chosen to speak or take decisions for a group of people, especially at a meeting. Constitute means to be one of the parts that form something.

Acceptance means the action of consenting to receive or undertake something offered.

Complex means consisting of many different and connected parts.

Q25. Which of the following will fit in the blank (E)?

- (a) accountable
- (b) draft
- (c) influence
- (d) plunge
- (e) betrayed

Ans.(c)

Sol. The above passage talks about the other means and tactics used by politicians to win an election. Hence, the correct word will be 'influence' which means 'the power to affect, change or control somebody/something'. All other words are contextually and grammatically incorrect. Accountable means required or expected to justify actions or decisions; responsible. Draft means a piece of writing, etc. Plunge means to jump, drop or fall suddenly and with force. Betrayed means to give information about somebody/something to an enemy; to make a secret known.

Directions {26-30} : In the following passage there are blanks, each of which has been denoted by letters. For each blank, five options are given. Choose the most appropriate word from the options that fits the blank appropriately.

With schools, colleges and offices allowing studying and working from home, _____ (A) hours of working on computers and laptops have increased chances of _____ (B) an injury due to incorrect posture and strain on muscles. According to health experts, many patients, mostly working professionals, have come in with complaints related to carpal tunnel syndrome and tendonitis in hands and wrists, which make _____ (C) of the hands, wrists and forearms difficult. Left unattended, there is a possibility that these problems could lead to _____ (D) nerve damage, they cautioned. Although most office spaces are designed in a way that _____ (E) long hours at work, our homes lack those facilities.

Q26. Which of the following words will fit in the given blank (A)?

- (a) firmed
- (b) sustained
- (c) prolonged
- (d) echoed
- (e) uniform

Ans.(c)

Sol. The given passage is talking about long hours sitting in a wrong posture while working from home or studying. Therefore the correct word for the blank is 'prolonged'. (a) firmed means make more solid or resilient. (b)sustain means strengthen or support physically or mentally. (c) prolonged means continuing for a long time or longer than usual; lengthy. (d)echoed means be repeated or reverberate after the original sound has stopped. (e)uniform means remaining the same in all cases and at all times; unchanging in form or character.

Q27. Which of the following words will fit in the given blank (B)?

- (a) developing
- (b) Inclining
- (c) halting
- (d) periling
- (e) amplifying

Ans.(a)

Sol. The given sentence is talking about the increase in chances of developing injury due to sitting in incorrect posture. Therefore the correct word for the blank is 'developing'. (a) developing means growing and becoming more mature, advanced, or elaborate. (b)Inclining means be favourably disposed towards or willing to do something. (c)halting means slow and hesitant, especially through lack of confidence; faltering. (d)periling means expose to danger; threaten. (e)amplifying means increase the volume of (sound), especially using an amplifier.

Q28. Which of the following words will fit in the given blank (C)?

- (a) console
- (b) frail
- (c) spate
- (d) friction
- (e) movement

Ans.(e)

Sol. The given sentence is talking about the diseases, such as problem in hand movement, reported by the people who work professional. Therefore the correct word for the blank is 'movement'. (a) console means comfort (someone) at a time of grief or disappointment. (b)frail means weak and delicate. (c)spate means a large number of similar things coming in quick succession. (d)friction means the resistance that one surface or object encounters when moving over another. (e) movement means general activity or bustle.

Q29. Which of the following words will fit in the given blank (D)?

- (a) colossal
- (b) abundant
- (c) impertinent
- (d) permanent
- (e) enchant

Ans.(d)

Sol. The sentence is mentioning the possibility of permanent nerve damage if not treated. Therefore the correct word for the blank is 'permanent'. (a) colossal means extremely large or great. (b) abundant means existing or available in large quantities; plentiful. (c) impertinent means not showing proper respect; rude. (d) permanent means lasting or intended to last or remain unchanged indefinitely. (e) enchant means fill (someone) with great delight; charm.

Q30. Which of the following words will fit in the given blank (E)?

- (a) applause
- (b) conduces
- (c) vanish
- (d) hostiles
- (e) supports

Ans.(e)

Sol. The sentence is mentioning the office structure which supports long hours at work. Therefore the correct word for the blank is 'supports'. (a) applause means approval or praise expressed by clapping (b) conduces means help to bring about (a particular situation or outcome) (c) vanish means disappear suddenly and completely. (d) hostile means showing or feeling opposition or dislike; unfriendly. (e) supports means give approval, comfort, or encouragement to.

